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BRIEFLY

India logs 267 New Coronavirus Infections, Active cases decrease to 3,736 from 3,925

NEW DELHI, Jun 2 (Agencies): India has logged 267 new coronavirus infections while the active cases have decreased to 3,736 from 3,925, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Friday. The death toll has increased to 5,31,874 with two more fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,91,143), it said. The active cases now comprises 0.01 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,55,533, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccines have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive.

Tourist injured in Awantipora accident succumbs after nine days

SRINAGAR, Jun 2 (Agencies): A tourist, who was injured in an accident on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway near Awantipora area of Anantnag district on May 25, on Friday succumbed to his injuries.

An official said that the man was injured along with four others after a vehicle turned turtle near Barsoo Awantipora on May 25.

He said that he was admitted in SMHS Srinagar where he succumbed to his injuries. He has been identified as Pradeep Kumar of Kolkata.

Two-vehicle collision leaves one driver dead

SRINAGAR, Jun 2 (Agencies): A driver was killed in a road accident in the Vehil area of South Kashmir's Shopian district on Friday.

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LG addresses Consultative meeting of National Commission for ISM J&K has been a major center of Indian system of medicine since ancient times: Sinha

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SRINAGAR, Jun 2: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed a Consultative meeting on "Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission - Heal in India, Heal by India," organized by National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (ISM), Ministry of AYUSH, on Wednesday at University of Kashmir.

Addressing the gathering of health professionals and practitioners of ISM from across the country, the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the J&K Government to making the



UT a hub of medical and wellness tourism and to contribute to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Heal in India' and 'Heal by India'.

He said the deliberations during this important meeting will build a solid framework for exchange of ideas to

promote ISM and implementation of two important components of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission - Healthcare Professional Registry and Healthcare Facility Registry in the UT.

"J&K has been a major center of the Indian system of medicine

since ancient times and according to Kalhana's Rajatarangini, a well developed Ayurveda hospital was functional those days. Kalhana wrote that J&K had flourishing Ayurvedic drug manufacturing units and Ayurvedic pharmacies," said the Lt Governor.

With such a rich legacy, we are committed for investment and innovation in AYUSH and to strengthen the traditional system of medicines. It has tremendous growth potential and J&K bestowed with nature's bounty and rich medicinal plants will

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BJP will be 'Decimated' in the next three-four assembly elections: Rahul Gandhi

WASHINGTON, Jun 2 (Agencies): Rahul Gandhi has said that the BJP will be "decimated" in the next three-four assembly elections by the Congress, emphasising that they have the basic requirements that are needed to defeat the ruling party which do not have the support of the vast majority of the Indian population. These remarks were made by Gandhi, who is in the US



for a three-city US tour, on Thursday at a reception hosted for him by eminent Indian American Frank Islam.

"There is a tendency

of people to believe that this sort of juggernaut of the RSS and the BJP is unstoppable. This is not the case. I'll make a little

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J&K Waqf Board orders re-designation of posts of 323 employees

SRINAGAR, Jun 2 (Agencies): The Waqf Board on Friday ordered re-designation of the posts of 323 employees, who have failed to submit a genuine 10th pass academic qualification certificate till date.

According to an order issued by Executive Magistrate Tehsildar, Ishtiyaq Mohi-ud-din, J&K Waqf Board, as reported by the news agency, the J&K Waqf Board has recruited,

engaged several categories of employees over the years without prescribing well-defined criteria.

"Such employees have been randomly given designations like, Chowkidars, Sweepers, Peons, Orderlies, Tehveeldars, Bus Conductors, Malies, etc., and their services have only been utilized as per their designations," read the order.

It said that no fresh

recruitments have been made after the constitution of the J&K Waqf Board in 2022, and a comprehensive exercise for rationalisation of postings is underway for proper utilization of Waqf resources.

"Simultaneously, a large-scale exercise for mass transfers of employees after decades of Stay Period is also being carried out. The verification of

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Demolition drive against 'illegal' commercial complex triggers protests in Kathua

JAMMU, Jun 2 (Agencies): Authorities attempted to carry out a demolition drive and partially damaged an "illegal" commercial complex in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Friday, prompting traders to stage a protest against the administration.

The owners of the building alleged that the demolition drive was carried out without issuing any notice to them. They added that they have filed a plea in the high court and the hearing is scheduled for Friday.

Amid a heavy deployment of police personnel, men and machines of the Kathua Municipal Council, led by its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) San-



tosh Kotwal, attempted to carry out the demolition drive at the complex located on the Shaheedi chowk road, sources said.

The owner of the building, Mohinder Mahajan, reached the spot and raised objections to the

government action. He asked the CEO to show the demolition notice. The CEO failed to produce it, resulting in anger among the traders' community and triggering protests, the sources said.

Authorities alleged that the owners of the building had bribed officials to raise the structure illegally, resulting in heated arguments between the owners and officials. Police had to intervene to avert a clash between the two sides.

The Beopar Mandal Kathua has voiced concern over the development. Members of the organisation staged a protest against Kathua Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas and raised anti-BJP slogans.

The administration's move came only a few days after the owners of the building converted the residential complex into a commercial one. The municipal council

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Terrorist killed in encounter in Rajouri



JAMMU, Jun 2 (Agencies): A terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Friday morning, officials said. A joint cordon and search operation was launched by the army and police on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday after noticing suspicious movement in the forest area of Dassal Gujran

near Rajouri, a defence official said.

He said the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists fired upon the forces, who retaliated. The firing continued through the night.

Jammu and Kashmir Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Mukesh Singh said one terrorist was killed and

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IPS Vikramjit Singh nominated chairperson J&K and Ladakh Finance Corporation for 3 Years

SRINAGAR, Jun 2 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government has appointed Vikramjit Singh, IPS, as Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh Finance Corporation for a period of three years.

The order reads, in exercise of powers vested in the Government of Jammu and Kashmir under Section 15(1) of the State Finance Corporation Act, 1951, Shri Vikramjit

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NCERT drops key chapters from class 10 textbooks

SRINAGAR, Jun 2 (Agencies): In a surprising move, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has decided to remove some chapters from the newly released textbooks for Class 10 students. The dropped chapters include the Periodic Classification of Elements, Democracy and Diversity, Challenges to Democracy, along with a page on Political

Parties. Additionally, the chapter on environmental sustainability and sources of energy has also been excluded.

NCERT stated that it was intended to alleviate the burden on students, particularly considering the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The National Education Policy 2020, which emphasises reducing content load and encouraging exper-

iential learning, served as a backdrop for this move. The NCERT further added that they considered the already developed Learning Outcomes while rationalizing the textbooks.

"The content of the textbooks has been rationalised to avoid overlap with similar topics covered in other subjects within the same class. We also took

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Central Govt should abolish love marriage law: Chandel

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JAMMU, Jun 2: Hinduist Sanatani leader Raju Chandel while talking to journalists in Jammu today said that Seeing the speed with which love jihad and the killing of innocent Hindu girls are happening in India, the entire Sanatan Dharma and its culture are under threat.

Chandel said that to deal with this chal-



lenge, Central government should abolish the Love Marriage Law and declare India as a Hindu nation.

He said that Love Jihad

has been encouraged due to the Love Marriage Act and under the guise of this, the youth of the Muslim community are taking advantage of the law, first of all the Love Marriage Act should be abolished and then the country should be declared a Hindu nation.

Chandel said that love marriage law was implemented by the Congress party, which was ruling

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Cloudy weather with intermittent light rain in J&K during next 24 hours: MeT

SRINAGAR, Jun 2 (Agencies): Meteorological Department on Friday predicted weather in J&K to remain generally cloudy with intermittent light rain, thunder and lightning very likely at many places during the next 24 hours.

There is a possibility of moderate showers at one or two places accompanied by gusty winds towards afternoon or late afternoon on Friday, the MeT office said.

It said the possibility of light rain or thunder at a few places towards

late afternoon for a short period on June 3-4 and the weather will mainly remain dry but a brief spell of shower or thunderstorm can't be ruled out from June 5-10.

"Overall, no forecast of any major rainfall till June 10", the MeT office said.

It has also advised farmers to carry all farm operations from June 5 onwards during morning hours.

Intermittent rains lash most parts of Jammu and Kashmir during the past 24 hours bringing down the temperature

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER **SMT ASHA ZADOO** W/O LATE SH. PIARAY LAL ZADOO RESIDENT OF GANPITTA SRINAGAR/ BHAGWATI NAGAR PRESENTLY AT LANE NO 9 FRIENDS COLONY GURHA BRAHMANA NEAR PEER BABA BANTALAB JAMMU, WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 25 MAY 2023. **TENTH DAY** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 3RD JUNE 2023 AT MUTHI GHAT AT 8.00 AM

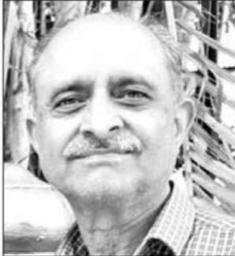
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
SISTER-IN-LAW & BROTHER-IN-LAW
SMT DULARI KALLA W/O LATE SH. S. L. KALLA
SMT RAJ DULARI HANDOO W/O LATE SH. N. J. HANDOO
SMT ASHA SHARMA W/O LATE SH. O. N. SHARMA
SMT SUSHMA JATTOO W/O LATE SH. K. L. JATTOO
SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
SH. SUNIL KUMAR ZADOO & ANJALI ZADOO
SH. VIJAY KUMAR ZADOO & LATE SMT ARTI ZADOO
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
SH. SUNITA SHARMA & ATUL SHARMA
SISTERS AND BROTHER-IN-LAW
SMT SHEELO DEVI W/O LATE SH. SITA RAM
GRAND CHILDREN: RACHITA, AYUSH, SUSHIL, NIHARIKA, VASUNDHARA
MEGHA, ADITYA 9469138150, 9622139992, 9697632131



SMT ASHA ZADOO

OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform you about the sudden & untimely demise of our beloved **Karmayogi Sh Roshan Lal Raina** S/o Lt. Sh Govind Ram Raina originally from Gulgam, Kupwara, Kashmir and at present 169, Sharda Colony, Patoli.



Karmayogi Sh Roshan Lal Raina

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Sharda Colony, near Shiv Mandir, Patoli on 4th June, 2023 (Sunday).

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt Nancy Raina -Wife
Smt & Sh M L Bhat
Smt & Sh N L Bhat
Smt & Sh C L Bhat
Smt & Sh A K Bhat
Smt & Sh P L Bhat
Smt & Sh Somnath Koul

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 8AM 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:-
JETHAI
SMT. KAMALA DEVI
SMT. DULARI PANDITA
SMT. RAJ CHAUDHARY
SMT. SHANTA DEVI
SH. SHIBAN JI PANDITA (SON) - 7898646106
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

10TH DAY/KRIYA

In Loving Memory of Dr. Vijay Kumar Misri. With heavy hearts, we gather here today to honor and bid farewell to a beloved soul, Dr. Vijay Kumar Misri, who left us all too soon. The **TENTH-DAY KRIYA** ceremony that marks a solemn moment as we reflect upon the remarkable life of a truly extraordinary individual will be performed on Saturday, 3rd June, 2023 at Muthi Ghat at 0900 hrs.



Dr. Vijay Kumar Misri

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

Mrs. Santosh Misri - (Wife)
(Son and Daughter-in-law)
Mr. Vishal Misri and Mrs. Prema Goja Misri (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Dr. Meenakshi Raina and Dr. Tushar Raina (Grandsons and Grand Daughters)
Rushli, Rhea, Aalia, Ayaan
Mrs. Sarla Misri (Sister-in-law)
Mr. Vinod Misri and Mrs. Vidushi Misri (Brother and Sister-in-law)
Mr. Vipon Misri and Mrs. Vandana Misri (Brother and Sister-in-law)
Mr. Pradeep Misri and Mrs. Preeti Misri (Brother and Sister-in-law)
Mr. Ajay Misri and Mrs. Suneta Misri (Brother and Sister-in-law)
Mrs. Sarita Ogra and Mr. Ajay Ogra (Sister and Brother-in-law)
Dr. Aakash Raina and Mrs. Rakhi Raina (Nephew and Niece-in-law)

TENTH DAY/ UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Late Smt Bimal Devi** W/o Sh. Shiv Dass Anand R/o H. No 63, Hanuman Danga Nagrota. **TENTH DAY** will be performed on 1st June 2023 (Thursday) at 11 AM at our residence **UTHALA** will be performed on 05th June 2023 (Monday) at 4.00 PM



Late Smt Bimal Devi

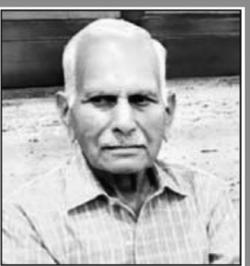
GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Shiv Dass Anand (Husband)
Son & Daughter in Law
Sh. Surinder Anand & Smt Nisha Anand
Sh. Ramesh Anand & Smt Rajni Anand
Daughter & Son in Law
Smt Asha Kapoor & Sh. Sanjay Kapoor
Mobile No: 7780996580, 9419147360, 8491985214

DOB: 21-11-1946
DOD: 23-05-2023

10TH DAY & KRIYA/ RASAM PAGRI

IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF **LT. SHRI YOGINDER SINGH** THE PILLAR OF OUR LIVES & HEARTBEAT OF OUR FAMILY HAS LEFT US FOR HEAVENLY ABODE. JOIN US AS WE MOURN HIS PASSING, CHERISH HIS MEMORIES AND CELEBRATE HIS LEGACY OF LOVE AND CARE ON 5TH JUNE, 2023 AT 1 PM.



LATE SHRI YOGINDER SINGH

10TH DAY SHALL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE E/415, SAINIK COLONY, JAMMU ON 2ND JUNE, 2023 AT 12:00 NOON.

KRIYA SHALL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE E/415, SAINIK COLONY, JAMMU ON 5TH JUNE, 2023 AT 1 PM.

RASAM PAGRI SHALL BE PERFORMED AT SHRI RAM MANDIR, SECTOR-D, SAINIK COLONY, JAMMU ON 5TH JUNE AT 4 PM.

FONDLY REMEMBERED BY:-

SMT. SHAKUNTALA DEVI (WIFE)
(DAUGHTER-IN-LAW & SON)
VIDHI & CAPT. ASHUTOSH JAMWAL, (DAUGHTERS & SONS-IN-LAW)
KIRAN & ENG. S.D. PATHANIA
RAKHEE. & COL. M.S DADWAL
ENTIRE JAMWAL & SLATHIA FAMILY NEARS & DEARS
9419157109, 9622957109, 9541452134

(21-SEP-1935 TO 24-MAY-2023)
R/O, SLATHIA CHOWK,
UDHAMPUR., AT PRESENT, E-415,
SAINIK COLONY, JAMMU

AADH BARKHI

Six months have passed since you left for your eternal journey leaving us with treasure of your memories but your presence is still felt and you are missed more and more with each passing day. **Aadh Barkhi** of our beloved mother **Late Smt Sita Devi** W/o Late Th Multan Singh R/o Gurha Slathian will be performed at 10:00 clock on 03 June 2023 (Saturday) at our present residence H No. 153, Sec-D, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN :
Daughters and Sons-in-law
Smt Amravati Pathania W/o Late Kushal Singh Pathania
Smt Sunita and Sh Jeet Singh Chib
Daughters-in-law and Sons
Smt Sulekha Slathia and Lt Col Diljit Singh Slathia
Smt Sudesh and Madan Mohan Singh Slathia
Smt Usha W/o Late Nischal Singh Slathia
Smt Banita and Dalip Singh
Grand Daughters and Grand Sons-in-law
Anjali and Wahid
Poonam and Vrinder Jasrotia
Indu and Sachit Jasrotia
Namrata M/o Sarthak Jamwal
Grand Daughters-in-law and Grand Sons
Deepthi Slathia and Amit Slathia
Anu Slathia and Vivek Slathia
Juhi Jamwal and Varun Slathia



Late Smt Sita Devi

Grand Daughters and Grand Sons
Kartika Slathia, Kartik Slathia, Vikrant Slathia
Great Grand Children
Anaisha Slathia
Asmita Slathia

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved grand mother **Smt Durga Devi (Nani Jee)** R/o 180-C Krishna Nagar Dogra Mohalla, near RRL who left us for heavenly abode on May 24, 2023.



Smt Durga Devi (Nani Jee)

10th Day will be performed on Friday June 02,2023 at 11 a.m. at Hari Ghat near RRL Jammu.

Kriya will be performed on Saturday on June 03,2023 at 12 noon at our residence.

Uthala will be held on Saturday on June 03,2023 at 4 PM to 5 PM at Hari Ghat near RRL, Jammu.

Grief Stricken :

Raj Devi-Daughter
Rajiv Joshi- Grand Son
Mobile : 9596308800, 9419109061

"SATSANG"

In the loving memory of our beloved father **S. Nirmal Singh** S/o. Late S. Jeevan Singh R/o. Heewooder Budgam, Kmr; who left for heavenly abode on 14-05-2023 at his residence Heewooder Budgam, it is to inform that for the peace of departed Soul and to pay obeisance, **SATSANG** will be held at **GURUDWARA MODEL TOWN JAMMU** on 04-06-2023 (Sunday) from 4 pm to 6 pm.



S. Nirmal Singh

GRIEF STRICKEN:

(Daughter and Son-in-law)
Sdn. Kuminder Kour and S. Ajeet Singh
(Son and Daughter-in-law)
S. Surjeet Singh and Sdn. Tripat Kour
S. Damesh Singh and Sdn. Narinder Kour
Mobile numbers: 9419118711, 8491917550, 9906253006

BARKHI

One year has passed since you left us for eternal journey but your memories are still alive with us.

Barkhi of our beloved **Late Smt Gyano Devi** W/o Late Sh Bodh Raj Abrol shall be performed on 3-6-2023 (Saturday) at 12 Noon at our residence Village Kote, Tehsil Bhalwal, district Jammu.

