



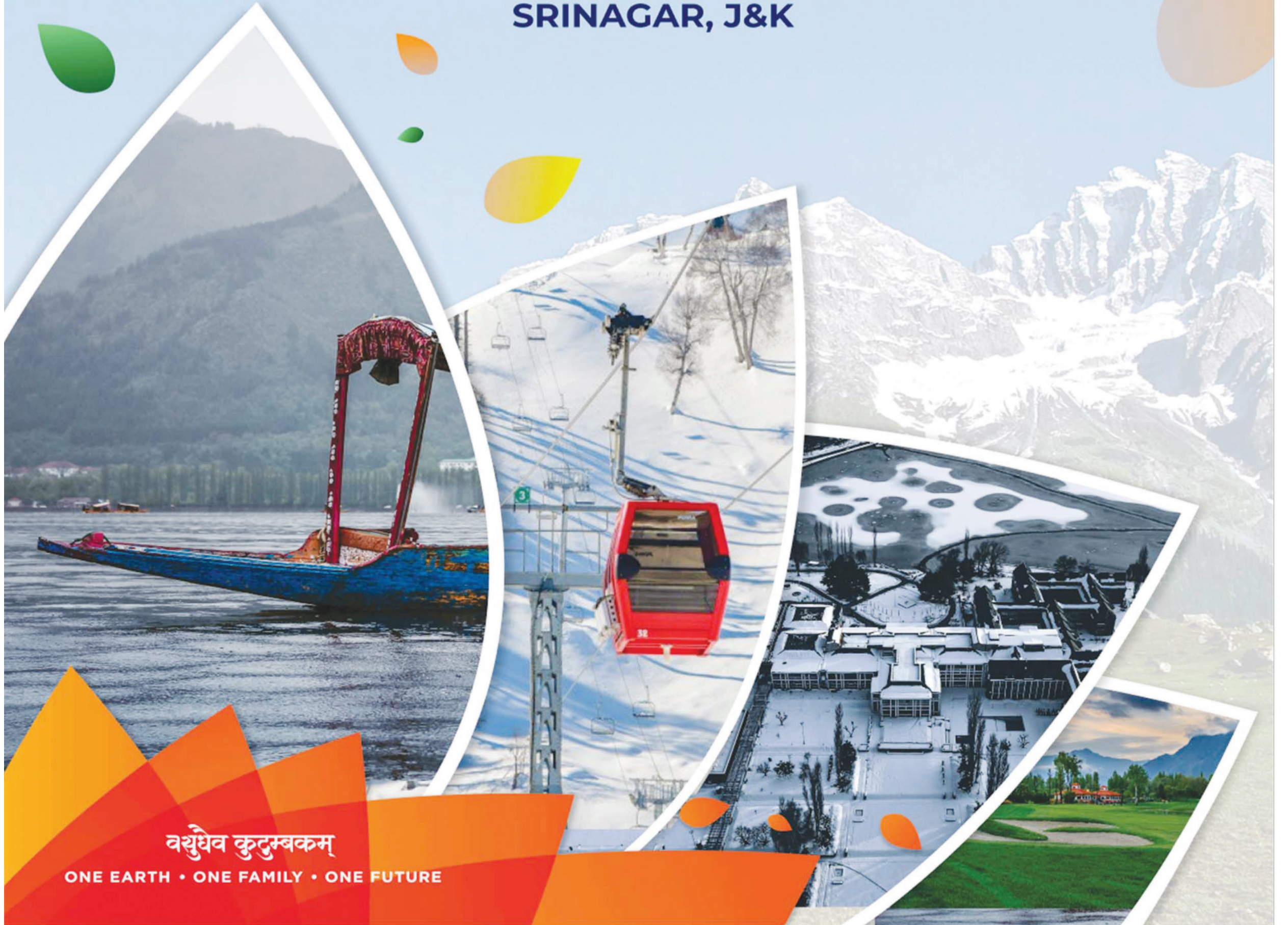
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10th Day / Kriya

With profound grief and Sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother Smt. Shakuntala Devi (Samta) W/o Late Shri Krishna Singh
10th Day will be performed at 10 A m on Sunday 21st may 2023 .
13th Day Kriya will be performed on Wednesday 24th May 2023 at their residence R/o Kheen Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur

Deeply remember by sons and daughter in law

Mr Kuldeep Singh Sarpanch Kirmu B and Veena Devi
Manjeet Singh and Sarishta Devi
Daughter and son in law
Sudesh Dogra and Prakash Singh
Grandsons
Ayush Thakur and Aryan Thakur (potre)
Vicky Singh , Rohit Singh and Varun Singh (Dotre)

Contact number 9149910277, 7006461825, 9654351768



Smt. Shakuntala Devi

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF SURJEET SINGH JAMWAL ON 13TH OF MAY 2023.
10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON MONDAY 22ND OF MAY 2023 AT OUR RESIDENCE DHOLPUR, BIRPUR AT 10 AM.

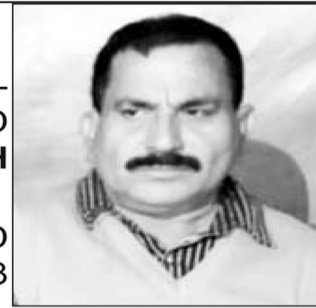
KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON THURSDAY 25TH OF MAY 2023 AT 11 AM AT BIRPUR TALAB.

GRIEF STRICKEN

RAKSHA JAMWAL -WIFE

DEEPAK & JYOTI -SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

JYOTI & CHARANJEET -DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW



SURJEET SINGH JAMWAL

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

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we informed the sad demise of our beloved mother Late Smt. Shivo Devi W/o Late Sh. Mansa Ram Abrol R/o Rehmbal near Pashupati Nath Mandir, Jib Morh, who left for heavenly abode on 11th May 2023 (Thursday).

TENTH DAY will be performed on 20th May 2023 (Saturday) at 11.00 AM near Pashupati Nath Mandir, Jib Morh.
KRIYA will be performed on 23rd May 2023 (Tuesday) at home.
UTHALA will be performed on 26th May 2023 (Friday) at Pashupati Nath Mandir near Jib Morh, Rehmbal from 4 to 5 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Savitri Devi W/o Late Sh. Munshi Ram Abrol (Sister)
Deeply Missed & Remembered by:-
Sons & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Yash Paul Abrol & Vimala Devi (M/s Y.P. Ornaments, Udhampur)
Sh. Ashok Abrol & Sushma Kohli
Raj Kumar Abrol & Purvima Abrol (M/s Akshita Drugs and Cosmetics Garhi)
Sh. Ravi Abrol & Rekha Abrol (M/s Fancy Ornaments Udhampur)
Sh. Vinod Abrol & Meera Abrol (M/s M.R. Abrol Ornaments, Rehmbal)
Sh. Sanjeev Abrol & Mansi Abrol
Sh. Suresh Abrol & Asha Kapoor
Daughters & Son-in-law
Smt. Sayta Devi & Sham Lal Puri
Smt. Vijay Laxmi & Madan Lal Sawhney
Smt. Sheetal & Rajesh Abrol
Smt. Prabha & Kuldeep Anand



SMT. SHIVO DEVI

Contact Nos.: 9906041583, 9906041585, 9419163657, 9419216269, 9796006834

OBITUARY/10TH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF SH. SATISH CHANDER FOTEDAR S/O LATE SH. GANESH DAS FOTEDAR (OF ZAINAKADAL SRINAGAR) PRESENTLY AT HOUSE NUMBER 329-B DURGGA NAGAR, SECTOR 1, NEAR KRISHNA JHANGHAR, ROOP NAGAR ON 17TH MAY 2023.

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ON 26TH MAY 2023 AT 8:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

DALI FOTEDAR - WIFE
RATNI FOTEDAR - SISTER-IN LAW
SHEETU AND VINOD SHARMA - DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
POOJA AND SAHIL KOUL - DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
SHIVANI AND SANYAM BHAT - DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
SUNIL AND BABITA FOTEDAR - SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
ANIL AND SHEFALI FOTEDAR - SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
VIJAY AND DEVRAJ RAINA- SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW
SANTOSH KAUL - SISTER
PRANA AND TEJ KRISHAN JALALI- SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW
GRAND CHILDREN- SUYASH, SANCHITA, DIYA, NIRVIGHNAM, DITYAA AND DEVISHA
CONTACT: 9796895868/7006205199/8552911002



Sh. Satish Chander Fotedar

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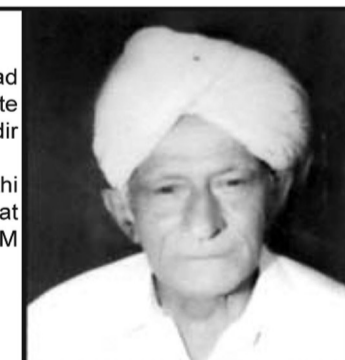
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Des Raj Sharma S/o Late Sh. Paras Ram R/o Ward No. 67, Near Ram Mandir Muthi on 14th May, 2023.

10th Day will be performed at our residence at Muthi on 23-05-2023 at 10 AM. Kriya will be performed at our residence at Muthi on 24th of May, 2023 at 11 AM onwards.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Sh. Subash Chander Sharma & Smt. Ravi Prabha
Sh. Ganesh Kumar Sharma & Smt. Asha Kumari
Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma & Smt. Sheetal Sharma
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Ramni Sharma & Sh. Virender Sharma
Grand Children: Vikas Prenika, Suksham, Smile, Arohi, Abhigya & Manayata
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SH. DES RAJ SHARMA

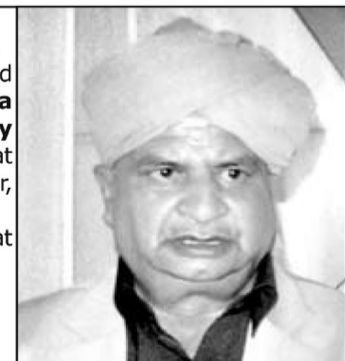
10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Shri Ram Saroop Gupta S/o Late Shri Bhagwan Dass R/o Jourian. 10th Day will be performed on Tuesday i.e 23 May 2023 at Community Hall opposite Radhe Krishan Mandir, Jourian at 11:00 am.

KRIYA will be performed on Friday 26 May 2023 at 12:00 Noon at our residence Jourian.

Grief Stricken

Raj Kumar & Shashi Gupta- Brother and Bhabhi
Devi Dass & Santosh- Brother and Bhabhi
Son & Daughter-in-Law
Ajay Gupta & Pooja Gupta
Sanjay Gupta & Kavita Gupta
Ranjeev Gupta & Amrita
Vinay Gupta & Sonia Gupta
Grand Children: Mahi, Arpit, Aarav, Akashi, Hunnar, Shivay, Agham, Aadvik



Shri Ram Saroop Gupta

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. SURINDER AMLA (BITTU) S/O LATE SH. MOHAN LAL AMLA R/O H.NO. 69, NEAR GEETA MANDIR BAKSHI NAGAR, JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 15-5-2023

10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 23-05-2023, TUESDAY AT 9:00 AM AT MUTHI GHAT JAMMU.

GRIEF STRICKEN -

SMT. SHANTA AMLA (MOTHER)

SMT. VEENA AMLA (WIFE)

DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW

MRS. SWATI & AKHIL KAPOOR

AND ENTIRE AMLA, KAPOOR AND SURI FAMILY

#MOB.9419681053, 9419222646, 7889392813



SH. SURINDER AMLA (BITTU)

ADH BARKHI

Six months have passed since you left us, Even though you are no longer here, Your memories will never fade from our hearts. We hope you are in a better place. You'll always be remembered fondly.
Adh Barkhi of Ms. Bhumika Slathia shall be performed on 23rd May 2023, 12:00 p.m at F-152, Sector-11, Nanak Nagar

Deeply missed & remember by:

Mrs. Kusum Slathia (Mother)

Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh Slathia (Brother)

All family members & friends

Phone: +91 94191 89781



Ms. Bhumika Slathia

CHOUBARSI

Four years have passed since you left us for your heavenly abode, we remember you and miss your presence in every moment of our lives.

Choubarsi of Late Sh S P Sharma S/o Late Bhagat Ram will be performed on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at our residence 20/9 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY

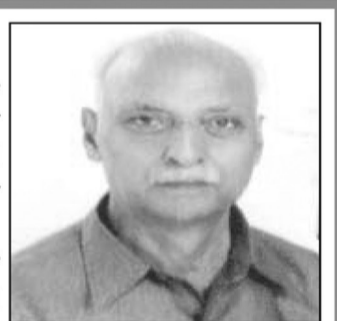
Son & Daughter-in-law

Manu Sharma and Manisha Sharma- 9419121903

Son-in-law & Daughter

Rohit Aggarwal and Indu Aggarwal

Rohan, Arjun, Siya (Grand Children)



Late Sh S P Sharma

BARKHI

"It's been a year since you left us but your presence is still felt and you are missed more and more with each passing day.
Your sweet memories and affection will always remain in our hearts & thoughts".

BARKHI of our beloved mother Smt. Shankeri Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Chuni Lal will be performed on 24-05-2023 (Wednesday) at our residence kanhal upper Bishnah, Jammu at 11:00 am.

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY:

(Son & Daughter-in-Law)

Sh. Joginder Sadotra (Retd. Accounts Officer) & Smt. Rama Sharma

(Grand Sons & Grand Daughter-in-Laws)

Mr. Deepak Sadotra (Dy. General Manager, Gurgaon) & Mrs. Charu Rampal (Sr. Manager, Gurgaon)

Mr. Vishal Sadotra (JK Craft Industries) & Dr. Ritu Sharma

(Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-Law)

Dr. Meenu Sharma & Mr. Anil Pandotra (AGM-RBI)

(Great Grand Children's)

Dhanista Sharma, Ritvi Sharma,

Saksham Pandotra & Rihanshi Sharma

Mob: 94191-60864, 95609-50333, 99060-00010, 94840-00010



Smt. Shankeri Devi

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 16/05/2023.

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 Karanchan Devi

Daughter's and Son-in-law

Smt. Makhi Devi and Sh Suram Singh

Smt. Sunita Devi and Sh Deepak Singh

Smt. Anju Devi and Sh Avtar Singh

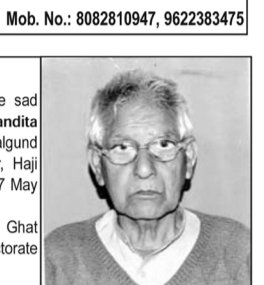
Grand Children

Veer Pratap Singh, Anirham Pratap Singh

And Manhas Family



Lt. Sh. Kehar Singh



Sh. Ganesh Dass Pandita (Papa Ji)

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Ganesh Dass Pandita (Papa Ji) S/o Late Halder Pandita R/o Hangalgund Kokernag, Anantnag Kashmir A/P Durga Vihar, Haji Gali, Toll Post Nagrota, who left for heaven on 17 May 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat Jammu on 26 May 2023 at 08:00 am (near Directorate of School Education)

Great Siblings:-

Smt. Amar Devi Pandita (Ganwati) (Wife)

Daughters in law and Sons

Smt. Dany Pandita & Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita

Smt. Sulekha Pandita & Sh. Ravji Pandita

Daughters and Sons in law

Smt. Basanti Koul & Sh. Jai Krishna Koul

Sh. Smt. Surita Bhat & Sh. Chand Krishna Bhat

Grand Son and Grand Daughter in law

Mr. Sandeep Koul and Mrs. Meenakshi Koul

Grand Daughter and Grand Son in law

Mrs. Preeti Koul Raina and Mr. Vinay Raina

Grand Children:-
Diya, Manoj, Tushar, Sakshi, Samiksha
Contact No. 9419833812, 9419802407

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Smt. Koushliya Bhat W/o Late Sh. Sroom Nath Bhat originally from Ichkoot Budgam at present Qtr No. 19, Block No. 53, Lane No. 10, Jagti Township Nagrota Jammu on 16-05-2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 27-05-2023 Saturday at Muthi Ghat at 9 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Girdhari Lal & Bimla Ji

P.J. Bhat & Sweety Bhat

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Sohan Lal Pandita & Seema Pandita

Ramesh Ji & Neelam

Kundan, Amit, Ajay, Sheetal, Leenu, Shano, Shweta, Yogesh, Omesh, Shivani, Neeru

Contact No: 7006286971, 9419313057, 7889531419



SMT. KOUSHLIYA BHAT

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORMED THE SAD DEMISE OF HONYCAPT JASHPAL SINGH S/O LATE SARDAR JIT SINGH R/O VILLAGE KASALYAN P/O AJOTE TEH HAVELI DIST POONCH WHO LEFT FOR HEAVEN ON 14 MAY 2023.

