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## BRIEFLY

### MeT predicts afternoon, Evening showers in JK

SRINAGAR, May 18 (Agencies): Kashmir Valley and parts of the Jammu region received rainfall even as the weather department here predicted more rains and thunderstorms at scattered places during the next 24 hours.

Quoting a meteorological department official, GNS reported that there was also a possibility of hailstorms and gusty winds at a few places towards late afternoon and evening during the time.

From May 19-23, he said, the weather is expected to be partly cloudy with light rain at a few places towards late afternoon and evening.

"There is no forecast of any major rainfall during the next one week," he said.

Regarding the rainfall in last 24 hours till 0830 hours, the official said that Srinagar received 1.2mm, Qazigund 2.8mm, Pahalgam 1.3mm, Kokernag 1.0mm, Gulmarg 6.2mm, Banihal 3.0mm, Katra 0.7mm, Bhaderwah 1.4mm, and Batote 0.7mm.

As regards the temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 13.7°C against 11.5°C on the previous night and it was 2.3°C above normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 11.0°C against 10.0°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.8°C for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 7.4°C against 4.9°C on the previous night and it was 1.5°C above normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 8.4°C against 8.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 11.2°C against 9.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.2°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 4.6°C against 6.2°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 2.2°C for the world-famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a **Turn to page 9**

## Union cabinet reshuffle: Arjun Meghwal new law minister, Kiren Rijiju gets earth sciences



NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): In a major cabinet reshuffle, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has

appointed Arjun Ram Meghwal as the new Minister of Law and Justice, and moved Kiren Rijiju to

Earth Sciences, a communique from the Rashtrapati Bhavan said on Thursday.

On the advice of PM Modi, President Droupadi Murmu has approved this change in the cabinet.

According to this new change, till now Rijiju, who was holding the responsibility of the Union Ministry of Law and Justice, has now been assigned the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Meghwal has been given independent **Turn to page 9**

## Karnataka CM suspense ends, Siddaramaiah to be next CM with DKS as DyCM



NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): After three days of regular meetings, the Congress finally ended the suspense and decided to

announce party veteran leader Siddaramaiah as the next Karnataka Chief Minister and its state unit chief D.K. Shivakumar as his deputy. **Turn to page 9**

According to party sources, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge after several round of meetings with the senior party leaders and the two Karnataka leaders finally came to a conclusion that Opposition Leader of outgoing Assembly Siddaramaiah will be the next new Chief Minister of the southern state and Shivakumar as the state's deputy Chief Minister. **Turn to page 9**

## Kisan Sampark Abhiyan | Over one lakh farmers attend orientation as prog reaches 1000 panchayats in J&K

JAMMU, May 18 (Agencies): A total of 1.10 lakh farmers participated in the orientation programme under the 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' during the four rounds of the programme in which more than 1000 panchayats were covered across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The programme started from April 24 and in the fourth round, held from May 15 to 17 over 1000 farmers participated in the orientation.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also participated in the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan and visited Dooru Panchayat in Anantnag District and Hardpanzoo panchayat in District Budgam.

An overwhelming participation of the farmers



in both the panchayats bears testimony to the fact that farmers are enthusiastic about the newly launched Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HAPD). LG asked the educated youth to take advantage of the schemes under HADP as it was a unique initiative first of its kind in the country whereby interventions in all the domains of Agriculture and allied sectors are available. He expressed confi-

dence that, with implementation of HADP within next five years, J&K UT shall have the distinction of being first to double farm incomes besides having a double-digit growth in the agriculture sector.

Additional Chief Secretary, J&K Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo said that currently the UT engaged in a first of its kind, ground breaking, extensive farmer orientation exercise.

Under the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan, ambitious goals have been set for reaching out to every farmer in every Panchayat of the UT within the next four months. He said that the exercise started on April 24 and will last until **Turn to page 9**

## Increase night-patrolling, target OGW network: DGP Dilbagh Singh to Officers

SRINAGAR, May 18 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh Wednesday chaired a high-level security meeting in Srinagar and directed the officers to maintain close coordination besides keeping a close watch on suspects while increasing the patrolling during the night. He also directed the officers to carry out counter-insurgency operations and to target the OGW network.

In a statement, police said that DGP Singh chaired a high-level joint security meeting at Police Headquarters to review the security scenario of Kashmir Zone followed by a review meeting with regard to



deployment & security measures for the forthcoming G20 event.

"At the very outset of the meeting, district SSPs and range DIGs briefed about the prevailing security scenario in their respective jurisdictions besides measures taken to ensure a peaceful environment in the valley," the statement said, adding that DGP stressed for further strengthening the coordination among all the forces."

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"The DGP stated that a close liaison must be maintained at every level to foil any attempt of troublemakers and strict action to be taken against any person involved. He directed for increased patrolling and night domination to ensure that anti-peace elements are not given any chance to create any disturbance. He stressed on maintaining alertness for which he advised placement of 'nakas' and joint patrolling to check the movement of anti-national elements especially on inter-district routes and in the periphery," the police statement said.

He stressed on strengthening both the border and **Turn to page 9**

## Security forces bust hideout in Poonch

SRINAGAR, May 18 (Agencies): Security forces on Thursday busted a hideout in Mendhar area of Poonch district, officials said.

Quoting a police officer, GNS reported that a hideout was detected in Lower Kasbalari area of Mendhar by joint team of army and police.

During searches by army's sniffer dog detected some suspected IED, other explosive material which was later on destroyed by Bomb Disposal Squad safely, he said.

The explosives were destroyed in presence of the Village Sarpanch and Numberdar, the officer added. **Turn to page 9**

## Inquiry into misuse of bio-metric attendance in govt departments in Ramban

BANIHAL, May 18 (Agencies): The administration has ordered inquiry into the misuse of bio metric attendance of employees in various government departments in district Ramban.

In an order, deputy commissioner Ramban said that activation codes are being shared with employees away

from offices by their respective DDOs.

As many as 390 devices in education department alone have been identified sharing code links with employees away from duty.

It stated that during random checking of AEBA (Aadhar enabled Bio metric Attendance) system it was found that employees of sev-

eral departments including health, education, agriculture, sheep and animal husbandry are marking their biometric attendance away from their offices / schools by using their mobile phones and laptops.

The order mentioned that DDOs of about one dozen government departments has been asked not to withdraw

salaries of such employees and submit report upto 19 May.

DC Ramban, Masarat ul Islam told GK over phone that further action shall be taken after receiving reports from concerned DDOs. He said so many employees other than education department are found using Mobiles and laptops to mark **Turn to page 9**

## Youth injured due to electrocution succumbs after 11 Days

SRINAGAR, May 18 (Agencies): A 26-year-old youth who was injured due to electrocution while installing CCTV cameras in Sopore area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on May 07, succumbed to his injuries on Thursday.

Quoting an official, agency reported that the youth received an electric shock accidentally **Turn to page 9**

## BJP and it's allies staring at defeat in JK: Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, May 18 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) President Farooq Abdullah stated on Wednesday that the people of J&K are preparing to teach the ruling BJP a lesson in the upcoming elections.

He made these remarks while speaking to media personnel during his visit to offer condolences to the family of the late Block President Rathson, Beerwah Ghulam Nabi Wani, who passed away after a prolonged illness. **Turn to page 9**



Party General Secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar, Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq, Central Zone President Ali Muhammad Dar, Dr. Muhammad Shafi, and other local unit functionaries and office bearers

also accompanied the President on the visit.

Joined by party functionaries, Dr Farooq offered Fatiha for the deceased and expressed his deepest sympathies and condolences to the bereaved family.

While consoling the bereaved household, he said, "With Wani Sahib's demise, we have lost a committed soldier of the party. The void left by his passing cannot be filled for years to come. Humility, compassion, **Turn to page 9**

## Two dead, nine injured in road accident in Awantipora

AWANTIPORA, May 18 (Agencies): Two persons, apparently non-locals, died and nine others were injured after a vehicle met with an accident near the Barsoo area on Srinagar-Anantnag highway this morning.

Quoting sources, news agency Kashmir News Trust reported that a vehicle carrying tourists met with an accident. At least 11 non-locals were injured among which two died on the way to the hospital.

Hospital sources said that six persons were brought to SMHS hospital who are being treated.

It has not been confirmed yet whether the victims are migrant workers or tourists.

A police officer confirmed that two persons have died in the accident. More details awaited. **Turn to page 9**

## Panthers Bickerings, Bhim Singh's Son Sacks Party President

JAMMU, May 18 (Agencies): Ankit Love, the chief patron of Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP), has expelled Vilakshan Singh from the primary membership of JKNPP. Love stated, "I was compelled to completely and comprehensively expel Vilakshan Singh from all association to JKNPP. FIRs have been filed against Vilakshan Singh with JK Police, in regards to theft of properties worth crores of rupees," are belonging to Love's father Prof Bhim Singh, and conspiracy to murder his wife, popular journalist Jay Mala, both founders of JKNPP.

JKNPP is the only political party recognized by the Elections Commission of India (ECI) from the Jammu province and one of only 62 political parties in all India recognized by the ECI.

Ankit Love expressed, "Vilakshan Singh is a charlatan and a fraudster, who had been

bizarrely complimentary of BJP, praising them for having 'consistent ideology' on TV this week." This is despite Love firmly accusing Vilakshan Singh of being a BJP secret agent just prior, whom Love said was ultimately responsible for the murder of Jay Mala. Jay Mala had been an outspoken critic of the BJP government and a popular journalist, who had written numerous articles criticizing Prime Minister Modi and the BJP as a contributing editor in the 'National Herald' newspaper.

Love stated, "This is the total murder of democracy in J&K. Vilakshan Singh confessed to my cousin, while trying to bribe him, that he planned to form an alliance with the BJP, in exchange for illicit payments between 20 to 100 crores, with the secret promise to give the BJP coalition support in exchange. Something my mother would never have allowed **Turn to page 9**



### 10TH DAY/UTHALA

**Tenth Day of Late Brigadier Uttam Singh Chib, SM** will be performed at H.No. 198, Sector-A, Sainik Colony, Jammu on Monday 15 May, 2023 at 10 AM.

**13th Day** at H.No. 198, Sector-A, Sainik Colony, Jammu Friday 19 May, 2023 at 10 AM.

**Rasam Pagri/ Uthala** at Ram Mandir, Sector-D, Sainik Colony, Jammu Friday 19 May, 2023 from 5 PM to 6 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt. Jati Devi - Mother  
Dr. Reeta Chib - Wife  
Sh. Rahul Singh Chib - Son  
**Son & Daughter-in-law**  
Sh. Vikram Singh Chib & Smt. Neha Chib  
Isha Singh - Grand Daughter  
**Brothers & Sisters-in-law**  
Dr. Veena Chib W/o Late Sh. Rattan Singh Chib  
Sh. Avtar Singh Chib, Spl Secy (Retd) & Dr. Nidhi Kotwal  
(Principal GDC, Basohli)

Dr. Karuna Singh, Dr. Asheesh K. Sawhny - Niece & Nephew  
Sh. Abhishek Singh Chib, Dr. Adhishree Singh Chib - Sons-in-law  
9419183915 (Son), 9419220032



LATE BRIGADIER UTTAM SINGH CHIB, SM  
06 July, 1955 - 7 May, 2023

### 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we are deeply saddened to inform you about the demise of our beloved **Smt. Mohini Raina** W/o Late Prithvi Nath Raina R/o Trichal, Pulwama at present C/o H.No. 58-B, Extn. Mohinder Nagar, Near 57 Arora House, Jammu on 12th May, 2023.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat, Jammu on 21/5/2023 at 8.00 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Son & Daughter-in-law**  
Ashok Raina & Shashi Raina  
Romesh Raina & Ashu Raina  
**Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Ram Krishan Pandita  
Kiran & Satish Pandita  
Rajini & Rakesh Kaul  
**Grand Children** : Shubam, Dinesh, Vibuti, Ritvik, Akriti & Divita  
**Mob.**: 9596711329



Smt. Mohini Raina

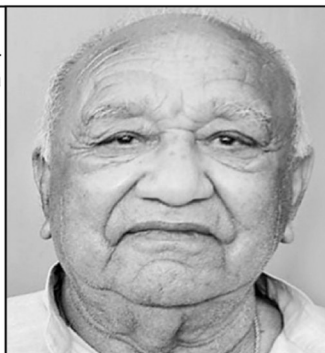
### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Sansar Chand Gupta** S/o Lt. Sh. Vishwa Nath Gupta R/o Sattani Dhar Road, Udhampur on 07-05-2023.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 16-05-2023 Tuesday at 11.00 AM at our residence Sattani, Near SBI.

**Kriya** will be performed on 19-05-2023 Friday at our residence.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**-  
Satya Devi (Wife)  
Pankaj Gupta & Monika Gupta (Son & Daughter in law)  
Tina Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Brij Mohan (Son & Daughter in law)  
**Daughters & Son in law**:  
Indu Bala & Jyoti Parkash  
Neeru Bala & Jagdish Gupta  
Anu Bala & Kewal Krishan  
Madhu Bala & Surinder Choudhary  
Vinay Gupta & Bishan Dass  
Sonika Pargal & Rajneesh Pargal  
Monika Gupta & Ashwani Gupta  
**Grand Children**: Khushi Mahajan, Dhruv, Aditi, Akarsh, Adharv  
Ph. 9419160530, 7006960530, 7006383029  
PAKHYOTRA FAMILY



Sh. Sansar Chand Gupta

### Tenth Day /Kriya/Rasam Pagri

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Ruchi Sharma** who left us for heavenly abode on 08th of May, 2023.

The rituals for the eternal peace of the departed soul will be held as follows:

**10th Day** will be performed on 17th May, 2023 (Wednesday) at Gorkha Mandir, Sec 4, Nanak Nagar (near Shivaji Chowk) at 10 AM.

**Kriya** will be held on 18th May, 2023 (Thursday) at our residence H No 55, Sec 4, Nanak Nagar, Jammu at 11 AM.

**Rasam Pagri** will be performed on 19th May, 2023 (Friday) at Gorkha Mandir, Sec 4, Nanak Nagar (near Shivaji Chowk) between 4 PM - 5 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**:  
Ashish Sharma (Husband)  
Smt. Pushpa Sharma W/o Late Sh. Daya Ram Sharma (Grandmother-in-Law)  
Smt. Kanta Sharma and Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma (Parents-in-Law)  
**Brother-in-Law and Sister-in-Law**  
Abhishek Sharma and Aditi Sharma  
**Sister-in-Law and Brother-in-Law**  
Jyotsana Sharma and Vikas Sharma  
**Entire Sharma Family**  
9419134509, 9419116392



Ruchi Sharma

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Surender Raina** S/o Chaman Lal Raina on 15 May 2023 (Monday) Erstwhile R/o Kandi Khass Kupwara A/P H.No. 109, Lane No. 03, Vikas Colony Lower Roop Nagar Muthi, Jammu.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu on 24-May-2023 (Wednesday) at 8.30 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt. & Sh. Chaman Lal Raina (Father)  
Smt. & Sh. Sansar Chand (Father in law)  
Smt. Mukesha Devi (Wife)  
Bhoomi Raina (Daughter)  
Smt. & Sh. Rattan Lal Bhat (Phufa jee)  
Smt. & Sh. Sundeep Raina (Brother)  
Smt. & Sh. Pran Nath Raina (Uncle)  
Smt. & Sh. Tej Krishan Raina (Uncle)  
**Cell No.** 7006118055, 9086328963, 9796277501.



SH. SURENDER RAINA

### UTHALA / RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Pooja Devi** W/o Neeraj Kumar originally from Magarmal Bagh Near Rani Mandir Amira Kadal Srinagar at Present Lane No. 11 Block 60 Flat No. 24 Mini Township Jagti Nagrota, Jammu on 07.05.2023.

The **Uthala / Rasam Pagri** will be performed on 19.05.2023 Friday from 3 pm to 4pm at Shiv Mandir Trust Behind Block No. 60 & 61 Lane 11, Mini Township Jagti, Nagrota.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Samast Tuli & Chib Parivar**  
Sh Neeraj Kumar - Husband  
**Sister in law and Brother in law**  
Smt Anju Devi & Sh Amit Kumar  
Smt Chandni Devi & Ajay Kumar  
Anwita Chib - Daughter  
Abhin Chib - Son  
Simran, Danish, Divyansh and Divyanshi Tuli family kids  
**Contact** 7889631434/ 9796653394 / 8493891465



Smt Pooja Devi

### TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our mother **Smt. Ratana Bhan** (Asha Jee) W/o Late Sh. Jawahar Lal Bhan at present H.No - 7, Lane No. - 2, Geeta Colony near main Army Gate, Lala-Da-Bagh, Jammu on 13th May 2023.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Director of School Education Jammu on 22nd May 2023 (Monday) at 8 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Anju Koul - Daughter  
Sushil Bhan & Nisha Bhan - Son & Daughter-in-law  
Sunil Bhan & Sunita Bhan - Son & Daughter-in-law  
**Grand Children**  
Sourav Bhan, Samarth Koul & Sameer Bhan  
**All Nears & Dears**  
Safaya's, Sadhu's, Raina's, Bhat's  
**Mobile No:** 8082359228, 9103201289, 8493985186



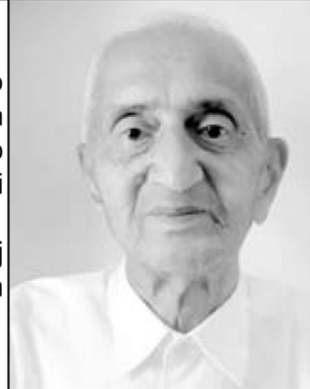
Smt. Ratana Bhan (Asha Jee)

### UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Roop Lal Abrol** S/o Late Sh Amin Chand R/o Ward No 9 House No 110 Arya Samaj Gali Udhampur.

