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BRIEFLY

Active Covid cases Dip To 5,707, as 490 new cases logged in 24 hrs

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): India logged 490 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases have decreased to 5,707 from 6,168, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on May 26.

The death toll has increased to 5,31,856 with two deaths, the data updated at 8 a.m. stated. The COVID-19 case tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,88,916).

"The active cases now comprise 0.01% of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.80%," the Ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,51,353 and the fatality rate was recorded at 1.18%. According to the Ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of COVID vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

Two houses damaged in fire mishap in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, May 26 (Agencies): At least two residential houses were damaged in a fire mishap early this morning in Kalantara Paveen in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said

Agency reported that a fire broke out from a residential house in Kalantara Kreeri early this morning. The fire soon after spread to a nearby house, however due to immediate intervention by the F&ES Department, the fire was contained from spreading further. Two residential houses involved in the blaze received damage to certain portions.

Meanwhile, an F&ES Department official said that a fire broke out at 5:10 at Kalantra Kreeri this morning where two residential houses, one single storey and one double storey were

involved. "Fire service reached the spot at 5:13 and after a fire fighting operation of neary 3 and half hours, fire was brought under control with minimal damage

This was stated by Turn to page 9

Success of G20 meet in Srinagar will boost Tourism in J&K, allay fears in minds of visitors: Union Tourism Secy

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): The third G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting held in Srinagar was "very successful" and this will contribute to boosting of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir and help in "allaying any fears" in the minds of visitors in future, a top official said on Friday.

Addressing reporters here, Union Tourism Secretary Arvind Singh also said that during the TWG meet held from May 22-24, G20 member countries, invited countries, and international



organisations gave inputs and feedback on the GOA Roadmap for tourism as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development goals and G20 Tourism Ministers' Declaration.

There two documents were the two key deliverables of the tourism track meet in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, and Singh said, G20 members have broadly reached an agreement on the five

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Leh Manali caught up in another dispute

SRINAGAR, May 26 (Agencies): Amidst the ongoing dispute between rental bike operators in Leh and Manali, a significant meeting was convened by senior officials in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, BD Mishra The Tribune reported. The primary agenda of the meeting was to address the demand for a ban on rental bikes from Him-

achal Pradesh. A bilateral agreement

Delhi court

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lawyer.

grants NOC to

Rahul Gandhi

passport for 3

NEW DELHI, May

26 (Agencies): A Delhi

court on Friday granted

Congress leader Rahul

Gandhi a no-objection

certificate (NOC) for

issuance of an "ordi-

nary passport" for three

the National Herald case

in which BJP leader

Subramanian Swamy is

the complainant.

monsoon

Kerala by

June 7

South west

likely to hit

SHIMLA, May 26

(Agencies): South West

Monsoon is likely to hit

Kerala by June 7 and it

would advance slightly

gap of two to three days

delay as per the normal

progress of Monsoon

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between June 1 to 5.

restricted bikes from Leh to picking up clients in Keylong, while Manali rental bikes were prohibited from accessing Pangong and Nubra. However, in 2019, both sides accused each other of violating the pact.

Considering Ladakh shares its border with parts of Himachal Pradesh, it is common for tourists from various states to rent bikes from Manali as a means to reach Leh. However, the local rental bike operators in Leh have frequently claimed that this practice negatively impacts their business. The situation escalated recently when enraged residents of Leh vandalized 15 bikes and a pickup truck that had been rented from Manali.

The Ladakh Bike Rental Cooperative Limited and the Bikers Association of Manali find themselves entangled in this conflict, with accusations of agreement violations being thrown at each other in the past. Due to the outbreak of the Covid pandemic and subsequent travel restrictions, the issue was put on hold temporarily. However, with the arrival of the tourist season, the matter has resurfaced.

During the meeting with LG BD Mishra, Tashi Gyalson, Chairman of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) in Leh, highlighted that the conflict between

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About 4,500 devotees leave for annual



Gandhi had moved the court after he surrendered his diplomatic passport upon his disqualification as an MP. "I'm partly allowing your application. Not for 10 years but three years," the judge told Gandhi's The former Congress chief is an accused in

wani Mela, celebrated

on Zeisht Ashtami, will take place on May 28 at the shrines of Tulmulla (Ganderbal), Tikker (Kupwara), Laktipora Aishmuqam (Anantnag), Mata Tripursundri Devsar (Kulgam), and Mata Kheerbhawani Manzgam (Kulgam) in

as Divisional Commissioner (Jammu) Ramesh Kumar, Relief Commissioner K K Sidha and prominent Kashmiri Pandit leaders jointly flagged off the yatra from Nagrota area, ensuring the safety and well-being of the devo-

"The relief

SC grants interim bail to Former Delhi Minister Satyendar **Jain on Medical Grounds**

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday granted interim bail to former Delhi minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Satyendar Jain for six weeks in a money laundering

The court also imposed various conditions including neither talking with the media nor leaving Delhi without permission.

A bench of Justices JK Maheshwari and PS Narasimha granted interim bail to Jain till July 11 and directed him not to influence witnesses in the matter.

The SC directed that all relevant papers of treatment be produced before this court. The top court said that the order will remain in operation till July 11 and



listed the matter for July 10 for further hearing.

The top court also gave Jain to choose any hospital of his choice for his medical treatment. The top court made it clear that interim bail is considered on medical conditions.

Senior Advocate AM Singhvi, appearing for Jain, said that they are seeking bail due to health reasons.

ASG SV Raju, appearing for the Enforcement Directorate (ED) sought Jain to be examined by a panel of doctors either by AIIMS or Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. He also informed the SC that he was the Health Minister and that government hospitals were under him.

Last week, the top court asked ED to file a reply on Satyendar Jain's plea seeking bail in a money laundering case and also granted liberty to Jain to move vacation bench of the top court for an early hearing on his plea challenging Delhi High Court order dismissing his bail plea in the money laundering case against him.

Jain's lawyer had told the top court that he has lost 35 kg and turned skeleton due to this.

Former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain had

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MeT predicts more rains as mercury drops below normal in J&K

JAMMU, May 26 (Agencies): The weather department on Friday predicted widespread intermittent light to moderate rain, thunder and lightning with possibility of hailstorm and gusty winds during next 24 hours in Jammu and

Kashmir. Quoting a meteorological department official, that intermittent light rain, thunder and lightning was expected at a few places during May 27-28.

From May 29-30t, the MeT department forecast "fairly widespread intermittent light to moderate rain, thunder and lightning with possibility of hailstorm and gusty winds at a few places."

The MeT department also urged farmers to suspend all farm operations during May 29 and 30. Regarding tempera-

ture, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 9.4°C against 10.8°C on the previous night and it was 2.6°C below normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said. recorded a low of 7.0°C against 8.0°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 3.7°C for the gateway town of

Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 4.8°C against 6.1°C on the previous night and it was 1.3°C below normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Ananthag district.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 9.3°C against 11.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.3°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 6.0°C against 7.4°C on the previous night and it was 4.6°C below normal for the place, the officials said. **Turn to page 9**

Four Baramulla residents booked under PSA for anti-national activities

SRINAGAR, May 26 (Agencies): Four residents of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district have been booked under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) for their alleged anti national activities, police said.

The PSA allows deten-

tion without trial for a

A police statement said four persons hailing from various areas of Pattan Baramulla were booked under PSA for being involved in anti- national activities. They were subsequently detained

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among two persons found dead in South

Kashmir

Woman

SRINAGAR, May 26 (Agencies): A woman was among two persons found dead under mysterious circumstances in Kulgam and Anantnag districts on Friday, officials said.

Quoting an official, news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reported that a 42-yearold woman was found dead under mysterious circumstances at her home in Bathipora Kulgam. "She probably has died by suicide after consuming poisonous substance at her home", he said.

"In a separate incident, a youth from Shaksaz Kadipora Anantnag who was missing since yesterday evening was

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Kheer Bhawani Mela in Kashmir



JAMMU, May 26 (Agencies): Amid tight security, nearly 4,500 devotees, including members of the Kashmiri Pandit community, on Friday left from Nagrota area here to attend the annual Kheer Bhawani mela in Kashmir, officials

The annual Kheer Bha-

the Valley.

The four-day pilgrimage commenced today tees

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Family from telangana who lost way in tourist resort of Gulmarg rescued

SRINAGAR, May 26 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police rescued a family from Telangana who had lost their way in the tourist resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Friday.

They said three adults and four kids had lost their way after a Gondola ride.

Police said the family arrived at the tourist resort and went for a Gondola ride to Kangdoori Gulmarg.

"While on return to Gondola Phase second they lost their way and got stuck in the Kangdoori area," they said. Soon after, Police

rescue teams with the

assistance of ATVs (all-

terrain vehicles) and

Ponywalas followed around the Kangdoori area.

" They finally reached the location of the tourist family and rescued them from the area and brought them back to Gulmarg safely," police

The tourist family expressed their gratitude towards Baramulla Police for timely help.

Thousands of fish found dead in Dal Lake

SRINAGAR, May 26 (Agencies): Thousands of fish have been found dead in the world famous Dal lake in Srinagar, with experts saying that the mass death has taken place due to thermal stratification.

The residents in peripheries of Dal lake were stunned to see thousands of dead fish floating on the surface of the

dead fish in large numbers at different places in the water-body. A foul odour is emanating near a spring in the lake," said Manzoor Ahmad, a local resident. Officials from Fisher-

water body. "We found

ies department sais that this has happened due to thermal stratification-a change in the

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BARKHI

"Noble Soul of a Karamyogi Never dies

But always remains in the hearts of their loved ones" One year has passed since you left us but your pre cious memories are always with us, we feel your pres ence around us everywhere.

The Barkhi of our beloved Late Sh. Rajesh Gupta (Former MLA Jammu East) S/o Lt. Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta will be performed on 27th of May, 2023 (Saturday) at Brahman Sabha Prade, Jammu at 12.00

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY

Smt. Anu Gupta - Wife

Mr. Rudhra Gupta - Son Mrs. Arushi & Mr. Abhay Suri - Daughter & Son-in-law

Miss Kashish Gupta - Daughter

Sister & Brother-in-law

Mrs. Parveen & Mr. Sameer Bharti Gupta - (IFS) Former Chief Conservator of Forests & Member JKPSC Mrs. Monika & Mr. Dinesh Gupta - Bhabhi & Brother

And Dr. Himanshu & Dr. Shally Gupta

Er. Sahil Gupta, Saniya, Adidev CHINAR WIRES, Gangyal, Jammu **BIOTECH LIFE SCIENCES**

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Shri Makhan Singh

(Retd. Hawaldar)

Sh. Maharaj Krishan

Bhan

S.TIRATH SINGH

SMT. RATNO DEVI

SMT. SHASHI

MAHAJAN (PINKY)

Late Sh. Rajesh Gupta

(Former MLA Jammu East)

TENTH DAY & 13TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform sac demise of our beloved Shri Makhan Singh (Retd Hawaldar) S/o Late Sh. Kamla Nag R/o Bakal Tehsi Bhomag District Reasi, who left for heavenly abode or 16th of May, 2023 (Tuesday).

10th day will be performed at our residence (Bakal) or 25th of May, 2023 (Thursday) and **13th Day** will be per formed on 28th of May, 2023 (Sunday) at Bakal. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

Smt. Maya Devi (Wife) Son & Daughter-in-law

Sh. Angrez Singh & Smt. Pushpa Devi

Sh. Surinder Singh & Smt. Sushma Devi

Sh. Karnail Singh & Smt. Santoshi Devi Sh. Kirpal Singh & Smt. Shashi Bala Daughters & Son-in-law

Smt. Chanchala Devi W/o Late Sh. Bahadur Singh

Smt. Satya Devi & Sh. Sher Singh Smt. Lalita Devi & Sh. Kulwant Singh

Grand Children - Dr. Simran Nag, Er. Shivam Nag, Eva Devi, Aurnashwar Partap Singh Vishal Thakur, Aditya Singh Nag, Trisha Devi, Avyansh Nag, Arish Nag

TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of Sh. Maharaj Krishan Bhan S/o Late Sh. Srikant Bhan R/o Drussu, Pulwama Kashmir presently at H.No. 7, Lane No. 27, Rajpura Park, Jammu on 23/5/2023 (Tuesday).

Tenth Day will be performed on 1st June, 2023 at Muthi Ghat, Near DSE at 7.00 am GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Usha Bhan **- Wife**

Daughter & Son-in-law Mrs. Sonika & Mr. Samir Ahuja

Mrs. Monika Bhan

Miss. Shilpa Bhan Mrs. Samikhsha & Mr. Sumeet Bajaj

Mrs. Aanchal & Mr. Akshay Pandit Brothers & Bhabhils

Smt. Rattana Bhan W/o Lt. Sh. J.L. Bhan

Smt. Sarla & Sh. C.K. Bhan

Smt. Baby & Sh. D. K. Bhan

Smt. Tosha Koul W/o Lt Sh. P. N. Koul - Sister & Brother-in-law

Smt. Asha & Sh. Ravi Raina - Sister & Brother-in-law Grand Children: Ginny, Pari, Muskan, Sharan

Mr. Mohinder Singh Parihar - Brother-in-law

Smt. Bimla Parihar & Sh. Jeevan Lal Parihar - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that S.Tirath Singh Retd Tehsildar. S/o late S. Raghunath Singh. R/o Banday Bagh / Allochi Bagh at present H.No 7, lane No 1 Preet Nagar, Jammu has left for heavenly abode on 21/05/23.

Antim Ardas will be held as per the following programme.

Aramb of Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence on Friday 26/05/23 at 9:30 AM.

Bhog Shri Akhand Path at our residence on Sunday 28/05/23 at 9:30 AM. Kirtan and Antim Ardas at Gurudwara

Angad Dev ji Preet Nagar, Jammu from 10:30Am onwards followed by Guru ka Langer.

GRIEF STRICKEN R.P Singh and Rani Kour (Son and Daughter in law)

Harinder Pal Singh and Parkash Kour (Son and Daughter in law) Kuldeep singh and Popinder Kour (Brother and Bhabi) Parampal Kour and Tara Singh (Daughter and Son in Law)

Sdr Jaswant Kour W/o late Shivnath Singh (Bhabi) Contact Number: 7780873007, 6006769973, 9419125210, 9070060422

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Ratno Devi W/o Late Sh. Behari Lal Sharma R/o 125-A Gandhi Nagar Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 24-05-2023. FIFTH DAY will be performed on 27th May 2023

(Saturday) from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM at SHIV MANDIR, GANDHI NAGAR (near Govt. Quarters) **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Shakuntla Sharma W/o Late Prof. Rameshwar Sharma Smt Minu Sharma & Sh Sunil Sharma

Smt Seema Sharma & Sh Susheel Gabgotra

All Gabgotra Family CONTACT NUMBERS: 9419193472, 9419100671, 9419155079, 9086117132

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Shashi Mahajan (Pinky) W/o Sh. Ashwani Mahajan D/o Late Sh. Ram Rattan Mahajan R/o Gali Daru Giran, Kanak Mandi, Jammu. Fifth Day will be performed on 27-05-2023 (Saturday) at Gurudwara Kalgidhar, Rehari, Jammu from 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Krishna Devi - Mother

Bhabhis & Brothers

Smt. Mamta Devi W/o Late Satish Gupta Smt. Veena Gupta W/o Rakesh Gupta

Smt. Pooja Gupta W/o Vipan Gupta

Rakesh Plastic House - 9149502071

Vipan Kumar Pawan Kumar - 6005415614 Rajinder Bazar, Jammu



With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Sunita Koul (Priya) W/o Sh Prediman Krishan Koul originally resident of Achabal, Anantnag, Kashmir and presently at H No. 115, Amit Nagar, near Shining Star Academy Muthi left for heavenly abode on 23rd May 2023.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 1st June 2023 (Thursday) at 08:00 AM.

Grief Stricken:

Sh Prediman Krishan Koul- Husband

Kritik Koul- Son

Sh Ramesh Koul- Devar

Smt Indu Ji-Nanand

Mama and Mami Smt & Sh Hirday Nath Pandita Daughters and Sons in law

Jassi and Deerai Shah Subashni and Sudesh Raina

Contact: 9086119172; 9149923740; 9419302639

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. 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)**



Smt Sunita Koul (Priya)

Sh. Behari Lal Razdan (Bhai Saab)

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Jija Ji **Sh. Krishan Kumar Magotra** S/o Late Sh. Karam Chand Magotra R/o Dansal on 23-05-2023.

FIFTH DAY will be performed on 27-05-2023 from 10 am to 11 am at Arya Samaj Mandir near BJP Office, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Swarna Kanta & Sh. J.L. Baru Smt. Usha Rani & Sh. Jyoti Baru

Smt. Richa & Vikas Baru

Anubhav

Mob. 9419143421, 9682140132, 9149909303

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform

sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Mayawati Bhat (Amma Ji) W/o Late Sh. Ved Lal Bhat originally resident of Fatehpur Anantnag A/P 23/C Om Nagar Udheywalla, who left for heavenly abode on May

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 01-06-2023 at Muthi Ghat at 8.30 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:**

Sons & Daughters-in-law Sh. Rattan Lal & Shyama Bhat - 9469130235

Sh. Raj Nath & Ranjani Bhat - 9419282989 Sh. Pran Nath & Babli Bhat -7006835581 Smt Vijay Dhar (Daughter - 9540180995)

Daughter & Son-in-law mt. Jeeta Koul & Sh. Kuldeep Koul - 9419198825 Sh. Makhan Lal and Kiran Pandita -9419191403



Sh. Krishan Kumar

Magotra

SMT. MAYAWATI BHAT (AMMA JI)

S. UJJAGAR SINGH

ANTIM ARDAS

'ਜੇਹਾ ਚੀਰੀ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਤੇਹਾ ਹੁਕਮੂ ਕਮਾਹਿ॥ ਘਲੇ ਆਵਹਿ ਨਾਨਕਾ ਸਦੇ ਉਠੀ ਜਾਹਿ॥

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. **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 , SRD PARAMJEET KOUR 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 SON-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

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved S. Ujjagar Singh S/o Late S. Bhagwan Singh R/o 12-A, IInd Extension Gandhi Nagar, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 21st May, 2023 Aramb Shri Akhand Path at our residence on 26-05-2023 at 10.00 AM.