Deeply Missed and Remembered By

Daughters-in-law & Sons
Shakuntla and Yash Paul Abrol
Neena and Darshan Kumar Abrol
Shashi and Kewal Kumar Abrol
Ashu and Subash Chander Abrol
Daughter & Son-in-law
Lalita and Pardeep Kohli
Grand Children:
Aman, Gagan, Akash, Rohit, Deepak, Akshat, Sparsh, Palvi
Great Grand Children: Nikait, Mitansh, Smarth, Arya, Adhvika
Mobile No. 9596905017, 9858170595, 9419300333, 7006067987



Late Smt Gyano Devi

OBITUARY/10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Manju Koul** D/o Late Sh. Jawahar Lal Koul. Originally resident of Bagh Jogi Lanker Rainawari Srinagar, presently at House No. 9, Sub Lane-A, (Martyr Rohit Sadhu Lane), Saraswati Vihar Anand Nagar Bohri on 27th May, 2023.



SMT. MANJU KOUL

Tenth Day will be performed on 5th June, 2023 at Muthi Ghat Near Director School Education Office at 9 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Phoola Koul - Mother
Sh. Sunil & Seema Koul - Brother & Bhabi
& **Samast Koul Parivar**
Contact No: 8716048274, 9796009234, 8494064671

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that **Smt. Pitti Koul (Pyari)** W/o Sh. Shri Dwarka Nath Koul. Originally resident of Village Wasoora, Dist. Pulwama Kashmir Presently C-94/95 Freedom Fighter Enclave, Neb Sarai, New Delhi - 110068 attained Nirvana on 31st May 2023.



Smt. Pitti Koul (Pyari)

Tenth Day will be performed on 09th June 2023 at Ganga Canal Murad Nagar Ghaziabad UP

Grief Stricken

Dr. D. N. Koul - Husband
Sunil Koul - Son
Abhilasha Koul - Daughter in Law
9871025296
8368173813

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **S. Man Singh Ji** S/o Late S. Dharam Singh R/o Basti Singh Pura Maralia Miran Sahib Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 27.05.2023. **ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB** at our residence on 2nd June 2023 at 9 a.m.



S. MAN SINGH JI

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB at our residence on 4th June 2023 at 9 a.m.

KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS at Sathanak Gurudwara Singh Sabha Singh Pura from 10 am to 12 noon followed by Guru ka Langar.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sdn. Shajan Kour - Wife
Daughters-in-law and Sons
Sdn. Rajinder Kour & S. Ujjagar Singh (Retd. Naib Tehsildar)
Sdn. Manjeet Kour & S. Harbans Singh
Sdn. Manmeet Kour & S. Ravinder Singh (University of Jammu)
Daughter and Son-in-law
Sdn. Jasvinder Kour and S. Devinder Singh
Mob. No. - 9622063064, 9469132765, 7051347537

UTHALA

With deep sorrow and grief, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Nirmal Mahajan** W/o Late Sh. Bal Krishan Mahajan, R/o Amar Kutir 104/105 Gurha Bakshi Nagar, Jammu



Smt. Nirmal Mahajan

UTHALA will be performed on Saturday 3rd June at Arya Samaj Mandir Bakshi Nagar from 4pm to 5pm

Grief Stricken:

Daughter-in-laws and Sons
Mrs. Anjali Mahajan and Late Mr. Vikas Mahajan
Mrs. Aarti Mahajan and Mr. Lokesh Mahajan
Sister-in-law and Brother-in-law
Mrs. Savitri Gupta and Dr. Vishwappa Mahajan
Daughter and Son-in-law
Dr. Deepthi Mahajan and Ramneek Singh
Sonal Mahajan and Aditya Mahajan- Daughter-in-law and Son
Grandchildren: Dr. Shreya, Archit, Aditi and Lavanya
Contact number: 9419802089, 9697539500

10th DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the demise of our beloved **Sh. Shiv Nath Sharma** (Petro. Sr. Mechanic-Information Deptt) R/o 24-A, Pvt. Gandhi Nagar Jammu who left us for heavenly abode on (Thursday) 25th of May, 2023.



Sh. Shiv Nath Sharma (1928-2023)

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

10th Day: will be performed on 3rd June, 2023 (Saturday) at Shiv Mandir, Gandhi Nagar at 10 AM.

Kriya: will be held on 4th June, 2023 (Sunday) at our residence H. No. 24-A, (Pvt), Gandhi Nagar, Jammu at 12:00 Noon

Rasam Pagri/UTHALA: will be performed on 05th June, 2023 (Monday) at Shiv Mandir, Gandhi Nagar between 6 PM - 5 PM.

Grief Stricken:

Mrs. Pushpa Devi - (Bhabhi Ji)
Sister & Brother in Law:
Mrs. Swarna Sharma & Sh. Bansil Lal Sharma
Daughter in Law & Sons:
1. Ravi Shanker Sharma (Retd. Information Assistant - Information Deptt.)
2. Chanchal Sharma & Uday Shanker Sharma (Retd. Commentator - Information Deptt.)
3. Anu Sharma & Rama Shanker Sharma.
4. Sunita Sharma & Ajay Sharma (Retd. Manager) - (Central Coop Bank)
5. Sharda Sharma & Shambhu Nath Sharma
Daughter & Son-in-Law
Seema Sharma & Sudhanshu Sharma
Grand Children:
Mr. Aviral Manik
Contact No: 9906093820, 9596972482, 9682592400

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF WE HAVE TO INFORM THAT OUR BELOVED MOTHER **SHAM RANI BHAN** (FONDLY CALLED BHABHI), WIFE OF LATE SHAM LAL BHAN, ORIGINALLY FROM CHINIKRAL MOHALLA, HABBA KADAL, SRINAGAR, LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON SUNDAY THE MAY 28 2023.



SHAM RANI BHAN (1928-2023)

THE **TENTH DAY "KRIYA"** WILL BE PERFORMED AT MURAD NAGAR, GHAZIABAD U.P. ON TUESDAY THE JUNE 6 2023 AT 9AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

BHAN'S "SAMASTH PARIVAR" -
ASHOK, SATISH & KULDEEP : 9873161000/ 8826377492/ 9810060201
KAUL'S (DR. TEJ KRISHAN/SANJEEV) : 6006082297/ 9818151795
PADROO'S - (WHATASAP) +91852758567,
MUJOO'S - 9811155858, SARAF'S-9810388982
GRAND CHILDREN & GREAT GRAND CHILDREN

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our most beloved, inspiring and great personality **Dr. (Shri) Ved Prakash Kotwal** S/o Late Sh. Amarnath Kotwal of Gajoth, who left for heavenly abode in a tragic road accident on 29-05-2023.



Dr. (Shri) Ved Prakash Kotwal

Shraadh Ceremony will be performed on Wednesday, 07-06-2023 at our residence in Bhatoli (Derka), Tehsil Bhalha (Distt Doda) at 10 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt Rattna Kotwal- Wife
Dr Rakesh Kotwal- Elder Son
Smt. Usha Parihar- Elder Daughter-in-Law
Dr Rajesh Kotwal- Younger Son
Prof. Sarita Parihar- Younger Daughter-in-Law
Isht Priya Kotwal- Grand Daughter

TENTH DAY/KIRYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT POOJA SHARMA**.

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 3RD JUNE 2023 (SATURDAY) AT OUR RESIDENCE H.NO. K 685, EAST EXT. SEC 1 C, TRIKUTA NAGAR, JAMMU AT 11:00 AM.

KIRYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 4TH JUNE 2023 (SUNDAY) AT OUR RESIDENCE H.NO. K 685, EAST EXT. SEC 1 C, TRIKUTA NAGAR, JAMMU AT 12:30 PM

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

VINAY SHARMA (HUSBAND)
MOTHER-IN-LAW AND FATHER-IN-LAW
SMT LEELA SHARMA AND SH SURINDER K SHARMA
SMT. SANTOSH KUMARI W/O LATE SH MADAN LAL SHARMA (MOTHER)
SH. MANNAT SHARMA (BROTHER)
SAANVI & IDHIKA (DAUGHTERS)



SMT POOJA SHARMA

J&K bleeding, BJP in celebration mode: Harsh

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Jun 2: Harsh Dev Singh former Minister and JKNPP president said that while J&K continued to suffer and bleed, the BJP most unapologetically was celebrating its nine year rule quite unmindful of the sentiment of the people of UT. Is there anything for a political party to celebrate when people are mourning the civilian deaths and targeted killings going unabated especially after the BJP's ascendance to power? questioned Singh.

He said not only Deepu Sharma of Majalta was brutally assassinated by the hate mongers but Rajouri carnage continues to remain a grim reminder of failures of govt which promised zero tolerance against terror.

He was addressing public meetings in Mani and Kasuri villages of



Ghordi block today. Describing BJP's celebrations and merry making as repulsively bizarre, Singh said that its boisterous revel over 'nine years' achievements had only triggered cynicism. The nine year rule of BJP has witnessed extreme form of terrorism in J&K with dozens of episodes of attacks on security forces, civilians,

old and the young with 40 soldiers martyred in one single attack of Pulwama. Civilian killings and targeted killings were a thing of the past before 2014 but became a routine feature in the ongoing saffron rule. The employees of Jammu region were also targeted and had to leave valley even risking their jobs which

never happened before. But strangely, the BJP leadership continues to indulge in self adulation and unmindful drum beating, said Singh. Demotion of state to the level of UT has been the most obnoxious dent on the pride of the people of J&K, said Harsh. And rather than restoring statehood, the BJP leadership continues to bully

and browbeat those who seek status quo ante. The people have been deprived of a democratic govt and subjected to 'babu raj' of outside bureaucrats having hardly any connect with the common masses. The people are suffering for want of basic civil amenities. There is none to listen to the shrill cries of poor, marginalized classes especially in rural areas seeking adequate power, water supply, medicare and power connectivity. The unemployed youth are on roads and the daily wagers and contractals without wages for several months and even years with an apathetic regime averse to their woes. Corruption is at its peak and rising prices have made the lives of people miserable. But still the BJP is in celebration mode. Alas! What an irony, exclaimed Singh.

Rajesh Gupta reiterates demand for statehood, assembly polls

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, JUN 2: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) on Friday observed that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are enduring immense agonies on account of an unnecessary delay in their political empowerment.

Addressing an office bearers meeting at the Party office Janipur NDPI Chief Rajesh Gupta said that there is no substitute to an elected government and a bureaucratic regime can never address the aspirations of the people. "People give vent to their day-to-day based sufferings when they meet us. I think the sense of accountability is missing in our bureaucratic set-up. But it happens when you have no elected government in place," he said, while underlining the need for

early restoration of the Statehood. NDPI leader said that NDPI has been repeatedly urging the government of India not to delay the restoration of statehood to J&K. "And we are of the firm belief that the Statehood alone can prove panacea to the people's sufferings," he remarked. "In this summer season the authorities have not been able to ensure 24x7 electricity to the people which shows their inability to work without an elected government," he said. He demanded 24x7 electricity for Jammuites in the summer season. "NDPI wants resolution to the problems faced by the people at large. it has become imperative at this point of time that the right to elect an accountable government is given

back to the people," Gupta said. He further said that NDPI adheres to the principle of 'politics of truth' which demands sincerity and efforts at grass root levels. NDPI president said his party will not allow non-locals to settle in the Union Territory. He appealed to people to maintain peace and promised to reverse all "anti-people" decisions of the administration once his party comes to power. "We will not allow the non-locals to settle in Jammu and Kashmir. The land in J&K belongs to the people of the erstwhile state of J&K," Gupta said. Others who addressed the meeting were Umesh Manhas, S.Kuljeet Singh, Tilakraj, Sandeep Anand, Rajiv Luthra and others.

BLSKS presents 362th Dogri musical play 'Nashe Nai Karna'

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 2: To continue the Nasha Mukat Bharat Abhiyan, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS), in coordination with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Social Welfare Department J&K Govt and Sangam Tru Art Production presented its 362th Friday Series Dogri Musical Play "Nashe Nai Karna" at Project Model Higher Secondary School, Janipur Jammu on today under the overall direction of Dr. M.L Dogra.

A pledge was also taken by more than 120 students and teachers which was administered by Chahat Chadha and the certificate honored by the Ministry of Social Justice was felicitated to the Principal of the Host School.

The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Vivek Sharma, Principal of the School.



Among the Guest of Honours present were Seema Koul, Rupali, Senior Teachers of the host school. The day commemorated as well with sole aim of rejuvenating the traditional, Primitive Folk, Art, Culture of J&K Region. Sharma said in his speech the Nasha Mukat Bharat Abhiyan was launched by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment which is the Nodal Ministry for Drug Demand Reduc-

tion has formulated and it was launched Nasha Mukat Bharat Abhiyaanon 15th August 2020, in 272 Districts across 32 State/Union Territories identified as most vulnerable in terms of usage of drugs in the country. These vulnerable districts were identified on the basis of findings from the Comprehensive National Survey and the inputs provided by the Narcotics Control Bureau. Welcome speech was

given by Dr. M.L Dogra, Chairman, BLSKS said drugs withdrawal symptoms are a combination of physical and mental side effects a person experiences while trying to either stop or reduce the use of the substance they have been using or are addicted. These are usually unpleasant experiences which make it difficult to reduce or quit the substance. Some of the common withdrawal symptoms are nausea, vomiting, restlessness,

tremors, disturbance in mood, irritability, depression, anxiety, lack of sleep, body pains, craving for the substance, running nose etc. K.K Joshi, Vice Chairman BLSKS said our volunteers and outreach workers of these organizations have gone from door to door, and nearby localities of Jammu city to educate the people about the ill effects of drug abuse and have assisted the rehabilitation of victims of substance abuse. The singers, musician and actors who performed were Usha Raina, K.K Joshi, Raju Bajgal, Chahat Chadha, Bindia Kheda, Sanjeev Kumar Sodhi, Vandana Gupta, Sunil Kumar Dalotra, Rahul Kumar, Afroz Aalam, Zaffer Husain, Paramjeet, Deepak Kumar Dogra, Programme Incharge presented vote of thanks for successful conduction of the programme.

DPAP delegation meets DC, discusses issue of fruit growers

TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Jun 2: In response to the recent damage caused by heavy rainfall in the region, DPAP held a crucial meeting with the District Commissioner (DC) of Doda today. The meeting focused on the challenges faced by local crop and fruit growers due to the adverse weather conditions and proposed necessary measures to alleviate their financial burden.

The heavy rains in Doda have resulted in significant damage to numerous crops and fruit orchards, negatively impacting the livelihoods of farmers who heavily rely on these resources. Recognizing the severity of the situation, DPAP and DC Doda held a constructive dialogue to address the concerns of the affected growers.

One of the primary proposals discussed during the meeting was the provision of a six-month recession for electricity and water bills for the farmers. This measure aims to ease the financial burden on the crop and fruit growers, allowing them some relief during this difficult period. By providing this tempo-



rary relief, the authorities intend to support the farmers in recovering from the losses they have incurred. Furthermore, another significant proposal put forth during the meeting was the doubling of the Kisan Credit Card limit. The Kisan Credit Card scheme provides farmers with affordable credit to meet their agricultural and allied needs. By increasing the credit limit, the authorities aim to provide the affected farmers with additional financial support, enabling them to overcome the challenges caused by the damaged crops and fruit orchards.

The DPAP and DC Doda emphasized the importance of swift action to ensure the well-being of the local farming community. They also underscored the significance of assessing the extent of the damage caused by the heavy rains, as well

as identifying alternative strategies to mitigate the losses and support the farmers in rebuilding their livelihoods. The local administration assured the crop and fruit growers that every effort would be made to expedite the implementation of the proposed measures. It was also noted that the district administration would work in collaboration with various agricultural departments to provide technical assistance and guidance to the affected farmers.

In conclusion, the meeting between DPAP and DC Doda represented a significant step towards addressing the challenges faced by crop and fruit growers in the aftermath of heavy rainfall. The proposed measures, including the six-month recession for electricity and water bills and the doubling of the Kisan Credit Card limit,

aim to alleviate the financial burden on the affected farmers and provide them with the necessary support to restore their livelihoods. The local administration remains committed to assisting the farming community during this difficult period and ensuring their well-being in the long run. Others who were present in the meeting were

Asif Jahan Gattu Distt President DPAP, Shabir Ahmed Naik BDC Chairman, Mudasar Wani Distt.Gen. Scty DPAP, Mohd Ashraf Malik Gen. Scty, Ranjeet Singh Block President Bhagwah, Shafiqat Naik Block President Ghat, Nazir Ahmed Malik Block Vice President Dali Udayanpur.

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

E-TENDER NOTICE

Notice for Parcel Cargo Express Train (PCET) under Expression of Interest (EOI)
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for Leasing of Parcel Cargo Express Train (PCET) on round trip basis. The details are as under- 1. No. of PCET Proposed: 03 2. Department: Commercial 3. Office: Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur Cantt. 4. Name of Work: A. PCET from Jammu Tawi (JAT) to Guwahati area & back to Jammu Tawi. B. PCET from Amritsar (ASR) to Mumbai area & back to Amritsar. C. PCET from Moga (MOGA) to Chennai area & back to Moga 5. Scheme: The main terms and conditions of Parcel Cargo Express Trains are as follows: I. PCET service will be provided on round trip basis only for 06 years. II. Reserve price for the above PCET service (round trip) will be 1.25 times of single journey freight at Scale - P. Reserve price for leasing of PCET shall be worked out with minimum composition of 15 Parcel Vans (VPHS/VPs/VPUs/UPHUs/LVPH) + one brake van. III. After six months, the minimum composition of leased PCET shall be 20 Parcel Vans (VPHS/VPs/VPUs/UPHUs/LVPH) + one brakevan and lumpsum leased freight shall be charged on prorata basis. IV. Permission for loading/unloading of parcels may be given at a maximum of four intermediate stations for PCETs covering 2000 Kms between OD paid in single trip journey & above 2000 Kms one more intermediate station can be permitted, through which the parcel train passes. V. PCET shall be leased out for a period of 06 (six) years. There would be no escalation in first three years in lumpsum leased freight. An annual escalation of lumpsum leased freight at the rate of 10% per annum on the lumpsum leased freight of immediate preceding year shall be applicable from the fourth years onwards. VI. Security/Performance guarantee will be equivalent to 05% of Annual contractual value calculated on the basis of accepted lump sum leased freight/accepted rate at which train is leased out for composition of 20 Parcel vans + 1 Brake Van. 6. All terms and conditions will be followed as time to time instructions issued by Railway Board for PCET. 7. Railway shall reserve the right to change any provision at any stage. 8. Type of Tender: Expression of Interest (EOI) 9. Email ID: sr.dcmfzr@gmail.com 10. Hard copy of EOI should be submitted to the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Firozpur on or before 15:00 hrs. till 15 June 2023. 11. For more details & other information kindly visit Northern Railway's website i.e. www.nr.indianrailway.gov.in.