ARMB SHRI AKHAND PATH AT OUR RESIDENCE ON 21 MAY 2023 & BHOG OF SHRI AKHAND PATH ON 23 MAY 2023 AT 10 AM. ANTIM ARDAS OF SHRI KA LANGER WILL BE PERFORMED AT GURUDWARA DEHRI SAHIB KHARI DHRAMSAL POONCH.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SON MANJIT KOUR (WIFE)

(SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)

SDR RANDESH SINGH (SON)

SDR RASMEET KOUR

SDR AMANDEEP SINGH (SON)

SDN PARNEET KOUR

(SON-IN-LAW & DAUGHTERS)

SDR HARMOHINDER SINGH (SON-IN-LAW)

SDN KUREET KOUR (DAUGHTER)

SDR JAGJEET SINGH (SON-IN-LAW)

SDN GURPREET KOUR (DAUGHTER)

SDR AMEET SINGH (SON-IN-LAW)

SDN BALDEEP KOUR (DAUGHTER)

(BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER)

SDR JOHNDINDER SINGH

SDN JASBIR KOUR

(BROTHERS & SISTER-IN-LAW)

GAINI TARLOK SINGH

SDN AMARDEEP KOUR

CAPT WAKEL SINGH

SDN PARVINDER KOUR

LECT PRITAM SINGH

SDN GURCHARAN KOUR

NB SUB KULBIR SINGH

SDN AJEET KOUR

LATE NARANJAN SINGH

SDN GURNAM KOUR

CONTACT NO: 7051104302, 9797627592



Hony/Capt Jaspal Singh

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the untimely sad demise of our beloved Ramesh Kumar Bhat (Kaka Ji/ Baljee) son of Lt. Sh. Arjan Nath Bhat erstwhile resident of Hera Mohalla Anantnag Kmr. presently at 326-A, Lane No.3, Luxmi Vihar Tomal Colony Anand Nagar Bohri Jammu on 20th May, 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 29th May, 2023 at Muthi Ghat at 8.30 AM sharp.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Neeru Bhat - Wife

Pavitar Bhat - Son

Purti Bhat - Daughter

Sanjay Bhat & Seema Bhat - Brother & Babi

Pushpa Koul & T.K. Koul - Sister & Brother-in-law

Kiran Tikoo & Ashok Tikoo - Sister & Brother-in-law

Rekha Koul & Rajesh Koul - Sister & Brother-in-law

Children: Ruchi, Mohit, Suchi, Puchoo, Osheen, Shereen, Sheen, Shuhul

Samast Bhat, Koul, Bilor, Tikoo & Pandita Parivaar

Mobile Nos: 9419116817, 9018233487



Ramesh Kumar Bhat (Kaka Ji/ Baljee)

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BRIEFLY

Active Covid cases in Country decrease to 7,623

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): India recorded 473 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases dipped to 7,623, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Monday. The death toll has increased to 5,31,839 with seven deaths which include one fatality reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,86,934).

The active cases now comprise 0.02 per cent of the total infections and the national Covid-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.80 per cent, the ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,47,472 while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccines have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

MeT forecast fairly widespread rain in plains, snow over upper reaches in J&K

SRINAGAR, May 22 (Agencies): Amid forecast for scattered to widespread light to moderate rain and thunderstorm from May 23, night temperature recorded a rise in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday.

A meteorological Department official said that from May 23 to 26th there would be "fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rain/thunder/lightning with possibility of Hailstorm and gusty winds at few places. He said a few places over higher reaches may receive light snowfall.

The MeT has already issued "orange warning" for "isolated heavy rain thunder lightning with gusty winds 30-40 kmph" on May 23 in J&K. Also a yellow warning for "isolated thunder and lightning" has been forecast on May 25 and 26.

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J&K | G20 delegates arrive in Srinagar for 3rd tourism working group meeting

SRINAGAR, May 22 (Agencies): About 60 foreign delegates arrived here on Monday for the third tourism working group meeting of the G20 countries, officials said.

This is the first international meeting being held in Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two Union Territories – Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh – in August 2019.

Officials said the delegates from several countries of the G20 grouping arrived in a chartered flight at the Srinagar international airport in the morning amidst tight security.

They said the delegates were taken to the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), the venue of the meeting, amid heavy deployment of security personnel along the route. The stretch has received a facelift with G20 logos painted on walls and hoardings to welcome the delegates.

Officials said stringent security arrangements have been made to ensure that the event concludes incident-free.

While the Boulevard Road around the SKICC has been made a no-go zone for the three days, there is mas-



sive deployment of security forces on the route taken by the delegates, and the Airport Road to Dalgate stretch, officials said.

They said security has been beefed up across the valley with the elite NSG and Marine Commandos helping police and paramilitary forces to

secure the venues of the event, they said.

Sanitisation and "area domination" exercises have been carried out in and around the venues, along the route and at vulnerable spots of the city. Scanners and sniffer dogs have been pressed into action to check for

any explosives or IEDs, the officials added.

Vehicles passing through the city are being randomly checked to ensure that no subversive elements manage to enter the city, officials said.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police

has roped in the Army to cover the higher reaches of the Zabarwan Range overlooking the meeting venue and accommodation facilities for the guests.

Thirty companies of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), which had earlier been taken out of Jammu and Kashmir for election duty in the rest of the country, have since been recalled to further strengthen security in the valley.

The NSG's counter-drone unit has been pressed into service to ensure that no unwanted aerial intrusion takes place.

According to officials, there is no restriction on the movement of people or public transport in the city or elsewhere, the officials said.

They said shops and business establishments were open across the city and life was "absolutely normal".

Srinagar city has been spruced up for the three-day working group meeting on tourism which begins later in the day. Several projects, which were part of Srinagar Smart City, were taken up on priority and the city has been decked up for the international event.

G20 Meeting | Security beefed up at public places in Jammu

JAMMU, May 22 (Agencies): Security has been strengthened at public places, including bus terminals, here as the third tourism working group meeting of the G20 countries will begin in Srinagar on Monday.

About 60 foreign delegates arrived in Srinagar earlier in the day. This is the first international meeting being held in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two Union Territories – Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh – in August 2019.

Officials said check-



points have been set up across the city where vehicles are being stopped and searched while frisking of people has been intensified and their identification is being checked at bus terminals, they said.

Security has been beefed up in Poonch,

Kathua, Rajouri and Samba districts with a special focus on border districts following threats of infiltration, officials said.

Officials said stringent security arrangements have been made to ensure that the event concludes incident-free.

False narrative by vested interests doesn't exist anymore in J&K: Dr Jitendra at G-20 conclave

Says no takers for strike calls in Srinagar



SRINAGAR, May 22 (Agencies): Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday said that there are no takers for strike calls now in Srinagar and that India had witnessed growth under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Talking to reporters

on the sidelines of the G-20 event here, Singh said that there was a time when a strike call was being issued from Pakistan and the people in Srinagar used to observe a shutdown. "However, the mindset of people has changed

as the strike calls are being issued from Pakistan and in Srinagar as well, but the people don't pay heed to it," he said.

He added that the investors will go back with a message that the false narrative being created by the vested interests with regard to J&K doesn't exist anymore.

"India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi had witnessed growth in the last nine years," he said, adding that the people from J&K, especially youth don't want to keep himself away from the achievements.

Dr Rajeev Kumar assigned charge of Director Health Jammu

JAMMU, May 22 (Agencies): Health and Medical Education department on Monday assigned additional charges to Dr Tabasum Jabeen and Dr Rajeev Kumar Sharma.

According to an order, Dr. Tabasum Jabeen incharge Deputy Director, AIDS Control Society J&K has been assigned the charge of Director Family Welfare, MCH and Immunization.

The order also stated that Dr Rajeev Kumar Sharma incharge Deputy Director Health services (HQ) Jammu has been given charge of Director Health Services Jammu.

It added that the arrangement in respect of the doctors is purely on temporary basis.

Sweating, HC exempts gowns for Jammu Lawyers

SRINAGAR, May 22 (Agencies): Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Monday notified for exemption of wearing of the gown (a long loose piece of clothing that is worn over clothes) for practicing advocates at Jammu Wing with immediate effect up to September end.

"It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that wearing of 'Gown' by the Advocates practicing in the Jammu Wing of the

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"Do not rush to Banks:" RBI Governor says Rs 2000 notes will continue to be legal tender

MUMBAI, May 22 (Agencies): Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday reiterated that Rs 2000 notes will continue to be a legal tender, after the Central bank's announcement that the notes will be withdrawn from circulation.

He also said he doesn't expect a rush in the branches and urged people to not rush to banks.

The Governor said the Rs 2000 note was primarily issued to replenish money, taken out from the system during



the demonetisation of Rs 500 notes and Rs 1,000 notes.

Shaktikanta Das in an interaction with media persons today said that

the higher value of currency was manufactured in a brief period of time to increase liquidity in the economy. He

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ADGP Jammu Zone pins ASI rank to promote officers



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JAMMU, May 22: A piping ceremony was held at Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu on Monday in which the Additional Director General of Police Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh decorated two recently promoted officers with Asst. Sub-Inspector rank.

Private Secretary to

ADGP Jammu Zone J.S. Salathia was present on the occasion. The officers who were decorated with ASI rank include Rattan Lal and Daleep Singh.

The ADGP Jammu on the occasion congratulated the officers and their families.

He said the promotion adds more responsibilities and challenges in

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Motorcyclist dies in Panthachowk road accident

SRINAGAR, May 22 (Agencies): A 34 year old motorcyclist from Uri was killed after being hit by a truck in Zaffron Colony area of Panthachowk in Srinagar district on Monday morning.

Police officials told Kashmir Reader that the accident took place near Masjid e Aisha Balhama area police jurisdiction Panthachowk in which a Truck bearing registration number JK01A-4711 hit and injured a motorcycle rider identified as Mohammad Sadiq Awan son of Sanaulah Awan resident of Salama Bad Uri.

The injured was rushed to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

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EDITORIAL

RECYCLING
BENEFITS

Recycling involves the process of collecting waste materials, breaking them down into blocks that can be turned into new products. There are mainly five types of waste material. This includes paper, steel, glass, aluminum and plastic. All of these have been recycled using various methods.

Paper waste includes paper sheets, newspapers, cardboard and other papers used in offices and educational institutions. Paper has 2 components – wood and water. So firstly through recycling the paper is divided into two parts so that it can be reformed. Contaminations such as ink and dirt are filtered out.

The paper is crumpled and put into hot water. This bath quickly breaks the paper down into tiny strands of cellulose fibers to form a sticky substance called 'pulp' – basically wet wrapping paper. Although the paper is still dirty.

It is then fed through a screen where the remaining impurities such as gum or plastic particles are removed. It is then sent to a de-inker where it is washed which includes air bubbles and soap-like chemicals mainly 'surfactants' which separate the ink from the paper.

The air bubbles carry the ink to the surface and the pulp that settles to the bottom. That pulp is now clean and can be used to make new paper products.

Steel can be recycled again and again without losing any of its properties. High air-pressure system with the help of liquid floating system separates the steel from other metal and it is then lowered by hydraulic machinery exerting enormous pressure.

Sometimes gas and plasma mech is also used. The steel is then melted and reshaped into new items such as cans, utensils, car parts, paper clips, etc.

The glass shatters and breaks into small pieces called 'culettes' not exceeding 5 cm in width. Pieces of glass are sorted into colored, clear, brown and green. The distinct color is important because it is permanent. Glass is made of silica that is melted and molded into new shapes and products.

Like steel, once aluminum is stripped, not much has to be done with it to make it reusable. It is cut, washed and turned into chips which are melted in a large furnace and then poured into moulds.

They are then shipped to manufacturers where they are re-melted and turned into thin sheets that are cut, reshaped and shaped into new products.

Plastic – Plastic is made of 6 different types of chemicals – polyethylene terephthalate, high density polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, low density polyethylene, polypropylene and polystyrene. Each plastic has a different molecular structure which determines the physical properties of the plastic, which means that some plastics are easier to recycle than others.

Plastics are made from long carbon chains. So some forms of plastic can be melted or cast and some can be reformed while others can be mixed with new plastics and others can only be molded into other shapes for different uses.

Almost anything can be recycled and waste can be reshaped for reuse but there are still some things and materials such as computers, batteries, light bulbs, etc. that are difficult to recycle because they contain a large amount of toxic substances are included. So we have to deal with them responsibly.

Heal Manipur ethnic rifts, or tinderbox may re-erupt

By: Pradip Phanjoubam

On the surface of it, Manipur is limping back to normalcy after two weeks since an unprecedented explosion of communal violence between two of the state's major ethnic groups – Kukis and Meiteis.

However, the undercurrents of tension are still palpable, considering that there are still an estimated 45,000 displaced people on both sides of the communal divide roughly running along the foot of the hills dividing Manipur into two broad geographical categories – a small central valley and the hill tract surrounding it.

This central Imphal Valley, at roughly about 2,000 sq km, forms less than 10 per cent of the state's total area, and is the traditional home of the Meiteis. Here modern revenue administration is in vogue, making it open to settlement by all Indians. More than 60 per cent of the state's population of 2.8 million (2011 census) live here. The hill territory constitutes 90 per cent of the state's area but less than 40 per cent of the state's population, mainly Nagas and Kukis, live here and has come to be treated as exclusive for them.

Here, in a tradition inherited from the British demarcation of "Excluded" and "Partially Excluded" areas, no systematic modern land law is applicable. Hence, the customs of each tribe in matters of land and community become the norm in each's sphere. The trouble is, these customs are not only varied, but often inimical to each other. If for shift cultivators wherever they decide to halt becomes their land, this is not tolerated by settled agriculturists. Indeed, the

many ethnic clashes Northeast region has seen, and Manipur is witnessing now, have a lot to do with this inability to develop a common legal denominator on outlook to land.

Hence, the Meiteis, who are about 52 per cent of the state's population, came to be restricted within this small valley, sharing it with all Indians who wish to settle here. In modern times, as their living space gets increasingly crowded, the Meitei psychology has come to be gripped by a peculiar sense of siege, made more complex by their layered relation with the hill tribes, which on the one hand is marked by fraternal feelings and on the other deep mistrust. This mutual mistrust is accentuated by usual development disparities between the hills and plains, which the hills see as a result of discriminatory development policies.

The Meiteis' demand for Scheduled Tribe status in recent times is born of this insecurity. But this demand has set off a chain of related insecurities amongst the existing ST communities, who fear their slice of the reservation pie thinning down if Meiteis enter the competition. They also fear Meitei incursion into the hills if they too become STs. This latter apprehension is, however, a fallacy, for even within the existing ST communities, incursions into each other's traditional territorial boundaries are not tolerated. The bloody Naga-Kuki conflict in Manipur, when the Nagas decided to evict Kukis from land they consider theirs in the 1990s, is evidence of this. It is also unlikely Meiteis would be eager leave the valley to settle in the hills even if they were free to do so, but the very knowledge that they are

prohibited to do so has heightened their claustrophobia.

Although not stated in their demand, it should also not be difficult to understand the Meiteis' sense of injustice at the absence of a "creamy layer" clause in the existing ST reservation, thereby seeing colleagues from similar or better educational and economic backgrounds given preference at job entry points, promotional avenues, tax exemption, etc. This perhaps is a point of intervention even if their ST demand does not fructify.

The state government did not take a decision on the Meiteis' ST demand for over 10 years, one, probably because not all Meiteis want it, and two, in anticipation of the opposition from those already in the list. Things took a new turn on March 27. Responding to a petition, the Manipur high court directed the state government to forward its recommendation on Meiteis' ST inclusion to the Union government. But even if this were so, the fight should have remained as a battle of legal litigation within the walls of courtrooms and not taken to the streets. But this was not to be. The May 3 rally of the Nagas and Kukis against the court's decision thus became the spark for the fire that followed.

But the spark would have meant little if there were no dry tinder to burn. It is also intriguing that this tinder seemed to be there only in the case of Kukis, not Nagas. What then is exactly the background which can explain this.

Like the Meiteis suffering from a siege mentality, circumstances have made the Kukis suffer from a sense of persecution in recent times. An old narrative that they

are nomadic began recently being pushed from certain quarters. It is true that because of a peculiar land-holding tradition among them, Kuki villages have a tendency to proliferate, often causing friction with their neighbours. This being so, Kuki villages, most of them very small, are spread thin practically in all the 16 districts of the state. As a result, even normal government initiatives such as eviction from reserved forests or fight against poppy plantation or a push for citizenship registration, etc, came to be seen by Kukis as targeting them.

This sense of persecution would have made the community more touchy, making them prone to the explosion of the kind seen at Churachandpur on May 3, which spread to several other townships.

Conspicuous by its absence was any meaningful anticipatory intervention by the government. The question remains: what next. If these underlying reasons for the current violence are not addressed and resolved, there can be no guarantee that more such explosions will not happen in future.

Land pressure in the valley will only grow with population increase, and the shifting Kuki population can upset democracy's power balance in the hills, probably setting the stage for another violent conflict between the Nagas and Kukis. For instance, three decades ago, of the 20 hill constituencies in Manipur's 60-member Assembly, Nagas generally returned 12 and Kukis eight. Today, it is 10 each. In the event of the continued trickling in of Kuki-aligned tribesmen from Myanmar, this balance can still change, and it is predictable where the resistance will come from.