**UTHALA** will be performed at Arya Samaj Mandir, Arya Samaj Gali Udhampur on 19.05.2023 (Friday) from 4 PM to 5PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
(Daughter and Son-in-law)  
Smt Shashi and Sh Ashok Anand  
Smt Anita and Sh Rajkumar Kohli AEE (Mech) Retd.  
Reva Kumari -Daughter  
Veenay Verma (Teacher) -Daughter  
**MOBILE:** 9419215964, 9419187367, 9419202520.



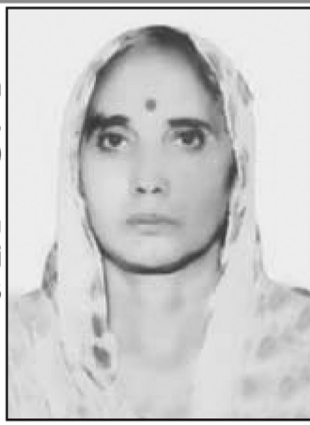
SH ROOP LAL ABROL

### TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Tripta Devi** W/o Sh. Yog Raj Sharma on 10 May, 2023.

**10th Day** will be performed at 11 am on 19 May, 2023. **Karam and Rasam Pagri (Uthala)** will be performed on 20 May, 2023 at our residence Ward No. 3, Lakhampur.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Anil Sharma (Sanju)  
Arun Sharma (Ranju)  
Ajay Sharma (Mintu)  
Ajit Sharma (Pintoo)  
**Sharma Family**



Smt. Tripta Devi (7 Apr. 1948 - 10 May 2023)

### UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Deepak Kumar Malhotra (Lovely)** S/o Late Sh Om Parkash Malhotra R/o H.No 23, Sector 7, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu.

**UTHALA** will be performed at Hari Mandir Rehari Colony, Jammu on 19.05.2023 (Friday) from 2 PM to 3 pm.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Renu Malhotra (Wife)  
Karan Deep Malhotra (Son)  
Aradhya Malhotra (Aju) - Son  
**And Entire Malhotra & Gupta Family**  
**MOBILE:** 9419134782, 8803627860



Sh Deepak Kumar Malhotra (Lovely)

### 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Chunni Bangroo** W/O Shri. G.L. Bangroo on 11th May, 2023, erstwhile from 80/9, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu and presently living at A-84, Ashoka Enclave - II, Sector: 37, Faridabad - Haryana.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed at Murad Nagar Ganga canal Ghat on Saturday 20th May, 2023 morning at 8 AM followed by Prayers and Shanti Path for eternal peace of the departed soul in the evening between 5 to 6.30 pm at Shree Maha Shivmandir, Sector: 37, Faridabad

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
G.L. Bangroo (Husband)  
**Son and Daughter-in-law**  
Virrender Mohan Bangru & Sunita Bangru (Faridabad)  
Late Ramesh Bangroo & Kalpana Bangroo (Kalkaji)  
**Daughter and Son-in-law**  
Rita and Vijay Kaw (Gurugram)  
Neeru and Chetan Kak (Noida)  
**Grand Children:** Sushant, Rishabh, Himsi, Neha & Arun, Rohitashv & Kamini, Smriti & Raj, Meghna & Anurag  
**Great Grand Children**  
Vansh, Ryaann and Vaani  
**Khoda family (New Delhi) and all nears and dears**



Smt. Chunni Bangroo

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Rajan Kumar Soi** S/o Late Sh Shanti Parkash Soi R/o House No. 8 Lane No. 3, Block A Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu.

**Tenth Day** : on Friday 19th May 2023 at our residence (House No. 8 Lane No. 3, Block A Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu) at 11 AM.

**Kriya:** on Monday 22nd May 2023 at our residence H.No. 8 Lane No. 3, Block A Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu.

**Uthala:** on Monday 22nd May 2023 at our residence H.No. 8 Lane No. 3 Roop Nagar Enclave Block-A at 5 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt Sushma Verma -Wife  
Mr Sawan Soi -Son  
**All Nears & Dears**  
**Mob.** 6005667282, 9149861342



Sh Rajan Kumar Soi

### TENTH DAY & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you about the demise of our beloved **Smt. Satya Devi** W/o Late Shri Ram Lal Dogra (Lali Shah, Kulfi Wale).

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 15th May at 11 AM at our residence Lane No.6, House No. 166, Shakti Nagar on Monday.

**Uthala** will be performed on 19th May at Jagat Resort from 2 PM to 4 PM, Friday at Shakti Nagar.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Sons**  
Sh. Ram Parshad & Sh. Abhinash Dogra  
**Daughter-in-law**  
Smt. Arti Dogra & Veena Dogra  
Mr. Rajan Dogra - Grand Son  
Mrs. Anam Dogra - Grand Daughter-in-law  
Vansh Deep & Shiv Nandan - Grand Son  
Aadharan & Advhik - Great Grand Son  
**Ph:** 9419142060, 6006770615, 7006670540, 9419110898



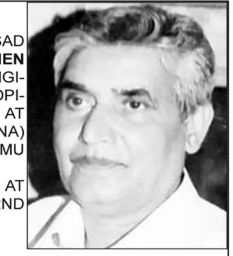
SMT. SATYA DEVI

### 10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH SRI KRISHEN KOUL** S/O LT. SH. SARVANAND KOUL ORIGINALLY FROM RAMNAGRI (JAMNAGAR) SHOPS: AN KASHMIR AND AT PRESENT LIVING AT SHARDHA COLONY (PATOLI BRABHMANA) BEHIND ANURADHA SCHOOL BARNAI - JAMMU ON 13TH MAY 2023.

**10TH DAY KRIYA** SHALL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI GHAT AT 09.00 AM ON (MONDAY) 22ND MAY 2023.

**IN GRIEF:**  
Smt. Sheela Koul (Wife)  
Smt. Phooli Koul (Bhabhi & Brother)  
Smt. and Shri Ratan Lal Koul (Bhabhi)  
Smt. Tosha Koul (Bhabhi)  
Smt. and Shri Sham Narayan Koul (Bhabhi & Brother)  
Smt. and Shri Shiban Ji Saraf (Sister & Jiji Ji)  
(Daughter & Son in Law)  
Chamki & S. Raman Bhat 9149631508  
Rozy & Vijay Ganjoo 9149859339  
Pinky & Manoj Raina 6005419926  
Basanti & Sunil Malla 8527869604  
**AND ALL NEARS AND DEARS.**  
**CONTACT:** 9622541896, 7889319810, 9419147229, 9596982277



SH SRI KRISHEN KOUL

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Omkar Nath Koul**, S/o Late Sh. D.N. Koul of Zaina Kadal, Srinagar, at present H.No. 3, Saraswati Vihar Extn opposite Shiv Om Saraf Palace, Tomal Bohri.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be held at Muthi Ghat near DSE at 8.30 am on 19-05-2023 Friday.

**Grief Stricken**  
Jitender and Renu Koul - Son & Daughter-in-Law  
Jyoti & Sunil Raina - Daughter & Son-in-Law  
Mrs. Meena Koul - Sister-in-Law  
T.K. Koul & Kamal Nain Jee - Brother & Sister-in-Law  
A.K. Koul & Vijay - Brother & Sister-in-Law  
Sahili, Pranav and Shriya - Grand Children  
**Mob Nos:** 9419113722, 9469141203



Sh. Omkar Nath Koul

### TENTH DAY & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you about the demise of our beloved **Smt. Satya Devi** W/o Late Shri Ram Lal Dogra (Lali Shah, Kulfi Wale).

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 15th May at 11 AM at our residence Lane No.6, House No. 166, Shakti Nagar on Monday.

**Uthala** will be performed on 19th May at Jagat Resort from 2 PM to 4 PM, Friday at Shakti Nagar.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Sons**  
Sh. Ram Parshad & Sh. Abhinash Dogra  
**Daughter-in-law**  
Smt. Arti Dogra & Veena Dogra  
Mr. Rajan Dogra - Grand Son  
Mrs. Anam Dogra - Grand Daughter-in-law  
Vansh Deep & Shiv Nandan - Grand Son  
Aadharan & Advhik - Great Grand Son  
**Ph:** 9419142060, 6006770615, 7006670540, 9419110898



SMT. SATYA DEVI

### TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Master Joginder Paul** S/o Late Sh. Bodh Raj R/o Panthan (Prem Nagar) Doda who left for heavenly abode due to tragic accident on 11/5/2023.

**10th Day & Kriya** will be performed on 19/5/2023 from 10.00 am at Panthan (Prem Nagar)

**GRIEFLY STRICKEN**  
Smt. Pushpa Devi (Mother)  
Smt. Veerta (Wife)  
Smt. Sapna & Sh. Jai Raj (Bhabhi & Brother)  
Smt. Reva & Sh. Naveen (Sister & Brother-in-law)  
Mannat Paul & Amanat Paul (Daughters)  
**Mob.:** 9419296424, 6006088163



Master Joginder Paul

### Tenth day kriya

Our mother **Smt. Iqbal Rani Aima** (neeDulari KalooAima), w/o late Sh. Brij Nath Aima (189, Narsingarh Srinagar, Kashmir) expired on 13th of May, 2023 (Saturday) early in the morning, at her own residence (G-503, BPTP-Park Grandeura, Sector- 82, Faridabad Haryana) after a very brief illness. She was a pious lady, affectionate to all, socially alert & lively. Pooja for the **Tenth day which falls on Monday, the 22nd May 2023 (11am onwards)** will be held at Murad Nagar Ghats, UP. We all pray for eternal peace of her departed noble and great soul. **Girja Aima & Prof. Roop Krishen Aima - Daughter-in-law & Son** (9419115142), Sarla Aima w/o Late Prof. Ashok Aima - **Daughter-in-law** (8380079771), Bimla & Vijay Aima - **Daughter-in-law & Son** (9999722676), Rajee Aima Kaul & Sanjay Kaul - **Daughter & Son-in-Law** (9819986797). **Grand children** - Bharti & Chandar Aima, Komilad Deepak Muku, Rachna & Atul Aima, Anshul & Renu Kaul, Vasudha & Anant Aima, Anikita & Achint Aima, Ms. Mokshda Kaul. **Great Grandchildren** - Debbie, Kuvam, Anu, Rea, Anyansh, Aarav & Advit, AIMS, KALOOS, VASS, KOULS.



Smt. Iqbal Rani Aima

### TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Lt. Sh. Kehar Singh** S/o Late Sh. Milkhi Singh on 18/05/2023.

**Tenth Day** will be performed at our Residence Ward No 75 Akalpur Jammu on 25/05/2023 (Thursday) at 10:00 am

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt. Samitri Devi (Mother)  
Smt. Puro Devi (Wife)  
**Sons and Daughter-in-law**  
Randhir Singh and Sushma Devi  
Ripu Dawan Singh and Kanchan Devi  
**Daughters and Son-in-law**  
Smt. Makhni Devi and Sh. Suram Singh  
Smt. Sunita Devi and Sh. Deepak Singh  
Smt. Anju Devi and Sh. Avtar Singh  
**Grand Children**  
Veer Pratap Singh, Anindham Pratap Singh  
**And Manhas Family**  
**Mob. No.:** 8082610947, 9622383475



Lt. Sh. Kehar Singh

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Smt. Neelam Jamwal** W/o Late Sh. Vinder Singh Jamwal R/o H.No. 29-C, Karan Nagar (Extn.) Jammu on 09/05/2023.

**Tenth Day** shall be performed on 18th May, 2023 (Thursday) at 10.00 am at our residence Karan Nagar, Jammu.

**Kriya** shall be performed on 21/5/2023 (Sunday) at 11.00 am at our residence Karan Nagar, Jammu.

**Rasam Pagri** will be performed on 22nd May, 2023 (Monday) at 12.00 Noon at our residence Karan Nagar, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Daughter-in-law & Son**  
Smt. Kailash Jamwal & Sh. Vijander Singh Jamwal  
Smt. Sona & Sh. Amit Pathania - **Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Smt. Renu Jamwal W/o Lt. Sh. K.S. Jamwal - **Devrani & Devar**  
Smt. Rakesh & Sh. N.S. Jamwal - **Devrani & Devar**  
Smt. Sharda & Dr. S.S. Jamwal - **Devrani & Devar**  
Smt. Chinta & Sh. Ashok Singh Jamwal - **Devrani & Devar**  
Smt. Nisha & Sh. Jagjit Singh Jamwal - **Devrani & Devar**  
**Ph. No.:** 700632191, 9419104406, 9419792346



Lt. Smt. Neelam Jamwal



## JCMS Sabha pays tribute to Late Prof. Chaman Lal

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 19: Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha, on Thursday paid rich tribute to Late Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta, a son of the soil of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, who was the Chief Patron of the Jammu Central Mahajan Sabhan and also being a popular and visionary leader of the masses, had devoted his whole life for the betterment of the society. He was MLA, MP and Union Minister and played a vital role in politics in Bharatiya Janta Party(BJP). He was a man of strong will and of undeterred courage who faced many odd situations in his whole political life. In the year 1990, when the militancy was at its peak in Jammu and Kashmir and Kashmiri pandits were forced to leave the valley in burning situation Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta joining the "Ekta Yatra", courageously hoisted National Flag at Lal Chowk in Srinagar. He never compromised on his political ideology till he breathed his last. He remained a dedicated soldier of RSS with which he was associated from his student life and after relinquishing Government service in late fifties. Prof. Chaman



Lal was the brain behind establishing village Defence Committees in erstwhile Doda District and other reaches of Jammu Region after the militants indulged in massacres in the said areas and forced the minorities to flee from there. Prof Chaman Lal Gupta fought for the rights of Nationalist forces in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir and stood like a rock against the terrorism and disruptive forces. He always stressed that the displaced Kashmiri Pandits be resettled in the valley with honour and dignity.

The prominent leaders/ personalities who gave Shardanji to Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta on the mike by recalling his excellent social services included Chand Parkash Ganga (Sr. BJP leader and Ex-Minister), Chander

Mohan Sharma (Sr. BJP Leader), Romesh Pappa (All India Sampark Parmukh RSS), Satish Sharma, Dr. C.L.Gupta, Yash Paul Gupta, C.P.Gupta, Ravi Rohmetra (Noted Columnist), Amar Chand Gupta and Mukesh Mahajan.

The President of the Sabha Romesh Chander Gupta appealed to the Central Government and State Government to honour the dedicated services of Late Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta and keep his memory alive by erecting his statue at conspicuous places in Jammu City and give posthumous Award to him as he was a strong willed and principled man who left behind a thought provoking legacy.

A resolution was passed in the house that Late Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta be conferred with

Padam Vibushan Award. In the end, the Sabha Members observed two minute silence and prayed for eternal peace to the said departed pious soul.

The function concluded with the vote of thanks presented by the President of the Sabha and Sanjay Mahajan General Secretary who held the mike and compared the programme very meticulously.

In the end of the Shardanji Sabha the participants joined community lunch served as parshad by the Sabha.

Other members of the Sabha who paid rich tribute to Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta on his 2nd Death Anniversary included Arun Gupta President CCI, Shiv Partap Gupta Senior Vice President, Harinder Gupta Senior Vice President, Sanjay Mahajan, General Secretary, Dr. Mohan Lal Gupta, Surinder Gupta, Yash Paul Gupta, Balbir Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Satish Gupta, Darshan Gupta, Ramesh Gupta (Bartan Wale), Prabh Dayal Gupta, Dr. Bimal Gupta, Atul Gupta, Ram Gupta, Dr. Arun Gupta, Shanti Parkash Gupta, Vinod Gupta(Lovely), Kuldeep Gupta, Surinder Mohan Gupta, Parshotam Gupta and others.

## Govt Polytechnic Jammu organises seminar on "responsible use of social media"



### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 18: Government Polytechnic Jammu on Thursday organised an expert lecture on the topics "Career in V-Blogging" and "Responsible Use of Social Media," in which Ashish Kohli, Senior Journalist, JK Media, was the resource person.

The seminar was attended by all the staff and students of this institute.

In his speech on the subject, he emphasised the need to use social media in a way that considers enhancing the country's image. Vlogs that are innovative and creative ought to be posted for the benefit of society. He also through light on negative effects of social media and advice the students to use social media responsibly.

Principal, Er Arun Bangotra, also spoke about the social media's usefulness and encouraged stu-

dents to create videos that are both inspirational and skill-based, which will help spread knowledge among others.

He advised the students to use social media for educational purpose and concentrate more on academic and physical activities with optimum use of social media.

After the session there is a lot of question-answering by the students to the Sr. Journalist. It was a very productive session, and the resource person responded to all the students' blog and social media related questions. The students appreciated the effort of the college to arrange such useful sessions on latest current topic for the benefit of the students.

The session was hosted by Sakshi Kapahi, Lecturer I&C. Other present at this session were Rani Devi HOD IT, Sanjay Koul HOD Computer, Amit Kumar Sharma Lecturer T&T, Dheeraj Kumar Lecturer T&T, NSS Incharge, and other staff of this institute.

## DFSS holds protest against propaganda against 'The Kerela Story' movie

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 18: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta held a protest against the propaganda against 'The Kerela Story' movie.

Gupta stated that they video recordings and screenshots of messages to confirm what happened in the GMC hostel on Sunday night.

Opposition leaders also descended on Twitter to use the narrative spun by these media

outlets to blame the scuffle on the aggrieved party while portraying the aggressors as victims.

Omar Abdullah has written that Very distressing images of Gunda elements targeting Kashmiri students in Jammu.

Mehbooba Mufti wrote shocking that Government of India promotes & encourages violence through movies stoking communal fires.

These Ex Chief Ministers should have shame as they are playing divi-



sive politics and trying to disrupt the harmony of Jammu.

Gupta stated that they culprits should be barred from MBBS and law of the land should

be upheld.

The party people present at the protest were Abhishek, Subhash, Prem, Satya, Rajkumari, Baldev, Rampal, Vikas and Vinay.

## Dimple protests against Pakistan for trying to create disturbances in G20 meet in J&K

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 18: President, Mission Statehood Jammu and Kashmir, Sunil Dimple led a strong anti-Pakistan protest demanding for the liberation of POK, Gilgit, Bhatistan to make POK part of India.

Dimple appealed to international fora to come forward for the liberation of POK

Dimple alleged the Pakistan army, ISI, is trying to create distur-



bances in G20 meet in J&K and this will not be tolerated at any cost.

