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With 214 New Coronavirus infections, active **Covid Cases in Country decrease** to 2,831

NEW DELHI, Jun 7 (Agencies): India has recorded 214 new coronavirus infections, while the active Covid cases have dipped to 2,831 from 3,001, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Wednesday.

No fresh fatalities have been reported and the death toll stands at 5,31,884, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,92,094).

The active cases now comprise 0.01 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.81 per cent, the ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,57, 379 and the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent. According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

Mainly dry weather with evening shower forecast in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jun 7 (Agencies): Mainly dry weather with possibility of rain and thunderstorm at scattered places towards evening has been forecasted in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday.

Quoting a meteorological department official, that from June 8-12 mainly dry weather was expected but a brief spell of shower and thunderstorm mainly towards evening can't be ruled out, although chances are less(10-20%).

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 12.4°C against 11.2°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.0°C for the

summer capital. Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 11.2°C against 9.2°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 0.8°C for the gateway town of Kashmir.

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After successful G20 summit in Kashmir, Indian Officials review Amarnath Yatra **Army braces for Amarnath Yatra** increased but the impact

SRINAGAR, Jun 7 (Agencies): Proving their motto 'service before self' veracious, mighty Indian Army assured successful completion of the G20 summit in Kashmir amid several threats and now, Indian Army is all geared up to safeguard the holy Amarnath Yatra pilgrimage in Kashmir.

Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Aujla, a commanding officer in Indian Army assured that the situation in Kashmir is "pretty good".

"The general situation in the valley is under control. The infiltration hasn't happened this



year...We completed successful G20 meetings this year...We are very robust on the ground when our counter-infiltration grid is concerned," Aujla, Chinar

Corps Commander said. Talking about the radicalisation in the region, he said that its efforts have increased but the impact has reduced.

"Radicalisation is there that that is where social media is used to its fullest effect and that is where the youngsters are influenced. Radicalisation efforts have

has reduced. People and youth have come to know what is wrong and right. My message to youth is...please understand and please distinguish between right and wrong. You have to take a call between right and wrong," he added.

He further also assured that the "solid and robust" Indian Army is ready to tackle any unprecedented crossborder threat.

However, the Commanding officer raised concern over the rising 'Narco-Terrorism' aka drug-based terrorism.

arrangements at Udhampur

JAMMU, Jun 7 (Agencies): Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Tuesday convened a meeting with different stakeholders to discuss arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra 2023 set to begin next month. As per the official statement, the DC emphasized upon the functionaries to maintain close inter-departmental coordination for the smooth conduct of the yatra. A detailed deliberations were held on the arrangements which included the establishment of lodge-



ment centres, setting up of langers, medical facilities, drinking water facilities, provision of electricity, installation of temporary and fabricated toilets, sanitation, traffic management, security arrangements,

setting up of control room, checking of rates, installation of departmental stalls, deployment of magistrates, the constitution of coordination Committees, emergency response

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First Hajj flights with 630 pilgrims to leave for Saudi Arabia

port, officials said.

the month.

Airport.

Hajj occurs in the 12th

month of the Islamic

lunar calendar, called

Dhul-Hijjah, between the

eighth and 13th days of

The pilgrims reported

at Hajj house in Srinagar

in the morning and after

completion of all the for-

malities boarded State

Road Transport Corpo-

ration coaches to reach

Emotional scenes

were seen at the Hajj

House Bemina where

relatives of pilgrims

were seen hugging each

other reciting "Allah-ho-

Akbar" (God is the great-

est) before boarding the

The pilgrims said that

they will pray for peace

and prosperity during



SRINAGAR, Jun 7 (Agencies): The first batch of 630 pilgrims will leave from Kashmir to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday to perform the annual Hajj pilgrim-

The first flight carrying 315 pilgrims will leave from Srinagar International Airport at 3 pm, towards Jeddah International airport for onward journey to Mecca, officials said

Two flights will leave every day for Jeddah Airport from Srinagar Airport from today and each will carry 315 pilgrims in separate schedules.

The pilgrims will wear Ihram - the white clothing worn by Hajj pilgrims- at Srinagar Air-

As many as 12000 pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir are likely to perform this year's Hajj. This year, female pil-

their pilgrimage.

grims without 'Mahram' (Closest relative) will perform Hajj this year. Over 100 such pilgrims from J&K will

perform Hajj this year," officials said. The return of the pilgrims from Saudi Arabia will commence from July

17, this officials said Director Srinagar International Airport Kuldeep Singh Rishi said that they made meticulous arrangements and preparations at Airport for smooth transition of the Haj pilgrims.

He said all the Pilgrims have to report at the Haj House at Bemina for completing the check in formalities and the boarding Cards will be issued at Haj house.

A special counter has been established at the Hajj house Bemina for this purpose by the SpiceJet airlines. "We have placed a new

Xray machine at Turn to page 9

India's highest herbal garden comes up in Leh

SRINAGAR, Jun 7 (Agencies) : A herbal garden has been established at an altitude of nearly 15,000 feet above sea level in the mountainous ranges of Phobrang village in Leh.

Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche, the Religious/Spiritual leader and founder of "Go Green Go Organic," a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental and biodiversity conservation through large-scale plantations in Ladakh and other Himalayan regions, ini-

The initiative is supported by Konchok Stanzin, the Councillor of Chushul constituency and Chairman of High Altitude Herbal Garden. Dr Konchok Dorjey, the Vice Chairman of the herbal garden and an expert on medicinal plants in the region, is also involved.

tiated the project.

The medicinal herbal garden aims to promote
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17 labourers injured as truck hits load carrier in Kathua

JAMMU, Jun 7 (Agencies): A truck rammed into a load carrier in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Wednesday, leaving 17 labourers, including a pregnant woman, injured, police said.

A concrete mixer machine was also damaged in the accident which took place near Baswai Morh along the Jammu-Pathankot highway around 9 am.

They said the driver of the truck lost control and collided with the load carrier carrying labourers for work.

All the injured were

rushed to a hospital and the condition of three of them was stated to be "serious", they said, adding the truck driver abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene after the accident.

A case has been registered.

Smart City reduced to painting walls, realigning footpaths: Sagar

SRINAGAR, Jun 7 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference General Secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar on Tuesday said that in the absence of the elected representative's general public is facing majorly while the incumbent administration has forsaken the

people of Srinagar. "Working their way through the hierarchies and multiple sections in different departments to have their issues addressed is a tedious process," he said.

Sagar said that the much-touted exercise of Smart City has been

reduced to painting walls and realigning footpaths. "Smart city mission

was slated to transform Srinagar into an eco-friendly, resilient, and socio-economically vibrant city but in reality, the basic issues of savage treatment, traffic management, infrastructure buildings, clean water, power outages, and employment generation continue to remain unaddressed."

Adding further he said, "There is no accountability on the ground; the fate of the vital projects initiated during the NC-led government has

he said.

been put into limbo. Not even a single penny is being spent on the upgradation of road infrastructure in the Shaher-e-Khaas areas," Sagar said.

He said the administration has completely failed in dispensing its basic duties. "People are feeling the heat of the ongoing rice crisis created by the Government of India's decision to reduce Kashmir's allotment quota," he said.

He added that the phased flood management plan on river Jhelum despite huge budgetary allocations

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NIA Summons Moulana Rehmatullah Mir Qasmi in funding case

SRINAGAR, Jun 7 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency has summoned renowned Islamic Scholar and rector Dar ul Uloom Rahimya Bandipora Moualana Rehmatullah Mir Qasmi in an alleged terror funding

An official said that the NIA is conducting an investigation in case RC-07 /2022/NIA/ JMU dated 03.09.2022 under section 120B & 153A of IPC sections 10, 13 & 22C of UA (P) Act 1967 regarding of raising funds in Jammu and Kashmir and using them for unlawful activi-

case.



ties aimed at radicalizing the youth in the region. "It appears that you are acquainted with the facts of this case. You are hereby directed to report at NIA camp office Church Lane Sonwar

Srinagar for the pur-

pose of answering certain questions related to the case," reads the summon.

Meanwhile, sources told KNO that Maulana Qasmi has arrived at the NIA office in Srinagar regarding the summon issued to him.



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.



Tenth Day will be performed on 09th June Smt. Pitti Koul (Pyari) 2023 at Ganga Canal Murad Nagar Ghaziabad UP

Grief Stricken

Dr. D. N. Koul - Husband

Sunil Koul - Son

Abhilasha Koul - Daughter in Law

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BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With intense grief and sorrow we regret to inform the demise of Sardarni Surjit Kour ZEO Retd. W/o Y. S. Narsinghia IFS Retd. Bhog and Antim Ardas will take place as per

program below.

- At 49 Sector 7 Channi Himat Jammu: 1. Arambh Sri Akhand Path
- Tuesday June 6, 9:30am 2. **Bhogh Sri Akhand Path**□
- Thursday, June 8th 9:30am

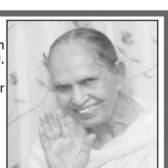
At Guru Ka Bagh Gurdwara Channi Himat: Thursday June 8th, 2023

1. Kirtan and Antim Ardas□

11:00am to 12.30pm 2. Guru ka Langar ☐ 12:30pm

Grief stricken.

Narsinghia Parivar 9419140922, 6006630116



SARDARNI SURJIT KOUR ZEO RETD.

SARDAR KRISHANJEET

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAAS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THAT SARDAR KRISHANJEET SINGH R/O RANKIPORA BEERWAH BUDGAM AT PRESENT BANDURAKH KUNJWANI PASSED ON 01-06-2023 AT HIS RESIDENCE. PROGRAMME

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 07-06-2023 AT 9:00 AM AT THEIR RESIDENCE H.NO. 166, BANDURAKH, KUNJWANI, JAMMU.

THE PROGRAMME OF BHOG SHRIAKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 09-06-2023 AT 9:30 AM AT THEIR RESIDENCE. ANTIM ARDAS

GURUDWARA SINGH SABHA BANDURAKH KUNJWANI FROM 10:00 AM TO 12 PM ON 09-06-2023.

GRIEF STRICKEN SDN KULWANT KOUR (WIFE)

SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW

S. AVTAR SINGH (AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT) & SDN. RAVINDER KOUR

S. DALIP SINGH DEEPAK (ELDER BROTHER)

SDN. PADAM KOUR W/O LATE S.FOJA SINGH (SISTER-IN-LAW & BROTHER) SDN. SALINDER KOUR & S.PASHORI SINGH DUTTA (SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW) SDN. PARMEET KOUR & S.GURJEET SINGH RISSAM (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW)

MASWAR & VERVHAR

In loving memory of Sh. Daleep Raina S/o Late Sh. Chuni Lal Raina who passed away one year ago. His gentle presence, un-conditional love and enduring legacy remain etched in our hearts. We honour his memory on this first anniversary cherishing the precious moments shared with him. Forever missed, forever cherished.

The Maswar & Vervhar shall be performed on 7th June and 8th June

respectively at our residence 79/1. Lane - 2, Anand Nagar, Bohri.

Deeply Missed & Remembered By:

Mrs. Brij Raina & Mr. Nanaji Raina - Bhabi & Brother Mrs. Milly Raina & Mr. Sunil Raina - Son & Daughter-in-law Baby Malishka

C.N. Chaku & Vijay Chaku - Brother-in-law & Sister Mb. No:- 9419100059, 9419118811, 8082303059

REMEMBRANCE

"Five year has passed since you have left for heavenly abode but you still are in our hearts and your immense presence is felt in every moment of our life. Your memories and noble qualities will remain a source of inspiration to all of us."



Sh. Daleep Raina

Sh. Sat Paul Langer

REMEMBERED BY:- Langer Parivar

BARKHI

Barkhi of our beloved Late Smt. Nirmal Sharma (Nisha) W/o Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma will be performed at our residence 50-Shastri Nagar Jammu on 08-06-2023 (Thursday) at 12 Noon. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-

Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma - Husband Jeth & Jethani

Sh. Nand Kishore & Smt. Inder Mohini Sons & Daughters-in-law Mr. Varun & Mrs. Ankush Sharma Mr. Vivek & Mrs. Isha Sharma

Nephew & Niece-in-law Mr. Rajiv & Mrs. Bandhana Sharma Brother & Sister-in-law

Mr. Anil Sharma & Mrs. Kanchan Sisters & Brothers-in-law

Mrs. Usha Sharma & Mr. Atul Dubey Mrs. Ritu Sharma & Mr. Darshan Khajuria

Mrs. Renu Sharma & Mr. Vinay Sharma Grand Children: Tejasvini, Nihit, Nihira Contact: 9906184184, 9419142325, 7006506361



NISHA SHARMA

10TH DAY & KRIYA

OBITUARIES

In the loving memory of Late Prof. Romesh Chander Sharma (Retd. Principal Govt Degree College Rajouri) R/o MF-2, Opp. PWD Stores, Rehari, Jammu, at present H.No. 299, Sector 5, Chhanni Himmat,

10TH DAY shall be performed at Hanuman Mandir, Tubewell, Sector 3, Chhanni Himmat, Jammu on 08 June, 2023 at 10:30 AM.

KRIYA shall be performed at H. No.299, Sector 5, Chhanni Himmat, Jammu, on 09 June, 2023 at 12:30 Noon.

(UTHALA shall be performed after Panchak). DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY

Mrs. Vimla Sharma (Wife)

Degree College Rajouri) Mrs. Ritu & Mr Atul Sobti (Daughter & Son-in-law) Er. Rohit Raja Sharma (Son)

(Daughter & Son-in-law)

Mrs Dr Archna & Mr Ashwani K Dhar

Mrs Mamta (JK Bank) & Mr Dhananjay Kumar Dubey (Daughter & Son-in-law) Grand children: Maithily, Mrityunjay, Shaina.

CONTACT NOS. 9103251563, 96220 85013, 9796691873

TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT. KOUSHALAYA DEVI R/O SANGRAMPUR JAMMU, WARD NO. 75.

THE TENTH DAY WILL BE HELD AT OUR RES-IDENCE SANGRAMPUR AT 10.00 AM ON 8TH JUNE (THURSDAY).

GRIEF-STRICKEN

SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW

SH. ASHOK KUMAR & SMT. SHASHI BALA

SH. MANOHAR LAL & SMT. MITU

SH. RAJINDER PRASHAD & SMT. SUMAN LATA

CONTACT NO. 9419681144, 7889430116, 8716809751

FIRST MASWAAR

EVERYDAY IT HAS BEEN HARD WITHOUT YOU SINCE YOU LEFT CALMLY AND SILENTLY FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 9TH MAY 2023. DEAREST BAIJI MY LIFE IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU, I USED TO TELL YOU ALWAYS, WHICH YOU IGNORED ON THIS DAY LAST MONTH. IN LOOSING YOU I MISSED YOUR BLESSINGS AND COMFORT, MOREOVER WE LOST THE CROWN OF OUR FAMILY.

MY HEART STILL ACHES IN SADNESS, MY SILENT TEARS STILL FLOW. FOR WHAT IT MEANT TO LOSE YOU NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW. ALTHOUGH YOU CAN'T BE HERE WITH ME, WE ARE TRULY NOT APART UNTIL THE FINAL BREATH I TAKE, YOU WILL BE LIVING IN MY HEART.

YOUR'S LOVING SISTER/DAUGHTER GUDDIJI.



SMT. KOUSHALAYA

DEVI

LATE PROF. ROMESH

CHANDER SHARMA

(Retd. Principal Govt

H.L. KOUL (EX. CHIEF ENGINEER J&K STATE)

REMEMBRANCE

Daddy ji, three years have passed since you left us, but we still haven't learned to live without you. We miss your infectious smile, hugs, unconditional love, guidance and everything. We miss you every moment. You were a fighter throughout your life and will be our superhero forever. Hope to meet you one day again! Love and tight hugs from Pushpa, Neelu, Sarika, Reecha, Ajay, Aseem, Ajay, Cheeku, Palu, Sona, Cheenu and Pari.



SH. ROMESH **CHANDER GUPTA**

ADH-BARKHI

Late Smt. Shanktula Sharma W/o Late Sh. Shiv Nath Sharma R/o Thanda Padder, Udhampur shall be performed on 8th June 2023 (Thursday) at our residence



Smt. Shanktula Sharma

Deeply Remembered by: Sons & Daughters-In-Law

Shri Ajay Sharma & Smt. Heema Sharma

(Mobile: 9149405410)

at 11:00 am.