Bhog Shri Akhand Path at our residence on 28-05-2023 at 11.00 Sunday followed by Guru Ka Langar.

Kirtan & Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Sahib Guru Nanak Nagar on 28-05-2023 from 4.00 PM to 5.30 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Sdn. Kulwant Kour - Wife

Sons & Daughter-in-law

S. Gurdyal Singh & Sdn. Ramandeep Kour

S. Manjit Singh Daughters & Sons-in-law

Sdn. Parvinder Kour W/o Late S. Manjeet Singh (Ex. Secretary DGPC)

Sdn. Jagpreet Kour & Er. Izat Pal Singh

Mob: 7006275433, 7006528404



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Jammu, Friday, May 26, 2023

Smt. Koushliya Bhat W/o Late Sh. Soom Nath Bha originally from Ichikoot Budgam at present Qtr No. 19 longinary norm include Budgaria at present acti 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 & Neelam

Kundan, Amit, Ajay, Sheetal, Leenu, Shano, Shweta Yogesh, Omesh, Shivani, Neeru Contact No: 7006286971, 9419313057, 7889531419

10TH DAY KRIYA

the untimely sad demise of our belov Ramesh Kumar Bhat (Kaka Ji/ Baijee son of Lt. Sh. Arjan Nath Bhat erstwhile res ident of Hera Mohalla Anantnag Kmr presently at 326-A, Lane No.3, Luxmi Viha Tomal Colony Anand Nagar Bohri Jamm

on 20th May, 2023. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 29th May, 2023 at Muthi Ghat at 8.30 AM sharp Smt. Neeru Bhat - Wife Pavitar Bhat - Son

Purti Bhat - Daughter

Sanjay Bhat & Seema Bhat - Brother & Babi Pushpa Koul & T.K. Koul - Sister & Brother-in-law Kiran Tikoo & Ashok Tikoo - Sister & Brother-in-law Rekha Koul & Rajesh Koul - Sister & Brother-in-law Children: Ruchi, Mohit, Suchi, Puchoo, Osheen, Shereen. Sheel

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Chander Mohan Nargotra S/o Lt Sh Shanti Swaroop Nargotra R/o Lane No. 2, Adarsh Enclave, Trikuta

UTHALA will be performed on 27th May, 2023 (Saturday) from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Pani Mandir. Sector 2

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Reeta Nargotra (Wife) Mrs. Priyanka & Mr. Vivek Mahajan (Daughter & Son-in-law) Dr. Ieshita & Mr. Ankush Nargotra (Daughter-in-law & Son)

Brothers & Bhabhis Smt. Arti & Er. Jagmohan Nargotra (Xen Retd.) Smt. Shashi & Sh. Rajmohan Nargotra

Smt. Madhu & Sh. N.K. Puri

Smt. Sunanda & Sh. Sunit Puri

Smt. Nandesh & Sh. Rampal Gandotra Grand children Manan, Anahita, Sajaanst

KIRTAN & ANTIM ARDAS

for heavenly abode on 01/03/2023 in USA.

12.15 PM onwards followed by Guru Ka Langer Dr. Khazan Singh **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Ghotra's & Manyani Families Mobile: 9541784796, 8716935284

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Chuni Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Mohan Lal R/o Shanti Nagar, Tophsherkhania near Mahashakti Janjghar, Jammu originally resident of Motiyar, Rainawari, Srinagar left for heavenly abode on 24-05-2023.

Smt. Chuni Devi Sh. Manoj Razdan & Smt. Meenu Razdan and Handoo's, Koul's, Zutshi's and Channa's

MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sac

demise of our Brother-in-Law Shri Rattan Lal Raina R/o Shaikh Pura Anantnag Kashmir at

observed at our residence at Santra Morh, Poun Chak Near Police Post Surgal Baba colony.

Sh. Chuni Lal Rana & Smt Sushma Rana - Brother & Sister in Law- 9797316309 Sh. Shrwan Rana & Smt Sheetu Rana- Nephew & Niece- 8825039524

TENTH DAY/KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Geeta Dev**

Tenth Day will be performed at 11 am on 28th May 2023 (Sunday) at Mahajan Hal Kriya will be performed on 31st May 2023

W/o Late Sh. Satya Bhushan on 19th Ma

(Wednesday) at Devika Ghat, Udhampu GRIEF STRICKEN:-Son and Daughter-in-Law Sh. Arun Kumar & Smt. Tripta Devi Late Sh. Lokesh Chander & Late Smt. Khema Gupta Sh. Pawan Kumar & Smt. Urmil Gupta

Sh. Rajesh Kumar & Smt. Anu Radha Brother-in-Law and Sister-in-law Sh. Satva Vrat & Smt. Neelam Kumar Sh. Umesh Chander & Smt. Veena Kumari Sh. Rakesh Chander & Smt. Rajni Gupta

All Grand Children including all Near and Dears and well wishers. M/s Selection Corner, Gole Market Udhampur M/s Mahajan Brothers, JDA Market Purani Mandi, Jammu M/s Bombay General Store, JDA Market Purani Mandi, Jammu Mobile No: 9419160220.9419175626.9419114988

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Venue - Durga Mandir Jia Pota Ghat Akhnoor GRIEF STRICKEN Sh. Kasturi Lal Gupta (Husband) Son & Daughter in Law
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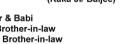


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SKJAVS Trust submits memorandum to Div Com

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Members of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan (SKJAVS) Trust submitted a memorandum to Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar. On this occasion. Mahant Rohit Shastri, head of the trust and Sarpanch Bhalwal Raidev singh said that Devvani Sanskrit should start in the schools of Jammu and Kashmir from class 6th. Higher Secondary School Domana and Raipur Domana Link Road were named after Mahavir Chakra awarded Lt. Colonel Mahatm Singh. Jai, keeping in mind the achievements and contribution of Brigadier Ghansara Singh, the High School Raipur was named after Late Brigadier

To be done in the name of Ghansara Singh, in front of Radha Swami Satsang Keran in Jammu



North Assembly and along (Sri Bawa Kailakh Dev Temple) the road was washed away before the floods a few years back.

In the year 2021 AD, the construction work of the pulley also started but it has not been completed till date. Due to lack of pulley on the road here, water comes on the road during rainy days and then the vehicles get stuck. On other days it was difficult to walk because of the dilapidated condition. Many times vehicles have met with accidents so its construction work should be completed soon, Municipal Corporation near Central Sanskrit University Kot Bhalwal Jammu is throwing hundreds of metric tons of garbage in the open. Due to this, people in the surrounding areas are troubled by foul smell and insects. The area where the garbage is being dumped is a residential area. Along with this, the new SDRF headquarter, Degree College JDA Colony and other residential areas are only 100 to 200 meters away from the dumping ground. To avoid epidemics etc., this garbage dumping yard should be shifted to the forest away from the residential area, Shribawa Kailakh Temple Thathar, Chhawa Mata Ranjan, Lord Parshuram Temple Akhnoor and other ancient temples of Jammu and Kashmir should be brought on the world tourism map.

On this occasion Trust General Secretary Prabodh Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Uttam Chand Sharma, Rakesh Gandotra, Arjun Singh were present.

'Shortage of doctors in SDH Bhadarwah, patients on mercy of God'

Top News Report

BHADARWAH, May 26: The tall claims of the government about having strengthened the Health related infrastructure in the hospitals of Jammu and Kashmir seem to have fallen flat as these health institutions are deficient of doctors and other paramedical and technical staff.

One of the oldest hospitals in Jammu province is Sub District Hospital (SDH) Bhadarwah which as of now faces shortage of medical and paramedical staff that has left the patients to the mercy of

Although this problem is persistent and as old as the history of this hospital, yet repeated requests and representations to the concerned higher authorities and particularly the rulers of the state and central governments have not yielded any positive results and the Medicare facilities that otherwise should have been provided to the public have otherwise to be availed by them from outside Bhadarwah at Jammu, Srinagar or Delhi which immensely make the patients to get overburdened financially and psychologically. In event of emergencies, many patients lose their precious lives while on the way during shifting to health institutions outside Bhadarwah.

People allege that concerned health authorities have adopted callous attitude towards the problems of the people of Bhadarwah and have also utterly failed to provide much needed healthcare facilities and on the spot treatment to the patients in SDH Bhadarwah due to shortage of doctors

"People of Bhadarwah are the victims of utter neglect at the hands of the present Lieutenant Governor dispensation as the authorities from **Director Health Services** to the Commissioner Health and Family Welfare level have been paying a Nelson's eye towards the poor health related infrastructure in SDH Bhadarwah," alleged Naseer Ahmed adding," surprisingly, nothing is done by the concerned authorities inspite of the fact that they were requested time and again both in writing as well as verbally to provide requisite doctor specialists in the disciplines of Surgery, Orthopedics, Opthalmology, Dermatology, Ultrasonography, Anaesthetist and additional physician specialist, but mere assurances have not born fruits so

Despite equipped with facilities (Machinery), SDH Bhadarwah faces an acute shortage of related technical staff.

The locals while expressing resentment against the authorities stated that this vital hospital had never been a priority for the Directorate of Health Services Jammu and concerned Administrative Department

As it is the season of tourism in Bhadarwah and hundreds of local and non-local tourists visit tourist places here who visit this SDH in case of any emergency. But the lack of proper health care facilities in this hospital forces them to rush to other parts of the district to seek medical emergency intervention. This hospital also caters the road accident victims. "There are some kinds of facilities like X-Ray. Ultrasound. CT Scan machine and modern testing equipments available in the hospital but there is nobody who could operate the machines. There are no technicians no lady doctor and no pharmacist," said some attendents of patients.

Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar admitted that there is a shortage of staff at SDH Bhadarwah.

While talking to this correspondent, Dr Zargar said that he has already taken up the matter with the Director Health Services Jammu and once the manpower comes, he will dispatch them to SDH Bhadarwah.

"Some vacant posts in SDH Bhadarwah were recently filled and doctors were posted, but they did not join which was taken seriously by the district administration Doda who communicated the higher health authorities to see in to the lapses keeping in view exigencies in this hospital, but nothing was done in this regard, Zargar disclosed. There should be staff and I too am concerned about it," he further added.

Ironically, some doctors were posted in this hospital few months back, but most of them either did not join or got themselves transferred immediately after joining by way of modification of their transfer orders leaving the key institution in to lurch again for much surprise to the public.

Patient-care continues to lie in shambles at SDH Bhadarwah as the concerned authorities fail to restore the CT-SCAN facility services at the health facility even after more than ten years. Mohammad Salim Butt a local told that the hospital is lacking all the basic equipments and important infrastructure, more importantly the CT-Scan facility services despite the required machinery being available rather the same lies eating dust in

store rooms. Since this facility is not available at the health facility, locals are forced to approach private clinics outside Bhadarwah,"

he said. "With no other facility available patients, especially trauma inflicted with Head injuries are facing a lot of hardships, due to which they are forced to go to private hospitals outside district Doda," he said.

He said that a majority of the patients visiting the hospital for treatment come from poor financial backgrounds who cannot afford to pay hefty charges to private laboratories.

He said that for the last more than a decade, this machine is lying defunct. yet the authorities are acting as mute spectators to the sufferings of poor patients, visiting the hospital daily.

Meanwhile, Director Health Services Jammu when contacted time and again on telephone as well as cell phone, he did not respond for the reason seemingly to avoid the issue.

Samiti demands CBI inquiry, proper audit of all Dharmarth property from 1947 to till date



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Demanding CBI prove in to illegal sale of Hindu Temples Land to Non-Hindu community in Valley and Jammu region by way of taking under hand deals by the person having control over Dharmarth Trust, Shri Raghunath Mandir Sewa Samiti Jammu welcome the J&K UT Govt for SIT Prove into illegal lease of temples properties in valley nexus and demanded that enquiry should be conducted through CBI not only for valley but also jammu region temples land and also demanded re-organisaion of Dharmarth trust council under UT trust law and removal of one family rule on Dharmarth trust which is 176 years old largest public charitable trust in J&K created by great Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1846 as Dharmarth Department which was part of Govt. Department and invested Rs 5 lakh from Govt. treasury and created Shri Raghunath Treasury with aim and object to manages the affairs of Hindu temples and shrines and upgradation of Sanatan Dharam and up to the rule of Maharaja Hari Singh the Dharmarth temples and its property was fully protected but after the death of Maharaja Hari Singh Dr. Karan Singh used his political influence to convert Dharmarth Trust into their family trust and its funds and machinery for his personal interest as he inducted his all family members as trustee of this public trust which is against the principle of Ain-i-Dharmarth framed by Maharaja Ranbir Singh in which it is catagarically mention that whoever among the heirs of "Sarkar and state servent and officials shall expend any money towards any heads other than those sanction by me shall incur the sin of having killed one crore of cows but it is really very unfortunate that against the aims and objects of the Dharmarth trust the trustees have decided to close "Sadabrat Langer at Shri Raghunath Temple, closes of Goushalla, close of Shri Raghunath ji Sanskrit Pathshalla, lifting of Shri Raghunath ji Treasury from Shri Raghunath temples, leased out both Yatri Bhawan namely Hari Bhawan and Ranbir Yatri Bhawan selling thousand Kanals temples

Jammu region to some nonhindu community by way of

taking under hands deals/ The details facts has been given in separate memorandum submitted to Lt. Governor by the Samiti through

Divisional Commissioner

Jammu/ All members of the samiti just want to ask the Prime Minister Narender Modi when he remove about 200 years old law throughout country and abolished Article 370 in J&K then why should not be remove the 60 years old one family rule of this largest Hindu religious trust.

Is it not sufficient to understand that this trust going to become family disputed trust in near future and who is responsible for this and who stop this is it not moral duty of the a Govt. to frame by laws to run about 130 temples under Dharmarth trust and protect the moveable and immoveable /property of these temples under some law which is leased out /disposed of by way of under hand deals by the person having control on Dharmarth

Samiti demanded from UT Govt. CBI inquiry and proper audit of all Dharmarth property belonging to Dharmarth Temples from 1947 to till date and bring the same on white paper so that truth comes

Chuni Lal, Subash Chander, Kamal Sharma, Pritam Sharma, Rajinder Bhagat and Ashok Kumar all members of the samiti were present in press conference

NORTHERN RAILWAY Notice Inviting Tender

Sr.DEE/TRS/LDH acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 2023-24-01. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date 19.06.2023 at 15.00 Hrs. only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall not be considered. Bidders are allowed to make payments against this tender towards cost of tender document and earnest money only through online payment modes available on REPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit

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	Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost (Rs.)	Cost of Tender form (Rs.)	Date & time of submission of tender	Earnest Money/ Bid Security (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
	2023- 24-01	Painting of electric locomotives during major schedules at Electric Loco Shed, Ludhiana for a period of three (03) years.	1,15,86,321.99/-	0/-	Upto 19.06.2023 (15:00 Hrs.)	2,07,900/-	36 Months	19.06.2023 at or after 15:00 Hrs.	www,ireps. gov.in
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e-NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. 06 OF 2023-24

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, etenders (in two cover system) Cover-Ist containing CDR/FDR and prequalification documents and Cover-IInd containing Price Bid are invited from registered owners of Light Commercial Vehicles for **hiring of light commercial vehicle** for Tube Well Irrigation Division Jammu.

The Bidding documents consisting of specifications, eligibility criteria and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.Jktenders.gov. in as per the schedule given below

Date of Publishing of Tender Notice : 24-5-2023 (10:00 pm) 2) Date of downloading Tender documents start : 24-5-2023 (10:00 pm) 3) : 24-5-2023 (12:00 noon) Bid submission start date Pre-Bid Meeting : 26-5-2023 (12.00 Noon 5) Bid submission end date : 30-5-2023 (03:00 pm) Date and time of Bid opening : 31-5-2023 (12:00 Noon)

Bid must be in the form as specified in the bidding documents. The Earnest Money accompanied by Bid Security (EMD) of Rs Five thousand only (Rs 5000/-) to be uploaded and submitted in cover lst.

The cost of tender i.e Rs. 500/- (Five Hundred only) should be paid through challan simply remitting into treasury under MH 0702 and uploading treasury challan receipt alongwith tender shall be pledged to the Executive Engineer Tube-Well Irrigation Division, Jammu payable at Jammu.

(Note: The fee on account of downloaded bidding documents shall be acceptable in form of Treasury Challan under MH 0702. Further, bidders are requested to mention name of the work/ Nit No. on the particular challan. The treasury challan before date of publication of e Nit shall not be

In light of Government Notification issued by Finance department Civil Secretariat vide no. A/24(2017)-651 dated:-07- 06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of Challan/Receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned. For that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M.H 0702/Revenue (others) for the

The Pre-bid meeting shall be held in the Office Of The Executiv Engineer, Tube Well Irrigation Division Jammu on the date as mentioned in the schedule referred

Lowest Bidder shall be intimated by auto electronic mode by e-tendering process to deposit the original copy of required earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR, Tender documents fee in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt and hard copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in clause of general instructions to the Bidders within 03 days from the date of opening of Financial Bid. In case the bidders fail to submit the same, even after issuing letter or if any bidder /tenderer withdraws his bid, the Earnest Money of such bidders shall be forfeited

The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders in part or in full without assigning any reason thereof.

No: TWID/J/934-951 **DIP/J-2032/23** Dated: 23-5-2023

Executive Engineer, Tube-Well Irrigation Division Jammu

Kashmiri activist lashes Bilawal Bhutoo, Khan over Kashmir comment

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, May 26: The Socio-Political Activist from Central Kashmir, Ganderbal Syed Karar Hashmi, lashed at Pakistan's foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and former PM Imran Khan Over Kashmir Comment, says put your house in order and don't try to hide your begging Bowl, failures, violence and Jungle Raaj in the name of Kashmir.