No. 179-c/SPORAL/PCET/2023 Date: 31.05.2023 1664/23
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
RAMBAN FOREST DIVISION, RAMBAN
E-TENDERING

Tender Notice No.07 of 2023-24 Dated 29-05-2023

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

Name of Work: -Fencing by using Square PCC fence posts at spacing of 10' with 5' strands and 2 diagonal cross of G.I Barbed Wire, Planting of Conifer plants in pits, Dibbling, Sowing, Pasture development and DRSM in Co.32/R Naki Dhar of Ramban Forest Division under CAMPA (NPV), year 2023-24.

Name of Location / Co. No.	Work Details	Qty	Adv. Cost (Rs. in lac)	Earnest Money in (Rs)	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion	Receiving / Opening Authority
32/R Naki Dhar	Fencing by using Square PCC fence posts at spacing of 10' with 5' strands and 2 diagonal cross of G.I Barbed Wire	4371trft	5.90085	17299	A, B, C & D	600.00	30 days	Tender opening committee
	Planting of Naked Root in Pits size 45x45x45 cm, Transportation of Polybags plant from Departmental Nurseries of Ramban Forest Division/SRI Nursery Jammu/Srinagar to the work sites, then site clearance, digging of pits of 45cmx45cmx45cm including excavation of soil and planting of seedlings/saplings in the pits, refilling with clean surface soil after planting with provision for water harvesting structure and maintenance for period of one month. The item includes all cartriages.	4000 No's	0.92680					
	Planting of Polybags plant in Pits - Transportation of Polybags plant from Departmental Nurseries of Ramban Forest Division/SRI Nursery Jammu/Srinagar to the work sites, then site clearance, digging of pits of 45cmx45cmx45cm including excavation of soil and planting of seedlings/saplings in the pits, refilling with clean surface soil after planting with provision for water harvesting structure and maintenance for period of one month. The item includes all cartriages.	2600 No's	0.76284					
	Dibbling of HC nuts in patches 45x45x15 cm	1200 No's	0.08616					
	Sowing of conifer seed in patches 45x45x15 cm	1000 No's	0.06990					
	Pasture Development Sowing of Grass seed in Patches 45x45x15 Cm	1000 No's	0.06990					
	Sowing of Grass Slips in Patches	1000 No's	0.06350					
	Soil And Moisture Conservation Work DRSM	70 cum	0.76930					
Total			8.64925					

Note: -The key materials like Square PCC Fence Posts and G.I Barbed wire shall be procured by contractor itself. The contractor shall ensure quality of fencing and planting material as per the specification mentioned in the tender documents and successful bidder shall seek a quality certificate issued from the competent authority and verifying/passed certificate from the verifying committee formed at this project after proper on spot physical inspection of the material before lifting of the same. The plantation in same closure/Unit shall be executed after fencing and onset of plantation season in winter.

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website: www.jktenders.gov.in.

Position of Funds: -Approved
Position of Administrative Approval: - Accorded
Position of Technical Sanction: - Accorded

Publishing Date	29-05-2023
Download Start Date	29-05-2023
Bid Submission Start Date	29-05-2023
Bid submission End Date	19-06-2023
Date of opening of Technical Bid (online)	20-06-2023 (In the office Divisional Forest Officer Ramban).
Date of opening of Financial Bid (online)	20-06-2023 (In the office Divisional Forest Officer Ramban).

- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the Departmental Website: - <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The price bids uploaded on the website in time, in case of public holiday on the date of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Bids uploaded must accompany receipt of cost of tender document as shown against each work credited in CD A/C No. 0087010200000263 of J&K Bank Ramban, IFSC code JAKA0RAMBAN in the name of **Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban** and earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to **Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban**. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The lowest bidder i.e., L1 shall be intimated to deposit the original copy of required hard copies of all relevant documents within two days from opening of financial bids.
- In light of Govt. notification issued by Finance Department Civil Secretariat Vide No. A/24 (2017)-651 dated: -07-06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of challan / receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned and for that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards **M.H.0406-Forest**.

No.RFD/2023-24/1485-89
Dated: -29-05-2023

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Divisional Forest Officer
Ramban Forest Division
Ramban

EDITORIAL

ADVANTAGES OF TECHNOLOGY

There are many advantages of technology, today our life cannot be complete without technology. Today we have become addicted to technology. If you have to do any household work, then technology works wonders. Very important changes have been made in technology, education, health, entertainment and tourism and other sectors, due to which today's sectors are progressing very fast. Today, sitting at home, we can gather information about the whole world. We can read about space sitting at home.

Today we save a lot of our time through technology, technology has fulfilled all our needs very easily. Today children can study sitting at home, we can take advantage of every entertainment while sitting at home.

Today, production is being increased in the industrial sector by using new technology. Whether it is mobile companies or automobile companies, robots are being used in their factories, due to which accuracy is coming in their work and they are able to meet the demands of the market very quickly. The works which people are not able to do very accurately, people are able to do the same works very accurately through robots and technology.

Computers are being used for designing in automobile companies. Today every companies are using technology to increase their production. The company is ramping up its production using computer robot software

Technology has also played a very important role in increasing food production. Today, in the field of agriculture, people are using new technology such as tractors, drip system for irrigation, using all these things of organic farming, a lot of food is being produced today.

Today, through technology, farmers are learning new methods and techniques of agriculture so that they can increase their production and earn profits for themselves. Today, with the help of technology, we can keep our food items safe for many days. Today our country has become self-sufficient in the supply of Raj.

Technology has also made business very easy. And have also given wings to its development, today we can increase our business sitting at home. Through online marketing, we can easily deliver our goods from one place to another. Before there was no technology.

Then we used to keep the business limited to only a few places but now due to technology our business can spread all over the world and for this we have to spend very little.

Technology has played the most role in the field of health because today due to technology the treatment of all those diseases is possible. Which was incurable earlier, today research is going on for the treatment of many more diseases with the use of technology.

Technology has made healthcare accessible. Today, sitting at home, we can get our treatment done by any doctor in our country. And you can get your checkup done from them and take advice from them.

The development of technology has made the field of education very dynamic. Today we can easily do any course from our mobile phone while sitting at home. Today technical education is very important for everyone.

Technology has made education accessible to remote areas very easily, today people of every village have access to education.

Today, due to technology, we can go from one place to another in a very short time and gradually this technology is becoming more elaborate, due to which today we can cover a distance of 566 kilometers in just 5 hours. There has been a lot of development in the convenience of transport, today we can book a hotel from any place sitting at home and this is also possible only because of technology.

Was President slighted by PM's opening of new Parl?

By: Anand K Sahay

In January 1927, the just completed grand structure of the Imperial Legislative Council -- that would, upon India's independence, serve as the Constituent Assembly and then India's Parliament -- was opened by the Viceroy, Lord Irwin. As the Crown's representative, he was effectively the head of state, while leading British India's governmental authority.

In Britain, it's very different. The monarch as head of state and the Prime Minister as head of government are as distinct as chalk and cheese. The public would likely rise in revolt if the PM tried to be King or Queen even for a fleeting second; or if the monarch sought to usurp power as head of government. Such an eventuality is unthinkable.

Not so in India. Here we were witness to a spectacle not envisaged in the Constitution. On May 28, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for all real purposes, assumed for one day the mantle of the Viceroy, or indeed President of India, as we are no longer in colonial times.

The PM inaugurated the new Parliament, having earlier performed Vedic rituals in its precincts, conducted by a posse of Hindu priests -- a sight that is alien to the letter or spirit of our Constitution.

India's Parliament has figuratively been called the temple of democracy. In a secular state, it is decidedly not the house of prayer of any religious denomination. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, whose expulsion from Parliament appeared to have been carefully planned by the government earlier, was the first to alert us that something was amiss if the Prime Minister was to inaugurate the new Parliament, not the President. The idea caught on

with a large section of the political system. Mr Gandhi's party and at least 19 others resolved to stand in defence of the precept of the Constitution, and stayed away from the so-called inauguration.

It was not the boycott of an historic event aimed at deepening India's democracy. The roots of our democracy are embedded in the six-decade anti-colonial mass struggle led by Mahatma Gandhi, and not in any religious movement or uprising. What transpired on Sunday was the anointing of the PM as President for a day by his party and a clutch of others whipped into submission. It was tantamount to usurpation of the President's constitutional authority and status.

A short Hindu religious mace called the "Sengol", said to be a traditional marker of the transfer of authority from one ruler to the next, was extricated from a museum and put in the new Parliament, disregarding the fact that it is the Indian people who are the sovereign rather than an individual, and won their freedom from colonial rule after a long struggle and had established a modern state, not a kingdom.

The day will also be remembered for the pusillanimity of the Supreme Court, which is an integral pillar of our democracy but has so often fallen short of expectations. When a petition was brought to question the PM's inauguration of the new Parliament, and to prevent this, the court airily observed it was "not inclined" to hear it.

The people of India are entitled to be dismayed. It may be time for the Supreme Court to turn the spotlight on itself, and weigh its actions in the balance on matters concerning judiciary-executive interactions, and its actions over

protection of citizens' right and liberties.

Why is it a necessity that in keeping with constitutional norms and etiquette, it is the President who should inaugurate the new Parliament building and not any other functionary? There are several reasons: the President is the head of state; is an integral part of Parliament which, besides the Rashtrapati, comprises the two Houses of Parliament; the President is elected by Parliament and the state legislatures, summons Parliament to meet and prorogues it, and is entitled to address both Houses jointly or separately.

The PM, in contrast, is only a Member of Parliament, elected by the Lok Sabha to lead the government. The PM has no jurisdiction or control over Parliament. He is not even entitled to dissolve the Lok Sabha without the concurrence of the council of ministers. It is not within the PM's gift to inaugurate Parliament or open any of its sessions.

Similarly, the presiding officer of each House (the Speaker and the vice-president of India, who is also Rajya Sabha Chairman) is charged with the conduct of proceedings, as per rules, and nothing beyond this. Yet, what we saw on May 28 was that the President was edged out altogether, the PM held centre-stage, and the Lok Sabha Speaker and Rajya Sabha deputy chairman were practically summoned to be present and perform subsidiary roles. It will be remembered for long that these worthies gave themselves to praising the PM and did little else, like the vice-president's message read out by the deputy chairman.

Alas, President Droupadi Murmu too saw it fit to send a message on the occasion in praise of the Prime

Minister, wholeheartedly endorsing the inauguration by the leader of government, showing no awareness that she had been deprived of her constitutional privilege. A sturdy holder of that office could have contemplated taking the government to task, or even withdrawing from the highest office. Theoretically, the President sending a message on this to the two Houses remains a possibility, but the odds of this happening are too remote to consider.

To complete the baleful story of the day, the PM held forth for half an hour as only he can -- blasting his audience with full-scale government propaganda, and with the assurance that India will be a "developed" country in the "Amrit Kaal" -- that is, in the next 25 years that will mark the hundredth year of India's Independence. The assurance sits poorly with the record, however. Under the present government, 32 million middle class Indians have been dragged back to poverty and nearly 20 per cent of the country goes to sleep on an empty stomach.

Two noteworthy events occurred on the day the PM practised the rituals of his faith in the new Parliament, fuelling communal minds, and then proceeded to "inaugurate" it at the cringe-inducing invitation of the Speaker whose remit doesn't extend beyond the Lok Sabha. India's greatest sportswomen (wrestlers), who brought the country laurels in the Olympics, who sat on protest against sexual attack by a BJP MP, were dragged to detention centres by the police when they tried to march to the new Parliament in protest. And, in the middle of intra-group skirmishing in sensitive Manipur, the chief minister claimed that 40 "terrorists" had been killed.

How to become a Land Surveyor

By: Vijay GarG

Land Surveyor is the professional responsible for estimating the terrestrial positions like angles, distance and multidimensional points of the assigned piece of land to make precise estimates about land for making maps and other governmental purposes. The survey reports prepared by the professional Land Surveyor are used for the description of land for land leases, deeds and various legal documents. His job description also involves providing information regarding the location, contour, shape, dimension and elevation of the land being surveyed.

From a field of limit opportunities in the government sector to a field of immense opportunity in the recent past, the scope of Land Surveyor has increased in leaps and bounds thanks to hundreds of infrastructure and land development companies. Increase in the urbanization has necessitated the acquiring of land for various infrastructural and housing development activities thereby creating job opportunities for certified Land surveyor as these are the professional who is apt to analyse the feasibility of such projects by surveying the land extracts to be used for these developmental activities.

Considering the continuing growth of infrastructural development activities in the near future adopting Land Surveyor as a career can be the right decision. Being a highly technical field Land surveyor must meet strict educational, testing and work requirements before they can earn certification.

So to become a professional Land Surveyor one should have to be hard-working and committed and aptly qualified.

Land Surveyor Eligibility
Educational Qualification
For becoming Land Surveyors, the minimum required qualification is 10th class followed by Diploma/Certification course in Land Survey.
Land Surveyor Required Skills

Land Surveyors should have a strong aptitude for mathematics and computers; the ability to visualize objects, distances and sizes; the ability to work outdoors with precise electronic surveying instruments.

They possess strong analytical and organizational skills; tremendous working patience and attention to detail; the ability to work effectively in a team environment.

They should have good communication skills; able to utilize equipment and instruments in a precise and accurate manner.

They should have knowledge of health and safety; strong communication, negotiating and presentation skills; the ability to prioritise and plan effectively; the ability to work as part of a team.

How to become a Land Surveyor?
A few decades earlier there was no need to go for formal training to become a Land Surveyor. Joining a survey crew as a crew member and gaining the on job experience was the only thing the aspiring candidates have to do to become a licensed surveyor.

Increasing use of the technology and state of art developments has made it highly technical field requiring excellent formal education and certification. Thus you must obtain a degree in a related field from a good institute to become a highly qualified and certified Land surveyor.

The basic qualification required for candidates to become surveyors is a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering. However, there are various international universities and colleges that offer degrees in land survey and survey technology too. They will not, however, offer you the land survey license you will need to work.

Step 1
After clearing 10 class the interested candidate has to appear in an entrance test conducted by the Technical Education Boards of various State Governments to get admission in Diploma colleges according to the rank of the candidate in the entrance exam.

This exam is generally held in the month of May-June and consists of Objective type questions on the subject of English, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Aptitude.

Step 2
After completing this three years of Diploma course one can either join some job of Junior Engineer level or can compete to get admission in the second year of a degree in engineering course which is provided by some of the regional engineering colleges of the state. OR One can complete its engineering studies through AMIE (Associate Membership of Institution of Engineers) - An alternate option for getting an engineering degree.

AMIE introduce non-formal engineering education Programme, successful completion of which is recognized as equivalent to a degree in engineering by the government of India, the union public service commission, state governments and public/ private sector organizations.

The second option is that the engineering aspirant can opt for 10+2 followed by the admission in the degree college.

To be eligible for joining a Degree course in engineering one should be 10+2 Class pass or appeared in a Non-Medical stream with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as main subjects with a minimum of 60% marks in PCM for most of the prestigious colleges.

Step 1
Eligible candidates have to appear in the entrance tests conducted by various state universities (like Delhi CEE by Delhi University etc.) of the state, Central Govt Organizations like Joint Entrance Exam (Maina) and independent institution (like IIT-JEE by IIT's, BITS Pilani etc) present at various places in India. Candidate gets admission into these colleges for four-year degree Programme according to their merit in the examination taken and a stream of their interest as selected by them.

Step 2
After successful completion degree

course or equivalent right qualifications you will be required to obtain a license to work in MNC's. For that, you must pass the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) test and have worked as an assistant surveyor for some period of time.

Each country has its own licensing examination, and the requirements will vary from country to country. Various countries may also require a certain number of hours of training to be completed per year.

Land Surveyor Job Description
They make exact measurements and also determine the property boundaries. Moreover, they provide data relevant to the shape, contour, gravitation, location, elevation, or dimension of land or land features on or near the earth's surface for engineering, mapmaking, mining, land evaluation, construction, and other purposes.

Land Surveyor Career Prospects
The job description of land surveyor involves compiling vital data after doing the land surveyors using technology like radar, lasers, cameras and other equipment to analyse the feasibility of the project in hand. They can find employment with government's infrastructural development organization like PWD's of various state government, NHI as well as with private consultant to construction or real estate companies.

Land Surveyor Salary
Certified Land Surveyor in Government sector can get approximately Rs.30,000 to Rs.40,000 as a starting salary. Whereas in the private sector this professional can work as a consultant and earn handsomely on a contract basis. In the private sector, there is no limit for professional with experience and ability.

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Maha Jan Samparak Abhiyan' a mockery of BJP Govt, people must question celebration of failures: Rattan Lal

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, JUN 2: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), Jammu has impressed upon the people to question the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders and workers when they come to their door steps under the much hyped 'Maha Jan Samparak Abhiyan' as to what is there to celebrate the nine years of BJP's governance that has brought to the people nothing but a hell of miseries. He asserted that celebration of failures calling these achievements by the BJP Govt is indeed unprecedented mockery of the saffron party.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior National Conference leader said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been the worst victims of the BJP's misuse that has resulted out of its anti-people policies thrust upon the people of this Union Territory.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that the Union Territory Administration which is running the proxy government of Jammu and Kashmir has utterly failed to resolve the power scenario here during its nine years of governance at the Centre. The power situation has gone from bad to worse during these years. He said the main reason for this is the use of sub-standard material including the below standard electric transformers and electric wires which proves the level of corruption existing during 09 years of BJP rule.

He advised people to must ask BJP that why the Modi Govt has failed to resolve the poor power scenario in Jammu region.