Shri Rakesh Kumar & Smt. Renu Sharma

(Mobile: 7006954628) Daughter & Son-In-Law

Smt. Neena Sharma & Sh. Bal Krishan

CONDOLENCE

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Nationalist Farmers Organization (NYFO), Brahm Shakti Sangh

(All India) Under the chairmanship of Er.Rishi Kilam have no words to express deep grief and sorrow on the sad and untimely demise of Smt.Sunita Jamwal W/o Sh.Gaje Singh Jamwal R/o House No 256

Sant Palace Purani Mandi Jammu. Er. Rishi Kilam while regretting the sad demise of the Mother of Nagender Jamwal Eminent and veteran Journalist Mercury Times,

Jatinder Jamwal(Bhanu) and the entire Jamwal Family to bear the irreparable loss with courage. May the departed Soul Rest in Peace



Smt. Sunita Jamwal

10TH DAY KRIYA

Nagrota Jammu. 10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 10-06-2023 at 8.30 AM at Muthi Ghat Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN

SH. JAWAHAR LAL

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Deepali Bali W/o Sh Tarun Bali on 29-05-2023 R/o H.No. 128 Narania Mohali Kachi Chowni, Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed on 07-June-202 (Wednesday) at 11 am at our residence. Kriya will be performed on 8th June Thursday) at 12 Noon at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN Mother-in-law and Father-in-law Smt Sneh & Sh Man Mohan Bali (Retd S.P JKP) Smt Rupa & Sh Rajinder Vaid - Sister & Brother Smt Neha and Sh. Aditva Bali - Devrani & Devar

Smt Maniu Bali -Chachi Ji Chachi & Chacha Ji Smt Kamlesh & Sh B.M Magotra (Advocate)

Advait Bali & Moulik Bali -Sons

Libra Travels & Ashiana Travel B.C Road, Jammu Contact: 9419196620, 9419195125 Mr Arjun Magotra (Advocate) -Brother

10TH DAY/KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED DR. VIJAY DOBLIA (BASOHLI WALE). 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON WEDNESDAY
7TH JUNE 2023 AT 11.00 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE

OPP. COOPERATIVE SCHOOL, LANE NO. 2, SOUTH EXTENSION H.NO. 10, MARBLE MARKET, TRIKUTA NAGAR JAMMU KRIYA WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2023 AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 11.00 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Satya Nishta -Wife Achyut Doblia **-Son** Devar & Devrani

h Makhan Lal (Basohli Wale) & Smt Bindu



Smt Deepali Bali

Smt Shakuntla Devi -Bua Mob. 8492857337, 9419161473, 9419913562 SHADMOS/MASWAR

"Those we love don't go away they sit beside us every day." mber with deep respect in our hearts foreve who built our past, nourished our present and blesse

prayers, we will miss you and fondly remember you in every moment of our life. SHADMOS & MASWAR of our beloved Shri Brij Nath

Bhat will be performed on 7th & 8th June'2023 (Wednesday & Thursday) at Block X, 568 Govt. Quarter, Sh Brij Nath Bhat Deeply missed and remembered by

All Nears and Dears

Contact: 9419877854, 9910100307, 9419874227 **10TH DAY KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT SUJATA BHAT KAR (BINDU) W/O SH CHAND JI KAR ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF ANDARHAMA KUPWARA KASHMIR PRESENTLY AT LANE NO. 22 BLOCK NO. 129 FLAT NO. 11 JAGTI MIGRANT CAMP NAGROTA JAMMU ON 04-06-2023 SUNDAY.

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTH GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMU ON 13-06-2023 TUESDAY AT 8 A.M. GRIEF STRICKEN:

SHEF STRICKEN : SH CHAND JI KAR- HUSBAND MUSKAN & MEHAK -DAUGHTERS

SMT SUJATA BHAT KAR

SMT SHEELA W/O LATE SH J L BHAT- MOTHER OF PANZIPURA BARAMULLA (KMR) SMT BEAUTY TICKOO W/O SH R L TICKOO- SISTER SMT BUNTY BHAT W/O SH SATISH BHAT-SMT SONU RAINA W/O SH AJAY RAINA-SMT NEETU MISRI W/O SH ANIL MISRI
MOB NO'S: 9796203719, 9149899146, 7889819674 TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow we infor the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Onka Singh Pathania S/o Late Major Inde Singh R/o 67-F Amphalla, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 30th May, 2023. TENTH DAY will be performed on 08th June, 11 am (Thursday) at Ved Mandir Amphalla, Jammu KRIYA will be performed on 11th June,

pm (Sunday) at our residence 67-RASAM PAGRI will be performed on 14th **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Sh. Onkar Singh Pathania Smt. Shanti Devi - Wife Sh. Ajay Singh Pathania & Smt. Durgesh Pathania- Son & Daughter-in-law Mrs. Renuka Jamwal & Col. Man Singh Jamwal- Daughter & Son-in-law Dr. Bhanu Pathania & Dr. Kamal Singh Chauhan- Daughter & Son-in-law Mrs. Shelly Pathania & Adv. Kumar Raghunandan Sharma- Daughter & Son-in-law Grand Children: Abhishek, Utkarsh, Ridhima, Pritika, Ranveer, Kumud, Kriti and

10TH DAY KRIYA

श्रद्धावान्लभते ज्ञानं तत्परः संयतेन्द्रियः। ज्ञानं लब्ब्वा पूरां शान्तिमचिरेणाधिगच्छति॥ (चतुर्थ अध्याय, श्लोक 39) श्रद्धा रखने वाले मनुष्य, अपनी इन्द्रियों पर संयम रखने वाले मनुष्य, साधनपारायण हो अपनी तत्परता से ज्ञान प्राप्त कते हैं, फिर ज्ञान मिल जाने पर जल्द ही परम-शान्ति को प्राप्त होते हैं Your life was an epitome of love and sacrifice. Nobody can ever fill up this void in our lives. Your principles will always remain a guiding source for all of us in your absence. 10TH DAY KRIYA of Karamyogini Smt. Bimla Kaul (Warikoo) W/o Lt. Sh. Tej Bahadur Kaul Warikoo fondly called TATH; former resident of Chinkral Mohalla, Srinagar

Smt. Manna Mujoo

Smt. Ratna Badshah

kashmir currently at Indirapuram, Ghaziabad will be held a Muradnagar Ganga canal (Chota Haridwar) on 10th Juni GRIEF STRICKEN:-Nitin & Puja Warikoo- Son & Daughter-in-law (Ph:- 9958005985) Archana &Vikas Nagpal- Daughter & Son-in-law SISTERS-IN-LAW

Smt. Phoola Bhan & Sh. R.L Bhan Smt. Prana Bamzai & Sh. M.K Bamzai

Mob.: 9419147219, 9796436978, 8717055000

Smt. Rita Raina Smt. Bitya Kaul Bhat & Sh. R.N Bhat

ADH-BARKHI Six months have passed since you left us for your eternal journey, but not a single mon has passed without remembering you. You will live in our heart forever. Adh Barkhi of our beloved Smt. Amri Kumari W/o Sh. Bishan Dass Gupta (Retired

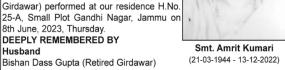
8th June, 2023, Thursday.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY Husband

Bishan Dass Gupta (Retired Girdawar) Sons & Daughters-in-law Sh. Ajay Kumar Gupta & Smt. Bhawna Gupta

Sh. Vijay Kumar Gupta & Smt. Sheetal Gupta Smt Anita Gupta & Sh. Sushil Gupta -Daughter & Son-in-law

Sanchi, Khushi, Raghav, Krrish, Radha, Madhav - Grand Children Contact No.: 9796001917, 7889869213, 7006035905, 9906060704



Top News of J&K Jammu, Wednesday, June 07, 2023 Country witnessed unprecedented development | ICAI Delegation calls on Lt Governor in Modi's Regime: Hardeep Puri

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 7: The term of the Modi-led government has been "nine years of unwavering loyalty to the nation's growth, said Hardeep Puri Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs in the Government of India, During the Mega Sanyunkt Morcha Sammelan organized in RSPura Jammu South constituency of District Jammu South. The program was organized under the presidency of District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan.

Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma, Former Minister Shamlal Choudhary, District President Rekha Mahajan, District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, Deputy Mayor Baldev Billoria, DDC Prof Gharu Ram Bhagat, DDC Geetu Aulakh, DDC Vidhya Mottan, Seh



Prabhari Adv DevRaj Sharma, Former MLC Vikram Randhawa, Former District President HSPummi, Chairman Municipal Committee SatPal pappi, Ashok Kumar, Pt. Ashok Khajuria, Pushpinder Singh, Mandal Presidents Vikram Sandhu, Vijay Sharma, Ranjit Singh, and Morcha teams were present in the program

District General Secretary Akash Chopra conducted the proceedings of the program.

While addressing the Sanyunkt Morcha Sam-

melan, Union Minister GOI Hardeep Singh Puri lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying his government's nine years have brought India safe borders, especially in the union territory of J&K, world-class infrastructure and increased its global esteem. He said India's "rising" global stature to emphasis on national security, welfare measures like housing and toilets for the poor, boost to piped water supply, infrastruc-

to ramp up the manufacturing sector in every nook of the country. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri highlighted that the country has witnessed "unprecedented" development in every sector with the mantra of "nation first" Guiding Modi's policies in nine years have brought India safe borders, especially in J&K and world-class infrastructure and increased its global esteem and

Jugal Kishore Sharma

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schemes.

educates the Modi government is working with a focus on service, good governance, and the uplift of the poor, he said. Jougal asserted in 9 years of the successful term of the Modi-led government always be on the ground and take care of all segments of society. He said the 9 years of PM Narendra Modi's tenure has been dedicated to 'Jan Seva' (Public Service), he added.

Rekha Mahajan said that from MUDRA to Stand Up India, the Modi government has launched and implemented several welfare schemes to empower Indians in the last nine years. She also highlighted how crores of people have been provided with LPG connections, electricity, insurance, DBTs, etc. She also thanked all senior leaders and Karyakartas for their participation in large numbers.

SRINAGAR, Jun 7: A delegation of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India led by CA (Dr) Raj Kumar Adhukia, Central Council member ICAI, called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today.

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The members of the delegation including CA Vikas Purdhani, Chairman J&K Branch; CA Vineet Kohli, VC, J&K Branch and CA Khateeb Yousaf,

Deputy Convenor Kashmir CPE Chapter discussed various issues pertaining to promotion of CA education, accountancy, and research work in the region.

They also put forth the demand of setting up ICAI's Centre of Excellence. The delegation also apprised the Lt Governor on the upcoming 12th Residential Meet of ICAI Members in Public Service/Civil Services to be held in Srinagar on 18th June, 2023.

LMD organizes training programme

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jun 7: In an effort to keep repairers of weights and measures abreast with the latest developments in the field and enhance their skill sets, the Legal Metrology Department (LMD) J&K on the directions of Controller LMD J&K, Majid K. A. Drabu organized a training programme at Srinagar.

The Controller exhorted the participants to take benefit from these training sessions and provide quality service to the users of weights and measures in view of the changing trends in the legal metrology field.

During the day-long programme, lectures along with practical demonstration were given on classification/ verification of non automatic weighing instruments and procedure of sealing as per the model approval of equipment. The participants appreciated the initiative taken by the department in organizing such training programmes.

Advisor Bhatnagar addresses 19th Management **Development Program at SKIMS**

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TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jun 7: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today addressed the three day 19th Management **Development Program** (MDP) at Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) here.

The MDP was organized by the department of Hospital Administration SKIMS in association with Academy of **Hospital Administration** India for Medical Officers, hospital administrators, paramedical staff and other healthcare professionals.

Addressing gathering of scholars, medical researchers, doctors and other medical practitioners, Advisor Bhatnagar said that an important aspect of service delivery in medical care is being addressed through conduct of this MDP. He added that management, visionary leadership, teamwork and innovation in optimizing healthcare system to meet the evolving needs of



patients and communities are most critical aspects for success of any organisation. This MDP will prove fruitful for enhancing the hospital administration not only in this prestigious institution but for whole J&K, he added.

Speaking on different aspects of this program, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted that this MDP is aimed to equip healthcare professionals with essential skills required to navigate the complex landscape of healthcare management effectively.

He gave some valuable insights on enhancing patient experience, improving operational efficiency, implementing best practices, managing change, having a problem solving approach, leadership and team involvement besides motivation for successful healthcare management.

While complimenting SKIMS for being the front runner in providing patient care services in any situation, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the UT government

is committed to provide excellent medicare to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He added that with the concerted efforts of Union and UT governments, there has been a sea change in healthcare system across J&K with world class medical infrastructure being established in the entire UT.

Speaking on the occasion. Director SKIMS. Professor Parvaiz A Koul appreciated the department of Hospital Administration for organizing three day event where diverse topics in hospital administration are being deliberated by the experts. He expressed hope that these deliberations will benefit all the participants as well as students.

National President Academy of Hospital Administration, Dr. Yashpal Sharma and Dean Medical Faculty SKIMS, Professor Bashir A Laway also spoke on the occasion and complimented the department of Hospital Administration SKIMS for hosting this event. He underlined the significance of such programs in delivery of patient care manage-

HoD, Hospital Administration, SKIMS, Professor G H Yatoo while speaking on the occasion, gave a detailed description about the program saying that the experts will deliberate on various topics of importance on Hospital Administration and Management administration for support.

and appreciated the

steps taken by stake-

holders to address and

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION UDHAMPUR SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 38 of 2023-24 Dated 03.06.2023

(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir -tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following

S. No.	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contrac -tor	Head of Account
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
1.	Upgradation and widening of Approach road to Govt. Degree College at Neeli Nallah from Jib Thathi Bridge.	26.68	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	45 Days	"A/B"	Upgradation/ Maintenance- Recomm. Safety Audit)

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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website http://jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	03-06-2023			
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 03-06-2023 to 12-06-2023, 1800 Hrs			
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting.	-			
4	Bid submission Start Date	03-06-2023 from 1800 Hrs			
- 5	Bid Submission End Date	12-06-2023 up to 1800 Hrs			
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	13-06-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of			
	(Online)	Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur.			
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is			
	(Online)	completed.			

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur as mentioned in the bid documents. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

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bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

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- from the date of notification, If :-Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications
- in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issue of letter of acceptance.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with

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Coordination Meeting of Judicial Officers, Civil & Police Administration held **TOP NEWS REPORT** gratitude to all the par-DLSA, Pulwama, Majid participants for streamenhanced in and outticipants of the meeting

PULWAMA, Jun 7: Acting on the directions of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the coordination committee meeting of various stakeholders of justice delivery system of district Pulwama was held in the Conference Hall of District Court Complex, here.

Principal District and Sessions Judge (PD&SJ), Pulwama (Chairman Coordination Committee) Naseer Ahmad Dar chaired the

Additional Sessions Judge, Pulwama O.P. Thoker; Chief Judicial Magistrate Pulwama, Mansoor Ahmad Lone; Secretary of the Committee, Susheel Singh Rangeela; Secretary

Farooq; Munsiff, JMIC, Pulwama, Mohammad Yousuf Chowdhary; SSP Pulwama; ADC, Tral, Sajid Yehya Naqash; ACR, Pulwama, JDP for Pulwama/Anantnag, Bar President Bar Association Pulwama, S.E., PDD Pulwama and Shopian, Dy.S.P., Awantipora, District Floriculture Officer, Pulwama, Superintendent Jail Pulwama, AEEs and other concerned attended the meeting.

PD&SJ Pulwama highlighted the aim and objective of the meeting. The meeting discussed ways and means for ensuring delivery of timely justice to the litigants besides other issues.

The PD&SJ, Pulwama emphasized upon the lining and enhancing the level of coordination between the courts and other stakeholders for strengthening the justice delivery system. Pulwama assured that the security has already been

side the court complex in view of the assignment of the Charge of special court under NIA Act to the court of Additional Sessions Judge, Pulwama.

The chairman of the

committee extended

resolve various issues raised in the meeting.

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EDITORIAL

SAVE EARTH, SAVE ENVIRONMENT

Save earth, save environment both are related to save life on earth. Being a human being, we should strictly engage in activities that reduce pollution and global warming.

There are many simple ways that can help save the earth. Earth is the only planet in the entire solar system on which life is possible. In ancient times, people were not involved in destructive activities, therefore, they did not have to worry about pollution and environmental issues.

After the population explosion, people started developing cities and industries for modern lifestyle and easy life for all.

For industrialization, people have started misusing natural resources beyond a certain limit. People are involved in the eradication of forests, as a result of which issues like extinction of wild animals, pollution and global warming have increased hole in the ozone layer, sea level rise, melting of ice in Antarctica and Greenland etc. are negative effects caused by global warming. In this way environmental change is a signal of alarm bells for us.

We should increase forests through afforestation and re-plantation. Thousands of species and birds have become extinct due to the destruction of their habitats. They are very essential to balance the food chain in nature.

Our environment is in constant decline as a result of deforestation, industrialization, urbanization, and pollution. It threatens life through global warming and pollution due to the emission of carbon dioxide and other green house gases. We should protect the environment to balance the natural cycle of our environment.

We need to bring more and more major changes in our unnatural life to save the earth and to maintain the ecological balance in the environment, there is a need to make the cities eco-friendly.

Governments of all countries need to work together to bring about global change.