Best choice of Career option after 12th Arts

By: Vijay GarG

Career consciousness among the students is increasing day by day. Competition is also increasing side by side and today everyone wants the best job and career. Hard work is, of course, the key to success. But another thing that is very important is proper planning. Without proper planning, even hard work can also not guarantee you the success that you always want to achieve. It is very important to have a proper planning for your career before you actually reach some decision point. After passing out the 12th standard from arts, a student in India has various options to choose from, a career through own interested field or career guidance after 12th from an expert. There are a lot of opportunities available that provides a good career option for those passing out 12th with arts. It is very important to plan your next step well in advance. While making a choice a student should keep in mind a lot of things. There are a lot of factors like your interest, your capabilities, and resource available that would affect your decision. Hence you need to give in a proper time to figure out your career options.

When you were in primary school, you might not have an exact idea about what you want to do in future, but once you complete in your 12th there comes an important phase of your life and you tend to take your first step towards your career. As you get older, you discover that choosing a career is a very complex, multi-step process and you need in a lot of research work to make a proper decision. It is not only about exploring the available options, but it also requires learning about yourself, your potential, limitations and the occupations that you are considering. The starting point for a review of options after class XII is your choice of subjects that you like or ones that you have a stronghold of. It is also a major fact that not all choices for higher studies are linked to the academic background you have laid down. So it is not necessary that you need some exceptional grades to have a good career. All that you need is proper planning and a strong will-power to work hard towards achieving your goals.

If you have finished your school in arts stream chances are that you've already been looking to attain an insight into the various fields of education in the line. It is obvious that you would be having a rough idea about the available options, and after 12th it is time to gather some detailed knowledge of these career fields. There are also students who have been seeking career guidance after 12th from experts in the field. Keeping in mind that students today require updated information and various career options after 12th from the changing career scenarios, there are a lot of colleges and professional institutes offering free career guidance, but these are mostly aimed at attracting students towards their own courses. It is better to choose your path yourself because no one other than yourself can best understand you and your capabilities.

Few Professional Courses after 12th in Arts
There are a lot of options for the students pass-

ing their 12th in arts from any recognized educational board or university. There are a wide variety of courses involving varied abilities of the students; there are those that are suited only to individuals with a certain temperament or talent. Some options are very academically demanding and require long years of study, on the other hand, there are also some courses that are more personality-oriented. There is a wide range of options for students these days, students who have completed their class 12th in any discipline are eligible for the five-year integrated law degree course (BA LLB/BBA LLB, etc), the hotel management degree or an integrated five-year Master's in English/mass communication/foreign languages at a few universities. Some other courses that students may opt to include fashion designing, BCA, dance course, acting course, foreign language course, mass communication course etc. There are so many choices and options available for the art students, but the need is to pick out the best option on the basis of your capabilities. Some of the popular options are:

Career in Mass Communication: Mass communication is a very popular career option for those having good communication skills as well those looking for an adventurous career option in future. With the rewards that come with a career in mass communication, the course is highly popular among non-science students looking for career guidance after 12th and wants to choose the right career path. It is the career options after 12th for those who have an interest in news and current affairs and have a good communication ability to communicate with other people. There are various institutes that offer professional courses related to public relations, advertising, marketing, journalism, mass media careers and more. Though the educational qualification required is not much demanding, but still, candidates need to have a strong hold on their language. While knowledge of both Hindi and English is important, along with that knowledge of regional languages can be very helpful. A person having knowledge of local regional languages can easily communicate with the local people and collect the news information effectively.

Career in the Field of Web/Graphic Design: Web designing also provides a great career opportunity for the individuals who have their interest in the fields of the internet as well as designing. Every day more and more websites, as well as internet applications, are being launched and there is a tremendous demand for the talented individuals who can bring in some new innovation. There are separate branches of professional courses related to web and graphic designs. These may be associated either with the animation, web hosting, graphic designing, editing, sound engineering and other related subjects where an interested student can make the best career. These are new subjects and are in demand with various industries and related field. There is no educational qualification needed to get admission into these short time courses and there are a lot of private institutes providing training in these courses and also assist in getting jobs.

Career in Fashion Design: Yet another career

option for those passing out form arts stream is fashion designing. Fashion designing is one of the top emerging career options after 12th. Students interested in the field of fashion and design can easily get into this career option. All that you need here is creativity and innovation. There are various top fashion design institutes in India that offers diploma courses, graduate-level courses, postgraduate courses and more in apparel marketing and merchandising and it is adjudged best courses after 12th. Fashion designing is not only concerned with the designing fashionable merchandise but also designing clothing and uniforms in general. The 12th arts student gets to attain knowledge in garment design technology and manufacturing. Cloth manufacturing is also a part of fashion designing. These are the fashion designing courses that are mostly made for those less than 28 years of age and want to create a mark in the fashion designing industry. Apart from clothing, those who have an interest in just designing can also choose between fashion Cad and various other software's used in the field of fashion designing.

Career in Hospital Management: Hospital management is gaining popularity rapidly in our country. Though this is not a new career option in western countries, in our country, this career option has become popular in the past few years. These days the standard of living is increasing day by day and people are spending a lot of money towards hospitality. If you like to serve others, then a career after 12th arts in hospitality is certainly an option that you can avail. Such courses open the doors in the hospitality industry at various levels. In the field of Hospital Management different-different organization and institute operates many types of courses. Some organizations admit only Biology students for certain courses but most of the institute admitted students from all subjects. If a student is interested in this field then there are many options like:

Hospital Administration
Public Health Care
Health Care services in Bachelor Degree Courses
Post Graduates Diploma in Hospital Management

Hospital Management and Hospital Administration operate Postgraduate level and those graduating from these fields or other professional courses can apply. Most of the institutes provide correspondence facility and arrange evening classes in working days for those who are working side by side.

Career in Defence Services: Yet another opportunity available is the career in defence services. A career in defence services is one which demands responsibility and ability to face challenges at regular intervals of time without being emotional at the same time. One can opt for a career in defence after 10+2, graduation like engineering (B.E./ B.Tech) and also after post graduation courses like MBA and MCA. If you really have the feeling of doing something for your country and willing to face some really tough situations then it is surely a great career for you. Serving for the Defences forces of the country not only give pride to the individual but also provide the opportunity to help the people

of the country in tough times like war, terrorist attacks etc. and during natural calamities like tsunami, earthquakes, and floods. There are many stages for entering the defence sector. For those passing out from arts background can appear for the NDA examination and enter the defence sector according to their calibre. The entry route into the Indian Army is through the Combined Defence Services Examination (CDS). The UPSC conducts this CDS twice a year – in February and August/September – to admit cadets to the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun, and the Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai.

Career in Law: For those interested in legal studies, the law is a great option. Those interested in law studies can directly take the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). CLAT is common law admission test on basis of which students can secure their seat into a law school. A student passing their 12th examination from a recognized board with any background can apply for the CLAT exam and upon clearing the exam can join a law school according to the CLAT score attained.

Event Management Course: Candidates having strong leadership qualities as well as high level of creative thinking can go for event management course. While choosing a career after 12th arts students have access to courses in event management that provides an edge over those who do not have such a degree and also a great career options after 12th. This is a career field where more than your qualification, your skill and experience matters. The training ensures students enrolling for such a certification get to know all about the insights of the field. This enables them to smoothly organize any kind of event in the country or even abroad. The institutes through their professional courses make sure that all of their students get to work at certain event management companies as an intern to attain adequate experience. Strong management ability, leadership, team motivation and creative thinking are some of the necessary qualities to be possessed by those opting for this course.

Conclusion
There are a lot of parents who still think that after the 10th science is the only choice a good future and most of the times end up forcing their children to opt for something that they have no interest in. It's a high time and now even skill based careers are also highly paid and respected. There are a lot of career opportunities available after 12th in arts. If a student wants to opt for science then we should not discourage him, but for those who want to go for arts, parents should not force them into science. There are equal numbers of opportunities these days for students with arts backgrounds and those interested in following their passion must go on.

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Civil Defence inaugurates five-day CD training programme

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 22: Five days training programme was started at Government Higher Secondary School R.S Pura, Jammu under the supervision Dy.SP Anita Pawar, Deputy Controller Civil Defence, Jammu.

In the training camp, 80 Students of Hr. Sec. School are attending CD basic training. The said training will be given by the Civil Defence Experts on the knowledge of First Aid & Fire Fighting, Snake bite, Choking and other basic life saving technique and preventive measures during the natural/manmade disaster.



During the inaugural programme of the training, Dy.SP Anita Pawar delivered a lecture wherein she highlighted the role of Civil Defence and importance of this training in our daily life. She urged that this training is considered to be very beneficial for the daily life of every human

being. Paramjit Kumar Chief Warden Civil Defence Jammu in his speech also highlighted the setup of the organization especially the role of wardens in Civil Defence organization. At the end of the programme Sh. Ajay Sharma Principal of Hr.

Sec. School presented vote of thanks. Besides other who was present on the occasion were R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden CD Jammu; Sub Insp Mazammal Hussain I/C Trainings and Ct. Parshotam Kumar, Civil Defence Instructor and Staff of the School.

ABVP GGM Science College Unit launches 'Birds Are Our Friends' Campaign

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 22: The Students for Development Group from GGM Science College Unit in Jammu initiated the 'Birds Are Our Friends' campaign on the college campus.

This campaign, organized by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, aims to raise awareness among students about their responsibilities towards nature and animals. As part of the campaign, students in GGM Science College Jammu have been installing earthen water pots for birds at the college campus.

These pots will not only be planted but also regularly filled and



cleaned by appointed students throughout the summer. Priyanshu, the college unit Convenor of Vikasharthi Vidyarthi at GGM Science College, emphasized the importance of ensuring sufficient food and

water for birds during the summer season.

The campaign also encourages students to take selfies with the water pots. This nationwide campaign, joined by activists of ABVP and students

from various colleges, addresses the issue of water scarcity faced by birds and animals due to rising temperatures and drying natural water sources, which unfortunately leads to their demise.

APSCC seeks hassle free visa services to the foreigners

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, May 22: Welcoming the holding of a meeting of the tourism working group of G-20 nations in Srinagar, All Parties Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) today said that there is a need to introduce liberal visa policy so that people from foreign countries visit places of religious importance without hassle.

In a statement, APSCC Chairman Jagmohan Singh Raina said that Srinagar is privileged to host delegates of 20 nations. He said that since there are many places of religious importance in the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir it is important to introduce hassle free visa services to the foreigners so that they visit places without any difficulty.

"The union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have tremendous scope of religious tourism. Religious places like Jamia Masjid, Srinagar, Dargah Hazratbal, Gurdwara Chatti Padshahi, Srinagar, Mata Vaishno Devi, Katra-Jammu, Kheer Bhawani, Tulmulla-Ganderbal and Gumpas of Ladakh have a mass appeal, but have not been put on the international religious tourism map so far," said Raina.

The APSCC Chairman said that these places

of religious importance can be frequented by pilgrims from across the globe only when liberal visa policy is introduced. He said that Government of India, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh administrations should take a cue from the governments of Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and China as they have opened up places of religious importance like Makkah, Madina, Gurdwara Nankana Sahib and Kailash Parbat under liberal visa policy.

Raina said that there is a dire need to introduce master planning on tourism adding that the same would give a new dimension and meaning to the tourism scenario of Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the previous governments never paid any attention to this all important aspect of tourism adding that the present dispensation should try to correct the wrongs done in the past.

"Many greedy people have virtually de-shaped the landscape of places of tourism importance like Gulmarg and Pahalgam. The view of the Srinagar city has also been distorted due to the construction of many malls and high rise buildings. There is a need to create tourist resorts and clusters so that unemployed youth start to earn their livelihood," said APSCC Chairman.

Army, NGO conduct landmark medical camp in remote uri



TOP NEWS REPORT

URI, May 22: The third and final Medical cum Veterinary camp was conducted in Uri district in the AoR (Area of Responsibility) of Mike Battalion, under the aegis of Pir Panjal Brigade. The camp took place at Government Boys Medium School, Batgram Village (Soni village), near the Line of Control. The event was organized in association with the Pune-based NGO "Borderless World Foundation."

This medical camp marked a significant milestone, as it was the first of its kind to be held in such remote areas where access to basic amenities like healthcare, education, and food is limited. The camp witnessed the participation of 14 specialist doctors from Maharashtra, who provided their services under the auspices of the Borderless World Foundation. More than 200 individuals, including women, elderly people, and children, received treatment from the medical team comprising general practitioners, medical specialists, ENT specialists, orthopedists, pediatricians, gynecologists, among others. Additionally, free medicines were provided to the patients.

The joint efforts of the Indian Army and civilian doctors ensured that all patients received free health check-ups and consultations. This initiative reflects the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the people. It aims to alleviate the hardships faced by those

living in remote parts of Uri, such as Soni village, where access to healthcare has always been a challenge.

The local residents of Batgram expressed their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Indian Army for organizing this medical camp, which brought much-needed relief to their community.

The event showcased the Indian Army's policy of providing a healing touch and demonstrated the unity of "Awam" (people) and "Jawan" (soldiers) in tackling challenges together.

In addition, this initiative aligns with the theme of the G20 summit in the year when India is presiding over the organization. The G20 theme for this year focuses on promoting inclusive growth and sustainable development. By organizing the medical camp in remote areas and ensuring access to healthcare for the underprivileged, the Indian Army exemplifies the spirit of inclusivity and demonstrates its commitment to the well-being of all sections of society.

The successful execution of the Medical cum Veterinary camp in Uri district has not only provided much-needed medical assistance to the local residents but has also showcased the Indian Army's dedication to the welfare of the people. It serves as a shining example of collaboration between the armed forces and NGOs, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in bridging gaps in healthcare accessibility.

Jamsheed welcomes delegates of G20 Summit in Kashmir

TOP NEWS REPORT

KUPWARA, May 22: "India's G20 Presidency will work to promote this universal sense of oneness. Hence our theme- 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'" – Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

On December 1st, 2022 India takes over the Presidency of the G20 Forum from Indonesia. Undoubtedly, India has prominently played a significant role for being the world's largest democracy and rapidly growing economy. India under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has witnessed excellent growth in various sectors, strengthening India's position on the global platform.

Sheikh warmly extended his felicitations while saying, "It is a great

opportunity for India and for every Indian.

Indeed, there is an unmatched inquisitiveness to the world to know and understand India. The world is looking towards India with a new light, as our successes and historical achievements are commendable throughout the world. Sheikh said, "G20 meetings in Kashmir are hoped that they will bring prosperity and stability to the Valley. Moreover, it will provide a diplomatic platform for discussions, promote dialogue, and indirectly influence the situation through its focus on economic stability and development.

Sheikh added, "We heartily welcome G20 Meetings in the valley of Kashmir. The G20 meet in Kashmir will serve as an opportunity for India to display the

reality to the world that normalcy has returned in the union territory."

Moreover, It'll give an opportunity to the valley to present its ancient culture and traditional customs and will also present its heart-throbbing beauty for the boost of tourism and will be quite helpful in the employment generation for the youth.

Sheikh said, "Looking forward for the best outcomes, "the event will help put the age-old hospitality of Kashmir on a display at the international platform. The event will send a message across the globe about Kashmir's beauty and hospitality which ultimately will result in more tourist arrivals. We are hopeful that the successful G-20 event will help give a big push to J&K's economy".

Tauseef condoles demise of Mohd Maqbool

TOP NEWS REPORT

KUPWARA, May 22: A prominent social activist from North Kashmir Mr Tauseef Ahmad War has condoled the demise of Mohammad Maqbool Bhat, a well known businessman of Srinagar and brother of Mehjabeen Nabi, Chairman-J&K, National Human Rights and Social Justice Council

of India. In his message, War has condoled the demise of Bhat.

He said, "The loss of a dear one is unbearable but there is no substitute for death. So sooner or later all of us are bound to perish".

Mr War while deliberating on the sad demise has termed Mr Bhat a good human being

who was always ready to work for his people". "With him we have lost a great son of the soil", he added.

War prayed for the eternal bliss of the noble soul. He said, "In this hour of grief and sorrow, our all sympathies are with the bereaved family, especially, Mehjabeen Nabi."

BJP's Social Media Deptt will actively participate in month-long campaign: Ankit

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 22: In view of upcoming month-long campaign from May 30 to June 30 in connection with successful completion of nine years of BJP Government at the Centre, Social Media Department of Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu and Kashmir will play its vital role in publicizing the schemes and key achievements of Modi Government and bringing awareness about the same amongst the general public through social media platforms.

This was stated by Ankit Gupta, Head Social Media Department of BJP's J&K while chairing a meeting here today. In the meeting, Nitish Mahajan, Manjit Singh and Satish Jandial, Co Incharges of



Social Media Department, BJP J&K were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Ankit Gupta asserted that the greatest achievement of the Modi led Govt at the Centre is that its nine years of governance are unblemished as the main focus during all these nine years has been on transparency and accountability of the highest degree.

