

TOP NEWS OF J&K

JAMMU, TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

Daily Evening Newspaper



ENTERTAINMENT | 6

Vidyut Jammwal on bouts of self-doubt



NATIONAL | 7

Defamation case: Gujarat court issues fresh summons against Kejriwal, AAP MP Sanjay Singh

INTERNATIONAL | 8

What happens if the US fails to raise its debt ceiling?



e-paper: www.topnewsjk.in

RNI No. JKENG/2010/39369

Regd. No. JK-435

Vol.-14 Issue-140 Pages-12 Rs.-2/-

BRIEFLY

Civil Services Final Results Out, Several JKAS Probationers in List

SRINAGAR, May 23 (Agencies): The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has on Tuesday announced the long-awaited Civil Services Final Result 2023 for the UPSC 2022 Exam on its official website.

Six residents from Jammu and Kashmir, who were already in their probation period of Jammu Kashmir Administrative Services (JKAS), have achieved a thrilling milestone by qualifying for the esteemed UPSC Civil Services examination. The successful candidates include Parnajit Kour, who secured an impressive Rank 11, Nitin Singh at Rank 32, Manan Bhat with a commendable Rank 231, Irfan Choudhary obtaining a well-deserved Rank 476, Nivranshu Hans achieving a notable Rank 811 and Manil Bejotra with a commendable Rank 314.

Additionally, other candidates from Jammu and Kashmir who have made their mark in the UPSC Civil Services examination so far are Waseem Bhat with an outstanding Rank 7 and Naved Ahsan Bhat at Rank 82.

The UPSC Final Result 2022 has recommended a total of 933 candidates for appointment to prestigious positions in the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Foreign Service, Indian Police Service, and Central Services Group 'A' and Group 'B'. Among the recommended candidates, 345 belong to the general category, 99 to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), 263 to Other Backward Classes (OBC), 154 to Scheduled Castes (SC), and 72 to Scheduled Tribes (ST). Additionally, a consolidated reserve list comprises 178 candidates.

The UPSC Mains Exam 2022 took place from September 16 to 25, 2022. Among the achievers, Ishita Kishore has emerged as the overall topper with an All India Rank (AIR) 1. Remarkably, the top four spots have been secured by women candidates.

Turn to page 9

Lt Governor Addressed G20 Tourism Working Group Summit

"Jammu Kashmir is witnessing a new era that has opened limitless possibilities of growth and peace"

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 23: The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the meeting of the 3rd Tourism Working Group (TWG) of G20, today.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor underlined why J&K was selected by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for G20 meeting. He explained that Jammu Kashmir is witnessing a new era under the leadership of Hon'ble PM and it has opened up limitless possibilities of growth and peace.

"Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji through development schemes that empowers masses and Union Territory's effective administration isolated the terror eco-system which thrived with the support from across the border. Now even foreign investments are also coming into Jammu and Kash-



mir, green shoots of better times people are anxiously looking up to," the Lt Governor said. He also said that tourism in Jammu Kashmir is also a reflection of multi-religious and multi-cultural ethos of India. The Lt Governor underlined the importance of peace for growth and tourism.

"Tourism cannot grow in isolation. The economics of it is fine, that tourism needs good infrastructure, sound policies and effective and responsive

administration. No less fundamental to me is the fact that only peace and happiness of people can bring warmth in the hospitality, we Indians eternally enjoy," the Lt Governor said. He said today, Jammu Kashmir stands among the developed regions of India on some measurable milestones, and the administration is committed for people's prosperity both economically and socially.

"Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji has completely

eliminated injustice, exploitation and discrimination which several sections of society faced for seven long decades owing to circumstances that evolved mostly because of orchestration from abroad. We are ensuring social equality and equal economic opportunity to all citizens, which is also enabling them to contribute to the nation building," the Lt Governor said.

Throwing light

Turn to page 9

BSF intercepts fifth Pak Drone in four days along IB in Punjab



JALANDHAR, May 23: The Border Security Force intercepted a fifth Pakistani drone in four days that intruded into India from along the International Border (IB) in Punjab to drop a drugs consignment, a force spokesperson said

on Tuesday. The flying object was "downed" around 9 pm on Monday in the Amritsar sector in Bhaini Rajputana village of Amritsar district, he said. The BSF recovered the black-coloured drone, a quadcopter of 'DJ

Matrice 300 RTK' make, with an attached payload of 2.1 kilogram suspected heroin attached through an iron ring, the spokesperson said.

A small torch in switched-on condition was also found attached to the drone so that drugs smugglers could detect the consignment and pick it up from the field on the Indian side, he said. This is the fifth reported interception of a "rogue" unmanned aerial vehicle along the Punjab border since May 19. A few more instances of troops picking up the buzzing sound of

Turn to page 9

Overstaying non-teaching staff in School Edu department to be transferred

SRINAGAR, May 23 (Agencies): Following the annual transfer drive of the teaching staff, the School Education Department Monday decided to transfer the mature stayed non-teaching staff as well. The department is likely to adopt the Annual Transfer Drive (ATD) type policy for the transfer of matured stay non-teaching staff.

According to an order, the Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) in a

Turn to page 9

Exchange of Rs 2000 notes can't be done at Post Offices

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): Exchange facility for Rs 2000 notes will be available only at bank branches and cannot be done through post offices, according to sources.

"Exchange facility is available only at banks. Customers can make deposits since Rs 2000 note is legal tender," the sources said. Members of the public can start exchanging or depositing their Rs 2000 starting from today, RBI said while announcing last week the decision to withdraw the high-value currency from circulation.



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday decided to withdraw the Rs 2000 denomination currency notes from circulation, but added they will continue to remain as legal tender. RBI had also advised banks to

stop issuing Rs 2000 denomination banknotes with immediate effect. Such high-value currency notes were primarily issued to quickly replenish the value of money being taken out from the system when the legal tender status

of then-prevailing Rs 1000 and Rs 500 notes was withdrawn during demonetisation.

RBI, however, said that citizens will 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 exchange of Rs 2000 bank notes into notes of other denominations can be made upto a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time at any bank starting from

Turn to page 9

Transcript of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha's Address to G20's 3rd Tourism Working Group

Ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir for the 3rd tourism working group meeting under the Presidency of India. I hope you are enjoying the warm hospitality and pristine beauty of Srinagar.

Dear friends, since eternity, Jammu Kashmir is known as crown jewel of India and today I would like to say that it is a matter of great pride for 13 million citizens of the Union Territory to host this G20 meeting of tourism working group that is deliberating on global architecture for sustainable tourism.

Friends, Jammu Kashmir have always been a centre of wisdom, knowledge, inclusive culture and breathtaking landscape that is divine to travelers. Famous poet Amir Khusro while describing the natural beauty of Jammu Kashmir in 13th Century had said and I quote- गर किरदूस बर-रु-ए-जर्मी अस्त, हमी अस्त ओ, हमी अस्त ओ, हमी अस्त- If there is a paradise on earth, it is this, it is this, it is this. So, it is not surprising that in the modern days, one of the oldest travel guide book publisher 'Lonely Planet' chose to call Jammu Kashmir as Switzerland of India.

Friends, for almost 30 years, this land of peaceful co-existence of almost all religious sects had to suffer state sponsored terrorism by our neighbouring country. However, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji through development schemes that empowers masses and Union Territory's effective administration, isolated the terror eco-system which thrived with the support from across the border. Jammu Kashmir is witnessing a new era that has opened limitless possibilities of growth and peace. Now even foreign investments are also coming into Jammu and Kashmir, green shoots of better times people are anxiously looking up to.

Friends, I will run you through broad contours of our deep dive initiatives to demonstrate India's resolve that Jammu Kashmir should also benefit from the virtues of democracy like the rest of the states and Union Territory. Equally pertinent is that tourism cannot grow in isolation. The economics of it is fine, that tourism needs good infrastructure, sound policies and effective and responsive administration. No less fundamental to me is the fact that only peace and happiness of people can bring warmth in the hospitality, we Indians eternally enjoy. And, I would like to mention here that tourism in Jammu Kashmir is also a reflection of multi-religious and multi-cultural ethos of India.

Today, Jammu Kashmir stands among the developed regions of India on some measurable milestones, and we are committed for people's prosperity both economically and socially. Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji has completely eliminated injustice, exploitation and discrimination which several sections of society faced for seven long decades owing to circumstances that evolved mostly because of orchestration from abroad. Friends, we are ensuring social equality and equal economic opportunity to all citizens, which is also enabling them to contribute to the nation building.

Grass root democracy has been strengthened; new industries are coming up, rapid agricultural growth is making our villages prosperous, new institutions have been opened up in higher education, youths are being trained for industry 4.0 technologies, infrastructure development is progressing rapidly and our emphasis on technology is transforming Jammu Kashmir into a digital society. In the past 4 years, the ranking of Jammu Kashmir on the various parameters of sustainable development goals have gone up, thanks to visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji.

And, the world can see that entire society, especially, the young generation is scripting a bright future for themselves and the nation. The speed and scale of rapid development in Jammu Kashmir are awe-inspiring. Our speed to execute infrastructure projects has gone up almost 10 times. I will give you a small example. Only 9229 projects were completed in the year 2018, however, in the last financial year, we have completed 92,560 projects. This achievement is a testimony to our resolve of peace and prosperity and making all our citizens equal partners in this journey of growth.

Friends, the Covid pandemic made the world realize the hard way the virtues of traveller's well-being and also the values of a shared vision One earth, One family and One future. The paradigm shift towards

sustainable living, inclusive and sustainable development is also an opportunity to provide new impetus to sustainable tourism. I am truly delighted that under India's G20 Presidency, the G20 tourism working group is focusing on five inter-connected priority areas. Green tourism, digitalization, skills, tourism MSMEs and destination management will provide a roadmap for tourism as a tool for achieving sustainable development goals.

Friends, it's encouraging for us to share that Jammu and Kashmir is already working on a few of the priority areas identified by the G20 Tourism Working Group like on Green Tourism, Skills, Tourism MSMEs and Digitalization. In the post-pandemic era these five key building blocks will promote environmental awareness, protect the ecology and improve the economy and livelihoods of communities and inclusive growth of stakeholders. During the previous tourism working group meetings, the world has seen that the Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji's vision of LIFE- Lifestyle for the environment- is at the centre of transformation of tourism sector.

As I said earlier, the majestic peaks, crystal-clear lakes and serene green landscape of Jammu Kashmir is more than a tourism destination. It is a poetry. It's a land of realisation. It is an energy field vibrating with the ageless Indian cultural values. Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji, we have ensured that the transition in tourism sector in the backdrop of pandemic focuses on needs of travellers, interests of industry stakeholders, creates employment opportunities and promote environmental awareness.

Numbers are adding to the narrative.

Last year, a record number of 18 million tourists visited Jammu Kashmir And, the last year tourism sector made 7% contribution to Jammu Kashmir GDP. We have identified 300 new destinations to promote green tourism, small & medium enterprises, youth and women entrepreneurs and involve local communities to support the sustainable tourism. This Himalayan region is blessed to have 55% green and forest cover and last year alone we have planted 16 million trees to give a renewed push to green tourism and to provide new getaways and stunning eco-destinations for the domestic and international travellers. Tourism sector in Jammu Kashmir has been accorded the status of Industry and all fiscal incentives as per our Industrial Policy and I can tell you, we are receiving massive investment proposals from the industries in hospitality sector. Friends, Jammu Kashmir used to be the favourite location for Bollywood film industry till late 1980s. After a long pause of almost 4-decades, we have revived the relationship with Bollywood and launched a film policy in 2021 to attract more investment into film sector and to make Jammu Kashmir most popular film shooting destination. Last year alone, more than 300 movies were filmed in the region and such enthusiasm is bringing about a qualitative change in the lives of people.

For the travelers, who want to explore the charming and adorable villages, we have come up with home stay facilities. It is being promoted and marketed by harnessing the power of digital tools and it also ensures that incredible ecology is protected and promoted. We are grateful to Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji for his consistent effort to develop Jammu Kashmir as one of the most sought after tourist attraction in the world. Places like Gulmarg, Pahlgam, Sonmarg, Bangus Valley, Srinagar, Jammu, Kishtwar, Sanasar, Gurez, Patnitop are now on global tourism map and offering stunning scenery, skiing, snowboarding, trekking, beautiful and iconic mountain ranges, spiritual experiences and rich cultural canvas. Several destinations in Jammu Kashmir are living example of connect between the ancient and the modern, inclusive culture, history, music and traditional cuisine that can truly provide elevated travel experiences to the people. We are developing the country's first book village on the banks of Wular lake and many hiking trails for tourists who loves tranquility of nature. Our aim is to make the countryside and popular destinations more sustainable and preserve the beauty of fascinating heritage sites. I am confident, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Jammu Kashmir will soon find its place in the top 50 destinations in the world and it will be on the travel bucket list of global travellers.

Through this empowered gathering, I invite the world to Jammu Kashmir. Give us a chance to host you and, for you, to know us. Come, enjoy and rejuvenate yourself.

With these words, I once gain welcome respected delegates of G20 nations. I wish you all a fruitful, enlightened discussion and positive outcomes that will help us building a global architecture for sustainable growth in tourism sector.

I hope you will also enjoy our warm hospitality and breathtaking views of Dal lake. Jai Hind!

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



Smt. Shakuntala Devi

Deeply remember by sons and daughter in law
Mr Kuldeep Singh Sarpanch Kirmu B and Veena Devi
Manjeet Singh and Sarishtha 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

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF **SURJEET SINGH JAMWAL** ON 13TH OF MAY 2023.



SURJEET SINGH JAMWAL

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

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW . WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. VIJAY KUMAR GUPTA** S/O LATE **SH. AMAR NATH GUPTA** (VETERAN BIP LEADER) R/O 172 - GALLI OLD POST OFFICE, KANAK MANDI, JAMMU. WHO EXPIRED ON 15/05/2023.
THE TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT GURUDWARA ON 24/05/2023 AT 11:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON.
THE UTHALA WILL BE HELD ON 24/05/2023 (WEDNESDAY) AT GURUDWARA KALGIDHAR, REHARI CHUNGI, JAMMU AT 12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
PAYAL GUPTA (WIFE)
SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW
SMT ANU MAHAJAN & LATE SH VIJAY MAHAJAN
BROTHER & SISTER-IN-LAW
SH SUBASH SHARMA & SMT ASHA SHARMA
SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
MANU MANVY MAHAJAN & DEEPIKA MAHAJAN (TEACHER) (DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT BIP JAMMU)
MADHU MADHUKAR MAHAJAN (INSPECTOR EXCISE AND TAXATION) (SON)
DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW
SHRIPA MAHAJAN (GOVT TEACHER) & SALLI MAHAJAN (ASST ACCOUNTS OFFICER)
GRAND CHILDREN: SHARVI, SHARANYA, SHARVIL.
MB. 941923029, 9419143663



10TH DAY KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the untimely death of our beloved mother **Smt Sunita Sharma** (Guddie) W/o Lt Sh Vijay Kumar Sharma R/o House No. C/89, Lane-10, near National Public School, Shiv Nagar Jammu.
Tenth Day will be performed on 23 May 2023 at Shanti Ghat at 10.00 AM.
Kriya will be performed on 24 May 2023 at our residence at 10.00 AM.
Uthala will be performed on 24/May/2023 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Lakshmi Narayan Mandir behind AG office, Shiv Nagar (Lower).
Grief Stricken :
Aneesh Mallan & Reenu Mallan-Son & Daughter-in-law
Gaurav Sharma- Son
Yashpal Sharma & Asha Devi- Brother in law & Bhabhi
Rajat Sharma & Neha Sharma- Nephew & Niece
Shrutti & Vikas Sharma- Niece & Son in law
ANREEM MALLAN, MUKKU & NAVIKSHA- Grand Daughter
9086099110, 9086224016, 6005464844



Smt Sunita Sharma (Guddie)

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.



SH. SURENDER RAINA

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.

10TH & 13TH DAY

With Profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform sad demise our beloved **Shri Balkrishan Kotwal** S/o Late Sh.Lakshmi Chand R/o Sihal (Halalan) Tehsil Kahara, District Doda, at present H.No.50 Enclave-B Lane No.2/6 Roop Nagar (Chinor) Jammu. Who left for heavenly abode on 13th of May, 2023 (Saturday).
(Tenth day) will be performed on 22nd of May, 2023 (Monday) at 07:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near office of Director School Education Jammu and (13th Day) will be performed on 25th of May, 2023 (Thursday) at our Roop Nagar residence Jammu.