It is the urgent need of the hour to save the earth from the ever increasing global temperature, melting of polar ice caps, increasing threats of tsunamis, floods and droughts etc. The condition of our mother earth is deteriorating day by day, which is reducing the chances of a healthy life.

Earth is the vital source of all the basic elements required for survival. Wrong human activities have given rise to many environmental issues: toxic fumes, chemical waste and excessive noise.

The condition of the earth is getting destroyed day by day due to pollution, green house effect etc. They cause harmful effects on the environment and thus, affect human health. It is the responsibility of man to keep the earth clean, neat and natural.

In the context of Save Earth, Save Life and Save Earth, Save Environment, the government has taken many effective steps to sustain the healthy life on earth. Without Earth, life is not possible anywhere in the entire universe.

Human activities that destroy natural resources are affecting the Earth's environment very badly. So, it is our own responsibility to save the earth by adopting eco-friendly activities.

To save our earth, we should promote eco-friendly technologies, so that they do not harm the planet. Along with reducing the habit of using harmful things, people should adopt the habit of reusing things to generate less amount of waste, usually, Many people use many household cleaning chemicals to keep their homes clean and germ free. They never look at the presence of chemical elements in that substance, which can be very destructive to water, soil and air.

Beat the heat with these "Summer-friendly foods

By: Shahnaz Husain

Summer, the hottest time of the year is already underway and we can feel the temperature rising. The scorching heat may drain your body and affect how you look and feel. The sweltering heat and dry hot winds require that you make changes in your diet for your body to cope with the high temperatures.

The food and drink that you will be consuming during the summer are going to play a vital role to help you tide through the heat wave because even healthy people can succumb to heat-related health issues. There are so many delicious foods in summer, and many of them are naturally good for you.

Summer produce generally tends to have high water content. That helps keep you hydrated, which minimizes wrinkles because it's plumping up your skin.

Summer bearings include a lot of green vegetables, melons, peaches, corn, mangoes, and other fresh and fragrant herbs. Local markets are at their best during summer, when fruits are abundant, and vegetables are as fresh as can be.

Are you looking for food to beat the heat this season? Here are a few summer-friendly foods that will help you cool down.

Tender Coconut Water ----This is the go-to drink in

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The cooling properties, together with its minerals and electrolytes, make coconut water an

ideal energy drink provided by Nature.

Coconut water is filled with electrolytes which keep the body hydrated and the skin toned.

The power drink contains vitamins, minerals, calcium, potassium, and magnesium in its natural form to help beat the heat during summer while keeping one hydrated and energetic throughout the day and boosting your digestive capacity. After you drink the water, cut the coconut and eat the soft skin inside. It is tasty and also cooling.

Nimbu Paani-----Another way of meeting the body's fluid requirement is "Nimbu Paani". They boost the immune system, make your skin glow, and add a healthy dose of Vitamin C to your diet. So drink up as lemonade made with plain water or add a dash of lemon to your juices and salads

You can add one teaspoon of honey and a pinch of salt to Nimbu Paani. If you suffer from any specific diseases, like diabetes, you should take the advice of your doctor regarding additives, like salt, sugar, or honey, to cold drinks and fruit juices. Avoid aerated drinks and take fresh fruit juices instead. Fruit juices should be taken freshly extracted and diluted with enough water. They not only ensure a supply of valuable nutrients but also help to cleanse and purify the system, keeping the skin clear and healthy.

Fruits and Vegetables ----So, take a good look at your summer diet. A part of your daily diet must consist of fresh fruits and vegetables, eaten raw, with the skin, as far as possible. Fruit gives you a physical feeling of lightness while also being satisfying. Watermelon, musk melon, pears, papaya, plums, berries, apricots, cherries, mango, and oranges are found abundantly in the summer season. They supply

the nutrients that keep our skin

and hair healthy and beautiful.

Eat more fresh vegetables which are light on the stomach and easily digestible. Vegetables should be lightly cooked in summer. The health benefits of replacing a normal meal with a salad are immeasurable. All vegetables are fair game, fruit is welcome, and lean proteins (tuna, hard-boiled eggs, leftover poached chicken) and healthy fats (avocado and nuts) turn it into a meal. They ensure the proper elimination of wastes so that the skin is free from clogged pores and problems like pimples add acne.

Lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, radish, apples, oranges, pine-apple, grapefruit and so on can easily be added to salads. Add nuts and seeds. Lemon juice, mint, and green coriander can be added as a low-calorie dressing. Yogurt is also a wonderful beauty food, while buttermilk and paneer can be included. They supply protein, which is so necessary for healthy hair growth and healthy supportive tissues of the skin, like collagen.

Avoid heavy, spicy, and fried food, especially during summer. Nature provides us

with the fruits that are suitable for summer. Melons (Kharbuja), Water Melons (Tarbooz), Cucumber, and "Kakri," are all available during summer. They eliminate toxins from the body and work as an excellent coolant that keeps the skin healthy. They contain more water and help to replenish the water which the body loses through sweating. Instead of having rich desserts, take yogurt with honey, or fresh fruits. It can be consumed as spicy buttermilk, a sweet lassi, or as cold yogurt. Rich with Vitamin B and gut-friendly bacteria, curd soothes the body from within. Add flavour to it by mixing it with mangoes, strawberries, and other fruits. These make delicious desserts too. During summer, you can end your meal with lassi. This is not only cooling but helps digestion too. Your summer diet should

cleanse the body of toxins and wastes. As far as the looks are concerned, this is bound to reflect on the skin and body. The skin will look clearer and fresher, while the hair will look healthy and lustrous. Such foods can help to lose excess weight and maintain a slim figure. Most important of all, it will make you feel better. Beauty is not just a matter of how you look, but also how you feel.

(The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called Herbal Queen of India)

Deteriorating Evironment and our Responsibility

By: Vijay Garg

ver since the problems caused by pollution have increased, the **d** central and state governments have taken steps to get rid of it at their level. The question arises whether the funds and schemes allocated by the central and state governments to get rid of environmental pollution can make the environment clean? It is difficult to say for how many decades the impact of environmental pollution on all the activities and development of human civilization will remain for the last three decades. Actually, it's such a slow poison The effect of which keeps on affecting our health and all other activities. Before Corona, environmental pollution was considered to be the cause of many problems, crises, diseases, hindrance in development, hindrance in economic progress and poisoning of the entire atmosphere. This does not mean that countless problems such as the effects of environmental pollution, problems increasing due to it, crises, diseases, changes in the season cycle should be removed from the priority list. Weight in accordance with the resolutions set in the Paris Climate Agreement in the year 2015It is constantly striving for environmental protection and promotion. India is the only country among the G20 countries that is complying with the agreement. Under this, saving and increasing forest areas are included. But it is not only this. Apart from air pollution, there are also problems like water, noise, soil, fire and excessive light pollution, the effects of which have created problems at many levels. Environmental pollution has increased at a rapid pace since last six months. According to the latest survey, the thirty cities which were included in the matter of pollution in the world Delhi is the second most polluted city among them. Apart from this, twenty two other cities of India are also included in the most polluted cities of the world. It is worth mention-

ing that despite the implementation of

resolutions for the betterment of the environment, there has not been any significant change in the problem of pollution. Despite this, we are not sensitive to keeping the environment better. Scientists have considered increasing air pollution as the major reason for climate change, increasing diseases, global warming, tsunami and rising temperature of the earth. The rising temperature of the earth and the change in the season cycle The biggest reason for this is toxic carbon energy. Compared to 2005, there has been a twenty one percent decrease in carbon emissions in our country, but it is very less. The continued air quality in Delhi, Gurugram, Agra, Ghaziabad, Kanpur and other cities in the very poor category means more effective steps are needed for the betterment of the environment. According to environmental scientists, by 2040 the demand for clean energy in the country will increase three times as compared to today. Surveys reveal that many states in the country where urea, ammonia, zinc There are factories manufacturing sulfates and pesticides, from whose chimneys different types of toxic gases come out, which badly spoil the environment. There are huge urea manufacturing factories in Phulpur and Amla. Due to the toxic water and gas coming out of these factories, people are facing many problems. Many rivers flowing in Bihar and Hooghly river in Kolkata have become so much polluted due to the wastes of more than 150 leather, cloth, paper, jute, liquor and other modern industries that touching it with hand is a disease. Feels like calling. Similarly, the river Sarisawa, which divides India and Nepal, has become highly polluted due to the effluents released from the industries of Nepal. Significantly, the river Sarisawa had remained a means of livelihood for more than a hundred villages for centuries. But it has now become a cause of death due to the toxic water and effluents released from the tanneries, liquor factories and sugar mills. In the last twenty-five years, more than ten thousand animals have died

due to the consumption of its poisonous water. This has happened due to water pollution. Ganges According to the Pollution Prevention Committee, 480 km of this historic river of 2033 km has become badly polluted due to continuous mixing of wastes and residuals of industries. Krishna, Kaveri, Godavari, Narmada, Tapti, Bhima, Sabarmati and Yamuna are also badly polluted due to the effluents coming out from the industries. Kerala's Chaliyar river has become so polluted due to the toxic water released from the rayon factory that its water is no longer fit for any use. Air and water pollution are the most common pollution problems. A is affecting humans. If we talk about toxic gases dissolved in the air, then the number of benzene carcinogen has increased three to nine times in Delhi. This is a dangerous level of benzene. According to scientists, cancer cases are increasing day by day in Delhi. Similarly, in Bihar and Jharkhand, more than 30,000 people die every year due to the use of polluted water and poisonous gases coming out of electric heating houses. Whereas in Delhi, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh thousands of people die every year due to respiratory diseases and Thousands of people die from cancer. In Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand, thousands of people get trapped in the claws of death due to various respiratory related diseases due to the gases coming out of lime kilns. Eye and respiratory diseases are common among the workers of Mumbai, Ludhiana, Surat, Kolkata and other textile mills in the country. There are big cement factories in Satna, Banmore, Kaimor, Gopalnagar and Jamul in Madhya Pradesh. Kaimur has the largest cement factory in the country. 24 hours from this and other cement factories The dust keeps flying. Apart from toxic particles of dust, poisonous gases like carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide come out of their chimneys. Because of these, apart from asthma and TB, the number of hemoglobin in the blood decreases. Twenty-four percent of the pollution in the capital Delhi is caused by factories. Apart from this, poisonous gases are emitted from hundreds of factories in the capital region of Faridabad, Gurugram and Noida. Nitrogen, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide within a radius of 100 kilometers from them And due to the increase in the number of other poisonous gases, eye, nose, brain, lungs, throat, intestinal and digestive diseases usually occur. Ever since the problems caused by pollution have increased, the central and state governments have taken steps to get rid of it at their level. The question arises whether the funds and schemes allocated by the central and state governments to get rid of environmental pollution can make the environment clean? Obviously, the steps taken by the central government to get rid of air and water pollution and the environment Common people also need to be explained about the polluting factors. As long as the common man remains careless about the environment and continues to cause noise pollution through loud noise in the air, water, soil and atmosphere, the problems related to pollution cannot be solved. Merely making a law is not going to work. That's why scientists keep advising common people to make them aware of the environment. In the last thirty years, the increasing problems in small and big cities, towns and cities of India including Delhi have made it clear that If we want to live a better life then pollution has to be reduced. The need is that we should minimize the use of polluting factors in the environment and in our own interest and also make others aware about it. That is, the increasingly critical environmental problems have to be taken very seriously like the question of life and death. Only then our environment will be safe and we will

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Polls in J&K: Harsh Dev

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 7: Referring to the directives issued by ECI to five states namely Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Telangana and Chhattisgarh for holding preparations for conduct of Assembly polls during the current year, Harsh Dev Singh former minister and NPP President said that J&K had once again been omitted from the itinerary of Elections thereby ruling out the possibility of such elections in the near future. He said that having failed to deliver and to redeem its promises, the BJP was attempting to postpone elections on one pretext or the other.

Having antagonized its own electorates as well, the BJP was trying hard to buy time and thereby resorting to delay and deny tactics over the issue of conduct of Assembly elections in J&K. Scared to face the people in the wake of its multiple betrayals with peoples' cause, it preferred repeated postponement of polls and continuation of its proxy rule in the UT, said Singh.

He was interacting with general public during his tour of villages Ghantwal and Drounthal of Chenani constituency on Wednesday.

Reiterating the need for the early elections to J&K Legislative Assembly in J&K, Mr. Singh said that any delay in this regard would not only amount to subversion of democracy but also violate the orders of the Supreme Court.

"The people could not be deprived of their democratic rights in the state only for the political inexpediencies of the ruling party at the centre by taking to frivolous excuses", said Singh.

He said that a full time elected govt was a must to deal with the armed insurgency in the erstwhile state besides coping with the multiple issues confronting the UT. The militancy which had erupted in early 90s in J&K had gradually subsided after the formation of an elected govt in the state. It had almost died down during popular govts but unfortunately got revived during the centre's proxy rule. Any delay therefore in handing over power to the sons of soil through free and fair elections could prove counterproductive and further complicate the already volatile situation in the UT said Harsh.

Pointing towards the growing tensions in various parts of the UT and the failure of administration to come up to the peoples' expectations, Singh said that bureaucratic rule was no answer to the prevalent crisis. The LG administration had lost connect with the

The unemployed, semi-employed and contractuals were on the roads with none to even take note of their sufferings and grievances.

The people inhabiting the rural areas were suffering badly for basic amenities with no access whatsoever to the corridors of power.

With hardly any forum to ventilate their grievances, the people were suffering badly in the absence of a popular govt thereby resulting in growing alienation amongst the masses.

BJP scared of Assembly PM Modi has given new direction to India: MP Khatana

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Prominent among

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Ambardar, Mudassir

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incharge were present.

BJP spokesperson

Abhijeet Jasrotia pre-

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presentation on the

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TOP NEWS REPORT

BARAMULLA, Jun 7: BJP MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a new direction to the country in the field of development, national security, International politics, rural development, foreign affairs and others.

He said that during nine years Prime Ministership of Narendra Modi, India has new heights and innovative ideas like Make in India, Startups, implementation of One Nation, One Country, have been implemented and borders have been secured.

Corruptions has become a thing of the past and if Rs. 100 are released for common man, it reaches to the bottom, he said adding the DBT(Direct benefit transfer) has made it sure that the benefits are reaped by the last man in the row and middlemen have been rooted out.

MP Gulam Ali said this while addressing a meeting of media persons and social media influencers at Baramulla alongwith Waqf Chairperson Darak-

works of Modi led government.

Dr. Darakshan Andrabi highlighted the work of BJP govt especially for women and minorities. She said that bringing Jammu and Kashmir back on rails is a tough task and only BJP can

Participants raised some burning issues of the Baramulla, Kupwara area including press club Baramulla, raising limit of ration, health facilities in peripheral areas of Baramulla especially tribal bastis, ATV etc.

Earlier Ex-MLC Surender Ambardar welcomed the guests. He said that hartals, violence and anti-national activities are now a thing of past. Prabhari Anwar Khan presented the vote of thanks

Later MP Khatana conducted Sampark Se Samarthan campaign in Baramulla area and met various persons and apprised them about the policies and achievements of Narendra Modi led Govt.

PTTI Vijaypur organizes lecture on **Quality Investigation, VIP Security**



TOP NEWS REPORT

VIJAYPUR, Jun 7: Sharmsher Singh Parihar, Retd. DySP delivered an impressive lecture to Police Personnel and trainees of Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur on Investigation, moral ethics, VIP Security and Police public relations.

Parihar who is renowned for his expertise in Investigations, shared his experiences with the Police personnel.

He said while investigating a case, the Investigating Officer should emphasize towards five pillars of quality investigation viz. Analyzation and Instrumentation of scene of crime, Information, Interrogation, Supervision and Prosecution.

He stressed upon the Police personnel to examine the scene of crime carefully and collect/preserve evidence properly for quality investigation of a case.

He further highlighted the importance

of cordial Police public relations as it provides valuable leads for investigation of a case.

Parihar also spoke about the Do's and Don'ts to be adopted by PSOs while performing their duties.

In the valedictory address, Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur thanked Parihar for sparing his precious time for delivering lecture to aware the Police Personnel and trainees of the Institute and told that the lecture delivered by Parihar would help trainees of PP Photography course in collecting evidence from the scene of crime.

Among others, Devinder Gupta, Dy.SP (R&D), Kuldeep Raj, Dy.SP (Indoor/Tech.), Inspr.Surrinder Paul, Inspr. Mulkh Raj, Inspr. Ram Lal, Inspr. Javed Hussain, Inspr. Anil Kumar, Inspr. Kanwal Raina, Inspr. Himanshu Dutta, Inspr. Bhopinder Singh, Narinder Kumar were present on the occasion.

Manjit Singh condemns authorities for failure to implement water supply schemes in Kandi belt

TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, Jun 7, 2023:- Apni Party Provincial President Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has condemned the lackadaisical attitude of the administration in providing basic facilities to the people in Kandi villages of district Samba.