Ankit asked the Co-

incharges of Social Media Department to play their proactive role in making every single person of Jammu and Kashmir aware about the achievements of BJP Govt with the help of social networking sites. He asked them to ensure that the people belonging to all the sections of the society right upto the last person in line will aware about the schemes rolled out by the Modi Govt.

Ankit Gupta assured the Head of Social Media Department that he will do their best in promoting the policies, programmes and schemes of Central Government in every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir through various social media platforms. He said that the Social Media Department will proactively participate in the campaign from May 30 to June 30 and make this campaign successful.

Ankit said social media is a major platform to get the party's ideology across to the masses. It helps common people in having direct links with the BJP and this is why we have been able to emerge as the largest political party in the world. He said in today's era, social media is the only weapon by which people with anti-national mentality can be defeated.

Later, Nitish Mahajan was nominated as Incharge of Public and Media Relation and Satish Jandial was nominated as All Morcha Incharge Social Media.

Prominent who attended the meeting include Manjeet Singh Jasrotia, Satish Jandyal, Poonam Gupta, Adv. Abheet Sangotra, Bal Arya and Abhinandan Bhardwaj.

Ban on Rs 2000 is surgical strike on corruption: Braham Jyot

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 22: Braham Jyot Satti, Senior leader BJP and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir issued a press statement and appreciated the ban of Rs 2000 currency notes in India and said it is also a surgical strike on corruption and termed this ban as another master stroke by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In his statement he said Rs 2000 notes were introduced to stabilize the currency by government of India after scrapping of old 1000 and 500 notes but some money hunger and corrupt people dumped huge number of 2000 currency notes and now these notes are totally out of rotation which is a serious issue.

He said now these cor-



rupt people will understand that Central Government is serious in this issue and they will deposit their saved Rs 2000 currency notes in banks as a result of which notes will be rotation again. But Rs 2000 currency notes has completed their life span and they should be totally banned.

Stating the reasons behind the RBI's decision, He also shared details about the exchange facility available to citizens. He termed the opposition's attack as desperate and to stock fear among the

public and said same strategy has been employed by the opposition to spread rumours about the COVID 19 vaccine during the pandemic.

He said The RBI started printing the Rs 2,000 note in November 2016 after Prime Minister Narendra Modi scrapped high-value Rs 1,000 and Rs 500.

He said In order to ensure operational convenience and to avoid disruption of regular activities of bank branches, exchange of Rs 2,000 banknotes into banknotes of other denominations can be made up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time at any bank starting from May 23, 2023.

He said BJP always stands with every citizen of India and will continue to serve public in better way.

Taking inspiration from the red carpet, designers tell us how to incorporate pearls in our fashion game

The pearl is the queen of the gems and the gems of the queens, said American actress and Princess of Monaco Grace Kelly. Going by the mighty show of pearl power at Met Gala 2023, which was a tribute to Karl Lagerfeld, what one can do with the precious drops fired up one's imagination.

Alia Bhatt, dressed in a pearl-drenched Prabal Gurung gown; Kim Kardashian in a Schiaparelli gown made with pearl strands; Penélope Cruz in a veil-like hood over a strapless gown tied together with a pearly belt; Karlie Kloss announcing her second pregnancy draping her growing bump in a 90s-inspired pearl belt; Serena Williams doing the same with a Gucci monochrome gown dressed with strings of pearls...it is the reign of the pristine white jewels everywhere.

"I think for those, who have not lived the vintage life, Met Gala's tribute to Karl Lagerfeld was a good way to live the history of fashion. The event evoked nostalgia," says fashion designer Narendra Kumar, who loved Alia Bhatt's pristine pearl look. The Kim Kardashian didn't cut ice with the designer though, "That



many pearls would be uncomfortable," he says.

"From accessories to ensemble, pearls have lately made a huge leap," says designer Siddhartha Bansal. According to him, one can make a statement with such an eye-catching ensemble while attending a cocktail or high tea. "One can

use pearls as high collar and strings for sleeves or embellishment on the blouse!"

Ritu Kochhar, founder director, INIFD, sees pearls as the most versatile piece of jewellery that goes with almost every outfit. "Pearl strings with a saree just like Maharani Gayatri Devi or Sharmila Tagore, or with a crisp

cotton shirt paired with formal pants or even denims, a shift dress with a V neckline, white cultured pearls can lift up any ensemble and make one look very feminine," says Kochhar.

Pearls work as the perfect summer embellishment. She vouches, "Pearl work on bridal sarees, dupattas, suits, formal tops or even blouse neckline to accessories like bags, belts, headgear or even nail art. There is so much that one can do with it!"

Designer Jasmine Bains loves pearls. "We love pearls both in India and Pakistan. The use of pearl has always intensified the look of an outfit, be it an evening dress or a cocktail gown. Even a small strip of pearls on a T-shirt can enhance the style game. Not only in clothes, but pearls can play an important role in home décor as well. It can light up the whole interior of one's house," says Bains. Designer Supriya Jain calls pearls the perfect summer accessory. "Use of pearls will now be prevalent in the fashion as it can be used in embroidery, on side slits of kurtas and on borders of dresses," she says.

Actress Sadhwi Majumder talks about 'Sapnon Ki Chhalaang'



Sadhwi Majumder, who is part of the show Sapnon Ki Chhalaang, is quite upbeat about her role.

She says, "The response to the show has been amazing.

The way it portrays the small things that happen in every family, with roommates or in an office is relatable."

She adds, "I am a small-town girl who came to Mumbai almost six years ago with the ambition to become an actor.

When the episodes are telecast, my parents and I sit in different cities and relate to all things that happened to us.

If Radhika can make it, everybody can. Mumbai is a fast city. I wouldn't say it is easy to find opportunities here, but the city gives you chances."

Kim Kardashian opens up on parenting challenges, finding love again: 'There are nights I cry myself to sleep'

American media personality, Kim Kardashian recently opened up about the challenges of parenting and divulged that it's not an easy job.

Opening up about the challenges she faces as a mom, in an exclusive clip from an upcoming episode of the On Purpose with Jay Shetty podcast, Kim shared her experience of rearing four kids -- daughters North, 9, Chicago, 5, and sons Saint, 7, and Psalm, 4, quoted People.

All these four kids Kim shares with ex-husband Kanye West. The couple got separated after being together for seven years on February 19, 2021.

Asked about the difference between ideas and the ground reality of parenting, Kim replied, "Everyone says the days are long and the years are short, and that couldn't be like a more true statement." "So, like, when you're in it, I mean, especially when they're babies and you're feeding... there's madness going on. It's like full madness," she continued. "It's the best chaos though," reported People.

Detailing that "you have no idea what's going on" in the mornings, Kardashian added, "It's like I always have to do one of my daughter's hair -- and it has to be perfect and it has to be a certain way -- and then this one needs me to put his shoes on and they all need you... It's like full crazy madness, cooking, running around. Like, it's wild." Continuing to speak candidly about her role as a mother, Kardashian then said that "parenting is the thing that has taught me the most about myself." "It has been the most challenging thing," she continues. "There are nights I cry myself to sleep. Like, holy shit, this f---ing tornado in my house. Like, what just happened?" "You know, with all the moods and the personalities and sometimes they're fighting, and you know, there's no one there," Kardashian added. "Like, it's [just] me to play a good police officer and bad cop."

Kardashian also opened up about how nights are in her home with her four kids, "We are going hour by hour to see if we're gonna survive night by night." "If a tantrum comes in, oh my God, your



life is completely upside down," she said. "But it teaches you so much more about yourself than I think anyone, any parent, could have ever anticipated." "I mean, there are nights when you don't wash your hair for days as a mom and you have spit up all over you and you're wearing the same pyjamas, especially in COVID," Kardashian continued. "It was insane, you know?"

All in all, Kardashian said that she loves her role as a mom and wouldn't change it for anything. "There's just nothing that can prepare you for this experience. It is the most challenging, rewarding job on this planet," she says.

The former couple jointly hold physical and legal custody of their four children. West was required to pay Kardashian USD 200,000 a month in child support. He is also responsible for half of the children's medical, educational, and security expenses.

Kardashian and West started dating in 2012 and wed in May 2014. Their marriage landed in crisis at the height of West's public outbursts in 2020 after he launched a controversial bid for president of the United States and divulged deeply personal details about his family and marriage on the campaign trail and on Twitter.

Harrison Ford gives a classic reply to 'still very hot' comment at Cannes

Hollywood star Harrison Ford proved why he is one of the most popular actors in Hollywood following his brilliant response to comments that he is "still very hot" at the age of 80.

The actor was clearly taken aback when a member of the media complimented his looks and physique during his latest film Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny, where he returns as the main character for the fifth time.

The stars of the fifth installment of the movie franchise were all in attendance at the Cannes Film Festival, where Harrison was given a five-minute standing ovation following the world premiere. He also received the Palme d'Or - the highest ranked award of the ceremony - as he made a rare red carpet appearance with his wife Calista Flockhart on the French Riviera. Co-stars Mads Mikkelsen and Phoebe Waller-Bridge were sitting alongside Harrison during a press conference when the journalist fired her shot at the veteran actor.

She said, "Look, I still think you are very hot," before the room of the reporters and the stars themselves burst into laughter, with Harrison blinking twice as he digested the compliment. "And, we were stunned to see you take your shirt off in the second scene. I mean you have still got it. How do you keep fit? And can you ride a horse?" Harrison responded in his true comedic style, "Let me tell ya, yeah I can ride a horse. If they let me! Look, I have been... erm... I've been blessed with this body," to which a chorus of laughter echoed around the room once again.

Going for the kill Veteran filmmaker Martin Scorsese's Killers of the Flower Moon recently premiered to the biggest standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival so far.

The three hour and 26 minute



drama starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Robert De Niro and Lily Gladstone, which tells the

story of a dark, largely unexplored chapter of American history, is connected with theatre-

goers in the French Riviera.

Even after sitting through a movie that was longer than Titanic, the crowd was so enraptured that they sprang to their feet and applauded for nine minutes. Cannes clearly loves Leo and Scorsese, who returned to the festival for the first time since 1985's After Hours.

Staggering response Director Todd Haynes brought a delicious psychodrama to the Cannes Film Festival with the world premiere of his

May December starring Natalie Portman and Julianne Moore. Captivating the Cannes crowd, the film earned a 6-minute standing ovation at the festival's Grand Palais.

"Wo aa gaya" Filmmaker Anurag Kashyap is currently in France for the premiere of his film Kennedy at the prestigious Cannes film festival 2023. On Sunday, Anurag Kashyap took to his Instagram account and shared a picture on his stories in which he could be seen posing with director Vikramaditya Motwane on the red carpet.

"Wo aa gya!!! WO AA GAYA Mer film ke liye WO AA GAYA," he captioned the picture, followed by multiple red heart emoticons.

Who's this girl? Shannon Kumar Sanu has attended the premiere of Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny. Shannon says, "It feels incredible, but honestly, I was super nervous to walk on the Cannes red carpet. I am so happy to be invited to the legendary Harrison Ford's movie premiere. It feels surreal that I was posing at the same time as Mr Ford was on the carpet! You know those moments you cannot put into words but are extremely special for you? This was one of them." Shannon was invited for this movie screening, which is all set to release on June 30th across cinemas.

Tina Datta's emotional appeal

Sony Entertainment Television's show Hum Rahe Na Rahe Hum is about a royal family. Despite being a prince from the royal Barot family, Shivendra Barot (Jay Bhanushali) falls for Surilli (Tina Datta), who knows nothing about the royal ways of life.

In a scene, to keep Barot awake after a grievous injury, she musters up the courage to sing again to save him. To make it look authentic, Tina revealed



that she lent her voice for the scene and really enjoyed the entire process. She said, "It was a highly challenging task for me as I had to balance multiple emotions simultaneously. I was pleading for help and crying, yet anxious about Shivendra's condition. The only way to keep him awake was through my singing. Incorporating three to four different emotions into my singing was a challenging aspect."

Ananya Panday shares pictures

The rising star Ananya Panday makes sure there should not be any dull moment if someone visits her Instagram profile. Sharing a mixed bag of pictures, the Student of the Year 2 actor captioned her recent post, "A little bit of this and a little bit of that but lots of me..." The first two pictures show Ananya from a recent fashion shoot. Then in another frame, she is showing her tattoo to the world. The fourth picture show-



cases Ananya from her school days and she has written all over her hands with ink. And the last one shows little Ananya making a surprised face! Ananya's mother Bhavna Panday posted a lot of heart emojis on her post, while bestie Suhana Khan wrote, "DAIS u was quite iconic." Talking about the work front, Ananya will be next seen in director Vikramaditya Motwane's untitled thriller film.

Fiji, Papua New Guinea confer highest honours on PM Modi

Fiji confers on Modi the Companion of the Order of Fiji while Papua New Guinea confers Companion of the Order of Logohu

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): Prime minister Narendra Modi was on Monday conferred the highest honours of Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

Fiji conferred on Modi the Companion of the Order of Fiji while Papua New Guinea conferred Companion of the Order of Logohu.

Some of the previous international awards conferred by countries on Modi are Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud (highest honour of Saudi Arabia awarded to non-Muslim dignitaries) in 2016, State Order of Ghazi Amanullah Khan (the highest civilian honour of Afghanistan), 2016, Grand Collar of the State of Palestine Award (the highest honour of Palestine awarded to foreign dignitaries), 2018, Order of Zayed Award (the highest civilian honour of the United Arab Emirates), 2019, Order of St Andrew award (the highest civilian honour of Russia), 2019, Order of the Distinguished Rule



of Nishan Izzuddin (the highest honour of the Maldives awarded to foreign dignitaries), 2019, King Hamad Order of the Renaissance (this Bahrain Order – First Class is a top honour by the gulf country),

2019. PM Modi also received Legion of Merit by the US Government (award of the United States Armed Forces that is given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance

of outstanding services and achievements) in 2020, Order of the Druk Gyalpo by Bhutan, the highest civilian decoration there, 2021.

The awards conferred on the PM by organisations and foundations include Seoul Peace Prize (awarded biennially to those individuals by Seoul Peace Prize Cultural Foundation who have made their mark through contributions to the harmony of mankind, reconciliation between nations and to world peace) in 2018, Champions of The Earth Award (UN's highest environmental honour) in 2018, Global Goalkeeper's Award by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in 2019 and Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award by the Cambridge Energy Research Associates, CERA (the award recognises the commitment of leadership towards the future of global energy and environment) in 2021.

TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee moves Supreme Court against CBI questioning in school jobs scam



NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear on May 26 a plea by senior TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee against his questioning by the CBI in the school jobs scam case. Banerjee, who was on May 20 questioned for over nine hours by the CBI in connection with the probe into the case, has sought the apex court direction that no coercive steps be taken against him by the agency. Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Banerjee, mentioned the matter for urgent listing before a vacation bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Sanjay Karol. The bench said the plea would be

heard on Friday. Banerjee's name cropped up in a complaint filed by Kuntal Ghosh, a local businessman and an accused in the school jobs scam, where he alleged that the central investigating agencies were pressing him to name Banerjee, who is the national general secretary of the TMC, in the case.

The agency's summons came within 24 hours of the Calcutta High Court dismissing on Thursday a petition filed by Banerjee seeking recall of a previous court order, which said that investigative agencies such as the CBI and ED could interrogate him in the teacher recruitment scam case.

An attempt on Friday to get a division bench and, after that, the chief justice of the Calcutta High Court to hear his revision plea did not yield results.

While mentioning the matter before the apex court, Singhvi said Banerjee had already been quizzed for over nine hours by the CBI and the TMC leader is apprehending that he may be arrested if called again for questioning by the agency.

"I (Banerjee) am asking for no coercive step," Singhvi told the bench, while requesting it to list the matter for hearing in this week.

The bench agreed to hear the plea on Friday and told Singhvi to ask his junior counsel to go to the mentioning officer.

Delhi High Court notice to BBC on defamation suit claiming its documentary cast slur on India's reputation

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Monday issued summons to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) on a defamation suit filed by an NGO claiming that its documentary cast a slur on the reputation of India, its judiciary and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



The plea said BBC (India) is the local operation office and BBC (UK) has released the documentary – 'India: The Modi Question' – which has two episodes. Senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the NGO, said the suit for defamation

against the BBC is in relation to the documentary which has "defamed" India and the whole system including the judiciary. He contended that the documentary also makes insinuation against the prime minister.

My wife and I are receiving threats for last 4 days: Sameer Wankhede

MUMBAI, May 22 (Agencies): Former Zonal Director of Mumbai Narcotics Control Bureau of India (NCB) Sameer Wankhede on Monday said that he and his wife have been receiving threats for the past four days.