He said that the contemporary situation in Pakistan is very shocking as Corrupted Mafia Typhoons are sitting in the highest offices and everything, including foreign policy, has been influenced by the military and an end to

democracy and rule of law. Don't give sermons and speeches about Kashmir. Try to stop the voices of your own people demanding Azadi in POK and other parts of Pakistan.

He observed that the establishment in Pakistan is remotely controlled by the masters in America and of Saudi

Arabia, not caring for their own Pakistanis who, on a daily basis, are crying and dying on roads, to stop the ethnic cleansing of minorities at the hands of extremist groups.

He added that they won't like to see peace and development in J&K as the G20 Summit has exposed them heavily,

it is a bleeding nation todav. as it was vesterday. Minorities, especially the Shias, continue to face violence and target killing and living in constant fear and uncertainty in Pakistan. Earlier, T20 was a term related to cricket matches, now the world community relates it with violence

Jammu Division Karate Championship 2023 concludes

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Jammu Division Karate Championship 2023 organized by Japan Shotokan Karate-Do kanninjuku Organization J&K powered by Nat Manch & Leo Martial Arts Academy concluded here at Cybernetic Secondary school

More than 200 participants participated in the Champion-

On the closing Ceremony Son of Soil Tarun Sharma Actor, Director, President of Nat Manch & Japan Shotokan Karate-Do kanninjuku Organization J&K , Youth President Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Trust J&K and Incharge Cultural Cell



BJYM J&K was the Chief guest

on the occasion.

Er. Palvi Sharma International Karate Player & Ist National Gold Medalist , Amardeep Sharma Chairman Cybernetic Secondary School and Preeti Sharma Director Cybernetic Secondary School were guest of honours on the occasion.

The championship was organised under the supervision of Ganesh Gupta style chief Japan Shotokan Karate-Do kanninjuku

Organization J&K.

Officials who conducted the bouts were Shashi Janotra, Vinay Babaar, Rinku Sharma, Amit Sudan , Tushant , Chaya , Gurnam kour and others.

in Pakistan.

Addressing the young players, Tarun Sharma asked them to play the game with utmost dedication and work hard to excel in the arena of sports.

They said under the mission, the UT government had already given a major boost to the sports in the J&K, which was really appreciable.

Lauding the players participating in the tournament, they said the sportspersons were blessed with several qualities and one of them was that it helped them develop a team spirit during the game, which could help them to excel in their lives.

EDITORIAL

ONLINE EDUCATION

ducation is an important part of life. Shiksha is a Sanskrit word which means to learn or teach. We can receive education through any medium. Education prepares man intellectually. Similarly, online education is a simple way to get education in today's modern era. Online education system is like a boon in modern times. One who has not taken education due to any reason can achieve new dimensions through online education system.

Like we traditionally go to Gurukul or class and get their knowledge by sitting in front of their teacher. But in online education system it is considered as the latest form of education, we meet our teacher through internet and meet them through laptop or cellphone and get our knowledge.

Online education has also been accepted as a valid education medium since the year 1993. Which are called distance education in the language used. In this, the prescribed syllabus is taught through VS/DVD and internet. Education of big services like civil service, engineering and medical, law etc. is also being made available online by many institutions today.

In the changing environment, there have been many changes in technology and its uses are also huge. Due to technology, many changes have also been seen in the method of taking education. Today, teaching related material used in online education can be sent from one place to another through technology. Online education saves time.

Also, students can access the education from the comfort of their homes. Children continuously teach their teachers new ways of reading from online classes and are also interested in reading, not only this, online education also saves the cost of tuition or big coaching centers.

Online education Our Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman started a program called PM eVIDYA to promote online education. The challenge posed by the Corona pandemic crisis in front of the education world. Online courses will be started by 100 universities under PM eVIDYA. In this, the emphasis has been laid on school education by the Central and State Government through DIKSHA PORTAL.

Students of classes 1 to 12 will be provided e-content and QR code based books under "One Nation-One Platform". There is also a plan for providing important assistance by the under-states. In "One Nation-One Platform", emphasis will be laid on education through radio, community radio and podcasts for studies.

Manodarpan Yojana will be launched by the Government of India for psychological support, mental health and emotional support of students, teachers and parents. Along with this, children were already being given education through Swayam Prabha DTH. 12 more channels will be added in which telecast of live sessions will be done through skype, 6 hours of course material per day and provision will be made 24 x7 on all days of the week with three repeat telecasts. Along with promoting online education, the government's focus is also on preparing teachers for this. This is the reason that there is a preparation to provide online training to all teachers teaching in schools. At present, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and NCERT have been entrusted with the task of preparing a complete plan for this.

The Bengaluru drowning should be a wake-up call

By: Patralekha Chatterjee

e have been programmed to sneer at the drain inspector's report. Blame it partly on Mahatma Gandhi's use of the scorching phrase to describe American historian Katherine Mayo's book Mother India. But the totally avoidable death of a young woman in a waterlogged underpass in Bengaluru recently only underlines the need for more and better drain inspections, and actionable reports. In sum, it is about urban governance. Several things need to happen if we wish to avoid such tragedies, not just in Bengaluru, but across the country. Bhanurekha, 22, a techie working with Infosys, drowned to death last Sunday after the car she was travelling in entered a flooded underpass in rainlashed Bengaluru. There were seven people inside the car. Six were lucky enough to be rescued in time but the young woman succumbed.

A lot of reports have already appeared in the local and national media about the incident. One learns there was a barricade to prevent people from entering the underpass, but the rain and wind had swept it away.

As I write, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the local civic body, is under fire for inadequate desilting of drains, clearance of encroachments, and monsoon preparedness in general. A report by the BBMP says heavy rainfall, along with strong gusts of wind, led to leaves and branches choking the small vents of the drain gratings, preventing rainwater from flowing away, causing waterlogging. Another report in a national newspaper links the delays in much-needed development work to officials being on "election duty for nearly a month". Many locationspecific reasons are being trotted out to explain the terrible death.

Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah, who has just taken over, has announced compensation of Rs 5 lakhs to the next of kin of the deceased and free treatment for those admitted in the hospital.

Let us zero in on the basics: a young woman died in her prime. Needlessly. The broader picture underlying the tragedy serves as a glaring reminder of the huge gaps in infrastructure and governance in the time of climate change when extreme and erratic weather events are increasing. And the implications.

Flooded underpasses is not a new story in Bengaluru. Last July, local newspapers had pointed out that despite the corporation's efforts to fix flood-prone underpasses, many remained waterlogged. Journalists flagged a survey by the Bengaluru Traffic Police which listed 54 floodprone roads in the city, known the world over as India's Silicon Valley. In September, heavy rainfall led to some among the city's tech workers using boats to get to the office. A recent report by the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre had identified more than 200 flood-prone locations where even one centimetre of rain would lead to flooding.

Clearly, the city lacks a functional system to drain out the water when the water level reaches a certain level following heavy rain.

But flooded roads and underpasses are not unique to Bengaluru. Several Indian cities are increasingly having to cope with severe urban floods.

In the time of climate change, only the very naïve or ignorant are surprised by unexpected extreme weather. "There has been an increasing trend of urban flood disasters in India over the past sev-

eral years whereby major cities in India have been severely affected. The most notable amongst them are Hyderabad in 2000, Ahmedabad in 2001, Delhi in 2002 and 2003, Chennai in 2004, Mumbai in 2005, Surat in 2006, Kolkata in 2007, Jamshedpur in 2008, Delhi in 2009 and Guwahati and Delhi in 2010... Global climate change is resulting in changed weather patterns and increased episodes of high intensity rainfall events occurring in shorter periods of time," says the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

"Stormwater drainage systems in the past were designed for rainfall intensity of 12-20 mm. These capacities have been getting very easily overwhelmed whenever rainfall of higher intensity has been experienced. Further, the systems very often do not work to the designed capacities because of very poor maintenance. Encroachments are also a major problem in many cities and towns," notes NDMA. "Consequently, the capacity of the natural drains has decreased, resulting in flooding. Improper disposal of solid waste, including domestic, commercial, and industrial waste and dumping of construction debris into the drains also contributes significantly to reducing their capacities," as India's apex body for disaster management observes in its portal.

How prepared are Indian cities to meet these enormous challenges, and what is being done to equip them to cope with the new realities? We have seen that ad hoc solutions do not work.

Srinivas Alavilli, an activist and co-founder of Citizens for Bengaluru, says the root cause is "lack of empowered city governments". The third tier has not really evolved much largely because the state governments do backseat driving, especially when it comes to cities

that are state capitals. The reason is obvious -- they are cash cows. Mr Alavilli says the "lack of devolution of powers and funds is the single biggest challenge for urban India".

A 2021 report by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (Performance audit of management of stormwater in Bengaluru Urban area) noted that "the city of Bengaluru is a victim of a paradoxical situation -- urban flooding on one hand and depletion of ground water table levels, on the other. There is an urgent need for urban managers to address this issue from the water security/environment and urban planning perspectives".

The report went on to observe that "a robust policy governing storm water management does not exist" in the city and that the "BBMP did not possess foolproof data on the total number/length and nature of different types of drains under its jurisdiction. The absence of a comprehensive inventory of drains and their proper classification contributed to lack of clarity on critical issues such as the extent of buffer zone to be maintained, etc. This in turn hampered maintenance of drains as many utility lines like electrical, telephone, optical cable, etc, were laid across the drains in many locations obstructing flow in the drains".

Right now, Bengaluru's Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is in the dock. But just blaming the bureaucrats in charge will not help unless we also ask the more uncomfortable question: why has the BBMP not had an election in the last three years?

A death by drowning has turned the spotlight on Bengaluru and the state of its drains. The issues it has thrown up, however, pivot around poor infrastructure, and are relevant to many of India's cities. We need to wake up, and quickly.

India's Heritage is a Source of Pride

By: Vijay Garg

India is an ancient nation. It is

not just a collection of about one and a half billion people or a part of history and geography. Not even just one country. It is a unique cultural experience. Indian culture is very ancient. There is a flow of Sanskrit tradition from the Vedic period and even earlier. To know, to hear, to keep what is heard in the memory and to recite it is called fasting in the Upanishads. Shruti and Veda are words with similar meaning. The maintenance of word and form knowledge is memory. Of truth and beauty Re-creating is culture. There is continuity in Indian culture. All symbols and monuments with permanence are heirlooms of a prosperous heritage. All countries maintain and strengthen their ancient heritage. Prime Minister Narendra Modi rightly said on the occasion of International Museum Day that museums inspire us to connect with the past and awaken awareness of the future. Museums are the greatest classrooms for properly understanding the culture of any period. Harappa or Mahanjodaro went to civilizations We also get it from the antiquities preserved in museums. Through these things, we get to know the lifestyle and customs of the people of that time. It is also a fact that the techniques used for construction and urban planning during the Harappa or Mahanjodaro civilizations are far behind even today's cutting-edge technologies. There is no knowledge of the drainage system and architecture of that time. The tragedy is that in hundreds of years of slavery, all the heritage of the country has been lost. Precious manuscripts and Libraries were

burned. Many artifacts were taken out of the country in an unethical manner. Due to the growing prestige of India, many countries have started returning these heirlooms. Fewer than twenty artefacts came to India in the decades after independence, but in the last nine years about 240 artefacts have been brought back. Preservation of cultural heritage and monuments is a national duty. Article 49 of the Constitution mentions, 'Artificial or artistic works of national importance, declared by or under a procedure made by Parliament. It will be the responsibility of the government to protect every monument, place or object of historical interest from damage, destruction and damage. Despite this, many memorials were lost during the previous governments. In 2009, the number of missing memorials was 35. According to the Archaeological Survey Agency of India i.e. ASI, 14 monuments were victims of urbanization till 2018. Twenty-four monuments were not known. Meanwhile, the Indus Civilization Study Committee attached to the Ministry of Culture has attached importance to the study of excavations at Bhirana and Rakhigarhi in Haryana. given According to carbon dating, the civilization was estimated to be 7000-6000 years BC. The committee emphasized on studying the period of 9000 years back with the Vedic period civilization. ASI committee chief KN Dikshat said that the results of carbon dating should be understood in relation to the time of Rigveda, Ramayana and Mahabharata. The antiquity of these heritages can also be determined with literary evidence. The alleged scholar who described India as a land of many cultures considered the Harap-

pan civilization to be earlier than the Vedic civilization. They do not tell They describe Sumerian civilization as older than Harappa. They do not focus on Vedic word proofs. In the Rigveda, the river Saraswati is full of water. These facts are ancient from Harappa. The relations between India, Sumer and Egypt should be seen in the light of the Rigveda. Some historians do not consider the Rigveda as evidence. In their view, the meaning of archeology is only the objects related to the science of building construction. Building construction alone is not proof of antiquity. This antiquity can also be in words and objects related to art or architecture also in UNESCO declared the Rigveda a World Heritage Site because it is the oldest written evidence of humanity. India is a prestigious country in the world heritage. There are more than 35 places on the World Heritage List. Aquarius has also been included in this list by UNESCO. India is striving to get all the other places included in the World Heritage List. Before the Islamic invasion, there were millions of temples in India. From the invasion of Muhammad bin Qasim to Aurangzeb, the demolition of temples has a tainted history. Many temples are not broken by the same materiall Mosques were built. The aggrieved Hindus struggled for this heritage. The destruction and reconstruction of Somnath is evident. A historic movement took place over the Sriram Janmabhoomi temple in Ayodhya. The temple is under construction. The case of Gyanvapi is under consideration in the court. A lawsuit is also going on regarding Srikrishna Janmabhoomi. The mosque 'Quwat-ul-Islam' built with the same material

after demolishing many temples in Delhi has become a challenge to Indian pride. The Atala Masjid of Jaunpur is said to have been built on the Atala Devi temple. of the temple in Pandua, BengalThe place is a mosque. Indian nation is a cultural concept. Culture is also expressed through architecture and other symbols. All such heritages fill the mind of India with national pride. Through them we connect with our heroic past. There is a similar philosophical cultural continuity in India from the past to the present but the so-called liberals call it a mixed culture or a composite culture. The Supreme Court said after 1994, 'There are many differences among the people of this country. They feel proud that they are partners in common inheritance. That heritage is nothing else, the heritage of culture. All the centers of Indian culture are in Pakistan after the partition of the country. Land ownership changes, but inheritance does not. After partition, there was a campaign to free Pakistan from the ancient Indian tradition. Wheeler, a British archeologist, tried to give historical material to Pakistan that people did not know much about. In 1949, his article titled "Pakistan 4000 Years Ago" was published in Pakistan Quarterly. was Pakistan was two years old then. Wheeler's intention was to free Pakistan from Indian heritage. Pakistan and its supporting scholars did not last. Pakistan has no heritage of its own. The whole world is looking at India and the heritage of Indian culture. India itself is a world famous international heritage site.

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Sukrala Devi Dharmik Trust holds medical camp

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, MAY 26: Shri Mal Mata Sukrala Devi Dharmik Trust In Association With Naravana Hospital Organized a Day-long health Checkup-Cum-Awareness Camp In the Premises Of Pavitr Samadhi Sthal Sohanjna Jammu.

On the Occasion, Revered Sant Shri Gangadhar Ji Maharaj, who runs Shri Dwarkanath Shastri Ji Ashram, Welcomed and blessed all the guests Saint Shri Gangadhar Maharaj Ji, who runs the ashram, Thanked All the Guests and Blessed That such work should Continue in the Future also so that those People in the Society who cannot take care of themselves can get the benefit of such camps.

Sh Raj Kumar Gupta Ji(President Jammu Kashmir Gou Raksha Samiti) were Guest of Honour. Dr Nikhil Mahajan (Cardiologist), Dr Bhanupratap (Internal Medicine), Dr. Rajpal Singh (Oncologist), Dr. Rohit Sharma (Ortho). More than 1,500



patients were examined. Besides, ECG, Blood Sugar, BP, free medicines and various other tests conducted totally free of cost and medicines were also given as per the requirement.

Gangadhar ji Maharaj, Praising Shri Tript Shastri, Chairman of Shri Mal Mata Sukrala Devi Religious Trust said holding of medical camps is imperative to ensure a disease free society, where a person is hard pressed to care for self being during daily busy routines. He asserted that endeavours would be made to organize similar camps across the Union Territory and massive outreach of health services across

the Union Territory with the aim to ensure health for all and to generate awareness about various diseases. He said the effort will go a long way in reaching out to the people virtually at their door-steps. General awareness and regular check-up can help fight various maladies and ensuring a disease-free society. He said the people, especially old, women and children need constant checkups and monitoring. He hoped such philanthropic organizations would come forward in a big way and help in making the mission of health for

all a huge success. Raj Kumar Gupta, President Jammu Kash-

Chairman, expressed gratitude to the people for their participation in the camp. He said purpose of holding such medical camps to generate awareness on various diseases as also identifying such of the patients, who otherwise are unaware about health related problems and get timely medicare. He said such camps help people to identify deficiencies so that they can have specialized treatment in the health institutions on regular

Mata Sukrala Devi Trust

Tript Shastri urged the people present on the occasion to seize every opportunity of health check up and also keep their environs clean and hygienic for healthy life style and leading a disease free life. He assured that such camps would be organized o regular basis with an aim to serve the society.

Jatin Langer Vice President; Shubham Langer, General Secretary, Vimal Mehra Media Incharge. Dr Dharm Paul (Retd. Dy Director Health) were also present.

NYK organizes Yuva Utsav on 'Panch Pran' in GDC Udhampur



TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, May 26: Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Udhampur, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. Of India organized "Yuva Utsav" in collaboration with NSS Unit of Govt Degree College, Udhampur in which 500 young participants from across the district participated in 5 different competitive events viz Young Artists Camp - Painting, Young Writers Contest - Poetry, Mobile Photography Contest, Declamation Contest and Group Cultural Fest.

