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BRIEFLY

Active Covid cases in Country Dip to 4,972

NEW DELHI, May 28 (Agencies): India has recorded 403 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases have decreased to 4,972, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Sunday.

The death toll has increased to 5,31,864 with five deaths, which includes three deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,89,744).

The active cases now comprise 0.01 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.80 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,52,908 and the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent. 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.

Man succumbs to injuries after falling from Electric Pole

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): A tragic incident occurred on Sunday afternoon in the Humhama Chowk of Central Kashmir's Srinagar district, resulting in the death of a man. According to a report from the official news agency, Kashmir Scroll, the victim has been identified as Nisar Ahmad Dar, son of Gh Rasool Dar, a resident of Razeain Budgam.

The incident took place when Nisar Ahmad Dar was attempting to pull a cable while climbing a pole at Humhama Chowk. Unfortunately, he fell from the pole, sustaining severe injuries. He was immediately rushed to JVC Hospital in critical condition, but despite efforts to save him, he ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

The local police have taken note of the incident and are investigating the circumstances surrounding it.

PM Modi unveils plaque; dedicates new Parliament building to Nation

NEW DELHI, May 28 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday dedicated the new Parliament building to the nation by unveiling the plaque marking the inauguration.

Ahead of the inauguration, the PM also felicitated the construction workers with traditional shawls and handed over mementoes.

Meanwhile, 'Sarv-dharma' prayers are underway at the new Parliament building, with priests from different religions reciting the traditional verses. Earlier, Prime Minister Modi installed the sacred 'Sengol' in the new Lok Sabha chamber, right next to the Speaker's chair, after performing puja.

PM Modi also bowed down as a mark of respect before the 'Sengol' during the ceremony to mark the begin-

ning of the inauguration ceremony.

He was handed over the historic 'Sengol' by Adheenams before its installation in the new Parliament building.

The 'Sengol' was installed as a national symbol of the Amrit Kaal. After the installation of 'Sengol', the Prime Minister also received the blessings of seers of different Adheenams from Tamil Nadu.

This is the same Sengol that was accepted by the first Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru at his residence on the night of August 14, in the presence of several leaders.

The inauguration ceremony of the new Parliament building began with a traditional 'pooja' with Vedic rituals. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla was also present along with PM Modi during the pooja.



It is learnt that after the pujas, the dignitaries will examine the premises of the Lok Sabha's chamber and the Rajya Sabha chamber in the new building.

The morning phase will end at close to 9:30 am after which the second leg of the ceremony is expected to begin at noon with the singing of the national anthem in

the Lok Sabha chamber in the presence of all the dignitaries including PM Modi.

At 11:30 am, all the invitees including members of Parliament, Lok Sabha Speaker and Rajya Sabha, chairman and other distinguished guests are expected to be seated in the Lok Sabha chamber in the new building.

During this phase, a speech will be delivered by the Deputy Rajya Sabha Chairman, Hariwansh, who will further read a written congratulatory message on behalf of Rajya Sabha, Chairman, Jagdeep Dhankar. A written message by President Droupadi Murmu will also be read out on the occasion.

The present building of the Parliament was completed in 1927 and is now going to be almost 100 years old. The lack of space was being experienced in this building as per the present requirements. In both Houses, there was also a lack of convenient arrangements for the sitting of the MPs which was affecting the efficiency of the work of the Members.

Considering the above, both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha passed resolutions urging the government to construct a new building for the Parliament.

Consequently, on December 10, 2020, the foundation stone of the new building of Parliament was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The newly constructed Parliament building has been built in record time with quality construction.

Now the newly constructed building of Parliament, which will work to further enrich India's glorious democratic traditions and constitutional values, is also equipped with state-of-the-art facilities which will help the Members to perform their functions in a better way. The new Parliament building will enable 888 members to sit in the Lok Sabha.

In the present building of the Parliament, there is a provision for the sitting of 543 Members in the Lok Sabha and 250 in the Rajya Sabha.

Keeping in view the future requirements, arrangements have been made for a meeting of 888 members in the Lok Sabha and 384 members in the Rajya Sabha in the newly constructed building of the Parliament. The joint session of both Houses will be held in the Lok Sabha Chamber.

Mela Khir Bahwani attracts impressive footfalls in 2023

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): Ganderbal's Tulmulla village wore a festive look as hundreds of Kashmiri Pandits reached the historic temple shrine to celebrate Jyeshtha Ashtami festival. Authorities have made elaborate arrangements as the civil society is present to greet the Pandits, mostly driving from the plains where they live



post-migration since the 1990s.

The festival is being organised at five tem-

ples across Kashmir but Tulmulla, a village in Ganderbal on the way to Ladakh from Srinagar,

gets most of the crowd. To facilitate the pilgrimage, a fleet of 125 buses were flagged off by top officials in Jammu. The buses transported the pilgrims to different shrines, including Tulmulla in Ganderbal, Tikker in Kupwara, Manzagam in Kulgam, Logripora in Anantnag, and Martand in Anantnag. Officials said 95 buses came to

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LG Sinha greets people on Mela Kheer Bhawani

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday conveyed his greetings to Kashmiri Pandits on the occasion of Mela Kheer Bhawani. "Heartiest greetings to all, especially to sisters & brothers from Kashmiri Pandit community, on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami. May the blessings of Mata Kheer Bhawani



continue to guide us in the path of righteousness & shower her

blessings on all for years to come," the office of LG said in a tweet.

Kashmiri song 'Kya Karie Korimol' that perfectly depicts emotions of father-daughter on wedding day

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): A soulful Kashmiri song titled 'Kya Karie Korimol' has taken the internet by storm. It's a heartwarming tribute to the bond that father and daughter share on a wedding day.

The song depicts a journey through the emotions of a bride on her wedding day. The song released by Coke Studio India has garnered 1 million views,



capturing the hearts of people not only in Kashmir but also across the globe.

The track beautifully encapsulates the profound love, protection, and compassion

that envelops a father-daughter relationship, showcasing its unwavering strength as it evolves over time. The emotional journey of a bride and her father as they prepare for her wedding feast is artfully portrayed through poignant and melancholic lyrics.

The song features Alif, an acclaimed poet, singer, and songwriter, who previously won

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Burglary case solved in Baramulla, three arrested: Police

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday said that they have solved a Burglary case by arresting three burglars at Boniyar area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

A Police spokesperson said, "On 27th May, 2023 Police Station Boniyar* received a complaint from one *Mushtaq Ahmad Ahanger AO Small Hydro Electric Project Boniyar stat-

ing therein that some unknown burglars have stolen steel shuttering plates from construction site Maidanan Boniyar."

"To this effect Police Station Boniyar registered Case FIR* under relevant sections of law and investigation was started."

"During the course of investigation of the case with the help of technical and human resources names of some

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UPSC 2022: 29 Muslim candidates crack merit list

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) witnessed a three per cent rise in the number of Muslim candidates who cracked the most competitive exam in the country this year.

The number of Muslims who have cleared the UPSC exams varies from year to year. In 2022, a total of 29 Muslim candidates cleared the exam, which is about 3 per cent of the total number of successful candidates. This is a slight increase from the previous year when 25 Muslim candidates cleared the exam. Muslim candidates have been doing well in the prestigious exams since 2016. Prior to that, they constituted only 2.5 per cent of the total successful candidates.

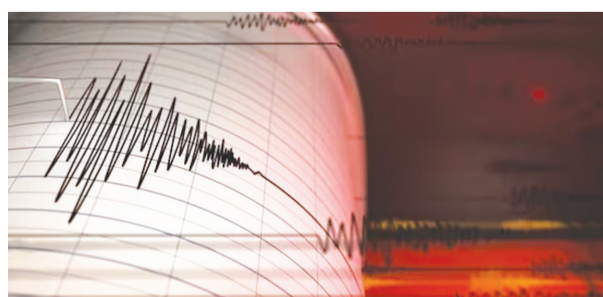
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5.2-magnitude earthquake jolts J&K

JAMMU, May 28 (Agencies): Strong earthquake tremors were felt on Sunday in Srinagar and Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir following a magnitude 5.2 earthquake in Fayzabad in Afghanistan.

The quake was reported at 11:19 a.m. at "Lat: 36.56 & Long: 71.13, Depth: 220 Km" in Afghanistan, the National Center for Seismology said.

Mild tremors were



felt also felt in parts of Punjab and Haryana, including Chandigarh.

The tremors, which lasted for a few seconds, occurred around 11.23 a.m., seismologists said.

Powerful 6 magnitude quake hits parts of Pakistan

A powerful 6.0-magnitude earthquake jolted several parts of Pakistan on Sunday morn-

ing, sparking panic and forcing residents to flee their homes.

The epicentre of the quake was the border region of Afghanistan and Tajikistan and it originated at a depth of 223 km, which considerably reduced its devastating impact, according to the National Seismic Monitoring in Islamabad.

The shocks were reported in Islamabad, Peshawar, Swat,

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MeT forecasts widespread rains from Tomorrow, Night temp stays below normal in J&K

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): The weather office on Sunday forecasted widespread light to moderate rain and thunderstorm on May 30 and 31 in Jammu and Kashmir.

Quoting a meteorological department official here, that Srinagar recorded a low of 8.9°C against 9.0°C on the previous night and it was 3.1°C below normal for

the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 6.6°C against 7.8°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 4.1°C for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 2.6°C against 2.8°C on the previous night and it was 3.5°C below normal for the famous tourist

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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. Samiksha & Mr. Sumeet Bajaj

Mrs. Aanchal & Mr. Akshay Pandit

Brothers & Bhabhis

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**



Sh. Maharaj Krishan Bhan

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

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 Hriday Nath Pandita

Daughters and Sons in law

Jassi and Deeraj Shah

Subashni and Sudesh Raina

Contact : 9086119172; 9149923740; 9419302639



Smt Sunita Koul (Priya)

10TH DAY KRIYA

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Neeru Bhat - **Wife**

Pavitar Bhat - **Son**

Purti Bhat - **Daughter**

Sanjay Bhat & Seema Bhat - **Brother & Babi**

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

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

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

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

Samast Bhat, Koul, Bilor, Tikoo & Pandita Parivaar

Mobile Nos: 9419116817, 9018233487



Ramesh Kumar Bhat (Kaka Ji/ Baijee)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Geeta Devi** W/o Late Sh. Satya Bhusan on 19th May 2023.

Tenth Day will be performed at 11 am on 28th May 2023 (Sunday) at Mahajan Hall, Udhampur.

Kriya will be performed on 31st May 2023 (Wednesday) at Devika Ghat, Udhampur

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. Satya Vrat & Smt. Neelam Kumari

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



SMT. GEETA DEVI

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SMT. GEETA DEVI

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, Udhewalla, who left for heavenly abode on May 23, 2023.

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

Smt. Jeeta Koul & Sh. Kuldeep Koul - 9419198825

Sh. Makhan Lal and Kiran Pandita - 9419191403



SMT. MAYAWATI BHAT (AMMA JI)

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Sdrni Kamaljeet Kour** W/o late Chitender Singh Bijral who left for heavenly abode on 20-05-2023.

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence H. No EP 435 Shahidi Chowk Jammu on 27-05-2023 Saturday at 9.00 AM

Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence on 29-05-2023 Monday at 9.15 AM

Kirtan & Antim Ardass will be performed at Gurudwra Baba Fateh Singh Gandhi Nagar on 29-05-2023 Monday from 10.30 to 12.00 Noon.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY

Sdrni Davinder Kour & S. Harpreet Singh (**Daughter & Son-in-Law**)

Sdrni Arvinder Kour & S. Dalbir Singh Bijral (**Daughter in Law and Son**)

S. Gurtej Singh Bijral (**Son**)

Sdrni Satwant Kour & S. Gurbachan Singh Bijral (**Jeth & Jethani**)

Sdrni Manjeet Kour & S. Baldeep Singh Bijral (**Jeth & Jethani**)

Sdrni Surinder Kour & S. Late Anoop Singh Bijral (**Jeth & Jethani**)

Sdrni Jagdeep Kour & S. Babek Singh Bijral - **Devar & Devrani**

Sister in Law & Brother in Law

Sdrni Satanter Kour & S. Narinder Singh

Sdrni Inderdeep Kour & S. Rajinder Singh

Sdrni Jasbir Kour & S. Gurbachan Singh Wazir

Sister's & Brother in Law

Sdrni Amarjeet Kour & S. Harbhajan Singh

Sdrni Inderjeet Kour & S. Late Jagdev Singh

Sdrni Karanjeet Kour & S. Nirvair Singh

Sdrni Paramjeet Kour & S. Gurdeep Singh Cheema

S. Rajpal Singh Bijral (**Rajan**) **Brother**

Grand Children

Tanishapreet, Harsimran, Jaireet, Noreen, Jatin Singh Bijral

9419126960, 9622396167



SDRNI KAMALJEET KOUR
W/O LATE S. CHITENDER SINGH BIJRAL

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Taro Devi** W/o Lt. Sh. Sansar Chand Paroch (Batote Wale) presently residing in Jammu on 19/5/2023.

Tenth Day will be performed on 28/5/2023 (Sunday) at Kotli Bhawan Near Hari Mandir Rehari Colony, Jammu from 11 am to 12 noon.

Kriya will be performed at our residence Patoli Brahmana Jammu on 31/5/2023 (Wednesday) at 12.00 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughter-in-law

Smt. Nirmal Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Shakti Kumar Paroch

Mr. Gourav Gupta - **Grand Son**

Smt. Asha Gupta & Sh. Dev Raj Gupta - **Daughter & Son-in-law**

Smt. Usha Gupta and Sh. Om Parkash Gupta - **Daughter & Son-in-law**

Smt. Bhawna Gupta & Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta - **Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law**

Sh. Kewal Krishan Paroch & Smt. Anju - **Nephew & Daughter-in-law**

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Paroch & Smt. Seema - **Nephew & Daughter-in-law**

Sh. Raman Kumar Paroch & Smt. Tripta - **Nephew & Daughter-in-law**

Sh. Ravi Kumar Paroch & Smt. Shikha - **Nephew & Daughter-in-law**

Sh. Sanjay Kumar Paroch & Smt. Ritu - **Nephew & Daughter-in-law**

M. No.: 9797657487, 9419160275, 9419178976



Smt. Taro Devi

TENTH DAY & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Bachano Gupta** W/o K.L. Gupta resident of Raja Bazar Akhnour.

She left heavenly abode on 19-05-2023

May her soul attain Moksha.

Tenth Day - It will be performed on 27th May 2023 Saturday at 10 to 11 AM

Venue - Durga Mandir Jia Pota Ghat Akhnour

Uthala - 31st of May 2023 Wednesday at 4 to 5 PM

Venue - Durga Mandir Jia Pota Ghat Akhnour

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Kasturi Lal Gupta (**Husband**)

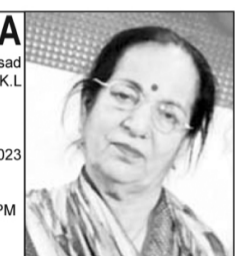
Son & Daughter in Law

Smt. Kusum & Sh. Rajesh Gupta

Smt. Sheetal & Sh. Rakesh Gupta

Smt. Isha & Sh. Satish Gupta

Smt. Asha & Sh. Rakesh Mahajan - **Daughter & Son in Law**



SMT BACHANO GUPTA

10TH DAY KRIYA

10th Day Kriya of our beloved **Mr. Anoop Kaul (Kuku Papa)** H/o Late Mrs. Shashi Kaul and S/o Late Mrs. Raj Dulari and Late Mr. Makhan Lal Kaul will be performed on 31-May-2023 at 8 am at Muthi Ghat, Near Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

The void in our hearts and lives will be remain, unfilled. He was a noble soul, who loved and blessed everyone and will be loved till eternity.

Mourning at: H.No. 78, Lane No. 2 (Opposite Daily Need Departmental Store), Block-A, Roop Nagar Enclave (Opposite Petrol Pump), Jammu.

Deeply Remembered by:-

Kauls (Janglis), Rainas, Warikoos, Panditas, Khers, Mallas, Miskeens.

Phone No: 9818594927, 9096102655



MR. ANOOP KAUL (KUKU PAPA)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. KAUSHILYA DEVI (PIYARI)**, W/O LT. SH. MOHAN LAL PANDIT OF KOIL, PULWAMA ON 25TH MAY 2023.

THE **TENTH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 3RD JUNE 2023 (SATURDAY) AT 8 AM AT MUTHI GHAT, NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION.

THE **MOURNING** WILL BE HELD AT H.NO-89, LANE NO-2/D, SECTOR-1 NEAR KAILASH PATI MANDIR, DURGA NAGAR, JAMMU.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

JETHANI

SMT. KAMALA DEVI

SMT. DULARI PANDITA

SMT. RAJ CHAUDHARY

SMT. SHANTA DEVI

SH. SHIBAN JI PANDITA (**SON**) - 7899646106

SH. DILEEP KUMAR PANDIT (**SON**) - 9797831619

DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW

SMT. SEEMA SARAF & SH. ASHOK JI SARAF - 8750001489

SMT. SUNITA RAINA & SH. PRAN NATH RAINA - 8825098108

SMT. ANITA PANDITA & SH. INDER JI PANDITA - 7006329021



Smt. Kaushilya Devi

CHOUBARSI

Four years have passed since you left us for your heavenly abode. We remember you and miss your presence in every moment of our lives. You will always live in our memories and will be remembered for your guidance, love, compassion, and care.

The **Choubarisi** of our beloved Late Th. Dhruv Singh Slathia S/o Late Th. Narinjan Singh Slathia will be performed on 29th May 2023 (Monday) at Shiv Temple, Housing Colony, Udhampur, from 11:00 AM onwards.