Dimple alleged after the announcement of

G-20 in Kashmir the situation is complicated, the Pakistan trying to disturb the situation in J&K, the red alert on Loc, for the

migrated govt employees has been declared.

He said the govt should ensure the safety of lives on the eve of G20. The Pakistan Militants of BAT, ISI, army has become active. Attacks on security forces, civilians, army have increased.

Nitin Saini, Vijay Viridi, Swarn Lal, Sham Sharma, Arun Verma, Vikas, Depak, Babu Singh, Lohri Shah, Vikas, Depak and Balu Kumar were also pres-

### OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN AKHNOOR

Advertisement Notice No :- 01 of 2023  
Dated :- 15/05/2023

In pursuance to the Govt. Order No :- 222-JK(SWD) of 2022, dated : 30.11.2022 & 103-JK(SWD) of 2023, dated : 28.04.2023. The applications forms on prescribed format are invited from the eligible female candidates for engagement as **Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)** in Anganwadi Centres of Poshan (ICDS) Project Akhnoor, on honorarium basis @Rs.5100/- per month at present.

The details of Anganwadi centres where this process of recruitment is valid as per new HR Policy are as under:-

**Detail of vacant posts of Sanginis (AWWs) alongwith name and locations of Anganwadi centres.**

S.NO	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NAME OF THE PROJECT	NAME OF PANCHAYAT/MUNICIPALITY WARD	VACANCY OF ANGANWADI WORKER'S	
				NO. OF PANCH WARD/ M.WARD	NAME OF AWC
1	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Bharda kalan	W.No. 7	Bandral kalan
2	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Bharda kalan	W.No. 2	Bharda kalan
3	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Bharda kalan	W.No.5	Bharda khurd
4	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Devipur	W.No. 1	Devipur B
5	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Dhok khalsa	W.No.1	Dhok khalsa A
6	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Ganderwan	W.No.5	Ganderwan A
7	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Ghar	W.No 5	Ghar A W.No 5
8	JAMMU	Akhnoor	M.C.Akhnoor	W.No.05	Akhnoor W.No.05
9	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Jadh	W.No.2	Jadh
10	JAMMU	Akhnoor	kot garhi	W.No.3	Kot garhi
11	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Nardibala	W.No.8	Nardi
12	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Bheri Taryai	W.No 6	Nazlachak W.No 6
13	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Mawa Brahmana	W.No 7	Pali Cheerian W.No 7
14	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Chak bhagwana	W.no.4	Potha
15	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Rah	W.NO.4	Rah Salyote
16	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Kaink Jagir	W.No 7	Sohal tanda
17	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Targwal	W.No.9	Sunail
18	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Dhok Jagir	W.No.5	Badgal Khurd
19	JAMMU	Akhnoor	Dhanna Jallara	W.No. 6	Dhanna

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SANGINIS (ANGANWADI WORKERS)

- Women candidate must be in the age group of 18-37 years as on 01-01-2023 shall be considered for the post.
- The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
- The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where AWC is situated.
- Minimum qualification for Sanginis (AWW) shall be 10+2 and maximum graduation.
- In case suitable candidate is not available from adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the Panchayat shall be considered subject to the approval of MD Mission Poshan J&K.
- Weight age shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis.
- In case any eligible candidate is available within the family of the retiring AWW/AWH, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.
- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

### Documents to be Attached:- (Self Attested)

- Copy of Domicile certificate.
- Academic qualification certificates from recognized university/Board.
- Copy of Aadhar Card.
- Copy of Voter Card.
- Copy of Ration Card.
- Copy of Date of Birth Certificate.
- Ward certificate/Certified copy of the latest voter list as proof of residence. (Certified by the BDO/EO Municipality concerned)
- Unmarried Certificate by the concerned Tehsildar (In case the name of the candidate appears in Voter list along with her parents).
- Affidavit (Annexure 'B') in the prescribed format duly attested by Judicial Magistrate.

**HOW TO APPLY:** The application forms complete in all respects as per the Proforma given in Annexure "A" of this notice along with all the requisite documents as mentioned should be submitted in the **Office of the Child Development Project Officer Akhnoor, Manda Road, Opposite, LIC office, Akhnoor** by hand during working hours against the proper receipt. The incomplete forms shall be rejected without any clarification/notice and the candidates shall have no right to claim for candidature.

This Office/ Poshan Department reserve the right to increase/decrease/withdraw/cancel the advertised vacancy/vacancies at any point of time on the departmental requirement before the selection process.

### Document Verification

The shortlisted meritorious candidate once contacted by the office of the undersigned, shall be required to appear before the Document Verification committee along with all original documents whose copies have been attached with the application form within a week after the last date of application forms.

### Important Details In regard to the application:-

- Annexure 'A' - Application Proforma.
- Annexure 'B' - Affidavit.
- Date of commencement for submission of Application Forms : 20.05.2023
- Last date for submission of Application Forms : 03.06.2023
- No application forms shall be accepted after the last date i.e. : 03.06.2023

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No. CDPO/A/65-74/23  
Date:- 15.05.2023

*Ankur*  
Child Development Project Officer  
Poshan, Akhnoor  
(Member Secretary Selection Committee)

### APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SANGINI (ANGANWADI WORKER)

- Name of the District :-
- Name of the Project:-
- Name of Panchayat/Municipality:-
- Name of the Anganwadi Centre for which applying:-
- Name of Candidate( in Block Letter) :-
- Contact No :- email id :-
- Father's Name (in Block Letter):-
- Marital Status:- (Married/UnMarried)
- Husband's name:- (If married)
- Whether belonging to the family of retired AWW/AWH:- (Yes/No)
- Date of Birth:-

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- Age as on 01.01.2023 (in years and months):-
- Place of Permanent Residence (with Ward Number, House Number, Mohalla/Locality, Panchayat etc):-
- Address for correspondence:-
- Academic Qualification:-

S.No	Exam Passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks obtained	Max Marks	%age
1.	Matric					
2.	12 <sup>th</sup> class					
3.	Graduation					

Signature of Applicant

### ANNEXURE B

#### Affidavit

I \_\_\_\_\_ D/o/w/o/wd/o \_\_\_\_\_  
R/o \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby  
solemnly affirm as under:

- That I belong to the Ward no. \_\_\_\_\_ Panchayat \_\_\_\_\_ for which application of Sangini (AWW) is invited.
- That no forged/fake documents have been enclosed with the application form.
- That if at any later stage, it is found that I am in possession of qualification higher than the prescribed qualification, my engagement shall be liable for cancellation without any notice.
- That the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- In case above statement is found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject the application form without any notice and further in case under any circumstances I change my residence (physical) outside the Panchayat/Municipal Ward (whichever applicable) the department shall have the right to terminate my services.

Date:- \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant



## EDITORIAL

## NUCLEAR ENERGY

The energy produced during nuclear fission is called nuclear or atomic energy. Nuclear fission is a chemical reaction in which a heavy nucleus splits into two parts. Nuclear fission reaction is a 'chain reaction'. When one reaction automatically leads to another, it is called a chain reaction.

There are two types of chain reaction - uncontrolled chain reaction and controlled chain reaction. In an uncontrolled chain reaction, there is no control over the three newly released electrons, due to which the rate of fission of nuclei is according to 13, 9, 27 ... is capable of doing.

On the basis of this principle, atomic bomb is manufactured. The controlled chain reaction takes place slowly and the energy obtained from it can be used for beneficial purposes. This reaction is adopted in a nuclear reactor for the production of atomic energy.

The first nuclear fission reaction was demonstrated by American scientists Straussman and Otto Hein, when they bombarded uranium 235 atoms with neutrons, they found that their nuclei split into two fragments when uranium is bombarded with neutrons, one uranium fission results in the release of a lot of energy and three new neutrons.

These newly emitted neutrons fission other nuclei of uranium. Thus a series of fissions of uranium nuclei takes place. Nuclear energy is produced in nuclear reactors by controlling this chain reaction.

Uranium or plutonium is used as fuel in a nuclear reactor. Heavy water or graphite is used as a moderator to control the reaction. The moderator slows down the speed of neutrons in the reactor.

Cadmium or Boron is used as a control rod in the reactor. This rod absorbs two of the three new neutrons released during the fission of the nucleus, thereby controlling the reaction and converting the produced nuclear energy into electrical energy and using it for beneficial purposes.

Many types of radiation are emitted from nuclear reactors, which can harm those working near the reactor, so thick concrete walls are made around the reactors, which are called shields.

Nuclear reactors are basically used for the generation of electricity. Immense heat can be produced in a nuclear reactor with only a small amount of fuel, where 300 million tons of coal is required to run a 1,000-watt thermal power plant, while the same amount of electricity is produced in a nuclear reactor with only 30 tons of uranium. It is possible that the electrical energy obtained from the reactor is used in various industries.

In addition, nuclear reactors are also used to produce plutonium. It is a better fissionable substance than uranium. Under the chain reaction in a nuclear reactor, uranium is bombarded with high-speed neutrons to convert it into plutonium.

India has to import oil and other resources from various countries for its growing energy requirements, although non-conventional sources of energy are also being given special importance for energy production in India for the last few years. Production of nuclear energy is the need of the hour from the point of view of the total requirement.

## Congress' main challenge is burden of expectations

By: Shikha Mukerjee

After its decisive victory in Karnataka, the Congress Party now has to live up to the expectations it has raised. The win is as much an unequivocal verdict against Narendra Modi's vision of "One Party, One Nation, One Leader" and the Bharatiya Janata Party's conviction that its organisation can convert anti-incumbency into a renewed mandate, as it is an endorsement for the Congress as the alternative in Karnataka.

The victory has unsurprisingly created a dilemma that has become quite routine for the Congress. The crisis as it unfolds reveals the indecision that is inevitable when the authority of the party's high command and confidence in its solutions has eroded to the point that chief ministerial hopeful D.K. Shivakumar on his way to New Delhi declared his intention was not to back stab and blackmail, by which one can assume he meant the party and his rival. The indecision over who should be chief minister also made the Congress vulnerable to extra political pressure, from the Veerashaiva Lingayat seers, a section of Muslims represented by the Karnataka Waqf Board chairman Shafi Sadi writing to Mallikarjun Kharge stating their terms of support for the biggest test of the rejuvenated party in the 2024 general election.

These claims openly made are symptomatic of the erosion of authority of the Congress' central leadership. This was true for the times when Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi held the presidency of the party. It is turning out to be true now that the Congress has an elected president in Mallikarjun Kharge.

Despite its pompous description, the high command seems

to have very little capacity to put down insurrections or punish insurrectionists. The festering five-year war between Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot in Rajasthan, which has reached yet another crisis point, following the younger leader's dharna, padayatra and now ultimatum is confirmation that the high command's writ does not run in the state. The high command's pitiful state was evident when it was held to account by the G-23, a group of senior party leaders who demanded an overhaul starting with a strong democratically elected leadership.

The Congress as an election fighting outfit is the first responsibility of the party president and the high command, whoever the persons on it may be. While the Congress has revealed a formidable strength in its unexpected ability to convert the disadvantages in Karnataka of rival factions, caste-based politics, religious community loyalties and an educated population into a winning strategy, it must reflect on how this astute political manoeuvre can be replicated.

One probable reason was that the party reaped the dividend of an organisation that was battle ready despite the rivalries between Siddaramaiah, D.K. Shivakumar and M.B. Patil, all of whom kept their bit of the party organisation fighting fit after the party lost power. In Rajasthan, the organisation is battle ready for much the same reason as the two rivals have worked in parallel to keep their turf under control through the war that has been going on for years.

It is now Mr Kharge's job to figure out how he can convert this weakness into strength. Unless he can do so, the Congress faces almost inevitable defeat in the forthcoming

state Assembly elections.

Finding the mantra to settle warring leaders and get them to work for the larger goal of winning the election is what the Congress really needs. It has warring leaders in almost every state; in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh where it is the ruling party and faces anti-incumbency and the ugliness of the internecine conflict; as well as in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and even West Bengal.

The other lesson that the Congress needs to learn is how to play host to important defectors, disgruntled over candidate or constituency selection by the authoritarian BJP high command, as it did in Karnataka. Till now, it has been the party that haemorrhaged most, with large-scale defections that have debilitated the organisation. It cannot afford to lose the investment in made in building up leaders by declaring like an offended debutante, if they want to go, we will not stop them.

Of equal priority is the much more difficult task of developing a winning ideological narrative to take on the BJP and its outsize leader, Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In Karnataka, Mr Kharge pulled off a stunning ideological finesse by going all out "secular" with a promise to ban extremist religious outfits like the Bajrang Dal and the Popular Front of India. The "Bajrang Bali" campaign blew up in Mr Modi's face and powered the Congress to power with 135 seats.

To escape the trap of the BJP hardening its overpowering right-wing Hindutva majoritarian politics that virtually cancels the commitment to secularism required of political parties by the Constitution, Mr Kharge has to follow through on the Karnataka strategy.

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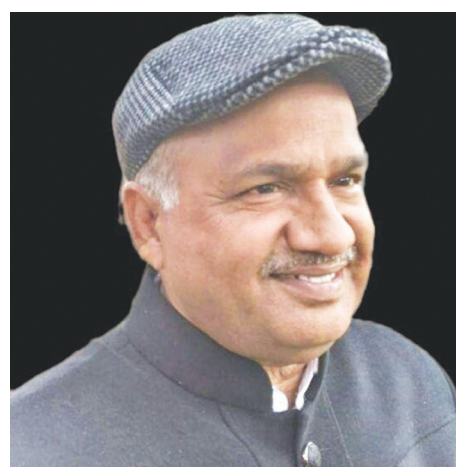
Karnataka strategy is the careful utilisation of Rahul Gandhi and the control over what he said. That ought to be replicated. After years of serving up Rahul Gandhi as a sacrificial offering to challenge Mr Modi's carefully scaled-up persona and make it an easy target for the BJP to regurgitate its practised tirade, the Congress now has a leader who is familiar with the masses. The Bharat Jodo Yatra has transformed the scion of the so-called "Shahi Parivar", now a branded "anti-national", into a very different icon.

Regrettable as his occasional facetiousness may be, not least being his recent tweet "I am Invincible" and "I am unstoppable" after the victory in Karnataka, the party has an asset that it can weaponise to counter the BJP, between now and the general election in 2024. Rahul Gandhi is now a mass mobiliser. Harvesting the surge of enthusiasm that he can create into votes is the responsibility of the party organisation.

The Congress has three main tasks: to focus on state-specific issues for Assembly elections without losing sight of the larger context; to market its ideological commitment to economically progressive, pro-poor, secular, liberal values and government policies; and to beat the anti-incumbency legacy that it is being made to carry by Narendra Modi and the BJP's line of 70 years of bad governance. The trick may lie in trying to focus on the almost 10 years of Mr Modi's rule because elections are also a verdict on the performance of the ruling government.

Instead of being distracted by sentiment, what the Congress Party needs most is to focus on winning and confidently deliver that message to voters.

## Foundation of Future



By: Vijay Garg

Schools and colleges are increasing day by day. In the statistics, the number of degree holders is increasing everyday. But the effect of this expansion of education which should have been visible on the society, is not visible in the true sense. Why is it so? For this, it will be necessary to pay attention to the interrelationships of educa-

tion, students and society. There is no eye like Vidya. Humans are helpless without knowledge. Education destroys the darkness of ignorance. By spreading the light of knowledge, it paves the way for success. In this way education comes in the form of a torch in the life of man. This in the light of the torch, man can understand his good and bad. Through books and by getting the experience and knowledge of others, man can make his imagination come true. From this point of view, students are the future of a country. They are the leaders or representatives of the future generation of the country. The reins of the country are going to come in their hands. It is natural that the students of that

country play an important role in the development of a country. For students to be able to play this role, it is necessary to educate them through life related education. Right personality building. It is also necessary to keep them busy in creative activities during the education period. But today it is being seen that apart from book studies, the students neither have any kind of creative engagement nor are they getting proper guidance about it. It is the responsibility of the teachers to rescue the students from this situation and make them capable of performing the expected role. They are the guides, they lay the foundation of the future. The irony is that moral decline is visible

everywhere today. Teachers and students suffering from the spirit of selfishness have forgotten their ideal. It is common for various types of crimes to happen spontaneously in social life. To bring the society and the country back on track, the first need of the day is to improve the relationship between education, students and teachers. There is a need to reform the education system so that students can become disciplined and prudent. Such students can participate in taking the society and the country towards the right development.

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Punjab)



## Institution of Engineers celebrates World Telecommunication & Information Society Day

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU: The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) with the theme "Empowering the Least Developed Countries through Information and Communication Technologies", the event was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEL, Jammu Local Centre.

The day is celebrated every year on 17th May to mark the founding of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs.

The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other



information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.

On this occasion, Adarsh Verma, Chief Operating officer Bharti Airtel Ltd. J&K was the Chief Guest, whereas Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma, Chairman, IEL Jammu Centre presided over the function.

At the outset, Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma presented the Welcome Address and introduced the relevance of the day to the audience. She said that the digitization is not happening equally all over the world and this imbalance is known as digital divide. She informed that the

purpose of the day is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that use of the internet and other information and communication technologies (ICTs) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide. She said that the access to the internet has enabled many of us to get on with our lives despite the Covid pandemic, thanks to the modalities such as remote working and online education but the reality isn't the same for all over the world.

While speaking on the occasion, Adarsh Verma, Chief Operating officer Bharti Airtel Ltd. J&K, stressed that corporates are taking all measures to make the

last mile digital connectivity a reality and handing over the power of telecommunication into the hands of common man. The world is continuously evolving on this, and every day new ways and means to reduce the digital divide are emerging. He appreciated the role of this premier institution in spreading awareness among the masses that more needs to be done to use the ICTs in making the life of common people smooth cutting across the global boundaries.

Three numbers technical papers on the theme were presented by Er. Joy Ganjoo, Member Technologist, Er. Akash Dusgotra, AMIE & Er.

Anil Kumar, AMIE.