The colourful event organized on the theme "Panch Pran" witnessed exhibitions and stalls from Central Bureau of Communication and Department of Agriculture. The Chief Guest of the event was Vice-Chairperson District **Development Council** Advocate Juhi Manhas Pathania whereas Shaid

Nahiem Ahmed, Dy SP

was the guest of honor.

The event started with the traditional lamp lightening ceremony followed by the Ganesh Vandana by students of DPS Udhampur. At the outset, District Youth Officer Khushal Gupta welcomed the Guest, Jury, Faculty members, Staff and students of various educational institutions.

He focused on Panch Pran and briefed the audience about the objectives of organizing such events. He said that Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan through its field offices is organizing Yuva Utsav in all the districts across the nation and that that the winners of all components of Yuva Utsav will qualify for State Level Yuva Utsav followed by the National level Yuva

Utsav. After the welcome address, various cultural teams gave their performances and participants of declamation contest also spoke on the topic "Panch Pran". In the conference hall, the students wrote their poems and contestants of Mobile Photography were given the time of 2 hours to take their best photographs. Advocate SD Kotwal also presented his self-written poems on Patriotism and Nation Building.

Juhi Pathania lauded the efforts of Nehru Yuva Kendra Udhampur for organizing such grand event. She added that youth should come forward and participate in such programmes. She urged the rural youth in particular to make the best use of such platforms and represent themselves in nation building activities. DySP Shaid Nahiem also put his views on the rising menace of drug addiction and said that such events are necessary in today's era to bring youth in mainstream. At the end, prizes and certificates were distributed among the winners and jury members.

to hailstorm affected farmers, orchardists

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, May 26: **Democratic Progressive** Azad Party (DPAP) on Friday expressed concern over losses caused to crops and orchards in different parts of Kashmir and urged upon authorities to provide compensation to affected farmers.

In a statement, the party spokesperson said that hail storm and gusty winds have caused huge damages to crops and orchards.

"The farmers and orchardists in various districts of Kashmir have suffered huge losses due to unprecedented hailstorm, gusty winds and heavy rains," he said.

He added that farmers and orchardists were already under distress due to earlier losses

DPAP has appealed the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to direct the concerned officials to assess the losses and to announce a special financial package to the affected farmers, orchardists who have suffered extensive damages due to hailstorm. winds and heavy rains that caused havoc in

faced by them past year.

The hailstorm has wrecked havoc in various districts of Kashmir past evening which has resulted into huge loss to fruit and other agricultural crops.

DPAP demands compensation Provide adequate compensation to hailstorm-affected farmers and orchardists: Mir

mir Gou Raksha Samiti

said healthcare ser-

vices nowadays are not

affordable for everyone

living in the society and

underprivileged people

are deprived of this basic

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to good healthcare is a

basic right of every indi-

vidual and these initia-

tives' are the real efforts

towards serving man-

kind, he said, encourag-

ing people to be health

conscious to become

better citizens and help

the country and growing

Tript Shastri also

thanked the entire team

of and Narayana Hospi-

tal. Gangadhar ji Maha-

raj presented religious

Tript Shastri, Shri Mal

books to all the guests.

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, May 26: Former minister and Apni Party's Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir on Friday urged the LG administration to provide adequate compensation to the agricultural farmers and orchardists who met with huge losses due to the recent heavy rains and hailstorms in various parts of the Valley.

In his statement, Ghulam Hassan Mir, said, "The recent hailstorm has damaged fruit-laden trees, including apple, cherry, and pear in the orchards, and crops including wheat, rice, and vegetables in various places." "The damages to the crops and fruits have been caused, especially

in many parts of north and central Kashmir, causing heavy damages to farmers. This is the second time these recent months that the farmers and orchardists have suffered massive losses due to the adverse weather situation. The destructive hailstorm destroyed standing crops and the fruit that was still in its

initial form." Demanding an official assessment of the losses, which should be followed by adequate compensation to the affected people, Ghulam Hassan Mir, said, "Given the fact that crops and orchards are the primary sources of livelihood to a large population across the Valley, the administration is supposed to provide swift relief and proper compensation to the sufferers so that the affected people can overcome the loss caused by the weather fury."

administration to ensure the official teams are immediately sent to the affected areas to assess the losses and provide compensation swiftly to the sufferers.

Azad will be the next CM of J&K, predicts Rajesh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 26: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta while briefing media on Friday said the all political parties have boost the activities in Jammu and Kashmir in a large scale and senior leaders of different parties busy in addressing public meetings. He said if we put a glance on all parties Ghulam Nabi Azad seems to form next government in J&K eminently. I predict that Ghulam Nabi Azad will be the next CM of J&K

Gupta said.

many see Azad's new party would be dividing party as Azad has the capacity to attract a large number of leaders from different parties. And everyone liked his style of functioning and J&K people has seen his working. Azad's frequent public meetings across the J&K UT shows how is concerned about the J&K UT.

NDPI leader said

NDPI President maintained while Azad has dispassionately spoken against the dismantling of the J&K state and turning it into two Union Territories, he has been silent on the abrogation of Article 370. He was the first J&K top politician who normalized the abrogation of Article 370 insisting that the government should restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Azad has been demanding protection for jobs and land, which has resonance all across Jammu and Kashmir. Azad's alleviation as CM or as an ally of the BJP, many here believe, will close the chapter of Article 370 but open restoration of statehood to J&K, which the BJP is not averse to added, Gupta.

LAHDC Leh pays tributes to Chosje Togdan Rinpoche

TOP NEWS REPORT

LEH, May 26: LAHDC Leh conducted a prayer meeting at the Council Secretariat to pay tribute and homage to, Late Ladakh Chosje Togdan Rinpoche Konchok Thupstan Stanpey Gyaltsan Pal Zangpo, who attained Mahaparinirvana.

The prayed meeting



was presided over by Chairman/CEC Tashi Gyalson in the presence of H.E. Tsamtrul

Rinpoche and MP, Jamyang Ladakh, Tsering Namgyal. It was attended by the **Executive Councillor** RDD Tashi Namgyal Yakzee: Executive Councillor for Minority Affairs Ghulam Mehdi; **Executive Councillor** for Agriculture Stanzin Chosphel; Councillors and Nominated Councillors; DC Leh Shrikant Suse; BDC Chairpersons and all the Head of the Departments of Leh District.

As a mark of respect to the departed soul of the Rinpoche, a two-minute silence was observed

Nominated Councillor Konchok Tsephel spoke about the Rinpoche's contribution as a spiritual leader and as a minister. He also spoke about his contribution in preserving of Ladakhi culture and heritage on a wider scale.

CEC Tashi Gyalson chairs meeting regarding Tsangda Project

TOP NEWS REPORT

LEH, May 26: District Panchayat Officer, Leh Junaid Amin Bhat gave a presentation on Swachh **Bharat Mission Grameen** (Phase 2) Leh District where he gave a detailed overview of Solid waste Management of the District including Segregation Sheds, Vehicles Purchased, SRMC Man Power Data, Total Waste collected, the requirement for strengthening of SMRCs, Number of ODF Plus villages, bailing and shredding machines for Plastic Waste Management, Twin dust bins distributed, IEC activi-



ties done, grey water management status, etc. CEC Tashi Gyalson directed the concerned officer to form a committee within 7 days to formulate an action plan and work collaboratively on all the strategies including Financial implications to make the Tsangda project a successful model in Leh.

CEC and concerned officers/ officials also discussed the requirements and shortcomings of Tsangda. He laid special emphasis on a comprehensive plan which

includes source segregation of waste, segregated collection and transportation, formation of a cluster of nearby villages to have a common temporary waste storage shed, processing of segregated waste, continuous awareness genera-

tion for reducing Single Use Plastic (SUP), use of substitute products, The meeting was

attended by the Executive Councillor for Rural Tashi Namgyal; Executive Councillor for Minority, Ghulam Mehdi; Additional District Development Commissioner/ ACD Leh, Sonam Norbo; Chief Planning Officer, Leh, Tsewang Gyalson; District Panchayat Officer, Leh Junaid Amin Bhat; Block Development Officer, Leh, Tsering Wangchuk; Supervisor/ Coordinator, Project Tsangda.

Army conducted interaction session for ESM at Gulgam Kupwara



TOP NEWS REPORT

KUPWARA 26 May: As part of its outreach initiatives and Perception Management Programmes Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers conducted an interaction session for ESM and from remote area of Gulgam and adjoining villages on 26 May 23.

The interaction session was aimed to address grievances of ex-servicemen and resolve various pension

anomalies and ameliorating day to day problems of the veterans. The objective was also to provide comprehensive resolution of grievances and make them aware about the latest benefits and welfare schemes.

The session saw a participation of about 40 ESM who are retired from Army and other para military forces. The lecture was delivered by the Company

Commander from Indian Army's Gulgam Company. During Interaction various queries on pending documentation were clarified.

All those Ex-servicemen who attended the event paid their gratitude towards Indian Army for conducting such an informative interaction session and hope for the same kind of events be inducted by Indian Army in future also.

Marvel halts production on 'Thunderbolts' movie due to writers' strike

Marvel Studios has put production of "Thunderbolts" feature film on hold due to the ongoing Writers Guild Association (WGA) strike.

Members of the WGA went on strike early this month demanding better wages, higher minimum pay, more writers per show, better streaming residuals, regulation on the use of Al writing tools and shorter exclusive contracts among other things.

According to entertainment news outlet Deadline, "Thunderbolts" was set to start shooting in three weeks in Atlanta.

The move comes

weeks after the studio had to pause pre-production on its Mahershala Ali-led "Blade" movie, which was expected to shoot in June as well.
"Paper Towns" Helmer
Jake Schreier is directing "Thunderbolts", with
"Beef" scribe Lee Sung

Jin working on the script from a first draft by writer Eric Pearson.

The film stars Sebastian Stan, Florence

Pugh, Wyatt Russell, Olga Kurylenko, David Harbour, Hannah John-Kamen and Julia Louis-Dreyfus, all reprising their Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) characters. "Thunderbolts" is currently scheduled to release on July 26, 2024.

While the fifth season of Stranger Things is also affected by the strike, The Rings of Power and House of the Dragon have both chosen to continue shooting their upcoming seasons without writers on set.

Reyhna Pandit returns to Kumkum Bhagya



Reyhna Pandit is set to make a comeback to the television show Kumkum Bhagya after four months. She will be

Aaliya in the show.
In the recent episodes,
viewers witnessed
how Ranbir tried to

take Khushi away from everyone but got arrested by the police. Prachi got into an argument with Ranbir at the police station.

police station.
With her comeback,
Aaliya will be seen trying
to brainwash Rhea
against Prachi and instigate her to make plans
and win Ranbir back into

Talking about her return to the show, Reyhna said, "I am excited to be back in the show after this brief stint of four months. My character Aaliya is very close to my heart. My entry in the show has been shot and I can certainly say that I am making a thunderous entry. Aaliya iss bar toofan lekar aane wali hai and it will indeed be worth the watch for the viewers.

Her look in the show will also change drastically. The actress said, "In fact, I am re-entering in a whole new avatar. I will no longer be seen wearing glamorous outfits. I will be seen donning a simple, decent Pathani suit. I hope that the audience will love my new look in the show."

Kumkum Bhagya airs Monday to Sunday at 9 pm on Zee TV.

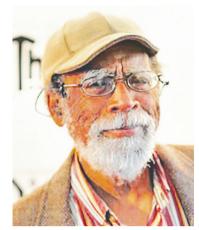
Bill Lee, composer and father of Spike Lee, passes away

Veteran jazz musician Bill Lee has passed away. Bill Lee, father of renowned filmmaker Spike Lee, breathed his last on Wednesday morning. He was

The news was confirmed on Spike Lee's official Instagram handle where he shared a series of portraits of his late father captured by David Charles Lee. He also shared the album art for his 1989 film Do The Right Thing score, which Bill Lee composed.

"My Father, Bill Lee played bass on Bob Dylan's classic song It's All Over Now, Baby Blue in his album Bringing It All Home. This morning, May 24th my father made his transition. Today is also the birthdate of

Bob Dylan...," Spike Lee wrote. Bill Lee also wrote the soundtracks for his son's first three feature films She's Gotta Have It (1986), School Daze (1988), and Mo' Better Blues (1990). He also scored an early Spike Lee short, Joe's Bed-Stuy



Barbershop: We Cut Heads, the first student film to premiere at Lincoln Center's New Directors/ New Films Festival, in 1983. Bill Lee and his son were estranged for some time in the mid-1990s due to differences over finances and family matters, putting an end to their film and music collaborations. In addition to Spike Lee, Bill Lee is survived by his wife, along with three sons and daughter, a brother and two grandchildren.

Sana Amin Sheikh is back

Sana Amin Sheikh has been part of TV shows like Pratigya, Kya Mast Hai Life and Mera Naam Karegi Roshan.

She has also starred in films like Singham, Table No. 21, and Island City.

The actor, who was last seen in Kuch Rang Pyaar Ke Bhi Aise Bhi 3, is all set to make her TV comeback with Chitra Vakil Sharma's next show.

Sana, reportedly, will play the lead in the show opposite Sahil Phull of

The show will touch on a socially relevant topic, and she has already started her preparation for the character.

The show is currently in the pre-production



Anurag Kashyap's 'Kennedy' gets standing ovation at Cannes

Filmmaker Anurag Kashyap is back at the Cannes Film Festival with his film Kennedy and has once again registered a resounding response like all his earlier films, such as Raman Raghav 2.0, Ugly, Bombay Talkies and the two-part gangster drama Gangs of Wasseypur, which made it to the festival.

Kennedy, which is a police noir film, received a seven-minute standing ovation at The Grand Lumiere Theatre where it was screened under the midnight screening section at 12:15 am on Thursday (France local time).

Kennedy follows the story of an insomniac cop who dwells in different circumstances while looking for redemption. Kashyap was joined at the festival by his friend and frequent collaborator Vikramaditya Motwane, and cast members Rahul Bhatt and Sunny Leone, along with Shariq Patel, Ranjan Singh, Kabir



Ahuja, Bhumika Tewari, Neeraj Joshi and Ashima Awasthi. About the film screened at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival, Anurag Kashyap said: "It's always special to show your film to the world at Cannes and it's a lifetime moment to play at the Grand Theatre Lumiere. Kennedy is a very special film to me and extremely personal

too. We have put our heart and

soul into making it. The sevenminute long standing ovation from the audience has filled me with gratitude. I am very grateful and excited at the same time."

Talking about her Cannes debut, Sunny Leone said: "I am thrilled to make my Cannes debut with Kennedy being screened here. It's only a dream few actors get to live, and I take a lot of pride in being a part of such a prestigious event. I cannot wait to see how the global audience reacts." The music of the film has been composed by Ashish Narula with Aamir Aziz and Boyblanck.

Rahul Bhatt added: "Kennedy is our labour of love. The film is exciting, it keeps you gripped. I am full of gratitude for everyone, especially Anurag, who made this possible." The film has been produced by Zee Studios and Ranjan Singh, and Kabir Ahuja of Good Bad Films.

Kohrra explores dark facets of love and relationships

Netflix's new series, Kohrra, explores dysfunctional family dynamics and the dark facets of love and relationships through the overlay of a crime investigation.

The series has been created by screenwriter Sudip Sharma, filmmaker Randeep Jha, and Clean Slate Filmz Productions. Kohrra features Suvinder Vicky, Barun Sobti, Varun Badola, Harleen Sethi, Rachel Shelly and Manish Chaudhary,



among others.

Sudip says, "When Gunjit Chopra and Diggi Sisodia came to me with the idea of Kohrra, I was drawn to the possibilities of a fresh and distinct cop investigative story underlined with the complexities of human emotions.

The collaboration with Netflix, Clean Slate Filmz, and a great cast has allowed us to create a show that hopefully will be loved by the audience."

Inayat Sood to play crime reporter in Hansal Mehta's Scoop Filmmaker Hansal Sharing details about The series delves into

Filmmaker Hansal Mehta is all set to come up with an intriguing web series, titled Scoop.

The series will mark actor Inayat Sood's debut on Netflix. She will be seen playing the character of Deepa Chandra, a young and determined journalist mentored by the renowned Jagruti Pathak (played by Karishma Tanna).

Sharing details about her role, Inayat said, "Playing Deepa has been an exhilarating experience. I think her character holds immense importance and significance. It has been an honour for me to bring her character to life. I can only hope I've done justice to the writing!"

Scoop is a characterdriven drama adapted



from the book Behind Days in Prison by Jigna Bars In Byculla: My Vora.

ambitious crime journalist whose life takes a dramatic turn when she is charged with the heinous murder of fellow journalist Jaideb Sen. The show takes us on a rollercoaster ride as Jagruti finds herself in a prison cell alongside the very individuals she

once reported on.

the gripping journey of Jagruti Pathak, an

Kabir Bedi will make his Kannada film debut in Koragajja



Veteran actor Kabir Bedi is all set to be seen in a Kannada film for the first time. Recently, he was spotted dubbing

the film in Mumbai, where he spoke about the story of the film, his character, and the experience of working in a different language for the first time.

Producer Trivikram Sapalya and director Sudhir Attavar's Kannada film Kari Haida? Koragajja under the banner of Druthi Creations and Success Films will feature Kabir Bedi, Sandip Soparkar, and South stars Shruti, Bhavya and Naveen Padil.

Kabir Bedi says, "Working in a Kannada film was a great and special experience. This is the story of a tribal boy who lived 800 years ago, and people worship him even today. There is a temple built in his name. I am glad that a film has been made about his story. The director of the film, Sudhir Attavar, is talented and has made it with great care. I am sure that the film will touch the hearts of the audience."

Rs 75 coin to be launched by PM Modi at inauguration of new **Parliament building**

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): A Rs 75 coin will be launched to commemorate the inauguration of new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday.