SHRI BALKRISHAN KOTWAL

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Smt. Sudesh Kotwal (Wife)
Smt. Sumitra Devi W/o Late Sh. Balkrishan Manhas (Sister)
Ms. Dushyant Kotwal (Daughter)
Sh. Anil Singh & Aarti Devi (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Sh. Sunil Singh & Puja Rani (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Brother-in-Laws (In-Laws)
Sh. Surinder Kr. Rao & Smt. Suchitra Rao
Sh. Ravinder Kr. Rao & Smt. Asha Rao
Sister-in-Laws
Ms Brij Bala
Smt. Krishna Kotwal W/o Late Sh. Balwant Singh Kotwal
Smt. Chandar Kala W/o Sh. Sagar Dev Singh Bandral
Smt.Chander Prabha W/o Sh. Amresh Kotwal
Grand Children: Marvi Rajput, Sankarshan Singh, Pratyusha Rajput, Aditya Aryavardhan Singh
Mobile Nos. 9419131551, 7006508251, 8492850254

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. MAHESH MAGOTRA** S/O Lt. SH. DEVI RAJ MAGOTRA R/O 1A SECTOR 9 EXTENSION, TRIKUTA NAGAR, JAMMU ON 15TH MAY 2023.
TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 24TH MAY 2023 (WEDNESDAY) AT 11:00 A.M. AT PANCH MANDIR, SECTOR 5, TRIKUTA NAGAR, JAMMU.
KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 25TH MAY 2023 (THURSDAY) AT 12:30 P.M. AT OUR RESIDENCE.
GRIEF STRICKEN
SMT. SUSHMA MAGOTRA (WIFE)
(SONS AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS)
CA ROHIT MAGOTRA AND SMT. SHEETAL SHARMA
SH. ABHISHEK MAGOTRA AND SMT. GARIMA MAGOTRA
SMT. KANTA SHARMA (SISTER-IN-LAW)
W/O LT. SH. OM PRAKASH SHARMA
(BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW)
CA LALIT MAGOTRA AND SMT. RICHA SHARMA
SMT. TARA RANI DUBEY (MOTHER-IN-LAW)
(BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER-IN-LAW)
SH. CHANDER SHEKHAR DUBEY AND SMT. REETA SHARMA
SH. NARESH DUBEY AND SMT. VIBHUTI DUBEY (BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER-IN-LAW)
SH. PARESH DUBEY AND SMT. NIDHI DUBEY (BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER-IN-LAW)
SMT. USHA SHARMA AND SH. ASHWANI DOGRA (SISTER-IN-LAW AND CO-BROTHER)
AND ENTIRE MAGOTRA AND DUBEY FAMILY.
MOBILE: 0987344396, 09891809068, 09419143643, 09596989299, 9419181817, 09419186715



SH. MAHESH MAGOTRA

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).



SMT. SHIVO DEVI

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 Kothil
Raj Kumar Abrol & Purnima Abrol (M/s Akshita Drugs and Cosmetics Garhi)
Sh. Ravi Abrol & Rakha 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
Contact Nos.: 9906041583, 9906041585, 9419163657, 9419216269, 9796006834

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."*



Smt. Shankeri Devi

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

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.

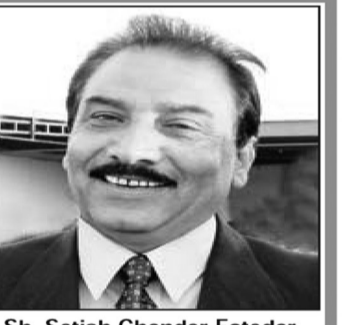


Lt. Sh. Kehar Singh

Tenth Day will be performed at our Residence Ward No 75 Akalpur Jammu on 20/05/2023 (Thursday) at 10:00 am
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Samitri Devi (Mother)
Smt Puro Devi (Wife)
Sons and Daughter-in-law
Randhir Singh and Sushma Devi
Ripu Dawan Singh and Kanchan Devi
Daughters and Son-in-law
Smt. 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, Arindham Pratap Singh
And Manhas Family
Mob. No.: 8082810947, 9622383475

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 DURG A NAGAR, SECTOR 1, NEAR KRISHNA JHANJGHAR, ROOP NAGAR ON 17TH MAY 2023.



Sh. Satish Chander Fotedar

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, NIRVIGNHAM, DITYAA AND DEVISHA
CONTACT: 9796895868 / 7006205199 / 8552911002

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Ms. Neena Sharma** D/o Lt. Sh. Badri Nath Sharma R/o House No. 1/131 Vikas Nagar Sarwal Jammu.



Ms. Neena Sharma

Tenth Day will be performed at Shiv Temple Vikas Nagar, Sarwal Jammu on 24.05.2023 (Wednesday) at 10.00 A.M.
Kriya will be held on 25.05.2023, Thursday at our residence H. no. 1/131 Vikas Nagar Jammu at 12.00 Noon.
Uthala will be held on 26.05.2023 on Friday from 4.00 P.M to 5.00 P.M at Hari Mandir Rehari Colony Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Ram Dulari (Mother)
Smt. Sudha & Sh. Satpal Sharma (Sister-in-law & Brother)
Smt. Suversha & Sanjeev Gupta (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Mr. Ankit Sharma (Nephew)
Mrs. Kritika & Akhil Sharma (Daughter-in-law & Nephew)
Mob No. 7006819276, 7780881472, 9419620033

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 **Haldar Pandita** R/o Hangalgund Kokernag, Anantnag Kashmir A/P Durga Vihar, Haji Gali, Toll Post Nagrota, who left for heaven on 17 May 2023.



Sh. Ganesh Dass Pandita

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat Jammu on 26 May 2023 at 08:00 am (near Directorate of School Education)
Grief Stricken :
Smt. Anur Devi Pandita (Garwali) (Wife)
Daughters in law and Sons
Smt. Daya Pandita & Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita
Smt. Sukshma Pandita & Sh. Ravi Ji Pandita
Daughters and Sons in law
Smt. Basanti Koul & Sh. Jai Krishan Koul
Lt Smt. Sunita Bhat and Sh. Chand Krishan Bhat
Grand Son and Grand Daughter in law
Mr. Sandeep Koul and Mrs. Iteenashvi Koul
Grand Daughter and Grand Son in law
Mrs. Preeti Koul Raina and Mr. Vinu Raina
Grand Children:-
Diya, Manoj, Tusharan, Sakshi, Samiksha
Contact No. 9419833812, 9400186007

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. Soom Nath Bhat** originally from Ichikool Budgam at present Qtr No. 19, Block No. 53, Lane No.10, Jagti Township Nagrota Jammu on 18-05-2023.
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 & Neelvi, Sheetal, Leenu, Shano, Shweta, Yogesh, Omesh, Shivani, Neeru
Contact No: 7006286971, 9419313057, 7889531419



SMT. KOUSHLIYA BHAT

10TH DAY KRIYA

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.



SH. DES RAJ SHARMA

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
Contact: 9797686570, 9419193421, 9797523828

ANTIM ARDAS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SRD PARAMJEET KOUR** W/O S.KULVEER SINGH R/O WARD NO.7, BATOTE LEFT US FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 18 MAY 2023.



SRD PARAMJEET KOUR

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS
ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 25-05-2023 (THURSDAY) ON 9:30 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE, BATOTE.
BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 27-05-2023 (SATURDAY) AT 9:30 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE . FOLLOWED BY
KIRTAN AND ARDAS AT GURUDWARA YADGAR SANT MELA SINGH , BAGGU NALLAH, BATOTE FROM 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN :
S.KULVEER SINGH (BABU) -HUSBAND
MOTHER-IN-LAW & FATHER-IN-LAW
SRD AMRIT KOUR & S. JANAK SINGH (RETD. HEADMASTER)
DAUGHTERS AND SONS-IN-LAW:
SRD. RASLEEN KOUR & S. KULDEEP SINGH (INDUST. & COMM DEPTT)
S. TANJEEV SINGH (ADVOCATE) -SON
SRD. JASVINDER KOUR W/O LATE S.AJIT SINGH (DEVrani)
SRD KAMALJEET KOUR & S. RAJINDER SINGH TARA (KAS) -SISTER-IN-LAW & BROTHER -IN-LAW
BROTHER'S:
S. KARNAIL SINGH, S. NARINDER SINGH, S.GURJEET SINGH, S. PARVINDER SINGH & S. SOHAN SINGH
M/S BATOTE CRANES AND MOVERS
MOB NO: 9419166058, 9419272535, 9419172535

10TH DAY KRIYA

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



Ramesh Kumar Bhat

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
Puri 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, Bitor, Tikoo & Pandita Parivar
Mobile Nos: 9419168177, 9018233487

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.

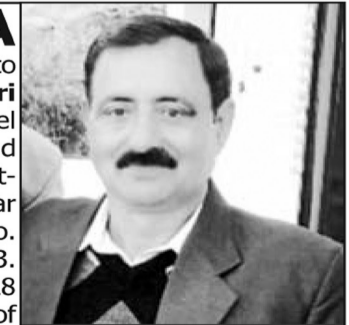


Shri Ram Saroop Gupta

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 & Amita
Vinay Gupta & Sonia Gupta
Grand Children: Mahi, Arpit, Aarav, Akashi, Hunnar, Shivay, Agham, Aadvik

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Behari Lal Razdan** (Bhai Saab) S/o Late **Neel Kanth Razdan** and **Smt. Prabha Razdan** and Husband of **Smt. Babli Razdan** (Seema Ji) erstwhile R/o 149 Kani Kadal Habbakadal Srinagar presently at Lane No. 5 Block No. 22 Flat No. 4 on Jagti Township Jammu on May 19, 2023.



Sh. Behari Lal Razdan

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on May 28 Sunday at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education on 0700 Hrs.
GRIEF STRICKEN
RAZDAN FAMILY (9906350083)
MAHALDAR FAMILY (9906696904)
BHAT FAMILY (7780942022)

TENTH DAY

With teary eyes and profound grief, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Dr. Krishan Lal Dogra** S/o Late **Sh. Dharam Chand**.



Dr. Krishan Lal Dogra

Tenth Day : shall be performed at our Residence (Village - Daskal, Akhnoor) on **24-05-2023 at 12:00 noon**.
Satsang shall also be performed on Wednesday, 24-05-2023 at 12:00 Noon at Amar Tent House (opposite to our residence).
Deeply Remembered by:-
Smt. Veena Dogra- Wife
Dr Varun Dogra -Son
Dr Veronika Dogra - Daughter
Dr Silvi Sandhu - Daughter in Law

GDC Doda hosts All India Women Cricket Championship

Top News Report

DODA, May 23: District Development Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom on Tuesday inaugurated All India Women Cricket Championship here in Sports Stadium Doda.

The tournament is being organised by the Department of Physical Education and Sports, Government Degree College Doda in collaboration with Sports & Fitness Hub, Doda.

Around 8 teams including teams from Uttar Pradesh, Hyderabad, GDC Doda, GMC Doda are participating in the tournament.

The inaugural match was played between teams of Uttar Pradesh and Green Champs. The UP team beat Green Champs by 84 runs. Rashi Gupta was adjudged player of



the match.

Principal Government Degree College Doda Prof. (Dr.) Attar Singh Kotwal, Dr. Ajaz Wani, Prof. Kewal Manhas, Prof. Satish Kumar, faculty members and a large number of

spectators were present on the occasion. The tournament shall continue till 26th of May in the Sports Stadium Doda.

Addressing the players, the DDC appreciated the Department of Physical Education and

Sports GDC Doda for organising such an inspiring event. He said the championship provides a requisite platform to the youth, especially girls/ women to showcase their talent in sports.

Earlier, the College Principal welcomed the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. He emphasised the importance of women empowerment and stressed that such events disseminate the message of equality among all.

The dignitaries were presented Guard of Honour by NCC Navy and Army Cadets prepared by Associate NCC Officer Sub Lt. Zain Batt.

The tournament is being coordinated by the Department of Physical Education and Sports GDC Doda headed by Dr. Arjun Singh, Sports Committee GDC Doda headed by Prof Manjeet Singh and Sports and Fitness Hub Doda.

Inter School Zonal Level Athletic meet held at Ramban



Top News Report

RAMBAN, May 23: An Inter School Zonal Level Athletic meet was on Tuesday organized by the Department of Youth Services &

Sports (YSS) Ramban here in the Government Model Higher Secondary School.

The event was organized under the supervision of District Youth Services and Sports

Officer, Dharamveer Singh.

The event was inaugurated by the School Principal K K. Sharma.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal advised the participating students to maintain team spirit, cooperation and coordination while participating in the sports competitions. He said that these skills learned during the sports activities also help in different phases of life, like in academics or future career

ZPEO Ramban, Bharat Singh and all the PEMs, PETs, REKs and NYCs were also present on the occasion.

Inter-Division UT Level sports competition in 10 disciplines commences in Jammu

Winners to participate in National Games: Jt Director YSS

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 23: Inter-Division UT Level sports competition for under 19 Boys and Girls in 10 disciplines was on Tuesday kick-started by the Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Jammu, Suram

Chand Sharma here in MA Stadium.

The competitions are being held for Kabaddi, Chess, Yoga, Handball, Basket-Ball, Kho-Kho, Gymnastic, Wrestling, Weight Lifting, Shooting.

The players and athletes from all 20 Districts



of the UT are participating in the competition and the winner(s) of each discipline would qualify for participation in the National Games being organised by School Games Federation of India from 5th of June 2023 in New Delhi. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Suram Chand Sharma congratulated the sports persons for their selection in the Divisional Level Teams and playing the UT Level competitions. He exhorted them to encourage others also to take part in sports to channelize the energy of

Youth in the right direction and to keep them away from drug menace and other social evils. He also inaugurated various matches and encouraged the players to display high standards of sportsmanship while playing.

GDC Vijaypur accords grand farewell to final semester Students

Top News Report

SAMBA, May 23: To bid adieu to final semester (6th) students of the college, a grand farewell party was organized on Tuesday by students of semester 4th of GDC Vijaypur.

The welcome address was presented by Simranjeet Kour and Priyansh Vaid of B.Com Sem-IV.

Dr. Vandana Gupta, Principal of the College was the Chief Guest of the event. The party commenced with the lighting of the traditional Lamp followed by a grand Welcome of the chief Guest of the programme.

The proceedings of the program were conducted by Chandan,



Akash, Riya and Kavya Charak of Sem-IV. The programme featured different cultural performances which included singing and dancing competitions, poetry recitation, interesting fun games etc. which were appreciated by the entire audience with thundering applause. Staff and students

wished the outgoing students best of luck for their upcoming challenges and also took their suggestions for improvement and betterment of the College. The College Principal, Dr. Vandana Gupta, congratulated the organizing team and students of semester 4th and extended her best

wishes to the outgoing students.

Towards the end of the farewell ceremony, students of Sem-VI were given gifts as a token of love. Anirudh and Jyoti were selected as Mr. BA and Ms. BA respectively where as Santeshwar and Riya were selected as Mr. B.Com and Ms. B.Com respectively.

The whole event was organized by Keshav Kehra, Chandan, Haroon Malik, Mr. Akash, Saksham, Kavya Charak, Sheetal Sharma, Kajal Choudhary, Amit, Riya, and Ms. Simranjeet Kour of Sem-IV.

It was coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan (Convener, Cultural Committee) and co-ordinated by Dr. Shital Sharma (Convener IQAC). Others who were present were Dr. Gunjeet Mahiwal, Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo, Prof. Renuka Kundal, Prof. Sonia Devi, Prof. Sandhya Bhagat, Prof. Rakesh Kumar, Prof. Yograj Singh, Prof. Amanpreet Kour, Prof. Adeeti Antehal and Ms. Disha Arti.

UPSC Results; Youth in J&K are emerging as inspirations, role models: Hashmi

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 23: The prominent sociopolitical activist Syed Karar Hashmi congratulated all those qualified for the prestigious UPSC examination in different parts of the union territory of J&K.

He congratulated Waseem Ahmad Bhat from Dooru Anantnag 7th All Indian Rank in the competitive civil services examinations (UPSC) 2023, Parsanjeet Kour from Poonch and Dr Iram Chowdhury from Rajouri.

He observed that such aspirants are our role models and not the ones who are shedding innocent people's blood and indulging in senseless violence against people and the state, distributing peace and development in J&K.

He added that the performance of our aspirants who qualified for 2023 UPSC, will inspire a whole lot of youngsters towards the coveted IAS and other allied competitive exams, both at the national and state levels.

GDC Ramgarh hosts Screening of Documentary on 'Mission LIFE'



Top News Report

SAMBA, May 23: Government Degree College Ramgarh on Tuesday hosted the screening of a Documentary on the theme 'Mission LIFE' as the part of a series of activities being organized by Eco Club of the college to mark the celebrations of World Environment Day.

The event was organized under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College. The event was organized in collaboration with NSS under the aegis of G20 cell to commemorate India's Presidency in G20 in 2023.

Prof. Risha Kumari, Convener Eco Club said that Mission LIFE aims to nudge individuals and communities to protect and preserve the environment and ensure sustainable development. Further, she added that Mission LIFE focuses on the actions that are related to saving energy, water, reducing the single use plastic, adoption of a sustainable food system and reduction of waste among others. Also she included that the students must adopt the concept of 'reduce, reuse and recycle'.

At the outset, Dr. Sandeep Kumar briefed the

audience about the importance of the day and explained that the Mission LIFE is designed to inspire people to change their behavior by becoming followers of 'Lifestyle for Environment'.

A large number of students as well as all the faculty members of the college participated in the event with great zeal and enthusiasm. Two documentaries were screened through which the students were made aware to utilize the natural resources to preserve the environment, to promote eco friendly disposables, to carry shopping bags with themselves, to turn off the taps when not in use and switching to longer-lasting alternatives to single use plastic bags.

The event was organized by Prof. Risha Kumari, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Dr. Shamsheer Lal and Dr. Anjali Bala. The faculty members who were present include Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Rahul Kundal, Sanjeev Kumar, Ashish Kumar and Dr. Javed Ahmed Ganie.

SRS J&K President congratulates J&K, other candidates for cracking UPSC exam

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 23: President, Shri Ram Sena, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajiv Mahajan congratulated the UPSC civil services toppers from J&K and other candidates for cracking the exams, their result of which was announced on Tuesday by the Union Public Service Commission.

In a statement, Rajiv Mahajan congratulated Waseem Ahmad Bhat from Dooru Anantnag securing 7th All Indian Rank, Parsanjeet Kour from

Poonch and Dr Iram Chowdhury from Rajouri besides all those who have successfully cleared the UPSC Civil Services examination. He said that an exciting and satisfying career in public service is being awaited for them.

"Those who have cleared the exam will go on to have key administrative roles during an important period of our nation's journey," Mahajan said. He gave best wishes to these youngsters who are embarking on their administrative careers at an important time of their future journey.