Sachin Tickoo, MIE, Honorary Secretary conducted the proceedings of the event, while speaking on the occasion he said Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have been transforming the way people communicate, learn, and do business. ICTs are also empowering nations to achieve sustainable development goals and improve their economies. However, many Least Developed Countries (LDCs), characterized by low levels of human development, weak institutional structures are still lagging behind in the adoption and utilization of ICTs. Therefore, it is essential to empower LDCs through ICTs to enhance their social and economic development.

The role of ICTs was pivotal in making the mammoth COVID vaccination programme successful in the most populous country of the world "India". He further presented the Vote of Thanks to the august gathering and media personnel for active participation.

## Highlight achievements of Modi Govt to celebrate Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyaan of BJP : Vibodh



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, MAY 18: Forthcoming Maha Jana Sampark Abhiyaan of BJP is a historic opportunity for BJP leaders and workers to establish direct communication channels with common man and civil society, ensuring their active participation in various developmental initiatives going on in the UT of J&K. Under this initiative, party members and volunteers will directly engage with the public, listen to their issues and concerns, and will gather feedback to understand the aspirations and needs of the people. These remarks were made by BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta today while addressing a preparatory meeting to ensure that Maha Jana Sampark Abhiyaan of BJP is a historic success.

During the meeting, Vibodh emphasized the significance of effective communication and public outreach in strengthening the party's connect with the masses. While highlighting the importance of citizen engagement,

Vibodh said that Maha Jana Sampark Abhiyaan is a crucial step towards building a strong democratic system where the voices and aspirations of the people will be heard and acted upon. It plays a pivotal role in ensuring inclusive governance and aligning our policies with the needs of the citizens. During this programme of BJP special meetings will also be organised with the intellectuals and business community. He called upon the party leaders present in the meeting to ensure that this initiative is a huge success.

On this occasion Vibodh said that in this programme the massive developmental initiatives in J&K should become the centre of attraction and called upon the party leaders to ensure that these developmental initiatives are properly highlighted. While referring to some of the notable people's welfare programmes, Vibodh said that programmes like Ayushman Bharat, Skill India Mission, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri

Awaz Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana have transformed lives of millions of Indians. These historic people welfare programmes, among others, demonstrate the Modi Government's unwavering commitment to the welfare and development of every citizen.

They have brought positive and tangible changes in the lives of individuals and communities, uplifting marginalized sections of the society and have promoted an inclusive and prosperous India, Vibodh added.

Concluding his remarks, Vibodh said that Modi Government remains steadfast in its efforts to continue implementing people-centric initiatives, guided by the principles of equity, empowerment and sustainable development. Prominent among others who attended the meeting included Chander Mohan Gupta, Munish Sharma Neelam Langleh, Y V Sharma, Neeraj Gupta, Prerna Nanda, Rikki Gupta, Danish Mishra, Ritika Trehan and Anu Gupta.

## Botulinum toxin injection cures neurological conditions successfully: expert

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU / MOHALI, May 18: The successful treatment of neurological patients with injection of Botulinum toxin is being done successfully at IVY Hospital Mohali.

Dr. Swati Garg neurologist, who does EMG guided Botulinum toxin injection informed that patients requiring Botulinum toxin (Botox) for neurological conditions are being successfully treated at IVY.

The number of

patients diagnosed with blepharospasm, hemifacial spasm, chronic migraine, post stroke spasticity, writer's cramp, dystonia, cerebral palsy have been reportedly noticed marked improvement in their symptoms after being injected with Botulinum toxin (Botox), said Dr. Swati.

Botulinum toxin used in small doses is an extremely safe and effective method of relaxing overactive muscles or glands. It has been known for its

use in cosmetics, but it was first approved for neurological conditions.

Dr. Swati Garg further stated that Botulinum toxin injection relaxes the injected muscles. Peak benefit can be seen anywhere from 2-8 weeks after injection and the effect tends to wear off after 8-12 weeks. Injections are repeated after every 3 months on an average.

In patients of chronic migraine, first preferred treatment is medical, but when patient is

refractory to the treatment, and if an ideal candidate for injection Botox, its highly effective treatment.

Similarly in patients of dystonia, post stroke spasticity, writer's cramp, there is an abnormal contraction of muscles leading to increased muscle tone, spasms, pain, abnormal posturing which are successfully treated by injection (BONT).

In case of hemifacial spasm and Blepharospasm wherein there is abnormal contraction of

eye muscles and facial muscles, Botulinum toxin injection is the preferred treatment. It's very important to make an appropriate diagnosis. Botulinum toxin injection in appropriate doses in appropriate muscles by a qualified Neurologist will relieve the neurological symptoms. It is a highly effective treatment. If neurological pain, spasticity or spasm presents after the conservative treatment, it's time to rethink what is known as Injection Botulinum toxin (BOTOX).

## Artistry Skin Nutrition from Amway presents Hydrating, balancing ranges for youthful skin



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 18: Advancing towards its philosophy of delivering nutrients for the skin, Amway India, one of the leading FMCG Direct Selling companies in the nation, has launched an exclusive range that transcends the skincare needs of all.

The Balancing and Hydrating ranges introduced by Artistry Skin Nutrition showcases a distinctive blend of ingredients that collaborate to balance and hydrate the skin, providing a refreshing and youthful appearance. Enriched with plant-based botanicals from Nutrilite farms, the Hydrating and Balancing ranges are clinically tested vegan skincare line, with no animal testing and free from parabens, phthalates,

sulphate surfactants and animal derived ingredients. Powered by cutting-edge skin science these ranges are infused with exclusive Skincare Complex that boosts skin's natural defense system by 350% to help delay the visible signs of aging.

Talking about the new skincare range Ajay Khanna, CMO, Amway India said, "India is driven by a large and dynamic young population, with over 65% its populace comprising youths. Within this burgeoning demographic, skincare has emerged as a significant trend, with 87% of the population placing a strong emphasis on skin health. However, despite this, 43% of young people experience dry skin issues while 42% of oily-skin consumers

continue to grapple finding the ideal solution for achieving healthy skin. Taking these factors into consideration and leveraging our global expertise in nutrition with Nutrilite's rich legacy of 90 years, we are excited to introduce the second phase of Artistry Skin Nutrition, Hydrating and Balancing ranges of seven products, with the powerful botanicals from our Nutrilite farms, formulated to address skin needs of youth and consumers at large."

He further added, "As per a recent survey, 30% of men today are willing to broaden their skincare routine and try out new products. These figures are encouraging, as they present us with an exciting opportunity to explore fresh avenues and expand our range of offerings."

Ranging from INR 1700 to INR 3300, the Artistry Skin Nutrition Balancing and Hydrating Solution Sets are sold exclusively by Amway Direct Selling Partners across India, and to know more, visit the company's website www.amway.in.

## Councillor Thasgam Thovina visits GMS KarcheyKhar Sankoo



### TOP NEWS REPORT

KARGIL, May 18: The Councillor Thasgam Thovina Constituency Abdul Rahim his visits to Govt Middle School Karchey Khar on Wednesday accompanied by ZEO Sankoo Shri Hadi Ali and others were also present with Councillor.

The ZEO sankoo and Councillor inspected different section of the School.

ZEO Sankoo interacted with the children of this education and checked their notebook and current syllabus. The councillor praised to the Headmaster and teaching staff for their brilliant work and punctual duty.

It would be pertaining to mention here that, the Councillor was sanctioned Rs 7 lakh from his CFD fund and Rs 7 lakh from Capex Education fund which was earlier released for construction of the new Council Model School of the village.

Councillor Abdul Rahim appreciated the Collective effort of Ghulam Mehdi a contractor from Karchaykhar who has completed the construction work of school achieved on stipulated time and handover to concerned. He also assured that he will provide funds for the school in future.

Headmaster, Teaching staff members of GMS KarcheyKhar Sankoo are accolades to Ghulam Mehdi (Contractor) who is also VEC of this school for timely completion of this new Council Model school building.

## Dozens of women join MRM at Bandipora

BANDIPORA, May 18: A Joining programme was held at Bankoot Bandipora district here today under the chairmanship of the Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM) Convenor J&K and Ladakh UT's Mir Nazir.

The main motive of this meeting was to conduct briefing session in which MRM Leadership was to be kept abreast of the latest developments and working of the organisation especially about the

upcoming organisation Programmes.

The purpose of the interactive session was equally to deliberate on the efforts to address the grievances of the masses, specifically marginal, helpless and resourceless people as also to raise voice of concern in favour of their genuine demands.

On this occasion, all the delegates and other prominent persons who joined the Manch today

were warmly welcomed in to the organisation folds.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included, Dr Shamsul Haq (Co-Convenor J&K Ladakh UT's), Tariq Ahmed Dagma (District Convenor Bandipora), Abdul Majeed Mir (Vice Convenor district Bandipora), Famheeda Begun (Convenor Mahila Wing district Bandipora) and others.

## Inter District Division level girl's Kho-Kho Tournament held



### TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, May 18: Department of Youth Service and Sports Kathua organized the Inter District Division level Girl's Kho-Kho tournament U-19 year 2022-23 on Thursday at Trikuta Ground, Dayalchak, her.

The tournament was inaugurated by Joint Director Youth Service and Sports Jammu Surm Chand Sharma.

As per the direction of Director Youth Service and Sports Subash Chandar

Chhibber J&K UT and over-all supervision of DYSSO Kathua. Sunil Kumar along with activities Incharge Dharminder Singh PEM.

While addressing, Chief Guest advised the participant to play the game with true sportsmanship and in well discipline manners.

Moreover Assistant Director Youth Service and Sports Jammu Mool Chand Sharma also witness in the today's tournament.



## Cannes Film Festival kicks off with Johnny Depp, Jeanne du Barry and a coterie of stars

The Cannes Film Festival red carpet sprang to life with the premiere of the Louis XV period drama *Jeanne du Barry*, with Johnny Depp, as the French Riviera movie pageant launched a star-studded and potentially controversy-rife 76th edition.

Throng of onlookers shouted "Johnny!" as Depp, in purple-hued sunglasses signed autographs and edged back into the spotlight following his explosive trial last year with ex-wife Amber Heard.

*Jeanne du Barry*, directed and co-starring Maiwenn, has been billed as Depp's comeback — though his prominent presence at Cannes has been hotly debated.

A coterie of stars streamed down Cannes' famous red carpet for the opening night ceremony on Tuesday, including Brie Larson, Uma Thurman, Gong Li, Elle Fanning, Naomi Campbell, Catherine Deneuve (who graces this year's festival poster) and a blue-haired Helen Mirren, who carried a fan labeled #worthit.

During the opening ceremony, Michael Douglas received an honorary Palme d'Or, with his wife, Catherine Zeta-Jones and their daughter, Carys Zeta Douglas, looking on from the audience.

"I'm even older than the festival," said Douglas, 78, after receiving a warm standing ovation.

Douglas and Deneuve officially declared open a festival that promises a Cote d'Azur buffet of spectacle, scandal and cinema set to be served over the next 12 days.



Stars set to hit Cannes' red carpet in the next week and a half include Natalie Portman, Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett, Sean Penn, Alicia Vikander, Scarlett Johansson and Abel Tesfaye — also known as the Weeknd.

Manushi in fairytale gown Former Miss World and actress Manushi Chhillar recently walked the red carpet at the 76th Cannes Film Festival. For the occasion, she chose a lovely white dress by Fovari. The dramatic white dress had a lace bodice and trail that swept the floor behind her.

Sara Ali Khan made her Cannes red carpet debut and went full desi for her maiden outing. The actress wore a lehenga by Indian designer duo Abu-Sandeep as she posted her pictures against the blue Mediterranean Sea.

Esha dazzles in white Jannat 2 actress Esha Gupta also walked the prestigious red carpet as she looked sensational in a white gown with

exaggerated floral detailing. Esha attended the film festival as part of the Indian government delegation. She chose Nicolas Jebran couture for her debut Cannes appearance with high-high slit.

"Embroidery by my local tailor" Union Minister Murugan poses with Oscar-winning *The Elephant Whisperers* producer Guneet Monga Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan, who is leading the Indian delegation at the ongoing year's Cannes Film Festival, posed with Oscar-winning documentary *The Elephant Whisperers* producer Guneet Monga.

Murugan walked the red carpet in traditional attire. He was seen meeting Guneet at the Cannes film festival.

In the picture, Murugan is dressed in a white shirt which got the National Flag on its left side and a G20 logo on the right. He paired it with Veshti to represent his culture at the global level. Guneet, on the other

hand, opted for a golden-tone saree.

Ahead of Cannes, Murugan said, "The embroidery on the shirt has been done by my local tailor. It makes me immensely proud to wear Tricolour on my chest." "Since we are doing so many events and showcasing our heritage at the G20 year-long plan, it is only befitting that we tell the world about it," he added.

This year's special focus will be on India's culture and heritage at the India Pavilion. The theme for this year's Pavilion is based on the Goddess of knowledge, Saraswati. It has been designed by the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad with the theme - Showcasing India's Creative Economy to the global community.

Pretty in pink Actress Urvashi Rautela attended the Cannes Film Festival as she put her best fashion foot forward. The actress was seen wearing a pink tulle gown paired with statement jewellery. Her gown was designed by Sima Couture and the necklace was by Cartier.

The actress took to Instagram to share photos and videos of herself, which attracted all kinds of reactions. She wrote in her caption, "76th annual Cannes Film Festival red carpet opening..." Urvashi will be reportedly presenting the Parveen Babi biopic at the French Riviera. Urvashi will be part of a photocall launch event, where she will have a platform to represent her character. It will give a glimpse of what lies ahead for the highly-anticipated film's release.

## Sara Ali Khan makes Cannes red carpet debut in lehenga by Abu Jani-Sandeep Khosla



Actor Sara Ali Khan opted for a traditional Indian attire for her first-ever appearance at the Cannes Film Festival.

Walking the red carpet for the 76th edition of the prestigious film gala,

the actor looked majestic in a handwoven ivory lehenga from designer duo Abu Jani-Sandeep Khosla.

"You Cannes do it" Khan, 27, wrote on Instagram alongside her

pictures from the French Riviera.

To complete the look for her maiden appearance, the actor had her hair up in a bun with her dupatta pinned to it.

Khan later attended the premiere of Johnny Depp-starrer "*Jeanne du Barry*", the opening film at the festival this year.

Actor Esha Gupta also walked the red carpet in a white gown with a thigh-high slit from Lebanese fashion designer Nicolas Jebran.

She is attending the festival as part of the government delegation, led by Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan.

The actor shared posts from her appearance at the red carpet on her Instagram Stories.

Another actor who made her red carpet debut was former Miss World Manushi Chhillar. She opted for a wedding gown from Fovari.

In the coming days, actors Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Anushka Sharma will be gracing the red carpet of the Cannes Film Festival.

## Sonakshi Sinha, Vijay Varma express love for Virat Kohli

The cast of *Dahaad*, including Sonakshi Sinha and Vijay Varma, was recently hosted by JioCinema anchor Anant Tyagi for its pre-match show in a helicopter.

Sonakshi said, "Whenever we get a little time off, there are so many boys around, and they all love cricket, so if anyone is watching, we join them. I am a Kohli fan, and he is doing so well. I have a feeling that the Bangalore team has strong chances. I think Virat is a very focused player. I believe he was the youngest to break many records." Vijay added, "I think he is the king of aggression; he performs so well under pressure. He is such a



great captain, and he is so much fun to watch on the field.

He is an inspiration for everyone in the country."

## Reality show The Kardashians renewed for 20 more episodes

The popular reality show *The Kardashians*, which revolves around the personal lives of the Kardashian-Jenner family has received a renewal for 20 more episodes from the makers.

The audience will get to sneak into the luxurious yet chaotic lives of the Kardashian sisters. In the recent development the streaming platform of the show, Hulu, has ordered more episodes.

The latest season will be the third installment in the series that starts streaming on May 25. The season's logline read, "The cameras return as Kris, Kourtney, Kim, Khloe, Kendall and Kylie invite viewers back into their lives as they navigate motherhood, co-parenting, and building their own empires. Their bond will be tested and tensions arise, but as a family, they will stand together through



the storm."

The trailer for the latest show was released in the previous month.

The clip featured Kim as she works through her tumultuous split and finalization of her divorce from Kanye West, even addressing the infamous virtual debacle between the two since their split.

Khloe opens up about a health scare and sisters Kourtney and Kim face off over drama stemming from the eldest Kardashian's celebrity wedding in Italy. Viewers also witness Kylie as she attempts to have a conversation about "the beauty standards that (their family) is setting" with her sisters.

Supermodels Kim Kardashian West, Kris Jenner, Khloe Kardashian and Kourtney Kardashian also serve as executive producers of the unscripted show.

## Tom Hanks on AI making it possible to continue to appear in films even after his death

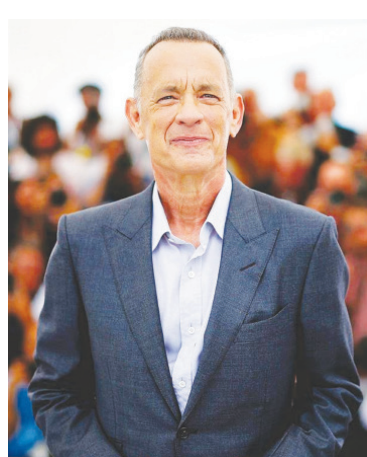
Hollywood star Tom Hanks is talking about AI technology that could potentially make it possible for him to continue appearing in new films even after his death.

"What is a bona fide possibility right now, if I wanted to, (is) I could get together and pitch a series of seven movies that would star me in them in which I would be 32-year-old from now until kingdom come," Hanks said on *The Adam Buxton Podcast*.

Hanks added, "Anybody can now recreate themselves at any age they are by way of AI or deep fake technology. I could be hit by a bus tomorrow and that's it, but my performances can go on and on and on."

"Outside of the understanding that it's been done by AI or deep fake, there'll be nothing to tell you that it's not me and me alone and it's going to have some degree of lifelike quality."