According to a notification issued by Finance Ministry, the 35-gram coin will be circular in shape with a 44 mm diametre.

The front side of the coin will feature Lion Capital of the Ashoka Pillar with 'Satyamev Jayate' written below it. On the left side 'Bharat' will be written in Devanagiri script while on the right side, India will be



written in English. It will also feature the symbol of Rupee and 75 written in international numerals.

Back side of the coin will feature an image of Parliament complex. On the upper periphery of the coin, Sansad Sankul will be written while Parliament complex in English on the lower periphery. Below Sansad Sankul, the year '2023' will be inscribed in international numer-

'Why does Congress 'hate' Indian culture so much': Amit Shah on 'Sengol' row

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh had claimed there was no documented evidence of Mountbatten or Nehru describing the Sengol as a symbol of transfer of power by the British to India.

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday accused the Congress of reducing the ceremonial sceptre Sengol, which will be installed near the chair of the speaker in the new Parliament building, to a "walking stick".

Amid the war of words between the ruling and opposition parties over the inauguration of the new Parliament building, Shah said the Congress needs to "reflect" on its behaviour as he denounced the party's claim that there was no evidence of the Sengol being a symbol of transfer of power by the British to India in 1947.

"Why does the Congress party hate Indian traditions and cul-

happened between May

18 and 19. Hence, the

body is estimated to be

around seven days old.

It seems like the murder

happened due to some

personal issues," police

The police have col-

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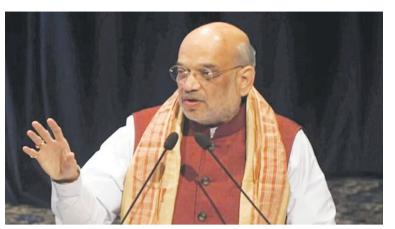
Kozhikode's Eranhi-

Meanwhile, a close

relative of the deceased

told the media that Sid-

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ture so much? A sacred Sengol was given to Pandit Nehru by a holy Saivite Mutt from Tamil Nadu to symbolize India's freedom but it was banished to a museum as a 'walking stick'," Shah tweeted.

"Now, Congress has heaped another shameful insult. The Thiruvaduthurai Adheenam, a holy Saivite Mutt, itself spoke about the importance of the Sengol at the time of India's freedom," he said.

Congress, he further posted, is calling the "Adheenam's history as BOGUS! Congress needs to reflect on their behaviour".

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Friday claimed there was no documented evidence of Lord Mountbatten, C Rajagopalachari and Jawaharlal Nehru describing the Sengol as a symbol of transfer of power by the British to India.

The Sengol will be installed near the Chair of the Lok Sabha speaker after the new Parliament building is inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday.

The event is being boycotted by 20 Opposition parties, including the Congress.

Body of missing Kerala hotelier found stuffed in 2 trolley bags

MALAPPURAM, May 26 (Agencies): In a gruesome incident, a hotelier in Kerala was allegedly murdered by his former employee and the latter's woman friend, who then dumped the body parts in a gorge a week ago, police said here on Friday.

Police said they had found a corpse stuffed in two trolley bags suspecting it to be that of Siddique (58), a missing hotelier from Kozhikode district. The deceased, a native of Tirur, ran a restaurant at Kozhikode's Olavanna.

The body of Siddique was found in a gorge along the Attappady ghat road and three suspects have been taken into police custody.

Tirur police said the body was found cut into two halves, and the torso was in one trolley bag while the lower part was in the other.

Malappuram Superintendent of Police S Sujith Das told the media that the hotel owner is suspected to have been murdered by Shibili, a former employee of his hotel, and Sharfana, a woman friend of the accused.

"We suspect that Shibili and his woman friend Sharfana are involved in this. They were absconding but were detained in Chennai with the help of railway police. Our team has reached there, and



they will be brought here soon," he said.

Siddique had been missing from Kozhikode since May 18, and his family had lodged a complaint with the

The police officer said the information about the body was revealed by a third person under custody, who is another friend of Shibili's.

"As per our preliminary investigation, the death dique had settled the accounts with Shibili on May 18 and later went missing.

"Siddique was using an ATM card in the name of his younger son. It has been found that after he went missing, the card was used at various places, and around Rs 1.5 lakh was withdrawn," the kin told the media.

Police confirmed to agency that Shibili was also an accused in a POCSO case allegedly involving a co-accused.

However, the district police chief said the details of the murder and the motive behind it would be revealed only after the post-mortem and the interrogation of the accused.

Arvind Kejriwal seeks meeting with Rahul Gandhi amid battle with Centre over ordinance



NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday sought time to meet Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi to get party's support in Delhi services ordinance issue.

Kejriwal tweeted: "Sought time this morning to meet Cong President Sh Kharge ji and Sh Rahul Gandhi ji to seek Cong support in Parl against undemocratic n unconstitutional ordinance passed by BJP govt and also to discuss general assault on federal structure and prevailing political situ-

The Centre on May 19 had promulgat-

ed the ordinance to create an authority for the transfer and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi, which the AAP government had called a deception with the Supreme Court verdict on control of services.

The ordinance came a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, to the elected government. It seeks to set up a National Capital Civil Service Authority for transfer of and disciplinary proceedings against Group-A officers from the DANICS cadre.

Transfer and postings of all officers of the Delhi government were under the executive control of the lieutenant governor before the May 11 top court verdict. Chief Minister Kejriwal, who is the AAP's national convener, has sought support of various political parties, including the NCP, the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the TMC, on the Delhi ser-

11-year-old killed, 27 injured as bus collides with truck in Greater Noida

(Agencies): An 11-yearold boy was killed and 27 other passengers were injured after a bus collided with a truck in the Greater Noida area here in the early hours of Friday, police said.

The accident took place when the Biharbound bus crashed into the Haryana-registered truck on the Eastern Peripheral Expressway near Ladpura village in Kasna area, they added.

Of all the passengers



on the bus, which had started from Puniab. 28 were hurt and were admitted to a hospital, where the boy succumbed to his injuries, a senior police officer

The body of the

deceased, who hailed from Bhojpur in Bihar, has been sent for postmortem, the officer said. The other 27 passengers are undergoing treatment, the police said, adding that further

probe is under way.

UTTARAKHAND, May 26 (Agencies): Illegal encroachments in the name of "land jihad" will not be allowed to vitiate the atmosphere of Uttarakhand, Chief Minister

Pushkar Singh Dhami said on Friday, amid an ongoing statewide drive to remove structures built without permission on government land. Addressing a meeting of the Vishva Hindu Pari-

shad's (VHP) Kendriya Margadarshak Mandal here, Dhami said, "Uttarakhand shares its borders with two countries (China and Nepal). A particular community had illegally encroached



"Land Jihad" Won't Be Allowed In State, Says

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami

on land and raised structures in the border areas of the state, which are being removed as part of a drive." "Illegal encroachments in the name of land jihad will not be allowed to vitiate the atmosphere in Uttarakhand", Dhami said. He said the state gov-

ernment has already appealed to encroachers to remove such structures on their own, or the administration will demolish them.

Last month, Dhami warned occupiers of illegally built mazars (tombs) to remove those on their own and reiter-

ated that his government would not allow "land jihad" in the state. Under a conspiracy,

thousands of shrines have been built illegally on public and forest land without permission, he

"Not a single illegally built religious structure will be allowed to remain standing in the state. All illegal structures will be completely demolished," Dhami said on Friday.

He said Uttarakhand will be the first state to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). "The committee constituted to prepare a draft of the UCC has done 90

percent of its job and will submit its report to the state government by June 30," he said.

The UCC will be imple-

mented after being examined, he said, adding that it will apply to people of all religions and communities.

Uttarakhand's UCC will become a model for the entire country, Dhami said.

The VHP's central Margadarshak Mandal is holding a two-day meeting here to debate a range of issues. including conversion, land jihad, same-sex marriages, and live-in relationships.

School jobs scam: Supreme Court refuses to stay ED, CBI probe against TMC general secretary **Abhishek Banerjee**

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay the ED and CBI probes against TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee in connection with the school jobs for cash scam even as it stayed an order of the Calcutta High Court imposing a cost of Rs 25 lakh on him. A vacation bench of Justices JK Maheshwari and PS Narasimha listed for hearing in July Banerjee's plea against the high court's May 18 order dismissing a petition filed by him seeking recall of a previous order of the high court which said probe agencies such as the CBI and ED could interrogate him in the case. "Re-list in the week commencing July 10. Till the next date of listing, the imposition of the cost part by the impugned order shall remain stayed," the Bench said.

The Bench, however, issued notice on Banerjee's petition against the Calcutta High Court's order allowing the ED and the CBI

to interrogate him in the case.

Noting that the imposition of cost of Rs 25 lakh was "perhaps not warranted", Justice Narasimha said, "But then, it does not mean that no cost can be imposed at all.... I think the order is a very balanced and fair order.'

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing Banerjee, asserted that his client had nothing to do with the batch of cases relating to the recruitment scam. He said the Supreme Court had directed to reassign the case from the Bench of Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay to another Bench and accordingly the matter was assigned to Justice Amrita Sinha. The new Bench didn't examine the matter afresh as was required, he added.

On behalf of the ED, Additional Solicitor General SV Raju said the high court order only gave liberty to the CBI and the ED to interrogate Banerjee. "The order only said "investigate if you want".

Independently of that order, ED has power of investigation. That power is unfettered, it cannot be usurped," Raju submitted.

Banerjee, who was on May 20 guestioned for over nine hours by the CBI in connection with the probe into the case, has sought the apex court direction that no coercive steps be taken against him by the agency.

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

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

"New Parliament Building Inauguration A National Event, Not...": Sanjay Raut

MUMBAI, May 26 (Agencies): The inauguration of the new Parliament building is a national event and not a programme of a political party, said Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Friday, amid the decision by 20 opposition parties to boycott the function.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to inaugurate the new Parliament building on Sunday.

Opposition parties have accused the BJP of "sidelining" President Droupadi Murmu by not inviting her to the inauguration.

"We are not against the inauguration of the new (Parliament) building. We want to know why the President of



India has not been invited. Where is the Vice-President, who is the chairman of the Rajya Sabha? Speaker Om Birla's name figures in the invitation list," Mr Raut told reporters.

Being the constitutional head of the country, the opposition parties have said, the President should inaugurate the new Parliament building.

Sanjay Raut wondered if LK Advani, because of whom BJP has now seen "acche din", has been kept away from the function.

"Instead of responding to questions, BJP is giving excuses like Indira Gandhi inaugurating an extension of the existing Parliament building and Rajiv Gandhi inaugurating the Parliament library," Mr

He said there is a difference between the extension building, the library, and the main building.

Asked about reports claiming that the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena wants to contest 22 of 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra next year and its ally BJP not agreeing to the demand, Mr Raut said they don't consider the Shinde-led Sena a political party.

"Leave alone 22 seats, even if they get five seats, it would be more than enough. We don't care if the Shinde Sena contests all 48 seats. Our tally of 19 Lok Sabha seats (won by undivided Sena in 2019 polls) will remain intact."

China faces new wave of XBB Covid variant, could see 65 million cases weekly

Shares of Chinese Pharma companies spike since new variant

BEIJING, May 26 (Agencies): The Chinese authorities are rushing to push out vaccines to combat an ongoing new wave of the coronavirus that is expected to peak in June and infect as many as 65 million people a week since the new XBB variants of the virus are evolving to overcome the immunity developed after China's abrupt departure from its "zero covid" policy last year, reported The Washington Post.

According to official media sources, quoted by The Washington Post, leading Chinese epidemiologist Zhong Nanshan on Monday said that two new vaccinations for the XBB omicron subvariants (including XBB. 1.9.1, XBB. 1.5, and XBB. 1.16) have been given preliminary approval. Speaking at a biotech symposium in Guangzhou, Zhong said that three to four other vaccines will soon receive approval, but he gave no further information.

The new outbreak may be the greatest wave of illnesses ever recorded since China's stringent zero-Covid programme was abandoned last winter, which resulted in up to 85 per cent of the population being sick at the time.

Although there was an increase in infections in the United States as a result of the new variations, the public health emergency was nevertheless proclaimed to be over on May 11 even though specialists have



not ruled out the possibility of new variants causing another wave of illnesses in the years to come, according to The Washington Post.

Officials in China claim that the current wave will be less severe, but public health experts believe that to avoid another surge in mortality among the massive elderly population of the nation, a vigorous vaccination booster programme and a ready supply of antivirals in hospitals are essential.

Another epidemiologist at the University of Hong Kong's School of Public Health, "The number of infections will be less. The severe cases will certainly be less, and deaths will be less, but that could still be a large number," adding, "Even when we think this is a milder wave, it could still be quite a substantial health impact on the community." According to the Beijing

Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, the variations have increased the number of cases since last month, with Covid surpassing the flu as the most prevalent infectious disease over the final two weeks of April.

The public has been reassured by health experts that reinfections have milder symptoms and that hospitals won't be overloaded as they were during the previous winter. Some medical facilities have recommended residents wearing masks and stay away from busy areas if they are old or immunocompromised, as per The Washington Post.

Even still, restrictions similar to those that existed during the zero-Covid era, when China tried to stop any illnesses, have not been reinstated, and the majority of citizens seem to be going about their daily lives as

Olivia Zhang, 33, who works at an amusement park in Beijing said that he feel like the impact of has not been that big, adding, "But they will only be out for a short time before coming back to work. No one is scared of being around them." Several online complaints have surfaced of a university in Nanjing forcing students testing positive to quarantine in dorms. Other students posted online that they were self-quarantined at school so as to not infect their family members at home, The Washington Post reported.

Amid the spike, shares of the Chinese pharmaceutical countries have also seen a massive increase in their values on Wednesday, Hong Kong-based The Standard reported.

The Standard is an Englishlanguage free newspaper in Hong Kong. It also has its digital version available which also covers all the latest happenings of Hong Kong.

Shares of CanSino Biologics (6185) increased by 4.4 per cent, Kintor Pharmaceutical (9939) increased by 6.7 per cent, Shandong Xinhua Pharmaceutical (0719) increased by 6.1 per cent, and Shanghai Junshi Biosciences (1877) increased by 3.1 per cent, reported The Standard.

Among others, Shanghai Fosun Pharmaceutical (2196) and Clover Biopharmaceuticals (2197) both saw gains of 1.15 and 1.45 per cent, respectively.

Imran Khan says he has no plans to travel abroad, slams Pakistan govt



ISLAMABAD, May 26 (Agencies): Unfazed after being placed on the no-fly list, Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan on Friday took a swipe at the top leaders of the ruling coalition, saying he has no plans to travel overseas as he neither owns properties nor has any businesses

abroad.

Khan, his wife Bushra Bibi and other leaders and former assembly members of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party were reportedly barred from leaving the country on Thursday.

Taking to Twitter, Khan wrote: "I want to thank the government for putting my name on the ECL as I have no plans to travel abroad, because I neither have any properties or businesses abroad nor even a bank account outside the country."

"If and when I do get an opportunity for a holiday, it will be in our northern mountains, my favourite place on earth," he said.

The Exit Control List (ECL) is maintained by the interior ministry and deals with individuals who are not allowed to leave the country due to pending court cases or for other reasons.

Earlier, the Samaa News channel reported on Thursday that the Pakistan government had barred Khan, his wife and at least 80 people from leaving the country.

"The federal government has decided to add the names of 80 people, including PTI Chairman Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi, to the no-fly list," the report said.

Japanese politician's son arrested over stabbing, shooting attack

TOKYO, May 26 (Agencies): The son of a local Japanese politician was arrested on Friday in connection with a stabbing and shooting incident in Nagano prefecture which claimed the lives of four people.

The police have identified the suspect as Masanori Aoki, the 31-year-old son of the Nakano city assembly speaker, Xinhua news agency reported.

At around 4.25 pm on Thursday, local police received an emergency call about the man stabbing a woman in the city of Nakano.

The two officers who rushed to the scene were shot dead, according to local police.

After fleeing the scene, the suspect later barricaded himself for hours inside his father's home in a quiet residen-



tial area of Nakano city.
Local police on Friday
morning also confirmed
a fourth death at the
scene -- an elderly
woman.

She was reported to sustain injuries, but her conditions were uncertain as she was in proximity to the scene to be evacuated on Thursday.

The motive of the attack remains unknown.

Gun violence remains extremely rare in Japan,

South Korean

passenger plane with

194 people on board

flies with open door

despite the killing of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in July last year, reports the BBC.

Shootings of multiple police officers are even rarer, with the last incident taking place in 1990, when two officers were shot by gang members in Okinawa prefecture.

In 2014, there were just six incidents of gun deaths in Japan, compared with 33,599 in the US.

Japan Announces Fresh Sanctions Against Russia Over Ukraine Invasion

TOKYO, May 26 (Agencies): Japan announced fresh sanctions against Russia on Friday over its invasion of Ukraine, targeting its military as well as the construction and engineering sectors.

Russia was hit with a wave of sanctions after it sent forces into Ukraine in February last year, but calls have grown from Kyiv and its allies for tougher action against Moscow.

The latest embargo by Tokyo follows the Group of Seven summit Japan hosted last week in Hiroshima, where the

police said

Cambodian Man Killed

By 40 Crocodiles After

PHNOM PENH, May 26 (Agencies): About 40

The 72-year-old was trying to move a crocodile out

of a cage where it had laid eggs when it grabbed the

The main group of reptiles then set about him, tear-

"While he was chasing a crocodile out of an egg-

laying cage, the crocodile attacked the stick, causing

him to fall into the enclosure," Mey Savry, police chief

"Then other crocodiles pounced, attacking him until

He said one of the man's arms was bitten off and

A two-year-old girl was killed and eaten by crocodiles

in 2019 when she wandered into her family's reptile

There are a number of crocodile farms around Siem

Reap, the gateway city to the famed ruins of Angkor

The reptiles are kept for their eggs, skins and meat

farm in the same village, the police chief said.

he was dead," he said, adding that the remains of the

ing his body to pieces and leaving the concrete enclo-

stick he was using as a goad and pulled him in.

sure at the farm in Siem Reap awash with blood.

of Siem Reap commune, told agency.

swallowed by the crocodiles.

as well as the trade in their young.

man's body were covered with bite marks.

crocodiles killed a Cambodian man on Friday after he fell into their enclosure on his family's reptile farm,

bloc's leaders agreed to "starve Russia of G7 technology, industrial equipment and services that support its war machine".