Department of Wildlife Protection J&K Government
OFFICE OF THE WILDLIFE WARDEN KATHUA
Tel/Fax No. 01922-294037, Email: wildlifekathua1@gmail.com

E-TENDERING
Short term e-Tender Notice: e-NIT No.: - 07/WLW/K of 2023-24 Dated: 19-05-2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. /Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:

Name of work	Adv. Cost (₹. in lacs)	Earnest Money (3% of the total estimated cost)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Time of completion	Receiving /Opening Authority
1.Renovation of existing fencing, 2.Improvement of Wildlife habitat by way of removal of invasive alien species like Lantana and other Obnoxious weeds, 3.Development of littoral zone by means of removal of Obnoxious weeds from surinsar & Mansar lake., 4.Plantation by way of (BUC) with fruits plants saplings like Ficus, Mulberry and Fig etc. in closure, 5.Development of grasslands by planting palatable grass slips and Patch Sowing/Seed balls in Comptt. 7,9 ,10,11,12,13,14 & 15/JDR of Surinsar-Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary in Wildlife Division Kathua Under CAMPA 2023-24.	10.0271 lacs	Rs. 30081/- @ 3% of the tendered amount in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Wildlife Warden Kathua	All Classes	1000.00 (Non-Refundable) Deposited in Govt. treasury through challan under the receipt head 0406 in favour of the Wildlife Warden Kathua payable at Kathua mentioning name of work	60 days	Tender Opening Committee

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website: - <http://iktenders.gov.in>

Position of AA/TS: Accorded.

Position of Funds: 100 % Available.

Publishing Date	19-05-2023
Download Start Date	19-05-2023
Bid Submission Start Date	19-05-2023
Bid submission End Date (online)	30-05-2023 up to 03:00 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid	31-05-2023 at 10:30 AM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu, Manda Hills Jammu)
Date of opening of Financial Bid (online)	31-05-2023 at 11:00 AM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife warden Jammu, Manda Hills Jammu)

Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website: - <https://iktenders.gov.in>. Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.

Terms & Conditions:

- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and earnest money Deposit (EMD) in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to **Wildlife Warden Kathua**. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of bids.
- In case the cost of lowest bidder is found below the advertised amount, the bidder has to deposit an additional security performance in the shape of CDR/FDR before issuance of award of contract to the tune as per below details:-

Upto 10% below rate over advertised cost	Nil
10% to 20% below rate over advertised cost	3% of advertised cost in shape of CDR.
20% to 30% below rate over advertised cost	5% of advertised cost in shape of CDR.
30% below rate over advertised cost	10% of advertised cost in shape of CDR.

- The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened after the evaluation of the Technical Bids by the Departmental Tender Opening Committee. The dates of opening price bids as per NIT. The price bids will also be opened in the office of **Regional Wildlife Warden, Manda Hills Jammu**.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of bids if any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same earnest money shall stand forfeited.
- No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted Officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the State Government is allowed to work as the contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from government service without permission of the government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained permission from the government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the contractor's service.
- The interested bidder can download the NIT / Bidding documents from the website: - <https://iktenders.gov.in>.
Vijay Kumar, SFS
DIP/J-1846/23

Wildlife Warden Kathua
Date: 19-05-2023.

NO.: WLW/K/Tender/2023-24/40-44



EDITORIAL

FDI IN DEFENCE
SECTOR

The government allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 74 per cent in the defense sector through the automatic route. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said in a statement that to attract foreign investors, the government has increased the FDI limit through the automatic route in the defense sector.

However, it has also been said in the statement that keeping in mind the national security, foreign investment in the defense sector will continue to be reviewed. If foreign investment in the defense sector affects or is likely to affect national security, the government will have the right to review any such foreign investment.

As per the current FDI policy, 100 per cent foreign investment is permitted in the defense sector. Out of this, 49 per cent foreign investment can be done through the automatic route. Foreign investment beyond this requires permission from the government.

It has also been said in the statement that the defense sector companies which will take industrial license or which already have FDI permission, if they have new foreign investment up to 49 per cent, then they will have to compulsorily follow certain rules.

These rules will have to be followed when there is any change in the shareholding pattern of such companies or old investors transfer their stake to a new foreign investor for FDI up to 49 per cent.

In such a situation, the company will compulsorily have to submit a declaration to the Ministry of Defence. According to the statement, more than 49 per cent FDI in such companies will have to be approved by the government. This decision of the government will become effective from the date of issue of notification under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

In the last few years, many important decisions have been taken by the Central Government to promote the country's local manufacturing capacity in the defense sector.

By relaxing the terms of foreign investment in the defense sector, the central government aims to encourage foreign original equipment manufacturers to set up manufacturing units in India and encourage private sector participation.

A target of Rs 35,000 crore exports has been set by the central government for the country's defense manufacturing sector by the year 2025 with a turnover of Rs 1.75 lakh crore.

Recently, while addressing an online seminar titled 'Self-reliant India in Defense Sector', the Prime Minister reiterated the commitment to increase production in the defense sector, develop innovative indigenous technology and promote the private sector.

Significant progress has been seen in the Indian defense manufacturing sector in recent years, but even today the country's defense sector is dominated by public sector companies. To take advantage of the opportunities available in the global market at present, it is very important to promote innovation along with increasing production in the defense sector.

Why the Congress won in K'taka, and the BJP held on to its vote share

By: Aakar Patel

The Congress won in Karnataka though the BJP held on to its vote share. The Congress added five per cent to get to just under 43 per cent vote share and the BJP lost just 0.2 per cent, to get 36 per cent. How did the Congress increase its popularity? It can be many things, but "anti-incumbency" is not among them. Why not? Because the BJP retained the level of its popularity and attracted the same number of voters (in fact more, given the population increase in five years) than it did in 2018. There is a reason for this, and we will come to that later. And if it was not anti-incumbency, what was it?

There are two things the Congress itself says were important. The five schemes they promised and the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Let us focus on the former. The five schemes are 200 units of free electricity per month; Rs 2,000 to every woman head of a household; unemployment benefit for two years of Rs 3,000 per month (to graduates without a job) and Rs 1,500 per month (to diploma holders); 10 kilos of free rice per person to families identified as being below the poverty line; and free bus travel for all women in state buses.

These were the main ones

but there were others. ASHA workers, who are the front-line health workers in rural areas, would get a fixed salary of Rs 5,000 per month, mid-day meal cooks and anganwadi workers would get an extra Rs 2,400 to Rs 3,500 per month. Police personnel on night duty would get an extra Rs 5,000 per month, plus an extra month's pay. While the rest of us may not have known about this, it's unlikely that many of these people, particularly those working together, would be unaware. There are 65,000 anganwadis in the state. There are one lakh policemen.

If a woman is a household maid in Bengaluru, she will get from now on get Rs 2,000, Rs 1,200 (the cost of a monthly bus pass) and 10 kilos of rice, besides the electricity. This is a substantial sum and will make a difference to her life.

Economic analyst Aunindyo Chakravarty has pointed out that the state's average per capita monthly income is Rs 22,000, but it is quite unequal. Over 60 per cent of the population makes only Rs 13,800 per month. Consider what these guarantees mean to such people.

And we have to, most importantly, also consider what the meaning of these schemes is, and it is of course contrary to what the Government of India is saying. We

have a problem, and it can be defined as the questions for which these five schemes are for many the answer. The Centre can dismiss India's fall in the hunger index, but clearly the idea of free grain is meaningful to a substantial part of the population. There are two indicators on unemployment in India. One is compiled by the government. The other one, by the private firm CMIE, says that India has high unemployment, which has not gone below six per cent in five years, but also a poor participation rate. People who are unable to find a job, or a job of the sort that they want (graduates do not want to be delivery boys and taxi drivers) stop looking for work entirely. Even the government data here says that graduate joblessness nationwide is 15 per cent. The participation of Indian women in the labour force is one of the lowest in the world. This has several reasons, including social, but safe, regular and inexpensive transport is surely among them.

To accept all of the above we would have to conclude that hunger, poverty and unemployment are serious issues in India in 2023. But this is not what the Central government is saying, and in fact it rejects data and opinion which claims there is a problem. Which part of the Narendra Modi govern-

ment's narrative of "Amrit Kaal", "Vishwa Guru" and all the rest of it responds to the things that seem to have brought the Congress success in Karnataka? The BJP and its supporters sneer at what they say is the culture of "revadi". That is extremely demeaning to the individuals who are its recipients, but the term is used nonetheless. It is fundamentally wrong to call these things "freebies". Human beings do not want to see themselves or be seen as being helpless. In civilised nations, these things and many more are called entitlements, because they are. The poor are entitled to these things from the State.

The readers of this newspaper and what we call the middle class will not be enthused by the idea of queuing up for free rice or by 200 units of free power. These are not things that we vote on. Indeed, one reason, to return to where we began, that the BJP held on to its vote share was that its base is loyal because of ideology. And this base is stronger in urban areas and with the middle class and upper castes as we know. This lot is the one for whom the Vande Bharat Express (executive fare for Mysuru to Chennai Rs 2,295) trains are being launched, providing solutions to a problem that doesn't exist.

Ukraine to get peace only if both sides can claim a 'win'

By: Sunanda K Datta Ray

The world cannot afford to ignore the profound symbolism of Hiroshima being chosen as the site of last week's Group of Seven summit. Since the Ukraine war dominated the discussion, the meeting's primary message was to Russia. But the overall warning from the city that American nuclear forces savaged during World War II was to all warmongers and the peril of war itself.

"Today's Ukraine could be tomorrow's East Asia" Japan PM Fumio Kishida said presciently. Given the nature of war in the contemporary world, East Asia cannot be treated as a self-contained region. The soaring price of energy worldwide was a grim reminder of the global fallout of the Ukraine war. Food prices everywhere skyrocketed as the last ship left the Ukrainian port of Chornomorsk in the Black Sea last Wednesday under a deal permitting the export of Ukrainian grain. The cargo of 30,000 tons of corn was for Turkey where the return to power of Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his AKP could pose problems for Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy: As an early member of Nato, Turkey has a central role in the supply of sophisticated weapons to Kyiv, thereby shaping the war's outcome.

Public indifference in India to the war recalls Taya Zinkin's comment after Hungary and Czechoslovakia that Indians could not understand colonialism except in terms of colour. As an ICS memsahib in colonial India before becoming the Manchester Guardian's India correspondent, Ms Zinkin understood the importance of race in Indian thinking. But today's India cannot overlook the threat such hostilities present to stability and therefore to peace.

That applies to all contests and

contestants, including China, Pakistan and also of course India. In none of these cases can there be an end to belligerence until both parties feel secure. Nor would it be right or rewarding to appropriate all the virtue for one side of the dispute and lay all the blame entirely on the other. On Russia's invasion of Ukraine, it is especially important to get the two sides at least talking to each other. That may be difficult without some acknowledgement of the complexities of a situation in which Vladimir Putin may feel he has good reason to feel aggrieved.

To understand today's imbroglio, we must go back to George F. Kennan, the astute career diplomat who was the father of Washington's "containment" policy. He is famous for predicting the collapse of the Soviet Union, opposing Nato's creation on the grounds that it would freeze the Cold War into permanency, and saying in 1948 that given their past history, Russia would never accept an independent Ukraine. Returning to the question of Nato half a century later, Kennan warned against its eastward expansion on the grounds that it would sound the death knell of democracy for Russians and ignite another Cold War.

Even Kennan, the hard-headed realist, couldn't have foreseen the chain of tumultuous events involving street demonstrations, neo-Nazis, bitter allegations of corruption and massive state bloodshed that led to Viktor Yanukovich becoming PM during 2002-05 and 2006-07, and President in 2010. As President in April 2010, he promptly showed his pro-Russian leanings by striking a deal with then Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, to extend Russia's lease of Sevastopol port, base of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, until 2042. In exchange, Ukraine would get a reduction in the price of Russian natural gas.

Anti-Yanukovich protests broke out again in 2013, ostensibly over his neglect of a trade deal with the EU in favour of one offered by Russia, as well as corruption allegations.

With Ukraine's President and Parliament at loggerheads, the debate over the agreement devolved into a melee, Opposition members throwing eggs and lighting smoke bombs. The measure narrowly passed but Mr Yanukovich didn't survive politically. His enemies weren't done yet. In January 2019, they found him guilty of high treason and sentenced him to 13 years in prison.

The former President's attorneys appealed the decision, although his continued exile in Russia meant that it was extremely unlikely that the Ukrainian authorities would have the opportunity to carry out the sentence.

When Mr Yanukovich was overthrown in February 2014, intercepted phone calls and other evidence suggested that high-ranking American functionaries, US ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt and assistant secretary of state for European affairs Victoria Nuland, may have had a finger in the ousting pie. They are believed to have been aided by local "extreme nationalists" — a euphemism for Nazis left over from the war when seven million Ukrainian civilians, including 1.5 million Ukrainian Jews, were killed. At first, the Western media reported the character of the victorious group, but Russia's undisguised hostility to Kyiv, and the West's championship of the new regime, swung the balance. Ukraine became an innocent European victim of Russian bullying.

The victim, however, needs peace to recover from a war it cannot win. So does Russia for the same reason. Both sides say they are ready for negotiations but have yet to sit

down to discuss peace. One glimmer of hope may lie in the fact that Russia and Ukraine are both signatories to the Charter for European Security adopted at a summit in Istanbul in 1999. The saving clause could be Article II, which upholds each signatory's right to establish its own security through alliances treaties, also stipulating the need for mutual respect for such arrangements. But Ukraine's bargaining position needs buttressing. This is where the United States comes in. Its clout is still without a parallel but too much direct intervention might be seen as provocative. But the Americans can back a security guarantee for Ukraine by the EU, which is far more directly involved in the conflict and can live up to Kyiv's expectations by reviving the plan for a European Defence Community that the Benelux countries, France, Italy, and West Germany, mooted in 1952 to meet the then perceived Soviet threat. It petered out when the French Parliament didn't ratify it but Emmanuel Macron is more than eager to help Mr Zelenskyy.

A permanent European military presence in Ukraine would rubbish Moscow's claim of defending Russia against Nato by invading Ukraine. It would also underwrite Kyiv's sovereignty. As for Russia's nuclear threat, there is always Nato's Article 5 which sanctions collective defence. There is also Mr Macron's suggestion of France participating in Europe's collective security through its nuclear arsenal.

Putin will, of course, resist talks until he can present his domestic constituency with what passes for a clear victory. This may sound daunting but Russia has been there before. Mr Putin has a chance of claiming to stand with Mikhail Gorbachev who authorised and organised the withdrawal of the Soviet Army from Afghanistan in 1989.

SHO Udhampur threatened to hold my encounter: Harsh Dev

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, May 23: NPP leaders on Tuesday met the DC Udhampur and SSP Udhampur seeking arrest of SHO Udhampur and his four colleagues alleging criminal assault, filthy abuses and threats of elimination hurled upon Harsh Dev Singh, former Minister and President JKNPP. The memorandum read thus-

"Yesterday on 22nd May, 2023 while Harsh Dev Singh Former Minister and NPP chief was holding a peaceful Dharna outside Police Station Udhampur, he was assaulted, thrashed, kicked, abused and dragged on ground by the SHO Udhampur and four other policemen.

The NPP chief was sitting on a dharna and staging a peaceful protest against police high handedness and



harassment of innocent civilians while allowing bovine smuggling, illegal mining and hobnobbing with liquor mafia and drug mafia.

The SHO Udhampur reached the spot and rather than asking the NPP leader and others the reason for Dharna pounced upon Harsh Dev Singh and threw him on the ground. He was dragged, kicked and thrashed resulting in several injuries on his person.

He was beaten inside the Police Station. The SHO further threatened to hold encounter of Harsh Dev Singh. His wife Manju Singh was also assaulted and beaten and threats of elimination and filthy abuses hurled upon her.

It is strange that one police officer was heard hurling filthiest abuses upon Harsh Dev Singh in the video and other was winking at other policemen meaning there by that their job

was accomplished.

The criminal acts committed by the SHO and his accomplices need immediate cognizance of the district administration and we request for immediate FIR and the arrest of delinquent police officers. Such kind of barbaric act on the part of police is unheard in the history of district Udhampur or even in J&K.

If the action is not taken against the uniformed Goondas immediately,

we shall hold massive protests at Udhampur from 25th May onwards."

The memorandum was signed by six BDC Chairpersons and DDC of Panthers Party. In the meanwhile, Harsh Dev Singh held a press conference in Udhampur lashing out at the 'Goonda Raj' of the police.

He said that not only was he assaulted and manhandled inside and outside the Police Station but the police officers had even threatened to hold his encounter describing themselves as all powerful.

He sought immediate punitive action against the Police officers responsible for the barbaric act followed by their arrest in view of the massive outrage triggered by the shameful barbarism displayed by the Udhampur police.

G20 Meet to boost J&K's tourism, economy: Sham Langer

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, MAY 23: Sham Langer, Conve-ner Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Trade Cell, Jammu and Kashmir has asserted that the ongoing G20 meeting in Srinagar is undoubtedly going to boost tourism, hospitality industry and economy of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader said influx of international tourists will go up in Jammu and Kashmir and tourism and hospitality industry will gain immensely benefitting the common man whose income will definitely surge in the coming time. He said that the dignitaries attending the significant G20 Meet will act as Ambassadors of J&K after their return to home countries and share their experiences of stay in the Paradise



on Earth Kashmir possessing mesmerizing charm and beauty with the people there. This is going to increase the number of aspiring tourists to J&K in multiple progression not only giving a boost to the tourism sector and its stakeholders including the hospitality sector but it is going to give a huge thrust to the overall economy of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and its people.