The senior NC leader said that even the drinking water and irrigation scenario is no good too. The water crisis has further aggravated during the nine years of BJP rule which is evident from the fact that apart from Kandi belts of Samba, Jammu and Kathua district even the capital city i.e. Jammu continues to face dry situation with people craving for



regular drinking water supply. He said that the farmers are also suffering on account of erratic power and water supply with their crops at stake.

He suggested people to raise a question before the BJP leader that why not scarcity of drinking water was addressed in nine years of rule of Modi Govt at the Centre.

Rattan Lal Gupta also castigated the Govt for the poor scenario in health sector saying that no doctors are available in most of the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across the Jammu Province so much so that even the paramedics are not available in some of the PHCs.

He requested people to ask why the LG Govt has not engaged adequate number of doctors and paramedics in the health centre across the Jammu region.

He also questioned the J&K Administration on its claims of industrialization, asking it to spell out the number of medium, small and large scale industries were established in Jammu Province and how much employment has been provided to industrial workers as per the commitment made by Shri Amit Shah Honble Home Minister of India on the floor of Parliament on August 5, 2019. He said that the reality is that BJP's anti-industrial policy and burden of GST has led to the closure

of multiple industrial units and substantial number of industries on the verge of closure today. Not only this, even thousands of youth have lost their jobs due to the aforesaid closure.

He suggested people to ask BJP about the reason of closure of multiple industrial units in Jammu region due to which the graph of unemployment growing day by day.

The NC Provincial President also came down heavily on Administration for mismanagement of Public Sector in Jammu and Kashmir that led to the closure of profit making service sector especially the JK Cement Ltd, SICOP, Joinery Mill, etc rendering thousands of workers jobless and not even discharging the liability of their pending dues.

He advised people of Jammu region to must raise a question before the BJP leadership that why the recruitment agencies are playing with future of J&K youth. Why there isn't a transparent mechanism adopted while conducting exams and what about the scams taking place under the very nose of LG Administration, he added.

Rattan Lal Gupta also raised the issues regarding commitment made to border youth about their recruitment in Border Battalions and the daily wagers compelled to come on roads demanding their regularization after having served the government departments during the prime of their life.

He advised people to ask BJP why the daily wagers are on roads why not the J&K BJP leadership have address the issue of these daily wagers in the last nine years of BJP Governance at the Centre.

The Provincial President said that the failure on issues enumerated above constitutes only a tip of the iceberg and reveals that celebrating nine years of governance under 'Maha Jan Samparak Abhiyan' is only a mockery of the BJP and its Government at the Centre.

Workshop on Value Education concluded at Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura



TOP NEWS REPORT

SOPORE, JUN 2: The valedictory function of five days workshop on "value education to inculcate peace & human values among students" was held at Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura. The workshop was organized by Prem Rawat Foundation (NGO) in association with Division of Agricultural Extension & Communication & NAHEP, SKUAST-Kashmir, wherein more than 150 UG/PG students of the Faculty actively participated and deliberated on the theme with the experts. The workshop was aimed to raise awareness, discuss and establish a platform on successful implementation of peace education programme in the formal education systems

through a systemic and collaborative approach. Leading academicians shared information and experiences to develop a common understanding on peace education that will help students safely develop their physical and intellectual capacities and celebrate diversity. Ms. Poonam Sherawat, Peace education programme training facilitator in her address gave a detailed overview of the workshop.

Prof. Raihana H. Kanth, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, in her address said that value education is not only significant for the student's navigation of life but also plays an important role in their overall personality development and making them resilient in the face of

adversity. Today, at a time of growing intolerance, it is value education that teaches a child, the importance of being tolerant. Children of today are going to be citizens of the future. It is important for children to be taught to be more inclusive, tolerant and kind towards others. She also emphasized that value based education is likely to help the nation fight against all kinds of prevailing fanaticism, ill-will, violence, dishonesty, corruption, exploitation and drug abuse. The certificates among the participants were distributed by Dean, FOA on the occasion. The programme was attended by heads of various divisions, faculty members and students of the faculty.

GDC Kathua in collaborates with Directorate of AYUSH celebrates Yoga Mahotsav-2023



TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Jun 2: Principal Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua Prof. Seema Mir inaugurated the Yoga Mahotsav-2023 at College Multipurpose hall on Friday.

The Programme was organized by the Department of Physical Education and Sports GDC Kathua in Joint collaboration with Directorate of AYUSH, Department of Health and Family Welfare Kathua.

The Programme was aimed at the creating awareness about our old traditional treasure the yoga.

The real aim was also to make students familiar with the benefits of Yoga in day to day life. This Yoga Mahotsav was a countdown to the International Yoga Day 2023.

Principal Prof. Seema Mir was accorded warm reception by the students and the organizing committee of the Yoga Mahotsav-2023.

Principal was accompanied by the senior faculty members of the college Prof Raj Kiran, Convener College Sports Board, Prof. Jasvinder Singh, HOD Physical and Convener IQAC, Prof. Shivani Kotwal HOD English and Dean Students Welfare, Dr Suresh Sharma NSS Programme officer, Prof. Manmohan Singh HOD History and NSS Programme Officer.

The Competition was conducted under the overall supervision of Prof. Seema Mir Principal GDC Kathua.

A formal welcome address was presented by the Senior Faculty of the college Prof. rajkiran Sharma from Department of Physics.

In her address, to the Principal Prof. Seema Mir, she has showered the words of appreciation for her diligence in taking the revolutionary steps for the

overall development of this premier Institute GDC Kathua.

Prof. Seema Mir, in her address to the students and the faculty of the college and the officials of Directorate of AYUSH has appreciated efforts in imparting knowledge of Yoga among the students and the community.

Among the AYUSH official who were present Dr Both Paul, Dr Aman Gupta and Ankush Modeel Yoga Instructor.

Prof. Seema has welcomed the steps taken by the Govt. of India for the promotion of Yoga and for promoting Health of individuals. She also appreciated the Department of Physical Education for coordinating this great event. She has also persuaded the students to take active part in extracurricular activities along with their studies.

She has motivated them to join National Cadet Corps, National Service Scheme, and also to participate in Sports. She has highly elaborated that this is the need of time that every student should develop overall personality to become the leaders of their respective fields.

The proceedings of the Yoga Mahotsav-2023 were conducted by Dr J S Soodan, Physical Director and the organizing Secretary of this Yoga Mahotsav-2023.

Later, the medicine stall was installed at the premises of GDC Kathua for the students and the faculty.

The Yoga Session was attended by the highly esteemed Principal and the faculty along with students. The Programme concluded with the highly decorative vote of thanks by the Dr Suresh Sharma NSS Programme Officer GDC Kathua.

Among the others who were present Dr. Verender Singh NCC ANO and Dr Amrik Singh ANO Naval.

Pawan Kumar Girdhari Lal launches compostable products in Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 2: Track Mark International is collaborating with Pawan Kumar Girdhari Lal Compostable Products, a sister concern of the Swastik Group of Industries and Hotels, as the marketing business partner responsible for handling the sales of Track Mark compostable carry bags.

"People in the J&K market will now find compostable bags under the name of Pawan Kumar Girdhari Lal Compostable Products," said Pawan Kumar Shastri, Managing Director Swasti



Group of Industries and Hotels in a press conference here on Friday. Pawan Kumar Shastri was flanked by Vinod Manchanda, Chairman of Bhartiya Compostable Products Industry Association.

"Made from plant-

based materials, these compostable bags are designed to break down naturally in composting environments within 180 days of disposing, leaving behind no harmful residues or micro plastics," Shastri said adding that by embracing

ing this breakthrough technology, Track Mark International compostable products aims to minimize the carbon footprint associated with packaging waste and contribute to a cleaner, greener future for our community.

"Track Mark International compostable bags that will supply in market are approved by the Central Pollution Control Board and our material is tested by CIPET, and it will sale with the name of Pawan Kumar Girdhari Lal Compostable Products," Shari said and added "Our product is 100% compostable and get composted into the environment and convert into manure within 180 days of disposing." "Notably, compostable bags do not adhere to any micron limitations, providing them with an advantage over conventional plastic bags," Vinod Manchanda said.

NSUI demands reopening of JKAS Applications Forms



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 2: National Students Union of India (NSUI) demanded reopening of JKAS Application forms for those candidates who recently got age relaxation.

In a press conference, NSUI State President Ajay Lakhotra said that according to a notification issued by General Administration Department on May 27, 2023, the age relaxation was granted to the aspirants.

According to which the upper age for General

category aspirants is now 35 yrs, for reserved categories is 37 yrs and 38 for Physically Challenged Aspirants.

It was welcoming step and NSUI Jammu and Kashmir wholeheartedly welcomed the decision and also extended it's gratitude to LG.

After this notification, there was a ray of hope among the aspirants who got benefit of age relaxation that last date of filling JKAS application forms will be extended in order to accommodate them. but unfortunately the date

of application forms not extended yet.

Ajay Lakhotra said that JKPS should extend the last date of JKAS forms, if it's not done than there will be no relevance of age relaxation.

NSUI State President further added that the tentative date of JKAS Preliminary exam is 23rd June 2023, We don't want to disturb the roster of JKPS therefore it's our very request before JKPS to extend the JKAS application forms date for atleast 1 week and accommodate the aspirants who got benefits of age relaxation. Other NSUI leaders present were Bavanyu Bhagat, Jatinder Dogra, Sparsh Sharma, Bobin Chadda, Rahil mirza, Salik Ali Shah, Javed Chauhan, Vinayak, Abhay, Jagdeep and Jaisidh Bhalla.

Nursing Colleges students hold protest, seek refund of extra charged fee



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 2: Students of Government Nursing College Gangyal Jammu on Friday held a protest urging Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to ask college authorities to refund extra charged fees.

"We enrolled in nursing college have been disturbed by the sudden merging of the college with Government Nursing College Gandhi Nagar as this merger will result in the unavail-

ability of the classes. Due to this, we will be unable to complete our coursework and gain the required experience and knowledge," protesting students said.

Moreover, they said the students who paid the fees upfront are not being refunded their money, which is a significant concern for all of us.

We would like the government to look into the matter and ensure that all fees are refunded to the students.

Al Pacino doubted girlfriend Noor Alfallah's pregnancy, asked her for paternity test

Hollywood star Al Pacino reportedly demanded a paternity test from his 29-year-old girlfriend Noor Alfallah as he doubted her pregnancy.

According to TMZ, the 83-year-old didn't believe he could get Noor pregnant because of "a medical issue that typically causes infertility".

Noor went through with the test, and it's proved that the Hollywood star is indeed the father of her child, reports aceshowbiz.com.

News about Noor's pregnancy emerged in late May.

She is reportedly eight months along and Al's representative revealed that the twosome will be welcoming their first child together in a month.

The 'House of Gucci' star, however, was actually not planning to have baby No. 4. It is also noted that it may be too soon for them as they have only been dating for a year.

Al and Noor were first rumoured to be dating in April 2022 when they were snapped grabbing dinner together.

According to Page Six, they had actually been quietly dating since the



pandemic. "Pacino and Noor started seeing each other during the

pandemic," a source told the outlet. The insider further said

that Al and Noor aren't bothered by their age difference of decades. "She has been with Al for some time, and they get on very well," the source said.

"The age gap doesn't seem to be a problem, even though he is older than her father. She moves with the wealthy jet-set crowd, and she comes from a family with money." Additionally, dating an older man isn't something new for Noor. "She mostly dates very rich older men, she was with Mick Jagger for a while, and then she dated Nicholas Berggruen," the source shared.

Gal Gadot opens up on her insecurities as actress



Gal Gadot shared that every time she acts, she

doubts herself and worries no one will like what

she's doing. "It's funny, I feel I have this imposter syndrome, because I feel so lucky and I'm so happy that I get to do what I really love. I always feel like, 'I hope they're gonna like it'. There's never a moment when I'm like, 'They're gonna love this'," she said in an interview with a magazine. The 38-year-old actress also shared the one piece of advice that has helped her with the psychological disorder that makes people feel a fraud.

In an interview, the Fast X actress spoke about working with her husband Jaron Varsano on her film Heart of Stone.

Anupriya Goenka finds acting meditative

Anupriya Goenka reprises the role of Naina Nair in the second season of Asur: Welcome To The Dark Side. She reflected on her own journey in the film industry as well as her personal experience working in this thriller show.

Reminiscing on what inspired her to transition from the corporate world to acting, Anupriya spoke about her immense love for the art and the zen effect it has on her.

"I am an over-thinker. I feel acting is the one time when I feel meditative. Between action and cut, no matter what is happening in my life, I'm just there in the present moment." "That is the most fulfilling feeling. It's almost as if you breathe through it (acting) and everything in life is justified for the purpose of acting - the emotions, the good, the bad. I have started searching for new experiences because I want to be a better performer and push myself."

Coming to her role as Naina, Anupriya also spoke about how closely she relates to the character.

"There is a lot of similarity between me and Naina. I relate to her in the sense that I'm also very strong-headed, I'm very opinionated, I don't shy away from



my opinions but at the same time I'm extremely vulnerable sometimes, and I show my vulnerability too.

"I have my own struggles with right and wrong, my value systems. But through Naina, I was able to touch upon that part, that one can cross a line for what they believe in." Asur 2 is now streaming exclusively on JioCinema.

'MTV Roadies 19' to begin in Kurukshetra, cross Patiala, Chail, Kullu and end in picturesque Kaza

The new season of the youth adventure reality television show 'MTV Roadies - Karm ya Kaand', will embark on a journey from Kurukshetra and culminate in Kaza after it crosses Patiala, Chail, Kullu and Sissu.

The journey will see contestants grapple with a heady mix of colossal challenges and unexpected twists and turns beginning from the historic battlefield of Kurukshetra to the hallowed grounds of Kaza in Himachal Pradesh.

The new season will be hosted by Bollywood actor Sonu Sood and will see Prince Narula, Gautam Gulati, and Rhea Chakraborty as Gang Leaders.

Talking about his second run as the host of MTV Roadies, Sonu



Sood said: "I'm ecstatic to be part of the genre-defining adventure reality show 'MTV Roadies' yet again. The show captures the youth's spirit and redefines adventure. With the new season, this journey of Karm Ya Kaand along with Gang Leaders Prince, Gautam and Rhea will test Roadies'

physical, emotional, and mental strength at every level. Fans will be at the edge of their seats."

This latest adventure witnessed a contestant auction during personal interviews where Gang leaders made a bid to get the gangs loaded with their favourite contestants. The journey promises a staggering

new format, beginning with a brand-new element, the Sonu Astra, akin to the twist of fate. It will completely overturn a decision - thereby determining and even altering the destiny of Gang members in the game.

Commenting on the new season, Gang Leader Gautam Gulati said: "I'm thrilled to join MTV Roadies as a Gang Leader, and for this season, I'm on a mission to lead my team to victory. It's been an incredible journey for me, from being rejected as an aspiring contestant to now being a Gang Leader. This is going to be an epic ride." Rhea Chakraborty shared: "MTV Roadies has always celebrated individuality, courage, and determination and

I am thrilled to be a part of this all-pervading pop-culture phenomenon. This season, we are taking the show to a whole new level with the theme of Karm ya Kaand and I can't wait to see what the contestants bring to the table!" The Roadies' currency 'Roadium', which was introduced last season will continue to play a pivotal role in enabling contestants to power up and get special advantages. The journey of Karm Ya Kaand will follow a cycle of Roadium Tasks, Immunity Tasks, Buyouts and Vote outs.

'MTV Roadies - Karm ya Kaand' will premiere on June 3 thereafter, every Saturday and Sunday on MTV and Jio Cinema.

Parineeti Chopra croons all-time favourite 'Tu Jhoom', netizens can't get over it

Parineeti Chopra, who recently got engaged to AAP leader Raghav Chadha, surprised her fans today with her version of popular song 'Tu Jhoom' by Pakistani singers Abida Parveen and Naseebo Lal.

On Thursday, Parineeti took to Instagram and shared a monochrome video from a dubbing studio. Dressed in a tank top and comfy pajamas, she is seen sitting on the floor and crooning what she says is her all-time favourite song.

In the caption she wrote, "Sometimes the best moments happen spontaneously. Went to a dubbing studio and couldn't resist the urge to sing one of my all time

favourite songs... Pure joy!"

The soulful rendition of the song has garnered praise from her industry friends and fans.

"Beautiful," commented veteran actor Anupam Kher.

Talk show host and veteran actor Simi Garewal wrote, "Superb!! I wish I could sing like this."

"So damn good," a fan commented.

Harry Sandhu wrote, "Wah wah".

Many fans also shared the song in their Instagram Stories.

This isn't the first time Parineeti has shown us that she can sing well. She lent her voice to 'Maana Ke Hum Yaar Nahin' from her film 'Meri



Pyari Bindu' opposite Ayushmann Khurrana.

Written by Adnan Dhool, composed and co-produced by Zulfikar, 'Tu Jhoom' was released on the official YouTube page of Coke Studio in January 2022. This is Abida Parveen and Naseebo Lal's first collaboration ever, and the way their voices blended together perfectly proved that they can give any singer a run for their money.

On the acting front, Parineeti will next be seen in 'Chamkila', based on the life of the highest record-selling artiste Amar Singh Chamkila. The film also stars Diljit Dosanjh and is directed by Imtiaz Ali.

Nyrraa goes on a shopping spree for Khatron Ke Khiladi 13



Pishachini actress Nyrraa M. Banerji went on a shopping spree to curate an edgy and chic wardrobe for her stint on the stunt-based reality show Khatron Ke Khiladi 13.

From colourful athleisure to animal prints, Nyrraa is all set to stun viewers with her bold fashion choices while taking on challenging stunts in breathtaking locations.

Nyrraa said, "I am excited to showcase my unique style on Khatron Ke Khiladi 13 and make a statement with my fashion choices while taking on the most challenging stunts. I believe that fashion is not just about looking good, but also about reflecting one's personality and attitude."

She added, "I have curated a wardrobe that is both colourful and daring, with pieces that mirror my eclectic tastes and fearless spirit. From exquisite coats to stylish shoes, I have made sure that I have options for every occasion and every kind of weather. I am ready to stand out with every appearance and prove that fashion and fearlessness go hand in hand."