Hanks, who has reteamed with *Forrest Gump* director Robert



Zemeckis for the movie *Here*, will most likely use AI technology for the project to de-age him.

Hanks says that Hollywood agents are already drawing up contracts. "I can tell you that there (are) discussions going on in all of the guilds, all of the agencies, and all of the legal firms in order to come up with the legal ramifications of my face and my voice and everybody else's being our intellectual property," he said.

## Ruhi Chaturvedi feels homesick



Ruhi Chaturvedi will be a part of the upcoming season of *Colors' Khatron Ke Khiladi*. She opens up about the challenges of staying away from home for a prolonged period and feeling homesick. The actress, who has never been away from her husband, Shivendra Saaniyol, after marriage, admits that the thought of being all by herself for the show is daunting.

She said, "I am missing my husband and home terribly. Any challenge seems tougher when you are away from your loved ones. But I am trying to stay positive and focused on the task at hand. Before leaving for the show, I spent quality time with my family and friends, who are all huge fans of *Khatron Ke Khiladi*. Their support and advice are invaluable."

## God of Mischief Loki to return with Season 2

Marvel fans have received one of the most awaited announcements of the year.

The series revolving time-voyage of *Loki*, led by actor Tom Hiddleston, will continue sooner as makers have disclosed the date for the worldwide premiere.

The Marvel studio chief Kevin Feige has announced official dates for the sequel.

The show will debut on October 6, to mark the first-ever



second season for a show by the studio.

The forthcoming season will follow the story of *Loki's* timeline cobwebs from Season 1. The series will feature the return of Tom's co-stars Owen Wilson and Sophia DiMartino.

The appearance of Oscar-winning *Everything Everywhere All at Once* star Ke Huy Quan is also expected.

Feige did not mention whether

actor Jonathan Majors will be reprising his role of Kang in Season 2 or not.

Majors was arrested on March 25 on domestic violence charges and is currently awaiting a court hearing in June; he has denied the allegations.

The sequel is written by writer Eric Martin and the direction comes from directors Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead.



# PM flags off Odisha's first Vande Bharat, launches railway projects worth Rs 8,200 crore

Addressing the function through video-conferencing, Modi says new India is building its own technologies and reaching those to the different corners of the country

PURI/ HOWRAH, May 18 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched railway projects worth Rs 8,200 crore in Odisha on Thursday and flagged off the state's first Vande Bharat Express that will connect Puri to West Bengal's Howrah.

Addressing the function through video-conferencing, Modi said new India is building its own technologies and reaching those to the different corners of the country.

"The Vande Bharat Express will further strengthen the religious, cultural and spiritual connection between Howrah and Puri," he said.

Fifteen Vande Bharat trains are operational in the country at present and those are boosting



both connectivity and economy, Modi said.

"There was a time when new technologies and facilities used to remain limited to Delhi or the big cities. But now, India has

chosen a new path. This new India is making technologies on its own and reaching those to different corners of the country," he said, referring to the indigenously developed semi-high

speed train.

The prime minister said that as the country celebrates the 'Amrit Kaal' of its Independence, it's time to further strengthen its unity.

"The more India's unity is strengthened, the more its collective capacity will increase," he said.

He also lauded the state for continuing India's developmental streak amid challenges.

The Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express will be the fastest train on the route, covering the 500 km distance in around 6.5 hours, railway officials said.

Modi also laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of Puri and Cuttack railway stations.

# 5 killed, 15 injured in bus-truck collision in Madhya Pradesh

The victims were on their way to Ahmedabad from Jalaun district in Uttar Pradesh to attend a wedding



SHAJAPUR, May 18 (Agencies): Five people were killed and 15 others injured after a speeding private bus collided head-on with a truck near Maksi town in Madhya Pradesh's Shajapur district on Thursday morning, a police

official said.

The accident took place at around 5 am when the victims were on their way to Ahmedabad from Jalaun district in Uttar Pradesh to attend a wedding, Maksi police station in-charge Gopal Singh Chouhan

said. The bus collided with a truck near Donta village in Shajapur, he said.

Four people died on the spot and one succumbed to injuries later at a hospital in Ujjain, the official said.

The deceased included three women and a minor, he said.

The injured were rushed to Ujjain, the official said.

The deceased have been identified as Lal Singh, Janki, Meera, Sumitra and Radhika (13).

MP Home Minister Narottam Mishra termed the incident "unfortunate".

# Bengal firecracker factory blast: Prime accused arrested in Odisha

KOLKATA, May 18 (Agencies): The sleuths of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of West Bengal Police on Thursday arrested Krishnapada Bag a.k.a Bhanu, the prime accused in the explosion at an illegal firecracker factory at Egra in East Midnapore district that claimed nine lives.

He was arrested from a private nursing home at Cuttack in Odisha, where he got admitted after getting injured in that explosion. His son, Prithvijit Bag and nephew Indrajit Bag, have also been arrested along with him.

Immediately after the blast at the illegal firecracker factory on Tuesday, Bhanu escaped along with his son and close associates. He was the former village panchayat member in the area of ruling Trinamool Congress.

State police sources said that the injuries of the arrested accused are quite serious. Although initially, the CID sleuths who arrested him thought of shifting him to the hospital in Kolkata only, the doctors attending him at the nursing home at Cuttack said that his condition is too critical for transfer.

"We have requested our counterparts in Odisha Police to depute guards at the said nursing home and keep a constant watch so that Bhanu cannot escape



from the hospital under any circumstance," a state police official said.

Already the Leader of the Opposition in West Bengal Assembly Suwendu Adhikari has filed a public interest litigation at a division bench of the Calcutta High Court demanding National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe in the matter, which will be heard on Thursday only. Adhikari has requested for hearing in the matter on a fast-track basis.

The state police have faced questions on why relevant Sections under the Explosives Act have not been included in the FIR filed in the matter.

The FIR includes Sections 188 (illegal activities), 286 (negligent conduct with explosive substance) and 304 (causing death by negligence) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), along with Sections 24 (penalty for letting off rockets), and 26 (penalty for not taking out a licence for a warehouse or workshop) of the West Bengal Fire Services Act.

# PM Modi Inaugurates Mega Expo In Delhi On International Museum Day

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said his government has prioritised preserving the country's heritage, even as he lamented that enough efforts were not made in this direction post Independence.

Addressing a gathering after inaugurating the International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan in Delhi, PM Modi also flagged the issue of trafficking of ancient Indian art and antiques, and said that with India's increasing prestige in the world, various countries have now started returning things belonging to Indian heritage.

PM Modi said 10 special museums are being built to immortalise the contribution of the tribal community in the country's freedom struggle.



The long period of slavery also resulted in the destruction of the country's written and unwritten heritage, PM Modi noted.

This is not only India's loss, it is the loss of the whole world, he asserted.

"Unfortunately, the efforts that should have been made post Independence to preserve our heritage, were not made," he said.

He also urged people to make preserving

historical artifacts their nature.

"For example every household must make a family museum in which they preserve things of their ancestors and elders. Schools and institutions should also make their own museums," he said.

During the event, PM Modi also unveiled the mascot of the International Museum Expo, a graphic novel titled "A day at the Museum", a directory of Indian

museums, a pocket map of Kartavya Path, and museum cards.

The mascot of the International Museum Expo is a contemporised version of the dancing girl made of wood in the Chennapatnam art style.

The graphic novel portrays a group of children visiting the National Museum where they learn about different career opportunities that are available at a museum.

The pocket map of the Kartavya Path highlights various cultural spaces and institutions and also traces the history of the iconic pathway.

The Museums cards are a set of 75 cards with illustrated facades of iconic museums across the country, and is an innovative way to introduce museums to

people of all ages and each card holds brief information of museums.

The expo is being organised as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to celebrate the 47th International Museum Day (IMD), according to an official statement.

The IMD theme for this year is "museums, sustainability and well-being".

The expo is designed to initiate a holistic conversation on museums with professionals to enable these to evolve as cultural centres that play a pivotal role in India's cultural diplomacy, it said.

During the programme, PM Modi also inaugurated a virtual walkthrough of the upcoming national museum at North Block and South Block.

# Supreme Court seeks ED's reply on bail plea of ex-Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in money-laundering case

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Thursday sought response of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on the bail plea of former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in a money-laundering case being probed by the agency.

A bench of Justices AS Bopanna and Hima Kohli issued notice to the ED and granted liberty to Jain to move before the vacation bench for relief.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi,

appearing for Jain, said the former minister has lost 35 kg and virtually became a skeleton. He is also suffering from various ailments.

Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the ED, said they are on caveat and opposing the plea.

The bench, which did not give any specific date, said Jain can approach the vacation bench of the top court for relief.

On April 6, the Delhi High Court had dismissed the bail plea of Jain in a money-lau-



dering case noting the witnesses' claim that he was the conceptualiser, initiator and fund provider in the alleged crime.

The high court said the

senior AAP leader was an influential person having the potential to tamper with evidence.

The ED had arrested Jain in the money-lau-

dering case based on a CBI FIR registered against him in 2017 under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

He was granted regular bail by a trial court on September 6, 2019, in the case registered by the CBI.

In 2022, the trial court had taken cognisance of the prosecution complaint (charge sheet) filed by the ED against Jain, his wife and eight others, including the four firms, in connection with the money laundering case.

# Man shot dead in firing incident near Delhi's Jama Masjid

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): One person was killed in a late-night firing incident near the Jama Masjid on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday. Police officials in the area received a PCR call at around 1:30 am on Thursday regarding the incident.

By the time their team reached the spot, the locals had shifted the injured to a nearby hospital, where he was declared brought dead by the doctors.

"A PCR call was received at 1:30 am

stating that firing had been noticed near Jama Masjid. Upon receiving the information, the police team reached the spot and found that the injured had been shifted to a hospital where he was declared brought dead," a police official probing the case said.

The deceased was identified as Sameer (30), a resident of Chawri Bazar in Delhi. Preliminary investigation revealed that Sameer is the brother-in-law of the owner of the hotel near which the incident happened.

The accused, whose identity is yet to be ascertained, came and fired at the deceased. The murder motive or the reason that triggered the incident was not yet clear.

Sameer received a bullet injury on the head and died while being rushed to the hospital. His body was sent for post-mortem.

Meanwhile, the police have formed several teams to further investigate the case. They have also initiated legal action under appropriate sections of law.

# Land-for-jobs PMLA case: Rabri Devi appears before ED for questioning

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): Former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi on Thursday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate here for questioning in a money-laundering case linked to the alleged land-for-jobs scam, official sources said.

The 68-year-old Devi, wife of RJD chief Lalu Prasad, is recording her statement in the case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Rabri Devi's children, including Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav and MP daughter Misa Bharti, have been questioned by the federal



agency in the case in the recent past.

The money-laundering case stems from a CBI FIR.

The ED had carried out searches in the case sometime back and seized Rs 1 crore

in "unaccounted cash" and detected proceeds of crime worth Rs 600 crore.

The alleged scam pertains to the period when Lalu Prasad was the railway minister in the UPA-1 government.

# Supreme Court agrees to hear plea of Muslim side against HC order on determining age of 'Shivling' at Gyanvapi

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): The Supreme Court agreed to hear on Friday a plea challenging the Allahabad High Court order of conducting a "scientific survey", including carbon dating, to determine the age of a 'Shivling' which was said to have been found at the Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwala took note of the submissions of

senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for the Gyanvapi mosque management committee, and agreed to list the plea for hearing on Friday.

"The Allahabad High Court has passed an order pending the appeal," the senior lawyer said.

The Allahabad High Court on May 12 ordered determination of the age of the structure claimed to be Shivling in the Gyanvapi mosque using modern technology.

It set aside an October

14 order of the Varanasi District Court that rejected a plea for scientific investigation, including carbon dating, of the structure found in May 2022 during a court-mandated survey of the mosque located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple.

The high court directed the Varanasi district judge to proceed, in accordance with law, on the application by the Hindu worshippers for conducting a scientific probe of the 'Shivling'.

# 12 Injured After Bus Meets With Accident In Sikkim's Gangtok



GANGTOK (SIKKIM), May 18 (Agencies): As many as 12 children were injured after a private bus carrying 23 students, two staff and a driver met with an accident in Singbel, Makha under Gangtok district on Thursday.

According to the information, the 12 injured have been rushed to the STNM Hospital and Central Referral Hospital in Gangtok.

So far no casualties have been reported and three students are critical.



## Chinese envoy asks Australia to increase search for 39 aboard capsized fishing boat in Indian Ocean

Missing crew includes 17 from China, 17 from Indonesia and 5 from the Philippines

CANBERRA, May 18 (Agencies): A Chinese envoy asked Australian authorities on Thursday to increase efforts to find survivors in an Indian Ocean search for 39 missing from a capsized Chinese fishing boat.

Ambassador to Australia Xiao Qian said the Australian authority had already sent four airplanes and three ships to the search area, which is in the center of the Indian Ocean.

No survivors or life rafts have been spotted.

Xiao said China wanted to coordinate with "friendly countries," including Australia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, on the search and rescue effort following the capsizing on Tuesday.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the search coordinator, said the upturned hull was spotted on Tuesday from a cargo ship 5,000 kilometers (3,100 miles) northwest of the



Australian west coast city of Perth.

Chinese authorities say the missing crew includes 17 from China, 17 from Indonesia and five from the Philippines.

"We wish that they could send more — more aircraft, more ships and more staff," Xiao told reporters, referring to Australian authorities.

"We wish that our Australian colleagues would coordinate

with other international or foreign vessels or ships near that area ... to help the search and rescue to save as many lives as possible."

On Wednesday, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Li Qiang ordered Chinese diplomats, as well as the agriculture and transportation ministries, to assist in the search for survivors.

Australia, Indonesia and the

Philippines have also expressed their willingness to join in the search, and merchant and fishing vessels in the area searched for survivors Wednesday.

The search authority did not immediately respond to a request on Thursday for an update on the search and rescue operation.

Transport Minister Catherine King, who is responsible for the search authority, also did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

No word was given on the cause of the capsizing.

The capsized boat, Lu Peng Yuan Yu 028, was based in the eastern coastal province of Shandong, operated by the Penglai Jinglu Fishery Co. Ltd., according to reports. Another Chinese vessel, Lu Peng Yuan Yu 018, is operating near to the upturned hull and has been asked to conduct a grid search for survivors, according to Indonesian authorities.

## Over 1.5 million South Korean people at risk of 'lonely death', says government survey

SEOUL, May 18 (Agencies): More than 1.5 million South Korean people are at risk of a "lonely death", or unattended death, accounting for 3 per cent of the country's population, a government survey revealed on Thursday.

The Ministry of Health and Welfare said it had conducted the poll on a sample of 9,471 single-member households from November to December last year to check their circumstances that could possibly lead to a lonely death in the future, reports Yonhap News Agency.

The 10-step checklist includes questions about whether the respondent has social

interaction at least once a week or has relatives or friends to ask for help in case of illness, according to the Ministry.

According to the Lonely Death Prevention and Management Act, lonely death refers to a phenomenon of people with no relatives dying alone and remaining undiscovered for a certain period of time.

It is also called solitary or unattended death.

The Ministry said the survey showed 1.52 million people are highly likely exposed to lonely death, accounting for 3 per cent of the country's population of 50 million and 21.3 per cent of the total one-person households.

Among them, people

in their 50s made up 33.9 per cent, followed by those in their 60s and 40s with 30.2 per cent and 25.8 per cent, respectively.

People in their 20s and 30s accounted for 9.7 per cent and 16.6 per cent, respectively.

According to a separate Health Ministry report published last year, the country recorded 3,378 such deaths in 2021, growing at an average annual rate of 8.8 per cent over the past five years.

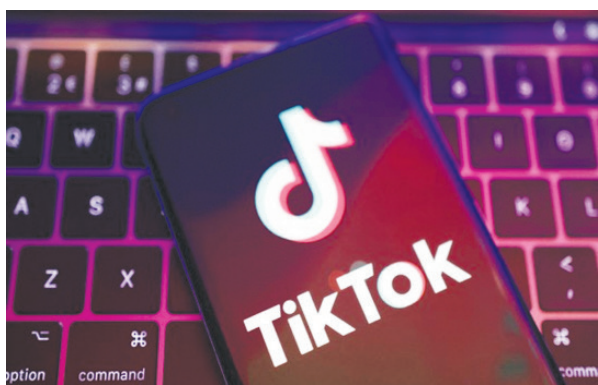
The Ministry said it will provide tailored public services for those people at risk and identify cases of social isolation in advance to reduce the number of lonely deaths by 20 per cent by 2027.

## Montana becomes first US state to ban TikTok completely

MONTANA (US), May 18 (Agencies): Amid a surge in security concerns, Montana has become the first US state to put a complete ban on video-sharing social networking app TikTok.

Taking to Twitter, the Republican Governor Greg Gianforte announced the ban on TikTok in Montana saying that it is done to protect Montanans' personal and private data from the Chinese Communist Party.

"TikTok is just one app tied to foreign adversaries. Today I directed the state's Chief Information Officer to ban any application that provides personal information or data to foreign adversaries from the state network," Gianforte tweeted. "I prohibited the use of TikTok on state devices which poses a significant risk to the security of our state and Montanans' sensitive data." Gianforte said that TikTok posed a "significant risk" to confidential state information when Montana banned the app on devices used



by the government in December 2022. Both the federal government and more than half of the states in the US have a comparable ban on video-sharing social networking platforms.

The ban will likely be challenged in court, and the TikTok-free America that many national lawmakers have envisioned will get a chance to test its viability here, according to LA Times.

Gianforte also said on Wednesday (local time) that as of June 1, no social media platforms linked to foreign enemies would be allowed to be used on government property or for official activities in Montana.

He mentioned a

number of apps, including WeChat, whose parent business is based in China, and Telegram Messenger, which was established in Russia.

The new law in Montana bans TikTok downloads within the state and fines any "entity"—such as an app store or TikTok—USD10,000 per day for each occasion when a user "is offered the ability" to visit the social media site or download the app. Users would not be subject to the fines, LA Times reported.

A request for a response was not immediately answered by TikTok, but the company has stated that it will battle to allow people of Montana to use the app.