Sham Langer stated that the 'Film Tourism for Economic Growth and Cultural Preser-

vation' on the first two days of the event will be focusing on strategies to promote film tourism in J&K. He added that also a draft 'National Strategy on Film Tourism' would be unveiled to provide a roadmap for harnessing the role of films in promoting tourist destinations. He said that there should be no doubt that film shooting in the locales of J&K especially in Kashmir constitutes a substantial component of J&K Tourism and this is definitely going to take a great stride post G20 Meet in the Valley. He said that witnessing the holding of this significant international event in Kashmir from any perspective, one can conclude that it is going to benefit the people of J&K on the whole and for this full credit goes to the visionary PM Narendra Modi and of course the people of this sensitive region.

ADC Jammu inaugurates Aadhaar Camp at DC Office



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 23: To provide Aadhaar Services for the staff of Deputy Commissioner office Jammu at one place Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra along with Aadhaar Seva Kendra Jammu organised Aadhaar Enrollment Camp at DC Office Jammu.

The camp was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sandeep Seointra along with Assistant Commissioner General Jammu Manisha Angral. ADC Sandeep Seointra said that updation of Aadhaar card has been started and to provide

Aadhaar services to the staff of DC Office, Samvedna Society has taken a very good initiative by providing doorstep service so that the staff may not have to go anywhere to take benefits of these services, Samvedna team is going excellent work for the welfare of the Society, he further added.

Manisha Angral said that providing doorstep services to the people who are busy serving the society is really commendable job of Samvedna Society.

Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra said that staff of DC Office is doing great

service to the people so it's a small contribution from our side for the betterment and welfare of the real heroes of society, through this Aadhaar Camp the facilities which are being provided are biometric updation of Aadhaar, Correction of Aadhaar, Mobile Number Updation, Photograph Change in Aadhaar, unlock the Biometric lock Etc.

Peer Mubashir Shah Operational Manager Aadhaar Seva Kendra Jammu, Nikhil Manhas Operator, Manoj Tandon, Divyansh Gupta and others we're also present during the camp.

Standard writing competition held at GHS Bhartund

TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, May 23: Standard writing competition was conducted at Govt. HS (GHS) Bhartund in collaboration with BIS.

The event was inaugurated by Headmaster by giving brief introduction about BIS, its motive, importance and implementation.

The programme was then carried forward by Resource Person and DNO, BIS, District Ramban Jawaz Iqbal Wani who orient the students with the quality and standards and the protocol to be followed using BIS guidelines to analyse the products of any kind for their originality, durability and safety.



Students asked various queries about the quality and Standards and had an open discussion on it. After that Standard writing competition was held in which 80 students of class 9th and 10th participated. Mentor of Standard Club conducted the proceeding of the program and manage the program efficiently.

At the end refreshment, lunch and prizes were distributed among the students by headmaster and DNO Standard clubs, in which Touseef Akhter (10th) got 1st Position, Raveesh Singh (10th) got 2nd Position, Rahila (9th) got 3rd Position and Mussara Kousar (10th) got consolation prize.

Finally the vote of thanks was presented by Manzoor Ahmed, Teacher.

GDC Mandi organises "International Day for Biological Diversity" under G-20



TOP NEWS REPORT

MANDI, May 23: The NSS Unit of GDC Mandi organised lecture on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity under the guidance of Prof. Zamir Ahmed Mirza, Principal of the College.

Prof. Zamir Ahmed Mirza highlighted the

importance of celebration of this day.

The resource person to speak on the occasion was Dr. Aurangzeb Anjum, Coordinator IQAC and NSS Program Officer of the College. He threw light on the importance of celebration of this day at International level and told that how species

are diminishing day by day. A large number of students of the College attended the lecture. All Faculty members of the College including Dr. Abdul Razaq, Dr. Liyaqut Ali, Dr. Basharat Ahmed Shaheen, Dr. Mohd Latief, Prof. Malvika Kotwal were present on this occasion.

Very small road projects neglected, hampering big Tourist avenues: Rao

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 23: Senior AAP leader, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, in a press release issued here has appealed to the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, Manoj Sinha and Dr. Jatinder Singh, concerned MP and MOS in Prime Minister's office, to look deep into the matter and issue directions to the concerned to take immediate necessary steps to complete the below mentioned very small projects, on priority bases, so that a population of about 5 Tehsils, comprises of Tehsils, Kahara, Thathri, Phaqsoo, Bhella and Chirrala, is benefited giving an end to the age-old hardships to the people besides the area also comes on tourism maps, again benefiting the whole population of all these Tehsils.

Rao further said that for achieving full advantage of the Tourism development schemes in erstwhile Doda District and for ensuring greater opportunities of employment, the left-over work on some roads needs to be completed on priority.

Rao said that Kahara Jai road, which is complete up to Joura Kalan & (75% of the total length), needs to be completed from Joura Kalan to Jai (9 kms length). It will not only provide employment to

the poor people of the area but also boost tourism. It is one of the links in the circuit network. The 19 Kms sanctioned Thathri- Chirra road project is complete from its initial point Jangalwar Nallah to Chirra (length 14 Kms) & the remaining 5 Kms from Chirra to Gallu Top be kindly constructed immediately. Further, if Gallu Top is linked to Joura Khurd (2kms only) on Kahara-Joura Khurd road, 90% link between tourist places will be achieved.

Still further, if Joura Khurd (road already complete) is linked to Chirrala- Panshaee road by only a 5 kms stretch, the circuit of roads will be complete. It will greatly boost tourism and also provide employment to thousands of unemployed people.

Rao has appealed to the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, Sh. Manoj Sinha and Dr. Jitendra Singh, concerned MP that two of the above mentioned Joura Kalan to Jai and Chirra to Gallu Top (sanctioned projects) be kindly taken up immediately on priority. Kahara-Jai road is perhaps the longest pending project in erstwhile Doda District & this fact should be given due consideration.

Rao said that on Suringa Morh-Jai link road (14 Kms), earth cutting work is already complete from

Suringa Mor to revenue village Joura Kalan - a distance of 4 Kms (Non forest area) & the work from Joura Kalan to Jai (10 Kms) stands suspended for want of forest clearance.

He said that out of these 10 Kms, a stretch of one & half Kms i.e from revenue village Joura Kalan to Revenue village Lower- Shamdlain is tree-less though it falls in forest area; work on this stretch can be executed without any loss to forest and without any legal hindrance even before forest clearance for the whole. He appealed them to accord forest clearance at the earliest and simultaneously issue orders of execution of work on this tree-less stretch of one and half kms from Joura Kalan to Lower Shamdlain, so that justice to the poor inhabitants of the village Lower Shamdlain & ST village Kunthal will be denied.

The letter of Indent regarding compensation etc has already been sent to the office of Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Jammu by the concerned Executive Engineer PWD (R&B spl. Sub-Division) Gandoh (Bhalessa), No:- EE/PWD/SSDG/203-05, dated:-19-04-2019, through Superintendent Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Doda, but there is no action till date.

DYSS Udhampur holds District Level Inter School Tournament

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, May 23: The tournament is being organized by the Department of Youth Service and Sports Udhampur, under the patronage of Director Youth Service and Sports J&K Subhash Chander Chibber, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaishy (IAS) and under the overall supervision of Romesh Chander Mishra DYSSO Udhampur.

In continuation of District Level Inter School Tournament for Boys and Girls U/14 U-17 years in Taekwondo, Fencing and Handball begins here at Subash Stadium and Mini Stadium Udhampur about 213 boys and girls drawn from different 26 institutions & 03 Zones



of District Udhampur.

Took part in the tournament District Youth Services & Sports Officer Udhampur Ramesh Chander Mishra along with ZPEO Pushpinder Kour and ZPEO Sham Lal Zone Ramnagar interacted with the Participants in the presence of all field staff of DYSSO Udhampur.

Speaking on the occasion DYSSO Udhampur advised the participants

to take more part in such type of sports to make them physically, mentally and socially fit in the society. He also congratulated the organizing committee for their best efforts to make the tournament a great success.

All the matches were officiated by Ranjeet Singh, Jagdish Kumar, Ved Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Mohd Tarik and Abdul Quadir, Naveen

Kumar, Ankush, Himanshu, Yash Paul and Ranjeet Verma.

Among others who present on the occasion were Romesh Chander I/c Activity, Som Dev Khajuria, Vikas Sharma, Jatin Sethi, Sanjeev Kumar, Sanjeev Khajuria, Bhupinder Singh, Anshu Brat Khanna, Vipin Photra, Munazim Malik, Asha Meenakshi, Kumari Nirmal, Rajesh Kumar and Raj Kumar.

Rajamouli, Jr NTR mourn passing away of 'RRR' actor Ray Stevenson; 'Pure joy', 'gone too soon'

Had played the villainous British Raj governor of Delhi in 'RRR'

Irish actor Ray Stevenson may have played the villainous British Raj governor of Delhi in 'RRR', but he was much-loved on the sets as the tributes of SS Rajamouli and Junior NTR clearly indicate.

"Shocking," tweeted the 'RRR' maker. "Just can't believe this news. Ray brought in so much energy and vibrancy with him to the sets. It was infectious. Working with him was pure joy. My prayers are with his family. May his soul rest in peace."

Taking to social media, Stevenson's co-star Junior NTR said: "Shocked to hear about Ray Stevenson's passing. Gone too soon. It was a great experience working with him. May his soul rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and dear ones during this difficult time."

Stevenson passed away on Sunday four days before his



59th birthday. No cause of death has been revealed, but he was reportedly hospitalised during filming on the Italian island of Ischia, says BBC.

He began his career appear-

ing on TV shows in the 1990s and then landed action roles in Hollywood films starting in the 2000s, his best-known one being Volstagg in Marvel's 'Thor' franchise.

His first major film role came in Antoine Fuqua's 2004 adventure movie 'King Arthur', where he played Dagonet, one of the Knights of the Round Table. In the film, his character sacrifices himself in battle to help Arthur (Clive Owen) and his brotherhood of warriors, reports 'Variety'. In 2008, Stevenson landed a starring role in the Marvel film, 'Punisher: War Zone', where he played the titular mercenary, aka Frank Castle, 'Variety' adds.

Before his death, Stevenson starred in the upcoming action-adventure limited series, 'Ahsoka', a spin-off of 'The Mandalorian' from the Star Wars franchise. He played Baylan Skoll, a former Jedi who survived Order 66 by fleeing into the Unknown Regions. He is a master to Shin and ally to Thrawn. This was to be his last role.

Vidyut Jammwal on bouts of self-doubt



Vidyut Jammwal has carved a niche for himself by performing death-defying stunts in films. However, he admits that he doubts himself sometimes. "But

it is never a hindrance. Every time I start something, it starts with self-doubt, and then I still go ahead and attempt it," he says.

He adds, "My first

thought is that I need to invest some time in it. It starts with self-doubt, but the moment you surpass it, it becomes easy."

Talking about when he felt he'd made it, he says, "It's an ever-growing process. I think I am still supposed to find Vidyut Jammwal because there's a lot of work going on to find the perfect being. So, I feel I am very far away from it yet very close."

Now that he is a producer too, he believes that one needs to be very responsible when taking on both roles. Vidyut says, "When both things are in your hands, I promise you the whole responsibility is on you. At that point, you just figure out what you need to do and who you want to work with."

Kangana Ranaut bags Best Actress Award for Thalaivii at Osaka Tamil International Film Festival in Japan

Kangana Ranaut has won the Best Actress Award for her movie Thalaivii at Osaka Tamil International Film Festival in Japan.

The actress took to Instagram and expressed her gratitude for the recognition and honour given to her.

She wrote in a social media post, "Thank you for this honour...Thalaivii is indeed a piece of my heart... many thanks for this acknowledgment."

Thalaivii is a 2021 biographical drama film based on the life of actor-turned-politician Jayalalithaa (played by Kangana Ranaut), her relationship with the illustrious MG Ramachandran (played by Arvind Swami), and her turbulent ascent to power as the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Kangana gave her best for the film and put in a lot of effort to make the character look real. In fact, she gained 20 kilograms in just six months for her role.

Kangana will next be seen as an Air Force pilot in Tejas and as former Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi in her directorial project titled Emergency.



Jennifer Lawrence made 'Bread and Roses' after feeling 'helpless' for Afghan women

Oscar winner Jennifer Lawrence and her producing partner Justine Ciarrocchi touched down at the Cannes Film Festival on Sunday to promote their label's first-ever documentary feature Bread and Roses, a harrowing and emotional look at the lives of women in Afghanistan under Taliban rule.

After two decades of American occupation, the nation fell once again to the insurgent group, which moved quickly to strip women of basic rights — simple things like the ability to work, appear in public without a male chaperone and receive an education.

"It all just collapsed in a matter of days," Jennifer Lawrence said.

In the infancy of building their production company Excellent Cadaver, Lawrence and Ciarrocchi pursued Afghan film-



maker Sahra Mani (A Thousand Girls Like Me) to help capture the sto-

ries of the suppressed women on the ground. The finished film, which

was received with tears at its world premiere on the Croisette, largely comprises video filmed by its three subjects. Crews could not safely enter Afghanistan, nor could Mani, who had been abroad working when the Taliban took over the country.

"The director was given footage from women using their cell phones, there was one trusted camera person that was used occasionally," Lawrence said. Ciarrocchi recalled the high stress of protecting Mani and the subjects from retaliation.

"Sahra had been out of Kabul for about a month by the time it fell, she was in France. The great news now is that all of our protagonists are safely out of Afghanistan. We wanted to make sure that these women were safe and that we were being thoughtful, while also

trying to shape a film. That was a wild set of responsibilities for us, and a very new experience," said Ciarrocchi.

"It makes me think about when I was little, how much I hated going to school. We take for granted that education is a way out for these women. Our subject had all of that stripped away and can't even go outside without a chaperone. It's a right to have as a human, to have something to do every day and be productive in society," she said. Bread and Roses is currently for sale out of the Cannes film market.

Lawrence and her partner are hopeful that the film will receive worldwide distribution, warning that its themes are more relevant than one would suspect in places like America. "There is not much separating us from these other countries," said Lawrence.

How chartered accountant Tina Philip followed her passion for acting!



Zed TV's Kumkum Bhagya has been one of the longest-running shows on television so

far. It focuses on the lives of Ranbir (Krishna Kaul) and Prachi (Mugdha Chaphekar).

Tina Philip, who is a part of the show, moved to Mumbai from Manchester six years ago. She is a chartered accountant, who has always wanted to become an actor.

She says, "I basically come from a family of engineers and doctors. Although I graduated from the University of Manchester. I cracked the CA exam on my third attempt. But acting always had my heart. I felt alive and liberated when I acted in a local theatre in Manchester. So, after becoming a CA, I decided to quit my job as an auditor and come to Mumbai to follow my passion for acting."

"I had no clue where to start or where auditions would happen, so I used to Google 'how to become an actor in Mumbai'. From not knowing a soul in the industry to now coming on television every day, it's been quite a journey," she adds.

Punit Sharma's music album Pyar Vich Pagla released



Punit Sharma's music album Pyar Vich Pagla from music company AndPlayIt, has been released. Punit has given his voice to the song, which has been directed by Colossus. Music is given by Gourov Dasgupta and lyrics are by Rajesh Manthan.

The music is a blend of Punjabi and Hindi. While talking about the album, Punit says, "Pyar Vich Pagla takes listeners on an exciting musical journey that blends melody and dance beats. It navigates a wide spectrum of emotions. I'm eager to see how the audience responds to this."

Anupama Solanki talks about her show Nath Zewar Ya Zanjeer

Anupama Solanki feels lucky to be a part of the show, Nath Zewar Ya Zanjeer, and says that she has never played a character with multiple shades.

"Nath Zewar Ya Zanjeer is taking a 15-year leap.

This time, most of the cast has changed. The show is now called Nath Gauri Aur Krishna Ki Kahani. My latest character is a combination of Maddam Sir and Bindiya Sarkar.

This character is negative as well as slightly comical," she says.

She adds, "It's like a cherry on the cake to play two shades together.

This is the first time I have played this type of character. I am not tense about being typecast in a particular role because last year I did Sab TV's Maddam Sir, where I portrayed a positive character, and before that I portrayed Mohini, a character who is the incarnation of Lord Vishnu. I am not worried about typecasting."



PM Modi attends special community event in Sydney

Modi is visiting Australia as a guest of the Australian Government

NEW DELHI/ SYDNEY, May 23 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese is attending a special community event here to celebrate the country's dynamic, diverse Indian diaspora.

Modi is visiting Australia as a guest of the Australian Government.

He is addressing the community members at the event at Sydney's Qudos Bank Arena.

The event's organisers, the Indian Australian Diaspora Foundation (IADF), are expecting a large turnout.

"The Indian Australian community is excited to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi after nine years. He visited Australia in 2014 and was greeted by a large crowd at Sydney's community reception," Jay Shah, one of IADF's directors, told the Special Broadcasting Service, an Australian hybrid-funded public service broadcaster.

Supporters of Modi have organised special buses from Brisbane and Canberra.

Before leaving for Japan to



attend the G7 Summit in Hiroshima, Modi said that he will meet the Indian community in Sydney at a special event.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 census, 619,164 people in Australia declared that they were of ethnic Indian ancestry. This comprises 2.8 per cent of the Australian population. Among those, 592,000 were born in India. Prime Minister Modi last visited Australia in 2014.

Modi and Albanese will have a bilateral meeting on Wednesday.

day.

In an interview with "The Australian" newspaper, Modi said he wants to take the relationship with Australia to the "next level", including closer defence and security ties to help ensure an "open and free" Indo-Pacific.