SSR missed by fans as Ankita Lokhande posts about 14 years of Pavitra Rishta

On the fourteenth anniversary of iconic television serial Pavitra Rishta on Wednesday, actress Ankita Lokhande, who played the memorable Archana in the show, said that she still feels connected with her "first baby."

Pavitra Rishta aired from June 2009 to October 2014. It is an adaptation of Tamil television series Thirumathi Selvam.

Along with Ankita, the show starred late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, who played the endearing Manav.

In late 2018, and later in 2020 after the death of



Sushant Singh Rajput, the series was broad-

cast. A web series titled Pavitra Rishta - It's

Never too Late aired from September 2021 starring Ankita reprising her role as Archana and Shaheer Sheikh as Manav.

Ankita took to Instagram, where she shared a clip of all her looks from the show and wrote: "14 years of Pavitra Rishta and still feels so fresh and connected with my first ever baby.. Thanku God for everything!!" She added: "Thank you @ektarkapoor for always having that faith in me that I could be your Archu and Thank you for giving me the new identity as Archana."

Urvashi Rautela moves into 190 Cr bungalow next to Yash Chopra's house

Miss Diva Universe and Bollywood actress Urvashi Rautela, who frequently makes headlines, has once again delighted her followers with her new address. Her fans are excited to know that their favourite actress now lives in a lavish new four-storey bungalow.

What more, this luxurious villa is situated next to the legendary filmmaker Yash Chopra's residence. The property is worth an astounding Rs 190 crore. This spectacular bulgaw, which is located in the centre of Mumbai, has four stories, giving Urvashi plenty of space.

However, the actress initially picked on a house named Celest in Lokhandwala Complex, but ultimately changed her mind. Instead, she acquired a new home in Mumbai's famed Juhu Scheme neighbourhood. The property has



been meticulously maintained by Urvashi herself.

Bungalow's exquisite exterior oozes refinement and class, and its interior is the ideal fusion of contemporary design and classic charm. In addition, the building has a lavish garden, a private gym, and a captivating backyard that is connected to Yash Chopra's backyard. This bungalow offers a haven of seclusion, comfort and style.

It is still unclear if she purchased or rented the property. Since the actress has kept her new bungalow under wraps, even the name of it is a secret.

On the work front, Urvashi is eagerly awaiting the premiere of her two flicks, "Zebra" and "Black Rose".

She will also appear with Akshay Oberoi in the crime drama "Dil Hai Grey."

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ended slavery mindset, instilled confidence that swaraj was possible: PM Modi

NEW DELHI, Jun 2 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid tributes to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the founder of the Maratha Empire, on the 350th anniversary of his coronation and described him as a beacon of courage and bravery.

In a video address, PM Modi said Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's valour was an inspiration for everyone. He added that the 17th-century ruler ended the "gulami" (slavery) mindset and instilled confidence in people that "swaraj" (self-rule) was possible.

"Hundreds of years of slavery had taken away the self-esteem and confidence of our countrymen. It was a difficult task, at that time, to instil confidence in people. But Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, during that period, not only fought the invaders but also infused a belief in the people that self-rule was possible," the Prime Minister said.



He stated that national welfare and public welfare have been the basic foundations of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's rule.

"Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj continues to inspire us. He was a beacon of bravery and courage and showed us the path of self-governance. He ended the mindset of slavery. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was a great soldier as well as a great administrator," he said.

He said the 350th coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is celebrated like a festival in Maharashtra.

"When the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj took place, it carried the slogan of 'swaraj' and the cheer of nationalism. The coronation day of

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj brought new consciousness and new energy. The coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is a wonderful and special chapter of that period," the Prime Minister said.

He said the reflections of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's thoughts can be seen in the vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'.

"Even after so many years, the values established by him are showing us the way forward. Based on these values, we have to complete the journey of 25 years of 'Amrit Kaal,'" PM Modi said.

He pointed out that the journey would be to make an India which was "dreamt by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj". "This will be the journey of swaraj, good governance and 'Aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance). This will be the journey of a developed India," he further said.

Fire in Mumbai building doused after 30 hours



MUMBAI, Jun 2 (Agencies): The major fire that erupted in the basement of a five-storey building in Mumbai a day ago was doused on Friday morning after 30 hours of efforts, civic officials said.

The blaze broke out around 12.15 am on Thursday in the building located in an industrial area at SEEPZ (a special economic zone)

in suburban Andheri, and it was extinguished around 6.15 am on Friday, they said.

There was no report of any casualty in the incident, a civic official said, adding that two firemen, however, suffered minor injuries in it. They were discharged after being treated in 108 ambulances present at the spot.

At least 12 fire

engines, eight water jet-ties, tankers and other fire brigade equipment were used to douse the blaze, he said.

The blaze was extinguished by the fire brigade personnel after snapping electricity supply and by donning 185 breathing apparatus sets, the official said.

After the fire broke out, two security guards were stranded on the building's second floor due to heavy smoke on Thursday, but they were safely rescued by firemen using a ladder.

According to the official, the fire was confined to electric wiring and installations, furniture, split AC unit, computers, packing materials and material stored in the basement of the building.

Brij Bhushan denied permission for Ayodhya rally amid probe into wrestlers' allegations

AYODHYA, Jun 2 (Agencies): The Ayodhya district administration has denied permission to BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh to hold a rally here on June 5, an official said on Friday.

Singh, the BJP MP and Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief, has been accused of sexually exploiting women wrestlers.

Circle Officer (Ayodhya) SP Gautam said that in view of other programmes scheduled on the World Environment Day on June 5, the permission sought by BJP councillor Chamela Devi on behalf of Singh has been denied.

Singh, in a Facebook post, said he has postponed the 'Jan Chetna Mahalarally' at the Ram Katha Park for 'a few days' due to the ongoing police probe into the wrestlers' allegations against



him.

Prominent wrestlers, including Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik, have been holding protests since April 23 accusing Singh of sexual exploitation.

Singh is the BJP MP from Kaiserganj in Uttar Pradesh.

Woman IAF officer in UP duped of Rs 23 lakh on pretext of marriage

LUCKNOW, Jun 2 (Agencies): A woman air force officer has been duped of Rs 23 lakh in the name of marriage by a man who posed as a London-based property dealer.

The woman is posted in AFMC at Lucknow Cantonment and has lodged a case with the police.

According to the woman officer, she had searched for a groom on a matrimonial site where she was introduced to Dr Amit Yadav who claimed to be a foreign national.

In her complaint to the police, she said the



man promised to settle in India after marriage and got her to transfer money into his account by blackmailing her emotionally and on the pretext of buying land in

India.

"We started talking to each other and he promised to buy land in India. He later started threatening to die by suicide if I did not transfer the

money and forced me to give him Rs 23.5 lakh. After the money was transferred to his account, he stopped talking to me," she said.

The woman said he threatened to kill her and to disrupt her career.

"I got his bank account frozen by complaining to the authorities. When he came to know of it, he requested me to get his bank account restored so that he could return my money. But after I consented, he withdrew the money and closed the account," she alleged in her FIR.

The woman said the

accused visited Delhi after she transferred the amount to his bank account and his mobile number was found active.

"I have complained about the financial fraud to the Cyber Cell of Lucknow," she said.

She said the miscreant refused to meet her or to produce papers of the property he said he had purchased.

ACP, Cantonment, Abhinav, said a probe is under way while as per the process, the money transferred by her has been frozen.

Rs 280 crore vanished as another Indian startup founder enjoyed lavish lifestyle

Broker Network head Rahul Yadav allegedly maintained a luxurious lifestyle with Mercedes-Maybach and hired a boardroom at the Taj Land's End for Rs 80,000 per day, as employees were left unpaid for months

NEW DELHI, Jun 2 (Agencies): In yet another sensational story of an Indian founder taking his startup for a joyride, Broker Network (operated by 4B Networks) founder Rahul Yadav reportedly maintained a luxurious lifestyle such as owning a Mercedes-Maybach and hired a boardroom at the Taj Land's End for Rs 80,000 per day, as employees were left unpaid for months.

According to a report in leading startup news portal Inc42, Broker Network burnt over Rs 280 crore in less than 18 months, while over 150 employees have not

been paid since November last year.

"Yadav turned to his long-time employees to borrow personal loans to pay employee salaries. One such top-level employee lent close to Rs 50 lakh to Yadav. He has filed a criminal complaint against Yadav," the report noted, citing sources.

Other employees were also asked to take "advance salary" loans and transfer the amount to Yadav.

Employees alleged that all through this, Yadav maintained a luxurious lifestyle.

"Yadav told us luxuries such as his Maybach

came from his earnings at Anarock," and he was "also looking to buy a Bentley," an employee was quoted as saying.

Yadav, who founded AHousing.com, has denied all allegations related to any wrongdoing at the company, according to the report.

Allcheckdeals India Private Limited (AIPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Info Edge, invested Rs 276 crore in Yadav's 4B Networks and provided debt financing of Rs 12 crore.

Now, Info Edge has initiated a forensic audit into the prop-tech startup in which it holds a stake, as Yadav "repeatedly failed to provide the information".

Founded in 2020 by Yadav, 4B Networks last raised Rs 90 crore in September 2022 at a valuation of \$185 million.

AIPL sought information, including details and particulars of financial transactions, transactions with related parties and such other aspects, from 4B Networks and its current management.

"However, 4B Networks has repeatedly failed to provide AIPL with such information and has also not responded to the information requests by the

company on several occasions," according to an exchange filing by Indo Edge.

"AIPL has exercised its contractual rights under the shareholders' agreement and articles of association of 4B Networks and pursuant to the same, is initiating a forensic audit into the affairs of the investee company," the filing further read.

The startup ecosystem has been rocked by several such cases in the past, including BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover and Singapore-based fashion startup Zilingo founder Ankita Bose.

Headless Body Of A Woman Found In Travel Bag Near Mumbai Seashore

The body was further cut into two pieces, and there are tattoos of a trishul (trident) and the initials 'Om' in Hindi on her arms, police said.



MUMBAI, Jun 2 (Agencies): An unidentified woman's headless body was found stuffed in a travel bag at a seashore near Mumbai on Friday

morning. The body, discovered around 8 am at Bhayandar West in the Thane district of Maharashtra, was of a 25 to 30-year-old woman,

police have said, adding that they have launched an investigation to identify the victim.

The body was further cut into two pieces, and there are tattoos of a trishul (trident) and the initials 'Om' in Hindi on her arms, police said. The woman was wearing a T-shirt.

The Uttan Sagri police station is trying to determine whether the bag with the body was washed ashore from somewhere else, or was thrown there itself.

Maharashtra SSC Result Declared, Overall Pass Percentage At 93.83

PUNE, Jun 2 (Agencies): The Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education on Friday declared Class 10, or SSC, results that saw a pass percentage of 93.83, a drop of nearly 3 points from last year, board officials said.

The overall pass percentage stood at 96.94 last year.

Maintaining the trend, girls yet again outshone boys, posting an overall pass percentage of 95.87. The pass percentage for boys stood at 92.05.

The Kokan division topped the list with 98.11 per cent of students clearing the



board exam, while the Nagpur division was at the bottom with a pass percentage of 92.05, said board chairperson Sharad Gosavi.

Of the other divisions, Kolhapur posted a pass percentage of 96.73, followed by Pune (95.64), Mumbai (93.66),

Aurangabad (93.23), Amaravati (93.22), Latur (92.67), and Nashik (92.22).

A total of 15,29,096 students registered for the SSC exam that was held in March-April this year and 14,34,898 students cleared it, they said.

Mysterious, Loud Underground Sounds Trouble Kerala Village, Experts Called

The deafening sounds were heard twice in the early hours of Friday, the people of Chenappady village said. Similar sounds were reported in the area and some neighbouring places earlier this week also, they said.

KOTTAYAM, Jun 2 (Agencies): Mysterious underground sounds caused concern among local people residing in a tiny hamlet in Kottayam district of Kerala.

The deafening sounds were heard twice in the early hours of Friday, the people of Chenappady village said. Similar sounds were reported in the area and some neighbouring places earlier this week also, they said.

The villagers said there was no vis-



ible change in the surrounding environment and only a scientific study could ascertain the exact cause of the

continuing underground sounds.

Officials of the Kerala Department of Mining and Geology said their

expert team would soon inspect the area.

A department source said they had already examined the site when the sounds were first heard earlier this week. "Based on the reports that similar huge sounds were heard today again, our experts will soon examine the place," the source told news agency.

However, she said only a detailed scientific study carried out by the Centre for Earth Sciences (CES) could

ascertain the actual cause of the recurring seismic sounds.

"We have our own limitations in analysing such phenomenon. So, we have already submitted a request to the CES to conduct an examination and study in the area," the source told news agency.

The geology department experts, however, would inspect the area again and try to analyse the details in this regard, the source added.

Nine killed in Senegal clashes after opposition leader sentenced; govt bans use of social media platforms

DAKAR, Jun 2 (Agencies): Clashes between police and supporters of Senegalese opposition leader Ousmane Sonko left nine people dead, the government said on Friday, with authorities issuing a blanket ban on the use of several social media platforms in the aftermath of the violence.

The deaths occurred mainly in the capital, Dakar, and Ziguinchor in the south, where Sonko is mayor, Interior Minister Antoine Felix Abdoulaye Diome said in a statement.

Some social media sites used by demonstrators to incite violence, such as Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter have been suspended, he said.

"The state of Senegal has taken every measure to guarantee the safety of people and property. We are going to reinforce security everywhere in the country," Diome said.

Sonko was convicted on Thursday of corrupting youth but acquitted on charges of raping a woman who worked at a massage parlour and making death threats against her.

The court sentenced Sonko to two years in prison. He didn't attend his trial in Dakar and was judged in absentia. His lawyer said a warrant hadn't been issued yet for the politician's arrest.



Sonko came in third in Senegal's 2019 presidential election and is popular with the country's youth. His supporters maintain his legal troubles are part of a government effort to derail his candidacy in the 2024 presidential election.

Sonko is considered President Macky Sall's main competition and has urged Sall to state publicly that he won't seek a third term in office.

Corrupting young people, which includes using one's position of power to have sex with people under the age of 21, is a criminal offence in Senegal that is punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to more than USD 6,000.

Under Senegalese law, his conviction would bar Sonko from running in next year's election, said Bamba Cisse, another

defence lawyer.

"The conviction for corruption of youth hinders his eligibility because he was sentenced in absentia, so we can't appeal," Cisse said.

However, the government said that Sonko can ask for a retrial once he is imprisoned.

It was unclear when he would be taken into custody.

Shortly after the verdict was announced Thursday, clashes erupted throughout the country with Sonko's PASTEF party calling for people to take to the streets.

In Dakar, protesters threw rocks, burned vehicles and in some places erected barricades while police fired tear gas. Plumes of black smoke and the sound of tear gas being fired were seen and heard throughout the city.

Those who weren't protesting stayed indoors, leaving much of Dakar a ghost town with boarded-up shops and empty streets as people feared the violence would escalate.

"The verdict cements the criticism that Sall's government is weaponising the judiciary to eliminate prominent rivals that could shake his rule," said Mucahid Durmaz, senior analyst at global risk intelligence company Verisk Maplecroft.

"Despite being presented as a beacon (of) democracy, the Sonko cases demonstrate the structural issues Senegal grapples with. The court decision and the prospect of Sall's bid for a third term in the election next year will fuel fierce criticism around erosion of judicial independence and democratic backsliding," Dumaz said.

Government spokesman Abdou Karim Fofana said that the damage caused by months of demonstrations has cost the country millions of dollars.

"These calls (to protest), it's a bit like the anti-republican nature of all these movements that hide behind social networks and don't believe in the foundations of democracy, which are elections, freedom of expression, but also the resources that our (legal) system offers," Fofana said.

Japan Population Crisis Deepens As Birth Rate Hits Record Low

Japan's fertility rate was 1.2565 as compared with the previous low of 1.2601 in 2005 and is far below the rate considered necessary for a stable population



TOKYO, Jun 2 (Agencies): Japan's birth rate declined for the seventh consecutive year in 2022 to a record low, the health ministry said on Friday, underscoring the sense of crisis gripping the country as the population shrinks and ages rapidly.

The fertility rate, or the average number of children born to a woman in her lifetime, was 1.2565. That compares with the previous

low of 1.2601 posted in 2005 and is far below the rate of 2.07 considered necessary to maintain a stable population.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has made arresting the country's sliding birth rate a top priority and his government, despite high levels of debt, plans to earmark spending of 3.5 trillion yen (\$25 billion) a year on child care and other mea-

sures to support parents.

"The youth population will start decreasing drastically in the 2030s. The period of time until then is our last chance to reverse the trend of dwindling births," he said this week while visiting a daycare facility.

The pandemic has exacerbated Japan's demographic challenges, with fewer marriages in recent years contributing to fewer births and COVID-19 partly responsible for more deaths.

The number of newborns in Japan slid 5% to 770,747 last year, a new low, while the number of deaths shot 9% higher to a record 1.57 million, the data showed. More than 47,000 deaths in Japan last year were caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Armed pregnant woman in US saves her family, shoots attacker in parking garage

ARKANSAS, Jun 2 (Agencies): An armed pregnant woman saved her family when she shot an attacker while they were packing up in a parking garage in Arkansas in the United States.



The family, hailing from Memphis in Tennessee, were in Little Rock City in Arkansas to celebrate their daughter's seventh birthday, Fox News affiliate KLRT-TV reported.

The father, his wife and their two daughters were packing up in the River Market parking garage and preparing to leave the city when they were attacked. According to the report, the man was hit several times and pinned to the ground by another man.

The wife was attacked by a second suspect. "Just a fractured rib and my wife has a couple of knots on her forehead where he apparently punched her," the father said.

Despite receiving blows, the woman pulled out a gun and managed to shoot the person in the neck before calling 911.

The suspect who was shot is receiving treatment at a hospital while

the second one fled.

The woman's husband said such attacks would not deter them from coming back to Little Rock, saying they like to travel.

"We live in Memphis and this kind of happens to people here all the time.

So, I mean it's not something we are going to let shine down or shadow down on our lives because we do like to travel," he said.