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY:

Smt. Vishno Devi (**Wife**)

Jyoti & Verinder Slathia (**Son & Daughter-in-law**)

Anju & Ashok Singh Jamwal (**Daughter & Son-in-law**)

(**Grandson & Grand daughter-in-law**)

Rajni & Mallikarjun Singh Slathia

Kashmiri carpets bedeck New Parliament House

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): The new Parliament House of India is adorned by the traditional Kashmiri silk-on-silk carpets.

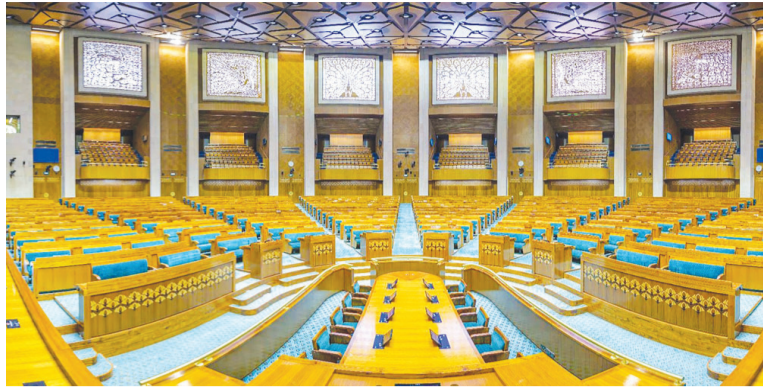
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the new Parliament building which is equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

The carpets were woven by 50 Kashmiri artisans, including men and women at a far-off village Khag in central Kashmir's Budgam district.

Qamar Ali Khan of Tahir Carpets who got the order from a Delhi-based company after submitting the samples in September 2021 to prepare 12 pieces of 8 x 11 feet traditional Kashmiri Silk-on-Silk carpets for the new Parliament House of India is jubilant after the inauguration of new parliament house by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"It is a proud moment for us and for the artisans who worked day and night tirelessly to complete these carpets to adorn the highest place of the country, the Parliament house", Khan said.

Khan feels proud and honoured for hand woven carpets to be bedecking the floors of India's biggest constitutional institution where members from all across India will see crafts-



manship and traditional Kashmiri worked on these carpets.

He said that 50 artisans including women worked dedicatedly day and night to take the project to its conclusion and completed the order before its deadline.

Khan, whose family is associated with the carpet making for the past 30 years, said after receiving the order our artisans honestly started designing on the basis of traditional Kashmiri ancient tradition, nature and shawl making.

"We have weavers and looms and started the work proudly day and night on the project to complete it ahead a month of the deadline", Khan said.

He said the main aim of the project was that the Kashmiri carpet should reach to the places where it would get proper notice and attention and the

art will further flourish which is almost at the lowest ebb due to less demand across the globe.

"I wish that Kashmiri carpets should adorn all the highest houses of the government all across the world", Khan said.

He said the handmade traditional Kashmiri handicrafts including Carpets declined for the past several years due to less demand in the world and hopefully "I am sure that now it will get the recognition again not only in India but all over the world".

When asked why he chose Silk-on-Silk material for the carpets to be floored in the Indian Parliament house, he said "the Silk made carpets were almost shelved due to its less demand as the export of it has come to a stand still. Silk cotton was exported earlier, but that too

could not be continued".

He said "we have started weaving Silk-on-Silk carpets after a long span of time and it was the demand of the company who have provided us the order". He said the carpets will give a perfect look and shine only on Silk-on-Silk nature carpets, not on any other material made carpet".

He said the design on the carpets are similar to what the new parliament building looks like.

He said "we did not face any problem in making the carpets, even everybody including weavers and my all staff wholeheartedly supported us to complete this project".

Khan gave 80 percent credit to his weavers who have shown their caliber and dedication and worked hard day and night to take this project to its logical conclusion.

"It is a proud moment for the carpet industry of Kashmir and hopefully in future such orders will pour from other parts of the country as well as from the international fora", Khan said.

However, Khan expressed his regret that artisans who made these carpets should have been invited and honoured for their work during the inauguration of the Parliament House.

Drive underway to rescue children in street situation in Jammu

JAMMU, May 28 (Agencies): As many as 18 children forced into begging or labour were rescued over the past couple of days in the city by a special task force constituted to deal with such cases, officials here said on Sunday.

The task force was set up by Deputy Commissioner (Jammu) Avny Lavasa to collect information on Children in Street Situation (CISS) and carry out rescue operations within the ecosystem created by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act.

The task force members include the senior superintendent of police, chief medical officer, district child protection officer, assistant labour

commissioner, the NGO Kitaab aur Kalam Foundation and Childline (Jammu).

"We have rescued 18 children, including two girls, below the age of 14 years, from different hotspot areas in the city over the past couple of days. The children were then produced before the Child Welfare Committee for their proper rehabilitation," Arti Choudhary, Protection Officer of the Social Welfare department's Mission Vatsalya, said.

She said the drive was initiated in busy marketplaces, outside religious sites, traffic signals, posh localities, including Gandhi Nagar, Vikram Chowk and Bohu Plaza, immediately after the joint task force was



set up on Tuesday. Its focus remained on children being forced to beg, work as rag pickers, sell articles or engage in labour work at construction sites, she added.

"Children are the future of our nation and we have to end this disease to protect their childhood. After rescuing a child, verification is done to know whether he or she is from within or outside Jammu and Kashmir and a rehabili-

tation plan is chalked out accordingly," Choudhary said.

The official said the rescued children have been admitted to child care institutions where proper diet, counselling and medical care are available.

Since most of the children rescued are from Rajasthan, efforts are underway to establish contact with the authorities concerned to ensure that they are linked to government schemes for their proper rehabilitation in their home districts, she said.

The rescued children will be enrolled in Anganwadi centres or schools and their information uploaded in the CISS portal so that they are not dragged back

into begging or labour.

In her order, the deputy commissioner said the inspection-cum-rescue drive will be done every fortnight.

"The task force shall adopt standard operating procedures suggested by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) for restoration of rescued children," Lavasa said.

She said all the rescued children will be produced before the Child Welfare Committee, which will then pass appropriate orders for their rehabilitation, including orders for family counselling and enrollment in nearby schools or vocational centres.

Private schools loot gullible parents with impunity: Rajesh Kesri



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 28: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri today in a press conference appealed Govt to stop open loot by private schools on pretext to another. Addressing media persons, Kesri said that private schools increase admission fee and class promotion fee every year putting unnecessary burden on parents' especially middle class parents who have already been badly hit by high inflation and high price of basic commodities.

Jizya is collected from the parents of the children in the name of promotion fee whereas the admission fee should be paid only once up to 10th class. But every school is looting the children by charging different fees, it takes fees in the name

of annual fees, takes monthly fees, whereas they are taking monthly fees every month, then what is the use of annual fees, all this is going on because of the weaknesses of director education, if Director becomes strict, then which school has the guts to take annual fees from children in any way, added Kesri.

Private Schools have been looting the gullible parents in the name of books, uniform and other things being provided to their children at exorbitant rates during the new session. Kesri said the private schools have unholy nexus with the wholesalers who supply them books, uniform, shoes and many others items and they compel the parents to purchase all the items from the school. Private schools make fortunes by looting the gullible

parents on the name of books and uniforms, he said. He said that school management forces them to purchase all the items from them.

Govt has constituted several teams to tighten the noose of erring private school management but Kesri alleged that these teams are nowhere in the sight and the monopoly of private schools was going on unabated. Kesri urged the district administration to take stock of the situation and direct the team to take action against the management of private school. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Balveer Kumar, Vijay Luthra, Rajkumar, Balwant Fauji, Omprakash, Labba Baba, Rajesh Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Darshana Devi, Anju Devi, Jyoti Devi besides others.

AAP questions PM Modi's silence over sexual harassment allegation against WFI Chief

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 28: Senior AAP leaders J&K, Jammu, Mr. Ram Singh Chauhan, Kuldeep Kumar Rao & Amit Langer condemn the arrest of protesting wrestlers & other women supporters on the way to join Mahila Panchayat in support of wrestlers by Delhi police & immediately after the wrestlers were taken to different unknown locations, the police officers began clearing the protest site by removing the cots, mattresses, coolers, fans & the tarpaulin ceiling along with other belongings of the wrestlers at Jantar Mantar, is undemocratic & shameful act. The AAP leaders strongly condemn the way Delhi police manhandled Sakshi Malik, Vinnes Phogot & other wrestlers & demanding immediate release of the protesters.

They further said that it was unfortunate that women wrestlers are asked to provide evidence of sexual exploitation. It is not just women wrestlers fight;

it is a battle for dignity of the daughters of our Nation. The AAP leaders said "It was a matter of shame" that athletes have been forced to take to the streets to fight for justice. They said that all women folk are surprised that PM Modi felicitates the wrestlers and clicks pictures with them when the wrestlers win medals but now he has turned a blind eye to their plight when they are on roads, seeking justice. PM Modi talks about "BETI BACHAO" "BETI PADHAO" and listens to every one's "Mann Ki Baat" cannot he listens to wrestler's "Mann Ki Baat". The wrestlers who are demanding arrest & action against BJP MP & wrestling Federation of India (WFI) Chief Brij Bhushan Singh. The AAP leaders questioned PM Modi's "silence" over the sexual harassment allegations against WFI Chief & BJP MP, Mr. Brij Bhushan Singh & asked whether the accused is so important electorally in UP for BJP that he can't be arrested till probe is over.

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| | Farnot road. (L=8.00 kms.) iii) Marta Nagrota Plakh Farnot road to Upper Sanki Via Man Badial. (Length=0.900 kms.) iv) Marta Nagrota Priya Farnot road. (L=4.00 kms.) v) Marta Nagrota Plakh Farnot vi) Road to Baba Baleta road. (Length=0.200 kms.) Total: = 20.100 Kms | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Restoration of roads by way of removal of slips/ drain clearance /RBM filling/Hand packing stones during the year 2023-24 upto ending 31 st of March-2024 (Stage contract). i) Mahanpur Basohli road Km.18 th to 32 nd . (Length=14.00 kms.) ii) Marta Nagrota to Pantiar via Bari Khaloo road. (Length=5.00 kms.) | PWD (R&B) Division Basohli | 2.07 | 600 | 2% of Adv. Cost | Stage Contract | 02/06/2023 (1200 hours) | 'D' |
| 7 | Restoration of road Adhat to Dhar-Mahanpur (L=2.50 kms.) by way of removal of slips/ drain clearance /RBM filling/ Hand packing stones during the year 2023-24 upto ending 31 st of March-2024 (Stage contract). | PWD (R&B) Division Basohli | 2.50 | 600 | 2% of Adv. Cost | Stage Contract | 02/06/2023 (1200 hours) | 'D' |

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Meditation is any practice of which the goal is superconsciousness. It's the process of retraining our awareness to operate not from the conscious or subconscious level, but from the superconscious.

The essential attitude for correct meditation is one of listening. The mind must be kept receptive, because we can't think our way into deep meditation. Nor, indeed, can you think your way to true guidance and inspiration. You can only receive wisdom: you cannot concoct it.

A truth must be perceived in that calm awareness that is superconsciousness. Meditation, then, is not creating answers: it is perceiving, or receiving them. And this is the secret of true guidance.

To understand what meditation is we must learn to listen to what is, and not keep insisting on what we think it ought to be. We must try to tune in to things as they are. Meditation is the opposite of imposing your will on the world. Try to relinquish, even for just a few minutes, the process of concocting plans and projects for the future. Be more, not less, conscious, however.

Meditation is a state of intense awareness achieved by stilling and concentrating the thought.

It's a journey to the centre of our being, a process so perfectly natural that we don't have to learn how to meditate. Rather, we have to unlearn those habits and attitudes that keep us from experiencing our natural state of expanded awareness. Deeper states of meditation come automatically as we peel away the layers of tension and attachments that prevent us from being more aware.

What everyone really wants is bliss. Happiness is counterfeit: too much of it diffuses one's very concept of bliss. To a mind full of attachments, bliss seems almost a threat. A cottage by the sea is something the ego, at least, can handle without effort. But bliss? Bliss requires total absorption. Few people are ready to be all that happy! They need suffering, to spur them towards ever higher aspiration.

A bird, after 20 years of living in a cage, would be afraid to leave it. Were the cage door opened, the bird would cower at the back, dreading the flight that is perfectly natural for it. Man, at the thought of absorption in bliss, faces two major challenges. First, to his mind, bliss implies a need for exerting high energy. Second, the concept of absolute consciousness seems overwhelming to him.

If you have attained a certain degree of refinement, you would be unwilling to return to living like others who limit their pleasures to the table, their bar room and the bedroom. Creatures at every stage of evolution cling to what is familiar to them. Familiarity gives them their sense of security. And, so, they may meet the call to higher awareness with stout resistance.

The principal challenge bliss presents is the demand that one's ego be abandoned. Human beings define themselves in terms of their bodies. They think of themselves as having a specific age, name, nationality, sex and social position. These do not, however, truly define us at all. In infinite consciousness, not even self-awareness, ultimately, is lost; it is simply transformed. Nothing, in essence, can be either created or destroyed.

How trauma and rejection led to a murder-suicide tragedy at varsity

By: Anita Anand

A few weeks back, on May 18, there was news of two killings -- a murder and a suicide. Anup Singh, a 20-year-old third year BA Sociology student at the Shiv Nadar University in Noida, in the National Capital Region, shot and killed Sneha Chaurasiya, a fellow student and a classmate. He then shot himself. Both were in a on-again, off-again relationship for about a year and a half.

According to police reports and what was caught on the university's CCTV footage, Anup and Sneha, on that day, met outside the dining hall. Anup hugged Sneha and offered her a gift; she refused it. Anup pulled out a gun and shot her in the abdomen, and then went to the university hostel and shot himself. There were no witnesses as the university was on a summer break.

Before this incident, Anuj shot a 20-minute video, now public, in which he says he wants to "justify" his actions. The video describes in detail a consensual relationship in which they helped each other in and out of low periods over 18 months. Anup says he rescued Sneha on several occasions from men who were blackmailing and stalking her. After a while, Anuj began to accuse Sneha of relationships with other men and being unfaithful to him. She began to move away from him, emotionally and physically, and wanted to end the relationship. He stalked the men he thought she was

having relationships with and named them in the video. Sneha complained twice to the university authorities, and they both were counselled on the campus. Anup, after the sessions, says the university did nothing for him and that action should have been taken against Sneha.

Recent media reports reveal that Sneha, in March, had sent an email to the university authorities complaining of harassment and physical abuse by Anuj. He had threatened to kill her and had choked her. There was no action by the university on Sneha's complaints.

Anuj hails from a farming family in Uttar Pradesh's Amroha district. After the incidents, Anuj's relatives said they were unaware of the relationship between him and Sneha. Anuj's uncle shared that about 20 before the incident, Anuj had visited his family and seemed "completely normal"; he was physically fit and participated in farming activities. He told his family that the university was sending him abroad for a year. The family has no knowledge of how he got the gun, nor were they aware of his cancer diagnosis.

In the video, Anuj says that he was under a lot of stress. His sister, who was married with a child, was burnt to death by her husband's family. Around the same time, his brother's wife left him for another man, taking their two sons. Shortly after that, his brother died after a heart attack. He himself, says Anup, was diagnosed with

brain cancer but did not tell his parents.

Anuj's family says that these claims in the video about the family are false. Was Anuj imagining all this? Or was his family covering up what Anuj said in the video? Whatever is the truth, Anuj was under stress and quite traumatised by the events in his family and his rejection by Sneha.

Is there a link between trauma and violence? Psychiatrists Daniel J. Neller and John Matthew Fabian, in a review of research-based theories on trauma and its contribution to violence, suggest that increasingly, biological evidence is surfacing to explain the contribution of traumatic experiences to violent behaviour. Highly stressful, potentially traumatic events can alter brain structures and chemicals. During periods of prolonged stress, the body reduces its production of serotonin, a neuro-transmitter associated with inhibition of behaviour. Low amounts of serotonin repeatedly have been associated with aggression and impulsivity.

Research on rejection and MRI studies show that the same areas of the brain become activated when we experience rejection as when we experience physical pain and is the reason why rejection hurts so much (neurologically speaking). In fact, our brains respond similarly to rejection and physical pain.

Additionally, hypersensitivity to rejection often causes individuals to distort and misinterpret the actions of others and cause higher

degrees of psychological distress when they're rejected, including emotional pain, anger, and sadness, and they are at a much greater risk of engaging in aggression, social isolation and self-harm. This fear of rejection may constantly accuse a partner of cheating -- which may contribute to the other person ending the relationship. This seems to be the case with Anuj.

Such incidents can be averted with greater awareness and preparedness in understanding our emotions. Since the family, where the roots of such emotional inadequacies lie, is often not able to, it then falls upon educational and religious institutions and the government to act. Several civil society organisations offer services, both online and offline. But the challenge is greater, and interventions are needed at institutional levels. Schools and colleges can, in their curriculum and orientation programmes, require mandatory attendance for sessions on stress management and relationships as most students are ill-equipped to handle them.

Sneha and Anuj came from fairly modest families. At the university, living in hostels, without family supervision and opportunities to interact with the opposite sex, Sneha and Anuj experienced love, jealousy, heartbreak and rejection -- all to be expected. But maybe not death.

Anuj was a troubled young man and could not see any way out of his situation except by killing Sneha and taking his own life. A tragedy all around.