The Former Minister was addressing a meeting at village Nagrota falling in Block Parmandal in Samba District where people informed him about the difficulties faced by them due to improper drinking water and unscheduled electricity cuts.

The meeting was also attended by Apni Party District President, Samba, Raman Thappa, District Youth President Samba, Mangat Ram, and others.

In his address, Manjit Singh said that the civil administration gets funds in crores from the Central Govt to supply drinking water in every house across Jammu and Kashmir.

"I am amazed at the inability of the authorities to ensure clean drinking tap water to the people. The people in many Kandi areas suffer because of no water supply. Even if the taps are laid, the supply of drinking water is improper and irregular," he said.

He further stated that the huge population in Kandi belt suffers because of poor planning and implementation of water supply schemes in many areas including Parmandal block.

"The unscheduled power cuts during the soaring temperature has also affected normal life as well as affected the supply of drinking water," he said. He demanded that the water supply schemes should be implemented on the ground to benefit the Kandi area as well.

"The pick and choose policy should not be adopted by the authorities," he added He also referred to developmental issues and poor road connectivity.

Enabling ease of doing business priority of Distt Admin: DC Pulwama



TOP NEWS REPORT

PULWAMA, Jun 7: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom visited IGC Lassipora and inspected various industrial units, besides he also interacted with various Unit holders and other stakeholders.

During the interaction, President, Industrial Estates, Lassipora, Muzaffar Ahmed apprised the DC about various issues and problems faced by the Unit Holders.

The association apprised DC about different issues including smooth supply of drinking water in the Industrial Estates, health care facilities, proper dumping of solid waste t in the Industrial Estates, macadamization of roads including inner roads, power supply, land encroachment and smooth transportation of products to outside states.

It was informed that 668 Units of Industrial Estates Lassipora provides employment to

9000 people of the district and the total turnover is 6000 Crores.

The DC issued on spot directions to accompanying officers and fixed timelines for redressal of issues that are in advanced stages of compliance.

He also directed the concerned from PDD for speeding up the ongoing construction and developmental work of Receiving Station by pressing its men and machinery into service to make it functional within a week's time.

Considering IGC as a crown of Industrial Estates of the Valley, DC said that it is our collective responsibility to keep the surroundings of Industrial Estates Lassipora neat and clean and make it pollution free.

He directed the concerned department looking after estates to come up with a concrete plan of waste management within a fortniaht.

DC also visited several cold storage units

and inspected various sections including CA Store, Grading Line, Packaging Section and Plant Room, Haleeb Dairy Milk, Zum Zum Milk Products, M/S Sunrise Poly wood industries and MAS Cement Products and providing banking facili-

> Earlier, DC convened a meeting of officers to discuss the various issues and problems being faced by the Unit Holders of Industrial Estates. DC assured that the District Administration is committed to provide all the logistic support to make IGC Lassipora a centre of Industrial excellence. He added that the spirit of Ease of Doing Business is only possible through the coordination among the department of Industries and Commerce, SIDCO, PDD and Pollution Control Board. The General Manager, DIC, Pulwama, SE, PDD, District Officers, AEEs, Unit Holders and other concerned were present during the visit.

District Level Yuva Utsav on 'Panch Pran of Amritkaal' organised at Degree College Pulwama

TOP NEWS REPORT

PULWAMA. Jun 7: Yuva Kendra Pulwama has organised District Level Yuva Utsav on the theme 'Panch Pran of Amritkaal' in the new Auditorium of Government Degree College Boys Pulwama.

Member Parliament (MP), Hasnain Masoodi was the chief guest on the occasion.

The main objective of the programme was to celebrate the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' in the spirit of Yuva Shakti se Jan Bhagidari and to form a fraternity of young artists, writers, photographers and orators of the district under the mentorship of experts. Similar programmes are



being organised across the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Member Parliament said that the Utsav is an opportunity for the youth to take part in various talent

hunt programmes and

showcase their diverse

potentialities. He said that the UT is marching towards higher echelons of progress in many

He said the Yuva Utsav is being celebrated under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahot-

Yuva Shakti. He appreciated girl students for fields including sports their best performance and youth development. in day to day activities and every sphere of life. DDC Chairperson, Syed Abdul Bari Andra-

NYK explained the five objectives of Panch Pran which includes a resolve of developed

India, taking pride in our legacy, our strength of unity and fulfilling the duties of citizens with honesty. The speakers stressed

of the programme is to

provide a platform to the

talented youth of the dis-

Deputy Director,

on disseminating the objectives of Panch Pran to other people and channelize the way of development in the country in a proper way.

A.P.A Nishata Akhter of NYK Pulwama and other officers and officials of NYK besides a large number of students participated in this event.

CAHO Bandipora conducts two days tour to Gurez Valley; number of activities held

TOP NEWS REPORT

BANDIPORA, Jun 7: Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO) Bandipora, Dr. Gh Ahmad Lone, during his twoday tour to Gurez valley conducted a number of activities.

The tour commenced with a grand Mega Awareness cum Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Camp, where Dr. Mudasir Gul, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gurez, graced the occasion as the special guest.

During the camp, 35

KCC cases and 35 PMSBY cases were sponsored on the spot through various banks. The attendees were informed about the ongoing schemes of the department, including Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS), Integrated Poultry Development Program (IPDP), and Holistic Agricultural **Development Program**

(HADP). The SDM Gurez inspected the stalls set up by Dr. Izhar-ul-Haq, Block Veterinary Officer (BVO) Gurez,

and received a detailed briefing about the department's activities. In addition, fruitful dis-

cussions were held with the District Development Councilor (DDC) Gurez, Block Development Councilor (BDC) Gurez, and Sarpanchs to address various con-Later, CAHO Bandip-

ora, along with his team inaugurated the AI facility at the Sub Centre in Badogam. A Cryocan, along with an Al Kit, was handed over to the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (VAS) Badogam and his staff members. CAHO Bandipora

sav, in the spirit of recog-

nising and cherishing the

bi said that the objective

raised awareness among the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) members and the local community about the significance of Artificial Insemination (AI) and encouraged them to utilize the facilities provided by the Animal Husbandry Department (AHD). Detailed information about the various departmental schemes was also

shared. Furthermore, a similar Al facility was introduced in Baktore, where Dr. Khalid Hamid, in charge ABS, handed over the Cryocan and Al kit to the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (VAS) Baktore. The para-vet staff members were given comprehensive training on AI techniques, and the general public was enlightened about the role of AI in enhancing animal productivity.

Dr. Khalid Hamid, in charge of Animal Breeding Section (ABS), and Dr. Shahid Hassan, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (VAS) Ajas were part of the team that visited Gurez.

Here's a look at sports couples who are playing a long innings of marital bliss

Star-struck sports champions often find their soul mates in movie stars. Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma, KL Rahul and Athiya Shetty, and Yuvraj Singh and Hazel Keech are a few names from the rather long

But then, there are sportspeople, who are finding their better halves on the field. As the rising star of the Chennai Super Kings, Ruturaj Gaikwad, recently tied the knot with fellow cricketer Utkarsha Pawar, here is to sports celebs who found their partners on the play ground! Pitch to the altar

Ruturaj Gaikwad & Utkarsha Pawar

Reportedly, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Utkarsha Pawar both played for the Maharashtra domestic cricket, and have been dating for long. Ruturaj just enjoyed a remarkable IPL season, being the second-highest run-scorer at the champions Chennai Super Kings, and soon after, he shared the happy news by captioning their dreamy photos, "From the pitch to the altar, our journey begins."

Best match of life Saina Nehwal & Parupalli Kashyap

The love for badminton and mutual admiration brought shuttlers Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap together. They met during a camp in 1997 and started dating in the early 2000s. Through the ups and downs, they kept motivating each other and became man and wife in



2018. "Best match of my life," posted Kashyap sharing the good news on social media.

Pullela Gopichand and PVV Lakshmi is another famed court couple!

Love & loyalty Bajrang Punia & Sangeeta

The winsome wrestlers from Haryana came close during 2017 Pro-wrestling League. Their matches were scheduled together, and then they started training together. He is in love with her cheerfulness and she values his loyalty. They got

married in 2020. The couple has stood together in protest against the sexual exploitation of women wrestlers.

In fact, another famous Phogat wrestler, Geeta, found her lover in wrestler Pawan Kumar! India meets Pak

Sania Mirza & Shoaib Malik She a tennis ace, he a former Pakistan national cricket team captain; she India's pride and he Pakistan's joy – when the duo got hitched in 2010 many feathers were ruffled. The duo welcoming a son in 2018. The couple's happy union has been

under the shadow of divorce. However, their cryptic notes could be for the promotions of The Mirza Malik Show.

The bull's eye

Heena Sidhu & Ronak Pandit Ace shooters and Arjuna awardee, they got married in 2013. The first Indian pistol shooter to be ranked World Number 1, and two-time Olympian Heena's partnership with her spouse is made special as he is also her coach. They are now raising a daughter they were blessed with in 2021.

Cross over

Dinesh Karthik & Deepika Pal-

Not always sports folks marry from the same field. Cricketer Dinesh Karthik found his ladylove in ace squash player Deepika Pallikal. Theirs was a Pride and Prejudice story, as our leading lady was averse to the name and fame cricket enjoys over other games. The duo came together as they were training under the same fitness coach. He proposed to her in London and they got engaged in Chennai in 2013. A Christian wedding and another Hindu-Telugu wedding sealed the deal in 2015. The couple welcomed twins Kabir Pallikal Karthik and Zian Pallikal Karthik in 2021.

The list also includes Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari, the famous archers, and Anju Bobby George and Robert Bobby George, the athletes, who found companion on tracks.

Ayushmann empowers LGBTQIA+ community in Chandigarh to turn entrepreneurs



Avushmann Khurrana is empowering the LGBTQIA+ community in Chandigarh by turning them into entrepreneurs in Pride Month. Ayushmann has invested in building food trucks for the community so that they can become self-reliant through food business. The food trucks are being called Sweekar. a relevant take on the importance of acceptance for the community in today's society.

Dhananjay Chauhan, the first transgender student of Panjab University and an active

voice for the community in the state, tweeted the pictures of the food truck and wrote, "Thank you so much Ayushmann Khurrana for supporting transgender. Without your help our dream will never fulfill. Chandigarh Administration and Panjab University can provide a space to transgender to start food business."

Ayushmann said, "An actor should have a social responsibility. It is the love of the people that put us in a position where we can do our bit to empower people and communities thereby raising awareness on important issues. I have always believed that inclusivity is the primary pillar for nation building.

Ayushmann further said, "I'm thrilled that on the occasion of the Pride Month, this is a step to empower members of the transgender community in Chandigarh to become selfreliant by turning them into entrepreneurs. I will always support the LGBTQIA+ community in my own way."

Kasturi Banerjjee talks about Asur 2

Kasturi Banerijee, known for Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya, Kundali Bhagya and City of Dreams Season 3, has come up with her new web series, Asur 2. The psychological thriller stars Arshad Warsi, Barun Sobti and Ridhi Dogra among others. Her character Zoya is a psychotherapist, who is warm, empathetic, and loving, yet very professional. Talking about what made her say yes for the second season, Kasturi says, "I had seen Season 1 and who wouldn't want to be a part of this epic drama with suspense and crime?" She adds, "I loved

working with such tal-



ented people. The understanding of the

entire team was amaz-

Mahesh Poojary, Awez Darbar and Sunidee Chauhan selfie from set of Bigg Boss OTT goes viral

Every year, the Bigg Boss team strives to gather contestants who can captivate the audience, and this season is no different. Bigg Boss OTT 2 boasts a starstudded line-up featuring renowned celebrities from various fields. including directors, influencers, creative producers, choreographers, and actors.

Among the confirmed contestants for this grand reality show are Mahesh Poojary (creative producer), Awez Darbar (choreographer), Pooja Gor (actress), Anjali Arora (popularly known as "Kaccha Badam"), Poonam Pandey (actress), Faisal Shaikh (influencer), Anurag Doval (YouTu-



ber), Sambhavna Seth (actress), and Sunidee Chauhan (television actress).

Interestingly, sources

reveal that Mahesh Poojary and Awez Darbar have already filmed their promotional

content and will be the

first duo to enter the Bigg Boss house this season.

Awez Darbar, the renowned choreographer and influencer, is the son of Ismail Darbar, while Mahesh Poojary brings his expertise as a creative producer with an extensive portfolio in television shows, web series, and music. Mahesh has worked for various TV shows and web series for Pixx entertainment on projects like Poison, Bhram, Bhoot Poorv for Zee5. Rakhtanchal for Mx Player, Shiksha Mandal for Maam Mein Kya Rakha Hai Production for Piyush Gupta as also have worked on songs for actors like

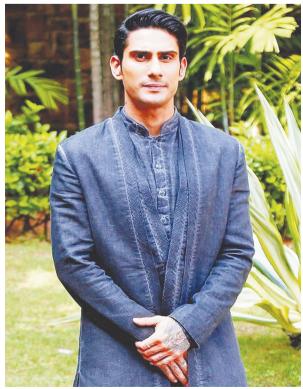
Bisht, Abhishek Verma, Nishant Malkhani, Saba Khan, Vishal Kothian, Siddhartha Shukla, Gautam Vig etc. Sunidee chauhan has

Krishna Kaul, Donal

worked for Vighnahartha Ganesha as a parallel lead for Sony TV, Udaan for Colors and Love Panti show for Mahesh productions as a lead.

The show will be streamed on Jio Cinemas, offering a 24-hour live session for viewers. Fans are eagerly waiting the new season and are buzzing with anticipation to discover the identities of the contestants. The show is set to premiere next month, and the official date is expected to be announced soon.

Meet Prateik Patil Babbar



Prateik Babbar, who is known for his work in films like Mulk, Chhichhore, India Lockdown and several others, has changed his name to Prateik Patil Babbar as a heartfelt homage to his late mother, Smita Patil — one of the finest actresses of Hindi cinema, who was the recipient of two National Awards and a

Padma Shri.

The late actress was one of the flag-bearers of the New Wave Movement in Hindi cinema.

The actor also changed his name on all his social media handles. Prateik's relationship with his mother has always been one of love and inspiration. He has often spoken about her influential presence and the enduring impact she continues to have on his personal and professional journey.

Talking about his decision, Prateik said, "With the blessings of my father and my entire family... my late maternal grandparents & my late mother, I have decided to add my mother's last name as my middle name, giving birth to my new screen name Prateik Patil Babbar. I want it to be a reminder to myself, the people and the audience, of her extraordinary and remarkable legacy, of my legacy, a reminder of her brilliance and greatness."

He added, "My mother will be a part of each and every endeavour I put my energies into not that she wasn't a part before but, having her last name as part of my name just solidifies the sentiment. It'll be 37 years this year since she left us, gone but not forgotten. I will make sure she is never forgotten. Smita Patil will live on through my name quite literally."

Taylor Swift and Matty Healy reportedly break up



Taylor Swift and Matty Healy have called it quits after fueling romance rumours for about a month.

Tayler and Healy have been linked since early May and have been spotted in public together several times. "She had fun with him, but it was always casual," says a source. "They are no longer romantically involved." Healy was also seen at all six of Swift's Eras Tour shows in Nashville and Philadelphia, along with Swift's father Scott and friends like Blake Lively and Gigi Hadid.

Isha Talwar is all excited about Mirzapur 3

Isha Talwar is all excited about Mirzapur 3 and shared her experience working in this new season.

Mirzapur is the story of Kaleen bhaiyya, the King of Mirzapur vs the Pandit Brothers, Guddu and Bablu. What initially begins as a battle for power, leading to the throne of Mirzapur, eventually shapes the destiny of the city, influencing its business and its politics.

The makers are yet to announce the release date although it's confirmed that the show will be out this year.

Talking about her experience Isha said, "Madhuri Yadav, as we already saw in Season 2, had almost snatched power from Kaleen bhaiya. When you take on such an important character in the show, please accept nothing but great drama intertwined riding on big EQ!" She plays the role of Madhuri Yadav. In Season 3 she will be seen as Munna bhaiya's



widow and will be taking on Guddu Pandit (Ali Fazal) and Golu Gupta to avenge her hus-

band's death. She was last seen in Saas Bahu Aur Flamingo.

Ahead of PM Modi's Washington visit, India and US hold meet to firm up deliverables in strategic areas

Modi will visit US from June 21 to 24

NEW DELHI, Jun 7 (Agencies): India and the US held their first-ever meeting to take forward the strategic technology and trade collaborations envisaged under the India-US initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) which was co-chaired by NSAs Ajit Doval and Jake Sullivan.

The intention is to line up deliverables ahead of PM Modi's state visit to the US from June 21 to 24

Doval, Sullivan agreed on collaboration in six broad segments: Strengthening innovation ecosystems; defense innovation and tech cooperation; resilient semiconductor supply chains; mobility of space, science, technology, engineering and math talent; and next generation telecommunications.