## Pakistan heading towards imminent disaster, may face East Pakistan-like situation: Imran Khan

LAHORE, May 18 (Agencies): Pakistan is heading towards an imminent disaster and it may face disintegration, former prime minister Imran Khan has warned as he accused the ruling coalition of hatching a conspiracy to pit the army against his party.

In a video-link address from his Zaman Park residence here, the 70-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief said the only solution to end political instability was to hold elections.

"The PDM leaders and Nawaz Sharif, who is absconding in London, are least concerned whether the country's constitution is desecrated, state institutions are destroyed or even Pakistan Army earns a bad name. They are looking for their vested interests of saving the looted wealth alone," he said.

"I am seeing a frightening dream that the country is heading towards an imminent disaster. I appeal to the powers that be to let the elections take place and



save the country," Khan said as police have surrounded his home.

Speaking about the unrest that followed his arrest from the Islamabad High Court premises on May 9, Khan asserted that it was a "pure conspiracy" hatched and executed allegedly on behalf of the ruling coalition and the Punjab caretaker government.

"This is high time that the powers that be should sensibly rethink otherwise the country might face an East Pakistan-like situation," he was quoted as saying by Dawn newspaper.

Defending his criticism of the country's army, Khan said: "When I reprimand the army, it is like

of terrorists.

"But don't make this an excuse to launch a crackdown on the country's largest political party PTI," he said.

Khan said a recent survey revealed that Pakistan's 70 per cent population was standing with the PTI and the remaining 30 per cent people with all the parties that are part of the ruling coalition.

Following his video-link address, Khan allowed the electronic and digital media representatives access to his residence to see for themselves that there were no terrorists inside Zaman Park.

The media persons, who visited the house, later reported that there were only domestic workers and some policemen inside the house.

Earlier in the day, he tweeted: "Probably my last tweet before my next arrest. Police have surrounded my house".

He also posted some videos showing police taking positions outside his house.

The arrest of Khan on

May 9 by the paramilitary Pakistan Rangers at the IHC premises triggered unrest in Pakistan. For the first time in Pakistan's history, the protesters stormed the army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi and also torched a corps commander's house in Lahore.

Police put the death toll in violent clashes to 10 while Khan's party claims 40 of its workers lost their lives in the firing by security personnel.

On Monday the top military brass vowed to bring the arsonists, who attacked the civil and military installations, to justice through trial under relevant laws of the country, including the Pakistan Army Act and Official Secrets Act.

Khan was ousted from power in April last year after losing a no-confidence vote in his leadership, which he alleged was part of a US-led conspiracy targeting him because of his independent foreign policy decisions on Russia, China and Afghanistan.

## Myanmar military imported \$1 billion in weapons since 2021 coup: UN report

At least 3,500 civilians have been killed since the coup and 1.5 million people have been forcibly displaced, says UN expert

UNITED NATIONS, May 18 (Agencies): Myanmar's military has imported at least USD 1 billion worth of weapons and related material from Russia, China and other countries since its February 2021 coup, some of which it has used to carry out atrocities against civilians, according to a UN report released.

The weapons continue to flow to the military despite overwhelming evidence of its responsibility for the atrocities, including some that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, said Tom Andrews, the UN independent investigator on human rights in Myanmar.

As an example of what he called the junta's brutality, Andrews pointed to its April 11 airstrike using a Russian Yak-130 fighter jet on a ceremony attended by some 300 opponents of army rule, which was quickly followed by an attack by

Russian Mi-35 helicopters on those who came to help. He said at least 160 people were killed, including many children.

In addition, the machine guns and bombs used in the attacks included parts and materials from companies located in Singapore, China and Thailand, he said.

Myanmar is mired in strife because of a political crisis unleashed when the military took power. Its takeover prompted widespread peaceful protests that security forces suppressed with deadly force, triggering armed resistance throughout the country that the army has been unable to quell.

Andrews said at least 22,000 political prisoners have been detained since the coup, at least 3,500 civilians have been killed and 1.5 million people have been forcibly displaced.

The report documents over 12,500 purchases that were shipped direct-

ly to the Myanmar military or known Myanmar arms dealers working for the military from Feb. 1, 2021, when the military ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi, until December 2022, Andrews said at a news conference.

He said the volume and diversity of equipment the military received was "staggering," ranging from fighter jets and attack helicopters and drones to advanced missile systems, tank upgrades, sophisticated communications equipment, radar complexes and components for naval ships.

Andrews, a former Democratic congressman from Maine, said he had received "highly credible and detailed information from confidential sources" identifying the major networks and companies involved in the arms trade with Myanmar.

The report to the Geneva-based Human Rights Council identifies USD



406 million in weapons and material that went to the Myanmar military from Russia, USD 267 million from China, USD 254 million from Singapore, USD 51 million from India and USD 28 million from Thailand.

Since the coup, the report said, 28 Russian private and state-owned companies have transferred fighter jets and their spare parts, advanced missile systems, reconnaissance and attack drones, attack helicopters and other systems to the junta.

The report identified 41

private and state-owned companies registered in China and Hong Kong that supplied the Myanmar military with an extensive array of arms, equipment and raw materials between October 2021 and December 2022, including advanced trainer jets, light attack aircraft, tank upgrades and repairs for Chinese fighter jets, which make up the Myanmar Air Force fleet, the report said.

They also supplied aluminum, copper, steel, rubber and lubricants for use in Myanmar's domestic weapons man-

ufacturing, it said.

Unlike with Russia and China, and to a lesser extent India, Andrews said he received no information indicating that the governments of Singapore or Thailand approved or transferred arms to the Myanmar military.

He said companies in Singapore are of critical importance to the junta, having supplied spare parts, raw materials and manufacturing equipment, especially for Myanmar's KaPaSa weapons factories. Thai companies have done the same, the report said.

Twelve Thai companies were established after the coup, many by sanctioned arms networks already operating in Singapore, which suggests arms dealers may be looking at Thailand as an alternative route to avoid scrutiny, the report said.

Andrews said Singapore has a policy prohibiting the transfer of

arms to Myanmar, and he reported his detailed findings to the government, which he said expressed appreciation for the information and indicated it was reviewing the effectiveness of its export controls.

If the Singapore government stopped all arms shipments to the Myanmar military, he said, the impact on the ability of the junta to manufacture arms "would be significant."

Andrews said China and Russia both criticized the report, saying it went beyond his human rights mandate, and accused him of "vilifying legitimate arms trade." He countered that "identifying the sources of gross human rights violations and atrocities, including crimes against humanity and war crimes, is within my mandate and in my moral obligation."

Andrews said India responded to the report's findings that 22 state-owned and

private firms shipped a coastal surveillance system, a remote-controlled weapons system, components from an ammunition and missile manufacturer, and 122 mm howitzer barrels by saying these involved contracts with the previous civilian government.

A.U.N. General Assembly resolution adopted on June 18, 2021, calls upon all member states to prevent the flow of arms into Myanmar, but unlike a Security Council resolution it is not legally binding. The United States, United Kingdom, European Union, Canada and Switzerland have imposed sanctions on arms dealers providing support to the military.

Andrews said the sanctions weren't coordinated and have been largely ineffective. He called for countries to impose coordinated sanctions that target the networks that procure weapons and also the junta's finances.



## Mega Plantation Drive commenced at Liktsky village

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LEH, May 18: The Mega Plantation Drive organised by Live to Love, Young Drukpa Association, Trees for Life in association with LAHDC Leh, commenced yesterday at Liktsky village in Rong Churgyud.

Lieutenant Governor, Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) along with CEC Tashi Gyalson, Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; EC Stanzin Chosphele, HE Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche and HE Drubpon Khamtak Rinpoche Jigmet Nawang Namgyal inaugurated the mega plantation drive in which around 1.5 lakh tree saplings were planted.

The mega plantation drive is an initiative to tackle the issue of climate change for the protection of the environment and to improve the green cover in Ladakh as per the vision of His Holiness Gyalwang Drukpa Rinpoche.

Gyalwang Drukpa Rinpoche, in a video message, expressed his gratitude to all the participants and supporters for making the plantation drive successful. He highlighted



the importance of taking necessary initiatives to preserve our fragile environment.

LG, Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), appreciating the organisers and all the organisations/departments, the elected representatives/villagers of the Rong Churgyud area along with monks/nuns for conducting the plantation drive at such a large scale, HLG stated that the sapling will turn into an orchard and attract everyone to the place and will prove beneficial for the current as well as the future generations. He stated that more such plantation drives should be carried out in Ladakh. He also informed about the plan to establish a co-ed Sainik School with best faculty in Ladakh to provide the best possible education to the youth

of Ladakh. He sought cooperation from the people of Ladakh in this regard and also to make Ladakh a 'Corruption and Delay-Free' UT. He hoped to see Ladakh grow into one of the best Union Territories of India.

CEC Tashi Gyalson appreciated the effort of the Khamtak Rinpoche and all the people and organisations engaged in making the plantation drive successful. He emphasised the importance of the plantation of trees and their role in tackling the issue of carbon emission and climate change. He highlighted the importance of planting cash crops such as apples and apricots for the benefit of the farmers. CEC Tashi Gyalson highlighted the support provided by LAHDC Leh for making the plantation drive suc-

cessful. MP Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal also appreciated the organisers for organizing this Mega Plantation Drive. He addressed about the evidence for the rapid climate change and it is compelling, to combat that Mega Plantation Drive like this seems to be necessary. He appreciated efforts of every organisations/departments, the elected representatives/villagers for organising event on such a large scale.

Representatives from religious organisations also addressed the gathering and appreciated the efforts of the organising committee under the guidance of His Eminence Drubpon Khamtak Rinpoche Jigmet Nawang Namgyal.

All the dignitaries were

felicitated by the organisers during the event.

A vibrant cultural performance was showcased by the villagers and students of the Lalok area along with a dragon dance by the Kungfu Nuns from the Drukpa sect during the closing ceremony.

Gyalwa Dokhampa; Thuksey Rinpoche; Khamtak Rinpoche; Chosam Rinpoche; Kunga Pinpoche; Tsamtrul Rinpoche; Gomchan Tulku; Lt. Governor of Ladakh; Chairman/CEC, Tashi Gyalson; MP Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal. Executive Councillor Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphele; DC Leh, Councillors from Lamayuru, Thiksey, Temisgam, Lower Leh, Phyang, Kungyam; sarpanch and namdars from different villages, President LBA, Anjuman Imamia and Anjuman Moin-ul Islam; Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Nyoma; officials from Ladakh Police, Indian Army, ITBP and volunteers from across Ladakh Ladakh Police DSP; District and Sub-divisional officers, officers from Indian Army & ITBP and volunteers from across Ladakh were present during the event.

## Apni Party committed for dignified future of J&K youth: Vipul Bali

**Demands NTF exams of J&K students within UT**



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 18: Apni Party Youth Wing Provincial President, Jammu, Vipul Bali said that Apni Party is committed toward a dignified, peaceful, and prosperous future for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a meeting cum joining programme which was organized by Shivani Koul, Provincial President, Jammu, Youth Wing, Vipul Bali said that the Apni Party is committed to provide a dignified, peaceful and prosperous life to the youth and women of Jammu and Kashmir.

Bali said that the party has highlighted the issues of unemployment, and unbiased recruitment processes and resolved issues confronted by the youth in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The educated youth are becoming over-aged in absence of employment opportunities in the Govt sector. The youth in J&K are mainly dependent upon the Govt sector jobs, and these jobs are not being advertised. However, the vacant posts on which the recruitment was conducted turned into major

scams," he added.

Besides, he also welcomed the statement of Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari who demanded that NTA exams should be conducted within J&K not outside the Union Territory. He also demanded that the NTF exams should be conducted in J&K for the students of the UT.

Meanwhile, over a dozen people joined the Apni Party. Those who joined Apni Party include Puneet Bhat, Akshit Raina, Akash Raina, Danish Gupta, Karan Rajput, Tarun Bharti, Karishma Kanth and others.

Besides, Apni Party Provincial President, Women Wing, Jammu, Pavneet Kour said that the women in Jammu and Kashmir need to be socially, economically and politically empowerment. She said that the Apni Party has given ample opportunity to the women.

District President Youth Wing, Shivam Choudhary, District President Women Wing, Ritu Pandita, District Vice President Sandeep Vaid, District Vice President, Abhinav Gupta and others were present on the occasion.

## BJP Govt failed to fulfil promises made to people: Rattan Lal

**Border Bns, 5 Marla plots were all lies, befooling tactics**

Top News Report

HIRANAGAR, May 18: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President National Conference Jammu accused the BJP Government at the Centre of not fulfilling the promises it had made to people in the run-up to election.

The NC stalwart leader said this while addressing a workers meeting in Hiranagar on Thursday. The meeting was presided by Sham Narian Mehta District President Kathua Rural.

Raising the burning issues of border dwellers living along the

IB and LoC, Rattan Lal said that starting from Lakhapur to Uri in extreme north of the state, the people residing in border and Kandi belts are facing numerous problems but the BJP dispensation at the Centre and its proxy administration in J&K are doing nothing except rhetoric and showing dreams to the people with more and more promises made every day as if those sitting at helm will provide moon and stars to the people.

Gupta said that people are lurching for basic amenities while the promises made regarding border battalions, 5 marla plots to border



dwellers have turned out to be all lies. He said that the people of J&K have now understood well

that BJP leadership has expertise in befooling public and telling lies, therefore it is the time for one

and all in the UT to extend wholehearted support to NC leadership in the upcoming political contests viz Assembly polls, etc to bail out people from the morass created by BJP Government at the Centre.

"The summer has just begun and already the people are facing dearth of potable water and electricity with no answers coming from the people sitting at helm and despite out of proportion hikes in bills. The healthcare edifice is also in shambles with shortage of medicos in each healthcare facility without any exception, showing indifference of those manning these institutions", Gupta said,

adding that people should make up their mind to oust the incompetent dispensation both from J&K and the Centre and give a chance to NC to once again steer J&K and fulfill the aspirations of the people as it did in the past by taking along all the segments of the society and creating social harmony, which is missing these days under BJP regime, which is divisive by choice. He also said that farmers in the region are not getting hybrid seeds and there is acute shortage of fertilizers, making it difficult for the tiller community to get good yield of their crops as the dispensation is in slumber.

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### Union cabinet reshuffle: Arjun Meghwal new law minister, Kiren Rijiju gets earth sciences

charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice along with his current ministry.

### Karnataka CM suspense ends, Siddaramaiah to be next CM with DKS as DyCM

The announcement will be made on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting in Bengaluru.

The party source said that the swearing-in ceremony will take place on May 20 afternoon in Bengaluru.

The Congress was facing a major challenge as both veteran leaders — Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar were vying for the top post in the state.

On Monday, the three central observers had submitted the report of CLP meeting and their voting through the secret ballot with Kharge.

After several rounds of meeting senior leaders, Kharge finally on intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday finalised the name of Siddaramaiah as the next Karnataka Chief Minister.

Kharge, 81, had held discussion with former party chief Rahul Gandhi, party general secretary K.C. Venugopal and party Karnataka unit in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, besides the two Karnataka leaders since Monday afternoon.

The Congress had won 135 out of 224 seats in the recently concluded Karnataka Assembly polls whereas the ruling BJP was reduced to 66 and the JD-S to 19 seats.

### Kisan Sampark Abhiyan | Over one lakh farmers attend orientation as

### prog reaches 1000 panchayats in J&K

August 31 and has been planned under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), a turnaround programme which has been approved in the Agriculture sector by the UT Govt recently.

He added that all of the Districts in the UT are holding the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan -Orientation programme at the same time. The first three days of the week are designated for the program's operation.

"The government has released a thorough calendar that is specific to each district. Officers and Officials from the Agriculture, Animal/Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture, Sericulture, and Fisheries Departments who were trained in advance during the 641 training sessions that were held throughout all districts from January to April are acting as the resource persons for the farmer's orientations," Dulloo stated.

He said that a creative method has been implemented to use short films/videos to describe the various initiatives and projects, adding, "the farmers will be shown a total of 49 short films/videos about HADP and other centrally supported programmes at various locations in J&K."

"More than 1100 applications have also been received on the Kisan Sathi Portal from farmers across the UT under various schemes, which are under various stages of processing," he revealed.

### Increase night-patroling, target OGW network: DGP Dilbagh Singh to Officers

hinterland security grid and enjoined upon officers to focus on counter-terrorist operations and to target the OGW network if any. He also stressed for strengthening measures for intelligence collection, especially at ground level and its sharing among the forces.

While reviewing the arrangements and deployment plans for the forthcoming G20

event, DGP discussed in detail all the arrangements to be made for the smooth conduct of the event and directed officers to ensure that all the necessary arrangements are in place well in time. Emerging challenges and their countermeasures were also threadbare discussed during the meeting. Singh emphasized on coordinated security arrangements for the event among all the forces besides civil administration. DGP also stressed for reviewing all the arrangements jointly by all the stakeholders to ensure synergy and better coordination," the DGP said.

### Inquiry into misuse of bio-metric attendance in govt departments in Ramban

attendance despite having bio metric machines at their offices.

He said that on one hand Rs 15 lakh have been issued by education department in Ramban district to purchase bio metric machines but so far most of the schools in Ramban district are using mobile phones to mark their attendance.

He said he will sought a report from chief education officer Ramban on the issue.

### Panthers Bickerings, Bhim Singh's Son Sacks Party President

when alive." Love implored the BJP to launch a full investigation into their Jammu and Kashmir wing to find out who exactly was responsible for tempting and inspiring Vilakshan Singh to orchestrate such a gruesome act.

Love asserted that Vilakshan Singh must cease and desist using the name and image of Love's father Prof. Bhim Singh, JKNPP, and the bicycle election symbol immediately. Love also filed FIRs with JK police against Vilakshan Singh for theft of Love's father Prof. Bhim Singh's properties, which include 2 Rajinder Bazar, Jammu worth around 5 cores, and another property

in Sidhra, Jammu worth around 2 cores.