On Sunday, Wankhede has been booked by the CBI for allegedly demanding Rs 25 crore as a bribe for not framing Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan in the drugs-on-cruise case. "My wife Kranti Redkar and I are receiving threats for the last 4 days and obscene messages coming on



social media. I will write to Mumbai Police Commissioner today about it and demand special security," Wankhede told agency. Wankhede was questioned for the second consecutive day on Sunday in connection with the case. After coming out of the NCB office, Wankhede said that he will contin-

ue to cooperate in the investigation. "I am fully cooperating with the CBI and will continue to do it. I answered whatever I was asked by CBI," Wankhede told ANI. The agency said that the deal was closed for Rs 18 crore adding that assets to Wankhede were not proportionate to his known sources of

income. Earlier, the NCB sources said that Wankhede violated the conduct rules by producing conversations he had with actor Shah Rukh Khan over Aryan Khan's arrest in the drugs-on-cruise case.

"Sameer Wankhede giving chats in the court is against the conduct rules of NCB. How an investigating officer can have such chats with the family of the accused?" sources in the NCB said.

The sources added, "Sameer Wankhede did not inform his superiors about these chats then or placed them on record.

Neither he told the vigilance team who were investigating his misconduct about these chats".

The NCB sources further claimed that Wankhede did not provide the phone through which he was chatting with Shahrukh Khan and along with this he also tried to scare a senior official of NCB when he took over the case.

Wankhede had approached the Bombay High Court against the CBI action against him, from where he was granted protection from arrest till May 22. The next hearing in the matter is on May 22.

Lumpy skin disease spreads again, 100 cattle deaths reported; Centre alerts states

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): With over 1,000 weekly fresh cases and 100 cattle deaths, the infectious Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), has started to spread in the country, once again. The disease, last year, had created havoc, across the country, by killing over 1.5 lakh cattle.

As of now, active cases of LSD in the country are hovering around 10,000. The union government, however, claimed that the situation was under

control so far. Officials told agency that Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh were the worst affected states.

Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana, which were among worst affected states last year, have reported no case of so far.

Union government officials have informed that all the states have already been alerted regarding the potential spread of the disease during the monsoon



season, and directed them to expedite the vaccination. Notably, Lumpy skin disease is caused by the lumpy skin disease virus (LSDV), which belongs to the genus capripoxvirus, a part of the pox-

viridae family (smallpox and monkeypox viruses are also a part of the same family). It does not transmit from cattle to humans.

Rajasthan has had ordered 1.5 crore vaccination from the union

government. Abhijit Mitra, Commissioner, Animal Husbandry Department, told The Tribune that deaths were being reported only in 5 per cent of the affected cases.

"The disease is not as deadly as it appears. Only those cattle - which have co-morbidities - die due to LSD," said Mitra, adding that vaccination was the key to control the cases and deaths.

He said there was no shortage of vaccines for the LSD in the country.

2 CoBRA commandos injured in encounter with Naxalites in Chhattisgarh

BIJAPUR, May 22 (Agencies): Two commandos of the Central Reserve Police Force's jungle warfare unit CoBRA were injured in an encounter between security forces and Naxalites in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, police said on Monday.

Two to three Naxalites also received bullet injuries in the gun fight which took place at around 8 pm on Sunday in Bijapur, located around 400 km from the state capital Raipur, they said.

A joint team of the District Reserve Guard and the CRPF's Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) launched a search operation from Pusnar camp on Sunday evening after getting information about an improvised

explosive device (IED) planted between Pusnar and Hiroli villages under Ganga-lor police station limits, an official said.

At around 8 pm, the gun battle broke out between the security personnel and Naxalites in the area.

After a brief exchange of fire, Naxalites escaped into the dense forest, he said.

Constables Nakul and Mohammad Shahid, belonging to CoBRA's 202nd battalion, suffered injuries on their hands and legs in the face-off, the official said.

They were were shifted to the Bijapur district hospital and their condition was stated to be out of danger, he said.

3 killed, more than 10 injured as mini truck overturns in MP

KATNI, May 22 (Agencies): Three women were killed and more than 10 other people injured when a mini truck in which they were travelling overturned in Madhya Pradesh's Katni district, officials said on Monday.

The accident took place at around 9 pm on Sunday when the victims were returning to Jabalpur after visiting a temple at Maihar town in Satna, they said.

The mini truck (loading vehicle) overturned near Pipronth under Madhav Nagar police station limits, Katni district collector Avi Prasad said.

Three women, aged 20, 45 and 50, were killed in the accident. Around a dozen others were injured and are undergoing treatment, he said.

According to police officials, the deceased and the injured persons were residents of Barela area in Jabalpur.

Woman shot at by cop hours before her marriage in Bihar's Munger

PATNA, May 22 (Agencies): A 26-year-old woman was shot at by a Bihar Police constable in Munger hours before her marriage was scheduled, police said.

The incident took place on Sunday night when the victim had gone to a beauty parlour for bridal make-up at Naya Bazar under the Kotwali police station.

The accused constable, Aman Kumar also reached there and shot at her. The bullet hit the left shoulder from behind and exited from the right side of the chest. The accused himself tried to shoot himself as well but failed.

Another woman, who was working in the parlour, tried to catch him but she failed. The accused overpowered her and fled from the spot.

"We have registered an FIR against Aman Kumar who is said to be a constable of Bihar Police and deployed in Patna. Preliminary investigation revealed that he is a jilted lover of the victim, who was angry with her marriage," said Dharendra Kumar Pardey, the SHO Kotwali police station Munger.

"We have constituted a team to nab the accused," Pandey said.

Former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain examined for spine problem at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital



NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): Jailed AAP leader and former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain was on Monday examined by doctors at the Safdarjung Hospital here for a spine problem, an official said.

Lodged at Delhi's Tihar Jail since his arrest in connection with a money-laundering case last year, Jain was taken to the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Hospital on Saturday but as he wanted a second

operation, he was taken to the Safdarjung Hospital, a senior jail official said.

"Jain visited the neurosurgery OPD in the morning and after being examined by the doctors there, he left. He was accompanied by police," said a spokesperson of the Safdarjung Hospital. Jain was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on May 31, 2022, in a money-laundering case.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal wished his former cabinet colleague a speedy recovery.

Father-son killed, 8 injured in accident in UP's Ballia

BALLIA (UP), May 22 (Agencies): A father-son duo was killed while eight people sustained injuries in a collision between two SUVs in Gadwar area of the district on Monday, police said.

According to police, the crash caused one of the vehicles to flip upon impact.

A jeep and a Scorpio collided near Inderpur petrol pump. Ramashankar

Chauhan (45) and his father Khichdi Chauhan (65) were killed as the jeep turned turtle upon impact while eight others were injured, a police officer said. The injured are being treated at the government hospital in Nagra, he said. The victims from Majhouva village were on their way to attend a ceremony, police said.

“Had Productive Talks”: PM Modi Holds Bilateral Meet With Papua New Guinea PM

Calling the talks productive, Prime Minister Modi said that they covered the full range of bilateral relations between India and Papua New Guinea.

PORT MORESBY, May 22 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Papua New Guinea counterpart held a bilateral on Monday in Port Moresby and discussed cooperation in Commerce, technology, and healthcare as well as in addressing climate change.

“Synergising India-Papua New Guinea relations. PM @narendramodi held a fruitful bilateral meeting with PM James Marape. PM Modi expressed his appreciation to PM Marape for co-hosting the FIPIC III Summit in Port Moresby,” the Ministry of External Affairs official Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi wrote on Twitter.

Calling the talks productive, Prime Minister Modi said that they covered the full range of bilateral relations between India and Papua New Guinea.

The discussions covered strengthening partnerships across sectors of trade and investment, health, capacity building and skill development and IT. The two sides also discussed issues related to climate action and promoting people-to-people ties.

“Prime Minister James Marape and I had very productive talks, covering the full range of bilateral relations between India and Papua New Guinea. We discussed ways to augment



cooperation in commerce, technology, healthcare and in addressing climate change,” PM Modi tweeted.

Moreover, the two leaders also launched a translation of the Tamil classic ‘Thirukkural’ in the Tok Pisin language of Papua New Guinea.

The book, which was launched by the PMs of India and Papua New Guinea was co-authored by Subha Sasindran and Governor Sasindran Muthuvel of West New Britain Province.

“Indian diaspora keeping alive connect with the motherland! PM @narendramodi & PM James Marape launched a translation of the Tamil classic ‘Thirukkural’ in the Tok Pisin language of Papua New Guinea,” Arindam Bagchi tweeted.

“Co-authored by Mrs. Subha

Sasindran and Governor Sasindran Muthuvel of West New Britain Province, the book brings Indian thought & culture closer to the people of Papua New Guinea,” the MEA spokesperson tweeted further.

Earlier today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Governor General of Papua New Guinea Bob Dadae at the historic Government House on Monday in Port Moresby, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

As the two sides held talks, they also underlined the significance of India, Papua New Guinea ties and development partnership between the two countries.

Taking to Twitter, the official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Arindam Bagchi wrote, “PM @narendramodi

starts off the day in Papua New Guinea with a warm conversation with Governor-General Sir Bob Dadae at the historic Government House. Underlined the significance of - ties and development partnership between the two countries.”

Following his meeting with the PNG Governor-General, PM Modi arrived at the iconic APEC House located on the shores of Ela Beach in Port Moresby, where he was welcomed by the NPG Prime Minister James Marape.

PM Modi arrived in the Indo-Pacific country on the second leg of his three-country visit.

Upon PM Modi’s arrival, the Indian national anthem was played and the two prime ministers stood still in respect. PM Modi was also accorded a guard of honour on his arrival.

This is PM Modi’s first tour to PNG, as well as the first-ever visit by any Indian Prime Minister to the Indo-Pacific country. Usually, Papua New Guinea doesn’t give a ceremonial welcome to any leader coming after sunset. But the nation made a special exception for PM Modi, and a fully studded ceremonial welcome was given to him.

A traditional folk dance performance was also staged outside the airport to welcome PM Modi to PNG.

“Incredibly Surreal”: Woman Sees Her Own Heart On Display At Museum, 16 Years After Transplant Surgery



LONDON, May 22 (Agencies): In one of the strangest reunions ever, a woman recently visited a museum to see her own heart, which was removed from her body during a life-saving transplant surgery 16 years ago, BBC reported. Jennifer Sutton, who hails from Ringwood in Hampshire, stated that it was “incredibly surreal” to see her own organ placed as an exhibit at Hunterian Museum in London.

“The minute you first walk in, you think, ‘That used to be inside my body,’” she said. “But it’s quite nice too—it’s like my friend. It kept me alive for 22 years and I’m quite proud of it

really. I’ve seen lots of things in jars in my lifetime but to think that’s actually mine is very weird,” she added.

She expressed how she hopes it would support organ donation, which she described as “the greatest gift possible.” She told the BBC that she now leads an active and busy life and intends to “keep myself going for as long as possible.”

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When Ms. Sutton first discovered she had difficulty with moderate exercise activity, such as walking up hills, she was a 22-year-old university student. She was diagnosed with restrictive cardiomyop-

athy, which is a health condition that restricts the ability of the heart to pump blood around the body. Doctors told her that she would die if she did not receive a transplant.

In June 2007, she received the life-changing news that a match had been found.

“I remember waking up after the transplant and thinking ‘Oh my goodness I am actually a new person. I remember doing a little double thumbs up dance to my family and saying ‘I made it I made it,’” she said.

Ms. Sutton then permitted the Royal College of Surgeons to use her heart for a display and it is now open for all to see at the museum in Holborn.

She said she wanted to take steps for promoting organ donation and added that it made life-defining moments such as her wedding, happen. She further said that she wanted to urge others to live life to the fullest and encouraged anyone putting off plans to “do it today”.

Fire destroys historic Philippine post office building

MANILA, May 22 (Agencies): A huge fire destroyed a historic post office in the Philippine capital Manila, officials said Monday.

More than 80 fire trucks were sent to the decades-old landmark after the blaze broke out late Sunday, the Bureau of Fire Protection said.

Thick, black smoke billowed hundreds of metres into the sky as flames gutted the neo-classical Manila Central Post Office that overlooks the Pasig River.

It took firefighters more than seven hours to get the inferno under control.

“The whole building has burned down from the basement all the way to the fifth floor,”



Postmaster General Luis Carlos told DZBB radio.

The cause of the blaze was being investigated, he said.

Fire brigades from across the capital deployed personnel to fight the blaze that left one volunteer firefighter with minor injuries.

Originally built in 1926, the post office was once considered the “grandest building” in Manila, according to its website.

It was destroyed in World War II as US forces recaptured the capital from Japanese occupation forces, and rebuilt it in 1946.

The Philippine National Museum declared the building an “important cultural property” in 2018.

Letters, parcels and the postal agency’s entire stamp collection were in the building and are likely destroyed, Carlos said.

Papua New Guinea, US to sign security pact with eye on China

PORT MORESBY, May 22 (Agencies): Papua New Guinea will sign a defence pact with the United States on Monday, giving US forces access to its airfields and ports as Washington vies with China’s growing footprint in the Pacific region.

In a sign of the intensifying rivalry over the South Pacific, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was not alone in representing major powers in Port Moresby, where the deal is to be signed.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi flew into town just hours before him on the eve of a summit Monday with 14 South Pacific island states, asserting his nation’s role as a regional power in the face of China’s rise.

“We share your belief in multilateralism. We support a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. We respect the sovereignty and integrity of all countries,” Modi told Pacific leaders in opening remarks.

Blinken will meet those same South Pacific leaders as the United States aims to counter China’s expanding economic, political and military presence.

But by signing the security deal with PNG Prime Minister James Marape, Blinken will also expand the US military’s capacity to deploy in the region.

Beijing has snapped up mines



and ports across the Pacific and last year inked a secretive security pact with the Solomon Islands that allows China to deploy troops to the country.

Student protests The United States fears that a Chinese military foothold in the South Pacific could flank its facilities on Guam, and make the defence of Taiwan more complicated in the event of a Chinese invasion.

The State Department said the pact with PNG would “enhance security cooperation and further strengthen our bilateral relationship, improve the capacity of the PNG Defence Force, and increase stability and security in the region.”

“Port Moresby is no longer the sleepy diplomatic outpost it once was,” said Gordon Peake, a senior adviser for the Pacific Islands at the United States Institute of Peace.

“While China might not be

mentioned anywhere in the document, it’s an important subtext in this story of deepening US-PNG relations.”

Marape last week said the deal would offer Washington movement in the country’s waters in return for access to US satellite surveillance to battle “illegal activities on the high sea”.

The deal would not prevent him from signing similar agreements with other nations, including China, he said.

China on Friday said it opposes the “introduction of any geopolitical games into the Pacific Island country region,” without specifically referring to the deal or Blinken’s visit.

“China has no objection to normal exchanges and cooperation between relevant parties and Pacific Island countries,” foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said at a daily briefing.

The agreement has also

prompted student protests at several universities, PNG’s biggest newspaper the Post Courier reported, over fears it gives US forces too much autonomy at some of the country’s key entry points.

Bomb squad cars Security was high in the capital on Monday, with roads blocked and bomb squad cars stationed around its downtown beach area close to where the leaders were meeting. Officers were also patrolling nearby waters on speedboats and jet skis.

Blinken replaced Joe Biden at the summit after the US president cancelled the trip to take part in debt ceiling talks in Washington.

After visiting a US-funded HIV/AIDS clinic, Blinken was to hold bilateral talks with both New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and Marape before inking the defence agreement.

On top of the deal, the US pledged to PNG \$45 million in funding to tackle organised crime, climate change and HIV/AIDS, as well as protective equipment for its military, the State Department said.

Commander of the US Indo-Pacific Command, Admiral John Aquino, also visited a barracks in Oro Province on Monday where he was met by a military parade, the Courier reported.

3 Palestinians killed in Israeli army raid in occupied West Bank

JERUSALEM, May 22 (Agencies): Three Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces in Balata refugee camp in the occupied West Bank early on Monday, the Palestinian health ministry said in a statement. There was no immedi-



ate confirmation of the fatalities by the Israeli military.

The Israeli forces raided Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus accompanied with bulldozers and blocked ambulances from entering the camp, Palestinian state news agency reported on Monday.

UK Opposition Slams Donations To Conservative Party By Indian Businessman

Karan Chanana, head of the global rice brand Amira, is being investigated by ED over claims that bank loans were unlawfully diverted into shell entities and is yet to respond to the allegations.

LONDON, May 22 (Agencies): Britain’s Opposition Labour Party is calling for a freeze on the money donated by an Indian rice tycoon to the governing Conservative Party while he is under investigation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in India on fraud and money laundering allegations.

Karan Chanana, head of the global rice brand Amira, is being investigated by ED over claims that bank loans were unlawfully diverted into shell entities and is yet to respond to the allegations. He is believed to have donated around GBP 220,000 to the Conservatives through his British company Amira G. Foods since September 2019.

Margaret Hodge, a senior Labour MP and chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Anti-Corruption and Responsible Tax, told the ‘Guardian’ newspaper on Saturday that the Tories should establish the source of these funds and freeze the money until the inquiries are completed.

“The Tories have been too dependent on major donors and have not been doing proper checks. They should now be forced to do so by new legislation,” she told the newspaper.