Women in Civil services (Administrative)

By: Vijay Garg

The current year 2023 will be considered a milestone in the history of India's administrative services because women have got 34 per cent seats in the declared results of this service. Out of total 933 seats, women candidates have been successful in 320 seats. Along with this, women candidates have been successful in the first four places as well. Seeing this, it can be said that for the last 74 years, the participation of women has become remarkable in the country India which is traveling on its progress, but it is only a part of the picture. There is an aspect because if seen in totality, the percentage of women in the total working population of India is still considered to be around 17, but the working population can also be said to be only a partial scale of development because in any society The sure measure of overall development is the status of women in that society, that is, how and in what form the society respects them. Of course, India is continuously moving forward since 1947 on all scales and women are also seen

moving forward in every field, but the overall development of women No less important is the development of the downtrodden and backward and minority people of the society. It is a matter of pleasure that 24 trainees of the residential coaching center of Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia University have also been successful in administrative services this time. Every year 100 trainees from dalits, backward and minorities are taken in this center of the university and out of these 24 trainees have been successful this time. This is also believed to be a record. With this the total at all India level One-third of the successful candidates have been students of the state of origin Bihar. There was a time when administrative services were considered to be the possession of the so-called elite and elite class only. After independence, there was an outbreak of students from the states of South India and in North India, only students of Allahabad University could dream of passing this exam, but after the 90s, the choice of language as a medium in the IAS exam started increasing. As exemptions went

on, so did the courage of the students of North India. His talent could not be suppressed due to being weak in English language. This is the reason that now students from North India are also coming in more numbers in this service, but due to economic liberalization starting in the 90s itself, due to high salaries in corporate sector jobs, the interest of promising students is very high in this direction. Because of which the students considered to be the 'cream' of talent turned to that side. Therefore, some analysts believe that at present only students of the second category of talent are attracted towards IAS. Because the cream goes towards the monthly salary of lakhs of rupees of private foreign and corporate companies. Despite all this, the young generation coming in administrative services comes here with the spirit of social service and patriotism. Of course, there is greed for good salary and service conditions as well as attraction towards high style, but the biggest sense of responsibility remains in all this. The people of India are also surprised when the collector of a district is a young man and he runs

the administration of the entire district efficiently. This achievement cannot be called a small one. Because ultimately our democratic governance system runs through the executive only. This system becomes more beautiful when an officer from North India governs a district in South India and a young man or woman from South India becomes the police captain of a district in North India. Therefore, administrative service also strengthens national unity. Every candidate belonging to Dalit or minority class who is successful in these services reflects the all-round progress of India and gives the message that such This is possible only in a democracy. Therefore, administrative officers play a very important role in keeping democracy alive and bring alive the India of Gandhi and Ambedkar's dreams. We can also put the success of women in large numbers in this category.

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Charak & Sadotra congregation organized at Data Talab

TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, MAY 28: The half yearly mail of Charak and Sadotra fraternity was organized on Sunday at Data Talab, the place of Jai Data Ranpat Dev. In this Mail, about five lakh devotees from all over the country received the blessings of Jai Data Ranpat Dev Ji after taking bath in the holy lake at Dev Sthan Data Talab Birpur. Devotees started queuing up from 4 o'clock in the morning to have darshan in the darbar of Shree Data Dev Maharaj ji. As the sun rose, the number of devotees increased. The people got a lot of benefit from the convenient arrangements made for the devotees by the Jai Data Ranpat Dev Ji Committee.

Devotees first stood in queue to have darshan of Jai Data Ranpat Dev Ji after taking bath in the holy lake of Jai Data Ranpat Dev Ji. They had to wait for hours to reach the darbar. Although the committee had made many convenient arrangements for everyone, but the number of devotees was too much to handle. A lot of contribution was made by the administration and the police for this. A huge Bhandara was also organized for the people at



Data Talab. People from far off places shaved their children at the Data Darbar as per their vows. As the evening wore on, the devotees of Data ji left for Data ji's native village Birpur, where the disciples of Data ji gave their presence through Jatar throughout the night. There itself, The Jogis also told the devotees by singing the story based on the life of Jai Data Ranpat Dev Maharaj ji through Karkars that even in difficult circumstances, Shree Data Ranpat Dev Maharaj ji had fulfilled the duty of being a true Sarpanch, and did not deviate from the truth at all. He did justice. However, the miscreants killed Shree Data Ranpat Dev ji

by deceit, the result of which he had to suffer very badly.

Swaran Singh Charak, President of Jai Data Ranpat Dev Ji Committee Birpur, said that better arrangements have been made for the people by the committee. On this occasion, thousands of people including Sh. Rajinder Sharma Hon'ble Mayor Jammu, Sh. Baldev Singh Billawaria Hon'ble Deputy Mayor Jammu, Sh. Shakti Kumar Pathak IPS DIG Jammu - Samba-Kathua Range, Sh. Benam Tosh JKPS, SSP Samba, Sh. Fiesel Qureshi, SSP Traffic Police Rural Jammu, Ms Sunaina Sharma Mehta JKAS Joint Director Jammu Tourism, Sh.

Rakesh Dubey JKAS Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sh. Surinder Choudhary Additional SP Samba, Javid Iqbal Tabassam, Dy SP (T) Samba-Kathua Former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Kavinder Gupta, Former Minister and President Dogra Sadar Sabha J&K, Former Minister of Commerce and Industries Chander Prakash Ganga, Former Minister of Revenue Raman Bhalla, Former Minister of Labour and Employment Surjeet Singh Salathia, Former Ministers, MLAs and Civil society of the government attended the Data Darbar. A separate market was made for the children on this occasion.

A toy market was specially decorated here for the entertainment of the children, where the children had a lot of fun. A swing market was also set up there for the children. Prem Sadotra General Secretary Jai Data Ranpat Dev Ji Committee, Sohan Lal Sadotra President Sadotra Biradri, Sushil Singh Charak Chairman Nations Development Association (NDA), Pushpinder Singh Charak Secretary BJP JKUT, Kr. Rajeev Charak, BJP Senior Leader and Anuradha Charak Vice President BJP J&K, Kulbhushan Singh Charak, Sanjeev Sadotra, Parshotam Singh were also present.

Gurmeet pays homage to Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru on his 59th death anniversary

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, MAY 28: Gurmeet Singh, President Beopar Mandal and District General Secretary, senior Congress leader paid tributes to former First Prime Minister of India Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru on his 59th death anniversary at Congress Party Office Rajinder Bazaar, Jammu along with Ward No 3, President Hardavinder Singh. Jawaharlal Nehru (Life Span-14 Nov. to 1889-27 May-1964) was an Indian anti-colonial nationalist, secular humanist, social democrat, statesman and author who was a central figure in India during the middle of the 20th century. He was a principal leader of the Indian nationalist movement in the 1930's and 1940's.

Upon India's independence in 1947, he became the first Prime Minister of India, serving for 16 years. Nehru promoted parliamentary democracy, secularism, and science and technology during the 1950s, powerfully influencing India's arc as a modern nation. In international affairs, he successfully maintained India's neutrality throughout the Cold War. A well-regarded author, his



books written in prison, such as Letters from a Father to His Daughter (1929), Glimpses of World History (1934), An Autobiography (1936), and The Discovery of India (1946), have been read around the world. The honorific Pandit has been commonly applied before his name.

India's independence on 15th August 1947, Nehru gave a critically acclaimed speech, "Trust with Destiny"; he was sworn in as the Dominion of India's prime minister and raised the Indian flag at the Red Fort in Delhi. On 26th January 1950, when India became a republic within the Commonwealth of Nations, Nehru became the Republic of India's first prime minister. He embarked on an ambitious program of economic, social, and political reforms. Nehru promoted a pluralistic multi-party democracy. In foreign affairs, he

played a leading role in establishing the Non-Aligned Movement, a group of nations that did not seek membership in the two main ideological blocs of the Cold War.

Under Nehru's leadership, the Congress emerged as a catch-all party, dominating national and state-level politics and winning elections in 1951, 1957 and 1962. Nehru remained popular with the Indian people and his premiership, spanning 16 years and 286 days—which is, to date, the longest in India—ended with his death on 27th May 1964 due to a heart attack.

Prominent among those who accompanied Singh include Ward No 3, President Hardavinder Singh, Samuel Gill, Mohd Ashraf, Ranjit Kumar, Dharamveer Gupta, Naiz Sheakh, Bittu, Hardeep Singh, Subash Kumar Kamal Kumar, Vijay Sharma and Amarpreet.

BJP leaders along with public listens 101th Episode of Mann Ki Baat

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, MAY 28: Yudhvir Sethi (Vice President BJP) and Braham Jyot Satti (Senior leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) along with BJP workers and prominent Citizens listened 101th edition of "Mann Ki Baat" by PM Narendra Modi at ward no 16, Booth no 20, New Plot, Jammu.

The program was organised by Ajay Mehra (OBC Morcha Mandal Vice President) at his residence.

Raman Sharma (mandal president BJP amphala), Ashok Salgotra (dist president obc), Rakesh Pandey Vicky (mandal president obc amphala), (Karan sharma General secretary mandal amphala bjp), Sunil bindroo (Social Media Sectary BJP amphala



mandal), Om kar boss Dist (seh media prabhari mandal amphala), Amit puri (Sectary mandal amphala), punit chawla (IT Incharge bjp mandal amphala) and prominent citizens and locals were present on the occasion.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 101th episode of his monthly radio programme, Mann Ki Baat, today.

While addressing, PM Modi Paid homage to Savarkar on his birth anniversary during the 'Mann ki Baat' broadcast, Modi said Savarkar's sacrifice,

courage and determination continue to inspire us.

He hailed Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar, saying his personality exuded strength and his fearless and self-respecting nature could not tolerate the mindset of slavery.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed the Yuva Sangam program in today's episode of Mann Ki Baat. He also interacted with some youth while discussing about the Yuva Sangam programme. Meanwhile, while interacting with Gyamar Nyokum, a

student from Arunachal Pradesh, Prime Minister Modi advised him to write a blog on the Yuva Sangam program and asked him to share his experiences.

He said in 'Yuvasangam' youth visit cities and villages of other states, they get an opportunity to meet different types of people. In the first round of Yuvasangam, about 1200 youths have toured 22 states of the country. All the youth who have been a part of it, are returning with such memories, which will remain etched in their hearts for the rest of their lives.

He said youths are working through innovation and technology, there are many youths who are also engaged in the mission of making the society aware, like the youth of Balod district in Chhat-

tisgarh. The youth here have started a campaign to save water. They go door-to-door to make people aware of water conservation.

Yudhvir Sethi explained the summary of the whole episode to the public and said Jammu Kashmir is growing too fast under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said in Jammu Kashmir, people are earning their livelihood and saving money from the farming of Nadru (Lotus stem), lavender etc and we are experiencing a huge growth in the number of entrepreneurs in the state we are highly appreciable.

Braham Jyot said thanked and appreciated the working of Ajay Mehra and said every BJP worker is working on ground level and serving humanity.

NC will revoke property tax if voted to power: Rattan Lal



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 28: Making a big promise, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu on Sunday said that if voted to power in the upcoming ULB polls, the National Conference will revoke the property tax imposed by the government against the wishes of the people of J&K.

The NC stalwart leader was addressing the meeting of Block No 1 Jammu East of JKNC as Chief Guest at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan in Jammu. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chander Mohan Sharma, District President Jammu Urban. Ashwani Charak, concerned Block President organized the meeting to discuss strategy ahead of ULB polls.

The senior NC functionary said that only NC knows the plight of people in J&K as it's the grass-root party. He said that without assessing the status of people the BJP dispensation in the Centre is issuing dictatorial orders like the one imposing property tax, transforming the lives of people into virtual hell. He said that if elected in ULB polls, the NC will

rescue the people from miseries given by the BJP government.

Rattan Lal also raised the issue of rampant corruption in the civic body viz JMC and also asserted that people have been facing many problems due to poor working culture in the Municipal Corporation. He also alleged that the Smart Meters installed by the concerned departments are faulty and people are facing trouble due to mismanagement of the concerned agency, which has installed these power meters in a careless manner. He said that people are suffering due to raised electricity bills as there is no one to listen to their plight despite the affected lot moving from pillar to post.

Rattan Lal asserted that NC will develop Jammu city on modern lines and new Municipal Markets will be constructed to accommodate small traders besides providing amenities to people including regular supply of water and uninterrupted power. He also promised that modern dispensaries will be opened in every ward

with adequate infrastructure and staff.

Chander Mohan Sharma highlighted problems being faced by people related to shortage of power and water, and the widow, old age and handicapped pension, which are denied to concerned people for the reasons best known to those sitting at helm.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary Jammu, JK NC, said that only NC has the potential to satiate the aspirations of the people and therefore people should come forward and extend wholehearted support to NC. Pardeep Bali, Provincial Secretary, Jammu, JKNC appealed to the people to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah to bring the desired changes in J&K as under the present regime all are suffering.

Among those who were present include Ashok Dogra, Vice President Jammu District, Gurnam Singh Block President, Prabhat, Shashi Kumar, Ashok Raj, Rashida Begum, Varinder Khajuria, Mohammad Sharief, Harbans Lal Sabarwal, Waris Gill and Arun Pal Singh.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav: Medical camp held at Chatta Doda

TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, May 28: On the directions of Chief Medical Officer Doda, the BMO Office in collaboration with BPMU NHM Ghat on 27-05-2023 organized a mega health check up cum awareness camp at Village Chatta under HWC-Sub Centre Chatta in Medical Block Ghat, District Doda.

The camp was organized as a part of the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Abhuth Doda's initiative of District Administration Doda.

During the camp, more than 350 people

were examined and screened for general health checkup, Diabetes, Hypertension under NCD, eye screening besides TB screening was also performed by the team, out of which 115 samples of sputum samples were collected from them.

This was the unique camp of its kind being held at Village Chatta in which hundreds of patients were examined free of cost and provided with free medicines by the department.

While giving details about the camp, the officials said it is necessary to organize

health camps to connect the general public with health services & to aware them about the beneficial schemes of the health department, adding that it is our endeavor that the benefits of the schemes run by the govt should reach the last beneficiary living in remote areas.

The whole event was smoothly and efficiently conducted by Sh Mashhood Latif (BME), Zahid Wani (Sr Asstt.) and Sh Zeeshan Trambboo (I/c Stores) with the help of staff of HWC-SC Chatta.

Dr Hamid Parray (MO

PHC Gundna), Dr Aamir Malik (MO NTPHC Sazan), Dr Tarif Younis (MLHP HWC Chata), Sh Arshad Latief (Lab Tech PHC Gundna), Sh Raju Kumar (Oph. Tech PHC Ghat), Sh Irshad Ahmed (STS DTU Doda) besides local ASHAs rendered their services, in making the camp successful.

Meanwhile, health awareness lectures on good health & hygiene was given on the occasion besides the people were also sensitized about the mode of transmission, symptoms and treatment of Tuberculosis.

Fani hails LG for relaxation in Upper Age Limit for State Civil Services

TOP NEWS REPORT

BHADARWAH, May 28: Farid Ahmed Fani, Spokesperson of BJP Minority Morcha and District Prabhari has expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor for ordering relaxation in the upper age limit of the aspirants of state civil services examinations being conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (PSC).

He also observed that the age relaxation will bring in more diversity in the service and give more opportunities to deserving candidates.

Shah Rukh Khan Akshay Kumar celebrate 'new Parliament for new India'

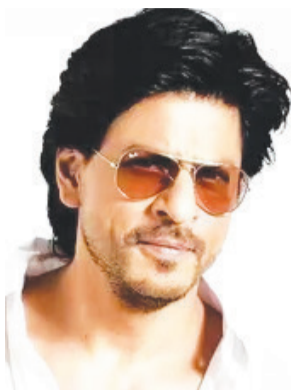
Superstars Shah Rukh Khan and Akshay Kumar believe the new Parliament building will contribute towards a "new India" and become a symbol of the country's growth story.

The Hindi film stars shared a glimpse of the new Parliament house on Twitter on Saturday night and expressed their happiness over its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The prime minister praised the two actors for sharing their thoughts on the new building.

"What a magnificent new home for the people who uphold our Constitution, represent every citizen of this great Nation and protect the diversity of her one People @narendramodiji. A new Parliament building for a New India but with the age old dream of Glory for India. Jai Hind! #MyParliamentMyPride," Shah Rukh wrote alongside the video featuring his voice over.

The parliament is to the nation what soul is



to the body, the 57-year-old actor said in the clip with the famous "Swades" track "Yeh Jo Des Hai Tera" playing in the background.

"My sincere prayers that the soul of democracy remains robust in its new home and continues to foster liberty, fraternity and equality for ages to come. May this new abode of democracy build a new age that is renowned for its scientific temper and empathy for all. "A new parliament for a new India but with the same age old dream -- the glory of India, of our nation. Jai Hind!" SRK said.

PM Modi hailed Shah Rukh for beautifully



expressing his thoughts about the new Parliament building. "The new Parliament building is a symbol of democratic strength and progress. It blends tradition with modernity. #MyParliamentMyPride" the prime minister tweeted.

Akshay also shared the video with a personalised voice over.

"Proud to see this glorious new building of the Parliament. May this forever be an iconic symbol of India's growth story. #MyParliamentMyPride" he tweeted.

The actor, who grew up in the Chandni Chowk area of Delhi, said as a kid he used to notice that the majority of the buildings near India

Gate were constructed by the British. "Today, on seeing this brand new and grand new building my heart is filled with pride. The Indian Parliament is a temple of democracy. It is a symbol of new India. An India, which is not only at the forefront of culture and heritage, but also marching ahead in the world with its progress," he said in the clip.

The actor congratulated PM Modi for "making this day possible". "God bless India with more and more progress in the years to come," he added.

The Prime Minister replied on Akshay's post and said the "new Parliament is truly a beacon of our democracy." "It reflects the nation's rich heritage and the vibrant aspirations for the future. #MyParliamentMyPride" PM Modi tweeted.

Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the new Parliament building here on Sunday morning and installed the historic Sengol in the Lok Sabha chamber.