Joe Biden says he got 'sandbagged' after he tripped and fell on stage at Air Force graduation

COLORADO, Jun 2 (Agencies): President Joe Biden quipped that he got "sandbagged" after he tripped and fell — but was uninjured — while onstage at the US Air Force Academy graduation.

Biden had been greeting the graduates in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the front of the stage with salutes and handshakes, and turned to jog back towards his seat when he fell. He was helped up by an Air Force officer as well as two members of his US Secret Service detail.

Onlookers, including some members of the official delegation onstage, watched in concern before Biden, who at age 80 is the oldest president in US history, returned to his seat to view the end of the ceremony.

"I got sandbagged," the President told reporters with a smile when he arrived back at the White House on Thursday evening before pretending to jog into



the residence. Two small black sandbags had been onstage supporting the teleprompter used by Biden and other speakers at the graduation.

"He's fine," White House communications director Ben LaBolt tweeted after the incident. "There was a sandbag on stage while he was shaking hands."

Biden has been dogged by questions about his age and his fitness to serve, and his mis-

steps have become fodder for political rivals as he campaigns for a second term in 2024. He has stumbled before going up the stairs and onto Air Force One and he once got caught up in his bike pedals while stopping to talk to reporters near his home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Biden's personal doctor said after the president's most recent physical exam in February that

Biden "remains a healthy, vigorous 80-year-old male, who is fit to successfully execute the duties of the Presidency." Dr Kevin O'Connor also documented the president's stiffened gait, which O'Connor said was the result of spinal arthritis, a previously broken foot and neuropathy in the Biden's feet.

Biden is far from the first national political figure to stumble in public.

President Gerald Ford fell down while walking off Air Force One in 1975. GOP Sen Bob Dole of Kansas, the GOP presidential nominee at the time, fell off the stage at a campaign rally in 1996. President Barack Obama tripped walking up the stairs to a stage at a 2012 event. "I was so fired up, I missed a stair" he told the crowd.

President Donald Trump's gingerly walk down a ramp at the 2020 West Point commencement also sparked concerns about his health.

2 Indians among those running for 2024 US president

WASHINGTON, Jun 2 (Agencies): Former Vice President Mike Pence and former New Jersey governor Chris Christie plan to announce next week they are running for president, joining former president Donald Trump in a growing list of Republicans seeking to unseat Democratic President Joe Biden.

Here is a list of 2024 hopefuls in both the Democratic and Republican parties.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

DONALD TRUMP
Trump, 76, announced his election campaign last November as he faced some of the loudest criticism yet from within his Republican Party over his support for far-right candidates who were defeated in the midterm elections. Like Biden, he remains unpopular with great swaths of the electorate. But he has retained a firm grip on his base and strengthened his standing in polls after he was indicted by New York prosecutors in connection with an alleged hush money payment to a porn star.

Trump is the front-runner in the Republican race.

RON DESANTIS

After the glitch-filled launch of his campaign on Twitter, DeSantis has moved to further position himself to the right of Trump on a number

of key issues. DeSantis, 44, who ranks second to Trump in most polls, has already signed bills imposing new restrictions on abortion and further loosening gun laws, positions that may help him in the Republican primaries but would likely hurt him among independent and more moderate voters in the general election. His battle with Walt Disney Co over its Florida theme park has unnerved some donors, as has his mixed messaging on continued US support for Ukraine.

TIM SCOTT

The only Black Republican US senator has low name recognition outside his home state of South Carolina, but his optimism and focus on unifying his divided party have helped him draw a contrast with the more aggressive approach by Trump and DeSantis. Scott supporters, however, acknowledge that while his sunny demeanour is a selling point it may not be enough to win.

Scott, 57, has only 1% of support among registered Republicans, according to agency/Ipsos polling. He launched his campaign on May 22.

NIKKI HALEY

A former governor of South Carolina and Trump's ambassador to the United Nations,



Haley, 51, has emphasised her relative youth compared to Biden and Trump as well as her background as the daughter of two Indian immigrants. Haley has gained a reputation in the Republican Party as a solid conservative who has the ability to address issues of gender and race in a more credible fashion than many of her peers. She has also pitched herself as a stalwart defender of American interests abroad. She attracts about 4% support among Republican voters.

VIVEK RAMASWAMY

A former biotechnology investor and executive, Ramaswamy, 37, launched

a firm in 2022 to press companies to abandon environmental, social and corporate governance initiatives. He announced in February he was running for the Republican nomination. The political outsider has excited a lot of grassroots chatter as a potential alternative to Trump but he remains a longshot candidate.

MIKE PENCE

Trump's vice president has broken with his former boss over the 2021 attack by Trump supporters on the US Capitol, while Pence was inside the building. Pence, 63, says "history will hold Trump accountable" for his

role in the attack. However, Pence, like other Republican White House hopefuls, came to Trump's defence after New York prosecutors charged him in the hush money case, underscoring the fear of alienating Trump's supporters in the primaries. Pence, a staunch conservative, is appealing directly to the evangelical Christian community. He will launch his campaign in Iowa on June 7.

CHRIS CHRISTIE

Former New Jersey governor Chris Christie, 60, who advised Trump's White House campaign in 2016 only to become a vocal critic

of the former president, enters the race as a decided underdog. Only 1% of Republicans said he would be their preferred 2024 nominee in a Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted from May 9-15. He plans to launch his bid on June 6.

ASA HUTCHINSON

The former Arkansas governor launched his bid for the White House in April with a call for Trump to step aside to deal with his indictment. Hutchinson, 72, has touted his experience leading the deeply conservative state as proof he can deliver on policies Republican voters care about, citing tax cuts and job creation initiatives as particular sources of pride. Still, his name recognition remains limited outside Arkansas.

DOUG BURGUM

Burgum, who is serving his second term as North Dakota's governor, plans to launch his campaign on June 7. Burgum, 66, built a successful software business before selling it to Microsoft Corp in 2001. A proponent of low taxes and fewer regulations, he will likely seek to portray himself as a traditional conservative who will focus on the economy and national security.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

JOE BIDEN

Biden, 80, already the

oldest US president ever, will have to convince voters he has the stamina for another four years in the White House, amid voter concerns about his age and his poor approval ratings. Biden allies say he is running because he feels he is the only Democratic candidate who can defeat Trump.

In announcing his candidacy he declared it was his job to defend American democracy. He does not face a serious threat from a Democratic challenger.

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

The best-selling author and self-help guru has launched her second, longshot bid for the White House. She ran as a Democrat in the 2020 presidential primary but dropped out of the race before any votes had been cast. She launched her latest campaign on March 23.

ROBERT KENNEDY JR

An anti-vaccine activist, Kennedy, 69, is making a longshot bid to challenge Biden for the Democratic nomination. He is the son of US Senator Robert F Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1968 during his own presidential bid. Kennedy has been banned from YouTube and Instagram for spreading misinformation about vaccines and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Modi Govt committed to develop J&K: Ashok Koul

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JAMMU, Jun 2: BJP District Jammu held a programme on Vikas Tirath at Jamboo Zoo under the leadership of District President Parmod Kapahi in the presence of senior party leaders.

BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, "Maha Jana Sampark Abhiyaan Convenor" & General Secretary Dr. D.K. Manyal, former Minister Sat Sharma, Vice President Yudhvir Sethi, former Minister Priya Sethi, Secretary JKUT BJP Arvind Gupta, Treasurer Parbhat Singh, Spokesperson Advocate Purnima Sharma, Bawa Sharma, Senior Leader Adv. Chander Mohan Sharma, BJP Executive Member Somnath Kha-



juria and other senior leaders participated in the event.

Ashok Koul, while speaking on the occasion, said that the Modi government has initiated and completed many landmark development projects during the last 9 years and the people should be educated about them. The BJP activists today visited many such sites which stand witness to the splendid work in devel-

opmental works.

Sat Sharma appreciated the work of Modi govt and said that J&K during 9yrs of Modi tenure has seen lot of development.

Dr Manyal also applauded the development work of Modi Govt and said that Modi govt has done commendable work to Promote tourism of Jammu Kashmir.

Parmod Kapahi speaking on the occasion said the party appeals to the general public to stand

by BJP and strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which will obviously encourage him to go ahead with more and more development activities and welfare schemes

Mandal Presidents Keshav Chopra, Atul Bakshi, Raman Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Parveen Kerni, District General Secretaries Kuldeep Kandhari, Adv Rajesh Gupta, Puneet Maha-

jan, Manav Mahajan, Hari Om Sharma, Karan Singh, Brijesh Gupta, Dr Akshay, Jeet Angral, Neelam Margotra, Suneet Raina, Dinesh Gupta, Arun Khanna, Gopal Gupta, Sanjita Dogra, K.L Sharma, Anupam Gupta, Rajinder Tiku, Parmajet, Vikas Bali, Kushant Daffara, Updesh Andotra, Kanav Sharma, Nitish Kumar, Dr Himja Mengi, Sonika Sharma, Rahul Nargotra, Sudesh Chandrvanshi, Vikas Kumar, Sumit Malhotra, Sr Pritpal Singh, Pratibha Sharma, Chaman Lal, Dr R.K Gupta, Naveen Sharma, Arun Dubey, Rajesh Saini, Tripta Jamwal, Rajesh Nischal, Gourav Kapahi and Sunny were also present.

Donate to needy on Jyeshtha Purnima: Mahant Shastri

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JAMMU, Jun 2: Jyeshtha Purnima holds special importance in Sanatan Dharma, Mahant Rohit Shastri Jyotishacharya, head of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, told about Jyeshtha Purnima.

The full moon date of Jyeshtha Shukla Paksha will start at 11:17 am on Saturday, June 03 and end at 09:12 am on



Sunday, June 04.

The devotees who observe fast on Ratri Purnima should observe it on Saturday, 03rd June and the devo-

tees who observe fast on Diva Purnima should observe it on Sunday, 04th June.

On this day fasting should be donated along with pitchers filled with water to any needy person. Gold donation is also considered very important on this day.

Food should be taken by oneself only after providing food to a Brahmin or a needy person, good deeds done on this day lead to merit.

JKBS grieves Sunita Jamwal's unfortunate demise

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 2: The Jammu and Kashmir Sabha (JKBS) held a meeting here on Friday wherein its members condoled the sad, sudden and untimely demise of Sunita Jamwal, mother of Mercury Times Journalists: Naginder Jamwal and Jatinder Jamwal (Bhanu). "Strange are the ways of God. Nobody knows what happens the next", said JKBS members.

"Sunita Jamwal had all the qualities of head, heart and soul that's why God called her back so soon", said JKBS General Secretary R.L. Kaith while speaking.

May God rest her noble soul in peace and give strength to her family to bear this immeasurable loss boldly, prayed all present in the meeting. Among those who attended the meeting were Hon'y Captain Kamal Dass Kaith, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu, Subedar, Naib Subedar Kaku Ram Kaith, Naib Subedar Jameet Raj Kaith, Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Havildar Mast Ram Kaith, Havildar Ajay Kumar Kaith, Madan Raj Kaith, Hans Raj Loria, Parma Nand, Rashpal Chand, Master Naresh Kumar, Hakikat Anmol and Sunil Kumar.

Debi Prasad Dash takes over as General Manager of CLW

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JAMMU / CHITTARANJAN, Jun 2: Debi Prasad Dash, an officer of the Indian Railways Service of Electrical Engineer (IRSEE) belonging to the 1987 batch, has officially

taken over as the General Manager of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) on June 1, 2023.

Prior to this Shri Dash was the Principal Chief Electrical Engineer (PCEE) at Integral Coach Factory (ICF)/



Chennai. Throughout his illustrious career spanning over 30 years, he has held several crucial positions over the Indian Railways and has made significant contributions.

Dash played a pivotal role in the design and development of various

cutting-edge railway technologies.

The entire team at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) is looking forward to an unparalleled progress and innovation under his leadership and guidance.

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J&K has been a major center of Indian system of medicine since ancient times: Sinha

promote startups and business units in AYUSH, he added.

He said the world has recognized the Indian System of Medicine as the oldest, effective and scientific health system for prevention and cure. Now the time has come to connect the new generation with this heritage and rich legacy to fulfil the vision of One Earth, One Health, he added.

At the consultative meet, the Lt Governor shared the efforts to strengthen the basic health infrastructure, promote medical tourism in the J&K UT and provide the people with access to world class, affordable and quality healthcare services.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Ministry of AYUSH and J&K administration are working together with the vision of 'One Earth, One Health' to serve the global community through integrated and ancient Indian System of medicine, he said.

Jammu Kashmir is fully prepared to become an important centre of AYUSH and 'Heal in India' campaign, which will not only promote medical tourism in the Union Territory, but also create immense business and employment opportunities in the healthcare sector, added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also highlighted several milestones achieved in the AYUSH sector of J&K UT.

Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital at Akhnoor, Unani Medical College and Hospital at Ganderbal and upgradation of 442 AYUSH Dispensaries have been done for the well-being of the people. Five 50-Bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospitals in Districts of Kulgam, Kathua, Kupwara, Kishtwar and Samba have been approved by Ministry of AYUSH under National AYUSH Mission to strengthen AYUSH secondary healthcare in the UT of J&K, he said.

In order to promote Medical Tourism in UT, 6 Specialized AYUSH Wellness Centres at famous tourist places-Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Patnitop, Katra and Golf Course Jammu and Srinagar have been approved, out of which three centres have been made operational, he further added.

India is home to the world's oldest medical systems. It is not limited to treatment only. It is a science of understanding life and wellbeing in a holistic manner. Through Yoga and Ayush Centres, it is our endeavour to spread the vision and benefits of Ayurveda to all sections of the society, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also shared valuable suggestions for integrating local health traditions with the mainstream of Ayurveda by promoting People's Science preserved for centuries and transcribing the rich and diverse Indian medicine knowledge in simple language for the new generation.

It is also necessary to understand the roots of the traditional system to establish harmony between the Registry of Profes-

sionals and the Registry of Facility and all other disciplines of medicine, he added.

Vaidya Shri Jayant Deopujari, Chairman National Commission for Indian System of Medicine and Prof. (Vaidya) Rakesh Sharma, President, Board of Ethics and Registration, also spoke on the occasion and threw light on the key features of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and the aims and objectives of consultative meeting.

Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, Kashmir University; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department; Ayushi Sudan, State Mission Director, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission; senior officials from National Health Authority, ISM and UT Administration; HoDs and scores of health professionals and Ayurvedacharya were present.

Terrorist killed in encounter in Rajouri

the operation is going on.

IPS Vikramjit Singh nominated chairperson J&K and Ladakh Finance Corporation for 3 Years

Singh, IPS Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department is hereby nominated as Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh Finance Corporations Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh Finance Corporation (JKLFC) in place of Shri Prashant Goyal, IAS, for a period not exceeding three years or till further orders.

BJP will be 'Decimated' in the next three-four assembly elections: Rahul Gandhi

prediction here. You will see that the next three or four elections that we fight directly with the BJP will be decimated," Gandhi said in response to a question at the reception.

"I can give it to you right now, that they're gonna have a really tough time in these assembly elections. We'll do to them the very similar stuff that we've done in Karnataka. But if you ask the Indian media that's not going to happen," he said.

The Congress secured a comfortable majority and ousted the BJP from power in Karnataka in the May 10 assembly elections.

The visiting leader told the invited group of Indian Americans, members of the think-tank community and lawmakers that the Indian press is currently giving a highly favourable version of the BJP.

"Please realise that 60 per cent of India does not vote for the BJP, does not vote for Narendra Modi. That's something you have to remember. The BJP has the instruments of noise in their hand, so they can shout, they can scream, they can distort, they can yell, and they are much better at doing that. But they do not have the vast

majority of the Indian population (supporting them)," he said.

Responding to another question, Gandhi said that he is convinced that the Congress will be able to defeat the BJP.

Assembly elections will be held in five states — Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram — later this year, setting the stage for the crucial general elections in 2024.

"Rebuilding the democratic architecture is not gonna be easy. It's gonna be difficult. It's gonna take time. But we are absolutely convinced that we have the basic requirements that are needed to defeat the BJP," the 52-year-old former Congress party President said.

"You will hear from the media that Modi is impossible to defeat. A lot of it is exaggerated. Modi is actually quite vulnerable. There's huge unemployment in the country, a massive increase in prices in the country, and these things in India, pinch people, very, very quickly and very hard," he said.

"But it's been a very interesting time for me to see how this process plays out. I would've never imagined that this is how democracy is attacked. This is the method of attacking a democracy. It has been very good for me," he said responding to a question on his disqualification as an MP.

The Wayanad (Kerala) Member of Parliament was disqualified from Lok Sabha earlier this year after he was convicted by a Surat court in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark.

"These are good things for me because they teach me and they crystallise exactly what I'm supposed to do and how I'm supposed to do it. I thank all of you for your support, your love and affection. It means a lot to me, especially coming to the United States and seeing that there are many, many people who are ready to fight for Indian democracy and protection," he said.

WhatsApp banned over 74 lakh accounts in India in April

Report, WhatsApp banned over 7.4 million accounts in the month of April and over 2.4 million of these accounts were proactively banned, before any reports from users," WhatsApp's spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, Meta founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg recently announced a new WhatsApp feature called 'Chat Lock' to make users' most intimate conversations even more private.

This feature lets you protect your most intimate conversations with a password and secures them in a separate folder.

When someone messages you and you have that chat locked, the sender's name and the content of the message will also be hidden.

Zuckerberg's announcement read, "We're excited to bring to you a new feature we're calling Chat Lock, which lets you protect your most intimate conversations behind one more layer of security."

"Locking a chat takes that thread out of the inbox and puts it behind its own folder that can only be accessed with your device password or biometric, like a fingerprint. It also automatically hides the contents of

that chat in notifications too," he added.

NCERT drops key chapters from class 10 textbooks

into account the difficulty level, relevance in the present context, and accessibility for self-learning or peer-learning," explained the NCERT on its website.

As the news spreads, debates continue regarding the potential implications of these exclusions. Students eagerly await further updates and guidance from their teachers to navigate this unexpected change in their curriculum.