Love emphasized, "If there was any doubt prior, let it be completely crystal clear now, the fact of the matter is, Vilakshan Singh is expelled from Panthers Party. All other members associating with him from henceforth will be expelled. His obnoxious and continuous attempt to profiteer from intellectual and real property theft, betrayal, deceit, and blatantly lying on television was below any level of decency. This is in light of the gravest seriousness of FIRs lodged against him last week that include conspiracy to murder my mother."

Earlier, Ankit Love, in an interview given on J&K Channel, Udhampur, stated that his mother, Jay Mala, 64, was assassinated by his cousins Mrignayani Slathia and her brother Vilakshan Singh. Love is certain that the murder of both his parents is ultimately the work of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Love also requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to conduct the inquiry that his mother had so passionately requested.

Love's father Prof. Bhim Singh, 80, and Jay Mala are both founders of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP), the only recognized party from the Jammu province.

### BJP and it's allies staring at defeat in JK: Farooq Abdullah

and dedication were the defining characteristics of his personality, which will be remembered by all those who had the opportunity to work with him. May his departed soul rest in peace in the highest echelons of Jannat, and may the bereaved family find the strength to bear this irreparable loss."

During a subsequent media interaction, he stated that the NC is prepared for all types of elections, including Panchayat, ULB, BDC, and assembly elections.

"The NC is crucial for the revival and restoration of J&K's economy and pride. Our party cadre is ready for the polls whenever they are held. People across J&K are also preparing to teach the ruling party a lesson

through their votes. Following the electoral setback in Karnataka, the BJP is poised to face another defeat in J&K. It is evident that the promises made by the BJP since 2019 will be scrutinized, and they cannot evade elections for long. Sooner or later, they will have to face the consequences, and the people will punish them for deceiving them," he said.

When reflecting on the ongoing works for the upcoming G20 summit in Srinagar, he added, "Development is always welcome. Who wouldn't want progress and development to occur?"(KNO)

### Youth injured due to electrocution succumbs after 11 Days

while installing CCTV cameras for a local army unit nearby the camp in Sopore town. He said that in the incident, the youth identified as Danish was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, where from he was referred to Srinagar. "However, after 11 days Danish succumbed to his injuries today morning," the official said.

Meanwhile, a senior police official said, "Danish had received grievous injuries due to accidental electric shock on May 07 and today morning he succumbed to his injuries during treatment." "Local administration, police and army provided all the required assistance to the family during the hospitalisation of the injured youth. Further, all necessary support is being provided to the family," he said.

### MeT predicts afternoon, Evening showers in JK

low of 24.0°C against 22.6°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 13.1°C (below normal by 1.4°C), Batote 14.7°C (0.6°C above normal), Katra 19.6°C (1.3°C below normal), and Bhaderwah 12.2°C (below normal by 1.8°C). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of 4.4°C and 7.0°C respectively, he said.



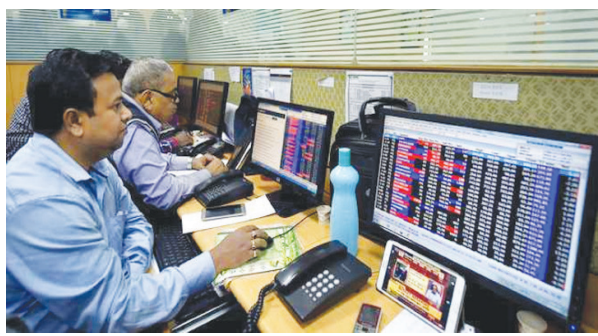
## Markets bounce back after 2 days of fall amid rally in global equities

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 395.26 points to 61,955.90 in early trade

MUMBAI, May 18 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices climbed in early trade on Thursday, bouncing back from a two-day fall, amid a rally in the global stock markets and continuous foreign fund inflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 395.26 points to 61,955.90 in early trade. The NSE Nifty jumped 115.45 points to 18,297.20.

Among the Sensex firms, Bajaj Finance, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Steel, Kotak Mahin-



dra Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Nestle, HDFC and Bharti Airtel were the biggest gainers.

Mahindra & Mahindra, Titan, Tech Mahindra, Larsen & Toubro, Hindustan Unilever and

Tata Motors were the laggards.

In Asia, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong markets were trading in the green.

The US market had ended with significant gains on Wednesday.

## NDTV plans to launch 9 news channels in different languages

New Delhi Television Ltd is owned by Adani Group

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): Media firm New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV), now owned by the Adani Group, on Thursday said it plans to launch nine news channels in different Indian languages in phases.

The board of the company, at its meeting held on Thursday, has "approved a proposal to seek the permission of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for the launch of nine news channels in different Indian languages in phases," NDTV said in a regulatory filing.



It will intimate the stock exchanges on the launch date of the said

channels post receipt of approval from the Ministry of Information &

Broadcasting, it added.

Last year in December, the Adani Group had gained full control of news broadcaster NDTV after it acquired most of the stake of the founders—Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy—at a premium of almost 17 per cent over the rate it had paid to minority shareholders of the firm.

AMG Media Networks Ltd (AMNL), through its indirect subsidiary RRP Holding Private Limited, had acquired a 27.26 per cent stake in NDTV, resulting in a controlling stake of

64.71 per cent in NDTV by AMNL through its subsidiaries.

NDTV's revenue for the financial year ended on March 31, 2023, was at Rs 220.65 crore.

Earlier this month, NDTV in its earnings statement for FY23 had said: "The new management and board are taking steps to invest in content, marketing, and distribution initiatives, to create a strong foundation for long-term growth and scale-up its presence across segments."

## Cabinet clears Rs 17,000-crore IT Hardware PLI Scheme 2.0

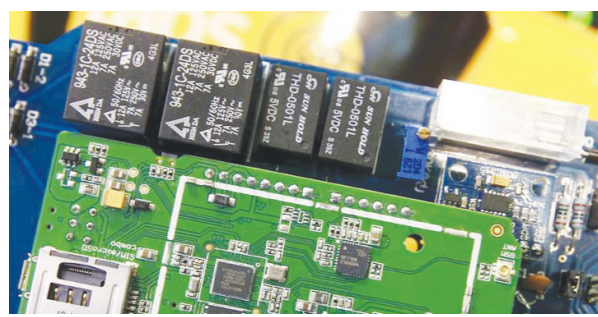
NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware with a budgetary outlay of Rs 17,000 crore.

"For IT PLI, the budgetary outlay is Rs 17,000 crore. The tenure of the programme is six years," Union Minister for IT and Telecom Ashwini Vaishnaw told reporters after the Cabinet meeting.

PLI Scheme 2.0 for IT hardware covers laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, servers and ultra-small form factor devices.

The minister said the scheme is expected to lead to incremental production of Rs 3.35 lakh crore, incremental investment of Rs 2,430 crore and create incremental direct employment for 75,000 people during the scheme period.

The government in February 2021 approved



the PLI scheme for IT hardware, covering the production of laptops, tablets, All-in-One PCs and servers with an outlay of Rs 7,350 crore.

However, industry players had request-

ed the government to enhance outlay for the segment. The PLI Scheme, launched in April 2020, has given a massive boost to electronics manufacturing in the country.

## RBI allows SBI Funds to buy 9.99% stake in HDFC Bank

MUMBAI, May 18 (Agencies): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its approval to SBI Funds Management (SBIFML) to acquire up to 9.99% stake in HDFC Bank, the private sector lender said.

The approval has been granted with reference to the application made by SBIFML to RBI, HDFC Bank said in an exchange filing.

"...we would like to inform you that the RBI vide its letter dated May



16, 2023 addressed to SBIFML, has accorded its approval to SBIFML for acquiring up to

9.99% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights of HDFC Bank Limited," the bank said.

It further said SBIFML has been advised by RBI to acquire the major shareholding in the bank within a period of six months (by November 15, 2023).

SBIFML has to ensure that the aggregate holding in the bank remains below 10% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights of the HDFC Bank at all times.

HDFC Bank shares closed at Rs 1,638.65 apiece on BSE, down 0.49%.

## Study discovers combining swallowable gastric balloon, anti-obesity drug boosts weight loss

Balloon usually stays in patient for 15-17 weeks, with an average of 16 weeks before being excreted naturally

WASHINGTON, May 18 (Agencies): Researchers discovered a new treatment for overweight and obesity that combines the world's first and only procedureless swallowable gastric balloon—which is placed without surgery, endoscopy, or anaesthesia and naturally passes out of the body after approximately 16 weeks and the commonly prescribed anti-obesity drug liraglutide is a safe and effective way to boost weight loss.

Dr Roberta Ienca of the Nuova Villa Claudia Clinic in Rome, Italy, and colleagues presented an international multi-center study at this year's European Congress on Obesity (ECO) in Dublin, Ireland (17-20 May) that builds on previous studies that show that the Allurion Balloon (known as Elixir) folded into a swallowable vegan capsule is a simple, safe, and effective method for weight loss.

Glucagon like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RAs) like liraglutide (Saxenda) have also been shown to be effective in treating obesity and type 2 diabetes by enhancing feelings of fullness (satiety) and suppressing appetite.

In this study, researchers evaluated the efficacy and safety of the Allurion Balloon in combination with the commonly prescribed weight-loss drug liraglutide. A total of 181 patients (145 women and 36 men) were enrolled—their average age was 44 years old, average weight before



treatment was 94.8Kg, and average initial body mass index (BMI) was 33.7kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

The patients were treated at three international multidisciplinary obesity centres in Italy, Spain and Egypt.

The balloon is swallowed and filled with liquid after it reaches the stomach. Placement is performed in a 20-minute outpatient visit. The balloon usually stays in the patient for 15-17 weeks, with an average of 16 weeks. It is then excreted naturally.

Between week 4 and 16 after balloon placement, liraglutide was added once daily to enhance weight loss and maximise the results to increase patient satisfaction. All 181 patients received liraglutide. Patients' reasons for adding liraglutide were: unsatisfactory weight loss (53%), reduction of balloon induced satiety (29%), to further boost successful weight loss (16%) and diabetes control in those with satisfactory weight loss (2%).

After 16 weeks of balloon treatment, participants lost an average 13kg and 14% of their

initial body weight (well above the 5-10% considered clinically meaningful weight loss). In addition, on average they shed 74% of excess weight (calculated using a reference normal BMI of 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) and reduced their BMI by 4.5kg/m<sup>2</sup>. As patients began their liraglutide treatment before the balloon was excreted, these first results include the early effects of liraglutide in most cases.

Once the balloon passed out of the body, patients were transitioned to a Mediterranean diet for weight maintenance and followed for at least 6 months.

At the end of the treatment with liraglutide (the average duration was four months for liraglutide treatment), participants lost on average 18kg and 19% of their initial body weight. In addition, on average they shed 99% of their excess weight and reduced their BMI by 5.9kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

No serious adverse events were recorded. Other balloon related adverse events including nausea, vomiting

and abdominal cramps were managed with medication. In addition, four participants had the balloon removed due to intolerance, gastric dilation, or early balloon deflation.

Liraglutide related adverse events included nausea (16.5%), diarrhoea (3.3%), constipation (2.2%) and headache (1.7%). Overall, four participants discontinued drug therapy because of tachycardia/chest pain or gastrointestinal symptoms.

The authors explain that, although more effective than drugs, diet, and exercise, intra-gastric balloon uptake has been limited due to the need for endoscopy for placement.

"These two treatment approaches appear to have complementary mechanisms of action in a geographically and demographically diverse population," said Dr Ienca. "The Allurion Program delivers excellent weight loss in individuals with overweight and obesity without going under the knife, and liraglutide has the potential to further safely enhance weight loss in case of suboptimal adherence with the programme and for patients that are aiming to further boost the results of treatment." She added, "The ease of use, low rate of adverse events, and potentially lower cost of the Allurion Program could enable much wider application of this critical intervention and, ultimately, help the millions who struggle with obesity and its associated health complications."

## Possible mechanism behind triggering of multiple sclerosis uncovered

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): Researchers have found further evidence for how the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) triggers the neurological disease multiple sclerosis (MS) or drives disease progression.

The herpesvirus EBV, one of the most widespread viruses in humans, has infected over 90 per cent of the world's population, who carry the virus for life as a latent and a usually asymptomatic infection. Most people are infected as children with few or no symptoms but in young adults, the virus often causes infectious mononucleosis, also known as glandular fever or kissing disease.

This study from the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden is published in the journal Science Advances.

Previous studies have established a link between EBV and MS, with increasing evidence suggesting that EBV infection precedes MS and that antibodies against the virus may be involved.

This study uncovered the molecular mechanisms involved, which seemed to vary between patients and remained largely unknown, the researchers said.

"We have discovered that certain antibodies against the Epstein-Barr virus, which would normally fight the infection, can mistakenly target the brain and spinal cord and cause damage," said Olivia Thomas, postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Karolinska Institutet and shared first author of the paper. Analysing blood samples from more than 700 patients with MS and 700 healthy individuals, the researchers found that antibodies that bind to a certain protein in the Epstein-Barr virus, EBNA1, can also bind to a similar protein in the brain and spinal cord called CRYAB, whose role is to prevent protein aggregation during conditions of cellular stress such as inflammation.

They said that these misdirected, cross-reactive antibodies may damage the nervous system and cause severe symptoms in MS patients, including problems with balance, mobility and fatigue.

These antibodies were present in about 23 per cent of MS patients and 7 per cent of control individuals. "This shows that, whilst these antibody responses are not required for disease development, they may be involved in disease in up to a quarter of MS patients."

"This also demonstrates the high variation between patients, highlighting the need for personalised therapies. Current therapies are effective at reducing relapses in MS but unfortunately, none can prevent disease progression."

"MS is an incredibly complex disease, but our study provides an important piece in the puzzle and could explain why some people develop the disease," said Thomas.

## Cancer cells use new fuel in absence of sugar: Study

WASHINGTON, May 18 (Agencies): A new nutrition source for pancreatic cancer cells has been discovered by researchers at the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Centre. Uridine is a substance that provides insight into both biological processes and potential treatment paths.

The findings, published in Nature, show that cancer cells can adapt when they don't have access to glucose. Researchers have previously identified other nutrients that serve as fuel sources for pancreatic cancer; this study adds uridine to the catalog.

Pancreatic tumours have few functioning blood vessels and can't easily access nutrients that come from the bloodstream, like glucose. Costas Lyssiotis, Ph.D., Maisel Research Professor of Oncology and lead investigator of the study, explained that without the right nutrients, the cancer cells get hungry. "We know they still grow, obviously, but what are they using to grow?" he said. "These findings show that, under certain circumstances, uridine is one of those fuels."

Asked about impact, Zeribe Nwosu, Ph.D., one of the co-first authors in the study, says "the ability of cancer to switch to alternative

nutrients has fascinated me for a long time. Blocking such compensatory switches could lead us to new treatments and that's the door we hope this study will open."

Uridine is present in the tumor microenvironment, but its exact source, and how cancer cells access it, remains a mystery. "Part of the picture is it's in the bloodstream, but we don't know where it's coming from specifically," said Lyssiotis. "Likely, it's coming from multiple places, and so far we haven't been able to pin it to a single source." Events that Lyssiotis refers to as "times of crisis" — when cells don't have enough nutrients, because of limited blood access and/or intense competition between cells — could be a clue as to why, and where, cells turn to uridine. "The cancer cells seem to be sensing the concentrations of glucose and uridine in the local environment to inform their adaptation," says Matt Ward, another co-first author. Lyssiotis' team recognises this unknown regulatory process, as well as a cancer-promoting mutation in the KRAS gene, which is common in pancreatic cancer, as two ways that cancer cells control their usage of uridine. Lyssiotis and his team have been working on this research for nearly

a decade alongside their collaborators in the Sadanandam lab at the Institute for Cancer Research in London. They used a technology that screens hundreds of different nutrients to see which ones support pancreatic cancer growth. Typically, researchers look at standard nutrients like sugar, protein and fat, but Lyssiotis' team took an unbiased approach. "We used a large panel with over 200 pancreatic cell lines and around 200 different nutrients to assess different ways pancreatic cancer cells grow," he explained. "What do they actually metabolise? This method led us to discover uridine." This method offers therapeutic insight, too. The findings showed that uridine is metabolized by the enzyme uridine phosphorylase-1, or UPP1. Blocking UPP1 had a major impact on the growth of pancreatic tumors in mice, findings that suggest the importance of testing drugs that block uridine as possible new treatment options. "There's potential to better understand and treat pancreatic cancer with new drug targets and new therapeutic approaches," said Sadanandam, co-author on the study.

More research is needed to determine the best way to move this discovery to the clinic.



## “16 Points Can Miss Out, 15 Can Qualify”: Ex-India Star On IPL 2023 Playoffs Race

The former India opener came up with an interesting post about the surprising scenarios that can emerge in the IPL 2023 playoffs race

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): The race for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 playoffs is slowly gaining momentum and as of now, eight teams are still in fray for securing the Top 4 slots. While Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad missed out on qualification following disappointing performances in the competition, the other eight teams still have chances to move up in IPL 2023. Gujarat Titans are the only side as of now who are guaranteed a spot in the knockout stage. Former Indian cricket team opener Aakash Chopra took to Twitter to talk about the scenarios and how the race can bring some surprises.

“Teams with 15 points can qualify. And teams with 16



points can miss out for the playoffs. What an incredible season we've had... Both CSK and LSG can reach 17. Quali-

fication confirmed. Both of them can finish with 15...and qualify if PBKS, RCB or MI don't reach 16. If both CSK & LSG reach

17...and MI-PBKS-RCB finish with 16...team with the best NRR will qualify. Kya season hai.”

The playoff scenario is extremely interesting at the moment as there is a chance that teams with 15 points can qualify despite 16 points being considered as the safe spot. Both Lucknow Super Giants and Chennai Super Kings can finish at 15 points and qualify depending on all the other results.

On the other hand, Royal Challengers Bangalore and Mumbai Indians can end up reaching the 16-point mark but one of them can miss out if CSK and LSG reach 17 points with wins in their last games. In that situation, the net run rate will come into play for the other sides.