Irrfan would have got an Oscar if Hollywood films were made in Hindi says Sutapa Sikdar

If Hollywood movies were made in Hindi, Irrfan Khan would have got an Oscar, writer Sutapa Sikdar would often tell her actor husband, as she believed English language was a "barrier" for him in the West.

Sutapa in an interview with journalist-author Shubhra Gupta, published in Pan Macmillan India's upcoming book, "Irrfan: Life in Movies", said the iconic actor took a while to get comfortable with the English language.

"His mother tongue was Hindi, he thought in Hindi. So, I personally felt it took him a while to be comfortable in the English language. Very strictly my point of view. I feel that language was a barrier," said Sutapa, as quoted in the book.

Irrfan, who died of cancer in April, 2020, transcended geographical barriers and was admired internationally for his roles in movies like "Life of Pi", "Jurassic World", "Inferno" and Oscar-winning "Slum-



dog Millionaire".

"I used to always tell him, 'Hollywood ki picture agar Hindi mein bolti na, ab tak tujhe Oscar mil gaya hota' (If Hollywood movies were made in Hindi, you would have got an Oscar by now)" she added.

Sutapa also found flaws in Irrfan's Bengali in 2006 film "The Namesake", but acknowledged the hard work put in by the actor in making his English sound effortless.

She recalled Irrfan's conversation with legendary Hollywood composer Hans Zimmer at a family dinner during the shooting of "Inferno", and how nervous she was fearing that the actor would make a

"grammatical mistake" -- which he didn't.

"He was conversing and I was getting nervous: abhi ye kuchh galat bolega hi bolega! (He will definitely say something wrong.) But it was amazing, the way he spoke of various things, and then he's telling (me) in the car ki 'Tu toh aise baithi hogi apni ungli pakad ke ki ye kab grammatical galti karega.' (You must have been waiting, holding your breath, for me to make a grammatical mistake)," she recalled.

Talking about her favourite performances of Irrfan, the 55-year-old writer said she loved him in American drama television series "In Treatment", "Qarib Qarib Single" and "Maqbool"

-- where she felt in some scenes he even outdid his idol Naseeruddin Shah.

However, it was the actor's performance in National Award-winning "Paan Singh Tomar" which made Sutapa -- also Irrfan's batchmate from National School of Drama (NSD)-- emotional.

"I would not say, 'Arre wah, kya kamaal kar diya toone!' (What a remarkable performance you've given!) Till I actually felt it, you know? Like in 'Paan Singh Tomar', I felt that he lived that character, and I cried. And he cried because he said this is the first time I was acknowledging his performance," she said.

"Irrfan: Life in Movies", scheduled to be released on June 7, offers a compelling account of Irrfan's life and achievements -- starting from his days at the NSD to his nearly a decade-long stint in television and his gradual ascent in the film industry.

IIFA Awards 2023: 'Drishyam 2' wins best picture, Alia Bhatt & Hrithik Roshan bag acting honours



Ajay Devgn-starrer "Drishyam 2" won the top prize of best picture at the star-studded IIFA Awards ceremony here that saw Alia Bhatt and Hrithik Roshan bagging the female and male acting trophies, respectively. The two-day extravaganza, held at a foreign location every year to celebrate the best of Hindi films, concluded Saturday night at the Etihad Arena, part of Yas Bay Waterfront on Yas Island.

Producers Bhushan Kumar and Kumar Mangat accepted the best picture award for "Drishyam 2", a remake of popular Malayalam movie of the same title. The film also won the award for best adapted story.

Bhatt, who gave the ceremony a miss, was awarded best performance in a leading role - female for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Gangubai Kathiawadi".

Roshan lifted the IIFA trophy for best performance in a leading role - male for his work in the action-thriller film "Vikram Vedha".

"I have lived with Vedha for many years now. It all began right here in Abu Dhabi. I gave my first shot as Vedha here. It feels like life has come full circle to me," he said, thanking the director duo Pushkar and Gayatri for the role.

"Vedha has unleashed a certain madness in me that I didn't know was

within me and I held on to that madness," said the actor, who later shook a leg with hosts Abhishek Bachchan and Vicky Kaushal on "Ek Pal Ka Jeena" from his debut movie "Kaho Na Pyaar Hai".

Ranbir Kapoor and Bhatt-starrer "Brahmastra: Part One Shiva" registered the most wins for a film, including -- best playback singer (female) for Shreya Ghoshal, best playback singer (male) for Arjith Singh (Male), best lyricist award for Amitabh Bhattacharya and best supporting actor (female) for Mouni Roy.

Actor R Madhavan was honoured with the best direction award for his maiden filmmaking effort "Rocketry: The Nambi Effect". Perviez Sheikh and Jasmeet Reen bagged the trophy for best original story for "Darlings".

Late Bollywood actor Irrfan Khan's son, Babil Khan, won the best debut (Male) award for the film "Qala". He shared the award with Shantanu Maheshwari of "Gangubai Kathiawadi" fame.

Actor Khushali Kumar was adjudged the winner of best debut (female) for "Dhoka Around the Corner".

Music maestro A R Rahman felicitated cinema icon Kamal Haasan with the Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema honour at the IIFA Awards.

"I am a child of cinema,

I was born in movies. I have been here for three-and-half decades. I always feel I haven't done enough. I will have to go back and work harder," Haasan said after receiving the award.

The awards night saw some electrifying performances from superstar Salman Khan, Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Jacqueline Fernandez, Nora Fatehi and Rakul Preet Singh.

Khan showcased his dance moves as he performed on tracks like "Aaj Ki Party" from "Bajrangi Bhaijaan", "Seeti Maar" from "Radhe", "Aaja Soniye" from "Mujhse Shaadi Karoge" and "Jumme Ki Raat" from "Kick".

Dhawan paid a tribute to Bollywood directors Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Rohit Shetty, and Karan Johar by dancing on popular songs from their films.

Fatehi performed on old Bollywood cabaret numbers such as "Laila O Laila" and "Monica Oh My Darling", whereas Singh paid an ode to the black-and-white era with an act on classic tracks such as "Ajeeb Dastaan Hai Yeh" and "Pyaar Hua Ikrar Hua". The IIFA Awards and Weekend were held in collaboration with the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi), and Miral, Abu Dhabi's leading curator of immersive destinations and experiences.

'Citadel' has never-seen-before action, will soon start shoot in Serbia: Varun Dhawan

Bollywood star Varun Dhawan has revealed that his debut OTT series "Citadel" will feature some unique action sequences and the team will soon travel to Serbia for the shoot. The upcoming show, also starring Samantha Ruth Prabhu, is the India extension of Prime Video's recently released global spy franchise "Citadel", produced by Amazon Studios and Russo Brothers' AGBO banner.

"It has been amazing working on it. We are going to be filming in Serbia. We have a month-long schedule over there with a lot of action. It is a very big series, nothing like people have seen in India yet," Dhawan, 36, told PTI on the sidelines of IIFA Awards and



Weekend.

Filmmaker duo Raj Nidimoru & Krishna DK, who have collaborated with Prime Video on popular series "The Family Man" and "Farzi", will serve as showrunners and directors on the Indian chapter of "Citadel".

"The makers are pushing the envelope. Samantha and I can't be

doing something mediocre. She is one of the hardest working actors," Dhawan added.

"Citadel" was launched last month with an American version, starring Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Richard Madden. The Italian installment of the franchise, titled "Citadel: Diana", is set to arrive next year.

On the big screen,

Dhawan will next be seen in Nitesh Tiwari's "Bawaal", alongside Janhvi Kapoor.

Dhawan said he cherishes working with filmmakers who push him as an artist.

"There are some directors who are on your bucket list. For me, it was Shoojit Sircar ('October'), Sriram Raghavan ('Badla-

pur') and Nitesh Tiwari ('Bawaal'). Some of my best performances come out when I work with these directors as they push me.

"It is amazing and I feel blessed to be working with Nitesh. 'Bawaal' personally is a film I am so proud of. It says something that is the need of the hour," he said.

Dhawan's previous theatrical release "Bhedhiya" made its digital debut on JioCinema over the weekend and the actor hopes for a warm reception.

"It feels great, it is out and it is free. We were trying to do something in the commercial zone so we can come back with 'Bhedhiya 2'. As an artist, you have to try and do something new," he added.

Berlin police investigate Roger Waters for possible incitement over concert outfit

BERLIN, May 26: Police in Berlin said on Friday that they have opened an investigation of Roger Waters on suspicion of incitement over a costume the Pink Floyd co-founder wore when he performed in the German capital last week.

Images on social media showed Waters firing an imitation machine gun while dressed in a long black coat with a red armband. Police confirmed that an investigation was opened over suspicions that the context of the costume could constitute a glorification, justification or approval of Nazi rule and therefore a disturbance of the public peace.

Once the police investigation is concluded,



the case will be handed to Berlin prosecutors, who would decide whether to pursue any charges.

Waters has drawn ire for his support of the BDS movement, which calls for boycotts and sanctions against Israel. He has rejected accusations of antisemitism.

Authorities in Frankfurt tried to prevent a concert there scheduled for May 28, but Waters

challenged that move successfully in a local court.

In Munich, the city council said it had explored possibilities of banning a concert but concluded that it wasn't legally possible to cancel a contract with the organizer. His appearance there on Sunday was accompanied by a protest attended by the local Jewish community's leader.

Ajitpal Singh's 'Fire in the Mountains' streaming on SonyLIV

NEW DELHI, May 27: Filmmaker Ajitpal Singh's acclaimed movie "Fire in the Mountains" has started streaming on SonyLIV.

The streaming service shared the news in a post on Twitter.

"A mother's love knows no bounds, but can it overcome her husband's beliefs? #FireInTheMountains streaming now on Sony LIV," SonyLIV tweeted.

"Fire in the Mountains" had its World Premiere at Sundance Film Festival 2021 in the "World Cinema Dramatic Competition".

The family drama follows a mother who toils to save money to build a road in a remote Himalayan village to take her wheelchair-bound son for physiotherapy. But her husband believes that a shamanic ritual (Jagar) is the remedy and steals her savings.

The movie features Vinamrata Rai, Chandan Bisht and Sonal Jha, and first-time actors Harshita Tewari and Mayank Singh Jaira from Uttarakhand.



'Self-glorifying authoritarian' PM inaugurates new Parliament building Congress

NEW DELHI, May 28: The Congress on Sunday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi after he inaugurated the new Parliament building, saying a "self-glorifying authoritarian PM with utter disdain for Parliamentary procedures" opened the new complex.

Modi inaugurated the new Parliament building on Sunday morning.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said Parliament is the voice of the people but the prime minister is treating the inauguration of the new building like a "coronation".

"Parliament is the voice of the people! The prime minister is treating the inauguration of the Parliament House as (a) coronation," Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi soon after Modi inaugurated the building.

Jairam Ramesh, the Congress general secretary, said, "On this day, May 28th: Nehru, the person who did the most to nurture Parliamentary democracy in India, was cremated in 1964. Savarkar, the person whose ideological ecosystem led to the killing of Mahatma Gandhi, was born in 1883."

Ramesh also said it is on the same day that President Droupadi Murmu -- the first woman from the tribal community to become president -- is not allowed to perform



her Constitutional duties and inaugurate the new Parliament building.

"A self-glorifying authoritarian Prime Minister with utter disdain for Parliamentary procedures, who rarely attends Parliament or engages in it, inaugurates the new Parliament building in 2023," he said.

Ramesh further said fabrication of facts by "distorians" and the drum-beating of the media hit new lows in 2023.

AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal tweeted, "At the foundation stone laying ceremony of the new Parliament building, then Hon'ble President Sh. Ramnath Kovind was kept away from the ceremony. At its inauguration, President Droupadi Murmu has been sidelined."

"It is the upper caste, anti-backward mindset of the RSS because of which they are denied the respect that their high constitutional office deserves. Their deliberate exclusion shows PM Modi will use them as tokens for his electoral politics, but will not allow them to be part of such significant and historic occasions," he said.

Another Congress leader, Manickam Tagore, said 20 Opposition parties boycotted the inauguration of the new building and the ceremony did not represent the entire Parliament.

Tagore, the party's whip in the Lok Sabha, said chief ministers of several states were also absent during the inauguration function.

"Sorry... Because of One man's ego we have not followed the

Constitution of India. President of India should have inaugurated and Prime Minister should have been the Guest of Honour," Tagore said on Twitter.

Pramod Tiwari, the Congress' deputy leader in the Rajya Sabha, said not inviting the president to do the inauguration was an insult to her as well as the tribal community.

The Congress and the BJP have been engaged in a war of words over the history of the Sengol that was installed in the new Parliament on Sunday and the inauguration of the building being done by the prime minister.

Several Opposition parties have boycotted the event contending that the president and not the prime minister should inaugurate the new building.

Twitterati rave about 'Akhand Bharat' mural in new Parliament

NEW DELHI, May 27 (PTI) A mural in the new Parliament building depicting the influence of ancient Indian thought in its immediate neighbourhood went viral on social media on Sunday with many claiming it represents the resolve for an Akhand Bharat, described as a "cultural concept" by the RSS.

The mural in the new Parliament building, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, marks important kingdoms and cities of the past, and shows the influence of ancient India in the then Taxila, in present-day Pakistan.

"The resolve is clear -- Akhand Bharat," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said on Twitter.

The BJP's Karnataka unit shared photographs of the artworks inside the new Parliament

House, including the murals of ancient India, Chanakya, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and B R Ambedkar and the cultural diversity of the country.

"It is a symbol of the vitality of our proud great civilisation," the Karnataka BJP said on its Twitter handle.

"Akhand Bharat in New Parliament. It represents our powerful & self-reliant India," Manoj Kotak, Lok Sabha member from Mumbai North-East, said on Twitter.

A number of Twitter users welcomed the depiction of 'Akhand Bharat' in the new Parliament building and wondered whether it was the reason for the Opposition boycott of the function.

"Our idea was to depict the influence of Indian thought during the ancient ages. It extended from

the present day Afghanistan in the northwestern region to south-eastern Asia," Adwaita Gadanayak, Director General, National Gallery of Modern Art said.

Gadanayak was involved in the selection of artworks displayed in the new Parliament building.

According to the RSS, the Akhand Bharat concept refers to the undivided India whose geographical expanse was very wide in ancient times -- present-day Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand.

However, the RSS now maintains that the Akhand Bharat concept, in the present times, should be seen in the cultural context and not political given the partition of India on religious lines at the time of Independence.

'Coronation over arrogant king is crushing voice of people' Rahul on police detaining wrestlers

NEW DELHI, May 28: The Congress on Sunday attacked the Centre over the detention of protesting wrestlers by the police as former party chief Rahul Gandhi said that with the "coronation" over, the "arrogant king is crushing the voice of the people" on the streets.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also hit out at the government, saying that the "arrogance" of the BJP government has increased so much that it is "mercilessly trampling" upon the voices of our women sportspersons under its boots.

The strong attack by the opposition party leaders came after the Delhi Police detained ace wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia for viola-

tion of law and order after they breached the security cordon while trying to move towards the new Parliament building for a planned women's Mahapanchayat.

The champion wrestlers had resumed their agitation against former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh on April 23, demanding his arrest for alleged sexual harassment of several women grapplers, including a minor.

Rahul Gandhi, in an apparent reference to the inauguration of the new Parliament building, said in a tweet in Hindi, "The coronation is over -- the arrogant king is crushing the voice of the public on the streets!"

Along with his tweet, he tagged a video montage

of the police detaining the champion wrestlers.

Attacking the government in a tweet in Hindi, Priyanka Gandhi said the medals on the chest of the players are the "pride of our country".

"With those medals, due to the hard work of the sportspersons, the honour of the country increases. The arrogance of the BJP government has increased so much that it is mercilessly trampling the voices of our women players under its boots. This is totally wrong," the Congress general secretary said.

The whole country is watching the "arrogance" of the government and its injustice, she said.

Slamming the Modi government, Congress

general secretary, communications, Jairam Ramesh said, "Today, when the Prime Minister was inaugurating the new Parliament house and giving a discourse on democracy, the daughters who brought laurels to the country by winning medals were being detained just a short distance away from Parliament."

"This is shameful and shows the real face of Modi government," Ramesh said in a tweet in Hindi.

Congress' media and publicity department head Pawan Khera said that when they celebrated the sceptre on Saturday, "we should have known they were celebrating the beginning of "protest-mukt democracy".

Bengal 4 more arrested in attack on Abhishek's convoy minister's vehicle



JHARGRAM (WB), May 28: Four more people were arrested from West Bengal's Jhargram district for their alleged involvement in the attack on senior TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee's convoy and also on the vehicle of state minister Birbaha Hansda, police said on Sunday.

Kurmi Samaj West Bengal's president Rajesh Mahato and Adivasi Janajati Kurmi Samaj state chief Shibaji Mahato were among the four, who were initially detained and later arrested in connection with the case, a senior officer of the district police said.

With these arrests, the total number of people apprehended in connection with the attack on Banerjee's convoy and Hansda's vehicle became eight.

"We have arrested Rajesh Mahato, his brother Rakesh, Shibaji Mahato and Anubhab Mahato in connection

with the case. They were produced before a local court," the officer said.

Leader of Opposition and BJP legislator Suvendu Adhikari condemned the arrests and alleged that the "ruling TMC was targeting the leaders of Kurmi outfits, which are in no way involved in the attack" on Banerjee's convoy.

Adhikari said he would extend all legal assistance to the arrested Kurmi leaders if they approached him.

Hansda's vehicle was vandalised as stones were allegedly hurled at Banerjee's convoy when they were travelling to Gajimul near Lodhasuli after leading a roadshow in Jhargram town on Friday, police said.

Glass particles from the shattered windscreen of the car hit Hansda, and also injured her driver. Some cars and motorcycles that were following them were also damaged in the stone pelting.