He also said the Indo-Pacific region faces a number of challenges such as climate change, terrorism, security of sea lanes of communication and piracy, and asserted that India believes they can be addressed only through shared efforts.

"I am not a person who gets satisfied easily," he was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

"I have seen that Prime Minister Albanese is the same. I am confident that when we are together again in Sydney, we will get the opportunity to explore how we can take our relations to the next level, identify new areas of complementarity and can expand our cooperation," he added.

He said he wants the two countries to push to realise the true potential of closer defence and security ties amid increasing defence links between the two countries recently.

"As two democracies, India and Australia have shared interests in a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. There is alignment of our strategic viewpoints," he said.

"The high degree of mutual trust between us has naturally translated into greater cooperation on defence and security matters. Our navies are participating in joint naval exercises," he said.

India changes export policy on cough syrups, government lab certification must

Indian-made cough syrups were linked to the deaths of 70 children in Gambia and 19 in Uzbekistan last year



NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): India on Tuesday amended the export policy with respect to cough syrups saying export consignments would be cleared subject to mandatory certification by government certified labs only. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade

under Ministry of Commerce issued a notification on the amendment saying "cough syrups will be permitted for exports subject to export sample being tested and production of certificate of analysis by any of the following labs: Central Drug Laboratory Kolkata, Central Drug

Testing Labs, Chennai, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Regional Drug Testing labs at Chandigarh and Guwahati or any of the NABL accredited state drug testing labs."

The amendment follows several global alerts involving Indian cough syrups. WHO had last October issued a medical alert involving cough syrups from Sonepat based Maidaan Pharma flagging alleged links to over 70 Gambian child deaths; later 18 Uzbek children allegedly died from links to Noida based Marion Biotech. Recently in April WHO issued another alert involving cough syrups made in Punjab and Haryana.

Manish Sisodia's Judicial Custody Extended Till June 1 In Money Laundering Case

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): A Delhi court on Tuesday extended till June 1 the judicial custody of AAP leader Manish Sisodia in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise scam.

The judge also directed the jail authorities to consider providing the politician a chair and a table along with books inside the prison.

While Mr Sisodia was being brought out of the courtroom, he told the media in reference to a bill to replace the Centre's Ordinance on Delhi's Services matter that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "does not believe in democracy".



"Modi has become very arrogant," the former deputy chief minister charged.

The Delhi government implemented the excise policy on November 17, 2021 but scrapped it at

the end of September 2022 amid allegations of corruption.

Sisodia is an accused in the cases lodged by both the CBI and Enforcement Directorate in the matter.

Mumbai Court Says As Per Rule, Sex Work An Offence Only In Public: Report

MUMBAI, May 23 (Agencies): A sessions court in Mumbai has set aside a magistrate's order and directed a shelter home to set at liberty a 34-year-old woman sex worker detained there.

According to news agency Press Trust of India, the court said, as per rule, sex work can be called an offence when only one engages in it in a public place causing annoyance to others.

The woman approached the sessions court after the magistrate's court on March 15 this year directed her to be detained at the shelter home in Mumbai for one year for care, protection



and shelter.

Additional sessions judge CV Patil set aside the magistrate court's order last month. The detailed order was made available recently.

The woman was detained in February following a raid at a brothel in suburban Mulund. Thereafter, an FIR was registered against the

accused and she, along with two others, was produced before a magistrate court in Mazgaon.

After perusal of the medical report, the magistrate found she was a major and sent her to the Navjeevan Mahila Vastigriha, Deonar, for one year for care, protection and shelter from the date of order.

In her plea before the sessions court, the woman denied indulging in any immoral activities.

The sessions court in its order held that the magistrate, only on the ground of antecedent of indulging in similar kind of offence, has detained the victim.

The order is under challenge only on the ground of antecedent that the victim was found indulging earlier also in a similar act, but the victim is major. She has the right to do work, the judge said.

"As per rule, to involve in sex work is not itself an offence, but to do sex work in public place so as to cause annoyance to others can be called as offence," the ses-

sions court said.

Further, it noted there was no allegation that the woman indulged in sex work in the public.

In such circumstances, detaining the victim only on the ground of one antecedent of the similar work is not proper, the sessions judge said.

The victim has two kids, they certainly need their mother, and if the victim is detained against her wish, it certainly curtails her right to move freely all over India, the court observed.

Hence considering the legal position, major age of the victim, the magistrate court's order dated March 15 needs to be set aside and the victim needs to be set at liberty, it said.

Kejriwal to meet Mamata, discuss Centre's ordinance on administrative services

KOLKATA, May 23 (Agencies): Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will be meeting his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata on Tuesday, an official said.

Kejriwal will be accompanied by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supreme is trying to drum up opposition support over the Delhi government's fight against the Centre over an ordinance on the control of administrative services in the national

capital.

Kejriwal and Mann are scheduled to land at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in the afternoon. They will hold a brief meeting with AAP leaders of West Bengal before visiting the state secretariat Nabanna to meet the Trinamool Congress chief.

"They are scheduled to have a closed-door meeting at the state secretariat. They may also hold a discussion on probable strategies for next year's general elections," a senior TMC



leader said.

Kejriwal and Mann will leave the West Bengal capital on Tuesday evening.

Kejriwal has met Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar over the ordinance issue and the latter has extended full support to AAP in its

tussle with the Centre on the matter.

The AAP chief may also meet Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray and NCP leader Sharad Pawar on Wednesday in Mumbai.

The Centre promulgated an ordinance on Friday to create a

National Capital Civil Service Authority for the transfer of IAS and DANICS cadre officers and disciplinary proceedings against them.

This came a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of services, excluding those related to police, public order and land, to the elected government in Delhi.

An ordinance has to be ratified by Parliament within six months. For this, the Centre will have to bring a bill for its passage in both Houses of Parliament.

6 persons killed, 10 injured in bus-truck collision in Maharashtra's Buldhana



MUMBAI, May 23 (Agencies): At least six persons were killed and 10 others injured when a state transport bus collided with a container truck in Maharashtra's Buldhana district on Tuesday morning, police said.

The accident took place near Sindkhed Raja town on old Mumbai-Nagpur highway in the district, located more than 450 km from the state capital Mumbai, he said.

The bus, belonging to the Maharashtra State

Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC), was going towards Mehkar in (Buldhana) from Pune when it collided with the truck, the official said.

"Six persons were killed and 10 others received injuries," he said.

Among the deceased were four bus passengers and drivers of both the vehicles, the official said.

The injured persons were rushed to a hospital in Sindkhed Raja town, he said.

Five killed, seven injured as speeding truck hits SUV in Maharashtra's Amravati

MUMBAI, May 23 (Agencies): At least five people were killed and seven others injured when a speeding truck hit a sports utility vehicle (SUV) in Maharashtra's Amravati district, an official said on Tuesday.

The accident took place at around 11 pm on Monday on Daryapur-Anjangaon Road under Khallar police station limits in Amravati, located nearly 650 km from the state capital Mumbai, he said.



Most of the victims were from one family. They were returning to Daryapur after attending a family function, the official said.

"Five persons were

killed and seven others injured in the accident," he said.

The injured persons were admitted to a hospital in Daryapur, he said.

Defamation case: Gujarat court issues fresh summons against Kejriwal, AAP MP Sanjay Singh

AHMEDABAD, May 23 (Agencies): A court here in Gujarat on Tuesday issued a fresh summons to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Aam Aadmi Party's Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh to appear before it on June 7 in a criminal defamation case lodged by the Gujarat University over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's academic degree.

The court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate SJ Panchal summoned Kejriwal and Singh after the court was informed that the summons issued ear-



lier directing the duo to appear on May 23 does not appear to have been received by them as none of them was present in the court.

Earlier, the court of additional chief metropolitan magistrate

dra Modi's academic degree.

AAP's legal cell head for Gujarat, Pranav Thakkar, on Monday, said Kejriwal and Singh have not yet received the summons issued to them by the court.

On Tuesday, Gujarat University's lawyer Amit Nair apprised the new judge- SJ Panchal about the case and said that his predecessor issued the processes on April 15 against the accused persons to remain present on May 23. Since nobody was present on the given date, it is not clear

whether the summons was served on them or not.

The judge asked the staff to check and then directed them to issue a summons to Kejriwal and Singh.

The previous additional chief metropolitan magistrate-Jayesh Chovatiya- issued a summons on April 15 after finding that prima facie there appeared to be a case against Kejriwal and Singh under section 500 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) on a complaint filed by Gujarat University registrar Piyush Patel.

What happens if the US fails to raise its debt ceiling?

If the Treasury is unable to meet all of its financial obligations, analysts forecast that US stock markets would likely suffer a sharp, temporary shock.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Agencies): President Joe Biden and Republicans in Congress have resumed crunch talks aimed at averting a damaging US debt default, which Treasury officials recently warned could come as early as June 1.

Biden has maintained that default would have "catastrophic" consequences, and is urging Republicans to agree to a "clean" increase to US borrowing limits -- known as the debt ceiling -- before the deadline is reached.

Republicans have pushed back, insisting they want an agreement from Democrats to commit to less spending in future in order for their support to extend the nation's borrowing authority.

Here is what could happen in the United States, and around the world, if the US fails to raise the debt ceiling:

What would it mean for financial markets?

If the Treasury is unable to meet all of its financial obligations, analysts forecast that US stock markets would likely suffer a sharp, temporary shock.

Along with a decline in US stocks, interest rates would spike, especially Treasury yields and mortgage rates, Moody's Analytics economist Bernard Yaros said.

"That would lead to higher borrowing costs for consumers, for corporations," he said.

Households or businesses who fail to receive federal payments owed would likely pull back on near-term spending due to their loss of income, while consumer confidence may worsen, hurting the economy, Yaros said.

But any shocks are expected to be short-lived, with politicians likely to respond force-



fully to any meaningful market reaction.

"I also would expect that once the deal's done the markets bounce back," Citigroup Global Chief Economist Nathan Sheets said.

"I don't think that this episode is likely to be sufficiently long-lived that we should be calculating lower GDP forecasts," he said.

What would it mean for government?

Even if the United States misses the so-called X-date -- when the government runs out of money to meet all its financial obligations -- it will still have options.

It could, for instance, choose to prioritize debt repayment and delay other payments -- such as to federal agencies, Social Security beneficiaries, or Medicare providers.

This is the most likely scenario, according to Wendy Edelberg, senior fellow in economic studies at the Brookings Institution.

During a similar debt ceiling stand-off in 2011, Treasury officials drew up contingency plans to prevent a default on Treasury securities, and to ensure the Treasury would continue to pay interest on those securities as they come due.

A government shutdown would be unlikely, although federal workers' paychecks could be delayed, Edelberg said.

What would it mean for global economy?

Even if the US misses the X-date but continues repaying investors, the consequences of the political failure to reach agreement would likely ripple through global markets.

The government's inability to pay all its bills "would raise serious doubts about the nation's creditworthiness, sap the confidence of lenders, call into question the dollar's place as a reserve currency, and increase federal borrowing costs," Paul Van de Water from the nonpartisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities wrote in a recent blog post.

"Under the present circumstances, even the serious threat of a US default could be enough to roil markets and further damage the global economy," he said.

In the unlikely event of a default, the consequences would be substantial, according to Eric Dor, director of economic studies at ISEEG business school in France.

"The interest rates charged by investors on bonds issued by the United States would rise sharply," as would private debt,

which uses US government debt as a benchmark, he said.

"This increase in the cost of credit would cause a drop in business and household investment, as well as in consumption, and thus a sharp recession in the United States," Dor continued, adding it could also cause a recession in Europe and elsewhere.

"A default would destabilize the global financial system, which depends on the stability of the dollar as the world's safe asset and primary reserve currency," Jean Ross from the nonpartisan Center for American Progress wrote in a recent article.

"A loss of confidence in the dollar could have far reaching economic and foreign policy ramifications, as other countries, particularly China, would use default to push for their currency to serve as the foundation of global trade," she said.

Could US debt be downgraded?

As the X-date draws closer, investors are nervously watching the ratings agencies for signs of a possible downgrade to US debt.

This last happened back in 2011, when a similar debt ceiling stand-off led ratings agency S&P to lower its US credit rating from AAA to AA+, drawing bipartisan outrage.

Even if the United States hits the debt ceiling but continues paying its bills, the ratings agencies will likely take note, according to Nathan Sheets from Citi, underscoring the need for a negotiated agreement ahead of time.

"Debates about whether or not you pay occurring periodically is typically not a feature that you would associate with a top credit" rating, he said.

Nepali Climber Scales Mount Everest 28th Time, Creates New Record

Kami Rita Sherpa, 53, reached the 8,849-metre (29,032-feet) summit by the traditional southeast ridge route, said Nepali tourism official Bigyan Koirala, following his 27th climb last week.



KATHMANDU, May 23 (Agencies): A Nepali sherpa reached the summit of Mount Everest for a record 28th time today, an official said, completing his second ascent in just a week, as the toll in this year's climbing season reached 11.

Kami Rita Sherpa, 53, reached the 8,849-metre (29,032-feet) summit by the traditional southeast ridge route, following his 27th climb last week.

Pioneered by New Zealander Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay in 1953, the route remains the most popular path to the world's tallest peak.

"Kami Rita is on his way down from the summit," said Thaneswar Guragai, the general manager of his employer, the Seven Summit Treks company, which says climbing is a passion for the sherpa.

"He climbed with other clients but we are waiting for details."

Kami Rita first climbed Everest in 1994, and has done so almost every year since, except for three years when authorities closed the mountain for various reasons.

"He developed a deep passion for climbing from a young age and has

been scaling the mountains for over two decades," the company said last week.

Another sherpa climber scaled Everest for the 27th time this week, the most summits after Kami Rita.

British climber Kenton Cool last week climbed Everest for the 17th time, the most by a foreigner.

However, the dangers of the mountain presents for some climbers were reflected in two more deaths on Everest over the weekend that took the toll to 11 since April.

One was a Nepali sherpa, working to clean the mountain, who died on Monday, the Nepali Army said in a statement. Equipment and other items left by climbing expeditions can litter the mountain for decades.

An Australian engineer died during the descent from the summit on Friday in the death zone above 26,000 feet (7,925 m), which is infamous for the thin air that can cause sudden high-altitude sickness.

Jason Bernard Kennison, 40, probably died due to weakness at the Balcony area between the summit and the final camp, said Ang Tshering Sherpa, of the Asian Trekking Co.

"He was being carried down by sherpa climbers but collapsed after reaching the Balcony area," he said, but gave no details.

Strong winds frustrated efforts to carry more oxygen canisters for Kennison from the final camp, hiking officials said.

The tally of 11 includes three sherpas who died in April in a serac fall on the lower reaches of the mountain, while others dying of illness, weakness and various causes, they added.

Two climbers, one each from Singapore and Malaysia, have been missing for the last three days, officials said.

Fake AI image of Pentagon explosion puts Twitter's paid Blue tick in question

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Agencies): The AI-generated image of an explosion at Pentagon that appeared on several verified Twitter accounts has once again put Twitter's paid verification programme in question that allows anyone to pay \$8 a month and get the verified Blue tick.

Several media outlets and millions of Twitter users took the fake verified Twitter account 'Bloomberg Feed' for a real Bloomberg-affiliated account, as it had a blue check.

Twitter suspended that account later but the damage was already done.

The fake tweet spooked some investors. The S&P 500 dropped sharply in the minutes after the image was amplified by well-followed accounts. It later recovered those losses, reports NBC News.

The image depicted a large plume of smoke next to a rectangular building with only a passing resemblance to the Pentagon.

Russian state-controlled news network RT also shared the image, according to screenshots that users captured before the tweet was deleted.

Several Twitter accounts with hun-

Reports of an explosion near the Pentagon in Washington DC



12:03 am · 23/5/2023 from Earth · 38.2K Views

dreds of thousands of followers, like Deltaone, OSINTdefender and Whale Chart shared it, reports TechCrunch.

The incident also raised the question of how generative AI could be used to trick users at a mass level.

The Arlington, Virginia, fire department tweeted that "there is NO explosion or incident taking place at or near the Pentagon." After the fake Pentagon image went viral, a copycat hoaxer also pushed a similar image of the White House on fire.

Driver detained as truck crashes near White House; Nazi flag found

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Agencies): The US Secret Service said it had detained the driver of a rented box truck that crashed into security barriers near the White House on Monday night, perhaps intentionally, but that there were no injuries or ongoing danger.

A Reuters witness said investigators found a Nazi swastika flag that apparently came from inside the truck, which crashed into barriers at Lafayette Square, adjacent to the White House grounds.

Officers retrieved the flag and plastic evidence bags that had been laid out on the sidewalk following the crash and placed them in the back of the U-Haul, a Reuters photographer said.

"Preliminary investigation reveals the driver



may have intentionally struck the security barriers at Lafayette Square," Anthony Guglielmi, chief of communications for the Secret Service, said on Twitter.

US Park Police would file charges with investigative support from the Secret Service, he added.

WUSA television showed video of a box-type, U-Haul truck stopped alongside a row

of steel bollards, with uniformed law-enforcement officers and a dog approaching the vehicle. A remote-controlled robot pried open the truck's rear door, revealing a dolly but no other obvious cargo.

Chris Zaboji, a witness to the crash, posted a brief video on social media showing the truck driving into the barricades.

The video was verified

by Reuters. After crashing once, the driver hit the barriers a second time, he said.

Zaboji, 25, an airline pilot who lives in Washington, said he had just finished jogging on the National Mall and was walking home when he heard a loud crash.