It comes after reports from Delhi revealed that the ED conducted search operations on May 2 at 21 locations in India connected to Chanana, the Indian company



Amira Pure Foods and other parties under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Charges are yet to be filed in the case as the ED says further inquiries are continuing.

“Investigations revealed that the accused entities in connivance with each other as well as other related/unrelated entities have illegally diverted loan funds sanctioned by the consortium of banks by way of transferring loan funds into the accounts of various shell entities under the guise of genuine business transactions,” the newspaper quoted an ED statement as saying.

“It was also known that Karan A Chanana had donated to a political party of [the] United Kingdom since 2019...while the accused entity had itself defaulted on repayment loans,” the statement adds.

Amira Nature Foods was listed on the New York stock exchange in October 2012,

specialising in Indian basmati rice grown in the foothills of the Himalayas. Chanana, its chairman and chief executive, operated the business from its headquarters in the Gold Tower in Dubai, while its official company registration was in the British Virgin Islands.

Its subsidiaries included Amira Pure Foods in India, now under investigation, and Amira G. Foods in the UK, according to corporate filings.

The probe in India follows a consortium of banks headed by Canara Bank filing a report with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in November 2020 alleging bank fraud.

Campus Activewear collaborates with Umran Malik to launch its Nitrofly range

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 22: Campus Activewear, one of India's largest sports and athleisure footwear brands, announces its collaboration with Umran Malik, India's fastest bowler, for the launch of the Nitrofly range.

As a renowned cricketer known for his exceptional performance and unwavering commitment to excellence, Umran Malik brings his expertise and passion for sports to endorse the Campus Nitrofly range. With the tagline 'Why Run When You Can Fly,' these high-performance shoes, powered by Nitro Technology, enable users to push their limits and achieve their best performance yet.

Campus Activewear's Nitrofly range is a ground-breaking collection of athletic footwear designed to elevate the performance of active individuals alike. Endorsed by renowned cricketer Umran Malik, these shoes are powered by cutting-edge technology, the revolutionary Nitro Technology, which sets



them apart from the competition. With cushioning, responsiveness, and energy transfer, the Nitrofly range empowers wearers to reach new heights in their performance.

Just like Umran Malik, Campus Activewear invites all sports enthusiasts and active individuals to experience the next level of performance with the Nitrofly range.

Speaking at the launch of Nitrofly range Nikhil Aggarwal, CEO of Campus Activewear

said, "We are delighted to partner with Umran Malik for the launch of our Nitrofly range. Umran's exceptional skills as India's fastest bowler perfectly align with our brand's essence of pushing the boundaries and achieving extraordinary performance. With Umran's endorsement, we are confident that Nitrofly will revolutionize the world of athletic footwear."

This collaboration is a testament to our dedication to providing our customers with the

best possible products that empower them to soar beyond their expectations."

"These shoes are not just ordinary footwear, but gears that provide speed, comfort and control," highlighted Umran Malik.

"Campus Activewear's Nitrofly range, powered by advanced Nitro Technology, takes the overall performance to new heights. Also, it is not just about style, but about performance and excellence, and the Nitrofly range epitomizes that philosophy," added Umran Malik.

"With the Nitrofly range, Campus Activewear continues to demonstrate its commitment to innovation and providing consumers with high-quality activewear that empowers them to achieve their fitness and performance goals. The collaboration with Umran Malik reaffirms our brand's unwavering commitment to continuously pursue excellence in delivering performance-driven products to our valued customers to maintain an active lifestyle," the company said in a press release issued.

Several join MRM at Jammu, opens new office at Channi Rama



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 22: A Joining programme was held at newly established Office of "Muslim Rashtriya Manch" in Malik Market here on Monday.

The programme was convened under the Chairmanship of Gulshan Kumar-the Organiser J&K and Ladakh UT's Muslim Rashtriya Manch.

The main objective of this meeting was to conduct briefing session in which "Muslim Rashtriya Manch" Leadership was to be kept abreast of the latest developments and working of the organisation especially about the

upcoming organisational Programmes. The aim of all the functionaries was also to work at the grass roots levels for welfare and benefits of common masses.

On this occasion, all the delegates and the other prominent persons who joined the Morcha today were warmly welcomed in to the organisational folds.

Organiser J&K and Ladakh UT's Gulshan Kumar said that MRM is the sole organisation that is committed to serving the people irrespective of caste, colour and creed. Meanwhile, in order

to establish a place for the convenience of the general public as also to boost the organisation, an office was opened at Channi Rama near Hyundai Showroom Jammu recently. The office was inaugurated by Organiser J&K Ladakh UT's Gulshan Kumar. A number of MRM activists and supporters gathered in the new office to show their firm resolve to work for the progress and well being of the organisation and to give furtherance to its social mission.

Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included Ali Mohd Chechi (Co-Convenor J&K), Amir Iqbal Khan (Spokesperson and Media/IT head JKUT), Zaffar Iqbal (Convenor district Rajouri), Shahid Kalas (Co-convenor Jammu Province), Shakeel Shaif (Co-Convenor disstt Rajouri), Ajaz Kalas (Secretary Jammu province) and others.

Dogri Sanstha organizes Ek Malati with Jiten Thakur



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 20: Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized Ek Malati with prolific Hindi and Dogri writer Jiten Thakur at Dogri Sanstha, Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar Jammu which was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha and conducted by Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju'.

It is pertinent to mention here that Jiten Thakur is a well-known name in Hindi literature and has carved a niche for him with thought provoking short stories and novels that include one poetry collection, eight collections of short stories and four novels in addition to several short stories that have been published in

all representative literary newspapers and magazines like Dharamyug, Sarika, Hans, Outlook etc.

During the interaction, Jiten Thakur talked at length about his association with celebrated writers like Dharamveer Bharti, Kamleshwar, Sharad Joshi and others. He felt sorry to say that although he did write and still writes in Dogri but as he was so much involved in Hindi literature and lives at Dehradun, he could not contribute to Dogri literature to an extent he wished to. But he has a belonging for his soil and will surely contribute much more in Dogri.

He presented his widely acclaimed short story

'Kitab' from his collection of short stories 'Gumshuda' and a few anecdotes from his autobiography 'Jugnuon Ke Mele'.

Prof. Lalit Magotra, while presiding over the programme, said that it's a proud feeling to have an interaction with writer of national repute who has unique style of story-telling that gives him a distinct position in literary arena. He recalled his association with Jiten Thakur and discussed his autobiography in detail which has unique treatment and becomes quite interesting to read.

Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', an eminent English, Hindi and Dogri writer while conducting the interaction gave a brief account of literary contributions of Jiten Thakur both in Hindi and Dogri and added that Dogri language is blessed to have such a writer who is a source of inspiration for many. He hoped that Dogri literature will get enriched more with his regular contributions in future also.

The programme was attended by galaxy of prominent litterateurs and literature lovers.

JU organises field trip for students on agricultural marketing to have field-based learning

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 22: In continuation with the visionary approach of the Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof Umesh Rai, towards organising field-based and experiential learning programmes for the student community, Dr. Vivek Sharma, Senior Assistant Professor and lead teacher of Agriculture Marketing at Department of Lifelong Learning organised a day-long field trip for the students of Semester IV of MA in Rural Development.

The Vice-Chancellor has already directed the University teachers to take initiatives for strengthening the community-based university interventions, particularly Agriculture which still exists as the mainstay of rural masses.

Further, the Vice Chancellor endeavours to introduce job-oriented courses that are in sync with the emerging national and global trends as well as relevant to the market requirements which would increase employability and enhance innovation and entrepreneurship among the students.

The field trip assumes greater significance against the backdrop of the launch of the project named Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) by the government of Jammu & Kashmir in April this year that aims to strengthen the existing market infrastructure and create a robust market ecosystem that caters to the needs of all the stakeholders.

"In current times, the challenge remains in integrating smallholder's produce with market systems that are both effective and transparent which will ensure that farmers receive a fair price for their goods while consumers get good value for their money," Dr Vivek Sharma said.

"In view of HADP project of the J&K government, these field trips are indispensable as they encourage students to learn and innovate, and enable them to take advantage of career opportunities that come their way," Dr Sharma added.

During the field trip, the students were first

taken to the Vegetable and Fruit Mandi, Narwal where they were thoroughly made to understand the market structure of both the agriculture and horticulture produce of Jammu region.

Thereafter, the students visited the godown of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) at Channi Rama where they were apprised of the critical role played by FCI in storing and transporting food grains. At the FCI, the trip was facilitated by Sh. Ravi Kumar, Depot Manager and Divya Sharma, Quality Inspector at FCI.

Later, students and faculty had an interaction with the farmers and understood the processing of agricultural produce during their visit to Sarveshwar Rice Overseas Limited which is a prominent exporter of agricultural produce in the Jammu region.

Dr. Vivek Sharma was assisted by Mahesh Verma, Joint Director Agriculture Jammu, Sanjeev Khajuria, Technical Officer Agriculture and Anaytullah Khan, Marketing Inspector, Horticulture during this field trip.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Health depatt intensify tuberculosis screening in District Doda

Top News Report

DODA, May 22: With India setting the target of elimination of Tuberculosis by 2025 and as a part of AKAM, the Health Department Doda has intensify conducting special screening camps and door to door screening campaign in the District.

The camps which aim to eliminate TB in the community has underway in each Medical Block of the District, to detect hidden cases of pulmonary TB cases in the community and to provide them with nutritional support.

The camps are being personally supervised by CMO Doda Dr A H Zargar and DTO Doda Dr Vensha Sharma and held under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Doda.

During these camps, the people were sensitized about the mode of transmission, symptoms and treatment of tuberculosis.

They have been apprised about prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis and about the TB free India campaign launched by the Prime Minister for total elimination of TB by 2025. TB screening is an effective method for identifying people who may not otherwise seek treatment due to misinformation or

misunderstanding about their symptoms. It helps ensure that TB is diagnosed early and treatment is initiated as soon as possible, reducing the risk of transmission in the community and improving treatment outcomes for the patients.

Screening camps such as these are also effective in raising community awareness about symptoms, prevention and treatment of TB, health officials said.

It has been informed that such drives help in educating people and creating mass awareness about Tuberculosis in the community.

NOTICE

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I&FC daily wagers stage protest, seek regularization

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 22: The daily rated workers of Irrigation and Flood Control and TRIC wings of the Jal Shakti Department on Monday held protest in support of their demands at Irrigation Complex Canal Road here.

The daily rated worker under the banner of All Daily Wagers Association RTIC, I&FC assembled at the Irrigation complex Jammu and started protest.

They are demanding regularization of all the daily wagers and release of wages of many workers. They



pointed out that many of them have rendered more than 20 years of service and working with dedication. The Government has not taken any initiative for their regularization. A large number of them have not been paid their wages. Many families

are facing starvation due to non-payment of their wages and arrears.

They have urged upon the LG's administration to regularize their services and also release pending wages of the workers. They said their protest will continue till their issues are resolved.

Public of Panchayat Jaura Kalan demands up-gradation of 53 years old Girls School from MS to HS

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 22: The poor public of Panchayat Jaura Kalan in Tehsil Kahara of District Doda has witnessed great discrimination in many sectors but in Education Sector, the situation is worst.

The lone Govt. Girls School Jaura Kalan opened in the area about 53 years back, has not seen the attention of education authorities in terms of Up-gradation.

The Govt. Girls School Jaura Kalan has hardly been granted Middle School (MS) few years back despite the fact that there is huge strength of girl students available and more to this, there are 4 middle schools, (Middle School Kunthal, Middle School Suranga, Middle School, Budhi & Middle School Shamdlian) around Govt. Girl Middle School Jaura Kalan, which can become the feeding schools in case the present Govt. Girls

Middle School Jaura Kalan is up-graded to Girls High School (HS).

In absence of this, the poor girls have to travel a distance of 4 to 5 kms on foot for higher education. Mostly, because of this handicap, the dropout percentage of girls has increased manifold.

As per release issued here by Senior AAP leader, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, said that there is strong resentment against the successive Governments and the authorities

for this neglect & step motherly treatment.

There is urgent need for up gradation of Govt. Girls middle School Jaura Kalan to High School, so that poor girl students of the area do not feel hardships on this account and are compelled to abandon their studies for no fault of their part, he said.

The public of Jaura Kalan, Tehsil Kahara, District Doda sought personal intervention of worthy Lt. Governor,

Manoj Sinha, for up-gradation of an in genuinely ignored 53 years old Girls School from Middle to High School.

Rao also demanded of reopening of Primary School in village Jia, which is attached with Middle School Ranote, two & half kms from village Jia. In absence of Primary school in village Jia, the small kids have to travel 2 to 3 kms on foot which is very injustice with these small children of age 6 to 10 years.

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"Do not rush to Banks:" RBI Governor says Rs 2000 notes will continue to be legal tender

also added that Rs 2000 notes circulation came down below 50 per cent since then. On being asked about the deadline of September 30, the governor said the deadline, given for Rs 2000 notes exchange, was decided so that it would be taken seriously.

The apex bank's governor said that it will revisit the September deadline based on

the situation. The Reserve Bank of India on Friday withdrew the Rs 2000 denomination banknotes from circulation but they will continue to remain as legal tender. It advised banks to stop issuing Rs 2000 denomination banknotes with immediate effect.

Meanwhile, RBI said that people would continue to be able to deposit Rs 2000 banknotes into their bank accounts and/or exchange them into banknotes of other denominations at any bank branch up to September 30, 2023.

The Rs 2000 denomination banknote was introduced in November 2016, primarily to meet the currency requirement of the

economy in an expeditious manner after the withdrawal of the legal tender status of all Rs 500 and Rs 1000 banknotes in circulation at that time.

Sweating, HC exempts gowns for Jammu Lawyers

High Court of J&K and Ladakh is exempted with immediate effect till the end of September 2023, reads a notification.

The decision was taken in view of the surge in the day temperatures in the winter capital of Union Territory of J&K.

ADGP Jammu Zone pins

ASI rank to promote officers

the working assignments and hoped that the officers would continue to work with Zeal and Zest. He wished them good luck for the future.

Motorcyclist dies in Pantha chowk road accident

A Case has been registered at police station Panthachowk, investigation taken up.

Body of the deceased lying at mortuary for medico legal formalities, he said.

MeT forecast fairly widespread rain in plains, snow over upper reaches in J&K

There are four types of colour codes signifying the level of caution: green which means no action, yellow—situation to be watched, orange—government agencies need to be prepared for severe weather and red—action needed by the agencies.

Markets climb in early trade

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 146.98 points to 61,876.66

MUMBAI, May 22 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices climbed in early trade on Monday amid rally in Asian markets along with buying in index heavyweights IT counters and Reliance Industries.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 146.98 points to 61,876.66 in early trade. The NSE Nifty went up by 55.3 points to 18,258.70.

Among the Sensex firms, NTPC, Power Grid, Wipro, Infosys, Sun Pharma, Larsen & Toubro, Tech Mahindra,



Reliance Industries, Tata Consultancy Services, Titan, ITC and State Bank of India were the major gainers.

IndusInd Bank, Bharti Airtel, Nestle, Asian Paints, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank were the laggards.

In Asian markets,

Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong were trading in the positive territory.

The US market had ended marginally lower on Friday.

Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.87 per cent to USD 74.92 per barrel.

Mcap of 6 of top 10 valued firms erodes by Rs 70,486.95 crore; Reliance, TCS biggest laggards

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): Six of the 10 most valued firms faced a combined erosion of Rs 70,486.95 crore in their market valuation last week, with Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) taking the biggest hit following a weak trend in equities.

While Reliance Industries, TCS, HDFC Bank, ITC, State Bank of India and HDFC were the laggards from the top 10 pack, ICICI Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Infosys and Bharti Airtel were the gainers.

Last week, the BSE Sensex declined 298.22 points or 0.48 per cent.

"Markets took a breather last week and shed half a per cent amid mixed cues. The beginning was upbeat, however, profit-taking in heavyweights across sectors pushed the index lower in the following sessions," Ajit Mishra, VP - Technical Research at Religare Broking Ltd, said.



Among major losers, the market valuation of Reliance Industries fell by Rs 27,941.49 crore to Rs 16,52,702.63 crore and that of TCS eroded by Rs 19,027.06 crore to Rs 11,78,854.88 crore.

HDFC Bank's valuation declined by Rs 10,527.02 crore to Rs 9,20,568.10 crore and HDFC's by Rs 9,585.82 crore to Rs 4,99,848.62 crore.

The mcap of State Bank of India went lower by Rs 2,722.01 crore to Rs 5,13,209.81 crore and that of ITC dipped Rs 683.55 crore to Rs 5,21,852.46 crore.

However, Infosys

added Rs 9,733.98 crore to its valuation at Rs 5,26,491.90 crore.

The mcap of Bharti Airtel jumped Rs 7,722.54 crore to Rs 4,49,050.34 crore and that of ICICI Bank rallied Rs 7,716.4 crore to Rs 6,67,196.10 crore.

The valuation of Hindustan Unilever climbed Rs 4,229.27 crore to Rs 6,20,621.04 crore.