Four people, who were

arrested on Saturday, were identified as Ajit Mahato, Anit Mahato, Manmohit Mahato and Anup Mahato. The accused were apprehended after hours of questioning. When produced at a court, they were sent to three days in police custody.

Police said the accused dressed as members of Kurmi outfits, tying yellow bands on their foreheads.

Members of the Kurmi community are protesting in the region for weeks, demanding Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Alleging that the BJP was behind the attack, Banerjee gave a "48-hour ultimatum" to the Kurmi outfits, asking them to clarify if their members were associated with the violence.

Hours before his arrest, Rajesh Mahato had on Saturday claimed that certain persons were trying to tarnish the image of their peaceful protest.

3-year-old boy, dies 30 people take ill, drinking contaminated water CM directs immediate measures

BENGALURU, May 28: A three-year-old boy died and about 30 people took ill after allegedly drinking contaminated water in Raichur district, following which Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday instructed officials to take immediate measures, including ensuring proper treatment to those hospitalised and providing compensation to the family of the deceased child.

The incident took place at Rekalmaridi village in Devadurga taluk of Raichur district, on Friday, official sources said.

As people complained about suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting, some were shifted to the Arakera Community Health Centre in Devadurga and the Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS).

The affected people are said to have consumed water from an unclean water tank, accord-



ing to sources. There are also reports that sewage water got mixed with drinking water due to a leakage in the pipeline.

According to the Chief Minister's Office, after receiving information about the incident, CM Siddaramaiah spoke to the CEO over the phone and direct-

ed him to take immediate action to supply clean drinking water.

The chief minister has instructed officials to take immediate measures for proper treatment of the people who fell ill and also directed the Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer to provide compensation to the family

of the deceased.

Taking serious note of the reports of people getting sick after drinking contaminated water in the villages, he asked officials to investigate the incident and submit a report.

Some of the instructions given by the CM to officials are: to immediately visit the place and conduct a comprehensive inspection, send the water samples to the lab and get a report right away; based on the report, conduct a thorough health checkup of the villagers and provide necessary treatment.

Clean drinking water should be provided, and contaminated water sources should be closed, compensation should be given to the family of the deceased, and all measures should be taken adequately to ensure that the incident does not recur, the CM told officials.

Use of new Parliament building should be in India's interest follow Ambedkar's ideals: Mayawati

LUCKNOW, May 28: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati on Sunday congratulated the Centre for the inauguration of the new Parliament building and said it should be used in the interest of the country.

"Congratulations to the Centre on the inauguration of the new Parliament House today. It would be appropriate that this new building should be used in the interest of the country and its people as per the humanitarian thoughts of Babasaheb



Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar and the noble intention of the holy Constitution made by him," she said in a Tweet in Hindi.

The former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, who had received an invitation for the inauguration ceremony,

could not make it to the occasion, citing other commitments.

Earlier on May 25, Mayawati had called

the opposition parties' boycott of the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi "unfair" and welcomed the opening.

Nineteen opposition parties, including the Congress, Left, TMC, SP, and AAP, on Wednesday, announced their boycott of the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Modi, saying that they find no value in the new building when the "soul of democracy has been sucked out."

Pakistan's ruling coalition turns down Imran Khan's talks offer

ISLAMABAD, May 28: Pakistan's ruling coalition has rejected former prime minister Imran Khan's offer for dialogue, saying that talks were held with politicians, not terrorists, a media report said on Sunday.

The government also stated that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief was now himself seeking a National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO), the Express Tribune newspaper reported.

The development came as Khan constituted a seven-member team to hold talks with the government - for developing consensus on a date for general elections - amid a massive crackdown on his party.

The crackdown launched after May 9 violent protests have thrown the PTI into a deep existential crisis with dozens of key party leaders jumping ship every day.

The prominent leaders who have quit the party include Secretary General Asad Umar, senior leader Fawad Chaudhry and former minister Shireen Mazarri.

On May 9, violent protests erupted after paramilitary Rangers arrested Khan from the Islamabad High Court premises. His party workers vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Lahore Corps Commander's House, the Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad in response to Khan's arrest.

The mob also stormed the Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi for the first time.

Thousands of Khan's supporters were arrested following the violence that the powerful Army described as a "dark day" in the history of the country.

Responding to the talks offer, the supreme leader of the ruling Paki-

stan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Nawaz Sharif, took to Twitter to state that talks are held only with politicians. "There will be no talks with a group of terrorists and saboteurs who burn memorials of martyrs and set the country on fire," he said.

In a statement, Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb said: "Those who attack the state are punished; they are not negotiated with."

She claimed that Khan's appeal for talks is an appeal for a National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO).

When in power, Khan often said former military ruler Pervez Musharraf ended criminal cases against the leaders of various parties including the PML-N and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) through the NRO but that he would not give "looters" any NRO.

Marriyum said holding talks with those who desecrated the memorials of martyrs is a "desecration of martyrs".

She said Khan wants talks after burning ambulances, hospitals, and schools and poisoning youths' minds, adding there will be no talks with him.

"Imran has called for talks when his party leaders have abandoned him in flocks," he said.

She reminded Khan that he had not talked with the opposition on the economy, Kashmir, national security issues, Covid-19 and the FATF issue but he is now urging for talks.

Declaring him a "foreign agent" and "Toshakhana thief", the information minister said negotiations are not held with the ones who allegedly looted Rs 60 billion as such a person is brought to the

court of law and not to the negotiations table.

Minister for Poverty Alleviation Shazia Marri, who belongs to the PPP, said Khan was responsible for the situation arising after May 9. She said talking about talks now was nothing but eyewash.

The minister said mobs attacked Jinnah House in Lahore and the GHQ in Rawalpindi on the order of Khan. "He keeps his children in the safety of London but incites the children of the nation to commit anti-state acts," she said.

Marri recalled that PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the country's foreign minister, tried to bring political parties to the negotiating table and constituted a team consisting of senior leaders for negotiations with political parties. "Imran, however, sabotaged Bilawal's efforts."

She said Khan's arrogance led to his downfall, regretting that the former prime minister did not allow the PTI to become a political party.

"Talking about negotiations after everything has been done is pre-emptive," she said.

Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) spokesperson Hafiz Hamdullah also called Khan the mastermind behind May 9 attacks. He said targeting military installations was tantamount to waging a war against the state.

A rebel, he said, is not negotiated with but deserves severe punishment.

Hamdullah while predicting that jail will be Khan's Khan's destination said it was time for him to answer for his actions. "Khan's appeal for talks is nothing but a joke," he added.

Imran Khan's party faces most difficult phase in its 27 yrs of existence after May 9 incidents

LAHORE, May 28:

Twenty-seven years after its founding, former cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party is at the crossroads, facing a likely ban by the coalition government following the unprecedented attack on sensitive military installations by his supporters earlier this month.

The mainstream parties - Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Pakistan-Fazl (JUI-F) - backed by the powerful military establishment are strongly in favour of banning the PTI for "promoting extremism and violence".

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has already indicated that the ruling coalition will propose a ban on the PTI in Parliament soon. "All coalition partners of the federal government will be taken on board in this issue," Asif told reporters.

The PTI, which was founded on April 25, 1996, in Lahore, by Imran Khan, is facing the most difficult phase.

According to the latest count, over 60 leaders of PTI have announced parting ways with the party and Khan, citing attacks on military



installations. And there are reports that almost all the first, second and third-tier leadership of PTI will quit under pressure in the coming days. The prominent PTI leaders who have quit so far include former ministers Asad Umar, Shireen Mazarri, Fawad Chaudhry and Firdous Ashiq Awan.

Khan, the 70-year-old cricketer-turned-politician, has declared that his fight will continue even if he remains alone in the party.

For the last 15 years, the PTI remained a small or one-seat party in Parliament. Khan won the national assembly seat in the 2002 general elections from his hometown Mianwali. This was the only seat the PTI won.

Subsequently, PTI boycotted the 2008 elections to protest that it would not contest under a military dictator, Gen Pervez Musharraf.

Then came the iconic

moment for PTI October 30, 2011 jalsa (public meeting) at Lahore's Minar-e-Pakistan in which thousands of people especially youth and women showed up in huge numbers.

Khan said that the party took off from this rally and was recognised as a strong political force after struggling for 15 years. Khan compared his movement to Pakistan's founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah's 'Pakistan Movement'. He would call it the struggle for 'Naya' (new) Pakistan. His political detractors, however, give credit to then ISI chief Gen Shuja Pasha for 'relaunching of PTI and campaigning for it'.

The PTI under Khan staged a 126-day sit-in in Islamabad in 2014 against then prime minister Nawaz Sharif to press him to step down on the issue of rigging in the 2013 polls. The then-ruling PML-N had alleged that the mili-

tary establishment was behind the PTI sit-in as it wanted to teach a lesson to Sharif for instituting a treason case against former army chief Gen Pervez Musharraf.

In the 2018 elections, the PTI came to power in the Centre for the first time. Before the elections, over 60 top prominent Pakistani leaders had joined the PTI. The PML-N had accused the army of forcing these stalwarts to pick the flag of the PTI.

The PTI also won in Punjab and KPK provinces and formed governments there. The opposition - PML-N, PPP, JUI-F - had alleged that the military rigged the elections to install its 'puppet' Khan.

As Khan's relations with the military leadership deteriorated primarily on the appointment of incumbent ISI chief Nadeem Anjum, he was subsequently ousted as the prime minister through a no-confidence motion in April 2022.

Following his ouster, Khan launched an anti-army narrative that is said to be the main reason behind the May 9 attacks on the military installations, including the Pakistan Army General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi and the Corps Commander House in Lahore.

Voters in Turkiye choose between Erdogan & Kilicdaroglu in presidential runoff

ANKARA, May 28: Voters in Turkiye returned to the polls Sunday to decide whether the country's longtime leader stretches his increasingly authoritarian rule into a third decade, or is unseated by a challenger who has promised to restore a more democratic society.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has been at Turkiye's helm for 20 years, is favoured to win a new five-year term in the second-round runoff, after coming just short of an outright victory in the first round on May 14.

Speaking to reporters after casting his vote in Istanbul, Erdogan noted that it's the first presidential runoff election in Turkiye's history.

He also praised the high voter turnout in the first round and said he expected participation to be high again on Sunday.

"I pray to God, that it (the election) will be beneficial for our country and nation," he said.

The divisive populist finished four percentage points ahead of Kemal Kilicdaroglu, the candidate of a six-party alliance and leader of Turkiye's centre-left main opposition party.

Erdogan's performance came despite crippling inflation and the effects of a devastating earthquake three months ago.

Kilicdaroglu (pronounced KEH-lich-DAHR-OH-loo), a 74-year-old former bureaucrat, has described the runoff as a referendum on the country's future.

More than 64 million people are eligible to cast ballots.

The polls opened at 8 a.m.

Turkiye does not have exit polls, but the preliminary results are expected to come within hours of the polls closing at 5 p.m.

The final decision could have implications far beyond Ankara, because Turkey stands at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, and it plays a key role in NATO.

Erdogan turned his country from a mostly inward-looking nation into a geopolitical player with a foothold in hotspots such as Syria and Libya.

His government vetoed Sweden's bid to join NATO and purchased Russian missile-defence systems, which prompted the United States to oust Turkiye from a U.S.-led fighter-jet project.

Under Erdogan, Turkey also helped broker a crucial deal that allowed Ukrainian grain shipments and averted a global food crisis.

The May 14 election saw 87% turnout, and strong participation is expected again Sunday, reflecting voters' devotion to elections in a country where freedom of expression and assembly have been suppressed.

In the mainly-Kurdish populated province of Diyarbakir - one of 11 regions that was hit by the Feb. 6 earthquake - 60-year-old retiree Mustafa Yesil said he voted for "change."

"I'm not happy at all with the way this country

is going. Let me be clear, if this current administration continues, I don't see good things for the future," he said. "I see that it will end badly - this administration has to change."

But Mehmet Yurttas, an Erdogan supporter, disagreed.

"I believe that our homeland is at the peak, in a very good condition," the 57-year-old shop owner said.

"Our country's trajectory is very good and it will continue being good."

If he wins, Erdogan, 69, could remain in power until 2028. After three stints as prime minister and two as president, Erdogan is already Turkiye's longest-serving leader.

A devout Muslim, he heads the conservative and religious Justice and Development Party, or AKP.

The first half of Erdogan's tenure included reforms that allowed the country to begin talks to join the European Union, and economic growth that lifted many out of poverty.

But he later moved to suppress freedoms and the media and concentrated more power in his hands, especially after a failed coup attempt that Turkiye says was orchestrated by the U.S.-based Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen. The cleric denies involvement.

Erdogan transformed the presidency from a largely ceremonial role to a powerful office through a narrowly won 2017 referendum that scrapped Turkiye's parliamentary system of governance.

Russia launched "largest drone attack" on Ukrainian capital before Kyiv Day, 1 killed

KYIV, May 28: Ukraine's capital was subjected to the largest drone attack since the start of Russia's war, local officials said, as Kyiv prepared to mark the anniversary of its founding on Sunday. At least one person was killed.

Russia launched the "most massive attack" on the city overnight on Saturday with Iranian-made Shahed drones, said Serhii Popko, a senior Kyiv military official.

The attack lasted more than five hours, with air defense reportedly shooting down more than 40 drones.

A 41-year-old man was killed and a 35-year-old woman was hospitalised when debris fell on a seven-story nonresidential building and started a fire, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said.

Ukraine's air force said that Saturday night was also record-breaking in terms of Shahed drone attacks across the country. Of the 54 drones launched, 52 were shot down

by air defense systems.

In the northeastern Kharkiv province, regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said a 61-year-old woman and a 60-year-old man were killed in two separate shelling attacks.

Kyiv Day marks the anniversary of Kyiv's official founding.

The day is usually celebrated with live concerts, street fairs, exhibitions and fireworks. Scaled-back festivities were planned for this year, the city's 1,541st anniversary.

The timing of the drone attacks was likely not coincidental, Ukrainian officials said.

"The history of Ukraine is a long-standing irritant for the insecure Russians," Ukraine's chief presidential aide, Andriy Yermak, said on Telegram.

"Today, the enemy decided to congratulate the people of Kyiv on Kyiv Day with the help of their deadly UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles)," Popko also wrote on the messaging app.

Local officials in Russia's southern Krasnodar region

said that air defense systems destroyed several drones as they approached the Ilsky oil refinery.

Drone attacks against Russian border regions have been a regular occurrence since the start of the invasion in February 2022, with attacks increasing last month.

Earlier this month, an oil refinery in Krasnodar was attacked by drones on two straight days.

Ukrainian air defences, bolstered by sophisticated Western-supplied systems, have been adept at thwarting Russian air attacks - both drones and aircraft missiles.

Earlier in May, Ukraine prevented an intense Russian air attack on Kyiv, shooting down all missiles aimed at the capital.

The bombardment, which additionally targeted locations across Ukraine, included six Russian Kinzhal aero-ballistic hypersonic missiles, repeatedly touted by Russian President Vladimir Putin as provid-

ing a key strategic competitive advantage and among the most advanced weapons in his country's arsenal.

Sophisticated Western air defence systems, including American-made Patriot missiles, have helped spare Kyiv from the kind of destruction witnessed along the main front line in the country's east and south.

While most of the ground fighting is stalemated along that front line, both sides are targeting other territory with long-range weapons.

Also on Sunday, the death toll from Friday's missile attack on the central Ukrainian city of Dnipro, the regional capital of the Dnipropetrovsk province, rose to four. Regional.

Gov. Serhii Lysak said that three people who were considered missing were confirmed dead. There were 32 people, including two children, wounded in the attack, which struck a building containing psychology and veterinary clinics.

South Korean arrested for opening plane emergency exit door faces up to 10 years in prison

SEOUL, May 28 (Agencies): A man who opened an emergency exit door during a flight in South Korea was formally arrested on Sunday and faces up to 10 years in prison on a charge of violating the aviation security law, officials said.

During a preliminary questioning, the 33-year-old told investigators that he felt suffocated and tried to get off the plane quickly, according to police.

Twelve people were slightly injured on Friday after he opened the door of the Asiana Airlines Airbus A321-200, causing air to blast inside the cabin and terrifying passengers.

Some testified they



suffered severe ear pain and saw others screaming and crying. A video shared on social media shows passengers' hair being whipped by air blowing into the cabin.

Normally, the emergency exit doors cannot be opened mid-flight due to the difference in air pressure inside and outside of the aircraft.

But during Friday's incident, the man suc-

ceeded in opening the door likely because the plane was flying at a low altitude while preparing to land and there wasn't much difference in pressure, according to Asiana Airlines officials.

The Transport Ministry said the plane was at 700 feet (213 metres) when the man pulled the door open. The plane was prepar-

ing to land in Daegu on an hour-long flight from the southern island of Jeju with 200 people on board. They included teenage athletes on their way to a track and field competition, according to Asiana Airlines.

On Sunday, a district court in Daegu approved a warrant to formally arrest the man. Police earlier sought the arrest warrant, citing the graveness of the crime and a possibility the man may flee, according to Daegu police.

Daegu police said they have up to 20 days to investigate the man before determining whether to send him to prosecutors for a pos-

sible indictment.

If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for breaching the aviation security law that bars passengers from handling entry doors, emergency exit doors and other equipment on board, according to the Transport Ministry.

Daegu police said the man, surnamed Lee, told them that he was under stress after losing a job recently and that he wanted to get out of the plane soon because he was feeling suffocated just before landing.

The people who were taken to hospitals were mainly treated for minor problems such as breathing difficulties.

Kashmiri Pandits celebrate Annual Kheer Bhawani Mela; PDP Chief Mehbooba joins in

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandits on Sunday paid their obeisance at the famous Ragnya Devi temple in Ganderbal district and celebrated the annual Kheer Bhawani mela.