J&K Waqf Board orders re-designation of posts of 323 employees

Educational Qualification Certificates of all employees has been conducted by this office through the respective Recognised Issuing Authorities, and a number of certificates have proved not to be genuine, and necessary action has been initiated in this regard", it read.

It added as a result, there is severe deficiency of staff at the lower levels in the Board, and certain important categories of employees, like, Sweepers and Chowkidars, are not available in the required numbers at Sub-Units.

"With the recent decision of the Board to disengage the over-age employees, and no fresh recruitments being made, this kind of staff deficiency has become more severe."

It further read that the matter was placed before the competent authorities, and as desired, in order to overcome such deficiencies at the lower levels, sanction is hereby accorded to the re-designation of posts, of the enclosed list of 323 employees, that are functionally illiterate, or have failed to submit a genuine 10th pass academic qualification certificate till date, as Multi-Purpose Staff (MPS).

"The designation shall be used for all such categories of posts that do not require any technical or professional qualification. The services of all such employees shall be henceforth utilised to perform any kind of job that doesn't require any special skills."

It, however, clarified that re-designation shall not absolve any employee from any service related enquiry or irregularities of appointment and promotion.

"Further, all the employees posted at Shrines, from the Administrator to the lowest level, are additionally designated as 'Khaadim-e-Ziyarat', it said, adding that the administrators shall accordingly ensure that the entire staff carries a visible identity card all the time bearing this designation.

Central Govt should abolish love marriage law: Chandel

the country for the last 75 years, since then till now lakhs of Hindu girls have lost their lives by falling in the trap of love jihad and they were forcibly converted.

Love marriage law is the mother of love jihad, in the guise of which radical Muslim youths are forcibly promoting love jihad under the guise of love marriage and Hindu Sanatani girls are falling victim to it.

Cloudy weather with intermittent light rain in J&K during next 24 hours: MeT

considerably.

Srinagar recorded a low of 9.8 degree Celsius against 11.4 degree Celsius the previous day and it was 2.7 degree Celsius below normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

The maximum temperature though improved, but was still 8.0 degree Celsius below normal of 26.3 degree Celsius recorded on Friday.

Qazigund recorded a low of 10.0 degree Celsius against 11.0 against a day ago and it was 1.1 degree Celsius below normal for the gateway of Kashmir.

Pahalgam had a low of 3.2 degree Celsius against 9.4 degrees Celsius the previous night and it was 3.4 degree Celsius below normal for the famous tourist spot of south Kashmir.

Kokernag had a low of 9.9 degree Celsius against 9.8 degree Celsius a day ago and it was 1.2 degree Celsius below normal for south Kashmir's picnic spot while the frontier district of Kashmir's Kupwara recorded a low of 9.2 degree Celsius against 10.7 degree Celsius the previous night and it was 1.8 degree Celsius below normal.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 3.0 degree Celsius against 4.6 degree Celsius a day ago and it was 4.6 degree Celsius below normal, the MeT office said.

Demolition drive against 'illegal' commercial complex triggers protests in Kathua

had served a notice to the building owners. The matter was under the deputy commissioner's consideration.

"We have filed an application in the high court. The hearing is scheduled for Friday itself. It is unfortunate that they damaged the structure without issuing any notice," one of the owners told reporters.

The protesters have sat on a dharna, blocking a highway in the district. Police are requesting them to disperse to ensure a smooth flow of traffic.

Two-vehicle collision leaves one driver dead

An official said that an accident took place at Vehil Shopian when a Tata Mobile and a load carrier collided with each other.

In the incident load carrier driver identified as Aiyaz Ahmed Wagay (30) son of Mohammad Amin Wagay resident of Chowdrigund Shopian got injured.

He was shifted to DH Shopian for treatment by locals where he succumbed to his injuries, he said.

NOTICE

I, Shivam Pandita, S/o Sameer Pandita, have passed my 10th examination through NIOS under Roll No. 070054212518 session 2023 but my father name has been recorded wrongly in records of NIOS as Sumeer Pandita (wrong name) instead of Sameer Pandita (Right Name). Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to the principal DIET Jammu within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Markets climb in early trade after two days of fall

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 291.3 points to 62,719.84 in early trade

MUMBAI, Jun 2 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices bounced back in early trade on Friday after two days of fall, following a positive trend in global markets.

Also, automakers led by Maruti Suzuki India, Hyundai, Mahindra & Mahindra reporting robust wholesales of passenger vehicles in the domestic market in May and GST collections crossing Rs 1.5 lakh crore for the third month in a row, recording 12 per cent increase in May, added to the optimism.



The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 291.3 points to 62,719.84 in early trade. The NSE Nifty advanced 85.95 points to 18,573.70.

From the Sensex pack, Tata Steel, Ultra-Tech Cement, Hindustan Unilever, Mahindra & Mahindra, ITC, Tech

Mahindra and Titan were the major gainers. Infosys, IndusInd Bank and HDFC were the laggards.

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

The US markets ended higher on Thursday.

83 pc Indians would delegate as much work as possible to AI: Microsoft report

'Primary culprit disrupting productivity is inefficient meetings, as reported by 46 per cent of Indian workers'

NEW DELHI, Jun 2 (Agencies): More than three fourth of people in India surveyed are willing to delegate as much work as possible to artificial intelligence, a Microsoft report said.

According to Microsoft Work Trend Index 2023 report, 90 per cent of Indian leaders say employees they hire will need new skills to be prepared for the growth of AI (artificial intelligence).

The research based on a survey of 31,000 people across 31 countries, including about 1,000 from India found that 74 per cent of Indian workers say they're worried AI will replace their jobs.

"Research shows 83 per cent



of Indian employees are willing to delegate as much work as possible to AI to lessen their workload," the report said. More than 3 in 4 Indian leaders (84 per cent) said that they are concerned about lack of innovation.

"The primary culprit disrupting productivity is inefficient meetings, as reported by 46 per cent of Indian workers who feel that their absence in half or more of

their meetings would go unnoticed by colleagues," the report said.

According to the report, every employee, not just AI experts, will need new core competencies such as prompt engineering in their day-to-day.

"90 per cent of Indian leaders say employees they hire will need new skills to be prepared for the growth of AI. 78 per cent

of Indian workers say they don't currently have the right capabilities to get their work done," the report said.

Microsoft India Country Head - Modern Work Bhaskar Basu said that as the nature of work evolves, AI promises to be the biggest transformation to work.

"The next generation of AI will unlock a new wave of productivity growth, removing the drudgery from our jobs and freeing us to rediscover the joy of creation. The opportunity and responsibility for every organisation and leader is to get AI right—testing and experimenting with new ways of working to build a brighter future of work for everyone," he said.

'Tata Consultancy Services to continue its investment in key and emerging areas': CEO

BENGALURU, Jun 2 (Agencies): The country's largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) will continue its investments in key and emerging areas. Announcing this in his first internal note to employees, which is seen by TNIE, after taking charge as its CEO, K Krithivasan said, "As we step into the next phase of TCS, we will continue our investments in key and emerging areas like Cloud, Cyber Security, 5G, IoT, Generative AI, etc. with an unrelenting focus on customer relationships and impeccable delivery."

Krithivasan is assuming the role of CEO and MD of TCS at a time IT companies are facing global macroeconomic headwinds and a slowdown in growth. He joined TCS in 1989



and worked across delivery, sales, client management and business in leadership roles.

Before taking charge of this role, Krithivasan was President and Global Head of the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) Business Group at TCS. In FY23, TCS'

BFSI sector grew by 11.8% and TCS generated \$27.9 billion in revenues with over 6 lakh employees across 50 countries.

K Krithivasan has been with TCS for close to 34 years. He completed his BE in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Madras and a Master's

Degree in Industrial and Management Engineering from IIT Kanpur.

Meanwhile, TCS asks its employees to work from the office for at least three days a week. Since March 2020, due to a pandemic, a majority of IT employees are working from home.

In a statement, TCS said, "Over the last several months we have been encouraging associates in India to return to office and spend 3 days a week at the workplace. This has yielded good results with many of our people returning to office. Our objective is to have all associates work from office for at least 3 days a week on average in the month, and towards the same, we continue working with all our groups to have everyone participate."

NSE, BSE remove Adani Enterprises from short-term ASM framework



NEW DELHI, Jun 2 (Agencies): The National Stock Exchange (NSE) and BSE will remove the securities of Adani Enterprises from the short-term ASM framework from Friday.

On May 24, both the bourses put Adani Enterprises under the

short-term additional surveillance measure (ASM) framework.

Adani Enterprises' securities are to be excluded from the short-term ASM framework effective from June 2, NSE and BSE said in two separate circulars.

On Monday, BSE and

NSE put the stock of NDTV, an Adani Group company, under the short-term ASM framework.

Shares of Adani Enterprises fell 0.08 per cent to close at Rs 2,492.25 apiece on the BSE.

US short-seller Hindenburg Research in its January 24 report levelled allegations of fraud and stock manipulation against the Adani group. The conglomerate has denied all the allegations.

However, a Supreme Court-appointed panel found no evidence of stock price manipulation in the group companies.

AstraZeneca gets CDSCO nod for cancer drug

NEW DELHI, Jun 2 (Agencies): AstraZeneca Pharma India on Thursday said it has received approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) for its cancer drug Tremelimumab Concentrate to be administered intravenously.

The approval for Tremelimumab in combination with Durvalumab is based on results from Phase III HIMALAYA clinical trial and is indicated for the treatment of patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (uHCC), the drug firm said.

The trial was conducted in 181 centres across 16 countries, including



in the US, Canada, Europe, South America and Asia including India, it added.

The approval paves the way for the launch of Tremelimumab solution of 20 mg/ml (25 mg/1.25 ml and 300 mg/15 ml presentations in single-dose vials in India for the specified indication, AstraZeneca Pharma said.

"This approval is in

line with our ambition of transforming patient outcomes and not leaving any patient behind. We have a breadth of scientific platforms to attack cancer while exploring the power of combinations, seeking to drive deeper and more durable responses," AstraZeneca India Country President and Managing Director Sanjeev Panchal noted.

Analysts raise FY24 GDP growth forecast

Upward revisions come after NSO data showed economic growth at 7.2% in FY23 as against earlier estimate of 7%

MUMBAI, Jun 2 (Agencies): A day after stronger-than-expected fourth quarter gross domestic product (GDP) data surprised the market, several global brokerages and economists have raised their GDP growth projections for India. Brokerages including UBS, JP Morgan, Citi and Goldman Sachs have revised up their growth forecast for Indian economy by 30 to 70 basis points for the current fiscal.

The upward revisions have come after the after the data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) showed that the Indian economy grew at 7.2 percent in FY23 as against earlier estimate of 7 percent. Beating the estimates of analysts and economists, Indian economy expanded by 6.1 percent in the January-March quarter of the last fiscal boosted by boost-



ed by higher growth in services, exports, and agriculture. This growth has fueled the optimism about prospects of Indian economy, going forward. JP Morgan has raised its forecast for the country's annual growth by 50 basis points to 5.5% for fiscal 2024.

The brokerage added the growth could see upsides if the central government can pull off the 'very strong increase' in budgeted capex for fiscal 2024 and convince states to do the same. Swiss brokerage firm

UBS has raised its GDP growth projection to 6.2% for FY24 from 5.5% while Citi has revised up its growth projection to 6.2% for the current fiscal from its earlier estimate of 5.9%. "Q4 GDP growth has prompted us to revise upwards FY24 real GDP growth forecast to 6.2% from 5.9% earlier although we lower our nominal GDP growth forecast to 10%.

Stronger growth/lower inflation is like a 'Goldilocks' situation for the policy makers. Favourable for a longish 'pause' from the

RBI rather than a quick pivot to an easing cycle," said Samiran Chakraborty, Citi. The RBI has also said in its recent report that growth momentum is likely to be sustained in 2023-24 with inflation expected to ease supported by global and domestic factors. SBI has revised its growth projection for the economy by 50 bps to 6.7%.

"We are factoring in a pick up in growth momentum in FY24. We are upgrading our baseline forecast from 6.2% to 6.7%," said Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, SBI. "Against the global headwinds, the economy is showing strong signs of resilience. Continuing on the path of strong activity in FY23, we project real GDP growth for FY24 at 6.7% with Q1 at 7.8%, Q2 at 6.5%, Q3 at 6.3% and Q4 at 6.2%, amid broadly balanced risks," he added.

What makes us human? Primate genome study offers some clues

WASHINGTON, Jun 2 (Agencies): The most comprehensive genomic study ever on primates - a group whose membership includes lemurs, monkeys, apes and people - has revealed pivotal genetic traits that are uniquely human while refining the timeline for our evolutionary lineage's split from our closest cousins, the chimpanzees and bonobos.

Researchers said on Thursday they sequenced and analysed the genomes of 233 primate species, comprising nearly half of those alive today, and surprisingly discovered that most boast greater genetic diversity - variation within a species that

is vital for adaptation to changing environments and other challenges - than humans.

While some genetic variations previously thought to be exclusive to people were found in other primate species, the researchers pinpointed others that were uniquely human involving brain function and development.

They also used the primate genomes to train an artificial intelligence algorithm to predict disease-causing genetic mutations in humans.

"Studying primate genomic diversity is not only important in the face of the ongoing biodiversity crisis, but also has huge potential to improve our understand-

ing of human diseases," said genomicist Lukas Kuderna of the Barcelona Biomedical Research Park's Institute of Evolutionary Biology in Spain and Illumina Inc, lead author of the main paper on the research published in the journal Science.

There are more than 500 species of primates, including lemurs, lorises, tarsiers, Old and New World monkeys, the "small apes" - gibbons and siamangs - and the "great apes" - orangutans, gorillas, chimpanzees and bonobos. Lemurs and lorises are the least related to humans among primates.

"Primates are a diverse order of mammals



to which we humans belong, which are characterized by traits such as large brains, high dexterity - with most species having opposable thumbs - and good vision. They inhabit the Americas, Africa including Madagascar, and Asia," Kuderna said.

Chimpanzees and bonobos are the nearest genetically to humans, sharing roughly 98.8%

of our DNA.

The study adjusted the timeline for the divergence of the evolutionary lineage that led to people and the one that led to chimpanzees and bonobos, finding this milestone occurred 6.9 million to 9 million years ago, slightly longer ago than previously estimated.

The human lineage, through a succession of

species, subsequently acquired key characteristics such as bipedalism, longer limbs and a larger brain. Our species Homo sapiens arose roughly 300,000 years ago in Africa before spreading worldwide.

The study explored the origins of primates as a group. The last common ancestor of all extant primates lived between 63.3 million and 58.3 million years ago during a time of remarkable evolutionary innovation in the aftermath of the asteroid strike 66 million years ago that doomed the dinosaurs and allowed mammals to achieve dominance.

Human-related threats such as habitat destruction, climate change and

hunting have left about 60% of primate species threatened with extinction and about 75% with declining populations.

"The vast majority of primate species have significantly more genetic variation per individual than do humans," said genomicist and study co-author Jeffrey Rogers of the Baylor College of Medicine in Texas. "This shows that there were likely multiple significant population bottlenecks that have altered the amount and nature of genetic variation in ancient human populations."

The genome data can help identify the primate species in the direst need of conservation efforts.

The study covered some of the most endangered primates.

These included the Western black crested gibbon, with an estimated 1,500 left in the wild scattered in China, Laos and Vietnam, and the northern sportive lemur, with roughly 40 remaining in the wild in a small area of northern Madagascar.

"Interestingly, we find genetic diversity to be a poor predictor of extinction risk overall," Kuderna said. "This could be because primate populations of different species have declined so quickly that their genetics has not yet had time to catch up and reflect that loss of population size."

India players are used to Dukes ball, having practised with it during IPL: Axar

PORTSMOUTH, Jun 2 (Agencies): Switching from playing T20s to the longest format of the game is difficult but having practised with the red ball throughout the IPL will help in the tough transition at the World Test Championship final against Australia, said India all-rounder Axar Patel.

Most members of the Indian team head to the marquee event after playing T20 cricket in the IPL for over two months. Additionally, while the SG balls are used for the red-ball format in India, the Dukes ball will be used for the WTC final. However, India are prepared for the twin challenges. To familiarise themselves with the Dukes ball, which is used in English conditions, the India players had started working with it well in advance.

"We knew about this before the start of the IPL. So even during the IPL, it was discussed that we will bowl with the red ball," Axar told ICC. "We had red balls, so we were using them. You know when and how to play, how much time you have," he added. The left-arm spinner, however,



said that the focus is on hitting the right spot irrespective of the ball used. "We switch from white ball to red ball. It is a similar switch to go from SG to Dukes, you have to use your talent and skill. You have to execute your plan, your bowling rhythm. Irrespective of the ball, if you bowl a good ball at a good spot, it works. We are planning what lines and lengths will work here," he said.

More time to train
The first batch of Indian players, including the likes of Virat

Kohli and Axar, landed in London early last week and have been preparing for the final, scheduled to be held at The Oval from June 7 to 11. "Those who did not qualify (for the IPL playoffs) got more time. So I don't think there will be many problems because we have had a good time to prepare," he said. "The difference is the Dukes ball remains shinier for longer. But during the IPL, we had ordered the ball, so were practising with it and have got used to it," he added. As Australia begin prepara-

tions for the World Test Championship final against India, the men from Down Under would be eager to put their past struggles at The Oval behind them.

In over 140 years of Test cricket in England, Australia have had one of the worst records at The Oval, which will host the final from June 7 to 11 between the top two Test sides.

Australia, who played at The Oval in 1880 in what was the first-ever Test in England, have managed only seven wins from 38 Tests at the famous South London venue, putting their success rate at 18.42 per cent, their poorest across England.

Australia have won just twice in the past 50 years at The Oval. On the other hand, they have 17 wins from 29 matches at The Lord's at a success rate of 43.59 per cent.

India haven't fared too well at the venue either, having won two, drawn seven and lost five games. But the Rohit Sharma-led side will be boosted by the 157-run win over England here in 2021, which was their first victory at the venue in a Test match in 40 years.

India focusing on finishing: Harman



LONDON, Jun 2 (Agencies): Captain Harmanpreet Singh said that India can bounce back despite back-to-back defeats if the side convert their goal-scoring chances and maintain structure in their coming games in the men's FIH Pro League.