"I looked back and saw that the U-Haul van had rammed into the barricade. I backed away behind a guy on a golf cart and took the video on my phone. After I saw it rammed again I didn't want to be anywhere near the truck and left," Zaboji said.

A previous tweet from the Secret Service's Guglielmi said nobody from the White House or Secret Service was injured.

The exact location of President Joe Biden at the time was unclear. He

met with Speaker of the US House of Representatives Kevin McCarthy at the White House earlier on Monday evening.

The nearby Hay Adams hotel was evacuated at the request of the Secret Service, the Washington Post reported, citing a hotel official, while the Secret Service said some roads and pedestrian walkways around the park were closed.

A spokesperson for the Washington Fire Department said a call came in at 9:40 p.m. (0140 GMT) for what was described as a suspicious package investigation.

Soon there was a major law-enforcement and public safety response, before investigators determined the contents of the mostly empty truck were harmless.

Pakistan court grants Imran Khan bail in 8 cases related to Judicial Complex violence in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, May 23 (Agencies): Former prime minister Imran Khan got a major relief on Tuesday when an anti-terrorism court in Pakistan granted him bail till June 8 in eight cases related to violence that erupted at the Judicial Complex here in March.

The cases were registered in different police stations of Islamabad against 70-year-old Khan after clashes erupted between police and his supporters when the Pakistan Tehreek-

e-Insaf (PTI) party chief appeared before a court in the Judicial Complex on March 18.

The clashes erupted when Khan attended a much-awaited hearing in the Toshakhana corruption case.

During the confrontation, over 25 security personnel were injured.

On Tuesday, Khan travelled from Lahore to the capital, Islamabad to appear before the anti-terrorism court located in the Judicial Complex.

After hearing arguments by lawyers, the

court granted him bail in eight cases till June 8, his party said in a message.

Established in 1974, the Toshakhana is a department under the administrative control of the Cabinet Division and stores precious gifts given to rulers, parliamentarians, bureaucrats, and officials by heads of other governments and states and foreign dignitaries.

Khan, the cricketer-turned-politician, was disqualified by the Election Commission of Pak-



istan in October last year for not sharing details of the sales.

Meanwhile, an

accountability court in Islamabad stopped the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) from

arresting PTI chief Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi in the Al-Qadir Trust case by granting her interim bail.

The former first lady's lawyer Khawaja Haris appeared before the court and filed an application for Bushra Bibi's interim bail.

During the hearing, Haris informed the court that Bushra Bibi did not receive any notice from the anti-graft body. Subsequently, the court accepted the bail application till May 31 and issued a notice to NAB

seeking its reply.

Judge Muhammad Basheer also directed Imran's wife to deposit a surety bond of Rs 0.5 million.

On May 15, a division bench of the Lahore High Court granted protective bail to the PTI chief's wife till May 23 in the Al-Qadir Trust case. It was the first appearance by the former first lady in court to attend proceedings in a case lodged against her.

The deposed prime minister is already on bail till May 31 in the

trust case.

The Al-Qadir Trust case is the same case in which Khan was arrested on May 9 and hours before announcing his decision to visit NAB on Tuesday, he said that he might be arrested again and urged his followers to stay calm.

"I urge people to remain peaceful because if you get violent, they will get a chance to crack down again. We have to always protest peacefully," he said during a session on Twitter Spaces last night.

ADGP Armed J&K felicitates JKP Basketball team for winning gold medal

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 23: S. J. M Gillani Additional Director General of Police, Armed, J&K felicitated Central Basketball Team of J&K Police for emerging as overall Champion and winning gold medal in Invitational Basketball Tournament-2023 organized by Basketball Association of Himachal Pradesh.

While congratulating the JKP Basketball team, the ADGP Armed appreciated the hard work of Coaches/ Captain in honing the team which lead to such a wonderful feat.

The Invitational Tournament was held at Sanghol District Kangra (Himachal Pradesh) from May 13, to 16, 2023.

21 Teams from different States/ UTs of North India including teams of Professional Clubs from across the country participated in the tournament. J&K



Police Basketball team which represented J&K Police, initially played and won 3 matches and qualified for pool play.

Thereafter, the JKP team played with 8 Dogra team and won the same by 80-53 scores in quarterfinal. In semi-final, JKP team played against 21 Punjab and won the same by 102-79 scores and thus qualified for

final match. The final competition was played between JKP Team and Punjab Sixers which was won by J&K Police team by 81-79 scores. J&K Police team emerged as overall Champion of the tournament and won the gold medal.

The Basketball team of J&K Police headed by Captain Sumit Kumar comprised of 10 players

Sunit Kumar, Vishal Sharma, Vishal Choudhary, Rajat Singh, Avinash Dingra, Sachin Dogra, Rishab Singh, Rahul Manhas & Shubam Bhardwaj and two coaches, Senior Coach Amit Bharti and Asstt. Coach Iqbal Singh. Shubam Sharma and Sumit Kumar were adjudged as the best scorer of the Tournament whereas Iqbal Singh was adjudged as the player of the tournament.

The felicitation ceremony held yesterday in Armed Police Headquarters J&K Srinagar was attended by Staff Officer to ADGP Armed J&K Mahmood Ahmed SSP, Pvt. Secretary to ADGP Armed J&K Syed Sajad Hussain, Dy.SP (Sports) APHQ Kuldeep Handoo, PA to ADGP Armed Abdul Rashid-SI(S), I/C Sports Branch APHQ Mushtaq Ahmad-SI besides the Coaches and members of J&K Police Basketball team.

Dulhasti Power Station organizes swachhta awareness rally



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, May 23: Dulhasti Power Station is observing Swachhta Pakhwada from 16 May to 31 May 2023. Various sanitation awareness programs are being organized under Swachhta Pakhwada. In this sequence, a cleanliness awareness rally was organized on Tuesday to make people aware of sanitation and safe sanitation practices.

M.K.Kashyap, Group General Manager (In-

Charge), Dulhasti Power Station along with Surendra Kumar Mishra, General Manager (Electrical), Sanjay Kumar Singh, Deputy General Manager (Finance), and senior officials took part in the Swachhta awareness rally.

Speaking on the occasion, M.K.Kashyap said that cleanliness not only makes the environment clean but cleanliness also protects us from diseases. Without cleanliness, no country can become a great or developed country.

We have to take initiative ourselves to make our country clean, and by keeping cleanliness around us we can avoid many diseases, he said. He encouraged all the officers to contribute towards making the power station complex more clean and hygienic.

On this occasion, Sanjay Gupta, Group SM (Electrical), Ashok Dhanwal, Senior Manager (HR) & Mohd. Farooque, Senior Manager (Civil) and other officers and Staff were present.

Dy Mayor inaugurates Iconic Yoga Camp



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 23: Department of Ayush Jammu and Kashmir organised Iconic Yoga Camp in which students of different schools and Degree College of Sidhra, participated at Ward No. 47, Bawe Wali Mata Mandir Park in Bahu Constituency. Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurated the camp as the Chief Guest of the function while former

MLA Dalip Parihar, Corporator Sharda Devi, SHO Bahufort Aarti Thakur were present as Guest of Honours.

The event was organised by the Department of AYUSH to raise awareness about the benefits of yoga among students. The students participated in various traditional Asanas and taught each other different methods of meditation.

They were also given pamphlets to make them

aware of the mindful and therapeutic aspects of yoga. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria expressed his views on the importance of Yoga and appreciated the efforts of the team members of Ayush Department for the successful event.

He stressed on the need of coordination between the educators and youth to make Yoga a part of their life. He also shared

that the people have widely accepted the effectiveness of Yoga as a form of therapy. He further stressed on making physical activity and yoga part of day-to-day life.

The Deputy Mayor Jammu appreciated all the team members of the Department of Ayush for a successful organisation of the event.

The Deputy Mayor also announced that special camps will be organised in all the wards of Jammu city to celebrate the International Yoga Day in future.

Dr Himani Butyal took a yoga session along with the yoga instructor as per yoga protocol. She expressed her gratitude to the Deputy Mayor for gracing the event with his presence, and to all the guests for taking the time to be present.

Team Ayush includes Dr Sunil Koul, Dr Ranjana Bhau, Dr Chetan Singh, Dr Vikas Sharma (Medical officers), Vipan Khajuria (pharmacist), Jagan deep Singh, Jyoti Bali, Ishan Mansotra (Yoga instructors).

Vijay Sharma expresses condolences on demise of Bansi Lal Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 23: State Vice President Samparak Parmukh BVP JK Prant and chairman Team Mask Force, Vijay Sharma expressed heartfelt condolences on the demise of Bansi Lal Gupta, son of Late Ram Chand (Gharote Bale), resident of Roop Nagar extension and prayed to Almighty to give eternal peace to the noble departed soul and solace to bereaved family members.

Army organizes commemorating National Anti-Terrorism Day

Top News Report

BONIYAR, May 23: Indian Army organized an awareness drive on occasion of National Anti-Terrorism Day at Govt Higher Secondary School, Nambla B. The event aimed to educate

Yasir urges LG Admin to address people's issues on priority

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 23: Apni Party Leader and District President Rural Kathua (Bani, Bansoli) Yasir Choudhary addressed a huge public gathering of Panchayat Godufalal at Roukhla, Bani-Lohai in Malhar Constituency. Speaking on the Occasion, Choudhary said that said Constituency comprises 30,000 people and 6 Panchayats and they have been deprived of the basic facilities as their demand

is genuine since they lack proper roads. Choudhary highlighted their basic issues and providing proper roads is the main issue as the whole of 6 Panchayats and its people suffer. The earlier Political regime's of seventeen years have done nothing but false promises of providing good roads, proper supply of electricity and water.

"To the matter of fact, nothing has been delivered since then, as people are victims of those Divisive

Traditional Politics and their agenda and so far nothing good has been done to improve their living conditions", said Choudhary. Choudhary urges LG Administration and Govt. of India to intervene in the said matter and provide an optimum timely solution so that people can live a better life as proper roads are basic rights of people. Moreover, Choudhary expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the people for their immense love & support.

FROM PAGE 1

Lt Governor Addressed G20 Tourism Working Group Summit

on the transformation of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor said that the grass root democracy has been strengthened; new industries are coming up, rapid agricultural growth is making our villages prosperous, new institutions have been opened up in higher education, youths are being trained for Industry 4.0 technologies, infrastructure development is progressing rapidly and our emphasis on technology is transforming Jammu Kashmir into a digital society. He said in the past 4 years, the ranking of Jammu Kashmir on the various parameters of sustainable development goals have gone up, thanks to visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji.

"The world can see that entire society, especially the young generation is scripting a bright future for themselves and the nation. The speed and scale of rapid development in Jammu Kashmir are awe-inspiring. Our speed to execute infrastructure projects has gone up almost 10 times," the Lt Governor said.

Acknowledging the impact of covid pandemic on the tourism and world, the Lt Governor said, Covid pandemic made the world realize the hard way the virtues of traveller's well-being and also the values of a shared vision One earth, One family and One future.

"The paradigm shift towards sustainable living, inclusive and sustainable development is also an opportunity to provide new impetus to sustainable tourism. I am truly delighted that under India's G20 Presidency, the G20 Tourism Working Group is focusing on five inter-connected priority areas. Green tourism, digitalization, skills, tourism MSMEs and destination management will provide a roadmap for tourism as a tool for achieving sustainable development goals," the Lt Governor remarked as he noted that Jammu and Kashmir is

already working on a few of the priority areas identified by the G20 Tourism Working Group like on Green Tourism, Skills, Tourism MSMEs and Digitalization.

He emphasised that in the post-pandemic era five key building blocks will promote environmental awareness, protect the ecology and improve the economy and livelihoods of communities and inclusive growth of stakeholders.

Underlining that the G20 TWG meeting is taking place in the land of majestic peaks, crystal-clear lakes and serene green landscape, the Lt Governor said, Jammu Kashmir is more than a tourism destination.

"It is a poetry. It's a land of realisation. It is an energy field vibrating with the ageless Indian cultural values. Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi Ji, we have ensured that the transition in tourism sector in the backdrop of pandemic focuses on needs of travellers, interests of industry stakeholders, creates employment opportunities and promote environmental awareness," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor noted that a record number of 18 million tourists visited Jammu Kashmir And, the last year, the tourism sector made 7% contribution to Jammu Kashmir GDP. We have identified 300 new destinations to promote green tourism, small & medium enterprises, youth and women entrepreneurs and involve local communities to support the sustainable tourism.

"Tourism sector in Jammu Kashmir has been accorded the status of Industry and all fiscal incentives as per our Industrial Policy and I can tell you, we are receiving massive investment proposals from the industries in hospitality sector," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor said that after a long pause of almost 4-decades, J&K UT administration has revived the relationship with Bollywood and launched a film policy in 2021 to attract more investment into film sector. He also said that more than 300 movies were filmed in the region last year and such enthusiasm is bringing about a

qualitative change in the lives of people. "Our aim is to make the countryside and popular destinations more sustainable and preserve the beauty of fascinating heritage sites. I am confident, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Jammu Kashmir will soon find its place in the top 50 destinations in the world and it will be on the travel bucket list of global travellers," the Lt Governor observed.

During the inaugural session Union Tourism Minister, Sh. G. Kishan Reddy; Union MoS Dr. Jitendra Singh; Union MoS Sh Ajay Bhatt; G20 Sherpa, Sh. Amitabh Kant; G20 Chief Coordinator, Harsh Vardhan Shringla; delegates of G20 nations, invitees from observer countries and representatives from various multi-lateral organisations were present.

BSF intercepts fifth Pak Drone in four days along IB in Punjab

a drone were reported over the last four days but nothing more could be established, officials said.

The BSF troops shot down two drones and intercepted a third along the front on Friday last. A BSF spokesperson had said the third drone fell into Pakistani territory and could not be recovered.

A drone that "violated Indian airspace on Saturday night (May 20) was intercepted by firing in the jurisdiction of the Amritsar sector" and the force recovered 3.3 kilogram of suspected narcotics that was slung under it.

Punjab shares an over 500-kilometre-long front with Pakistan that is guarded by the BSF, and drones and unmanned aerial vehicles taking flight from the neighbouring country into India with drugs and arms and ammunition payloads have become a matter of concern for security agencies over the last three-four years.

Overstaying non-teaching

staff in School Edu department to be transferred

committee to Chief Education Officers (CEOs) of the region has said that the instructions were conveyed to initiate the transfer process in respect of non-teaching and non-gazetted (Ministerial) staff having mature or over-stay.

"In this context, it is to say that DSEK has perused the data supplied by CEOs with regard to stay list of Junior Assistants working in their respective districts and it has been observed that more than 475 officials have already completed prescribed tenure at their respective place of postings," DSEK said.

The director accordingly requested the CEOs to take immediate necessary action for effecting overstayed non-teaching officials viz Junior Assistants, Lab Assistants, Lib-Assistants, and MTS to comply with the instructions of the administrative department and in terms of transfer policy and delegation of powers.

It also said that the compliance report be shared with the DSEK office within two days without fail.

Pertinently, on April-26, the School Education Department notified the 'conditional' process for Annual Transfer Drive 2023.

The Department has said this while issuing the notification for the transfer of Teachers, Masters, lecturers, Principals, Headmasters, ZEO and equivalents of the department through online mode.

Stating the conditions to apply for the transfers, the department said that the employees having a mature stay of three years and above in Zone-I, II and III as per transfer policy-2023 shall have to compulsorily apply online in prescribed application format.

Exchange of Rs 2000 notes can't be done at Post Offices

May 23, 2023. Speaking on the September 30 deadline exchange of Rs 2000 notes, the RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday said a date was decided so that people take the process seriously and it does not become endless.

"...Time is given up to September 30 (for exchange of notes) so that it is taken seriously, otherwise, if you leave it open-ended, it becomes a kind of an endless process," Das told reporters.

According to RBI, the objective of introducing Rs 2000 banknotes was met once banknotes in other denominations became available in adequate quantities. Therefore, the printing of Rs 2000 banknotes was stopped subsequently in 2018-19.

About 89 per cent of the Rs 2000 denomination banknotes were issued prior to March 2017 and are at the end of their estimated life span of four-five years.

The total value of these banknotes in circulation has declined from Rs 6.73 lakh crore at its peak in March 31, 2018 (37.3 per cent of Notes in Circulation) to Rs 3.62 lakh crore constituting only 10.8 per cent of Notes in Circulation on March 31, 2023. Meanwhile, the State Bank of India, in a communication shared with all its circles, said no ID cards or requisition forms are needed to exchange Rs 2000 currency notes. The customers, however, would be allowed to exchange a maximum of ten currency notes of Rs 2000 at a time.

Civil Services Final Results Out, Several JKAS Probationers in List

showcasing their exceptional achievements.

This announcement brings great joy and pride to the candidates who have successfully cleared the rigorous UPSC examination.

More Details Awaited.

Markets rally for 3rd day running; Sensex climbs over 62,000 level in early trade

Rise amid fresh foreign fund inflows and continuous buying in IT counters

MUMBAI, May 23 (Agencies): Benchmark indices began the trade on a positive note on Tuesday, rallying for the third day running, amid fresh foreign fund inflows and continuous buying in IT counters.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 187.61 points to 62,151.29 in early trade. The NSE Nifty advanced 69.35 points to 18,383.75.

Among the Sensex firms, Infosys, Bajaj Finserv, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finance, HCL Technologies, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, Tata Consultancy Services, Asian Paints and ITC were the major gainers.

Titan, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bharti Airtel, Mahindra & Mahindra and Tata Motors were the laggards.

In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo were trading in the green, while Shanghai and Hong Kong quoted lower.



The US market ended mostly with gains on Monday.