The India-US Strategic Trade Dialogue (IUSSTD) held on Tuesday was led by Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra. The US delegation was co-led by



Alan Estevez, Under Secretary for Industry and Security in the US Department of Commerce and Victoria Nuland, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs in the US Department of

"The Dialogue is a key mechanism to take forward the strategic technology and trade collaborations envisaged under the iCET. IUSSTD focused on ways in which both governments can facilitate the development and trade of technologies in critical domains such as semiconductors, space, telecom, quantum. Al. defence, bio-tech and others," said a statement from the Indian embassy in Washington.

Both sides reviewed the relevant bilateral export control regulations with the objective of building and diversifying resilient supply chains for these strategic technologies. They reviewed ongoing cooperation in multilateral export control regimes and agreed to share best practices.

The both also agreed to enhance awareness among the industry, academia and other stakeholders about the export control regimes through workshops and other activities.

They acknowledged that the dialogue would be instrumental to enabling co-production, co-development and enhanced industrial collaborations in critical technologies.

A regular monitoring group will review progress in deepening cooperation in the bilateral hightech trade and technology partnership. The co-chairs agreed to continue the dialogue with the objective of strengthening the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.

Wrestlers meet with **Sports Minister Anurag** Thakur after invite



NEW DELHI, Jun 7 (Agencies): A crucial meeting between top wres-

tlers led by Bajrang Punia and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur began at his residence on Wednesday morning as the government continued its effort to strike a deal with the protesting grapplers against outgoing WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

The meeting was called upon by Thakur to break the impasse which has been going on for more than a month.

It is the second round of meeting between the government and protesting wrestlers, who met Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday night.

The wrestlers have been protesting against Brij Bhushan, demanding his arrest for alleged sexual harassment of seven women grapplers.

Manipur violence: Members of **Kuki community hold protest** outside Amit Shah's residence

NEW DELHI, Jun 7 (Agencies): People from Manipur's Kuki community held a protest outside Union Home Minister Amit Shah's residence here on Wednesday against the ongoing violence in the northeastern state, police said.

The protesters were holding placards with messages such as 'Save Kuki Lives' and raising slogans, they

Police said four of the protesters were allowed to enter the Home Minister's residence for a

The police had to

resort to lathicharge to

disperse the protesters,

officials said. There



meeting and the rest were shifted to Jantar Mantar.

At least 98 people have lost their lives and 310 more were injured in ethnic violence in Manipur that broke out a month ago.

A total of 37,450 people are currently

were reports of clashes

between two groups

from other parts of the

sheltered in 272 relief camps in the state.

Clashes first broke out in Manipur on May 3 after a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

College student raped, murdered in Mumbai hostel room; accused security guard found dead on railway tracks

MUMBAI, Jun 7 (Agencies): An 18-year-old college student was allegedly raped and murdered in her hostel room in south Mumbai while a security guard, who is an accused in the case, was found dead on railway tracks near the hostel, police said on Wednesday.

The police were alerted at around 5 pm on Tuesday after the woman became untraceable, with her fourth-floor hostel room in Charni Road area locked from outside.

A police team that entered the hostel room found her strangulated to death with a piece of cloth, an official said.

The victim was the student of a government polytechnic college in suburban Bandra, he said.

After reaching the spot, the police along with a team of forensic and fingerprint experts started a probe.

During the investigation, it came to light that the hostel's security guard, who was a suspect in the case, was found dead on the railway tracks near Charni Road station on Tuesday morning, the official said.

Based on a complaint by the student's cousin and circumstantial evidence, an FIR was registered against the security guard under Sections 302 (murder) and 376 (rape) of the



IPC, the official said. A probe was on into the case, he said, adding that the postmortem report was awaited.

Woman found dead in flat in Bengaluru; hunt on for her male friend

BENGALURU, Jun 7 (Agencies): A 23-year-old education technology firm employee was found dead in her flat in the city, police said on Wednesday.

Suspecting it to be a murder, the police have launched a manhunt for her male friend, who is at large.

The crime came to light after her roommate returned to the flat on Monday and found her dead, they said.

Her roommate alerted the police who reached the spot.

The woman was found lying dead in the bed with a stole tied around her



Investigation revealed that her male friend had come to visit her on Monday. Police suspect the involvement of the friend, who is absconding.

The two used to work together in Hyderabad. Recently, the woman had shifted to Bengaluru.

Tension Grips Maharashtra Town Over Social Media Posts On Aurangzeb, Tipu Sultan KOLHAPUR, Jun 7 (Agencies): Some Hindu outfits today staged a massive protest in Maharashtra's Kolhapur over controversial social

officials have said. Calling for a shutdown, the outfits alleged that the posts were intended to alorify the two rulers

media posts on Aurang-

zeb and Tipu Sultan,

The protest turned violent when the protesters ransacked some shops and vehicles at



Kolhapur's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chowk, demanding action against those men.

town as well "Some organisations

had called for a Kolhapur bandh and the members of these outfits gathered at Shivaji Chowk today. Some people also started throwing stones, forcing police to use force against these people to disperse them," said Mahendra Pandit, Superintendent of Police, Kolhapur.

said that he is in contact with the senior police officials. He also appealed to the public to maintain calm. Officials said Deputy

Maharashtra Chief

Minister Eknath Shinde

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who also holds the Home portfolio, is also monitoring the situation.

Security has been increased in the city to avoid any untoward incident, police said.

"This Was His Dream": Arvind Kejriwal Tears **Up, Says Missing Manish Sisodia**

NEW DELHL Jun 7 (Agencies): Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal today broke down in tears and said he was missing his jailed colleague and former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia during the inauguration of a new school in the city. Mr Sisodia has been

in jail since February

in connection with the alleged Delhi liquor

Wiping tears from his eves, the Chief Minister said at the event, "Manish ji had started

It was his dream that every child should get the best possible education... He has been jailed because he has



been building good schools and ensuring proper education for children."

Post a comment In a veiled attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party, Mr Kejriwal said in Hindi, "These people want to ensure that Delhi's revolution in education is finished. We will

not let that happen."

4 die in road accident in Rajasthan's Sikar



JAIPUR, Jun 7 (Agencies): Four people. including a police constable, died in Rajasthan's Sikar on Wednes-

Encounter between Naxals, security forces in

day morning when a car collided with a truck, officials said.

The accident took place in Fatehpur Sadar

police station area around 5 am, they said.

The deceased were identified as constable Revantram, Tejaram, Shahrukh and Riyaz, all residents of Jodhpur district.

The bodies were shifted to a mortuary for post-mortem, police

CBI raids multiple locations in Bengal linked with job scam in civic bodies

KOLKATA, Jun 7 (Agencies): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday conducted raids at multiple locations in West Bengal in connection with its probe into alleged irregularities in recruitment in civic bodies, an official said. Sleuths of the central agency started search operations on Wednesday morning in 14 municipalities, including South Dum, Panihati, Kanchrapara, Chinsur-

ah and Dum Dum. The CBI teams also



raided the office of the state urban development department in the Salt Lake area, he said. According to the offi-

cial, allegations of cash-

for-jobs had surfaced over appointments of personnel in these civic bodies for which the search operations were taking place.

BIJAPUR, Jun 7 (Agencies): A gunfight was underway between security forces and Naxals in the jungles of Bijapur district in

Chhattisgarh. According to the details, it was a joint operation of CoBRA and the Special Task Force (STF).

Several explosions and gunshots were also heard in the border areas of Bijapur and Sukma districts of Chhattisgarh, at the time of the encounter.

Commenting on the gunfight, IG Bastar, P Sundarraj, said there was an exchange of fire between Maoists and security forces in the Basaguda-Pamed-Usor tri-junction area of Bijapur district.

"Security forces are fine; the scale of damage suffered by



Naxals would be clear only after completion of search operations," he added.

"More details will be disclosed after the operation is completed," the IG said.

On June 5, a Naxalite, who

was allegedly involved in more than 24 incidents of violence and had Rs 1 lakh bounty on his head, was arrested by the security forces in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district.

Sodi Deva alias Sunil was

apprehended near the forest of Surpanguda village under Jagargunda police station limits by a joint team of 201st battalion of the CRPF's Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) unit and the district force, Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavhan told PTI. Deva, who was active as mili-

tia platoon command-in-chief of for Maoists in the Surpanguda area, had been with the outlawed outfit for the last 12 years, he said.

He was allegedly involved in more than 24 incidents of violence in Chintalnar and Jagargunda areas of Sukma, the official said, adding that he was carrying a reward of Rs 1 lakh on his head.

17,000 Evacuated In Ukraine Amid Floods After Key **Dam Destroyed**

Washington warned there would be "likely many deaths" as Moscow and Kyiv traded blame for ripping a gaping hole in the Kakhovka dam, which is located on the frontline and provides cooling water for Europe's largest nuclear plant.

KHERSON, Jun 7 (Agencies): Ukraine was evacuating thousands of people from flooded areas Wednesday after an attack on a major Russianheld dam unleashed a torrent of water, inundating two dozen villages and sparking fears of a humanitarian disaster.

Washington warned there would be "likely many deaths" as Moscow and Kyiv traded blame for ripping a gaping hole in the Kakhovka dam, which is located on the frontline and provides cooling water for Europe's largest nuclear plant.

Kyiv said the destruction of the dam -- seized by Russia in the early hours of the war -- was an attempt by Moscow to hamper its long-awaited offensive, which Ukraine's leader stressed would not be affected.

An emergency meeting of the UN Security Council was scheduled late Tuesday following requests from Russia and Ukraine, diplomatic sources said.

The UN warned that hundreds of thousands could be affected on both sides of the frontline.

People in Kherson, the largest population centre nearby, headed for higher ground as water poured into the Dnipro

"There is shooting, now there is flooding," said Lyudmyla, who had loaded a washing machine onto a cart attached to an old Soviet car

"Everything is going to die here," added Sergiy as water from the dam poured into the city, which was the scene of heavy fighting in 2022.

Ukrainian authorities said 17,000 people were being evacuated and a total of 24 villages had been flooded.

"Over 40,000 people are in danger of being flooded," Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin



said, adding that 25,000 more people needed to be evacuated on the Russian-occupied side of the Dnipro.

"The evacuation will continue tomorrow and in the coming days -- by bus and train," presidential adviser Oleksiv Kuleba said late Tuesday.

'Environmental bomb'

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky accused Russia of detonating an "environmental bomb of mass destruction", saying authorities expected up to 80 settlements to be flooded and urging the world to "react".

"This crime carries enormous threats and will have dire consequences for people's lives and the environment," Zelensky said.

But the explosion would "not affect Ukraine's ability to deoccupy its own territories". he added.

Last October, Zelensky accused Russia of planting mines at the dam, warning that its destruction would spur a new

wave of refugees into Europe. Kyiv said 150 tonnes of engine oil had spilled into the river, and the agricultural ministry said about 10 thousand hectares of farmland on the right bank of the river would be flooded and "several times more" on the left

Western powers also blamed Russia for the damage, with EU chief Charles Michel calling it a "war crime", while NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said the dam breach was "outrageous".

The United States "cannot say conclusively what happened at this point," National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said that the country's military and intelligence agencies were probing whether Russia blew up the dam, but that it was "too soon" to say definitively.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called the attack "another devastating consequence of the Russian invasion of Ukraine".

"Today's tragedy is yet another example of the horrific price of war on people," he said.

Russia, however, said the dam was partially destroyed by "multiple strikes" from Ukrainian forces and urged the world to condemn Kyiv's "criminal acts".

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the destruction was the result of "deliberate sabotage by the Ukrainian side."

The Soviet-era dam, built in the 1950s, sits on the Dnipro

River, which provides cooling water for the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant some 150 kilometres (90 miles) away.

Moscow and Kyiv offered conflicting assessments of the safety of the facility.

The Russian-installed director of the plant, Yuri Chernichuk, said water levels in the cooling pond had not changed and "at the moment, there is no security threat to the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant".

Floods could shift mines Ukraine, then part of the Soviet Union, suffered the devastating Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986, and its authori-

ties sounded the alarm over the

Kakhovka breach. "The world once again finds itself on the brink of a nuclear disaster, because the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant lost its source of cooling. And this danger is now growing rapidly," Zelensky's aide Mykhaylo Podolyak said.

The Ukrainian nuclear operator, Energoatom, said the water level of the Kakhovka reservoir was "rapidly decreasing, which is an additional threat" to the Zaporizhzhia plant.

The UN humanitarian agency said it was concerned about "the severe humanitarian impact on hundreds of thousands of people on both sides of the front line".

"Flooding and fast-moving water can move mines and explosive ordnance to new areas which previously had been assessed as safe, thus putting more people in danger."

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba wrote on Twitter that the EU had pledged "necessary assistance and humanitarian aid to mitigate the consequences of this Russia-made

Bangladesh: 13 killed, 9 injured as truck rams into pick-up van on Sylhet-Dhaka highway



SYLHET, Jun 7 (Agencies): At least 13 people were killed and nine others were injured after a truck rammed into a pickup van on the Sylhet-Dhaka highway in the Nazir Bazar area of Sylhet in Bangladesh on Wednesday.

As per local media reports, nine of the deceased were identified as Haris Mia, Sourav, Sadhu Mia, Tayef Nur, Sagar, Rashid Mia, Dulal Mia, Badsha Mia and Wahid Ali. The identification of four bodies is yet to be

The accident took place at around 5:30 am when a sand-laden truck hit a pickup van carrying 20-22 construction workers in the Kutubpur area, said Md Samsuddoha, officer-in-charge of Dakshin Surma police

The injured were taken to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital.

Vehicular movement remained suspended for three hours on the Sylhet-Dhaka highway following the accident, causing traffic jam. The traffic movement resumed after police intervention.

Gunman shoots two dead, wounds 5 others at Virginia high school graduation ceremony

RICHMOND, Jun 7 (Agencies): A man armed with four handguns killed two people and wounded five others when he fired into a crowd outside a high school graduation ceremony in Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday, police

Police said they arrested one suspect, a 19-year-old man who knew one of the victims and shot at him amid the crowd that had just emerged from the Huguenot High School's commencement ceremony inside a theater on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University.

The suspect was likely to be charged with two counts of second-degree murder in addition to other offenses, interim Richmond Police Chief Rick Edwards told a press conference.

Edwards called the shooter's behaviour "disgusting and cowardly," since his dispute appeared to be with just one person.

"When you have a crowd like this, innocent people are going to be caught up in the mayhem, and that's what happened today.

Edwards said. "Obviously, this should have been a safe space...It's just incredibly tragic that someone decided to bring a gun to this incident and rain terror on our community." The United States has grown accustomed to mass shootings in public places such as schools, shopping centers and

The mass shooting was the country's 279th in the first 157 days of 2023, according to the Gun Violence Archive, using the definition of four or more people are shot or killed in a single incident, not including the shooter.

The deceased were men aged 18 and 36, Edwards said. He did not confirm a WWBT television news report that the victims were father and son.

Among the wounded, a 31-year-old man suffered life-threatening injuries and four other males aged 14, 32, 55 and 58 were expected to survive, Edwards said.

In addition, a 9-year-old girl was struck by a car in the chaos that ensued, and multiple other people were injured in falls or suffered from anxiety, Edwards

The suspect fled the scene on foot and was captured in possession of four handguns, three of which may have been fired, he said, stressing that it was too early in the investigation to be

Rishi Sunak To Meet Biden At White House, Discuss AI, Ukraine War

WASHINGTON, Jun 7 (Agencies): Prime Minister Rishi Sunak flew in to Washington on Wednesday lobbying for Britain to take a lead role in regulating artificial intelligence, after a dire warning of the technology's existential dangers.

Mr Sunak will meet President Joe Biden on Thursday for a White House summit, pledging unstinting support for Ukraine after Russia was accused of blowing up a major dam to thwart an apparent counter-offensive.

Any intentional attack on the Kakhovka dam would represent "the largest attack on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine since the start of the war, and just would demonstrate the new lows that we would have seen from Russian aggression," Mr Sunak told reporters aboard his plane from London.

But while the United States and Britain are inching closer on giving Ukraine air support, and on a robust approach to China, Mr Sunak faces a harder sell with Mr Biden about the UK's post-Brexit relevance elsewhere. The need for a coordinated response on AI was underlined by Downing Street task force advisor Matt Clifford, who warned the chances of the fastlearning systems wiping out humanity within two years were "not zero."

Interviewed on TalkTV, he said the world needed "to regulate them on a global scale,



because it's not enough I think to regulate them nationally.

Mr Sunak wants a future global AI regulator to be based in London, according to sources, arguing Britain has the requisite expertise and size of tech sector. But it is pushing uphill as the United States talks directly to the European Union about Al regulation, to build on a pledge by G7 leaders including Mr Sunak in Japan last month. And Mr Sunak, who meets US business leaders before Thursday's summit, has given up on securing a post-Brexit trade deal with the Mr Biden administration any time soon.