The new Japanese

sanctions include "an asset freeze of Russian individuals and groups, a ban on the export of goods to Russia's military-related organisations, and a ban on the export of construction and engineering services to Russia," top government spokesman Hirokazu Matsuno told reporters.

The asset freeze targets 17 individuals

and 78 groups, including high-level military officials, while the 80 organisations hit with export restrictions include the Russian mobile phone operator MegaFon, according to the Japanese government.

The United States, Britain and the European Union have all announced fresh punishments against Moscow recently, as well as commitments of more military aid to Ukraine, including F-16 fighters.

Matsuno also condemned plans to deploy



Russian tactical nuclear weapons to Belarus.

Belarusian leader

Alexander Lukashenko said Thursday that Moscow had begun moving nukes to its territory.

Matsuno said this will

"further escalate the situation".

"As the only country to have suffered atomic bombings during wartime, Japan can never tolerate Russia's threat of nuclear weapons, not to mention their use."

Two 13-Year-Olds Turn Themselves In Over Sydney Building Fire

He Tries To Move One

SYDNEY, May 26 (Agencies):
Two 13-year-olds have turned themselves over to police after a blaze burned down a seven-storey heritage building in central Sydney, officers said Friday.
Australian police said an arson investigation had been launched

Australian police said an arson investigation had been launched after Thursday's fire at a vacant former hat factory, which spread to an adjacent building and forced mass evacuations before being extinguished.

A group of young people were "seen running from the fire scene

shortly after 4 pm", assistant commissioner Paul Dunstan said.

"Two young people handed themselves in at two separate police stations in the late hours of last night."

"We are speaking with these young people throughout the evening and they are now assisting police with our inquiries," he added, saying both were 13 years old

He called on three or four other "young people who were present during the fire" to come forward with their parents to "put their side of the story forward".

Shortly after the blaze erupted, flames higher than the building and a thick column of smoke could be seen across Sydney.

The entire top floor wall toppled and crashed into pieces on the street below, fire service video showed, as the building glowed orange with flames.

Rush hour transport to and from nearby Central Station had to be stopped as firefighters tackled the blaze.

SEOUL, May 26 (Agencies): A passenger opened a door on an Asiana Airlines flight that later landed safely at a South Korean airport Friday, airline and government officials said.

Some people on board tried to stop the person from opening the door but it was eventually opened partially, the Transport Ministry said.

The plane with 194 people was heading to the southeastern city of Daegu from the southern island of Jeju. The flight is normally about an hour, and how long the door was open

wasn't immediately disclosed.

Police detained the unidentified person who opened the door, the airline said. Their motive wasn't immediately known.

The passengers included teenage athletes who plan to attend track and field competitions in Ulsan, another southeastern city.

The incident terrified some passengers but no one was injured, though some passengers were assessed at a hospital, Asiana and Transport Ministry officials said.

Pakistan Hands 33 Protest Suspects To Military For Trials

"The accused who are being handed over to the military are those who trespassed and entered very sensitive defense installations,"

Pakistan's Interior Minister said.

ISLAMABAD, May 26 (Agencies): At least 33 people suspected of attacking army installations during protests that followed the arrest of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan earlier this month have been handed over to the military for trials, Interior Minister Rana



Sanaullah said on Friday.

"The accused who are being handed over to the military are those who trespassed and entered very sensitive defense installations, so the question is how did they manage to get there," Sanaullah told reporters.

Cleanliness Drive organized by Jai Data Ranpat Dev Committee Birpur

Top News Report

SAMBA, May 26: A cleanliness drive under Clean Birpur was started on May 21 to 26, 2023 by Jai Data Ranpat Dev Ji Committee (JDRDJ Committee) Birpur.

"Clean Birpur" cleanliness drive organized by JDRDJ Committee in the Supervision of Swaran Singh Charak President Jai Data Ranpat Dev Committee Birpur, Samba ended this cleanliness drive on Friday in Birpur covering Data Talab, and Devasthan.

Swaran Singh Charak President JDRDJ Committee Birpur alongwith Prem Sadotra Gen-



eral Secretary JDRDJ Committee Birpur, Kulbhushan Singh Charak, Sushil Singh Charak, and 100 Volunteers of Jai Data Ranpat Dev Committee Birpur ended this "Clean Birpur" cleanliness drive today.

They divided the task amongst themselves, with cleaning the road sides and others removmaterials. Volunteers from various villages participated in the drive which was arranged by Shree Data Ranpat Dev Committee while completing the task Swaran Singh Charak President Jai Data Ranpat Dev Committee Birpur, Prem Sadhotra Secretary JDRDJ Committee Kulbhushan Singh Charak, Sohan Lal Sadotra, Balkar Singh, Sandeep Sadotra, Padam Singh, Thakur Jaswant Singh, Valkar Singh, Ajit Singh, Ankush Singh Charak, Aman Singh, Vikram, Surjeet, Parveen and volunteers in strength reached main Hall and guided youth to keep their surroundings "Clean and Green".

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Yoga session organises at GDCW Kathua

Top News Report

KATHUA, May 26: A Yoga Session was organized by NSS,RRC, NCC, Sports of Govt. Degree College for Women (GDCW), Kathua in collaboration with Department of Ayush Health unit of district Kathua on Friday.

The entire Programme was organized under the patronage of Dr Savi Behl Principal of the College.

Dr Rekha Medical Officer and Ankush, Aditi Yoga expert and Rajeev Kumar official represented from Ayush Department Kathua.

The programme was started by welcome speech by Dr Arun Dev Singh NSS Programme Officer.

Dr Savi Behl on this occasion, she appreciated the effort of Dr. Arun Dev Singh, NSS Programme officer, Dr Vaishno Devi ANO, NCC, Roshan Lal PTI and Prof Satish Khajuria in charge ABHA unit for organizing such a wonderful yoga session with the benign help of Department of Ayush in which all the NSS, RRC volunteers and NCC Cadets participated with great zeal and enthuse.

She encouraged and supported the volunteers by saying that Yoga is beneficial for our health and day to day routine work which will definitely reduce the tension, stress and work

pressure. She also added that yoga practices shall develop positive atmo-

sphere among the masses which will also pave the way of society for improving of health standard.

Dr Arun Dev Singh also spoke and motivated the Volunteers and NCC cadets to carry out the message of International Yoga Day which we celebrate every year for spreading yoga awareness among the people.

Dr Rekha also conveyed among the participants that by doing yoga we can minimize our mental, physical and emotional stress and we must follow it as routine habit if we want to be hale and hearty. Ankush and Aditi dis-

played different Yoga Asana's which would be helpful for all the participants in their life and gave valuable tips to them so that they may have healthy, congenial and disease free life, they motivated them and said that volunteers and NCC cadets may also play a vital role in the society to inculcate the spirit of fitness, prosperity and happiness after getting Knowledge from this session.

Both of them also emphasized upon that these days most of the people are suffering of many diseases and escalate tensions due to over work in the society and hoping that Yoga would definitely de-escalate these tensions of all the people and make them free from all the diseases and conveyed that there is only hope in Yoga which help us to eliminate many diseases and reduce our routine tension related to health of the people and day to day life. Yoga can curb many sever diseases like sugar, blood pressure, hyper tension and many more.

Dr. Arun Dev Singh also displayed some of the tips related to Yoga of Pranajam and stressed upon that these asana's would make all the people of society healthier and happy in case they follow these tips in their daily life. He also conveyed among the volunteers that they should carry the message related to health issues to every nook and corner of the society and aware them regarding Yoga mantra. On this occasion the herbal medicine was distributed among the students and teachers.

Dr Vaishno Devi also spoke on the occasion and presented vote of thanks to all the invited Guest, and she also extended her special gratitude to the entire team of Department of Ayush and Dr Rekha who guided the NSS Volunteers, NCC cadets and the students how to register on ABHA portal and get their ABHA card downloaded. She specially thanked the media persons who spared their valuable time for covering the wide programme.

The staff members present were Prof Ashwani Khajuria, Dr Vijay, Dr Rajni Khajuria, Dr Mukesh, Dr Varchaskam, Dr Ajay Sanotra, Dr Ritu Raj, Dr Usha Kiran, Roshan Lal PTI and non teaching staff.

IPL fan park to hit massive crowds to catch action on **May 28**



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 23: Indian Premier League invites fans to a thrilling IPL Fan Park experience at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on May 28, 2023 from 5.30 pm onwards, said Amit Siddheshwar in a press conference, here on Friday.

"With every breathtaking moment captured on the giant screens, each venue will broadcast the LIVE action giving the stadium like feel to the fans. None of the fans could miss it as the entry is absolutely free and the fun and excite-

Success of G20 meet in

Srinagar will boost Tour-

ism in J&K. allay fears in

minds of visitors: Union

Tourism Secv

inter-connected priority areas — green

tourism, digitisation, skills, tourism MSMEs

and destination. These priorities are key

building blocks for accelerating the transi-

tion of the tourism sector and achieve the

"Some members will give their sugges-

tions in writing by today, and then the final

The final versions of the documents will

be placed in the fourth TWG meeting and

Ministerial meeting, slated to take place in

Goa next month. The GOA Roadmap and a

ministerial communique endorsing it will be

released after the last meeting of the G20

tourism working group that will take place

"We have had three meetings of the G20

Tourism Working Group so far. The third

one being just held in Srinagar, and it was

very successful," the Union Tourism Sec-

At the media interaction held on the G20

meet in Srinagar, Tourism Ministry officials

made a presentation on the host of events

held as part of the meeting, which includ-

ed various events on promotion of films

and visit to scenic places such as Nishat

Garden and Pari Mahal, shikara ride on

the Dal Lake and a meet at Royal Spring

Golf Course, on the banks of the Dal Lake.

Asked if the G20 meeting held in Srinagar

will bolster tourism in Jammu and Kashmir,

Singh said, tourism in general will get a

fillip from it, and film tourism in turn will

get promoted which will feed into overall

growth of tourism in the region.

targets for 2030 SDGs.

from June 18-22.

draft will be prepared," he said.

ment will be doubled up with music, merchandise, food stalls, beverages and some fun activations by IPL's official

sponsors," Amit said. To add on to the thrill and excitement, the ones' visiting the Fan Parks will be eligible to showcase their fan moment by expressing their love for their favourite team, player or cricket, he added

"We are giving out Jersey's signed by players through lucky draw," he said adding that every season turns out to be bigger than before, this time an expected turnout of more than 5 Lakh cricket lovers will be experiencing the craziness at the Fan Parks.

NSS volunteer participates G20 summit felicitated by GDC Udhampur

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, May 26: In the league of the Programmes on Azadi ka Amruta Kaal during India's Presidency of G20, Dheeraj Kotwal, an NSS volunteer from GDC Udhampur Boys, participated in the G20 Summit 2023 held recently in Kashmir from May 22 to 24, 2023.

After tough scrutinizing and screening, Dheeraj was selected for the final performance of folk dances of JKUT especially for the Kashmiri Chakkri Dance and Contemporary Dogri Folk (Dharen Dhurran

Peiyaan). Chakkri is one of the most popular singing and dance form of Kashmir. It is a narrative and responsibility song form performed with instruments played in it like harmonium, Rabat,

Saranac, North, Tumbeknar etc that give it a distinctive texture.

The performance depicts a dialogue with a beautiful rose in spring garden with a longing to see it bloom so that it may be presented to a dear one.

Speaking in the felici-

tation meet, the Patron and Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta said that the College has been made proud by Dheeraj to have represented Gdc Udhampur at such a platform and wished that many more laurels would be brought by the NSS Volunteers of the college.

He opined that these volunteers will give a string message to the society to be beacon of progress of India and keep themselves away from social evils and addictions like that of Drugs. He appreciated the role of the NSS POs in mentoring the NSS Volunteers.

It's pertinent to mention that Dheeraj was selected at Unit level by the college Nss POs Dr Rippy Bawa and Dr Ajay Sharma and after that was directed to Jammu University, where he was further selected by the experts of the team headed by Padmashree Balwant Thakur and Natrang Academy as a part of the final cultural Troupe.

In the college, the whole process was conducted under the supervision of the Principal.

The Principal felicitated Dheeraj Kotwal with a souvenir on his return and highly appreciated him for his contribution in the G20 Summit.

Both the POs thanked the Principal Dr. Gupta for his mentoring and Positive Support grant-

seen that any place that hosts G20 meets registers a jump in tourism, and the successful organisation of the G20 meet in Srinagar will also help in "allaying any fears" in the minds of visitors in future and dispel any unfavourable notions they might have had

Besides the main working group meeting, a side event on 'Film Tourism for Economic Growth and Cultural Preservation' was organised on May 22-23, focusing on strategies to promote film tourism in Jamuu and Kashmir.

A draft 'National Strategy on Film Tourism' was unveiled to provide a roadmap for harnessing the role of films in promoting tourist destinations during the Srinagar meet.

The G20 delegates experienced local culture of Jammu and Kashmir and got to see handicrafts and other works of artisans during their visit.

Papier-mache boxes, saffron, walnuts, Qahwa cups and brass spoon among other items produced locally, were given to delegate as souvenirs.

SC grants interim bail to Former Delhi Minister **Satvendar Jain on Medi**cal Grounds

moved Supreme Court challenging the Delhi High Court order dismissing his bail plea in the money laundering case against

On April 6, the Delhi High Court dismissed the bail plea of Satyendra Jain. The HC while dismissing Satyendar Jain's bail plea stated that the applicant is an influential person and has the potential of tampering with evidence. Satyender Jain/applicant, at this stage, can't be held to clear the twin conditions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)

The HC had kept the order reserved on March 21 after the conclusion of the submissions made by the defence and prosecution sides after multiple hearings.

During arguments in High Court, Additional Solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju appeared for Enforcement Directorate contented that money laundering is crystal clear against Jain and other co-accused. In his bail plea, Jain stated, "I appeared before ED on 7 occasions. I have cooper-

I was arrested 5 years down the line in On November 17, 2022, the trial court dismissed the bail petition of Satyendar Jain. He was arrested on May 30, 2022,

ated and participated in the investigation.

under sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) by Enforcement Directorate and is presently in Judicial Custody in the case.

The ED case is based on a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) complaint registered on the allegation that Satyender Jain had acquired movable properties in the name of various persons from February 14, 2015, to May 31, 2017, which he could not satisfactorily account for.

Leh Manali caught up in another dispute

the two bike associations was leading to law and order issues. Also present at the meeting were Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Ladakh, Satish Khandare, and Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Ladakh, Mohd Nazir Sheikh.

An official, while speaking to The Tribune disclosed that the LG was briefed about the necessity of restricting the interstate movement of motorcycles from Himachal into Ladakh. Tashi Gyalson emphasized the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act during the meeting, pointing out that while the Rent-a-Cab scheme of 1989 allows for the operation of cabs in other regions, the Rent-a-Motorcycle Scheme of 1987 does not permit motorcycles registered under it to operate in different regions.

"The LG advised the officials to await the ruling of the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, in accordance with the order passed by the High Court of Himachal Pradesh, to ensure that appropriate measures can be taken to safeguard the livelihood of Ladakhi youth engaged in the rental bike business," stated an official, as per The Tribune.

MeT predicts more rains as mercury drops below normal in J&K

Gulmarg recorded a low of 2.2°C against 5.0°C on previous night and it was below normal by 4.9°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 19.4°C against 21.4°C on the previous night and it was 5.5°C below normal for J&K's winter capi-

Banihal recorded a low of 8.5°C (below normal by 3.7°C), Batote 11.5°C (3.5°C below normal), Katra 16.5°C (5.1°C below normal) and Bhaderwah 8.5°C (below normal by 2.6°C). Ladakh's Leh recorded a low of 1.2°C, he said.

About 4,500 devotees leave for annual Kheer Bhawani Mela in Kashmir

department, administration, and security forces have made comprehensive arrangements to ensure the success of this pilgrimage," DC Kumar told agency here.

This year, an estimated 60,000 to 70,000 migrant Kashmiri Pandits from various parts of India and abroad are expected to visit the five renowned temples in the Valley during the annual fair.

The administration has implemented rigorous security measures, including sniffer dogs, metal detectors, and thorough verification of devotees. A large number of security personnel are escorting the yatra, ensuring the safety of the pilgrims.

President of the Mata Kheer Bhawani Welfare Society Kiran Watal said, "The LG administration and police have provided excellent arrangements and security measures. Everything is progressing smoothly. This is the first time in the history of this yatra that such massive arrangements have been made.

Vikas, a devotee from Ganderbal district, said, "After a wait of five years, we are finally able to participate in the Mela. This opportunity fills us with great joy."

Four Baramulla residents booked under PSA for anti-national activities

and lodged in Kot-Bhalwal jail in Jammu. The four were identified as Javaid Hussain Yatoo of Goshbugh Pattan; Jan Nisar Khaliq Ganai of Chanderhama Pattan, Abid Parvaiz Hajam of Andergam Pattan and Nisar Ahmad Wani of Sultanpora Pattan.

Police said many cases were registered against these persons and were involved in anti-national activities.

"Despite their involvement in many FIR's they did not mend their anti national activities," police said.

Woman among two persons found dead in **South Kashmir**

found dead in Wazir Bagh Anantnag. His body has been recovered from the spot,"

The police have taken cognizance of both the incidents and started further investiga-

Thousands of fish found dead in Dal Lake

temperature at different depths in the

Feroz Ahmad Bhat, Dean, Faculty of fisheries at SKUAST-K said the fish could have died due to low concentration of oxygen

"The pollution and increase of weeds decreases concentration of oxygen in a lake," he said, adding that it has also happened in Nigeen Lake in the past as well.