Nestled in the shade of mammoth Chinar trees in the central Kashmir district, the temple witnessed massive crowds of devotees, most of them Kashmiri Pandits, who made the journey from across the country. The devotees, walking barefoot, carried rose petals and offered tribute to the goddess as men took a dip in the stream close to the shrine.

As the devotees jostled with each other to move closer to the main temple complex, the chants of hymns echoed through the temple compound and paid obeisance to the deity while offering milk and kheer (rice pudding) at the sacred spring within the complex. The mela, a symbol of communal harmony, passed off peacefully as the administration had made elaborate arrangements, including security related, for the devotees.

Gudi Zutshi, a devotee from Jammu, said their 'pooja' is incomplete without visiting the temple shrine on the occasion of the annual mela held on the birthday of the deity. "She is our deity. It is an important day for us and without her, our pooja is incomplete, so we have to come here to celebrate her birthday. The deity has taken the form of water here. The colour of the stream keeps on changing when something happens," she said. It is believed that the colour of the sacred spring water which flows below the temple indicates the situation in the Valley.

While most of the colours do not have any particular significance, the black or darkish colour of the water is believed to be an indication of inauspicious times for Kashmir. However, the water in the spring was clean and milky white this year.

Zutshi said last year when she was here, she had witnessed that the colour of the stream water was red, apparently referring to the several attacks on the minority community in the Valley. "Its colour turned black when there was Corona.

The same happened when the Kargil war happened," she added. However, she said, this year, the colour of the water was very good. It means there will be prosperity in Kashmir, Jammu and Delhi. "We want prosperity everywhere. Today, the situation is good in Kashmir.

The arrangements are good for the mela." Zutshi said as the situation had proved in the Valley, they prayed for the return of the community members who had left Kashmir in the early 1990s.

"We want to return to Kashmir. We miss the place. Though we come almost every year, we want to return to our homeland



permanently. We have prayed for the happiness and prosperity of everyone and the return of Kashmiri Pandits to Kashmir," she said.

Another devotee, Dileep, said there was about 80-85 per cent improvement in the situation from the 1990s in Kashmir. "We also want to return to our homeland. We pray whenever we come here and today as well we prayed for our return," he said.

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti, who also paid obeisance at the temple, said that she prayed for the dignified return of the Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley.

"I came here to welcome our Kashmiri Pandit brothers who have come from Jammu and other places. We are here to pray for the dignified return of these people to their homes so that once again Hindu-Muslim-Kashmiri Pandits live together in Kashmir with brotherhood," she told reporters.

Asked if the community was wary of targeted killings that took place last year, Dileep said that such incidents happen, we cannot say anything on that. "But the situation is good now". "We want that brotherhood back. Our Muslim brothers also want that," he added.

Apart from the religious significance, the annual festival is important for the Kashmiri Pandit community as they get a chance to visit their homeland and meet with their friends. "The atmosphere here is very good. Our eyes are filled with emotions when we see our Muslim brothers.

My friends have come here and we felt so good to meet. We get to meet once a year," Rakesh Raina, who lives in Jagati, Jammu, said. He said the mela sends a message of national integration for the country.

"We are getting to see the same brotherhood for which Kashmir was famous. We prayed for the return of those good old days and that we live like we used to be.

We all are together of many religions, and castes. There is no difference," he said.

Bilal Bhat, a local, said the Muslim community welcomed the guests with open arms and wanted Kashmiri Pandits to return to the Valley. "Every year we celebrate this festival. It is an unbelievable, unexpected crowd here.

We have kept open our houses for our guests. We want this love, brotherhood and peace we see here to remain forever," he said. Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar also paid obeisance at the shrine. He said, "Ganderbal Police has made very good security arrangements.

Srinagar police had also deployed ROP (road opening parties). There is foolproof

security and the locals have supported the police as well. I wish all of them well." Meanwhile, in Jammu, thousands of migrant Kashmiri Pandits on Sunday offered prayers to goddess Ragnya Devi on the occasion of 'Zaisht Ashtami' at Kheer Bhawani Peeth in the Janipur area.

The 'peeth' was constructed as a replica of the original shrine in Tulmulla after the mass migration of the community from the Valley in the early 1990's. "We missed a visit to Tulmulla this time and decided to offer our prayers here...We are witnessing the same atmosphere which used to prevail at the Kheer Bhawani shrine in Kashmir during the annual fair," Ratika, a devotee who visited the Jammu temple, said.

Raj Kumar, another devotee, said he had never visited Tulmulla shrine but is a regular visitor here. "There is a festive look with a massive gathering of pandits on the auspicious occasion of Zaisht Ashtami," he said, expressing his desire to visit Tulmulla shrine and resettle in his Budgam home town one day.

The management of the temple, Ardh Ratri Maha Regheneya Sewa Sanstha Trust, had set up several stalls for the convenience of the devotees, who thronged the tastefully decorated shrine to offer their prayers in their traditional way.

A member of the trust said the sanstha, with the help of local authorities, had made adequate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the festival at the peeth.

Sriganga Dussehra on May 30: Mahant Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU, May 28: Shri Ganga Dussehra is celebrated on the tenth day of Shukla Paksha of Jyeshtha month, on this day Mother Ganga reached the earth from Shiv Lok with the locks of Lord Shiva, hence this day is known as Shri Ganga Dussehra.

According to the scriptures, on the Dashami date of Shukla Paksha of Jyeshtha month, Mother Ganga came from heaven to earth in Hasta Nakshatra, which is from 04:29 am on Tuesday, 30th May this year to 31st May Wednesday morning. The time will remain till 06 o'clock, while Dashami Tithi will start from 01:09 pm on Tuesday, May 30 and will continue till the next day i.e. Wednesday, May 31, at 01:46 pm. This year Shriganga Dussehra year 2023 will be celebrated on Tuesday, 30th May.

In this regard, Mahant Rohit Shastri, head of Shri Kailash Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, told that on the day of Shriganga Dussehra, those devotees who cannot reach Mother Ganga river, meditate on Mother Ganga in a nearby pond, house, river or reservoir. Worship can be done on Shriganga Dussehra, taking bath on the day of Shriganga Dussehra, offering Tarpan destroys the physical, mental and physical sins of a man, there is special importance of charity and charity on the day of Shriganga Dussehra, worship of Mother Ganga and bathing in Ganga Doing this destroys sins and increases fame and respect. Donating satt, matka and hand fan in charity on this day gives double the fruit. Due to the corona epidemic, take bath by pouring Ganga water at home and donate to the needy people around the house. Panchopchar and Shodshopchar worship should be offered to Maa Ganga ji.

On the day of Shriganga Dussehra, whoever takes bath by mixing Shriganga water in water and chanting Ganga mantra ten times, whether he is poor or unable, he also gets the full fruit of worshipping Ganga. Ganga Mantra: Om Namoh Bhagwati Hili Hili Mili Mili Ganga Maa Pavay Pavay Swaha After the worship in Ganga and other rivers, all the flowers, coconut, panna and other materials that are offered are flown in the river itself, due to which Ganga and other rivers are becoming dirty. Take care of the cleanliness of the rivers as well.

Director BLSKS conferred Global Education-Star



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JAMMU / NEW DELHI, May 28: Dr.M.L.Dogra is an Indian theatre personality and scholar, of Jammu and Kashmir, UT known for bringing creative Dogri and Hindi theatre, awareness through folk media ,lyrical Musical plays internationally awarded for biggest Historical "Global Education Excellence Award & Global Star Excellence Award 2023 " for his Achievements and contribution in Computer and Music Education by the Global National Urban Rural computer literacy & Skill Development mission at India International Cultural centre ,New Delhi supported by MSME & Ministry of Cooperate Affairs Government of India.

The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Koushal Kishore, Minister for Housing and Urban affairs India and Celebrity Guests Bollywood Playback singer Arpita Chakraborty ,Bollywood Actress Priyanka Tiwari , Priya Mallick, Celebrity Playback Singer, S.M Sahai, Ex D.G.P of J&K, Additional Secretary of Government of India, and B.L.Verma Minister of state co-operation Government of India were Guest of Honor. Welcome address was given by the Sunil Kumar ,Director NURCLM ,India ,Dr. Dogra one of the few names of the country who have made a unique contribution in establishing a folk Theatre awareness Seminars , cultural programs , workshops ,group discussions for the benefit of general public in India. He has created over three dozen Dance drama spectacles which really represent the ethos, aspirations of the society and has also written more than 50 lyrical Musical

Plays ,Books ,Scripts and more than 2000 Songs in Dogri and Hindi ,Punjabi languages on health care and social sector and presented in far flung are of the various Indian states . Special video recorded on Top 100+ Health icons 2023 was also published on the various international media channels and individuals' news portals for recognitions on global platform.

Dr.M.L Dogra is the first person in J&K State to promote the cultural Heritage of India who planned and started Navratri festival (National Level) first time at Katra, J&K, in the year 1997 in the History of Jammu and Kashmir ,after presenting Dance Drama on "Mata Vaishno Devi" in coordination with Cultural Committee Katra , Tourism Department and Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and was honored by dignitaries for best production in J&K Region at Katra Jammu.

Dr Dogra also running day care centre for 50 senior citizens centre for retired employees from various departments and providing music therapy , Physiotherapy and yoga classes during day time to keep them healthy , as per the requirements of the every senior citizens in Old age.

Dogra's also written songs and plays and presenting programmes on prevention of Aids and organized special campaigns, Seminars ,workshops in J&K and other states of India in coordination with the National Aids control organization , Aids control society of Jammu and Dr. Dogra also written articles and published in various news paper of the state.

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5.2-magnitude earthquake jolts J&K

Haripur, Malakand, Abbottabad, Batgram, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, Texlia, Pind Dadan Khan and several other parts of the country.

No loss of life or property has been reported so far.

Pakistan often witnesses earthquakes of varying magnitudes. The deadliest quake to hit Pakistan in 2005 killed more than 74,000 people.

Kashmiri song 'Kya Karie Korimol' that perfectly depicts emotions of father-daughter on wedding day

the prestigious IRAA Award for his single 'Like A Sufi.' Known for his deeply introspective lyrical compositions, Alif weaves colloquial references to society into his work, captivating listeners with his unique storytelling.

Playback singer and actor Aashima Mahajan added a soulful touch to the composition. Additionally, Noor Mohammad, a traditional Sufi music performer and songwriter hailing from Handwara in North Kashmir, brought his expertise and enriches the song with his contributions.

The collaboration of trio- Alif, Aashima Mahajan, and Noor Mohammad resulted in a harmonious blend of talent, skill, and heartfelt emotions, leaving listeners spellbound.

The enchanting melody resonates not only with Kashmiris but also with people worldwide who appreciate and cherish the beauty of Kashmiri culture.

Talking about the success of the song, Creative Producer Ankur Tewari expressed his delight, said "We are thrilled to witness the overwhelming response to 'Kya-kariekorimol.' This song truly captures the essence of the father-daughter bond, and we are grateful to Alif, Aashima Mahajan, and Noor Mohammad for their exceptional artistry."

The song composed and written by Alif. Aman Moroney, ALIF, and Ashish Man-

chanda produced the song, ensuring its flawless execution.

Alif's mesmerizing vocals and acoustic guitars create an unforgettable musical experience, while the Wanvun Vocals by Zartasha Zainab, Shivani Matyal, Samhita Shiledar, Samiyah Nabi, and Rumuz-e-Bekhudu add depth and richness to the composition.

The 'Wanvun' couplets compiled by Rumuz Bekhudu and Alif, serve as a poignant addition to the song.

Not only that, Rumuz has also efficiently translated the whole song, as given in the video captions, making it accessible and palatable to non-kashmiri readers across the globe.

As the world continues to embrace the magical harmonies of "Kya-kariekorimol," it becomes evident that this extraordinary father-daughter saga has struck a universal chord, uniting people through the power of music and love.

For enamoured listeners, "This song is a masterpiece that beautifully portrays the unbreakable bond between a father and daughter. It truly touches the soul and leaves an everlasting impact."

Burglary case solved in Baramulla, three arrested: Police

suspects came to surface, namely Aqib Ahmad Shah S/O Mohammad Hafeez Shah R/O Nangli Pora Sopore, Bashir Ahmad Jaider S/O Sayia Jinder R/O Madian Boniyar & Sajad Ahmad Thakar S/O Gulam Qadir Thakar R/O Uranbowa was identified and was called for questioning", he said.

After thorough interrogation they confessed that they have committed theft and upon their disclosure, all stolen steel shuttering plates was recovered* from their possession and were taken into custody immediately.

UPSC 2022: 29 Muslim candidates crack merit list

Affairs Ministry said that there has been a "progressive improvement in the performance of Muslim candidates in the last

four years."

A member of the minority affairs described it as "a big feat because the number used to remain around 2.5 per cent until recently."

Notably, Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government increased the budget allocation for minority community candidates appearing in the UPSC exam. The budget for providing free and subsidized coaching for minority candidates was raised from Rs 8 crore to Rs 20 crore in the 2019-2020 budget.

This increase in funding was made under the 'Support for students clearing prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commissions etc' scheme. This budget increase reflects the government's efforts to support and empower minority candidates in their UPSC exam preparations.

Despite challenges, there are several Muslim candidates who have successfully cleared the UPSC exams and gone on to have successful careers in the Indian government.

These candidates are an inspiration to other Muslims, and they show that it is possible to overcome challenges and achieve success. The increase in successful Muslim candidates can be attributed to various factors, including awareness, educational initiatives, and the efforts of aspirants from the Muslim community.

This year 13 candidates from Jammu and 3 candidates from Kashmir have qualified for the prestigious exam.

Mela Khir Bahwani attracts impressive footfalls in 2023

Tulmulla, 23 to Tikker in Kupwara, three to Manzgam in Kulgam, two to Logripora in Anantnag, and two to Martand in Anantnag.

Logripora in Anantnag, and Martand in Anantnag. Officials said 95 buses came to Tulmulla, 23 to Tikker in Kupwara, three to Manzgam in Kulgam, two to Logripora in Anantnag, and two to Martand in Anantnag.

The tradition of getting the Hindu pilgrims in convoy is a tradition that the civilian government introduced a decade back. This helps the migrants to spend many days in Srinagar and revisit their relatives and neighbours and reconnect with the society they have been part of.

In the recent years, the arrivals in 2023

would be the highest. The village within and outside the Kheer Bhawani temple was bedecked, crowded, noisy unlike the thin attendance in last few years. The visiting pilgrims admitted there were more people willing to have their prayer in the temple than before.

Sections of Kashmir society and the political class of Kashmir has always remained very attached to the smooth conduct of the Hindu festival. There were emotional scenes of reunion as some youngsters were seen presenting roses to the visitors.

"This annual festival, celebrated with great fervour, exemplifies the bonhomie and harmonious coexistence between the Kashmiri Pandits and Kashmiri Muslims, transcending religious boundaries and fostering communal harmony," former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said. "It represents a unique amalgamation of spirituality, culture, and communal harmony. It provides a platform for Kashmiri Pandits and Kashmiri Muslims to come together, exchange greetings, and share their rich traditions and customs. The festival epitomizes the syncretic ethos of Jammu and Kashmir, where people from diverse backgrounds coexist harmoniously, united by their shared love for this land."

"Mela Kheer Bhawani (Zyeth Atham) Mubarak to our Kashmiri Pandit brethren everywhere," Omar Abdullah said while greeting the Pandits. "The ancient festival is a lustrous example of communal harmony and brotherhood which symbolizes the centuries past glorious pluralistic ethos of Jammu and Kashmir. A glaring symbol of our rich past, Mela Kheer Bhawani reflects the closely-knit fabric of Kashmiri culture and ethos. I hope and pray the solemn occasion further strengthens the sense of kinship and unity among the people."

"I extend my greetings to Kashmiri Pandits on Zeisht Ashtami which is the auspicious day to be celebrated across Kashmir," Ghulam Nabi Azad said.

Kashmiri pandit women busy in laying the earthen lamps for the ceremony at Mela Khir Bhawani at Tulmulla (Ganderbal) on May 28,2023. KL Image: Bilal Bahadur

"I extend my heartfelt greetings to the people, especially the Pandit brethren, on the spiritual festival of Kheer Bhawani," Apni Party founder, Altaf Bukhari said. "For centuries, Kheer Bhawani Mela has been significant in fostering communal harmony and brotherhood between the communities of Kashmiri Pandits and Muslims. The

festival symbolises Kashmir's rich pluralistic ethos and the reason that Kashmiri people from various religious identities come together in unity to celebrate this annual Mela."

"I extend warm greetings to the people, particularly Kashmiri Pandit brethren, on the eve of Mela and pray that the festivity acts as harbinger of peace and prosperity in the region," former minister congressman Saifuddin Soz said. "Festival presents a perfect example of religious harmony that has been a mainstay of our centuries old culture and tradition."

In terms of preparations, the Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, assured that fool proof arrangements are in place for the smooth conduct of the Mela. However, there were reports of protests by Kashmiri Pandit devotees in Tulmulla, claiming inadequate facilities at the Kheer Bhawani Temple. Divisional Commissioner Bidhuri dismissed these allegations, stating that adequate arrangements had been made for the devotees.

Authorities said more than 4000 pilgrims had reached the respective places on the weekend even though they have made arrangements for more people.

MeT forecasts widespread rains from Tomorrow, Night temp stays below normal in J&K

resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 7.4°C against 8.2°C on the previous night and it was 3.2°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 7.5°C against 5.8°C on the previous night and it was 3.1°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 3.4°C against 1.2°C on previous night and it was below normal by 3.7°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 19.2°C against 20.1°C on the previous night and it was 5.7°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 91°C (below normal by 3.1°C), Batote 12.0°C (3.1°C below normal), Katra 17.2°C (4.4°C below normal) and Baderwah 8.3°C (below normal by 2.8°C). Ladakh's Leh recorded a low of 0.6°C, he said.