'Battlefield advantage' En route to Washington, the prime minister announced cumulative US investment of more than £14 billion (\$17 billion) into Britain -- although some of that has already been deployed. Underlining the US-UK military alliance at the heart of NATO, Mr Sunak said their economic relationship should also be deployed to defend

Western democracy. "By combining our vast economic resources

and expertise, we will grow our economies, create jobs and keep our people safe long into the future," said the prime minister, a wealthy former banker who studied in the United States and retains a property in California. "Just as interoperability between our militaries has given us a battlefield advantage over our adversaries, greater economic interoperability will give us a crucial edge in the decades ahead."

Mr Sunak is pushing for US relief to UK carmakers, via greater access to critical minerals used in electric batteries, after Mr Biden's Inflation Reduction Act offered vast subsidies to US companies.

On the NATO front, Mr Sunak has been talking up Defence Secretary Ben Wallace as the Western alliance seeks a new secretary-general at a summit in Lithuania next month.

"I have absolutely zero doubt that the war in Ukraine will be a prime issue of discussion" in Thursday's summit, US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said.

"And the Brits have

been right there -- literally at the fore in terms of helping Ukraine," he added. "I have no doubt that they'll talk about ways in which we can work together going forward.'

No home run On Wednesday, Mr

Sunak will lay a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington before heading to Capitol Hill for talks with leaders in Congress. He will then watch the Washington Nationals play the Arizona Diamondbacks for the second annual "UK-US Friendship Day", marking 238 years of diplomatic relations. But Mr Sunak, a keen

cricketer, has ducked the opportunity to throw the ceremonial first pitch at the baseball game -- sparing his blushes if the throw goes astray in front of tens of thousands. After transatlantic disputes over trade and Northern Ireland, Mr Sunak hopes to score better with Mr Biden than his controversial predecessors Boris Johnson and Liz Truss. "The relationship is very strong on the fundamentals: defense, security, developing policy on China," commented Leslie Vinjamuri, director of the US and Americas Programme at the Chatham House think tank in London.

But on specifics such as AI and trade, Mr Biden is unlikely to give much away heading into a crunch election year, she told agency.

Fiji reconsiders security ties with China amid Pacific tensions Fiji expanded its

WELLINGTON, Jun 7 (Agencies): Fiji's leader indicated Wednesday his nation is reconsidering its security ties with China at a time that geopolitical tensions in the Pacific are rising.

Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka said Fiji was reviewing a contentious police cooperation agreement it signed with China in 2011 that has allowed Chinese police officers to be stationed in Fiji.

At one point during a news conference in Wellington with his New Zealand counterpart Chris Hipkins, Rabuka appeared to go one step further by referring to Fiji's "discontinuation" of the agreement.

"If our systems and our values differ, what cooperation can we get from them?" Rabuka said,

referring to China. "We need to look at

that again before we decide whether we go back to it, or if we continue the way that we have in the past by cooperating with those who have similar democratic values and systems."

Rabuka said Fiji was finalising a defence agreement with New Zealand, which it expected to complete next week. He said the new agreement would allow Fiji's military to build its capacity and skill and be exposed to new technologies.

He said there has been a lot of geopolitical focus on the region, but that Pacific countries only worry about militarization "when diplomacy and common neighborly discussions fail."

policing agreement with China in 2013 to include some military cooperation, but Rabuka on Wednesday didn't directly address that arrangement. China has previously

said the security agreements have benefited Fiji and it hopes to continue the collaboration.

Rabuka won a tense election in December over Frank Bainimarama, who had held power in Fiji for 16 years. Rabuka has moved since then to distance himself from some of Bainimarama's policies, including moves to forge closer ties with China. Meanwhile, Bainima-

rama and former Police Commissioner Sitiveni Qiliho, who oversaw the China policing agreement, now face criminal charges of abusing their power, as does former Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, who was widely seen as Bainimarama's righthand man.

China and the U.S. have increased their competition for influence in the Pacific in recent vears

Last month the US signed a new security pact with Papua New Guinea, which is strategically located just north of Australia. The US has also opened embassies in Solomon Islands and Tonga, and revived Peace Corps volunteer efforts.

Last year, Solomon Islands signed its own security pact with China, a move that raised alarm throughout the Pacific.

US says 'monitoring' situation after San Francisco-bound Air India flight makes emergency landing in Russia

WASHINGTON, Jun 7 (Agencies): The United States said that it is closely monitoring the situation after a San Francisco-bound Air India flight made an emergency landing in Russia.

Flight Al173 from

Delhi was diverted to Magadan in Russia on landed safely Tuesday owing to an engine glitch, the Tata Group-owned private carrier said in a statement last evening. The flight, carrying 216 pas-



sengers and 16 crew,

"We are aware of a US-bound flight that had to make an emergency landing in Russia and are continuing to monitor that situation closely.

I'm not able to confirm how many US citizens were aboard the flight at this time," State Department Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel told reporters at his daily news conference.

bound for the United States. So, it is, of course, likely that there are American citizens on board. There's public reporting from Air India that they are sending what my understanding is - a replacement aircraft to the destination to have the passengers carry on for their route, but I would defer to the air carrier to speak to anything further on this," Patel said in response to a question.

"It was a flight that was

BSF in collaboration with GDC April Party leaders meet Federation of Tangdar organizes Walkathon

TOP NEWS REPORT

TANGDHAR, Jun 7: In a bid to instill a sense of belongingness among the younger generation and promote awareness of India's rich cultural heritage, the 27th Battalion of the Border Security Force (BSF) organized a Walkathon Run program as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

The event aimed to deepen understanding about the nation's struggles, sacrifices. and achievements, while also contributing to the process of nation building.

The Walkathon, which took place on a designated route from THQ, 27 Bn BSF Tangdhar to Govt Degree College and back, commenced at 10:30 AM and concluded at 11:40 AM.

A total of 250 participants, including BSF personnel, students, and local youth, actively participated in the event. The officers and troops took the opportunity to interact with the students and teachers, fostering a sense of camaraderie and mutual understand-



Speaking about the

programme proved to be an engaging and enjoyable experience for the children, civil youths, and staff involved. The 27th Battalion BSF went the extra mile to ensure that refreshments were pro-

vided, adding a touch of

festivity to the event. The Walkathon served as a platform to bridge the gap between the BSF and the border population, especially the younger generation. By fostering a deeper connection and understanding of India's diverse culture and historical significance, the event aimed to strengthen the bond between the security forces and the local community.

initiative, an official from the 27th Battalion BSF stated, "Our objective was to create a sense of belongingness and pride among the younger generation towards our nation. We wanted to educate them about our glorious past, the struggles we faced, and the sacrifices made by our ancestors. By organizing this Walkathon, we provided a platform for interaction and exchange of knowledge between the BSF personnel and the students, creating a positive environment for fostering national unity and building a stronger nation."

The event garnered

JAMMU, Jun 7: Apni Party Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta has demanded revival of the industrial sector and extension of Govt package to the industries in Jammu and Kashmir.

TOP NEWS REPORT

Industries Bari Brahmana

The Apni Party provincial secretary was accompanied by Provincial Secretary Apni Trade Union Jammu Daljit Singh when he met the members of Federation of Industries Bari Brahmana.

He said that "Amnesty for the industrial sector of J&K for the recovery under central excise in the matter of notification no 56/2002 dated 14/11/2002 and waive off of the interest and deposit of principal amount in installments."

"The extension of industrial packages should be given to the existing units as is given to the new industrial units. As per the new Govt policy our local micro and small units are unable to compete with the manufactures of other states because of their pro-industrial policies," he said.

He demanded free land hold rights to the SIDCO and SICOP land to the existing unit holds.

He appealed to the Lt Governor to intervene in the matter and he also assured that their issues will be forwarded to President Apni Party Syed Altaf Bukhari sahib for taking up at the highest level and redressal of the same.

The meeting was attended by Chairman, Federation of Industries, Lalit Mahajan, General Secretary, Viraj Mahajan, President Birpur Industrial Association, Deepak Dhavan, Secretary, Rajesh Jain, Industrialist from Gangyal, T.S Reen, and other industrialists were present during the meeting.

Delegation calls on MD Housing Shabir Keen

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 7: A delegation of Jammu Kashmir Government **Employees Joint Action** Forum led by senior leaders Subhash Verma, Sushil Sudan and Suresh Sharma met MD Housing Shabir Ahamad Keen in his office chamber and held detailed discussion on demands of employees/ Govt Service Assis-

The leaders brought to the notice of MD various issues viz gratuity act and it's payment to all, pension benefits, rational transfer policy, holding of DPC.

The MD gave patient hearing and assured that all welfare measures are being taken by him ,including strengthening of assets

of board by taking up of Dream Shoping, multistorey buildings and parking at very high magnitude at available board land at Golmar-

He said the board infrastructure is being widened not only to meet social obligations but to generate good revenue to make it sus-

ket Gandhi Nagar.

tainable and meet further welfare measures of the employees.

He also informed the delegation that the govt has decided to construct employees residential colony both at Jammu and Kashmir very shortly. The leaders thanked MD for the patient hearing and appreciated LG administration for appointing an honest, dynamic and dedicated officer as board MD this will go in a long way in improving the safeguarding govt

Others delegation member include Rajesh Jamwal, Suraj Parkesh Sapolia, Ram Lubaya, Vijant Kumar and Sanjeev Kumar.

Public Welfare Forum demands early assembly election in J&K

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JAMMU, Jun 7: Public Welfare Forum demanded early assembly election in J&K UT as this Union Territory has been framed on the pattern of Pondicherry.

Addressing a press conference here on Wednesday, Roop Lal Bhagat said in November 2018 Jammu and Kashmir Assembly was dissolved and in 2019 vide reorganization Bill Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory was enlisted.

Last assembly election were held in 2014 since then 09 years have passed no election have been conducted which is totally injustice with the people of Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

Government helm of affairs is doing



excessive injustice with the masses of this Territory, patience have flown over the limit so early assembly election should be conducted in Jammu Kashmir Unions Territory, he said.

He added that unemployment has reached to the peaks as maxi-

ployment has been recorded at present in Jammu and Kashmir and all over the country resultantly youths are derailing from path of development to destruction as the youths have

diverted. Educated youths are

can take the illegitimate paths also which is clear eye opening for all the intelligentsia of Union Territory, he said adding that to avoid these situations LG should come forward for the betterment of educated youths of Jammu Kashmir.

positive feedback from

the participants, with

many expressing their

gratitude for the oppor-

tunity to engage with

the BSF and learn more

about India's history.

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ture cultural awareness,

preserve heritage, and

promote nation building

among the younger gen-

BJYM to showcase achievements of 9 yrs of Modi Govt

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 7: Bhartiya Janta Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Jammu Kashmir announced the launch of Maha Sampark Abhiyan to showcase the significant progress and transformation achieved by the Modi government in the last 9 years. The campaign will involve various programmes such as Labharthi Samvad, Nav Matdata Sammelan, Bike Yatras, Online Quiz Competitions, and voter registration drives for youth, among others.

Speaking at a press conference, Arun Prabhat, State President

BJYM Jammu Kashmir, emphasized the need for engaging and empowering the youth in policies and governance, thereby strengthening our democracy. He also highlighted the various schemes and policies launched by the Modi government, including Ayushman Bharat, Mudra Yojna, Har Ghar Jal, PM Awas Yojna, Startup India, Standup India, PM-SVANidhi, and job vacancies filled in government jobs. "The Maha Sampark Abhiyan will include BJYM organizing bike rallies for 6 days, covering every mandal and village with and 50 karyakartas in each district. The yatra will include a night stay at every village/mandal as per the BJYM proforma, and karyakartas from each district will document the activities and upload them through the Saral app," he added.

Arun said "BJYM will also engage with community organizations, youth organizations, gyms, sports clubs, Yuva Vyapar Mandals, and local professionals such as lawyers, doctors, engineers, and teachers to create awareness about good governance policies.

BJYM units will reach out and encourage school and college students to register as voters and create awareness about beneficial Modi government schemes. Winners of the National-Level Quiz Competition will be rewarded with digital certificates."

J&K BJYM President asserted that the main aim of Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan is to connect with citizens across all levels, celebrate the last 9 years of transformative governance, and empower first-time voters by involving them in our nation's rich democratic traditions.

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Officials review Amarnath Yatra arrangements at Udhampur

mechanism, installation of signage boards etc.

Nodal officers were asked to visit their respective lodgement centres and furnish detailed reports on the availability of electricity, water, clean space and the toilet facility as per devised format.

As per the press note, the CMO was directed to make provisions for medical facilities from Tikri to Chenani stretch on the NH-44 and prepare a health plan.

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti's department was directed to take steps to provide water supply to all the transit locations, while PDD was asked to make all necessary arrangements for providing electricity supply to the lodgement centres/ langers round the clock, it stated.

The Executive Officer MC was directed to start the installation of pre-fabricated toilets, while Nodal officers were asked to visit and check the availability of the toilets and ensure cleanliness in and around the

lodgement centres, the statement added. The statement further added that the EO, MC was asked to prepare a list of Safaikaramcharies who shall sanitize toilets camps. Besides, SSP traffic was asked to make adequate deployment of police personnel at the main chowks and at congestion points for the smooth passage of

SSP Udhampur was asked to ensure adequate security arrangements by deploying

police personnel/lady police at vulnerable locations/lodgement centres/transit camps/ langer sites, informed the statement.

The Tourism department was directed to install signboards at the entry point in Kali Mata Temple Phallata, Gole Mela Chowk, Jakhani and Chenani, and besides District Coordinator NRI M was asked to make preparations for the installation of departmental stalls at identified locations, the statement added.

First Hajj flights with 630 pilgrims to leave for Saudi Arabia

Haj house for screening of the checking baggage of the passengers", he said. The customs formalities will also be com-

The baggage of the passenger will be taken in a separate sealed container truck from the Hajj house to Airport.

pleted at the Haj house only, he added.

The entire area for passage of Pilgrims through the airport has been earmarked and segregated, he added.

A separate area has also been earmarked in the SHA for changing to Ahram also. "A wide bodied aircraft A340 has been

deployed to carry passengers from Srinagar direct to Jeddah This is a 75 M long aircraft with a wingspan of 64 M and a seating capacity of

He said with these arrangements we are hoping that the entire operation will be carried out smoothly and we will be able to ensure a nice experience for our passengers.

India's highest herbal garden comes up in Leh

the well-being of the environment, ecology, biodiversity, and humanity.

The herbal garden is now the highestlocated herbal garden in India.

Dr Konchok Dorjay, a medicinal plant expert stated that the garden aims to preserve the natural heritage of the region.

"It also aims to conserve rare species and maintain the flora and ecological significance," he added. Dorjay mentioned that saplings and seeds of medicinal plants have been planted.

"The medicinal plants hold great importance for Buddhists. They are used for various treatments in Ladakh and Tibet," he explained.

"These rare medicinal plants thrive in higher altitudes. We have specifically planted a group of herbs and medicinal plants. Apart from their medicinal uses, these plants also have significant cultural and religious value."

Dorjay mentioned that the local villagers are taking care of the saplings and seeds, and they are intended for research purposes.

"This garden has surpassed the altitude of 11,000 feet of the herbal garden in Badrinath, Uttarakhand, making it the highestlocated herbal garden in India," said Dr Konchok Dorjay.

He added that medicinal plants are perennial and can survive extreme cold conditions, even as low as -30 degrees Celsius. They require a maximum temperature of 20 to 25 degrees Celsius.

He stated that this herbal garden is now the highest-altitude herbal garden in India. Furthermore, the group aims to establish a research center in the same location. It is believed that the garden has many futureoriented purposes.

a minimum of 25 rallies

The Ladakh region, known as the cold desert, has minimal plant growth. Every year, the region experiences sub-zero temperatures during the winter season.

Smart City reduced to painting walls, realigning footpaths: Sagar

and approvals is yet to pick up on the ground. It seems that the government seems to have dumped the mega project," he said adding, "The annual desiltation and dredging of the small rivulets, ponds, swamps, irrigation canals and lagoons in Srinagar and elsewhere is not on the to-do list of the government. The entire population of Srinagar, and other low-lying areas across Kashmir are living on a knife-edge."

"It is not surprising to see Srinagar being adjudged the most inhabitable city in the country according to the government's ease of living index released a few days ago. The rank of Jammu city on the liveability index is at 27th spot as compared to Srinagar which has been downgraded to 49th spot. The much touted idea of transforming Srinagar city into a smart city has not picked up momentum and is yet only confined to papers," he said.