South west monsoon likely to hit Kerala by **June 7**

Chief of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) D S Pai while forecasting the second long period average (LPA) forecast of the Monsoon in an online press conference from Kolkata today.

He said that Monsoon would likely touch Kerala by June 7 and it would advance further and arrive Marathwada area of Maharashtra within a week.

He said that Monsoon would move forward in central India in normal progression but it in Himachal Pradesh and North Western Himalayas state it would hit at the end of June as such.

Pai said that the entire North Western Himalayas region and central India currently have a good spell of Western Rainfall and another WDs likely to move ahead in the region which is containing the heatwave in Mav

He said that Himachal Pradesh is likely to have below-normal LPA monsoon rain in the coming rainy season. Other Northwestern Himalayan states hit by Monsoons in the last legs are also likely to have less rainfall than normal.

He said that IMD is among the few Meteorological departments in the world which have the facility to make LPA rainy season forecasts with more precision.

Two houses damaged in fire mishap in Baramulla

to the involved properties", the official

"There was no injury of any type to anyone in the incident", the official said

He shared that in 2022, Jammu and Kashmir registered a record footfall of 1.88 crore tourists, out of whom 26 lakh had visited the Kashmir valley, adding that the number is expected to cross the two croremark for the year 2023. These are domestic tourism figures, but foreign tourists arrivals is also expected to

grow after the devastating impact on the sector by the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, a group of tourists from Singapore had arrived in Kashmir in a chartered flight

recently, around the time the G20 meet

took place, he said. Later interacting on the sidelines of the press conference, Singh said it has been

Equity markets rally in early trade

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 178.34 points to 62,050.96 in early trade

MUMBAI, May 26 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices extended their previous day's rally on Friday amid buying in index major Reliance Industries, fresh foreign fund inflows and a largely positive trend in global

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 178.34 points to 62,050.96 in early trade. The NSE Nifty gained 51.1 points to 18,372.25.

From the Sensex pack, Reliance Indus-



Tech Mahindra, Maruti, UltraTech Cement, Wipro, Bajaj Finserv, Hindustan Unilever, Infosys, Titan and State Bank of India were among the major gain-

Power Grid, HDFC, Axis Bank, IndusInd

Bank, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank were the laggards.

In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo traded in the green, while Shanghai quoted lower. The US market ended mostly with gains on

Thursday.

Leave encashment up to Rs 25 lakh tax free

Taxation on leave encashment, compensation against unutilised paid leaves, depends on the time when it is received. Usually, if it is availed while on job, the mount received is taxable.

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): The government has notified an increase in the tax exemption limit for leave encashment benefits received by nongovernment employees at the time of retirement from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 25 lakh, as promised in the Union Budget.

This comes into effect from April 1. "The aggregate amount exempt under section 10(10AA) (ii) of the (Income tax) act shall not exceed the



limit of Rs 25 lakh where any such payments are received by a non-government employee from more than one employer in the same previous year," the I-T department notification said.

Taxation on leave encashment, compen-

sation against unutilised paid leaves, depends on the time when it is received. Usually, if it is availed while on job, the mount received is taxable. However, if availed on retirement, it is fully exempt for central

and state government

employees and partially exempted for non-government employees up to a limit of Rs 25 lakh. In her budget speech,

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in February this year proposed the increase in the tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement. "The limit of Rs 3 lakh for tax exemption on leave encashment on the retirement of non-government salaried employees was last fixed in 2002, when the highest basic pay in the government was Rs 30,000 per month. In line with the increase in government salaries. I am proposing to increase this limit to Rs 25 lakh," she said in her budget speech.

FM proposed increase in tax exemption in Budget

In her budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in February this year proposed the increase in the tax exemption on leave encashment on retire-

Most of Political parties assured me to boycott inaugural function of new building of Parliament, says Sunil Dimple



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir today staged protest against the Government for not restoring statehood, democracy and nor holding Assembly elections in

Led by Sunil Dimple, President Mission Statehood, scores of protesters assembled in New Plot Road and burnt the effigies of the BJP Government for not restoring democracy in J&K.

Addressing the protesters Sunil Dimple alleged there is no democracy in Jammu Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370, demolition J&K Dogra State into Union Territory on 5 August 2019. He demanded restoration of statehood with Special Status of Art 370, unification of Jammu Kashmir Ladakh along with POK, Gilgit Blatistan before holding Assem-

bly elections in J&K. Dimple appealed to all political parties of J&K to boycott the inauguration of New Parliament Building as the BJP has not invited the President of India on the inaugural function. He said most of the political leaders are in his contact and they have assured us to boycott the inaugural function of parliament's new building.

Among those who joined the protest include Sat Sharma, Sachin Soi, Rupesh Bhat, Ajay Kumar, Sita Ram Rakwal Bunty Dogra, Om Parkash and Ashok Sharma.

Dharun Kesar inaugurates KiyAar Makeover by Binakashi Sharma

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Dharun Kesar (DK), actor of Dogri fame movie Aaun Aan Shinda, today inaugurated KiyAar Makeover by Binakashi Sharma at Katra Kadmal near Honda showroom in presence of prominent people of the Katra town.

Speaking on the occasion, Dharun Kesar complemented the owner Rohit . Kumar Sharma on opening of the new saloon in the city area. He asserted that government has initiated several schemes aiming to foster entrepreneurship in the country.

He asserted that Jammu and Kashmir is becoming self-sufficient Union Territory in all respects. He

wished for the success of the new venture and asked the proprietor to provide good service to the customers. He said that quality service has always attracts potential customers and will make good business He said that quality is very important in the business and the owner of the showroom should surely utilize quality products for the

DK asked youth to explore the entrepreneurial avenues as both the J&K and Central Government have launched number of schemes for the welfare of people as well as youth of the nation. He exhorted upon youth to avail the benefits of the central sponsored scheme to become job creators instead of job



After SHO, Udhampur BJP threatens to attack NPP if it holds protest



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 26: Four days after NPP President and former Minister Harsh Dev Singh was assaulted by Udhampur police, its now the BJP that has threatened to oppose and hold clashes with Panthers Party in case it holds protest in Udhampur. This was revealed by Mr. Gagan Pratap Singh Party Spokesman and General Secretary in a press conference today.

Gagan Pratap Singh said that a BJP leader of Udhampur named Rohit Sethi has given a interview to Veera Cable, a

Death risk from liver disease twice as high in

gorically announced that his team would counter the NPP protest if held in Udhampur and hold 'clashes' with the latter. "Intriguing to note that despite the open threat issued by the said leader which has gone viral on the social media, the district administration has failed to act. Alas! First it was the SHO Udhampur who not only restrained the NPP from holding a peaceful protest but also assaulted its leadership and now its the BJP leadership which is warning and threatening to 'clash' with its party workers in case they exercised their fundamental rights of

holding processions or

protests. Is it the last nail in the coffin of democracy? Where are the champions and other protagonists of democracy? And while no action has been taken against the police officers responsible for their extremely culpable barbarism against the NPP leader, the BJP goons have also been allowed to go scot free". anguished Gagan said.

Asserting that rule of law had collapsed in Udhampur, Singh said that it was Goonda Raj of police and its henchmen that prevailed in Udhampur. He said that enjoying open patronage of the BJP leaders, the Udhampur Police was hell bent to demolish not only the opposition but all that the constitution stood for. He appealed the President of India and CJI of Supreme Court to take Suo Motto cognizance of the Jungle raj run by Police-BJP mafia

Purshottam Parihar General Secretary was also present in the press

Wireless digital 'bridge' restores connection between brain and spinal cord post-injury

NEW DELHI, May 26 tists and neurosurgeons say they have re-established the communication between the brain and spinal cord through a wireless digital bridge, allowing a paralysed person to walk again naturally.

"We have created a wireless interface between the brain and the spinal cord using brain-computer interface (BCI) technology that transforms thought into action," summarised Gregoire Courtine, professor of Neuroscience at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL) and University of Lausanne (UNIL), Switzerland.

Reporting in the journal Nature, the scientists present the situation of Gert-Jan, 40 years old, who suffered a spinal cord injury following a bicycle accident that left him paralysed.

The digital bridge enabled him to regain natural control over the movement of his paralysed legs, allowing him to stand, walk, and even climb stairs. Gert-Jan explained that he has recovered the pleasure of being able to share a beer standing at a bar with friends.

"This simple pleasure represents a significant change in my life," he

says. To establish this digital bridge, two types of electronic implants are needed, the scientists



said.

"We have implanted WIMAGINE devices above the region of the brain that is responsible for controlling leg movements," explained neurosurgeon Jocelyne Bloch, who is a professor at UNIL and EPFL. WIMAGINE devices,

developed by The French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), a French public government-funded research organisation, allows to decode the electrical signals generated by the brain when we think about walking, the scientists said.

"We also positioned a neurostimulator connected to an electrode array over the region of the spinal cord that controls leg movement," said Bloch.

"Thanks to algorithms based on adaptive artificial intelligence methods, movement intentions are decoded in real time from brain recordings," said Guillaume Charvet, head of the BCI program at CEA.

These intentions are then converted into sequences of electrical stimulation of the spinal cord, which in turn activate leg muscles to achieve the desired movement. This digital bridge operates wirelessly, allowing the patient to move around independently.

The researchers also found that rehabilitation supported by the digital bridge enabled Gert-Jan to recover neurological functions that he had lost since his accident.

They were able to quantify remarkable improvements in his sensory perceptions and motor skills, even when the digital bridge was switched off. This digital repair of the spinal cord suggested that new nerve connections had developed, they said.

While the digital bridge has only been tested in one person at this stage, Bloch and Courtine explained that in the future, a comparable strategy could be used to restore arm and hand functions.

They added that the digital bridge could also be applied to other clinical indications, such as paralysis due to stroke.

lower-income countries: Lancet study NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agen-

cies): The risk of death for hospitalised liver disease patients is more than twice as high in lower- or lower-middle income countries compared to highincome nations, according to a study that analysed data from 25 countries, including India.

The study, published in The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology journal, found that the higher risk in lower income countries is largely due to limited access to diagnostic and therapeutic resources.

Liver disease occurs when a person's liver experiences chronic inflammation, often due to obesity, excessive alcohol use, viral hepatitis or a combi-

Over time, this inflammation can lead to severe scarring in the liver, known as cirrhosis, which disrupts liver function and can ultimately cause liver

Liver disease is one of the world's leading causes of death, currently accounting for 2 million deaths each year and projected to claim even more lives in the future, according to the

"A working liver is so important for our health since the organ is connected to so many aspects of bodily function," said Jasmohan Bajaj, a professor at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, US.

"Anything that impacts the liver can influence how other organs and systems in our bodies operate, including our immune system, cardiovascular system, brain, gut and kidneys," Bajaj

Bajaj and Ashok K Choudhury, a professor at the Institute for Liver and Biliary Sciences in New Delhi, and colleagues investigated how the risk of death from cirrhosis varies across countries and what underlying factors are behind such inequities.

"Most cirrhosis research is focused on the global North or specific regions of the world and don't account for differences in public health resources. Our work is one of the only prospective studies to analyse imbalances in cirrhosis mortality from a global perspective," said Bajaj, the lead author of the study.

The research team collected and analysed medical data from nearly 4,000 patients with cirrhosis at 90 medical centres in 25 countries across six conti-

Compared to patients treated in high-income countries, cirrhosis patients in lower-income countries were more than twice as likely to die at the hospital or within 30 days of discharge, according to the data.

"These results are very shocking and sobering. We did not anticipate such a wide disparity in cirrhosis mortality, but it shows that globally we are not on a level playing field when it comes to addressing advanced liver disease," Bajaj said.

The study also highlighted global differences in medical resources that could be contributing to the divergence in mortality rates.

For example, the survey data

showed that cirrhosis patients in lower-income countries were less likely to have access to or afford relevant diagnostics, medications, therapies, ICU care and liver transplant while hospitalised.

Cirrhosis patients in lowerincome countries were also more likely to be hospitalised at later stages of the disease and were more likely to have gastrointestinal bleeding, hepatitis B flare or infection, all of which are preventable conditions if provided with proper care, the researchers said.

The findings could reflect a lack of outpatient care for patients, as well as of personal financial resources, they said.

"The important thing to realise is that patient care for cirrhosis should start before they even need to go to the hospital. Recognition, access and affordability of treatment are three important factors that would ideally prevent a lot of hospitalisations from occurring in the first place," Bajaj added.

Dementia risk increases the younger a person develops Type 2 diabetes

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): The risk of developing dementia increases in persons with Type 2 diabetes who develop glucose resistance earlier in their lives, a significant

study has revealed. New research published in Diabetologia, the journal of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes, shows an association between Type 2 diabetes and developing dementia in later life -with the risk of dementia

increasing the earlier a person develops the disease.

The study investigated the association between pre-diabetes and dementia.

Pre-diabetes is an intermediate stage of high blood sugar, where blood sugar is high but has not yet crossed the threshold for Type 2 diabetes.

"Pre-diabetes is associated with dementia risk, but this risk is explained by the development of diabetes. Dia-

betes onset at an early age is most strongly related to dementia," said the study by Jiaqi Hu and Professor Elizabeth Selvin of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the US.

To reach this conclusion, the authors analysed data from participants of the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study. Those enrolled were aged 45-64 years in 1987-1989 and from four US counties.

The cognitive function assessments incorporated data from a scoring system involving three cognitive tests.

Among 11,656 participants without diabetes at baseline, 2,330 (20 per cent) had pre-diabetes.

They found that the earlier age of progression to diabetes had the strongest association with dementia --- a 3 times increased risk of dementia for those developing diabetes before age 60.

It fell to a 73 per cent increased risk for those developing Type 2 diabetes aged 60-69 years and 23 per cent increased risk for those developing diabetes aged 70-79 years.

older, developing Type 2 diabetes was not associated with an increased risk of dementia.

At ages 80 years or

"Preventing or delaying the progression of prediabetes to diabetes will substantially reduce the future burden of dementia," the authors noted.

Gujarat Titans brace for Mumbai Indians storm

Upbeat Mumbai take on Gujarat Titans for a place in final

AHMEDABAD, May 26 (Agencies): Akash Madhwal's breathtaking bowling performance against Lucknow Super Giants in the Eliminator will fill Mumbai Indians with confidence as they take on defending champions Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 2 here today.

Mumbai, riding on the magical figures of 5/5 produced by Madhwal at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Wednesday night, knocked out Lucknow with an 81-run win.

The massive victory was a warning to the rivals that they could lift their game even in the absence of star pacers Jasprit Bumrah, Jofra Archer and batting mainstay Tilak Varma.

Mumbai pride themselves on thriving when the odds are stacked against them, something they have done through-



out the season. Having finished last in the previous edition, Rohit Sharma's team has managed to remain in contention for a sixth IPL title even with limited resources.

The likes of Cameron Green, Suryakumar Yadav and Tim David have responded well to the challenges and now form the backbone of the batting department, with the young Nehal Wadhera also making a huge impact.

It will be a stern test for Gujarat's bowling attack, led by Mohammad Shami (26 wickets), to get the better of Mumbai's batsmen.

Gujarat, who were outclassed

in Qualifier 1 by Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings, will have one last chance to get themselves together in their bid to qualify for their second IPL final on the trot.

It will be imperative for the holders that their batting clicks in unison as Shubman Gill and Vijay Shankar have done most of the heavy lifting with the bat in the last few games.

Gill might have had an off-day against Chennai, but his two centuries in the closing stages of the league round make him the biggest threat for Mumbai. With 722 runs at an average of 55.53, the India batter has 421 runs and is just eight runs short of going past RCB's Faf du Plessis to finish with most runs in this IPL.

Mumbai Indians peaking at right time, feels Green



CHENNAI, May 26 (Agencies): Cameron Green is finally justifying his Rs 17.5 crore billing just when Mumbai Indians needed him the most and is happy that his team is now a step away from the summit clash of the IPL after initial struggles. Having pummelled Lucknow Super Giants by 81 runs in the Eliminator,

Mumbai face Gujarat Titans to decide Chennai Super Kings' opposition in Sunday's final. Green in fact said even skipper Rohit Sharma told newcomers in dressing room that the five-time champions are slow starters.

"Obviously, all experience that he (Rohit) has got for India and in IPL, he kind of knows. I think

MI never won the first game of IPL and he tries to mention that to us," Green said. "We obviously had a slow kind of start but you want to obviously start peaking at this time of the year, you don't want to be playing good cricket and slowing down now but peaking at right time," the giant Australian, who has scored 262 runs and taken six wickets, said. For him, the easiest job in the world is to bat alongside Suryakumar Yadav. "I think it's probably the easiest job batting with him. You got to get him on strike, that's the plan. And if you get a loose ball, you hit it."

PV Sindhu Advances To Semifinals Of Malaysia Masters, Kidambi Srikanth Out

KUALA LUMPUR, May 26 (Agencies): Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu advanced to the semifinals of the Malaysia Masters Super 500 tournament with a hard-fought win over Yi Man Zhang of China in the women's singles here on Friday. Double Olympic medallist Sindhu, seeded sixth in the tournament, beat lower-ranked Zhang 21-16, 13-21, 22-20 in a quarterfinal match that lasted one hour and 14 minutes. World number 13 Sindhu avenged her round-of-32 loss to Zhang, ranked 18th, in the All England Open earlier this year. She had also beaten her Chinese opponent in the same tournament last year.

Sindhu faces seventh seed and world number nine Gregoria Mariska



Tunjung of Indonesia in the semifinals on Saturday. Tunjung upset second seed Yi Zhi Wang of China in the quarterfinals 21-18, 22-20.

Tunjung has been in fine form recently and Sindhu had lost to her in the Madrid Spain Masters final in straight games in April.

Sindhu will, however, go into the semifinals

with a 7-1 head-tohead advantage over Tunjung.