Reliance Industries continued to rule the top 10 most valued firms chart, followed by TCS, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Infosys, ITC, State Bank of India, HDFC and Bharti Airtel.

Six entities under lens for suspicious trading in Adani shares prior to release of Hindenburg report: SC panel

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): Six entities including four foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) are under lens for suspicious trading in Adani group shares prior to the release of the damning Hindenburg report, the Supreme Court-appointed expert committee has said.

There was a build-up of short positions in the Adani scrips prior to the January 24 release of the Hindenburg report, and substantial profits were booked thereafter as stocks crashed, the 178-page report said.

A "short" position is generally the sale of a stock one does not own.

Investors who sell short believe the price of the stock will decrease in value. If the price drops, they can buy the stock at the lower price and make a profit.

Hindenburg's report claimed that the Adani empire was the "biggest con in corporate history" engaged in a "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud scheme".

Shares of Adani Group, which denied all allegations, likening the US investment firm's report to an attack on India, fell after the Hindenburg report was



published on January 24.

As the report stirred a political row and petitions were filed for a probe into the empire helmed by billionaire Gautam Adani, the Supreme Court on March 2, constituted the expert committee to investigate if there was any failure to disclose transactions with related parties and if stock prices were manipulated.

The expert committee headed by former SC judge AM Sapre found no regulatory failure during the sharp rise in prices of Adani group companies between March 2000 and December 2022 and their dramatic meltdown after January 24.

"While there was no adverse observation with respect to Adani scrips in the cash segment, suspicious trading

has been observed on the part of six entities. These are four FPIs, one body corporate and one individual," the report said.

The report did not name any of the six.

"The trading pattern here is suspicious because of the build-up of short positions by these entities in the Adani scrips prior to the Hindenburg report, and substantial profits earned by them by squaring off their short positions after publication of the Hindenburg report on January 24, 2023," the expert committee said.

A detailed investigation is being carried out in respect of the trading of the six entities.

"These being matters under investigation, and the factual findings at this stage being prima facie in nature, the Committee is not delving into

the details and names of these persons, or commenting upon the quality of the prima facie evidence.

"The committee wishes to ensure that the position of the respective parties, including SEBI, is not compromised either way when investigations are pending," the report said.

Financial crime-fighting agency Enforcement Directorate (ED) "found intelligence about potentially violative and concerted selling by specific parties just ahead of the publication of the Hindenburg report, and this may lead to credible charges of concerted destabilisation of the Indian markets, and Sebi ought to be probing such actions under securities laws," it said citing a response from ED.

The report said an analysis in trading of apples-to-port group's flagship firm, Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) shares in four patches between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022, a month before publication of the Hindenburg report and meltdown of Adani shares, showed the state-owned LIC

was the biggest loser as it sold off 50 lakh shares of the company when prices hovered around Rs 300 and bought 4.8 crore shares when the prices ranged between Rs 1,031 and Rs 3,859.

After a detailed scrutiny of the movement of prices of Adani shares and their sale and purchase by different entities, the committee found no evidence of price manipulation of stocks by firms linked to the Adani group.

Trading in AEL shares was analysed in four periods - March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 (Patch-1), September 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 (Patch-2), October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 (Patch-3) and April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 (Patch-4).

Stock market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) informed the committee that "while the price of AEL shares rose significantly, there was no evident pattern of manipulative contribution of price rise which could be attributed to any single entity or group of concentrated entities."

Highest preterm births in India: UN report

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): India has the highest preterm births — babies who are born alive before 37 weeks of the pregnancy — in the world accounting for about 23 per cent of the preterm births worldwide.

Around 30 lakh preterm babies were born in India in 2020, according to a new report titled "Born too soon: Decade of action on preterm birth" by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). India is followed by Pakistan with 9.4 lakh babies getting born before the complete pregnancy.

Almost half (45 per cent) of all preterm births in 2020 occurred in just five countries: India, Pakistan, Nigeria, China and Ethiopia.

"An estimated 13.4 million babies were born preterm in 2020, meaning that 1 in 10 babies worldwide was 'born too soon'," reads the report.

Notably, preterm birth remains the fourth leading cause of loss of human capital worldwide at all ages.

The report also highlights climate change has further threatened women's and adolescents' access to high-quality health services that are essential for

preventing and managing preterm birth.

Although the impacts of climate change are being felt in all areas of the world, the people most affected have contributed least to the crisis.

The report reveals that around 91 per cent of deaths of preterm babies related to air pollution occur in low middle income countries.

"Climate change has harmful impacts during the perinatal period. It increases the risk of preterm birth by direct pathways such as air pollution caused by burning fossil fuels increases risk by 52 per cent in asthmatic

mothers and extreme heat exposure increases risk by 16 per cent," read the report.

The report further states household air pollution was an attributable factor for 15.6 per cent of all low-birth-weight babies and 35.7 per cent of all preterm births, notably in low-income countries.

'Born too soon' 30 lakh preterm babies born in India in 2020.

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45% of all preterm births in 2020 occurred in just five countries: India, Pakistan, Nigeria, China and Ethiopia.

Shift work may affect fertility in women, shows Study

WASHINGTON, May 22 (Agencies): According to a study presented at the 25th European Congress of Endocrinology, female mice can be put to shift work-like patterns for only four weeks before their biological clocks are thrown off and their ability to conceive is diminished. The study adds to our understanding of how circadian disruptions affect female fertility and may potentially aid in the development of prophylactic strategies for women who work irregular hours.

The body's internal clocks, which are synced to a 24-hour period primarily by changes in light throughout days, produce the circadian rhythm. The sleep-wake cycle, hormone secretion, digestion, and reproduction are just a few of the biological processes and functions that these clocks control,

but they are readily thrown off by inappropriate light exposure, such as light at night.

The 'master biological clock' is located in the suprachiasmatic nuclei, a small region in the centre of the brain called the hypothalamus. The hypothalamus is also the regulatory centre for reproductive function by acting on the pituitary gland - attached to the bottom of the hypothalamus - which in turn regulates ovarian activity to promote ovulation. Numerous studies in both mice and humans indicate a negative impact on female reproduction when the circadian rhythm is disrupted. However, the underlying mechanisms are not yet fully understood.

Researchers from the Institute of Cellular and Integrative Neurosciences (INCI) and the University of Strasbourg have previ-

ously shown that shift work-like patterns for several weeks lead to a reduced pregnancy rate in female mice. Now, in this study, the researchers mimicked long-term shift work conditions in female mice by constantly shifting the light-dark cycle, delaying and advancing light exposure by 10 hours across four weeks, and found that the massive release of the pituitary hormone called luteinising hormone - which triggers ovulation - was abolished, subsequently reducing fertility in these mice.

"The decreased fertility is due to an alteration of the master circadian clock signalling towards the hypothalamic reproductive circuit," said lead researcher Marine Simonneaux. "Specifically, our research shows that four weeks of chronic shift exposure impairs the transmission of light information from the master

biological clock to the kisspeptin neurons, known to drive the timing of the pre-ovulatory luteinising hormone surge." The next step for research will be to look at whether other additional internal clocks are altered after shift work-like patterns. "The circadian rhythm not only requires proper functioning of the master biological clock, but also a synchronised activity of numerous secondary clocks found in other brain areas and peripheral organs, including reproductive organs," said Ms Simonneaux. "Understanding the precise mechanisms by which circadian disruption alters the reproductive function is important, as it may pave the way for potential preventive and therapeutic interventions to reduce some of the negative effects of shift work on women's fertility."

How does Mediterranean diet help you stay fit? Study explores its effect at cellular level

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): The Mediterranean diet has been one of the most popular diets for an individual's health. A new study now reveals how it has an effect at a cellular level that leads to visible changes in the body.

This diet primarily involves eating plant-based foods - lots of fruits and vegetables - and incorporating whole grains, beans, nuts, seafood, lean poultry and unsaturated fat from extra virgin olive oil.

Studies have shown that people who follow the Mediterranean diet tend to live longer,

in fact, healthier than others who mostly have fast food, meat and dairy. But it hasn't been clear why this diet benefits the body on a cellular level.

New research led by the Stanford School of Medicine has now found one of the first cellular connections between healthy fats (monounsaturated fatty acids) and the lifespan of a laboratory worm. The study's findings, published in Nature Cell Biology, hint at a complex relationship between diet, fats and longevity.

Some studies have shown that specific types of fats, or lipids,

can be beneficial. The researchers learned that one of the fats in the Mediterranean diet, called oleic acid, increases the number of two key cellular structures, or organelles, and protects cellular membranes from damage by a chemical reaction called oxidation.

The team compared the effect of feeding the worms bacteria grown on laboratory dishes supplemented with oleic acid versus a structurally similar compound called elaidic acid (trans fats which are not beneficial).

"We saw that the numbers of lipid droplets in the worms'

intestinal cells increased if the worms were exposed to oleic acid, and that this correlated with an extension of lifespan," Brunet, senior author and the school's Michele and Timothy Barakett Professor of Genetics said. "In contrast, exposure to elaidic acid didn't increase the number of lipid droplets and had no effect on longevity."

Finally, the researchers showed that oleic acid supplementation reduced a chemical reaction called lipid oxidation, which damages cellular membranes. In contrast, elaidic acid increased lipid oxidation.

Royal Enfield looking to roll out uniquely differentiated electric bikes: CEO

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): Royal Enfield is developing 'uniquely differentiated electric motorcycles' and has already started investing towards product development and creating a supplier ecosystem around its Chennai-based plant, according to CEO B Govindarajan.

The company, which is part of Eicher Motors, has announced a capex of Rs 1,000 crore for the current fiscal with a focus on various aspects, including EV manufacturing and product development.

Part of the capex would also go into the rolling out of new products from the company's existing internal combustion engine portfolio.

"On the EV journey, we have been making steady progress. I can say Royal Enfield's EV journey is in the top gear now. Our intention is to create uniquely differentiated electric motorcycles with strong Royal Enfield DNA," Govindarajan said in an analyst call.

The company has commissioned a very capable team and has started committing very

deep investments in terms of product development, product strategy and in the product testing and development area, he added.

"Currently, we have laid a robust long-term product and technology roadmap on the EV and towards developing the supplier ecosystem what is the focus as of now," Govindarajan noted.

There are a lot of prototypes and testings, which are currently going on, he stated.

"We are very committed. It's in full blast now," Govindarajan said.

Further, he noted that the company has made a strategic investment in Stark Future and now both the teams are working well.

"They are collaborating very well to learn from each other and looking at what is the co-creation and the development, which we will do and how do we leverage each other's strengths," Govindarajan said.

In December last year, Eicher Motors announced to acquire a 10.35 per cent equity stake in Spanish electric motorcycle maker Stark

Future for 50 million euros.

On capex plan, Eicher Motors CEO Siddhartha Lal said the board has approved a cash outlay of Rs 1,000 crore towards capital expenditure for the Royal Enfield business in FY23-24.

The company will make investments towards EV manufacturing, EV product development, and of course, product development for our internal combustion engine portfolio, he noted.

When asked about network expansion in the domestic market, Govindarajan said the company currently has about 2,100 retail outlets across India, a mix of studio stores and dealership outlets.

"...the focus of the team is actually to look at how to proliferate then consolidate. That's how we should actually look at any of these strategies. We should not blindly proliferate because we are very conscious of the dealer profitability and we give utmost importance to every outlet's profitability for the dealers," he noted.

Gill makes MI's mission possible

Smashes 104 as GT pave way for MI's playoffs qualification

BENGALURU, May 22 (Agencies): Shubman Gill reaffirmed his status as Virat Kohli's heir apparent with a magnificent hundred as Gujarat Titans knocked Royal Challengers Bangalore out of IPL with a six-wicket win, allowing Rohit Sharma's Mumbai Indians to sneak through as the fourth team in the playoffs here.

After Kohli scored a 61-ball 101 in Bangalore's 197/5, it looked like the best effort on the day. But Gill, the heir apparent to the Kohli's throne went one better than him.

What Kohli did well, Gill did that better as his unbeaten 104 off 52 balls saw Gujarat chase down the target with ease. The tons were Kohli's and Gill's second successive hundred.

Gujarat thus finished the league engagements with 20



points, while CSK ended second with 17 points ahead of LSG due to a better net run-rate. Mumbai, after their eight-wicket win against SRH, were back in the last four with 16 points.

Greener pastures for MI
Cameron Green's maiden ton and Rohit Sharma's half-century powered Mumbai Indians to a comprehensive eight-wicket

win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in their last league match here.

Mumbai knocked off the target of 201 with 12 balls and eight wickets to spare to accumulate 16 points from 14 matches. With an inferior NRR, Mumbai had the improbable task of scoring 201 in 11.4 overs or 70 balls if they had to get past Bangalore in the standings.

Green smacked eight fours and eight sixes during his unbeaten 100 which came off just 47 balls. He added 53 runs with Suryakumar Yadav (25 not out) for the unbroken third wicket to take Mumbai over the line.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar drew the first blood when he dismissed Ishan Kishan (14) in the third over. Sharma got a lifeline in the fifth over when Sanvir Singh dropped a difficult catch at the midwicket off Nitish Kumar Reddy.

Brief scores: RCB: 197/5 (Kohli 101*, Ahmad 2/39) vs GT: 198/4 in 19.1 overs (Gill*, Shankar 53); SRH: 200/5 in 20 overs (Agarwal 83, Vivrant 69; Madhwal 4/37) vs MI: 201/2 in 18 overs (Green 100*, Rohit 56; Bhuvneshwar 1/26).

Bajrang backs idea of women's panchayat at Parliament

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): Olympics bronze medalist Bajrang Punia has welcomed the decision of the sarv khap mahapanchayat to hold a women's panchayat in front of the new Parliament building on May 28.

"Those who attended the panchayat are elders and we welcome this decision. The mahila wings of all organisations supporting us will be there, so will our women wrestlers. They will hold a panchayat outside the Parliament on May 28," Bajrang said.

He also clarified that none of the male wres-

tlers or supporters from the protest site will accompany the women to the Parliament.

Wrestling coaches have also welcomed the move to make it an all-women panchayat, which they think will ensure that the protest would remain peaceful.

"We kept calling them (khap elders) from here to make sure that rail roko or something like that doesn't happen," said a coach, wishing to remain anonymous. "We want this protest to be peaceful. We are not against the government or the ruling party. We are here to support the girls, that's all."

He said at the khap

panchayat in Meham, some of the leaders wanted a full-scale protest, including 'rail roko' and 'bus roko' programmes, but the wrestlers present there — such as Sakshi Malik, Satyawart Kadian and his father Satyavan — requested them to not take any extreme step.

Following this, the khap leaders decided to call a women's panchayat to press their demand that Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh — accused of sexually harassing female wrestlers — be arrested soon. They also assured the wrestlers of 'extra support' should such a need arise.

Adidas to sponsor Indian cricket team's kit: BCCI Secretary Jay Shah

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah confirmed on Monday that German sporting goods multinational Adidas has been signed as the new kit sponsor for the Indian cricket team. Adidas will replace Kewal Kiran Clothing Ltd, maker of Killer Jeans, which came in as interim sponsor after the then-sponsor Mobile Premier League Sports (MPL Sports) pulled out of the deal midway.

"I'm pleased to announce @BCCI's partnership with @adidas as a kit sponsor. We are committed to growing the game of cricket and could not be more excited to partner with one of the world's leading sportswear brands. Welcome aboard, @adidas," Jay Shah tweeted on Monday.

The current sponsor, Killer Jeans, will have its contract expire on May 31, after which the Adidas deal will take effect. Prior to Killer Jeans, MPL was India's kit sponsor. Killer, a clothing brand,



took over the kit sponsorship from MPL, which wanted to end its contract, which was set to expire in 2023. For a three-year deal, MPL paid the Indian board 6.5 lakh per match and 9 crores in royalties.

The BCCI is also looking for a new primary sponsor after reports surfaced that the current sponsor, Byju's, was willing to end its contract before the deadline in November 2023. India will be hosting the ICC Cricket World Cup this year from October-November. With this being the World Cup year, fans could get to see India's brand-new ODI kit soon.

Ollie Robinson sent for scans as England suffer injury scare ahead of Ireland Test, Ashes

LONDON, May 22 (Agencies): England's injury woes keep piling on ahead of a busy Test summer after fast bowler Ollie Robinson sustained an ankle injury during Sussex's County Championship match against Glamorgan at Hove.

Robinson bowled eight overs before walking off the field with a sore ankle. He didn't return to the field after lunch and will undergo scans on Monday, May 22.

Sussex coach Paul Farbrace said that Robinson was moved out as continuing with him would have aggravated his injury. The decision to send Robinson for scans was jointly taken by the medical team of Sussex and English cricket.

"He's got a sore ankle and he'll be scanned on Monday to



see how bad he is. We knew it was sore yesterday, that's why we got one spell out of him this morning," Farbrace was quoted as saying.