"The silver lining lies in the fact that the looming June 1st deadline for raising the US debt limit, which could potentially lead to a financial crisis, seems to be having minimal impact on the Nifty," said Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd.

US President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy both said they had a productive debt ceiling discussion late Monday at the White House, but there was no agreement as negotiators strained

to raise the nation's borrowing limit in time to avert a potentially chaotic federal default.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned buyers on Monday as they bought equities worth Rs 922.89 crore after a day's breather, according to exchange data.

Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.29 per cent to USD 76.21 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark climbed 234 points or 0.38 per cent to settle at 61,963.68 on Monday. The Nifty rallied 111 points or 0.61 per cent to end at 18,314.40.

Adani stocks make comeback after SC panel gives clean chit

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): Shares of all the 10 listed Adani Group firms continued their rally, with Adani Enterprises climbing nearly 19%, after a Supreme Court-appointed panel found no evidence of stock price manipulation in Adani Group companies, while a separate SEBI probe into alleged violation of money flows from offshore entities has "drawn a blank".

The stock of Adani Enterprises zoomed 18.92%, the most among the group firms on the BSE.

Shares of Adani Wilmar jumped 10%, Adani Ports rallied 6.05%, Ambuja

Cements gained 5.01%, Adani Power climbed 5%, Adani Transmission (5%), Adani Green Energy (5%) and Adani Total Gas (5%). NDTV advanced 4.98% and ACC climbed 4.93%.

The combined market valuation of the 10 listed Adani Group firms reached Rs 10,16,212.15 crore on Monday. Shares of all the 10 listed Adani Group firms ended on a positive note on Friday as well. In two days, the combined market valuation of all the group firms jumped by Rs 1,14,641.79 crore. In the equity market, the Sensex climbed 234 points to settle at 61,963.68.

Over 800 million people globally may suffer back pain by 2050: Lancet study

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): More than 840 million people worldwide will suffer back pain by 2050, largely due to population increase and the ageing people, according to a modelling study published in the Lancet Rheumatology journal.

The researchers analysed over 30 years of data to show that the landscape of back pain cases is set to shift, with the biggest increases in cases to be in Asia and Africa.

The continued lack of a consistent approach on back pain treatment, and limited treatment options have researchers concerned that this will lead to a healthcare crisis, as low back pain is the leading cause of disability in the world, they said.

"Our analysis paints a picture of growing low back pain cases globally, putting enormous pressure on our healthcare system," said study lead author, Profes-

sor Manuela Ferreira from the University of Sydney in Australia. "We need to establish a national, consistent approach to managing low back pain that is informed by research," Ferreira said in a statement.

The study found that since 2017, the number of low back pain cases has ticked over to more than half a billion people. In 2020, there were approximately 619 million cases of back pain. At least one third of the disability burden associated with backpain was attributable to occupational factors, smoking and being overweight. A widespread misconception is that low back pain mostly affects adults of working age.

However, researchers said this study has confirmed that low back pain is more common among older people.

Low back pain cases were also higher among females

compared to males, they said.

The study analysed Global Burden of Disease (GBD) data from 1990 to 2020 from over 204 countries and territories to map the landscape of back pain cases over time. The GBD is the most comprehensive picture of mortality and disability across countries, time, and age. "Health systems need to respond to this enormous and rising burden of low back pain that is affecting people globally," said Professor Anthony Woolf, co-chair of the Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health which is calling for priority to be given to addressing the growing burden of musculoskeletal conditions. "Much more needs to be done to prevent low back pain and ensure timely access to care, as there are effective ways of helping people in pain," Woolf said. In 2018, experts voiced their concerns in The Lancet

journal and gave recommendations, especially regarding exercise and education, about the need for a change in global policy on the best way to prevent and manage low back pain to stop the rise of inappropriate treatments.

However, since then, there has been little change. Common treatments recommended for low back pain have been found to have unknown effectiveness or to be ineffective — this includes some surgeries and opioids, the researchers said.

Ferreira said there is a lack of consistency in how health professionals manage back pain cases and how the healthcare system needs to adapt. "It may come as a surprise to some that current clinical guidelines for back pain treatment and management do not provide specific recommendations for older people," the researcher added.

Mother's poor health is making pregnancy riskier, not age: Study

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Agencies): It's not advanced age that is causing a rise in pregnancy complications, rather the poor health of the mother is to be blamed, suggests a research.

The study led by a team from Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, US, showed that rising rates of adverse pregnancy outcomes, such as hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, preterm birth and low birthweight, over the past 10 years are largely attributable to the health status of a person before they get pregnant, rather than age.

The study found that the average age of pregnant individuals rose from 27.9 years in 2011 to 29.1 years in 2019, yet age accounted for only a small por-

tion of the marked increase in adverse pregnancy outcomes seen during the same period.

Most striking, the rate of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (high blood pressure with or without preeclampsia or eclampsia) rose by over 50 per cent during the decade, yet the shift in age distribution of those giving birth accounted for less than two per cent of that change.

"Although mothers are getting older at the time they deliver, that is not what's causing these adverse birth outcomes," said lead author Zachary Hughes, an internal medicine physician at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

"What's really driving it is pre-pregnancy health issues like diabetes and hyperten-

sion. That's important to know because these are factors we could potentially modify." Using data from the National Center for Health Statistics Natality Files, researchers compared rates of preeclampsia and eclampsia, preterm birth and low birthweight among 3.9 million births in 2011 and 3.7 million births in 2019.

The results showed moderate increases in preterm birth and low birthweight (which rose by about two per cent and four per cent, respectively) and larger increases in hypertensive disorders (a 52 per cent increase).

Using statistical methods to analyse the role of age in these changes, researchers found the shift in age distribution accounted for only a small portion of the increase across all outcomes

assessed.

Adverse pregnancy outcomes have important health consequences, including an increased risk of heart disease both at the time of pregnancy and later in life — not only for the person giving birth but also for the baby.

Researchers said preventing these adverse outcomes could help reduce cardiovascular risk throughout each lifespan.

Across all age groups, people giving birth in their late teens to early thirties saw the steepest increases in adverse pregnancy outcomes.

Further research is needed to determine which specific health issues — such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension or other factors — are driving these pregnancy complications in younger people, researchers said.

Meta hit with record 1.3 billion dollar fine over data transfers by EU over US data transfer

Meta said in a statement that it will appeal the ruling, including the 'unjustified and unnecessary fine'

DUBLIN, May 23 (Agencies): Meta was hit with a record 1.2 billion euro (\$1.3 billion) fine by its lead European Union privacy regulator over its handling of user information and given five months to stop transferring users' data to the United States.

The fine, imposed by Ireland's Data Protection Commissioner (DPC), came after Meta continued to transfer data beyond a 2020 EU court ruling that invalidated an EU-US data transfer pact.

It tops the previous record EU privacy fine of 746 million euros handed by Luxembourg to Amazon.com Inc in 2021.

The battle over where Meta's Facebook stores its data began a decade ago after Austrian privacy campaigner Max Schrems brought a legal challenge over the risk of US snooping in light of disclosures by former US National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden.

Meta said in a statement that it will appeal the ruling, including the "unjustified and unnecessary fine that sets a dangerous precedent for countless other companies." It will also seek a



stay of the suspension orders through the courts.

The social media giant reiterated that it expected a new pact facilitating the safe transfer of EU citizens' personal data to the United States would be fully implemented before it has to suspend transfers.

That would mean its previous warning that a stoppage could force it to suspend Facebook services in Europe would not come to pass.

"Without the ability to transfer data across borders, the internet risks being carved up into national and regional silos,"

Meta said.

The DPC said in March that EU and US officials hoped that the new data protection framework - agreed by Brussels and Washington in March 2022 - may be ready by July.

Europe's top court, the European Court of Justice, threw out the two previous pacts over concerns about US surveillance.

Schrems, the Austrian privacy campaigner, said Meta's plans to rely on the new deal for transfers going forward was unlikely to be a permanent fix.

"In my view, the new deal has

maybe a 10% chance of not being killed by the CJEU (EU Court of Justice). Unless US surveillance laws gets fixed, Meta will likely have to keep EU data in the EU," he said in a statement.

The Irish watchdog, which is the lead EU regulator for many of the world's top technology companies because of the location of their European headquarters in Ireland, has said the suspension order could create a precedent for other firms.

It has now fined Meta a total of 2.5 billion euros for breaches under the bloc's General Data Protection Regulation's (GDPR), introduced in 2018.

The DPC said that it did not initially propose adding a fine to the suspension order, but that four other EU supervising authorities disagreed and the record fine was included after a ruling by the European Data Protection Board (EDPB).

The Irish regulator has fined Meta more than any other tech firm and has 10 other inquiries open into the social media group's platforms.

NCLAT upholds NCLT order allowing Go First's insolvency

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) upheld an order allowing crisis-hit Go First's voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings.

"The order dated May 10 admitting Section 10 application is upheld," stated a coram of chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan and member (Technical) Barun Mitra of NCLAT.

The lessors — SMBC Aviation Capital Ltd, GY Aviation, SFV Aircraft



Holdings and Engine Leasing Finance BV — moved the appellate authority challenging the May 10 order by the National Company Law Tribunal that put a mor-

atorium on the airline's financial obligations and barred the lessors from the recovery of the aircraft from Go First for non-payment of dues.

The four companies

had leased out 21 aircraft to the Go First airline. The default towards the lessors has been estimated to be Rs 2,660 crore.

The lessors informed NCLAT that they had approached the Directorate General of Civil Aviation for deregistration and repossession of Go First's aircraft. They argued that the aircraft lease terminated before the moratorium was granted.

The appellate body rejected the plea filed by

the lessors to take possession of aircraft and asked the appellants to approach the adjudicating authority for relief.

The lessors had leased 22 aircraft

The direction came on a batch of four petitions filed by aircraft lessors opposing Go First's insolvency proceedings. The lessors are SMBC Aviation Capital Ltd, GY Aviation, SFV Aircraft Holdings and Engine Leasing Finance BV (ELFC).

Racism with black kids before starting school results into major mental health crisis



COLUMBUS, May 23 (Agencies): To her students who need the most support, India Strother is rarely just "Ms. Strother" — she's a family figure they call "Mom," a trusted guide as they negotiate their teenage years.

They open up to her about their dating lives. About pregnancy scares. About their fights with their parents, about the trauma they experience outside school. She keeps a mental list of those at risk of self-harm or suicide, and checks to see how they are doing. It's just part of the job of being a counsellor at any American high school.

But at predominantly Black schools like the one in Columbus, Ohio, where Strother works, students' mental health is further tested by pressures and discrimination they endure because they are Black, as well as poverty and violence in some communities that have faced years of disinvestment.

"Anytime you deal with African American mental health, you're not dealing with one thing," Strother said. "It is several things. It is trauma that has not been addressed."

The drivers of the mental health crisis for Black children begin early and persist through a lifetime. Black children's first encounters with racism can start before they are even in school, and Black teenagers report experiencing an average of five instances of racial discrimination per day. Young Black

students are often perceived as less innocent and older than their age, leading to disproportionately harsher discipline in schools.

Black adolescents are far less likely than their white peers to seek and find mental health care. In part, that's because Black families often distrust the medical system after generations of mistreatment — from lack of access to care to being subjected to racist practices and experimentation like the Tuskegee Study. The country also has a shortage of providers who understand the roles that racial identity and racism play in shaping young Black people's mental health.

Research and health surveillance data point to a growing mental health crisis among Black youth over decades. Between 1991 and 2019, Black adolescents had the highest increase among any racial or ethnic group in prevalence of suicide attempts — a rise of nearly 80%.

About 53% of Black youth experience moderate to severe symptoms of depression, and about 20% said they were exposed to racial trauma often or very often in their life.

These disparities and lived experiences have systemic roots, including discrimination in housing, education and health care, and they have led to Black people experiencing higher rates of poverty and being underinsured. But financial stability does not shelter Black youth from the toll of racism on their mental health, said Dr. Alifée Breland-Noble, a psychologist and founder of the AAKOMA Project, a mental health non-profit focused on youth of colour. "Socioeconomic status adds another layer to it, but that's not the thing that's driving a lot of the behaviours that our young people are experiencing," she said. "It's the fact that people make assumptions about Black kids, based purely on their stereotypes."

IPL: Gujarat Titans look to go for Shubman Gill

Opener in focus again as Dhoni's CSK try to ambush GT's final bid

CHENNAI, May 23 (Agencies): Mahendra Singh Dhoni will have a lot of brainstorming to do to stop a rampaging Shubman Gill as Chennai Super Kings meet holders Gujarat Titans in the Qualifier 1 of the IPL here today.

Gill, who played the role of an enforcer with a century against Royal Challengers Bangalore on Sunday, has overshadowed Virat Kohli and will certainly force one of the India's greatest captains to go back to drawing board and make plans for him.

Gujarat haven't played at the tricky Chepauk pitch this season and this adds a frill of excitement to the game. The pitches here have been cloaked in suspense, with some being slow in



nature while others have been good to bat on.

For Gujarat, tackling the slowness of the Chepauk track will be a challenge and how well they negotiate Deepak Chahar's Powerplay overs and Mathe-

sha Pathirana's slingers at the back-end will determine the outcome of the match.

And this is where Hardik Pandya and head coach Ashish Nehra will find Sri Lankan skipper Dasun Shanaka's inputs

handy as he has handled both Pathirana and spinner Maheesh Theekshana for the national team.

While Shanaka might be used more as an all-rounder, Gujarat, depending on the toss can also try out left-arm spinner R Sai Kishore, who knows these conditions well.

There is a chance that Irishman Joshua Little will be back in the playing XI in place of Shanaka and Sai Kishore comes in place of Yash Dayal, who is yet to get back his confidence after being hit for five sixes by his staminate Rinku Singh.

For Chennai, a good start by openers Devon Conway and Ruturaj Gaikwad will be important.

Harmanpreet Singh keeps Asian Games on top of priority list



BENGALURU, May 23 (Agencies): Indian men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh said his side's focus will be on the Asian Games, an Olympics qualifier, as they embarked on the European tour for the upcoming Pro League matches. The team left for

London today for the Pro League first leg in which it will face reigning Olympics champions Belgium (May 26 and June 2) and hosts Great Britain (May 27 and June 3). They will then travel to Eindhoven for their last set of matches against the Netherlands (June 7

and 10) and Argentina (June 8 and 11). India are currently leading the standings with 19 points from eight matches in the nine-team tournament. Great Britain have the same number of points but are second in the standings due to an inferior goal difference.

"We are excited about this tour as it also gives us a great opportunity to play against quality teams.

These matches will be really important for us as we prepare for the all-important Asian Games scheduled later this year," Harmanpreet said.

At Jawaharlal Nehru University, wrestlers take a dig at govt

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): In a move to gather more support for their scheduled candle march, the protesting wrestlers went to Jawaharlal Nehru University and came out strongly against the government for the first time in a month.

Wrestlers Sakshi Malik and Satyawart Kadian led a march from the Ganga Dhaba which culminated at the Sabarmati hostel, where Sakshi and Satyawart addressed the students in a bid to drum up support in their fight to get justice in the alleged sexual harassment case against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Singh.

Addressing the gathering, Satyawart said the present government has sent out a message to a normal citizen by not addressing the concerns of the Olympics medallists. "I want to tell you all that those seven girls have shown bravery (for filing complaints) and they need support. So, please come to support us and come in big numbers," Saty-

awart said.

The march was organised under the banner of Jawaharlal Nehru University Student Union (JNUSU) and Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers Association (JNUTA). Even Bajrang Punia was to interact with the student union representatives in Mukherjee Nagar area today to get the support of youth. He, however, did not go as he was under the weather.

'Ready for Narco test'

Meanwhile, the wrestlers said they are ready to take the narco-analysis test, provided it is done under the supervision of the Supreme Court.

Bajrang and Vinesh responded to the WFI chief's Facebook post, wherein he'd said he was ready for such a test if both Vinesh and Bajrang are up for it as well. "He took our names. I want to say that Vinesh and Bajrang and all complainants are ready for the test so that the whole nation sees what he did with the daughters of the country," Vinesh said.

Anju Bobby George feels Shaili Singh's time is coming

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): Legendary long jumper Anju Bobby George feels that her protegee Shaili Singh can "conquer" the world in four to five years, emulating javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra.

Shaili won bronze for her first international medal at the senior level with a jump of 6.65 metres in her first global competition at the Seiko Grand Prix, a World Athletics Continental Tour gold-level meet, in Yokohama, Japan.

Earlier this year, Shaili had logged 6.76m at the Indian Grand Prix,



the all-time second-longest jump by an Indian woman after Anju herself. Anju's national record of 6.83m made in 2004 still stands.

"For a 19-year-old, the distance she has jumped is incredible. At 19, she has jumped

6.76m. She is a rare talent and we have to groom her very carefully so that she becomes one of the world's best when she matures," Anju said.

"She has to get used to this kinds of things, competing against some of the best

in the world and winning medals. In four or five years, it will be Shaili and Neeraj conquering the world among women and men, respectively."

Anju, the lone Indian woman to win a World Championships medal, back in 2003, and her husband Robert Bobby George had spotted Shaili in 2017 when she was just 13.

Shaili is currently training under Robert, who is also a high-performance coach under the Sports Authority of India at the National Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru.

Anju said the bronze in Japan will be the first step in Shaili's transition from a talented athlete to a medal-winner at the global level. "This medal will do a world of good to her confidence. You need this kind of competitions and honours to make the transition. Age is on her side and she will achieve more in the coming years. I am hoping that Shaili can win at least a medal in the Asian Games and also qualify for the (2023) World Championships in Budapest. This is a big year," she added.