The concerned wings of the government have miserably failed to address the challenges hindering the daily lives of the urban

populace of Srinagar at first place, not to speak of transforming it. The idea of transforming a city partially inundated, dotted with potholes, worn out roads; bereft of any denudation and up-to-date waste disposal mechanism seems to be farfetched," he

Mainly dry weather with evening shower forecast in J&K

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 6.0°C against 5.9°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C below normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 11.2°C against 9.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.5°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 8.4°C against 8.4°C on the previous night and it was 3.4°C below normal for the place, the

Gulmarg recorded a low of 6.0°C against 5.0°C on previous night and it was below normal by 2.1°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla

district, he said. Jammu recorded a low of 23.0°C against 21.4°C on the previous night and it was 2.7°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 12.2°C (below normal by 1.1°C), Batote 13.0°C (2.4°C below normal), Katra 19.0°C (3.1°C below normal) and Bhaderwah 10.4°C (below normal by 3.4°C). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of 2.4°C and 10.4°C respectively, he said.

Markets climb in early trade on firm global trends

Rising for the fourth straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 235.1 points to 63,027.98

MUMBAI, Jun 7 (Agencies): Benchmark equity indices climbed in early trade on Wednesday, tracking rally in global markets and fresh foreign fund inflows.

Rising for the fourth straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 235.1 points to 63,027.98. The NSE Nifty advanced 77.05 points to 18,676.05.

From the Sensex pack, Nestle, Power Grid, Larsen & Toubro, Axis Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Infosys, Ultra-Tech Cement, Wipro,



IndusInd Bank and Tata Consultancy Services were the major gainers. HCL Technologies, Kotak Mahindra Bank. Tata Motors and Mahin-

dra & Mahindra were

among the laggards.

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

The US markets ended in the positive territory on Tuesday.

Boeing halts shipments of the 787 Dreamliner for flaw in tail section of planes



SAN DIEGO, Jun 7 (Agencies): Boeing said that deliveries of its 787 Dreamliner have been halted again by another manufacturing issue, the latest in a string of setbacks affecting the two-aisle jet.

The company said it is inspecting fittings on part of the tail called the horizontal stabiliser "for a nonconforming condition." The inspections and repairs will affect near-term deliveries

but won't alter the company's forecast of deliveries for the full year. Boeing did not say how many planes are affected by the new defect.

Boeing said the flaw in the tail is not a safety issue and planes already in airline fleets can keep flying. The company said it notified the Federal Aviation Administration and airlines.

The 787 and the 737 Max have both been plagued by production defects that have sporadically held up deliveries and left airlines without planes that they expected to have for the peak summer season.

In April, Boeing found a problem with fittings on Max jets were the fuselage meets the vertical section of the tail.

A month before that, deliveries of the 787 were stopped while federal regulators looked over documentation of work that was done on new planes. Shipments of 787s have been stopped several times in the past three years because of production issues.

The delays hurt Boeing because buyers usually pay a large part of the purchase price on deliv-

Diageo's India-born CEO Ivan Menezes dies at 64

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finest leaders of his gen-

eration," Javier Ferrán,

Chairman, Diageo plc,

commented. "Ivan was

there at the creation

of Diageo and over 25

years, shaped Diageo

to become one of the

best performing, most

trusted and respected

consumer companies."

He is survived by his

wife, Shibani and two

children, Nikhil and

Born on July 10, 1959,

Menezes held UK and

US citizenship, and

Overseas Citizenship

He was one of Brit-

ain's longest serving

and most respected

FTSE Chief Executives,

transforming Diageo into

the world's leading pre-

mium drinks company

and which accounts for

Rohini.

NEW DELHI, Jun 7 (Agencies): Ivan Manuel Menezes, the India-born CEO of the world's biggest spirits company Diageo, died on Wednesday, days after being hospitalised for treatment of stomach ulcer.

Menezes, 64, who was to retire at the end of this month, died in London, the company said.

"It is with great sadness that Diageo announces that Sir Ivan Menezes has passed away following a brief illness, with his family at his side," it said in a statement.

Diageo had on Monday announced that CEOdesignate Debra Crew will assume the top role on an interim basis immediately as Menezes undergoes medical treatment.

"Over the weekend, we learned that Ivan's recovery suffered a significant setback due to complications, which followed emergency surgery on the ulcer," Diageo had said in a statement.

Pune-horn Menezes whose father Manuel Menezes was the chairman of Indian Railway



Board, was educated at the prestigious St Stephen's College in Delhi and Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, before going to Kellogg School of Management.

Menezes joined Diageo in 1997 after its formation through the merger of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan. He rose quickly in the ranks to become an executive director in July 2012 and chief executive officer in July 2013.

His brother Victor Menezes is the former chairman and CEO of Citibank.

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10 per cent of the UK's total food and drinks exports.

"During his decade as CEO, Ivan oversaw an outstanding period of change, growth and high performance. Diageo made huge strides towards his ambition that Diageo should become one of the best performing, most trusted and respected companies in the world," the firm said.

Now selling over 200 brands in more than 180 markets, today Diageo is the number one company by net sales value in Scotch whisky, vodka, gin, rum, Canadian whisky, liqueurs, and also tequila1, a category in which only eight years ago the company had no substantive position.

Prior to joining Diageo, he worked across a variety of sales, marketing and strategy roles for Whirlpool in Europe, Booz Allen & Hamilton in North America, and Nestlé in Asia.

In January 2023, he was awarded a Knighthood for services to Business and to Equality in His Majesty The King's 2023 New Year

Honours List.

Ferrán said he saw first-hand Menezes' steadfast commitment to people and to creating a culture that enabled everyone to thrive.

"He invested his time and energy in people at every level of the company and saw potential that others may have overlooked. This is one of many reasons why he was beloved by our employees, past and present," he said.

"His passion for our brands was second-tonone and in his heart. he remained the Johnnie Walker marketer from his early days. The desire to build the world's best brands never left him." A true gentleman, he built an extraordinary legacy, he

"Ivan leaves behind many friends and a beloved family, and our thoughts are particularly with his wife, Shibani and his two children, Nikhil and Rohini. On behalf of the Board, **Executive Committee** and all our employees, we extend our deepest sympathies to them," he

LinkedIn introduces ID verification feature in India

NEW DELHI, Jun 7 (Agencies): Professional social networking platform LinkedIn has introduced its identity verification feature for Indian users.

"Having an ID verification means that the individual's government-issued ID is verified by one of LinkedIn's verification partners," Ashutosh Gupta, Country Manager at LinkedIn India, said in a blogpost on Wednesday.

In India, HyperVerge, a third-party identity verification service which uses DigiLocker -- an online wallet for Indian government-issued IDs like the Aadhaar Card -handles ID verification.

The ID verification is available for users with a valid Aadhaar number and an Indian phone number.

"On LinkedIn, when you show that you're the real you, you'll have an even greater chance of



finding the professional opportunities that matter to you and your commumember's Aadhaar. "If you don't have an Aadhaar, you can still

not have access to any

sensitive data from the

verify other information for use on LinkedIn using different methods. You can choose to verify through your work email, or workplace credentials," he added.

In April, the company launched ID verification in the US, and it plans to roll out this feature in

Lung cancer pill cuts risk of death by half, study finds

NEW DELHI, Jun 7 (Agencies): A once-daily pill halved people's risk of dying from a common lung cancer when they took the drug after tumour-removal surgery, trial results from a global study show.

The research, published recently in The New England Journal of Medicine, found that taking the drug osimertinib after surgery dramatically reduced the risk of patients dying by 51 per cent.

The resaerchers randomly assigned eligible patients in a 1:1 ratio to receive osimertinib (80 mg once daily) or placebo until disease recurrence was observed.

Of 682 patients who underwent randomi-

sation, 339 received osimertinib also known as Tagrisso and made by AstraZeneca, and 343 received placebo.

In the primary analysis population, an estimated 85 per cent of patients treated with osimertinib were alive at five years compared to 73 per cent on placebo, the researchers said.

In the overall trial population, an estimated 88 per cent of patients treated with osimertinib were alive at five years compared to 78 per cent on placebo, they said.

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"These highly anticipated overall survival results, with 88 per cent of patients alive at five years, are a momentous achievement in the treatment of early-stage EGFR-mutated lung cancer," said principal investigator in the trial, Roy S. Herbst, Deputy Director and Chief of Medical Oncology at

Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital,

"These data underscore that adjuvant treatment with osimertinib provides patients with the best chance of long-term survival," Herbst said.

Susan Galbraith, Executive Vice President, Oncology R&D, AstraZeneca, said osimertinib cut the risk of death by more than half in the adjuvant setting, further establishing this transformative medicine as the backbone treatment for epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)mutated lung cancer.

"These results emphasise the importance of diagnosing patients with lung cancer early, testing for EGFR mutations and treating all those with an EGFR mutation with Tagrisso (osimertinib)," Galbraith said.

The trial results were presented on Monday during the Plenary Session at the 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting in Chi-

Scientists inch closer to develop long-lasting swine flu vaccine

He further mentioned

that the platform does

nity," Gupta said.

NEW YORK, Jun 7 (Agencies): Scientists have successfully conducted a long-term experiment with live hogs -- a domesticated swine -- that may be another step closer to achieving a safe, long-lasting and potentially universal vaccine against swine flu.

The results are not only important to the pork industry, they also hold significant implications for human health.

That's because pigs act as "mixing vessels", where various swine and bird influenza strains can reconfigure and become transmissible to humans. In fact, the 2009 swine

flu pandemic, involving a variant of the H1N1 strain, first emerged in swine before infecting about a fourth of the global population in its first year, causing nearly 12,500 deaths in the US and perhaps as many as 5,75,000 worldwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Considering the significant role swine play in the evolution and transmission of potential pandemic strains of influenza and the substantial economic impact of swine flu viruses, it is imperative that efforts be made toward the development of more effective vaccination strategies in vulnerable pig populations," said lead author Erika Petro-Turnquist, a doctoral student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, US.

Her team is using Epigraph, a data-based computer technique to create a more broadbased vaccine against influenza, which is notoriously difficult to prevent because it mutates rapidly.

The Epigraph algorithm enables scientists to analyse countless amino acid sequences among hundreds of flu virus variants to create a vaccine "cocktail" of the three most common epitopes -- the bits of viral protein that spark the immune system's response.

In the new study, published in the journal Frontiers in Immunology, the team observed 15 Yorkshire crossbred female pigs over a period of about six months, the typical lifespan of a market hog.

One group of five received the Epigraph vaccine, a second group of five received a commercial whole inactive virus vaccine, and a third group of five received a saline solution to serve as the control group.

The pigs received their initial vaccination at three weeks of age and a booster shot three weeks later. Their antibody levels and T-cell responses were measured weekly for the first month and every 30 days thereafter.

At six months of age, they were exposed to a strain of swine flu divergent from those directly represented in the vaccine.

The pigs that received the Epigraph vaccine showed more rapid and long-lasting antibody and T-cell responses to the vaccines.

After exposure to the swine flu virus, the Epigraph-vaccinated hogs showed significantly better protection against the disease -- less viral shedding, fewer symptoms of infection and stronger immune system responses.

"Those pigs weighed about five pounds when we vaccinated them and by the end of the study, six months later, they were over 400 pounds," said Eric Weaver, Associate Professor and director of the Nebraska Center for Virology.

"It's kind of amazing that this vaccine would maintain itself over that rate of growth. It continues to expand as the animal grows." The team continues to pursue the research, with next steps including larger studies and possibly a commercial partnership to bring the vaccine to market.

Muktsar administration, NGO to monitor BP, sugar levels of students

MUKTSAR, Jun 7 (Agencies): In a first in the state, Muktsar district administration in association with an NGO has decided to monitor the blood pressure and glucose levels of Classes XI and XII students enrolled in 92 government senior secondary schools and prepare a record.

The NGO – Gurbachan Singh Gurdyal Kaur Science Foundation – has already purchased 92 automatic digital electronic blood pressure and as many glucose monitors along with multiple self-testing strips and handed these over to the district education authorities.

These tests will be conducted once schools reopen in July after the summer vacations. An online training programme has also been scheduled for teachers and students to make them aware about how these tests can conducted easily.

Prof SPS Brar (retd), Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, who is the founder of the Gurbachan Singh Gurdyal Kaur Science Foundation, said, "We have named this project 'Koshish'. Various health surveys have shown high prevalence of noncommunicable diseases, including hypertension, diabetes, cancer and obesity in the state. So I suggested that an

educational drive should

be initiated to sensi-



tise people, especially school kids about these health risks.

He said, "I have purchased blood pressure and glucose-level monitors by spending Rs 4 lakh from my own pocket and given

these to the Education Department through the Deputy Commissioner for this purpose." He said, "Initially,

students will undergo these simple tests and a record will be prepared. Thereafter, tests of their parents would be conducted. Once the entire record is prepared, the district administration will share details with the Health Department and decide further course of action on the basis of test reports."

WTC Final Indian batting takes on Australian pace with eye on ending title drought

LONDON, Jun 7 (Agencies): A duel between India's formidable top-order and Australia's fiery pace attack could determine who comes out on top when the World Test Championship final gets underway at The Oval today.

India have dominated, both home and away, the recent duels between the Test heavyweights, who claimed the top two spots after a two-year cycle to book their place for the final. India also reached the final of the inaugural WTC in 2021 when New Zealand bested Virat Kohli's side in a rain-marred contest in Southampton.

Rohit Sharma has since replaced Kohli in the saddle, but injuries to key personnel and the English conditions will ensure the antagonists are on even terms heading into the one-off contest.

India have recalled Ajinkya Rahane to reinforce their batting line-up, which will have to be at its best to negate the Australian

Eyes will be on Shubman Gill, considered the best thing to have happened to Indian cricket since Kohli, following the opener's sublime cross-format display this year.

India will also be relying on Cheteshwar Pujara's obduracy, Kohli's class and Rahane's resilience to counter the likes of Australia captain Pat Cummins and his pace colleague Mitchell

They will be without stumperbatter Rishabh Pant, who is recovering from a horrific car crash in December, as well as pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, who remains sidelined following back surgery.

Mohammed Shami will lead India's pace attack instead, but they are yet to make up their mind on whether to harness a second spinner, Ravichandran Ashwin, with all-rounder Ravin-



about the legacy he would like

to leave as captain. "Whether

it's me or someone else, even

the guys before, their role was to

take Indian cricket forward and

win as many games, as many

championships as possible. For

me also, it will be the same. I

want to win games, I want to

win championships. That is

what you play for," Rohit said.

"But we don't want to put too

much pressure on ourselves by

overthinking about this kind of

stuff. We know what we have

won and what we have lost. No

point thinking about it repeat-

India captain Rohit Sharma

was hit on the left thumb while

batting in the nets a day before

the final. On another overcast

morning, Rohit was among the

four squad members who turned

up for optional practice. Rohit,

who was taking throw-downs,

was seen holding his left thumb

following a hit in the nets. As a

precautionary measure, he did

not bat after that. BCCI sources

said "there is no issue" with him.

The head groundsman of The

Oval, Lee Fortis, has promised

a bouncy pitch for the final. The

pitch traditionally offers true

bounce and is good for batting

but there is some uncertainty

'Bouncy pitch'

edly," he added.

Rohit cops blow

dra Jadeja.

For Cummins and Co, the WTC final is the first of three major campaigns this year, along with the Ashes series against England that immediately follows and the 50-overs World Cup in India in October-November.

Fast bowler Josh Hazlewood lost his race to be fit for the WTC final, but Australia have a potent replacement in Scott Boland.

All-rounder Cameron Green will be expected to play a key role, but individually no one will have more at stake than opener David Warner.

The 36-year-old is battling to stretch his Test career to fulfil his wish of quitting the format after the Sydney Test against Pakistan next January. Opening partner Usman Khawaja has been in rich form, but Australia will be looking to Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne, currently the top-ranked Test batter, to provide the bedrock of their innings. — Reuters

Want to win championships, says Rohit

Emphasising that sport is all about winning championships, India skipper Rohit Sharma today said he wants to win one or two major titles before he steps down as captain. A day before the big final, Rohit was asked

over its behaviour considering the final will be the first-ever Test here in June. On the eve of the game, the pitch wore a green look but the grass could be trimmed going into Day 1. The overcast conditions are likely to suit Australia more while India would prefer bright sunshine on all five days. "We've been hearing that not much of cricket is played here in June," India captain Rohit Sharma. "County season has been played here. We saw there was a game played a couple of weeks back here. We are quite aware of what the conditions are," he added.

Forecast clear

The mornings have been cold and overcast the last two days but the forecast is clear for the first three days of the final. Rain is expected over the weekend and there is a reserve day kept for potential loss of play during the five days.

Flower joins Oz Former England coach Andy Flower has joined the Australian camp in a consultancy role. As England coach (2009-2014), he

tive Ashes wins. Australia relying on winning habit: Cummins

guided them to three consecu-

Australian captain Pat Cummins said that one of the benefits of having an experienced side is that many of his players know what it means to be in a final. India are yet to win an ICC trophy since 2013 but Australia did it by lifting the T20 World Cup in 2021. "You know, one thing about playing lots of cricket is you experience the pressure moments, and there's no higher pressure situation than the finals. That's one of the benefits of having an experienced side," he said. "We've seen it all before. We have taken the confidence to know that no matter what happens, you're going to be okay on the other side."