India, who had come to Europe as table-toppers, lost 1-2 to Olympics champions Belgium in their first match and went down 2-4 against Great Britain to

drop down to second position. They face Belgium again here today before taking on table-toppers Great Britain on Saturday. Great Britain have 25 points from 10 matches while India have accumulated 19 points from 10 matches. "We are not letting the two losses last week play on our minds. We still have six more matches to play and we know that if we play to the structure and finish our chances, we will return to the top of the

pool," Harmanpreet said.

Harmanpreet said his team did have some takeaways from the two matches.

"Both opponents play very different styles. While one (Belgium) plays zonal, the other (GB) plays man-to-man. But there were some takeaways from those two matches," said Harmanpreet.

"Though we didn't create that many field goals, we did get some good penalty corners. There are some areas we also worked on in these past few days and the focus will continue to be on defending well," he added.

India vice-captain Hardik Singh said: "I think after the Rourkela matches, there was a bit of a gap. It will take some time, particularly for the youngsters, to settle in. There are a lot of positives from the first two matches."

Lakshya, Kiran enter quarterfinals

BANGKOK, Jun 2 (Agencies): Lakshya Sen progressed to the men's singles quarterfinals with an upset win over Li Shi Feng of China in the Thailand Open Super 500 badminton tournament here. Sen beat his fourth-seeded Chinese opponent 21-17 21-15 in a Round of 16 match that lasted 49 minutes. The world No. 23 Indian will face qualifier Leong Jun Hao of Malaysia in the quarterfinals today.

Kiran George, who came through the qualifiers, also advanced to the men's singles quarterfinals after beating world No. 26 Weng Hong Yang of China 21-11 21-19 in 39 min-



utes. It is the first time that world No. 59 Kiran has reached the quarterfinals at a World Tour Super 500 event.

In the women's singles, Saina Nehwal lost 11-21 14-21 to third seed and world No. 5 He Bing Jao of China in a Round of 16 match. It was also the end of the road for 23-year-old Ashmita Chaliha, who

went down 18-21 13-21 to former Olympics and three-time world champion Carolina Marin of Spain.

The Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also lost their pre-quarterfinal match to Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Bagas Maulana of Indonesia 26-24 11-21 17-21.

Junior Men's Asia Cup Hockey 2023: India beat Pakistan 2-1 to win title

SALALAH (OMAN), Jun 2 (Agencies): India's junior men's hockey team maintained their continental dominance on Thursday, defeating arch-rival Pakistan 2-1 to win the Asia Cup for the fourth time. Angad Bir Singh (13th minute) and Arajjeet Singh Hundal (20th minute) scored for India, while Abdul Basharat (37th minute) scored for Pakistan. India had won the tournament three times previously, in 2004, 2008, and 2015. Pakistan has won the tournament three times: in 1987, 1992, and 1996.

Recognising the team's efforts and unbeaten record in the prestigious tournament that saw the country qualify for the FIH Men's Junior World Cup in Malaysia, the Hockey India



Executive Board announced a cash award of Rs 2 lakh for each player and Rs 1 lakh for each support staff member.

Both teams looked dangerous from the start in front of a near-capacity crowd at the Salalah Sports Complex, but Angad Bir

Singh's strike in the 13th minute helped India get on the board. Arajjeet Singh Hundal, India's top scorer in the Men's Junior Asia Cup hockey 2023, doubled the lead five minutes into the second quarter. Despite Pakistan's relentless

pursuit of a comeback, India had more meaningful possession. Indian custodian HS Mohith made a spectacular save to keep India ahead going into the second half. Pakistan kept pressing, but India's defense was up to the task. However, in the 38th minute, Abdul Shahid's desperate crossfield shot was deflected by Basharat Ali and made it 2-1.

Pakistan's persistent attacks compelled India to commit numbers to defense in the fourth quarter. Despite earning multiple penalty corners and dominating possession, Pakistan was unable to breach India's defensive wall, which was led by custodian HS Mohith, and India went on to win the trophy.

French Open 2023, Day 6 Order of Play: Sabalenka, Djokovic, Alcaraz among top seeds in Round 3

PARIS, Jun 2 (Agencies): Aryna Sabalenka, Novak Djokovic, Carlos Alcaraz, Jessica Pegula, Daria Kasatkina, Andrey Rublev and Stefanos Tsitsipas are among the top seeds, who will be taking part in their respective Round 3 match of the French Open 2023 on Friday, June 2.

In the women's singles, Russia's Daria Kasatkina and USA's Peyton Stearns will start proceedings at Court Suzanne-Lenglen. No.11 seed Karen Khachanov and Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis are scheduled to play in the first game of the men's singles on the day.

World No.1 Carlos



Alcaraz is scheduled to play the last match of the day against Canada's Denis Shapovalov at Court Philippe-Chatrier.

Aryna Sabalenka has been decent thus far at Roland Garros and she will look to secure victory over Kamilla Rakhimova, keeping alive her hopes of becoming the

new WTA World No.1. Elina Svitolina has looked in impressive form after returning to Grand Slams and she will face Russia's Anna Blinkova.

Here is the Order of Play on Day 6 of the French Open 2023
Court Philippe-Chatrier (03:15 pm)
28-Elise Mertens

(Belgium) v 3-Jessica Pegula (U.S.)
Kamilla Rakhimova (Russia) v 2-Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
3-Novak Djokovic (Serbia) v 29-Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (Spain)
Not before 11:45 pm
1-Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) v 26-Denis Shapovalov (Canada)

Court Suzanne-Lenglen

Peyton Stearns (U.S.) v 9-Daria Kasatkina (Russia)

Lorenzo Sonego (Italy) v 7-Andrey Rublev (Russia)

Sloane Stephens (U.S.) v Yulia Putintseva (Kazakhstan)

Diego Schwartzman (Argentina) v 5-Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Court Simonne-Mathieu

11-Karen Khachanov (Russia) v Thanasi Kokkinakis (Australia)

Anna Blinkova (Russia) v Elina Svitolina (Ukraine)

17-Lorenzo Musetti (Italy) v 14-Cameron Norrie (Britain)

Karolina Muchova (Czech Republic) v 27-Irina-Camelia Begu

BCCI Announces India 'A' Squad For Acc Emerging Women's Asia Cup



NEW DELHI, Jun 2 (Agencies): Batting all-rounder Shweta Sehrawat will lead a 14-member Indian 'A' squad in the upcoming ACC Emerging Women's Asia Cup beginning in Hong Kong on June 12. India 'A' will begin their campaign on June 13 against hosts Hong Kong at the Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground. "The All India Women's Selection Committee announced

the India 'A' (Emerging) squad for the upcoming ACC Emerging Women's Asia Cup 2023," BCCI said in a release. The tournament will feature eight teams which are divided into two groups.

India 'A' (Emerging) is a part of Group A which also features hosts Hong Kong, Thailand 'A' and Pakistan 'A', while Bangladesh 'A', Sri Lanka 'A', Malaysia and the United Arab Emir-

ates are in Group B. The final will be played on June 21.

India 'A' (Emerging) Squad: Shweta Sehrawat (Captain), Soumya Tiwari (vice-captain), Trisha Gongadi, Muskan Malik, Shreyanka Patil, Kanika Ahuja, Uma Chetry (wicketkeeper), Mamatha Madiwala (wicketkeeper), Titas Sadhu, Yashasri S, Kashvee Gautam, Parshavi Chopra, Mannat Kashyap, B Anusha.

Head Coach: Nooshin Al Khadeer India 'A' (Emerging) Schedule at ACC Emerging Women's Asia Cup 2023: June 13 India 'A' vs Hong Kong June 15 India 'A' vs Thailand 'A' June 17 India 'A' vs Pakistan 'A'.

Messi to play final game on Saturday: PSG coach

PARIS, Jun 2 (Agencies): Paris St Germain's home game against Clermont will not necessarily be Lionel Messi's last for the capital side, a club source said after coach Christophe Galtier said it would be 'his last match at the Parc des Princes'. Messi, who has 21 goals and 20 assists for PSG in all competitions this season, moved to the French capital from Barcelona in 2021 on a two-year contract. He has



not yet renewed his deal with the Ligue 1 champions. "It will be his last game this season," the source told agency. Galtier told report-

ers: "I had the privilege of coaching the best player in the history of football. This will be his last match at the Parc des Princes, and I hope that he will receive the warmest of welcomes."

Messi's future at PSG had been the subject of much speculation recently, with a source close to the Argentina captain saying that he had received a formal offer to join Saudi Arabian club Al-Hilal next season.

"India Might Just Go With...": Ravi Shastri's Insight On Wicketkeeper Conundrum In WTC Final

NEW DELHI, Jun 2 (Agencies): The World Test Championship final is only a week away. The Rohit Sharma-led Indian cricket team is eyeing a good result as it faces the Australian team in the summit clash at The Oval, starting on June 7. Since 2013, India have come close many times but have failed to win an ICC trophy each time. The WTC final, the second one for India, presents the team a good opportunity to end that drought. Several top players like Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant are not part of the team due to injury. Despite



Bumrah's absence, the Indian pace line-up looks pretty strong. However, in Pant's absence, the choice is between Ishan Kishan

and KS Bharat.

Ravi Shastri shared his take on the ideal '12' for the WTC final.

"When you look at the WTC, if I remember from the last time India were in the final, it is very important what you learn from that game. You got to pick a team that suits the conditions. Last time in Southampton the weather was really overcast. Hence I will pick my 12. My 12 is very clear: Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara at No. 3, Virat Kohli at 4, Ajinkya Rahane at 5," Ravi Shastri said

on Star Sports.

"Now the choice has to be between KS Bharat and Ishan Kishan. I have a feeling that India might just go with... depending on who is playing... two spinners are playing may be KS Bharat. But if there are four seamers and one spinner then it will go the other way. Six will be Jadeja, 7 will be Mohammed Shami, 8 will be Mohammed Siraj, 9 will be Shardul Thakur. 11 will be Ravichandran Ashwin and 12 will be Umesh Yadav."

The WTC final is set to start on June 07 at The Oval.

Seminar on preservation, promotion of Bhoti Language

TOP NEWS REPORT

LEH, Jun 2: Ladakh Buddhist Association organized a one-day seminar on the Preservation and Promotion of the Bhoti Language at Chokhang Vihara Leh.

This seminar was organized to create awareness about the language and its rich cultural heritage among the upcoming future generation.

Representatives from all religious organizations addressed the gathering and spoke about the origin of the Bhoti language and the struggle of Ladakhi people to include it in the 8th schedule of the Indian Constitution.

All the representatives of the religious organization like LBA, Anjuman Moin-Ul-Islam and the Christian Association unanimously stated that "Bhoti" is our cultural identity and that everyone should in one word press for "Bhoti" be included in the constitution and that it should only be called "Bhoti".

Speaking at the event, LBA President Thupstan Chhewang also gave his insight on the



importance of the Bhoti language and literature in the modern world. He added the importance of the inclusion of the Bhoti language in the 8th schedule of the Indian constitution. It is the responsibility of each one of us to contribute to the preservation and promotion of the Bhoti language, he said. He also urged the students to learn and use the Bhoti language in their everyday life. He further talked about the history and origin of the Bhoti language and asked people not to associate language with religion.

CEC, Tashi Gyalson, congratulated LBA for

organizing such a seminar and appreciated MP, Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal for introducing a Private Member Bill in Lok Sabha on April 1 2022 to include Bhoti Language in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. He also stated that the Hill Council has also passed resolutions on the inclusion of the Bhoti language into the 8th schedule. CEC, Gyalson further stresses the fact that from 2022 onwards 1st April is being celebrated as Bhoti Day across Leh Ladakh and added that the Bhoti language is a rich treasure having a kaleidoscopic identity of society, the

sign of respect, a reflection of history, culture of Himalaya, a system of governance and symbiotic relation with ecology, etc which has a more than a dictionary connotation on language as a system of communication of speech and writing or the system of sounds and writing those human beings use to express their thoughts, ideas, and feelings. He emphasizes the importance of the Bhoti language and its significance for developing the culture and tradition of Ladakh. He stresses Bhoti is a language, which represents our culture, history, connecting factors, etc.

Workshop on Electric Vehicle organized at SMVDU



TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, Jun 2: The School of Mechanical Engineering of SMVD University, Katra in collaboration with Center for Invention, Incubation and Training (CIIT) Govt. Polytechnic Jammu conducted a two days workshop on "Electric Vehicles" for the students, scholars, faculty and staff of various institutes.

Padma Shri Professor (Dr.) R. K. Sinha Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Katra was the Patron of the program. Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu, Er. Arun Bangotra and Professor. Eswarmoorthy Muthusamy, Head, SoME, SMVDU were the chairman of the programme.

The objective of the workshop was to provide a unique opportunity to participants about the working of Electric Vehicles, Design of Motors and Batteries and application of Power Electronics in electric Vehicles.

Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu, Er. Arun Bangotra formally presented welcome address and briefed the dignitaries about the event insights.

The workshop was conducted in four sessions on two days comprising of theory and designing the components.

Dr. Sanjay Sharma Assistant Professor SoME, SMVDU, Convener, of the workshop spoke about the current

scenario of auto sector and importance of involvement of students in such workshops.

Er. Deepak Byotra, Workshop Supdt. SMVDU, organizing secretary of the program appreciate the efforts of Sh. Sandeep Nimbalkar, Project Coordinator, TATA Technologies, and all others Subject Matter Experts of TATA technologies to conduct such latest technology related workshop on Electric Vehicle.

In the Workshop 50 faculty, staff and students of various institutes like DAV Jalandhar, HKM Haryana, SMVD University Katra, YCET, GCET Jammu and Government Polytechnic Jammu participated.

Hari Singh felicitates Judo players for bringing laurels to J&K

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 2: Hari Singh Chib, President of District Congress Committee Jammu Rural, today honored the participants of CBSC North Zone Jodo Competition in a function held at Jammu North Assembly segment here today.

Hari Singh Chib, who was the Chief Guest, distributed Gold Medals, Silver Medals, and Appreciation Certificates among the players who participated in the competition.

On the occasion, Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Jodo Federation, Rameshwar Singh Jamwal Judo Coach, players along with parents were also present.

Addressing the function, Hari Singh Chib praised the players for their remarkable performance in the competition and bringing laurels to Jammu and Kashmir State. He motivated the youth to believe in them-



selves and work harder for achieving greater heights. He asked them to become the ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir State by performing better in upcoming sports events.

He also highlighted the importance of sports in the overall development of students and emphasized on the need to inculcate sports culture to promote physical fitness and health. He urged the youth to invest their energy and time in sports and demonstrate

their skills at state and national level competitions. Chib also advised the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to take inspiration from these young players who brought laurels to the state and consider sports as a career option while continuing their education.

He also praised the efforts of Jodo Federation and Judo Coach in training the players and providing them with the necessary guidance to excel in the competition.

Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Jodo Federation, in his address, expressed gratitude to Hari Singh Chib for encouraging and recognizing the young talents and promoting sportsmanship among them. He expressed his satisfaction for the dedication and determination shown by the players during the competition. He encouraged them to maintain their focus and discipline, and to strive for even greater success in the future.

KCCI delegation interacts with Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR Jun 2: The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) had an interaction with Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan at JKTO office today.

The Managing Director JKTO Khalid Jahangir had organised the meeting. The KCCI team was led by the President Javed Ahmad Tenga and included Senior Vice President Ashaq Shangloo, Secretary General Faiz Bakshi and EC member Lateef Ahmad Bhat.

The team brought the matter of holding Marketing promotion Exhibitions/ Fairs /Marts /Road Shows for marketing and promotion of Handicrafts, Carpets, Shawls, tourism, direct air connectivity between Kashmir & Saudia, export of horticulture.

It also sought Ambassador's help in facilitating Buyer- Seller Meet/



Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet/ Buyer to Buyer Meet/ Inter Chamber consultations to enable local entrepreneurs/exporters have market assesses for Kashmir products which have already a presence in Saudia and Gulf Countries.

The KCCI sought Ambassador's help in organising a Tourism FAM Tour from Saudi to showcase the incomparable natural beauty and

landscape of Kashmir in order to attract tourists from that country.

The KCCI brought to the Ambassador's attention the fact that about 50000 pilgrims from Kashmir perform Umrah who have to travel indirectly to Saudi in the absence of direct flights from Srinagar.

His help was sought in taking up the matter at appropriate level which will provide much relief to pilgrims.

The President KCCI informed the Ambassador about its ongoing engagement with Jeddah Chamber of Commerce for investment and associated matters.

The Ambassador appreciated the issues raised by KCCI and assured of Indian Embassy & Counsel General's cooperation and support for promoting interests of local businesses.

Ajeet seeks employment to one member of each land affected family in CVPP

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jun 2: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Senior Leader Chenab Valley Zone Ajeet Bhagat has demanded permanent employment to one member of each land affected family whose land/property have got submerged in Pakal Dul/ Keru/Kawar and Rattle Hydroelectric Power projects at par with Dul Hasti, Uri Salal etc

Hydroelectric projects. Bhagat said that the land losers of Pakal Dul, Keru, Kawar and Rattle Hydro Electric Power Projects have been given employment through their contractors and after completion of these projects they will be retrenched by the contractors which is injustice with them as these land affected families have provided their ancestral land and properties for these

projects and what will be their source of income after completion of these projects.

He said earlier to this they were earning their livelihood and since their lands and property have got submerged in these projects, they are earning little money but after completion of these projects they will become hand to mouth.

He said that the education department and Jal Shakti Department (PHE) have taken

lands from the people for the construction of Schools and Reservoirs by the government and instead of this the beneficiaries are being accommodated government jobs for while time till they attain 60 years of age.

After completion of these Hydroelectric projects the CVPP will earn billions from these projects. Is there any provision for one member of land affected families till he attain

60 years of age?

Bhagat in his statement has said that all the four Hydroelectric Power Projects Viz Pakal Dul, Keru, Kawar, Rattle and Karthie Hydroelectric Power projects are being executed in District Kishtwar but it is a matter of great concern that the Managing Director's office of CVPP has functioning at Jammu which needs to be immediately shifted to Kishtwar.

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