Kavinder slams Mehbooba for supporting life-term convict Yasin Malik

Seeks probe, action against former CM of J&K over alleged links with anti-nationals, violence mongers



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 28: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Sunday slammed PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti for supporting terrorist Yasin Malik, for whom the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has sought death sentence from Delhi High Court.

Talking on the sidelines of congregation of Khajuria Community here at Baba Amboji Devsthan, Bahu Fort, the BJP stalwart leader said that NIA has rightly moved the Delhi High Court as the crimes committed by the life-term convict Malik are unpardonable but in the course, the real face

of Mehbooba has been exposed as her support to one of the top terrorists of all times in J&K is the testimony to the fact that there might be some connection between the two. He sought thorough probe into the whole gamut and strict action against Mehbooba if found guilty.

Kavinder said that entities like Mehbooba and her ilk have led the Jammu and Kashmir to the edge and it was on the brink of collapse, when PM Narendra Modi took the reins of the country and ensured stability, peace and progress once again by abrogating Article 370 and tightening noose around the elements inimical to peace and tranquility. He demanded action against

the Mehbooba for her devious role in acts which were detrimental to the region and the country.

Earlier, he paid obeisance at Baba Ambo ji Devsthan at Bahu Fort and prayed for the peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJP senior functionary also participated in a congregation at Data Ranpat Devi in Birpur, and performed Darshan. On the occasion, Deputy Mayor Baldev Blowria, Rajeev Charak senior leader BJP, Anuradha Charak and Ashwani Sharma ex MLA were also present.

Swaran Singh Charak, President of the Biradari felicitated Kavinder Gupta, Baldev Blowria and Rajeev Charak on the occasion.

In detention for two years, Rohingya refugees seek release

SRINAGAR, May 28 (Agencies): Almost all the 270 Rohingya refugees who are in detention in Hiranagar Sub-Jail are protesting over their continued detention. They are seeking their release or repatriation to junta-ruled Myanmar.

Rohingyas receiving support from NGO's at Narwal, Jammu camp in 2017.

Their protest started on May 12, 2023, when they started refusing to take food. After an SDM rank official visited them, reports appearing in the media said, they accepted dry ration and started cooking themselves.

In March 2021, the government rounded up 271 Rohingyas, including 74 women and 70 children

and detained them in the sub-jail. The sub-jail was notified as a "holding centre" on March 5, 2021, under Section 2(b) of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Those arrested are only a part of the 5700-odd Rohingya Muslim refugees living in Jammu and Kashmir, mostly in Jammu. They are considered the world's most persecuted Muslims.

Earlier police said there were 17 FIRs registered against 38 Rohingya Refugees. On April 6, 2022, the High Court had directed the government to identify all illegal immigrants from Myanmar and Bangladesh in Jammu and Kashmir within six weeks. The government, in its response put the number at 13,400.

BJP busy in celebrations, public suffering on all counts: Dr Manohar

Says inflation devastating poor households across nation, but Modi gov't remains unmoved



Top News Report

BILLAWAR, May 28: Sharp price rise and inflation in general and of food articles in particular is now casting a devastating impact on poor household, though Modi government and so-called economic experts trying to underplay the dire consequences. This was stated by former Minister in a statement issued here.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Manohar said BJP Govt telling the people all sorts of things that it is a global phenomenon, it is due to external factors, and even that the RBI and the Centre are doing their best to address the situation but ground situation belly their claims. He said gov't is not bothered about what it means to poor households and how mismanagement of the Indian economy have brought us where we are today. Dr Manohar claimed that so far the BJP rule has been of "mismanagement, immense despair and agony" and the country today stands at a stage where the common people are suffering from the wounds inflicted by the government. He said politics of disorientation and false propaganda have become the hallmark of the functioning of the Modi government.

Dr Manohar said that the ninth year of the government stands at a stage where the citizens of the country are forced to suffer the countless wounds and ruthless insensitivity inflicted by

the government," the statement said. He lashed out at the central government for the unprecedented price hike and record unemployment besides failing to address the grievances of people of J&K on every count after promising massive development post August 5, 2019. Hitting hard at the BJP and its state leadership, Dr Manohar said that the BJP has lost the moral right to go to Jammu people after betrayal after betrayal.

Former Minister blamed the government for failing to tackle prices and making life difficult for the common man. There is no doubt that there has been a significant increase in poverty and hunger, he said. He said there is a rule of untruth and injustice in the country. Whoever raises his or her voice has to bear the brunt of the government's anger, he added. He also said governments are elected to ease the burden of people and at the very least, not work directly contrary to their interests.

Dr Manohar further said that public grievances are mounting every day but the government has remained unmoved. He said that public issues and grievances are piling-up with the passage of every day but the administration has failed to solve the basic issues. He said people of JK UT have realized the political gimmicks of various groups and parties which were trying to make inroads in JK to create confusion among the voters.

Dr Manohar observed that governments are elected to ease the burden of people and at the very least, not work directly contrary to their interests. Every citizen is anguished and deeply distressed regarding the spiralling fuel and gas prices. India is witnessing systemic erosion of Jobs, wages and household income. He expressed dismay over the lack of any major initiative to boost the economically distressed region. He said that public issues and grievances are piling up with the passage of every day but the Administration has failed to solve the basic issues.

New Parliament will mark start of India's golden era under PM Modi: Purnima

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 28: Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor Jammu on Sunday congratulated the countrymen on the opening of new Parliament building by PM Narendra Modi.

In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP spokesperson said that the new building to house the Parliament will mark the beginning of a new era of India's colossal progress as this could be compared as the Golden era under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The senior BJP leader condemned those politi-



cal parties which boycotted the opening ceremony on Sunday claiming that it was their loss as one's presence on this occasion of national pride is itself a matter of prestige as the names of those present in the ceremony shall be written in the annals of the history of India and those who missed the opportunity will not be remembered at all.

It is pertinent to mention that PM Narendra Modi has dedicated the new Parliament building to the nation today.

Purnima Sharma said that by boycotting the inaugural ceremony the opposition parties have shown their narrow-mindedness and Obscurantist bent of mind. She said that the attempts made by the opposition to undermine the significance of the work accomplished by PM Modi in the last nine years across the country and before that in Gujarat would all be thwarted by none other than the people of the country who are observing every jealous move of the leaders of the opposition parties and shall teach them the lesson of life during the election time.

1st win registered by Fearless Knight Team At University Campus Baderwah



Top News Report

DODA, May 28: Baderkashi Premier League Addition 2 Tournament organised at University campus Baderwah the match played between Fearless Knight Team V/s GMC Knight Team AT University Campus Baderwah, The Fearless Knight team Captain Vikas Mnahas won the toss elect to bat first, and set a target 156 runs in 15 Overs in front of the GMC Knight Team. Captain Vikas Manhas and Naim Malik handled the innings to open for the Fearless Knight team, after. Vikas Manhas scored 10 runs in 7 balls, Niyam Malik Scored 20 runs in 14 balls, Neeraj Charak scored 32 runs in 18 balls Sonu Sharma remained not out in his innings he scored 53 runs in 27 balls Very good batting with 2 fours and 4 sixes ie strike rate of 196, Sarafraz scored 3 runs in 7 balls, sandeep singh scored 4 runs in 3 balls, Harjot Singh 2 runs in 3 balls, and Neeraj Charak was awarded a man of match he scoed 32 runs taken 3 wickets.

When the Fearless Knight Team was Bowling, Neeraj Charak took 3 wickets in 3 overs and gave 12 runs. Sonu Sharma gave 15 runs in 3 overs and took 2 wickets. Imran gave 16 runs in 2 overs and no wicket was found. Salinder Singh gave 18 runs in 2 overs and took 1 wicket, Ajay Shan gave 16 in 2 overs and took 1 wicket Sarfraz Gave 5 runs in 1 overs taken 1 wicket this was Fearless

Knight Team bowling performance.

Khalid scored 13 runs while opening for the team of GMC Knight manmohan Kotach scored 13 runs for his team and got out, Anil 6 runs for his team and whether he got out, Aj bhutt scored 3 runs in 4 balls, Muzamil Runyal scored 24 runs in 24 balls for his team and got out. Mohd Saleem scored 12 runs for his team, Rahul Dev 3 runs in 9 balls for his team and others,

Just like that, the Fearless Knight Team said that we will keep contributing to our team and we will win upcoming matches in this Tournament. A Mny party was also organised after the match at Nalhi Restaurant Baderwah The Fearless Knight team had a great victory in which they won match and registered first match at university campus, The Chief guest of the Match Ex MLA Baderwah Daleep Singh Parihar, DDC Chairman Dhananter Singh, BJP District President Vijay Mohan Thakur and others leader also present and watching match, The Daleep Singh Parihar said that like Dharamshala in Himachal, we will build a national stadium here too and in the coming time there will be opportunity for the youth and told them that within 2 years this project will be completed and will come in front of you. Bhadarwah is such a beautiful place and this business has a stadium inside the campus, it is wonderful and here we will prepare the stadium well and in the coming time, where tournaments will be held at the national level.

BMS holds State Executive Meeting at Jyotipuram



Top News Report

REASI, May 28: Two days state working committee meeting of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh was held at Jyoti Puram District Reasi and meeting was chaired by state working President BMS Harbans Choudhary and Pawan Kumar Utter Shetra Sangathan Matri BMS was also present in the meeting.

In the meeting BMS district wise functioning was discussed and reviewed the burning issues of working class. In the meeting it was pointed out that Govt. is not serious for the welfare of workers no any meeting is called the statutory Boards constituted under different labour Laws it is pertinent to mention here that Contract Labour advisory Board meeting was held in 2008 same is the position of an organized workers welfare

Board which was constituted in 2016 and since then no any meeting has been conducted ESI Regional Board meeting was last held in 2019 PF board has been not constituted so for and poor workers those who are contributing for ESI and EPF are facing lot of hardships, minimum wages are not being given to workers in Central spheres particularly in MES and security agencies thousands of workers engaged and in papers full salary is withdrawn by the contractors but workers are given less wages with the convenience of MES officials and other principal employers, 12 hours duty has become the norm but overtime is not being given as per laws and labour officials kept criminal silence on exploitation of workers is demanded that those labour contractor who fail to pay overtime as per law their license be cancelled.

While addressing the participants, Pawan Kumar stressed upon to expand the work of BMS in unorganized sector specifically.

In the meeting State BMS passed three resolutions as formation of Welfare Board for Private Transport sector workers, implementation of Variable Dearness Allowance and retirement benefit for Anganwadi workers and helpers those who have been disengaged unilaterally.

In the meeting, Neelam Sharma state General Secretary, Harbans Choudhary working President, Chanan Singh Toor Finance Secretary, Ashok Choudhary Sangathan Mantri, Dev Parkash, Mukesh Kumar, Anil Kumar, Rohit Seth, Chuni Lal, Suresh Raina, Subash Chander, Rohit Seth, Om Parkash, Veer Singh, Parshotam Kumar, Anil Verma Mahesh Singh and Bodh Raj were present.

Rapist, woman peddler among seven hardcore criminals arrested in Samba

JAMMU, May 28 (Agencies): Seven people with criminal history including a rapist and a woman drug peddler were arrested in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, police said on Sunday.

Parvaz Ahmed, accused of abducting and raping a minor girl, has been arrested from Rakh Amb Talli, a police officer said.

Police have also arrested one Saleema Bibi, who was wanted in a case registered under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, he said. She was arrested from the Bari Brahmana area.

"Bibi had been supplying heroin to addicted youths and was also involved in an attack on a Police party," the officer said.

Another criminal, Badroo Din alias 'Badaru', was arrested from Vijaypur for his involvement in an attack on a police party recently, he said. He was the fifth accused arrested in the case.

Roshan Lal and Mohit Ram Patel were arrested from Bari Brahmana after they were named in a theft case, while two cow smugglers were nabbed from Mansar, the officer said. Six cattle and two vehicles were seized with the arrest, he said.

Senior Superintendent of Police Samba Benam Tosh said a total of 82 thieves, 73 cow smugglers and 42 heroin suppliers have been arrested in the district in the past four months.

Implement crop insurance scheme in J&K: Ajeet

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, May 28: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference senior leader Chenab Valley Zone, Ajeet Bhagat has expressed concern over the severe damage to fruit orchards in Jammu and Kashmir due to heavy rains and hailstorm.

According to reports, fruit orchards including apple, pear, apricot and cherry orchards have been severely damaged and tree crowns blown to the ground, causing panic among orchard owners and others involved in the industry.

Therefore, the loss to this industry is equivalent to the loss to the economy of Jammu and Kashmir. It is currently impossible to assess the immediate damage. However, according to initial reports, there has been heavy loss in walnut and fruit orchards and the fruit growers of Jammu and Kashmir are now very worried.

He said that he is very concerned about this heavy rains and heavy hailstorm. "This year too, there was untimely rain, which has led to the threat of scab in orchards and has had a major impact on orchards in many areas."

An appeal was made to implement this scheme immediately. Although the government had made announcements in this regard, unfortunately the crop insurance scheme in Jammu and Kashmir has not been implemented yet. Every year, fruit growers and dealers of Jammu and Kashmir suffer huge losses due to natural calamities.

As our people in Jammu and Kashmir (80%) are marginal farmers and all their expenses depend only on the income of their orchards and whenever these orchards are lost due to natural calamities, the fruit growers of Jammu and Kashmir have to face even more difficulties are faced. difficulties. Last year they faced great difficulties in marketing their fruits and suffered huge losses.

Ajeet Bhagat appealed to the Lt.



Governor to send a joint team of concerned officers of the Agricultural University (SKAUST) and Horticulture Department, Jammu and Kashmir Development Department and Horticulture P&M to all the orchards to check the damage caused by the recent heavy rains. can be estimated. Rain and heavy hail. And going to the orchards, the fruit growers taught the rest of the fruit trees the necessary knowledge to avoid disease.

It has been pleading with the government to implement a crop insurance scheme to provide some relief in case of minor calamities, but the crop insurance scheme has not yet been implemented to be introduced in the interest of the fruit growers of Jammu and Kashmir.

A relief package should be announced for fruit and vegetable crops affected by heavy rains and hailstorm. He said that it is hoped that the government will immediately consider our legitimate demand to save the horticulture sector from further damage.

In this regard, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir is respectfully requested to kindly issue orders to implement the Crop Insurance Scheme. It is hoped that the government will immediately consider our legitimate demand and take practical steps to save horticulture from further damage.

Protesting wrestlers detained Police clears protest site at Jantar Mantar



NEW DELHI, May 28: In what could bring about a forceful end to wrestlers' protest at Jantar Mantar, the Delhi police on Sunday detained Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia for violation of law and order after they breached the security cordon while trying to move towards the new Parliament building for a women's 'Mahapanchayat'.

India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh on April 23, demanding his arrest. Chaotic scenes were witnessed at Jantar Mantar as wrestlers and police officers shoved and pushed each other and Vinesh Phogat and her cousin sister Sangeeta Phogat tried to breach the barricades. Vinesh provided a strong resistance against her detention and Sangeeta clung to her cousin sister while lying on the road as the struggle continued for a few dramatic minutes. The police officials dragged and lifted them into buses along several other wrestlers and their supporters. "They have been detained for violating law and order. We will take legal action after

inquiry in due course of time," said Dendra Pathak, Special CP, Law and Order. The Delhi Police had beefed up security at Jantar Mantar following protesting wrestlers' call for a 'Mahila Samman Mahapanchayat' before the new Parliament Building on Sunday. The new building was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi early this morning. Thousands of police personnel were deployed and multiple layers of barricades were in place in the Lutyens' Delhi. The wrestlers, staging a sit-in protest at Jantar Mantar which is about two kilometres from the Parliament building, had said they will go ahead with their 'Mahapanchayat' at any cost.

However, Police had made it clear in the morning that no protester will be allowed to move towards Parliament since they have not been granted permission for 'Mahapanchayat' and the wrestlers should not be involved in any "anti-national activity". The agitating wrestlers, including the likes of Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia, Sakshi and Asian Games gold winner Vinesh have been demanding the arrest of outgoing WFI President who they have accused of sexually harassing several women grapplers. The wrestlers had said that use of force by police will not deter them from going ahead with their peaceful march and the Mahapanchayat. According to the live location shared by one of the wrestlers' supporters from the moving bus, they were being moved towards Tikri border. In another video shared by the wrestlers, Sakshi's husband Satyawart Kadian and Jitender Kinha were seen shouting slogan 'Inqalab Jindabad' along with several others as the police vehicle whisked them away.