In the men's singles, however, Kidambi Sri-kanth lost to Indonesian qualifier Christian Adinata 21-16, 16-21, 11-21 in 57 minutes in the quarterfinals to bow out of the tournament.

HS Prannoy will be up against Japan's Kenta Nishimoto in another men's singles quarterfinals later in the day.

Australia Include Jimmy Peirson As Cover For Back-up Keeper Josh Inglis

Australia have selected wicketkeeper Jimmy Peirson as cover for back-up gloveman Josh Inglis, who will return home after the opening Ashes Test for the birth of his first child.

SYDNEY, May 26 (Agencies): Australia have selected wicketkeeper Jimmy Peirson as cover for back-up gloveman Josh Inglis, who will return home after the opening Ashes Test for the birth of his first child. Alex Carey is Australia's first-choice keeper for the World Test Championship (WTC) final against India and the five Ashes Tests and Inglis has been selected as his back-up. But Inglis will return to Perth after the first Ashes Test starting on June 16 and his place will be taken up before the second Test at Lord's by 30-yearold Queensland gloveman Peirson, who has

65 first-class games to



his credit, according to cricket.com.au on Friday.

The Australian team management has said Inglis will rejoin the squad later in the series. Peirson, who has been impressive at the domestic and Australia 'A' level with both the bat and gloves, trained with the Test squad in Brisbane last week and would be fancying his chances of wearing the

iconic Baggy Green during the Ashes.

The right-handed lower-order batter has improved his batting drastically over the years, going from an average of less than 30 in his first 35 first-class games to 42.56, including six tons in 30 games since the 2020-21 season.

He also struck an unbeaten 128 for Australia 'A' during their tour of Sri Lanka last year.

Peirson's appearance in the Australian Test squad has partly been delayed because Tim Paine was the first-choice keeper for a long time and then Carey replaced the former captain, who stepped down due to a contro-

versy ahead of the 2021 Ashes series at home.

Peirson said he was driven by the desire to set higher standards for himself.

"These guys (Carey and Inglis among others) are setting their benchmark, and I want to set my benchmark higher, and maybe bring a few other attributes into that as well, through leadership or whatever else," said Peirson.

"It's great to have that competition. That's what drives you to be the best you can be. If someone's pipping you, you want to be better than them. That's certainly one of my great driving factors: I want to be the best, I want to be the next man in."

IPL 2023: Matheesha Pathirana is in safe hands, says sister Vishuka after MS Dhoni meet CSK pacer's family

AHMEDABAD, May 26 (Agencies): Matheesha Pathirana's sister Vishuka was over the moon after MS Dhoni went to meet the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) pacer's family. She didn't forget to get a few pictures clicked with the legendary Indian cricketer.

Vishuka captioned the pictures and wrote, "Now we are sure that malli is in safe hands when Thala said, 'You have nothing to worry about Matheesha, he's always with me'. These moments were even beyond what I had ever dreamt of."

As far as Pathirana is concerned, he joined the Super Kings back in 2022. Although he didn't play a whole lot of matches, the right-arm pacer



earned accolades from the now 41-year-old Dhoni.

Dhoni has mostly entrusted Pathirana to deliver with the ball in the death overs and the Sri Lankan cricketer hasn't let his

captain down.
Pathirana is third in the list of

leading wicket-takers for the Super Kings this year. He has picked up 17 wickets from 11 matches at an economy rate of

Recently, Dhoni said that Pathirana should try and stay away from red-ball cricket. The veteran said that Sri Lankan cricket needs to use him with a lot of caution.

"I personally think he is not someone who should play a lot of red-ball cricket. I think he shouldn't even get close to it. Even in white-ball cricket, the 50-over version, he should play as little as possible. [He should] play the big ICC tournaments because he is not somebody who will change a lot. This [having an impact in short bursts] is what he will do, so you can always use him at crucial times," Dhoni was quoted as saying.

Pathirana is expected to play when CSK take part in the IPL 2023 final to be played on May 28 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

India on upswing, beat Japan 3-1



MI Sensation Akash Madhwal Banned From Local

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): India came from behind to clinch a comfortable 3-1 win against Japan in their second Pool A game at the Hockey's Junior Asia

Cup in Salalah, Oman.
Araijeet Singh Hundal
(36th minute), Sharda
Nand Tiwari (39th) and
Uttam Singh (56th)
scored a goal each for

India, while Kumpei

Yasuda (19th) found the back of the net for Japan.

This was India's second win in as many games at the junior continental championship.

India mounted an attack from the get-go and were keen on landing the first blow against Japan.

But it was Japan who broke the deadlock against the run of play as Yasuda slotted it past the left of the goal-keeper to lead 1-0 at the halftime.

Call on Asia Cup after IPL final

NEW DELHI, May 26 (Agencies): A decision on the Asia Cup's fate will be taken on the sidelines of the IPL final, which will be attended by top Asian Cricket Council (ACC) dignitaries, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said.

Pakistan have the hosting rights for this year's Asia Cup but with the BCCI deciding against sending Team India to the neighbouring country without government permission, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Najam Sethi had proposed a hybrid model where they will organise at least four games on

home soil and India will play their matches at a neutral venue.

It couldn't be confirmed whether Sethi has been formally invited for the IPL final.

"As of now, the decision with regards to hosting of Asia Cup hasn't yet been finalised.

We are busy with IPL but the top dignitaries of Sri Lanka Cricket, Bangladesh and Afghanistan Cricket Board are coming to watch the IPL final. We will have a discussion and take a final decision in due course,"

Shah said.
It has been learnt that

Sethi's proposed hybrid model looks like a feasible solution although ACC had made no formal statements. According to the model, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Afghanistan will play four preliminary matches in Pakistan and India would play all their games at neutral venues. The two India-Pakistan games will also be held in Sri Lanka, although PCB wants Dubai as the venue. The weather in the UAE in September is not conducive for 50-over games but to make the hybrid model work logistically, the UAE is a far better option for the ACC.

Tournaments, Brother Cites "Dar Ka Mahoul" AHMEDABAD, May MI star is banned from ing, people would come local tourn. 26 (Agencies): Mumbai playing cricket in his every day and say don't ka mahoult.

26 (Agencies): Mumbai Indians unearthed a new gem as pacer Akash Madhwal bagged a 5-wicket haul for the franchise, playing pivotal role in the team's victory over Lucknow Super Giants in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 Eliminator. As the cricketing fraternity went ga-ga over the emergence of another pace bowling gem from Mumbai Indians, Madhwal's brother shared some interesting anecdotes from the seamer's cricketing background. In fact, Akash's brother Ashish revealed that the

MI star is banned from playing cricket in his hometown, as he had become too dangerous to play against.

Ashish, in a chat with India Today, credited MI skipper Rohit Sharma for helping Akash take the next leap forward.

"The thing with Rohit bhai is that he gives players chances. He trusts his players and backs them. A new player is always scared for his position in the team. And Rohit has taken away that scare and Akash is delivering

"When he was working after his engineer-

now," Ashish said.

ing, people would come every day and say don't go to work today, come play in our team and we will pay you. And from there he transitioned to the leather ball after his trials at Uttarakhand," one of Akash's local friends said during the

chat.

Akash, who primarily played tennis ball cricket, had become too good for the level. Hence, he was banned from local tournaments as people were afraid to face him.

"Nobody let him play here. There was a lot of fear of his bowling. So, he was banned from the local tournaments. Dar ka mahoul tha(there was fear all around). Akash used to go outside of Roorkee and play," Ashish said.

At present, however, Ashish is extremely happy seeing his brother gaining popularity all over the country.

"But yeah, his tennis ball days are done. He is so, so happy right now," the elated elder brother added.

"Rohit Sharma takes 50 percent of his tensions. Just look at the bond that they share (points to TV)," Ashish concluded.

J&K in shambles: Rattan Lal

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 26: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu while accusing the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Administration of misleading the Centre regarding the deplorable condition of Health, and Medicare including Ayush sector of J&K has sought Centre's intervention so that adequate measures are taken to address this significant and most sensitive issue of people.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior National Conference leader said that it is an irony of the people of Jammu and Kashmir that while the Prime Minister keeps on reiterating the commitment to provide benefits of Govt schemes to the last man standing in line, the ground realities in this Union Territory especially viz-a-viz Health and Medicare sector are quite contrary. He said that the deplorable condition of this sector can be well gauged from the fact that this Union Territory is facing a huge shortage of doctors and paramedical staff



as a result of which the people continue to suffer badly.

Elaborately divulging the details, Rattan Lal Gupta said that presently in J&K there are 269 Public Health Centres out of which 165 centres are running completely at the mercy of God. These 165 centres have no qualified doctors and are being solely run by paramedical staff. The condition of the rest of 84 Heath Centres is no good too as these are having no sanctioned strength of doctors available for the patients visiting these centres. The condition of village dispensaries are more in

closed.

The senior NC leader further informed that 1000 posts of doctors and 5000 posts of para medical staff are lying vacant in J&K due to which the people are facing huge deficit in medical services. He claimed that during the National Conference regime in the erstwhile State of J&K led by Omar Abdullah J&K

Health Deptt bagged 2nd position across the nation for providing best health services and the Department's performance but today health and medicare is totally in shambles and people have to go out of J&K for availing medical services incurring huge

Rattan Lal Gupta appealed to the centre administration to look into the most urgent and sensitive matter of the people and direct the LG Administration to take adequate steps for filling all the vacant posts in Health and Medical Department at the earliest so that people of J&K get the optimum health services specially far flung areas of J&K which are totally ignored.

Health & Medicare sector of BJP Talab Tillo Mandal organises **Working Committee Meet**

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 26: BJP Talab Tillo Mandal under the Presidentship of Mandal President Keshav Chopra Organised Working Committee meeting at Talab Tillo. The meeting was attended by Vibagh Sangathanmantri Jammu Poonch Inderjeet Sharma, Municipal Councillors Jeet Angral, Sardar Sucha Singh, Neelam Nargotra, JKUT Secretary Ayodhya Gupta, JKUT BJP Training Department Incharge Dr Parneesh Mahajan, District General Secretary Kuldeep Kandhari, Shakti Kendra Pramuks, Booth Presidents and others leaders of Talab

Speaking on the agenda of meeting, Keshav Chopra said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is completing 9yrs as PM and Talab Tillo Mandal will celebrate it from 30th May to 30th

June and also planning to hold different programmes as Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyaan at Booth Level.

Addressing the workers Inderjeet Sharma discussed the Programmes to be done by the Party activists to aware the Common masses about the Achievements of Modi Government during their 9yrs of Tenure.

Speaking on the occasion, Ayodhya Gupta and Dr Parneesh Mahaian said that under the leadership of PM Modi lot of work has been done for the common

Jeet Angral, Sardar

Sucha Singh and Neelam Nargotra said that Modi Govt is Completing 9vrs tenure in Centre and to make Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyaan a big Success every leader of the party must ensure their Active Participation during the

Mandal General Secretary Munish Gupta **Conducted Proceedings** of the Programme and Paramjeet Presented Vote of thanks

Mass Contact Cam-

paign.

District Cell Convenors K. L Sharma, Arun Khajuria, Anupam Gupta, SC Morcha President Chaman Lal Bhagat,

Makson Tikoo. Anil Angral, Pratibha Sharma, Dr R.K Gupta, Rahul Nargotra, Deepak Kumar, Deepak Sharma, Varinder Dogra, Ramesh Kumar, Parveen Ghai, Manohar Lal, Geeta Sodhi, Bablu Chand, Bhubesh Sharma, Sharma, Rakesh Swaran Samyal, Ritesh Peer, Jatinder Khajuria, Ravinder Khajuria, Meena Jamwal, Vikas Kumar, Lovekesh Gondi, Sanchit Sharma, Omkar Verma, Gurcharan Singh, Tarun Angral, Kusum Gupta, Ramesh Sharma, Ashish and others were also pres-

Two-day Intra-College Sports Meet concludes

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, MAY 26: The two-day Intra-College Sports Meet organised by Govt. College of Engineering and Technology under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav and to make the students more fit both mentally and physically to achieve their goals was successfully culminated today. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students of all branches of engineering.

The principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Sameru Sharma, congratulated all the participants for their sportsmanship and said that sportsmanship is not simply to win, but to pursue victory with honour by giving one's best effort. She also



briefed the students that sports can teach values such as fairness, teambuilding, equality, discipline, inclusion, perseverance and respect. Sport has the power to provide a universal framework for learning values, thus contributing to the development of soft skills needed for

responsible citizenship. On day two of the sports meet quarter final, semi-final and final matches were conducted in which more than 80 students participated in various events. In badminton the winner was Vishal Verma of 6th CSE in boy's catagory and Krishma Raina of 4th CSE won the final in girl's category, in table tennis Anuj Dutt of 6th civil was the winner whereas team Civil Tigers remained winner in volley ball.

In carom Loyal Seth of 2nd CSE won in boy's category and Mehak Bhagat of 2nd CSE won in girl's category. In chess the final was won by Angad Singh Sodhi of M.Tech. The events for both the days were coordinated by the Physical Director and convenors of different committees.

The staff members who were present during the meet included Prof. Sumeer Khajuria, Prof. Baldev Raj, Prof. Shammi Kumar, Dr. Raman Gupta, Sh. Balbir Singh, Dr. Heera Saini, Dr. Rajinder Singh, Prof. Altaf Ahmed, Er. Surinder Salathia, Er. Amit Pandoh Er. Neeraj Gupta, Er. Yogesh Gupta and Er. Karan Kapoor.

The principal also congratulated all the convenors and members of their committees for successfully conducting the sports meet.

Apni Party leaders stage protest seeking construction of culvert over Nallah



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 26: Apni Party leaders and workers today staged a protest demanding construction of Nallah culvert and small bridge as pathway for the residents of ward number 61 and 67.

The protest was led by District President Jammu Rural - 'A', Pushap Dev Kumar Uppal in which Hoshiyar Singh, a local resident along with others participated in the demonstration.

Pushap Dev Kumar Uppal and Hoshiyar Singh while addressing the protesters highlighted hardships being faced by the resi-

dents that a tender has already been floated by the UEED Department in the month of November 2022 yet nothing has been done.

They said that the land mafia with support allegedly from the Revenue and Municipal Corporation authorities is bent upon encroaching the nallah land for their commercial deeds.

The residents also raised their voice that they have an apprehension that the land mafia may target and manhandle them as done earlier so many times.

"It was also reported on spot that the Corporators are hand in glove to encroach the nallah

land and appealed the authorities to come into rescue before the rainy season so that the culvert and pulley for pathway is constructed and the residents are protected from the water of the nallah during rainy season and their children avail the facility of the pulley for going to school and markets for

daily needs," A later demonstration was also held on the spot raising slogans against the Authorities for meeting their demands at the earliest otherwise the people of the concerned area shall be forced to come on streets and belling the cats for their wrongdoings.

BJP Govt has ruined Jammu city: Bhalla, Sawhney

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, MAY 26: District Congress Committee Jammu (Urban) on Friday held a meeting at Congress office Jammu (Urban), and appointed Ward Presidents and Secretary of DCC Jammu (U). Raman Bhalla, Work-

ing President PCC and Former Minister J&K Yogesh Sawhney, General Secretary PCC I/C District President Jammu (Urban) handed over the appointment letters to the newly appointed members. The appointees included Surinder Kumar as Ward President No 2, Munish Kumar as President Ward no 24, Gulshan Kumar as President Ward No 12 and Manmeet Singh as Secretary DCC Jammu Urban. Along with Raman

Bhalla, and Yogesh Sawhney senior Congress leaders Dwarka Choudhary, Varinder Manhas, Pawan Dev Singh, Vijay Malhotra, Pawan Sharma, Satpaul Sapolia, Ram Parkash Magotra, Jugal Kishore, Rakesh Sharma, Anil Kumar, Ravi Panotra, Manmeet Singh,



Gulshan Kumar, Munish Kumar and Surinder Kumar were present at the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Working President PCC Raman Bhalla congratulated the newly appointed and stated that the party looked forward to their contribution in the light of their new roles. Bhalla then said that Congress is focussed on organisational strengthening at the grassroots level so that the party can defeat the BJP in the upcoming elections. Congress win is important for people, he said, as the Modi Govt is openly ruining the country. More so, people in Jammu & Kashmir

have been battered by the ugly policies of the BJP government. Starting from the Smart City Program which is a huge scam, BJP is trying to gain goodie points from the public. He highlighted the various failures of BJP in meeting expectations of people, whether it was in creating jobs, making infrastructure, giving development or even facilitating the needs of the public. They snatched the statehood and left the people in a helpless state, stated

Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney welcomed the members on their new designations. He encouraged the members to

connect with the locals and solidify a strong support base. He asserted that all members of the party must focus on the upcoming local body elections. It is high time that people get better opportunities, infrastructure and facilities. This cannot happen without the defeat of corrupt BJP leaders. Jammu is being neglected at all levels and the longer people will stand by it, the more danger we will be in of a worse economy and society, he said. Sawhney further said that the people are in dire need of a government, authority which will take action in their benefit and for their welfare, he said.

SC leaders join **Apni Party TOP NEWS REPORT**

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JAMMU, MAY 26: Two prominent Schedule Caste leaders, Rishi Kumar and Kewal Kishore Bhagat vice president Thathar welfare committee on Thursday joined the Apni Party in presence of senior leaders here at Gandhi Nagar Office, Jammu.

The joining programme was organized by OBC Coordinator, Bhagat Ram in which State General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya, Provincial President, Jammu, S. Manjit Singh, Senior Provincial Vice President Jammu, Ex-MLA Fagir Nath, Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta, Hans Raj Dogra District President Udampur SC State Coordinator, Bodh Raj Bhagat, State General Secretary Youth Wing/ Spokesperson, Abhay Bakaya, Provincial President Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, District President Youth, Shivam Choudhary, District Secretary Youth Abinav Gupta and others.



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