"He tried his hardest really, it was a long spell, he got stuck in. He knew it was going to be one

and one only, and then once he was off that was it for the day. "He tried his hardest really, it was a long spell, he got stuck in. He knew it was going to be one and one only, and then once he was off that was it for the day," he stated.

"We knew that he was sore, and it's walking more than anything. It's not actually the running part that makes it sore, it's walking." It's a joint decision between our medical team and the England medical team," Farbrace added.

Recently, Jofra Archer was ruled out of the entire summer after he sustained an elbow injury. James Anderson has a minor groin niggle while Olly Stone has had issues with a hamstring.

England will start their Test summer with the match against Ireland on June 1 at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground in London. Thereafter, England will lock horns with Australia in a five-match Test series to win back the Ashes.

One down, two to go for City

Pep's men set sights on treble after EPL win

MANCHESTER, May 22 (Agencies): Manchester City's captain for the day, Kyle Walker, said his teammates will enjoy a couple of glasses of champagne to celebrate a third successive Premier League title but thoughts would very quickly turn to securing the treble.

Today's 1-0 victory over Chelsea was played out in a party atmosphere after Arsenal's defeat 24 hours earlier at Nottingham Forest handed City the title.

City manager Pep Guardiola left the likes of Erling Haaland, Jack Grealish, Ilkay Gundogan, Rodri and Kevin de Bruyne on the bench but it made no difference as City claimed 12 league wins in a row. Five league titles in six seasons represents almost total domination, but City's players now have their eyes on sporting immortality by beating Manchester United in the FA Cup final and Inter Milan in the Champions League showpiece.



Should they do that they would match United's unique Premier League/FA Cup/Champions League treble of the 1998-99 campaign.

"We still have a big couple of weeks before we can take our foot off the gas," Walker said as thousands of City fans celebrated on the Etihad Stadium pitch.

Clamour for Messi grows
With the La Liga title in hand, Barcelona's fans quickly moved on to what they want next: The

return of their all-time favourite player.

"Messi! Messi! Messi!" resounded at Camp Nou — in minute 10 for Lionel Messi's old No. 10 shirt — during Saturday's game against Real Sociedad that ended with a rare 2-1 loss to the Basque visitors. The loss did little to dampen the festive atmosphere after the final whistle when Sergio Busquets as team captain received the trophy from federation president Luis Rubia-

les and presented it to the crowd with his teammates.

It was Busquets' 32nd and last title before the midfielder leaves Barcelona this summer. Last week, Barcelona clinched their first major title since Messi had to leave due to the club's wretched financial situation two years ago and join Paris Saint-Germain.

But with Messi set to leave Paris this summer, Barcelona's fans are hoping — perhaps naively considering the likely blockbuster offer he could be dangled from Saudi Arabia — that the superstar will want to come back to the club he joined when he was 13. Messi has a commercial contract with Saudi Arabia to promote tourism. He made a recent trip to the energy-rich kingdom where his former Liga rival Cristiano Ronaldo is playing on a lucrative contract that media reports put at a world-record \$200 million a year.

IPL 2023 Playoffs Schedule: Teams, Date, Time, Venues And More

MUMBAI, May 22 (Agencies): The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 playoffs schedule is set, with Mumbai Indians becoming the last team to qualify for the knockouts. MI were competing with Royal Challengers Bangalore for the 4th spot in the table. A victory for RCB in their last game would have seen them sail through but defending champions Gujarat Titans secured a 6-wicket win on Sunday to pave the way for Mumbai's progression while the Bengaluru franchise was eliminated from the playoffs race, finishing at the No. 6 spot.

Qualifier 1: The first match of the playoffs will be held between defending champions Gujarat Titans and 4-time winners Chennai Super Kings.
Date: May 23 | Time: 7:30 PM IST | Venue: Chepauk, Chennai
Eliminator: The teams finishing 3rd and 4th in the points table square off in the Eliminator. In this fixture, Krunal Pandya's Lucknow Super Giants will face 5-time champions Mumbai Indians who are led by Rohit Sharma.
Date: May 24 | Time: 7:30 PM IST | Venue: Chepauk, Chennai
Qualifier 2: The team that loses the Qualifier 1 gets another chance to qualify for the final through Qualifier 2. One of CSK and GT will face

the winners of the Eliminator (MI or LSG) in the Qualifier 2. The winner of this match will face the winner of Qualifier 1 in the final.

Date: May 26 | Time: 7:30 PM IST | Venue: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad

Final: The title decider will be held between the winner of Qualifier 1 and Qualifier 2. Among the four teams that have qualified for the playoffs, only Lucknow Super Giants haven't gone on to win the title yet. They would be hoping to do so in what is only their second season in the competition.

Date: May 28 | Time: 7:30 PM IST | Venue: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad

Recurve archers fail as India end 2nd

SHANGHAI, May 22 (Agencies): India's recurve archers returned empty-handed to take some sheen off their spectacular show in the non-Olympics compound section in the World Cup Stage 2 here. India finished second behind South Korea in the event with two gold and one bronze.

Making a comeback after skipping the season-opening Antalya leg last month, the mighty Koreans grabbed four gold, two silver and one bronze in the Olympics discipline to top the standings with 11 medals.

Dhiraj Bommadevara, who bagged a maiden World Cup bronze in Antalya, was the only hope after the seasoned duo of Tarundeep Rai and Atanu Das and youngster Neeraj Chauhan made first-round exits.

But South Korea once again tormented India as Bommadevara lost 0-6 (29-30 28-29 29-30) to Oh Jin Hokey



in straight sets to make a pre-quarter-finals exit.

In the recurve mixed team event, India were eliminated in the last-16 stage after the duo of Dhiraj and Simranjeet Kaur squandered an early lead to go down to their Indonesian rivals 2-6 (39-35 37-39 37-38 34-35).

That none of the recurve archers could even make the medal round was a grim reality check for the national federation, with just four months left for the Asian Games to begin.

"Could've Gone To Jail": David Warner On Getting Caught Off-Guard By Australia Great's Prank

NEW DELHI, May 22 (Agencies): Australia batter David Warner has revealed how Ricky Ponting taught him a lesson after he played a prank on him. Warner, who is made his Australia debut under Ponting's captaincy, has revealed an unheard tale from his first overseas tour in 2010. Notably, Warner led the Delhi Capitals in the ongoing season of Indian Premier League (IPL), with Ponting as the head coach of the franchise. Warner recalled that he once put "vegemite" on the key hole of Ponting's hotel room.

"During my first away series, which was in South Africa in 2010, Ricky Ponting's room was next to me. I thought it would be smart to put vegemite on his door handle. I also put vegemite on his keyhole. I was looking through my peep hole that he was trying to open his door. He went on to put the key but it didn't open. He had to take help from the reception. Someone must've told him it was me," Warner told Gaurav Kapoor in the latest episode of 'Breakfast with Champions'.
However, Warner fur-



ther revealed that it was the last prank he ever pulled on Ponting, who taught him a lesson with

a prank of his own. "Three weeks later, I went home and didn't open my cricket kit.

I went to pull out my cricket shoes, and there was salmon and eggs. I was like what is going on here. Who would do this to me. I went through customs in Australia. I could've gone to jail for not declaring the stuff. I figured out it was Punter. I was sick as a dog. Ponting told me 'You wanna play prank on me? I will have the last laugh. That was the last time I ever pranked Ricky Ponting. I've learnt my lesson,' he added.

DC failed to qualify for the IPL 2023 playoffs after crashing out of the competition in league phase.

Madan Lal Charitable Trust holds plantation drive in remembrance of Rajiv Gandhi

TOP NEWS REPORT

AKHNOOR, May 22: In remembrance of Bharat Ratna Late Rajiv Gandhi, former Prime Minister, the Madan Lal Charitable Trust on Monday held a plantation drive at Akhnoor in Jammu to mark his death anniversary. 21st May marks the death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi observed by people across the country.

Former Minister J&K Yogesh Sawhney along with Congress leader Satish Sharma was present at the drive and paid his tribute to the former Indian Prime Minister.

Through the drive, plants were distributed for plantation among



more than 100 households.

Speaking on the occasion, Sawhney said that he lauded the eco-friendly initiative by the Trust and it was a unique way to honor Rajiv Gandhi.

The drive was a huge success, said Sawhney, it helped to spread

awareness about environment friendly living. The ideology of Rajiv Gandhi should be passed on through such practical initiatives.

He was a champion of modernism & IT in India along with which he also did much for agriculture and environment, Sawhney said.

The former Minister also said that Rajiv Gandhi is an inspiring figure for today's youth. Recalling his achievements, he said that his contributions to the Indian society remain unsurpassed till date. He will be remembered as a true icon of patriotism and on his martyr-

dom day, all of us mourn his loss, but also fondly remember his legacy, Sawhney added.

Also speaking at the occasion, Satish Sharma encouraged the people to be more aware of the environmental friendly practices and pushed for a drug-free and green lifestyle.

He said that following in the footsteps of Rajiv Gandhi, we must all do our best in our capacity for the country. We remember him with utmost reverence and he will continue to inspire the coming generations, Satish added. He said that with this thought in mind, the Madan Lal Charitable Trust had distributed plants among more than 100 households.

GDC Mendhar organises Extension Lecture & Painting competition on G-20

TOP NEWS REPORT

MENDHAR, May 22: Department of Sociology in collaboration with Social Club and Digital Literacy Club hosted an extension lecture and Poster making on Tuesday on the theme "G20 and Peace: Forging Global Consensus and Managing Crisis" by Prof Asrar Ahmed Head Department of Sociology.

Prof. Waseem Akram welcomed the speaker and introduced him.

Prof. Asrar commenced his lecture by giving a background of the context in which the G-20 originated the developing economies came together amidst the shifting balance of power with the aim of amicably resolving the pressing issues confronting the world.

G20 is a very important institution because global



leaders actually meet here regularly and shape the agenda of world economics and in turn of global politics because economics and politics are deeply intertwined.

Secondly, he highlighted the significance of India's presidency and the constructive role it can play in achieving the agendas of G20. Thirdly, he mentioned how the mandate and agenda of G20 had expanded from financial to other areas like clean energy, health, and resilient growth. G20 has

global agendas but the shadow of great power politics is affecting it. He concluded that there is a need to create an ecosystem of resilient economic growth that will lead to the creation of democratic spaces for countries to forge alliances.

The insightful lecture was followed by display of Poster by the students of semester 2nd and Semester 4th. The Program was attended by Ayaz Ahmed Chowdhary, Prof. Javed Manzoor and many more.

Twin sisters Kanan, Anwsha shine in dance, modelling

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 22: Kaith Biradari members who joined at Surya Vihar here today, whole heartedly congratulated the twin sisters Kanan Kaith and Anwsha Kaith on bagging trophies in dance and modelling competition organised by M. Jackson Cultural Institute of Society in the Auditorium of Govt Polytechnic College, Jammu on Sunday.

Highlighting the relevance of dance, R.L



Kaith said, Dance makes us feel happy. When we dance, all our worries and stress go away. We get lost in

pleasure and joy. Dance is also an exercise that provides numerous benefits to our health, such as improving blood

circulation, developing muscles, promoting greater flexibility, improving body posture etc.

Kaith further said, Due to modelling, you have the chance to meet many interesting people. You can become famous and internationally recognized. If you work hard, you have the opportunity to earn lots of money. You can be the first to wear fabulous designer clothes, shoes, and accessories.

JU attains 8th rank in Hansa Ranking

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 22- The University of Jammu has been ranked one of the best universities in the country as per the latest university rankings released by 'The Week' News Magazine. The survey for 2023 was conducted by Hansa Research Agency, which is one of India's largest consumer insight survey companies. A primary survey was conducted with 302 academic experts spread across selected cities. The respondents were asked to nominate and rank

the top 20 universities in India. The composite score was derived by combining the perceptual score with an inter-related factual score based on their position in the perceptual score list. Jammu University has secured the 8th rank in the North Zone in multidisciplinary universities, the 12th rank in state multidisciplinary universities, and the 20th rank in India's best multidisciplinary universities by the Week-Hansa Research Survey 2023. The JU ranking has shown a significant improvement

from 25th position in 2022 to 20th position in 2023 in India's best multidisciplinary universities, from 9th to 8th spot in the North Zone multidisciplinary universities, and from 12th to 12th in state multidisciplinary universities, which was 16th last year by the Week-Hansa Research Survey 2023. While expressing his gratitude to Hon'ble Chancellor and Lieutenant Governor, Sh Manoj Sinha, for his continuing support and guidance to the University of Jammu, Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University

of Jammu, further said that "the University will maintain and improve its standards of academics, research, outreach, infrastructure, and student support". Giving credit to all the stakeholders, he added that "the level of efforts of the faculty, officers, staff, scholars, and students can be gauged from the fact that the university is consistently performing well in accreditations and rankings by different agencies." "Jammu University was the only university from UT J&K to find a place in the

Modi's strong credentials G20 meet proves to be a successful event: Rajesh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 22: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta on Monday said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government through its strong credentials has proved today that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are today participating to the G20 meeting with great enthusiasm.

He said the youth in Kashmir is highly aspirational, well informed, intelligent and fully aware of the enormous avenues the prime minister has made available to the region

NDPI leader added the Kashmiri youth does not want to miss the bus and



wants to be a part of the changes taking place in the region.

"A few years ago, it was almost a taboo to visit Kashmir. Such events (conferences and meetings) had virtually come to a halt since 1990. But this year, maximum excitement has been generated by the venue of Srinagar as far as all the G20 meetings put together are concerned," he said.

Gupta said that peace

and progress is the mission of Modi Government at the Centre and the way the development is being carried out sooner than later all the dreams of the people of J&K will be realized without discrimination, prejudice or inequality.

Gupta asserted that Government at the Centre will not disappoint any of the countrymen who had reposed faith in the leadership of PM Modi not once but twice. "People of J-K should continue to pose undaunted faith in the leadership of Modi as they are doing right now to ensure unprecedented development and lasting peace," he added.

International Day for biological diversity celebrated at Faculty of Agriculture Wadura SKUAST-Kashmir

TOP NEWS REPORT

SOPORE, May 22: The International Day for biological diversity on June 22, 2023 under the theme "From Agreement to Action: Building Back Biodiversity," was organized by Biodiversity Club & NSS, Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura, SKUAST-K. This day serves as a reminder of the incredible diversity of species, ecosystems, and genetic resources that make our planet unique. It is a time to reflect on the web of life and recognize the intricate connections between humans and the natural world. Biodiversity encompasses the variety of plants, animals, microorganisms, and the ecosystems they inhabit. It is the foundation of our food, water, air, and overall well-being. The alarming rate of species extinction, habitat loss, and degradation poses a significant threat to biodiversity. The International Day for Biological Diversity aims to raise awareness about these challenges and promote efforts to protect and conserve biodiversity. At the outset, Prof. Raihana H. Kanth, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, highlights the importance of celebration of International Biodiversity a need for conservation, sustain-

able, utilization of bio-resource. The subject matter expert Dr. Anzar Ahmad Khuroo, Associate Professor, Centre for Biodiversity & Taxonomy, University of Kashmir said that the high emissions of carbon dioxide results in global warming and added that only planting more trees can save earth from the rising temperatures. He gave a detailed pictorial presentation of the plant biodiversity of Kashmir Valley.

Considering the value of biodiversity for sustaining the balance of planet, the participants pledged to take action for finding out nature-based solutions to climate, health issues, food and water security and sustainable livelihoods so that shared future is built for all life.

The event was celebrated by organizing quiz, debate and speech competitions.

The winners of the competitions conducted during the event were felicitated by the Dean with certificates and prizes.

The programme was attended by Heads of various Divisions, Faculty members and more than 120 UG/PG students of the faculty & students of nearby schools.

RHS players make mark in 13th National Speedball Championship



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 22: Four speedball players of Rich Harvest School (RHS) participated and won medals in the prestigious 13th National Speedball Championship held in Bikaner on May 17 and 18.

Shivam Chandan of 8th exhibited speed and determination to grab a gold medal in the Super

Solo event.

Hari Om Sharma of 6th and Kartavya Sharma of 7th were awarded silver and bronze medals respectively for their alacrity and grit in the Single event.

Eklavya Mohan of 7th walked away with a bronze in the Super Solo event bringing cheers in RHS team.

The proud winners received a hearty welcome and adulation from the management, principal, staff and students.

The Principal Anita Bhatia congratulated the entire team for defeating more than 300 participants from all over India and appreciated the efforts of their coach Sahil Janjua.

Dimple leads protest for not holding G-20 meet in Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 22: Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir held black badges protest demanding to hold G-20 meet in Jammu. Sunil Dimple, President Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir warned China, Saudi Arabia, Turkey for terming Kashmir as disputed area.

He said today we have tied black badges against BJP Govt in protest against for not holding G-20 meet in Jammu. Dimple demanded the visiting representative of G-20 meet to send message to Pakistan for the liberation



of POK, Gilgit, Blatistan. Other protesters present were Nitin Saini, Sat Sharma, Rupesh bhat, Arjun, Ashok Kumar, Sachin Soi and Manjiet Anand .

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