## Yarraji blurs to gold in 12.89s



RANCHI, May 18 (Agencies): Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m hurdles gold with ease and bettered her own meet record on the penultimate day of the Federation Cup Senior Athletics Championships here.

Yarraji, representing Andhra Pradesh, had set a meet record (13.18 seconds) in the heats

yesterday. She further improved the record to 12.89 seconds on her way to winning gold.

She also ran inside the qualification standard of 13.63 seconds set by the Athletics Federation of India for the Asian Championships to be held in Bangkok on July 12-16.

Tamil Nadu's R Nithya Ramraj was a

distant second with a time of 13.44 seconds, while Sapna Kumari of Jharkhand was third with 13.58 seconds.

As expected, the men's 110m hurdles gold went to Maharashtra's Tejas Ashok Shirse, who clocked 13.72 seconds.

Punjab's Twinkle will be the one to watch out for in the final of the women's 800m tomorrow. In her heat today, she clocked 2 minutes, 5.39 seconds to breach the Asian Championships qualifying mark of 2:05.74. On the men's side, Anshu Chaudhary of Himachal Pradesh clocked 1:49.73 in his heat, while Anu Kumar of Uttarakhand clocked 1:49.93.

Towards the end of the day, rain and thunderstorm hit the Birsamunda Stadium causing a blackout.

## India, Pak to renew football rivalry soon

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): India and Pakistan are set to renew their football rivalry after nearly five years as the two neighbouring countries have been clubbed in the same group in the SAFF Cup to be held in Bengaluru from June 21 to July 4.

The draw for the 14th edition of the tournament was held here today with defending champions India, Pakistan, Kuwait and Nepal being clubbed in Group A. Lebanon, Maldives, Bangladesh and Bhutan are in Group B. The group matches will be played in a round-robin league format and the top two teams in each



group will qualify for the semifinals of the eight-nation regional tournament at the Kanteerava Stadium.

Lebanon and Kuwait — the two countries outside of South Asia — were invited to make the tournament more competitive. Lebanon are the highest ranked side at 99th, while Pakistan are the lowest at 195th. India are the second-

highest ranked side at 101st.

The Indo-Pak Group A match will be played on June 21 in the second match of the opening day after Kuwait face Nepal in the inaugural game.

India and Pakistan last played against each other in 2018 in the semifinals of the SAFF Cup in Dhaka. India won that match 3-1.

## Nick Kyrgios Out Of French Open Because Of Foot Hurt In Robbery: Agent

PARIS, May 18 (Agencies): Nick Kyrgios's withdrawal from the French Open was because of a cut foot sustained when a man allegedly stole his car at gunpoint, his agent says, rather than knee surgery. The French Tennis Federation said this week the Australian would miss Roland Garros due to surgery in January to repair a torn left meniscus. But his agent told The Canberra Times the knee was “fine” and a nasty cut to the foot was why he would not be in Paris next week. “The knee surgery went as well as it possibly could and his rehabilitation was fan-



tastic and we were at the point where we were doing on-court loading and management,” Daniel Horsfall told the newspaper.

“We needed to be at a point that he could comfortably play five sets. Right when we

two weeks now.”

Court documents cited by national broadcaster ABC earlier this month alleged that a man pointed a gun at Kyrgios's mother before stealing his lime-green Tesla near his home in Canberra.

The 28-year-old Kyrgios, who was nearby, called police and using an app on his phone helped them track his car's location. It is not clear how he cut his foot.

The 2022 Wimbledon finalist, ranked 26 in the world, has not played the French Open since a second-round exit in 2017.

He has never flourished on the Roland-

Garros clay, reaching the third round on just two of the five times he has played there.

Kyrgios has had a troubled year, pleading guilty in February to assaulting a former girlfriend. He avoided a conviction for what the magistrate called a “single act of stupidity”.

His grandmother died this week.

“Seems like I can't catch a break right now,” Kyrgios said on social media, accompanied by photos of his late “Yiayia” — the Greek word for grandmother.

“RIP Yiayia, the best we could ask for. Go enjoy your time with Papou now.”

## Italian Open: Elena Rybakina advances to semis after Iga Swiatek retires due to injury

ROME, May 18 (Agencies): Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina had luck go in her favour after she advanced to the semi-final of the Italian Open. She went through after Iga Swiatek retired from the quarterfinal match due to injury with the scoreline reading 2-6, 7-6 (3), 2-2.

Swiatek started the game in an emphatic manner, making Rybakina wait for a break point until the middle of the second set at 6-2, 4-3. Later, Rybakina faced three breaks, but saved

all of them to take the second set in the tie-break where she came up trumps.

Rybakina also extended her tie-break record to 9-1 this year and showed how dangerous she can be even under pressure. During that time, Swiatek took a time-out as she was seen struggling with a lot of pain after which she returned with a strapping on her right leg.

The World No.1 carried on for four games in the third and final set before succumbing to injury. The match ended after



2 hours and 20 minutes. “I saw something happen in the tiebreak, on almost the last point but I didn't know how serious it is,” Rybakina said after the match. “I saw that the first two

games she started really aggressive so I understood that she couldn't really move that much. But she was still making good returns and I knew that I had to be focused. I know myself

that if anything is hurting you're trying to go for it and a lot of times it works. So, she probably did the same, but after, I guess it was too much,” Rybakina added.

Rybakina will next face Jelena Ostapenko in the semi-final on Friday, May 19. Swiatek, on the other hand, will be fighting against time as the French Open is less than two weeks away. The Polish star happens to be the defending champion at Roland Garros after she defeated Coco Gauff in the final last year.

## Wrestlers want to take their fight international



NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): The protesting wrestlers are drawing up a list of international stars from whom they could ask for support in their fight against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Previously, Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik had called on the Indian sports stars to either visit the protest site or be vocal on social media platforms in supporting them in the case of alleged sexual harassment of women wrestlers.

Some of the tags on the social media popularised by the wrestlers are #standwithmychampions and #wrestlersprotest. A lot of the Indian stars, including Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra, then came out in support.

Today, Bajrang confirmed that they are in the process of compiling a list of international wrestling athletes to

support their cause.

“We are making a list of international stars. Those who are in our contacts, we will ask them. A lot of international athletes have already told us that they are concerned. There are a lot of Indians who are living abroad, they are also supporting us. They are posting on Instagram and Twitter as well,” Bajrang said.

“There are 10-12 players in my contact list and both Vinesh and Sakshi have theirs as well. We will talk to them soon,” he added.

Further, Bajrang criticised what he perceives as the authorities' indifferent attitude. “It has been 25 days and we have not got any justice. All the statements have been recorded and he has still not been arrested. I suggest we should officially have two sets of laws in this country. One for powerful people who would be allowed to harass girls and never to be punished. Had we

done the same thing, no one would know what would happen to us,” he said.

“Will return medals” Bajrang also said that all three wrestlers will return their medals and honours, including Arjuna Award and Khel Ratna, if they do not get justice.

“Whatever medals we won in the country and whatever honours that have been given by the government will be returned. If we do not get justice, what is the use of those medals? International medals have not been given by our government. We will return Arjuna and Khel Ratna,” he said.

“Brij Bhushan has been saying that the medals are worth Rs 15 only. Has anyone won a medal in his family? Brij Bhushan's arrogance is coming out. He has invested a lot in his academy in Gonda, has anyone from that academy won anything?” he added.

## IPL 2023: Ravi Shastri points out positive in having a bit of on-field confrontation in the competition

NEW DELHI, May 18 (Agencies): Former India coach Ravi Shastri has pointed out the positive in having a little bit of on-field confrontation during the IPL and where the players will draw the line.

IPL 2023 saw some heated moments during the LSG vs RCB game in Lucknow with the result going in favour of the visiting side. However, more than the outcome of the match, what dominated the headlines was the confrontation between RCB star Virat Kohli and LSG mentor Gautam Gambhir.

Both men had to be separated by players from both sides and the star batter also had a war of words with Naveen-ul-Haq. All three men were fined, with Kohli and Gambhir getting 100% of their match fees getting slashed while Naveen had 50% of his match fees fined.

The confrontation still remains a topic of discussion among fans



and pundits and Shastri pointed out the positive of having them.

Speaking to Cricinfo, the former Indian coach said that a little bit of confrontation on the field is fine and the match referee will be there to draw the line.

“You need a little bit of confrontation on the field. Where you draw the line, the match referee is there to see the line. When you're fined, once or twice you

will be ok,” said Shastri.

Shastri went on to point out the advantage of it as he felt that we would get to see the players behaving differently the next time around as they would know that the cameras will be on them and would be aware of where to draw the line.

Shastri said that if the players still don't learn from it, then they would have to deal with the con-

sequences of it.

“A lot of people told me, this is IPL. This is a live telecast. Why were they showing two players fighting. Ok, fair point. Because the world saw it. Now I will tell you the positive in that.”

“By seeing that, both the players will behave differently the next time. Because they will know there is a camera on them all the time. Then they will do the right thing for the massive audience that is watching. Kids, parents, friends. You then know what is the line.”

“Have I used abusive language? Was my body language not right? Was that in the spirit of the game? Did I come across as a bad loser? All these things immediately come to the fore once you watch that footage. And then you learn. If you don't learn, then another fine will be around the corner or a suspension,” said Shastri.



## Sarveshwar Smile Foundation starts 3rd Women Stitching & Salaie Training Centre at

### TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, May 18: Sarveshwar Smile Foundation, a J&K based (Section 8) Company engaged in social activities, started 3rd Women Stitching & Salaie training centre at village Meer Pancheri, District Udhampur.

The programme was inaugurated by Pooja Gupta chairperson of Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation, a Leading entrepreneur, a leading business woman and a leading social worker.

Pooja Gupta, while inaugurating one month free training activities at doorstep of women residing in and around Meer area, also conveyed her satisfaction and appreciation for the trainee of Chulana village who have just completed their one month training programme today.

She appreciated the discipline and efforts put by Kailash Devi who was not only trainer but also a torch bearer for others. Morning Prayer with National Anthem was highly appreciated by the advisory board of Sarveshwar Smile Foundation.



Pooja Gupta conveyed that Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation is committed to bring smile on the faces of women community at large and gave her commitment for free of cost one month training on Embroidery, Cutting and tailoring, at the doorstep of needy women followed with marketing of finished products.

Pooja Gupta also informed that we are going to organize 10-such Income generating training camps at various places preferably at border area with follow up to ensure income generation activity at doorstep of trainee. She also informed the press that Sarveshwar Smile

Foundation formed to propagate Awareness among Farming community about organic farming, financial literacy and income generation activity.

Sarveshwar Smile Foundation propagate all its development ventures through its satellite facilitation Centres located at Udheywala, Paloura, Pallanwala, Jhiri, R S Pura and Pargwal. Three more such centers are going to be opened at field level.

Dr Rakesh Gupta Project Director of Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation in his address informed how this NGO was created by two thoughtful ladies Pooja Gupta

and Nidhi Sharma and this foundation is quite active across the UT of J&K in spreading awareness about empowerment of women for their better livelihood. He informed that such skill trainings not only empowers them but also gives an opportunity to rural women to support their family in income generation.

Dr Rakesh Gupta also informed the press about plantation drive which Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation is going to start in coordination with Sanjeevini Jan Kalyan Sewa Samiti from Pancheri area and 100 plants are being planted today by involving local school students

of Govt. middle school Meer Sarti, which will also make them aware about the importance of Trees in Sustainable human life.

Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation specially acknowledge the support provided by Bhim Singh Head master of Govt. Middle School Meer Sarti and Khajoor Singh of Sanjeevini Jan Kalyan Sewa Samiti. During this rainy season our target will be minimum 5000 tress plantation across the district by actively involving Govt. school children's.

Dr Gaytri tendon Head organic department highlighted the benefits of organic farming in sustainable agriculture ecosystem.

The programme was also addressed by Rajinder Sharma Manager SBI Panchari who also assured full support to of Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation in such ventures.

The programme was coordinated by Surat Singh, Aman Gupta, Radhey and attended by more than 100 local women entrepreneurs of Pancheri area villages of Udhampur District of Jammu & Kashmir.

## FAIVM delegation meets Union Minister Dr Jitendra



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 18: Federation of All India Vyapar Mandal (FAIVM) delegation met under the Chairmanship of Dr Sanjay Bansal with Union Minister Dr Jatendra Singh and inaugurated National Magazine 'Vyapaar Trends' June Edition from minister and present Vaishno

Mata photo.

Dr Jatendra appreciated the working of FAIVM and congratulated the whole team for the first business magazine published from Jammu.

Dr Jatendra listened to patiently all the problems of Business community and promise to give full support to federation of all India Vyapar Mandal in the

future. Those who were present in the delegation was Dr Sanjay Bansal President FAIVM, Sandeep Mengi Sr Vice President, Rajesh Aggarwal (Romi) Vice President, Prashant Singh IT Head, Sanjeev Aggarwal Secretary, Ajay Ahuja GST Consultant, Arun Sabharwal Secretary, Sushil Sharma Joint Secretary.

## Himalayan Heritage Museum organizes colourful function

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 18: Himalayan Heritage Museum (HHM) on the eve of World Heritage Day organized a colourful function in Jammu on Thursday.

Ranjeet Singh Tohra (President DGPC/Member National Minority Commission) was the Chief Guest and Balwinder Singh (Vice President DGPC/RTI Activist) was Special Guest on the occasion and Principal Government Girls Higher Secondary School Talab Tillo, Dr. Baldev Chand, NMM (MRC) JKUT, Vijay Gupta and others were also present.

They appreciated the role of



HMM Chairman Inder Singh.

Inder Singh described the brief

details of museum.

He said that these objects have glimpses of the golden Era of our ancient art, culture and civilization and preservation and conservation thereof is very expensive beyond the capacity of a person having modest means of income and said that such organization are undoubtedly supplementing the efforts of the govt in preserving and conserving the objects of antique value which are lying with the individuals living in far and wide of the state who may be unaware of the real value of these objects.

A large number of people and student visited the museum.

## Forum of Private Colleges reconstituted



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 18: In continuation to an earlier meeting in MIER College Jammu under the Presidentship of Harbans Singh to discuss various important issues of the private colleges with regard to NEP 2020, CUET and NCTE where Gulchain Singh Charak the Patron of the forum was also present.

Threadbare discussion was held on all the issues and it was unanimously decided to take up all the issues with the concerned authorities on top priority at different quarters.

Harbans Singh, the present President

expressed that due to his health issues he will not be able to give much time for carrying out activities of the forum, hence let G S Charak to take the lead, head the Forum and nominate the new office bearers along with working committee so that all issues could be sorted out immediately.

The members present in the meeting accepted the proposal and unanimously consented for the change.

Further as mandated by the members, Th G S Charak as President convened a meeting to nominate new office bearers as well as other working com-

mittee members to give impetus to the functioning of the forum the new office bearers as decided by the house are Vidhi Singh as (Vice President) M S Katoch as (Gen Secy), Aditya Gupta as (Org Secy), Aman Kalra as (Jt Secy), Samardev Singh as Treasurer Prof S P Suri as Member Usha Tickoo-Member Pradeep as member.

It was also decided to have Harbans Singh ex President of the forum as Patron. Finally all the members expressed full faith in the leadership of G S Charak and decided to work whole heartily to achieve the aims and objectives of the forum.

## Sikh outfits meet Div Com Jammu, submit memorandum

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 18: The Jammu and Kashmir Shiromani Akali Dal along with various Sikh organisations deputation met Divisional Commissioner Jammu and submitted the memorandum to apprise him regarding the Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Gurdwara Parbandak Board Election, which have been stayed by the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir in response to the writ petition filed by Sikh Sangat of Pulwama.

The Sikh organisations of Jammu and Kashmir come to know through a reliable source that some vested interest among the Sikh community approaching the administration to hold elections of Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Gurdwara board, but only in Jammu province which is the total violation of Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Gurdwara and religious Endowment Act, 1975.

The Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Gurdwara Board in pursuance of Rule 36(1) and Rule 47(1) of Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Gurdwara and religious Endowment Act, 1975 clearly mentioned that the Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Gurdwara Parbandak board have fifteen members eight from Jammu and seven from Kashmir compile a Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Gurdwara Parbandak board Hence it's requested to not hold elections of Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Gurdwara Parbandak board separately for Jammu only.

It is pertinent to mention that the case regarding stay of Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Gurdwara Parbandak board election is subjudice in Honourable High court Srinagar of Jammu and Kashmir and Date of hearing fixed on 12th of July 2023.

Hence it is requested that the said election may be deferred till the final decision of High Court comes out.



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 18: The NSS unit of Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu in collaboration with Department of Blood Transfusion, GMC Jammu on Thursday organised a blood donation camp in the campus under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The camp was held under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sameru Sharma.

While inaugurating the camp she told the students that blood donation is a healthy process and human body can replenish the blood donated in 4 to 8 weeks, while the blood plasma gets replenished within 48 hours.

With one donation you can save the life

of 3 people in danger, she said adding that donating blood helps in clearing the harmful iron deposits in the body, which helps in the prevention of heart diseases.

Sohan Lal Sharma, Registrar GCET also congratulated all the young donors and said them life savers. He encouraged them to donate blood after 6 months.

Around 63 students including the staff members donated the blood and equal number of students and staff got checked their Hb and blood groups.

The whole procedure was performed under the guidance of Dr. Sahil and his technical team including Sonia, Shabnam Ara, Sunita, Sonu, Vishal, Rafiq and Pawan.

The event was coordinated by NSS volunteers Jaanvi Sharma, Gazanafar Kasmi, Prajwal Nagar, Rakshant Balotra and Sunidhi Sharma under the guidance of NSS Programme officer Dr. Raman Gupta.

He also congratulated all the donors and told them that they are saving someone's life through selfless service.

The senior staff members who were present during the event included Er. Hirinder Dindra, Er. Sanjeev Gupta, Er. Sumeer Khajuria, Dr. Rajinder Singh, Prof. Altaf Ahmad, Er. Rajat Sharma, Er. Surjeet Ranyal, Er. Atit Sharma and Sunil Kumar.

The principal of the college congratulated the team NSS for organising such type of events.

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