1st All India Women Cricket Championship 2023 Culminates Successfully at Sports Stadium Doda

TOP NEWS REPORT

Doda, MAY 28: The 1st All India Women Cricket Championship 2023 organized by the department of physical education and sports GDC Doda under the overall supervision of its principal Dr Attar Singh Kotwal culminated successfully. The tournament was organized in collaboration with Sports and Fitness Hub Doda at Sports Stadium Doda. Hyderabad Eleven and Sports and Fitness Hub clashed in the final after winning their league matches which were played during the week long tournament at Sports Stadium Doda and Ghat. Batting first Hyderabad Eleven scored 44 runs for the loss of one wicket in the stipulated overs when the match was reduced from a 20 over game to 6 over due to wet outfield. Anita Singh played a brilliant knock of 36 runs with the help of two sixes and three boundaries. In reply Sports and Fitness Hub were restricted to 33 runs only. The Principal GMC



Doda Dr (Prof) Puja Vimesh was the Chief Guest on the occasion and Ms Chandan Manhas (JKAS) was the Guest of Honour. Dr (Prof) Attar Singh Kotwal principal GDC Doda presided over the whole event. Speaking on the occasion the guests congratulated all the players in general and the guest teams from UP and Hyderabad in particular for demonstrating great show of discipline, sportsman spirit and dedication. Besides that they urged the girls to come forward to participate in these kinds of sports activities. They appreciated the efforts of Dr (Prof) Attar Singh Kotwal Principal GDC Doda, Mr Bharat Bhusan Director

Sports and Fitness Hub, Dr Arjun Singh HOD Physical Education and Sports for providing a platform to girl players to prove their mettle. In his presidential address Dr (Prof) Attar Singh Kotwal congratulated Sports Committee and teaching and non-teaching faculty members of the college for their meticulous efforts in making this tournament successful. He further thanked ZPEO Ghat Mr Surinder Parihar for his support and cooperation. He assured that more such activities shall be organized in future to chisel and hone the talent of young boys and girls. Later on the guests handed over the trophies to the winners and runners up of the tournament.

ment. Besides that the official umpires, scorers, media men, commentators, groundsman and other volunteers who supported the organisers were also felicitated on the occasion. Anita Singh of Hyderabad Eleven bagged the best batswoman and player of the tournament award. She was also honoured with woman of the match award. Varsha Parihar of GDC Doda was presented with the best bowler award of the tournament. Mr Ifroz Rather, Mr Parmod Thakur, Mr Vinod Bandral and Mr Khalid Hussain officiated as umpires whereas the proceedings of post match presentation were conducted by Dr Jamsheed Ahmad HOD English GDC Doda. Among others present during the final match are Dr Satish Kumar, Prof Rakesh Kumar, Dr Rajesh Manhas, Dr Sumit Kotwal, Dr Anita Kotwal, Prof Syed Kazim, Prof Preeti Devi, Prof Purnima Manhas, Prof Upma Kumari, Dr Tabassum Saleem, and Dr Manish Thakur.

White's buzzer-beater wins Game 6 for Celtics, forces Game 7

MIAMI: The Heat were less than a second away from the NBA Finals. But with a precious two-tenths of a second remaining, Derrick White -- who had served as the inbounds passer on the final possession for the Boston Celtics -- managed to release a putback of a Marcus Smart missed jumper that fell through the net just as the buzzer sounded, giving the Celtics a heart-stopping 104-103 victory in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals. It sends this series back to Boston for Game 7 on Memorial Day night and moves the Celtics one win away from becoming the first NBA team to come back from a 3-0 series deficit. "Derrick White, like a flash of lightning, just came out of nowhere and saved the day, man," teammate Jaylen Brown said. "It was just an incredible play." It was an incredible series of moments -- all of which were eerily similar to the way Game 7 of this same matchup on this same court played out almost exactly one year earlier. Like in that 2022 game, Boston

controlled the proceedings throughout. And like in that game, the Celtics had a sizable lead -- nine points, to be exact -- when Jayson Tatum hit a couple of free throws to make it 100-91 with 3 minutes, 4 seconds to go. And like in that game, Boston gave it all back. "I don't know if poise is a great word to use with those last four minutes," White would say later with a smile, "but we found a way to win." But only just. On a night when the Celtics made fewer 3s (7) and shot a worse percentage (20%) than they had in any regular-season or playoff game this campaign, it also had been a truly horrendous night for Butler. But then he scored the final 10 points of the contest for the Heat over a two-minute stretch: hitting a 3-pointer, followed by going 1-for-2 at the line, converting an and-1 bucket and, with three seconds to go, drawing a foul on Al Horford in the corner on a 3 and -- after a long review -- knocking down all three free throws. There was a long review because Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla chose to challenge the foul

on Horford. But while the call wasn't reversed, the challenge was crucial in another respect: It bought Boston time. An extra nine-tenths of a second, to be exact. Originally, referee Josh Tiven had called a foul with 2.1 seconds remaining. But while the officials would have reviewed whether the shot was a 2-pointer or a 3, they could only review the time on a challenge. And because they did, the Celtics had some extra time to work with. As it turned out, they needed every last bit of it. "I'm still in disbelief," Tatum said. "That s--- was crazy." That, specifically, was White's putback, which came after he inbounded the ball to Smart on a scramble. After Boston had failed to get a shot up in the final seconds of a loss in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals at the Philadelphia 76ers, Smart said he was determined to make sure he got a shot up on the rim in that moment. But when Smart's attempt rolled around the rim and fell off, it landed in White's waiting hands

for the game winner. "It don't do no good to stand in the corner there, whether he makes it or not," White said, "so I just was crashing the glass, and it came right to me." Saturday's victory continued Boston's remarkable ascent back into this series. The Celtics became the fourth NBA team to force a Game 7 after falling behind 3-0 in a best-of-7 series, joining the Portland Trail Blazers against the Dallas Mavericks in the first round of the 2003 playoffs against the Dallas Mavericks; the Denver Nuggets against the Utah Jazz in the Western Conference semifinals in 1994; and the New York Knicks against the Rochester Royals in the 1951 NBA Finals. The Celtics, however, will be the first of those teams to host Game 7 after falling behind 3-0. Mazzulla has now won five elimination games in these playoffs, tying him with the late Paul Westphal for the most such victories by a first-time head coach in the postseason, after Westphal led the Phoenix Suns to the 1993 NBA Finals.

Dejection in Dortmund as Bundesliga title dream collapses after Bayern late show

DORTMUND: The T-shirts celebrating Borussia Dortmund's 2022-23 Bundesliga triumph had already been printed in their thousands, some already worn by fans before Saturday's match against Mainz had started. The title celebrations had been meticulously planned for Sunday as the city braced for 500,000 people to arrive. With a two-point lead over Bayern Munich, needing to win or match their result vs. Cologne on the final day, the script was perfectly written for Dortmund to end their rivals' 10-year stranglehold on the Bundesliga title. But it was missing the final page. Dortmund could have sold out the Westfalen-

stadion five times over. All they had to do was beat Mainz, then it wouldn't matter what Bayern did. The fairy tale was 99% finished. But instead of the final page being signed off with a black-and-yellow flourish, they found themselves down 2-0 inside 24 minutes. And when hope returned via an equaliser for 1-1 in Cologne, it was torched by Jamal Musiala's 89th-minute winner for Bayern. It was a brutal, cruel twist. As Musiala's stunning shot found the bottom corner of the Cologne net, Dortmund's title hopes collapsed. Buoyed briefly by Gio Reyna's introduction off the bench, their late flourish to claw back a

2-2 draw meant nothing. And the 81,365 inside the Westfalenstadion were sucked back into a black hole of German football inevitability where whatever happens, whatever turbulence is endured, the Bundesliga title ends up back at Bayern -- their 11th in a row now. It wasn't meant to be like this. The two-point lead and incredible home support meant it was surely going to be Dortmund's time. All week they had been putting plans in place. They had five times the media requests than space available; they had requests for tickets close to 500,000; they had planned for celebrations, albeit without the guarantee of the star attraction.

Maha Case against 5 persons for betting on IPL match



THANE, May 28: A criminal case has been registered against five persons in Maharashtra's Thane district for allegedly indulging in online betting on a cricket match of the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL), police said on Sunday. Based on a tip-off, a police team raided a place near a tea stall in Mira Road area on Friday night and found the accused indulging in betting on a match of the present IPL season, an

official from Navghar police station said. The police seized various materials used by them in gambling, including mobile phones and laptops, he said. A case has been registered against the five accused under relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code, the Indian Telegraph Act and Maharashtra Prevention of Gambling Act, the official said. No arrest has been made so far, he added.

India play out 1-1 draw against Pakistan in Men's Junior Asia Cup hockey

SALALAH (OMAN), May 28: India played out a thrilling 1-1 draw against arch-rivals Pakistan in their third Pool A game to continue their unbeaten run in the men's Junior Asia Cup hockey tournament in Salalah here. Sharda Nand Tiwari (24th minute) gave India the lead in the high-stake match on late Saturday night but it was nullified by Basharat Ali in the 44th minute. The result means India, with seven points from three matches, stays second in Pool A behind Pakistan (same points) but are ahead on goal difference. Japan, who beat Chinese Taipei 10-1 earlier on Saturday, are third with six points from



three outings. India had earlier thrashed Chinese Taipei 18-0 before beating Japan 3-1 in their second match. On Saturday night, the Indians went on the offensive from the word go and kept Pakistan defence under pressure with repeated forays. India won a couple of penalty corners early in

the game but couldn't capitalise on them. Pakistan, on the other hand, also managed to create a few chances and even came close to scoring through a penalty corner but Indian goalkeeper Amandeep Lakra was rock solid in front of the goal as the opening quarter ended goalless. However, India broke

the deadlock in the second quarter when Sharda Nand brilliantly converted a penalty corner to give his team the much-needed lead. Leading 1-0, the Indian colts started playing more confidently and troubled Pakistan's defense on numerous occasions but failed to find the back of the net for the second time in

the second quarter to go into half time with the slender advantage. Desperate to find the equaliser, Pakistan started with an attacking mindset after the change of ends and the move paid off as Basharat scored a field goal a minute from the third quarter to level the scores. Keen to regain the advantage, India came out all guns blazing in the fourth quarter, while Pakistan relied more on counters. However, despite both teams coming close to scoring quite a few times, neither side was able to find the back of the net as the match ended in a 1-1 draw. India will Thailand in their last pool game on Sunday.

Shiv Sena condemns barbaric action of police on wrestlers protesting at Jantar Mantar

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 28: Expressing solidarity with the demands of wrestlers protesting at Jantar Mantar, Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) Jammu and Kashmir unit today strongly condemned the brutal police action and detention of sports persons on the wrestlers' march in Delhi today.

Interacting with media persons at the Party's State Office, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K said that a group of leaders of Shiv Sena's Jammu and Kashmir unit, led by him, staged a dharna last day (Saturday) at Delhi's Jantar Mantar in solidarity with the demands of the wrestlers.

Sahni said that it is very unfortunate that those who brought smile on the face of every Indian by winning medals at national and international level



are protesting on the streets demanding justice. The government is suppressing their voice by using police force, he said, adding that these players have given a lot to the country with their hard work and now the time has come that all the countrymen from Kashmir to Kanyakumari should come forward to support their genuine demand.

Sahni said that those who insult national

daughters will have to pay a heavy price for their behaviour. Ravana, who abducted Sita Mata in Ramayana and Draupadi in Mahabharata, was the reason for the end of the Kaurava clan because of insulting women. The end of the party that saves Kalyugi Ravana is also certain.

Among those who were present in the press conference include Shiv Sena

President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Balwant Singh, Mangu Ram, Dimple and North Indian Ekta Manch Delhi Chief Vikrant Kapoor, Rahul Mittal, Rajbir Mathur, Anikesh Rai, Sandeep, Pawan, Parveen Kumar, Deepak, Shankar, James, Neeraj, Yogi Yogesh, Ginni, Rajeev, Amit, Charanjeet, Sameer and Rajendra.

Sant Nirankari Mission holds Blood Donation Camp

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 28: With the blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudhiksha Ji Maharaj Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation (Social Wing of Sant Nirankari Mission) organized a blood donation camp in branch Domana (Zone 1- Jammu). The devotees were enthusiastic to donate blood in a selfless way.

This camp was inaugurated by Anu Behl, JKAS, Special Secretary, School Education, Ranjeet Singh, State Taxes, Mahohar Lal, District Treasury Officer in the benign presence of Ajit Singh, Zonal Incharge, Zone 1, Jammu. The Chief Guest Anu Behl congratulated all the devotees who donated blood for the benefit of humanity and to spread the mes-



sage of universal brotherhood. She lauded the efforts of Sant Nirankari Mission for their selfless services to the society. Ajit Singh, Zonal Incharge Jammu admired donors for true selfless service for the welfare of the people. He told that first Blood Donation Camp was organized in 1986 and since then for last 37 years Blood Donation Camps are being orga-

nized by this Mission to spread the message of Baba Hardev Singh Ji 'blood should flow in veins not in drains'. Till now Sant Nirankari Mission has Donated more than 1250000 units of Blood. He also highlighted the other socio spiritual activities of the mission. Parshotam Singh, Mukhi branch Domana presented the vote of thanks. Other Dignitaries pre-

presented on the occasion were Dr Salvi, Dr Deepshikha, Dr Yaseer from Blood Bank GMC Jammu, Sh Vishal Shoor SDPO Domana and several senior citizens and social workers of the society.

The camp was held in collaboration with blood & transfusion dept. of Govt. Medical College Jammu, Indian Red Cross Society & JKASCS.

Director Poonch Campus visits CSB Miran Sahib Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 28: The Director, Poonch Campus Prof. Rakesh Vaid today visited Silk Technical Service Centre, CSTRI, Central Silk Board, Min. of Textiles, Govt. of India, Miran Sahib, Jammu.

Director during his visit to Central Silk Board institute was to review the ongoing dissertation program of students of the Department of Sericulture who are pursuing as part of their course work.

During the visit, the Director Poonch Campus asked the students of the Department of Sericulture, Poonch Campus to pursue dissertation work with zeal and dedication. He also motivated the students about the importance of this ongoing dissertation program and how



to become a successful Sericulturist and productive contribution at the "Nation Building"

Dr N S Gahlot Scientist-D & Incharge of Silk Technical Service Centre, CSTRI, Central Silk Board, Min. of Textiles, Govt. of India, Miran Sahib, Jammu extended a warm welcome to the Director Poonch Campus and briefed him about the ongoing dissertation programs and research

topics students of Poonch Campus are under going.

Director also visited different laboratories and reeling units, he had in-depth discussion regarding the establishment of reeling units at Poonch Campus and accessibility to procurement of silkworm rearing appliances.

Director requested Dr. N. S. Gahlot to emphasize about MoU and future working and cre-

ating cordial working Environments through MoU between the two Institutes.

Bharat Bhushan, Soneek Koul, Pramila Kumari, Jagdish Raj, BD Maandi, Fida Husain Qadri, and Pawan Kumar Sharma staff and officials of Silk Technical Service Centre, CSTRI, Central Silk Board, Min. of Textiles, Govt. of India, Miran Sahib, Jammu are also present there.

Nalwa Along With Residents Listen "Mann Ki Baat", At Chatha Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 28: In order to reach out to the general masses, UT President "BJP Minority Morcha" Ranjodh Singh Nalwa visited Chatha ward No. 03 Cantt. area of Jammu district along with other party functionaries today. He listened Prime Minister's Program, "Mann Ki Baat" 101 episode with locals.

An interactive session with masses was held on the occasion. Nalwa who was the chief guest also presided over the function which was organised by Adv Jasmeet Kour Pandey BJP Minority Morcha State Vice President and district Prabhari Udhampur and other



office bearers of Ward No 03 Chatha Cantt Jammu on the occasion of Prime Minister Narinder Modi's "Mann Ki Baat" 101 episode program. Hundreds of workers besides a large number of people participated in the program.

Prominent among others who were also present on the occasion included, Balvinder Singh(Sr.Vice President), Narinder Jain(Vice President), General Secretary Santokh Singh, Spokesperson Syed Asad Mallik, (Treasurer

JKUT) Inderjeet Singh, Harpal Singh (Executive Member), Parvaiz Malik(Executives Member), Pala Sotra (Executive Member) Gurdayal Singh (Distt Vice President Jammu South) and Joginder Singh (Distt President Jammu Border).

Girls of MS Sangli Katwalt qualifies semifinal

TOP NEWS REPORT

RAMNAGAR, MAY 28: Girls of Govt. middle School Sangli Katwalt zone Kulwanta Ramnagar qualified Semifinal in district level inter



zonal level tournament. The inter District level competition in chess games for Girls were

held at udhampur. In chess game competition held in udhampur Radha Devi and Anita

Devi from Govt MS Sangli Katwalt qualified for Semifinal in district level tournament.

All the participants took part with strength and stamina to reach next level. The headmaster of Govt MS Sangli Katwalt Sh Kuldeep Kumar & Staff members namely Makhan Singh, Archana Jugnwal Sheetal Devi Naresh Kumari, Satyam kankal welcome the winning students

Hindi play 'AAG' staged at Nagrota Park

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, May 28: Balwant Thakur's Hindi play 'AAG' staged here today under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' at Nagrota Park, Jammu under the direction of Neeraj Kant. The play showcases how the Drug-menace is ruining the generations and thus crippling the developing nations. The youth of the country, the most energetic human resource of the country, sometimes unknowingly slip into the world of drug-addicts.

The play was not based on one story-line but as an experiment multiple stories were woven by the playwright in one theme focusing the spread of drug menace like a fire, taking the toll of the important work force of the country. In a sequence a young boy



is shown struggling for a good company after his passing of the school and entry in the college. He is isolated for not being the consumer of intoxications. All around him treat him like a child which really frustrates him and to prove that he has grown-up as a young man now, he finds the easiest way and demonstrates his coming of age by consuming a variety of intoxications. In another

sequence a rural inhabitant particularly the men-folk is shown drowned in the menace of alcohol. All the miseries of the village like poverty, domestic violence, and ailments are attributed to the growing consumption of alcohol in the village. In a sequence the daily routine of a villager is shown who consumes the whole of his daily earnings for alcohol. Having drunk he has

lost his way home. By the time a local escorts him to his place where in the middle of the night the drunken man starts beating his sleeping wife and kids for not receiving him on his arrival. When the escort intervenes to save the poor lady and children, he is blamed for having bad intentions towards his wife. This fight further messes up when a drunken man after losing senses dam-

ages his household property as well. The play unfolds a series of incidents where people influenced by drugs, alcohol and other intoxications create hell for themselves as well as for others. Many precious lives are being charred in this fire of drug menace which is to be fought unitedly. Through this play Balwant Thakur has tried to make an appeal to save mankind from this dragon.

Actors who outshined in their respective performances and left an impact of their acting included Neeraj Kant, Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Mihir Gujral, Sumit Bandaral, Kananpreet Kaur, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Aadesh Dhar and Sheryaar Salaria. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

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