No Place For Pujara, Ashwin As Ravi Shastri Names His Combined Playing XI For WTC Final

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): Former Indian head coach and cricketer Ravi Shastri revealed his combined Indian Test XI selecting players from the two ICC World Test Championship finalists, India and Australia. The WTC final is now a fortnight away. In the recent episode of the ICC Review, Shastri admitted that he found the task of building a combined playing XI difficult due to the sheer amount of world-class talent available on both sides. But the India great stuck his neck out and settled on a final XI, in which surprisingly only four Indian players could make the cut.

While weighing out his captaincy options Shastri decided to go with Rohit Sharma instead of Steve Smith. "I would give the captaincy to Rohit because he's much more experienced than Pat," Shastri said as quoted by ICC.

"He's been around and he's captained sides for a long time. If Steve Smith was captain of Australia, then maybe it's a different story, but since it's Pat Cummins and Rohit Sharma, Rohit wins it."

"Plus, you know, as a captain, you're a certainty in the XI so he opens the batting."

With Rohit taking up the opening spot along with the captaincy role, Shastri was stuck in a dilemma.

The likes of Australian duo David Warner, Usman Khawaja and India's emerging right-handed talented batter



Shubman Gill are all in the mix.

Only England star Joe Root scored more runs than Khawaja during the 2021-23 World Test Championship cycle and Shastri said the Australian left-hander deserves to get the nod for the opening spot along with Rohit.

"It's a tight one between Usman Khawaja and Shubman Gill," Shastri admitted.

"Shubman is the rising young star and he's a terrific player, but Usman Khawaja, just by current form and the number of runs he's got over the last couple of years, I think he gets in there."

Shastri said it was an easy decision to pick No.3, No.4 and No.5, with the No.1 ranked Test batter Marnus Labuschagne and experienced duo Virat Kohli and Steve Smith to fill these vital spots.

"Number three is a no-brainer as Marnus (Labuschagne) has been outstanding in Test match cricket. He averages close to 60, so he gets in there straight away," Shastri said.

"Kohli at four for just what he's done over the years and Smith at five for what he's done over

the years and the kind of quality they bring to the table."

With the likes of talented young batter Cameron Green emerging through the ranks to become one of the hottest prospects in the cricket world, Indian all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja earned the spot to bat at No.6 due to his ability to act as a second spinning option.

"At No.6, I get in Jadeja, because I believe he is one of the best all-rounders in the world," Shastri added.

Australia keeper Alex Carey won the spot as wicket-keeper and the No.7 spot ahead of India's KS Bharat.

Along with this Shastri admitted that he found it hard to leave out India veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and opt for Nathan Lyon as the front-line spinner in his XI.

"The reason why I picked Nathan Lyon ahead of Ashwin is because of Nathan's overseas record," Shastri said.

"Not just in Australia, but outside Australia and (Lyon is) probably stronger to bowl those overs in England if needed."

"So he comes in with Jadeja as the second

spinner, with Jadeja more the all-rounder and Lyon the spinner."

With the majority of the spots occupied, Shastri had to evaluate his pace bowling options which consist of the most lethal bowlers in the present scenario.

Shastri said the decisions on the pace attack were relatively easy to make, with experienced left-arter Mitchell Starc providing the variety alongside a pair of in-form right-armers.

"(Pat) Cummins, of course, for me, he's a top-class operator and Mohammed Shami, he's like vintage and he's just getting better and better as we're seeing in this IPL. And stronger. So he comes in there," Shastri noted.

With the likes of Ashwin, Cheteshwar Pujara and Josh Hazlewood being left out of the final mix, Shastri reflected on how hard it was for him to make the final choices.

"It's a hard choice (to settle on final XI) because Ashwin's world-class, you've got Hazelwood world-class there and you've got (Cheteshwar) Pujara there who could be threatening. So it's not easy," Shastri concluded.

Ravi Shastri combined India-Australia Test XI: Rohit Sharma (c), Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Virat Kohli, Steve Smith, Ravindra Jadeja, Alex Carey, Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Nathan Lyon, Mohammad Shami.

World Test Championship: Kohli among first batch to leave for UK

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies): With the league stage of the Indian Premier League (IPL) over, the first batch of cricketers, coaching staff and net bowlers were set to travel to England on Tuesday for the final of the World Test Championship that is scheduled to be played at The Oval from June 7.

As many as nine of the 18-member squad, including reserves, whose teams did not qualify for the play-offs, along with the coaching



staff and three net bowlers were scheduled to be part of the first batch that leave in the wee hours on Tuesday.

Virat Kohli, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Umesh Yadav,

Jaydev Unadkat, Axar Patel and Mukesh Kumar were scheduled to leave with the coaching staff and the three net bowlers — Aniket Choudhary, Akash Deep and Yarra Prith-

viraj — on Wednesday. R Ashwin, it seems, will be joining the camp later this week.

While Akash was the leading pacer in the Ranji Trophy last year as he took 41 wickets, helping Bengal reach the final, Choudhary is a right-arm pacer from Rajasthan who took 30 wickets, Prithviraj is a left-arm pacer from Andhra. Cheteshwar Pujara is already in England, playing for Sussex in the second division county league.

Hardik Pandya says he will always be CSK captain's fan: You need to be proper devil to hate MS Dhoni

Gujarat Titans shared a video of Hardik Pandya discussing his connection with MS Dhoni, saying that he has always considered MSD as a friend, as a brother, and that only a proper devil can hate the 41-year-old.



CHENNAI, May 23 (Agencies): Gujarat Titans captain Hardik Pandya revealed his admiration for Chennai Super Kings skipper MS Dhoni, saying that he will always be a fan of the CSK captain and only a proper devil can hate the great man. Hardik has always been open about his relationship with former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni. The two have a particular bond, and Pandya has

always looked up to Dhoni.

He is a fan of the Chennai Super Kings captain and has pondered on his experiences. Pandya, as a captain, is composed. He likes to keep things simple, and he rarely displays anger on the pitch, attributes shared by 'cool captain' MS Dhoni. On May 23, Pandya will lead the reigning champions Gujarat Titans against Dhoni's CSK in Qualifier 1 of the Indian Premier

League 2023 at Chennai's MA Chidambaram Stadium.

"A lot of people think Mahi is serious and all that. For me, I crack jokes and I don't see him as Mahendra Singh Dhoni. Obviously, I have learned a lot of things from him, a lot of positive things, which I have learned from just watching, not even much talking. But for me, he is just my dear friend, dear brother, with who I do pranks, who I chill and I will always be a Mahendra Singh Dhoni fan and for so many fans and so many cricket lovers, you need to be the proper devil to hate MS Dhoni," Hardik said in a video posted by Gujarat Titans.

Gujarat Titans have faced Chennai Super Kings three times in the tournament's history, with Pandya's squad winning each time. CSK have never defeated Gujarat Titans in the cash-rich event since their creation but will be hoping to change that at their home stadium. Gujarat, on the other hand, would like to increase their dominance.

FREE REGISTRATION OF AMARNATH YATRA: Shiv Sena prays Bajrang Bali, solemnizes Yagya

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) J&K unit today organized Shri Bajrang Bali Mahayaga and recitation of Hanuman Chalisa as a mark of protest against no positive response shown by the government on the demand of free registration for the impending Holy Shri Amarnath Yatra which is scheduled to start on July 1. The party prayed to Lord Hanuman to give wisdom to the government of Jammu and Kashmir for considering their most genuine demand.

Talking to media persons here today, Manish Sahni, President J&K Shiv Sena expressed great resentment against the government for now showing any serious concern towards their demands. He said that he has approached through a memorandum



from the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, who is also the Chairman of the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, to the Chief Secretary of J&K and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, regarding the demands of the Party but noting has been done in this regard.

Sahni reiterated its demands for making Shri Amarnath Yatra registration free, giving toll exemption to the pilgrims and vehicles carrying Langar and tent

service material and keeping the holy Himshiving safe for Darshan during the period of the Yatra.

Sahni said that the Modi Government at the Centre, which describes itself as the biggest well-wisher of Hindus, is keeping silent about making the registration of the holy Shri Amarnath Yatra free of cost related to religious faith. In such a situation, there is a demand to make the Holy Yatra of Bhagwan Shiva free of cost.

Through the Mahayaga of his incarnation Shri Bajrang Bali and recitation of Shri Hanuman Chalisa, a request has been made to God to give wisdom to the rulers. In the scriptures and Vedas, Lord Hanuman has been described as the King of Kalyug, he added.

"The devotee who worships Hanuman ji with true devotion, God will definitely consider his prayer. That is why the only way left for Shiv Sena is to pray Bajrang-

bali that He should now give wisdom to these arrogant rulers," he said.

Sahni said that if the government does not change its decision to collect registration, then Shiv Sena will protest on May 27 at Delhi's Jantar Mantar and expose the government's hypocritical Hinduist policy among the whole country.

On this occasion Pandit Raman Shastri, Councilor Anita Sharma, Ajesh Gupta, Ashwani Sharma, Sudhir Anand, president Bazar association Jung Bhadur Sharma, President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Senior Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Balwant Singh, President Kamghar Wing Raj Singh, Mangu Ram, Mamta Devi, Rajindra Sehgal, Uma Devi, Sudha Sarin etc. were present.

PTTI Vijaypur organizes workshop on ChatGPT, AI

TOP NEWS REPORT

VIJAYPUR, May 23: One day Workshop on "ChatGPT and Artificial Intelligence (AI)" was organized by Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur in collaboration with Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu, for staff and trainees of the Institute.

On this occasion, Dr. Ekta Manhas, Assistant Professor, Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu delivered an illuminating lecture on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Security, Opportunity and Challenges thereof.

While speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ekta told that Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the ability of machines to react and behave in ways similar to humans, in terms of thinking, decision-making, and having an intention. She said that Artificial Intelligence is a powerful tool that helps us rethink how we use information, analyze



data, and make better decisions. In the interactive session following the lecture, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in thought-provoking discussions.

In the valedictory address, Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur briefed about merits and demerits of Artificial Intelligence. He said that the Institute has organized first of its kind workshop to aware Police personnel about emerging security challenges due to Artificial Intelligence. Principal PTTI Vijaypur thanked Dr. Ekta Manhas for sparing her precious time for sharing valuable experience with the participants. He also thanked Dr. J. Jagana-

than, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu for deputing team of intellectuals for sharing experience on such an important topic and hoped for similar coordination in future also.

Among others, Shri Zia-Ul-Haq, Dy.SP (Admn/Outdoor), Shri Kuldeep Raj, Dy.SP (Indoor/Tech.), Insp. Vivek Kalsotra, Insp. Surinder Paul, Insp. Mulkh Raj, Insp. Ram Lal, Insp. Javed Hussain, Insp. Anil Kumar, Insp. Vishal Kumar, Insp. Tariq Mehmood, Insp. Kanwal Raina, Insp. Himanshu Dutta, SI Kapil Raina, Narinder Kumar were present on the occasion.

Irregular water supply, poor basic amenities irk Hakkal residents: Apni Party

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, MAY 23, 2023:- Apni Party Women Wing Provincial President Jammu, Pavneet Kour today expressed serious concern over the unscheduled power cuts in Jammu City amid scorching heat.

Chairing a meeting of the women wing at Hakkal in Ward Number 4, Pavneet Kour said that Jammu is witnessing temperature rise for the last two weeks, but the PDD has failed to ensure 24/7 electricity.

"The people are forced to face uneasy situations during the summers. The people pay their bills, and meters



have also been installed in the majority of the residential colonies yet the PDD is unable to provide electricity," she said.

She said that the electricity cuts have increased up to eight hours in a day which has not only affected

the normal life, but the business activities too. She demanded that the LG administration should ensure the people get 24/7 electricity supply.

"The drinking water supply also remains irregular in Jammu due to the long power cuts.

The people have to buy water privately through water tankers as they complain that Jal Shakti Dept supplies water once after three to four days," she further said.

Earlier she was appraised by the women wing leaders from Hakkal in Ward Number

4 about the developmental issues with regard to lanes, drains, and improper road connectivity and especially poor cleanliness.

"The dust bins should be installed in the area and the facility for garbage collection should be provided by the concerned authorities with minimum charges so that the cleanliness can be maintained," she said. The meeting was attended by District President Jammu, Women Wing, Ritu Pandita, Shivani Koul, Shikha Sharma, and others.

JKMEF deputation calls on Director Health Services Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 23: A deputation of JKMEF under the chairmanship of Sushil Sudan President JKMEF and member PCI met the appointed Director Health Services, Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma and put forth certain urgent issues of the employees of the health department i.e opening of the transfer portal so that align and needy employees can be benefited and con-

ducting of DPC on regular basis as per Govt. Guidelines.

Dr. Rajeev assured the JKMEF deputation that all the genuine demands will be solved one by one and DPC of the employees will be conducted in the month of July 2023.

The deputation also congratulated the Dr. Rajeev Sharma for assuming the charge of Director Health Services, Jammu and assured full support from the

employees of the Health department.

Other present in the deputation include Parfulat Singh, Mohd Nadeem, Ch. Aslam Bhai, Jaswinder Singh, Anita Bhagat, Pawan Singh Jamwal, J P Singh, R P Singh, Mohd Saleem, Anil Khajuria, Madan Sharma, Daleep Choudhary, Subash Choudhary, Surjeet Kumar, Bhadur Singh, Tajinder Singh, Rajesh Kumar Sharma and Mahatam Singh.

Community Mobilization Camp for School Readiness held at Ranbir HSS Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 23: In collaboration with the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of School Education Jammu, SRML Hr. Sec. School Jammu and in partnership with UNICEF India, National Development Foundation organized a one-day School Readiness Camp for Community Mobilization, promoting Parent-Teacher Engagement and Retention.

Around 100 participants participated, including parents, community members, teachers and students.

Ajeet Kumar Sharma, Coordinator Quality Samagra Shiksha, was Chief Guest, while Principal Sri Ranbir Hr. Sec. School Anjali Gupta and President of National Development Foundation Rajiv Khajuria attended the programme as Guests of Honour.

Communication Officer NDF Aman Deep, Add. Programme Offi-



cer Amit Kundal, Education Facilitator Nisha Pandita and the Faculty of the School were also present. Sarita Sharma, Assistant Coordinator Pre-Primary, conducted the proceedings and coordinator Pre-Primary Jaswinder Kour gave a detailed report on the activities of the kindergarten of SRML Hr. Sec. School Jammu.

Anjali Gupta, Principal, in her address, thanked the National Development Foundation for choosing SRML School for conducting this community mobilization programme and appreciated the institution's support.

Rajiv Khajuria, Presi-

dent National Development Foundation, in his address, assured that National Development Foundation will continue to work on ECCE and FLN in J&K.

He termed the kindergarten of the school as one of the best Pre-Primary Institution in Jammu Division and called upon the parents and community members present on the occasion to admit more children to the school.

He lauded the efforts of the School Education Department for their specialized focus on ECCE, FLN and NIPUN Bharat Mission.

Ajeet Sharma, Coordinator Quality Samagra

Shiksha, requested the staff members deal with the ECCE and FLN to adopt the new pedagogy by motivating the children to meet society's expectations and achieve the fixed target by the FLN.

He addressed the parents and requested them to get the benefits of all the Government Schemes that the Government of India and JK UT are providing their kids for better quality education. He also thanked the society for their overwhelming response to getting their children admitted to the Government Schools and getting all the benefits of ECCE.

GDC Bhadarwah celebrates International 'Biological Diversity Day'

TOP NEWS REPORT

BHADARWAH, May 23: With an objective to make students familiar with the local biodiversity and sensitizing them about different contemporary issues of biodiversity and eco-tourism, Department of Botany, Govt. Degree College Bhadarwah in collaboration with "YUVA Tourism Club" and "Institution Innovation Council" of the college and "Department of AYUSH," GOI celebrated International Day for "Biological Diversity" on 22nd May, 2023 under the Guidance and Supervision of Principal of the college Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Sharma and HOD Botany Prof. Davinder Kumar.

On this occasion, a field visit for the students of B.Sc Sem VI was organized at medicinal plants nursery of "Institute of High Altitude Medicinal Plants" (IHAMP), Thanthera, Bhadarwah. The students were acquainted with the medicinal plants cultivated in the nursery and their medicinal values and conservation aspects as well. A trek was also organized in the surround-

ing woods of Thanthera to study the biodiversity in natural habitat and to imbibe the spirit of biodiversity conservation and sustainable tourism among students.

While addressing the students on this occasion, Prof. B.P Singh emphasised on community participation for sustainable utilization and conservation of local medicinal plants. He asserted that highly valued medicinal plants need to be brought

under cultivation on larger scale in order to reduce pressure on their wild counterparts which would lead to their uninterrupted propagation and thus, conservation.

While interacting with the students, Dr. Sandeep Kotwal informed that IHAMP is the first of its kind functioning under AYUSH which acts as a centre of excellence for research and Development of medicinal and aromatic plants growing in high altitude terrains

of Himalayan region. He, however, expressed gratitude to the department of AYUSH, GOI for providing this opportunity to the students of GDC Bhadarwah to get first-hand information on medicinal plants.

A total of 58 students accompanied by the faculty members including Prof. B.P Singh, Prof. Sandesh Kumar, Dr. Sangeeta Devi and Dilveer Singh-Lab Bearer participated in the program.

We Are LAPTOP REPAIR SPECIALISTS

Motherboard Repairs
LCD Replacements
Video Display Repairs
Shutting Down
USB Port Malfunctions
Power DC Jack Repairs
Overheating
Blue Screen Errors
Bios Password Removal
Wi-Fi Problems
VIRUS Removal
OS Installation / Repair
and more...

Magic Computers & Communications

Contact: 7006897056