India deny South Korea win



KAKAMIGAHARA, Jun 7 (Agencies): India came from behind to salvage a 2-2 draw against South Korea in their third game of the women's Junior Asia Cup hockey tournament here

Yujin Lee (15th minute) and Jiyon Choi (30th) found the back of the net for South Korea, while Deepika Soreng (43rd) and Deepika (54th) scored a goal each as India secured a draw to maintain their position at the top of Pool A. The Koreans swiftly settled into a passing rhythm and dominated India in

However, they took the lead when Lee scored a field goal through a wellplaced shot from inside the D. Leading 1-0, South

Korea entered the second quarter with an assertive approach and played a pressing game. But minutes before the halftime break. India began to put pressure by counterattacking but suffered another setback when Choi converted a penalty corner to make it 2-0. After the break, India upped their game and managed to come back into the

session and repeatedly

testing India's defence. They won a couple of penalty corners but

failed to capitalise.

Sunil beats odds to bag gold

the first quarter, control-

ling the majority of pos-



YECHEON (SOUTH KOREA), Jun 7 (Agencies): Competing with a pole vault borrowed from the organisers, Sunil Kumar won the decathlon gold medal with his personal best performance in the Asian U-20 Athletics Championship here.

The 18-year-old suffered a setback much before taking the field when a South Korean airline and Air India barred him from carrying his pole due to "tech-

"Need Not Always Be Turning Track...": Sachin Tendulkar's

Insightful Observation On Impact Of Spinners In WTC Final

nical issues" relating to the five-metre length of the equipment. But that did not stop Sunil from bagging gold as he won the 10-event competition with a personal best tally of 7,003 points on the penultimate day of the competition.

The Athletics Federation of India had requested the organisers to provide Sunil with a pole as he finished fourth in the event.

Sunil won the 100m hurdles, discus throw and javelin throw to make up for the belowpar show in the other events and secure gold in the gruelling discipline competed over two days.

"It looked a bit difficult initially. But I gave it a try and pushed hard on day-two of the competition. I am extremely happy with the result,' Sunil said after winning gold.

In the women's high jump, Pooja won silver after clearing 1.82 metres. Bushra Khan added another silver in the women's 3,000m race, clocking 9 minutes, 41.47 seconds. The Indian women's 4x100m relay team clocked 45.36s to win bronze.

India remained at the third spot in the tally with 4 gold, 5 silver and

French Open 2023 Day 11: Iga Swiatek, Coco Gauff to face in 2022 final rematch

PARIS, Jun 7 (Agencies): Day 11 of the French Open 2023 is set to witness four Philippe Chatrier. It's a historic day for Argentina's Tomas Martin Etcheverry, who will be playing his maiden Grand Slam quarters. He will face the in-form Alexander Zverev, who defeated Grigor Dimitrov in the fourth round.

Beatriz Haddad Maia became the first Brazilian woman in 55 years to reach a Grand Slam quarters after defeating Spain's Sara Sorribes Tormo in a thrilling three-setter in the fourth round. But the challenge is going to get tougher for Haddad Maia, who will now face No.7 seed Ons Jabeur in the quarters. Jabeur



became the first African woman to advance to the quarters of every **Grand Slam**

World No.1 Iga Swiatek and teen sensation Coco Gauff will lock horns in a rematch of last year's women's singles final. The 22-year-old Swiatek is also defending her No.1 ranking.

The Polish star had the rub of the green go her way after Ukraine's

Lesia Tsurenko retired from their fourth-round match with the scorecard reading 5-1 in the first set.

Holger Rune and last year's men's singles runner-up Casper Ruud will lock horns in the night match. Rune survived a massive scare after he came up trumps in a thrilling five-setter against Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo on

NEW DELHI, Jun superb outing. They 7 (Agencies): Batting legend Sachin Ten-

dulkar said the spinfriendly nature of the Oval pitch will make India a confident side going into the World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia from Wednesday. With India boasting of two wonderful spinners to choose from in R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, Tendulkar said the team can take a lot of heart from the pitch factor. "The Indian team will be happy that they are playing at the Oval. The nature of the Oval pitch is such that it assists the spinners as the match goes on. So, spinners will come into play a little bit," he said.

"It need not be always a turning track as sometimes the spinners rely a lot on the bounce, sometimes that little bit



of zip that they get off the pitch, also on the overhead conditions and it depends a lot on the shiny side of the ball.

"If they are able to get that drift, they can make the ball talk in the air without the pitch coming into play. So, Oval is going to be good venue for India," said Tendulkar in his website 100mbsports.

India will also carry a positive vibe when they enter the Oval as

their last outing at this venue had resulted in an emphatic win — a 157run romp against England in 2021. Tendulkar said good memories

of that match will burn

bright and will spur the

Indians.

"100 per cent. Whenever you have such memories, they will stay with you. The Indian team would not have forgotten that the last time they played there (the Oval), they had a won the game and as I said good memories stay long with you," said Tendulkar.

Similarly, England had towelled the Aussies by 135 runs in the 2019 Ashes Test here, and Tendulkar said they might just be hurting a bit. However, the batting maestro added that the Australians can be an extremely competitive side.

"Bruises take some time to heal. But Australia is a beautiful team as they have a balanced squad. There are guys who have been around for a long time now and some young faces as

"It is a nice blend of youth and experience. Australia have always been competitive and whether they have a full squad or not, once they cross that rope they are going to be very competitive," said Tendulkar.

Tendulkar said the extensive County stint that Cheteshwar Puiara and Marnus Labuschagne recently had will come handy for their teams in the big game.

"Of course, playing in County cricket can be of great value. Both Pujara and Labuschagne had considerable outing in the County cricket recently. Smith not as much as the other two, but whatever match practice one can get is very handy because the conditions are different.

"Our guys have played T20 and now they have gone to England, so are some players from Australia as they were playing T20 here but I believe playing practice matches... no better practice than that," he

Cheteshwar Pujara's numbers are not flattering despite playing one match fewer that Virat Kohli: Aakash Chopra

NEW DELHI, Jun 7 (Agencies): India cricketer-turned-commentator Aakash Chopra expressed concerns about the underwhelming record of Cheteshwar Pujara in England ahead of the World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia at The Oval.

Chopra highlighted Pujara's performance in county cricket, which earned him a comeback into the Indian team, but stated that his Test record in England is not impressive.

"Pujara has scored a lot of runs in county cricket. In fact, because

of that only he made a comeback into the Indian team, but the truth is that he has probably played only one match fewer than Kohli but his numbers are not flattering at all," Chopra said on his YouTube channel.

Pujara's average in England is less than 30, similar to Ajinkya Rahane's average. Despite both players having scored centuries, their averages over a period of time in England remain below the desired mark.

"His (Pujara's) average is less than 30. It is either 26 or 29. His and Rahane's averages are



almost equal. One has 26 and the other has 29. They have played a lot of matches, have struck a century apiece as well but the average on England grounds over a period of time is below 30, which is not great,"

Chopra said. Even Virat Kohli has struggled in England, with an average of 33.32 in 16 Tests on English soil. Chopra added that Kohli's average is

affected by poor per-

formances in the 2014

series and a middling performance in the last

"If you are thinking how Kohli's performances have been, his average is also only 33. He has scored over 1000 runs, the only Indian to score a thousand runs in this current team setup but the average is 33 because the 2014 series was very bad and the last one was middling," Chopra said.

Kohli has scored over 1000 runs in England and is only among four India batters to do so alongwith Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid.

We need a bit of time: **India coach Fulton**



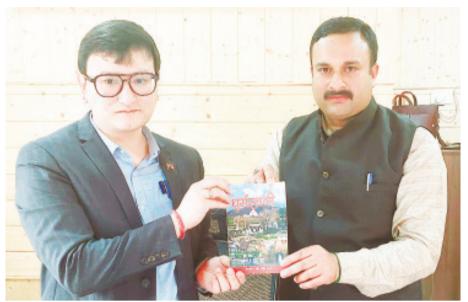
EINDHOVEN, Jun 7 (Agencies): The Indian men's hockey team

coach Craig Fulton has had mixed results in his first assignment. After

back-to-back defeats to Belgium and Great Britain, India bounced back strongly in the return legs, winning 5-1 against Belgium and then beating Britain in a penalty shootout in the FIH Pro League in

"We want to keep the Indian style of play which means a lot of attacking hockey. At the same time, it does not help if you can't defend," Fulton said. "It's just been like three weeks of hockey with the group. We we need a bit of time," he added.

To promote religious tourism, Mahant Rohit Shastri meets JKTDC MD Minga Sherpa



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 7: Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust President Mahant Rohit Shastri met Additional Secretary in the office of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, currently Director of Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) of Jammu Kashmir and Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development

Corporation (JKTDC) MD of JKTDC, Minga Sherpa at Raj bhavan Srinagar and informed him about the social work being done by the trust to promote Devvani Sanskrit language and presented "Dharmasthali" Book.

On this occasion, Mahant Rohit told them that all the ancient temples of Jammu and Kashmir should be brought on the tourism map, tourists will get acquainted with the history of religious places by coming on the tourism map of temples, religious places will be developed, people will get employment and t the economic condition of UT will be strong.

Mahant Rohit Shastri said that under the representation of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, the UT is moving forward on the path of development every day.

DIPR organises Seminar on 'Cyber Security- Cyber Hygiene' at Gandhi Memorial College

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jun 7: Continuing its drive to raise awareness among students regarding Cyber Crime and educate them to address the ever growing issue of Cyber crimes, Cultural Unit Kashmir of DIPR in collaboration with Gandhi Memorial College Srinagar today organised a seminar on the topic 'Cyber Security- Cyber Hygiene' at the auditorium of Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar.

The session was inaugurated by the Deputy Director Information (PR), Bilal Mukhtar who was the chief guest on the occasion while as Principal Gandhi Memorial College GM Dar was the guest of honour.

In his speech, Bilal Mukhtar highlighted the role of Cyber Awareness in the current scenario and urged the participating students to understand the fundamentals of cyber technology in order to stay relevant in the present times. He stressed on the need of understanding the

TOP NEWS REPORT

ANANTNAG, Jun 7:

The Deputy Commis-

sioner (DC) Anant-

nag, SF Hamid today

flagged-off the batch of

Hajj pilgrims of District

Anantnag at a ceremo-

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A comprehensive plan

has been put in place

Khanbal.

ever increasing ambit of cyber world and the cyber crimes.

Earlier, AE&CO Cultural Unit Kashmir, Syed Shakeel Shan welcomed the dignitaries and audience and threw light on the various challenges and problems investigating agencies face in this world of internet and technology in Kashmir. Students of Gandhi

Memorial College including Atif, Mehvish, Omaik and Adeeb briefed the gathering about the growing online scams and data hacking. The programme was attended by about more than hundred participants including students, faculty, social activists and officers of the Information Department, During the Seminar, artists of Angels Cultural Academy performed a thematic

play and dance.
Later, certificates
of appreciation and
mementos were presented to participating speakers, Principal
Gandhi Memorial College, President Angeles
Cultural Academy Tariq
Shera and performing

J&K-Khidmath-e-Khalaq Society organizes week-long activities to celebrate World Environment Day



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 7: JK-Khidmath-Khalaq Society celebrated World Environment Day 2023 by organizing series of activities. World Environment Day is celebrated annually across the globe to mark the importance of nature and the environment.

The purpose of this day is to spread awareness about the threat to the environment due to rising pollution levels and climate change. The ambassadors of Organisation celebrated this week as Environment Week The week includ-

ed a lot of enthusiastic activities in which the common masses in general and youth in particular participated wholeheartedly.

On this occasion, a detailed lecture was organised in which different aspects were covered such as Sustainable development, Global warming, and climate change etc. An awareness rally was organised in which almost 100 youngsters actively participated along with members.

A lecture cum symposium was organised on the eve of World Bicycle Day in which Chairman

Dr. Shiraz stressed upon the fact that Cycling will facilitate the reduction of carbon fuel prints. Youngsters were given various opportunities to share their ideas on how they could preserve the environment.

The celebrations came to an end with everyone being made aware of the need to save the environment and doing their bit for a cleaner and greener Mother Earth. The programme was made successful with active support of members. The whole programme was conducted under the guidance of Chairman Dr. Shiraz Mir.

Youth have an important role to play towards environment: CMO Doda



TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Jun 7: To raise awareness about the environment & ecology among the masses, the District Health Society Doda organized numerous activities in the District, to celebrate World Environment Day 2023, on the theme, "Beat Plastic Pollution".

The main programme in this regard was held at Trauma Hospital Khellani in Block Assar, which was attended by Chief Medical Officer Dr Ab Hamid Zargar as the Chief Guest.

While speaking on the occasion, CMO Doda Dr Zargar said that day is observed as the day dedicated to educate about environment, plant trees and clean surroundings. He said that young people should voluntarily take part in keeping their surroundings neat and clean, added that we all should do our bit in ensuring that we would do everything possible to keep this universe safe from every types

CMO Doda on this occasion also urged the participants and civil society to protect the mother earth by planting more and more trees as well as replacing the single use plastic with biodegradable matter, so that mother earth can be saved and remain sustainable.

of pollution.

sustainable. Sanitary Inspector Zaheer Gattu as the Resource Person explained about the significance of the day and how to beat the plastic pollution for the safety of the environment and healthy life.

A plantation drive was also launched by CMO Doda in coordination with other stakeholders, on the eve of World Environment Day 2023 along with a pledge by the audience to protect and conserve the environment.

Other than the Health Department, the programme was attended by Principal GHSS Khellani Doda, Forest Department, local PRIs besides ASHAs of the

to facilitate the departure of the pilgrims from Anantnag district. The plan includes arrangements for transportation, accommodation, healthcare, and other essential services to ensure

journey for the pilgrims. Speaking at the flagging-off ceremony, the

a safe and comfortable

DC extended his best wishes to the Hajj pilgrims and emphasized the significance of this spiritual journey. He commended the efforts of the administration and various departments involved in making the arrangements, ensuring that all necessary facili-

DC Anantnag flags-off Hajj Pilgrims from district

smooth conduct of the pilgrimage.

The DC also urged the pilgrims to adhere to the guidelines and protocols established by the Government of India and the Saudi Arabian authorities. He emphasized the importance of following all health and safety measures to protect

themselves from any untoward incident.

The district administration has set up a dedicated control room to address any queries or concerns of the pilgrims or their families Contact details for the control room on 01932-222200 Email: anantnag@nic.

Northern Command, Col Priyanka deserves accolades

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ASC getting woman CO will inspire our daughters to join Indian Army: Raman

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 7: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri, while congratulating Col Priyanka Singh, the first Women Commanding Officer of the Army Service Corps (ASC) Battalion in the Northern Command, said that the Indian Army has set an example of Nari Shakti by appointing Col Priyanka at such a strategic position.

Raman Suri said that appointment of a woman officer at a frontline Divisional ASC Battalion wherein she will be responsible for providing intimate supplies and

transport cover to the soldiers on borders, is an example of equality, women empowerment, and display of strength. This also signifies the recognition of women's capabilities and their invaluable contribution to defence and security of the Nation.

India, he said,has always been a nation of warriors, especially women like Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi, Rani Durgavati, Mata Bhag Kaur, KitturChennamma and Maharani Tarabai Bhosale. Drawing inspiration from the stories of their fights against Mughal rulers and Britishers, our women are leaving



no stones unturned to prove their capabilities. This appointment of Col Priyanka will go a long way in encouraging our daughters to serve the nation even on front lines.

Raman Suri said that while the Northern Command has mentioned itself as a proud army base to have such a brilliant and fearless officer,

Col Priyanka Singh's achievements are quite unique and inspiring. Her passion and courage serve as a great motivation for many other women of our Nation and India feels proud of her daughters, the BJP leader said.

Raman Suri added that the first women to be appointed as CO in ASC is a matter of celebration and salutes the spirit of women achievers like Col Singh. The Northern Command, which has displayed its dedication in creating an inclusive and diverse armed force to harness full potential of its personnel including

gender, deserves accolades. This is a golden era where women officers will be proving their mettle as able soldiers on the front line.

Raman Suri said that the Union Government has already directed the Defence Ministry to organise anAll-Women Republic Day Parade in 2024, which shows government's faith in Nari Shakti. The 2024 parade will see only women taking part in all the activities on the Kartavya Path. This is for the first time that such a decision has been taken by any government in the country, which is quite applaudable and praiseworthy.

BVP organizes Anemia Mukt Bharat campaign

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 7: BVP Gandhi Nagar branch has organized Anemia Mukt Bharat campaign on Wednesday at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

Around 75 children from class 6th to 10th had gone through the Anemia screening test and 27 of them found suffering from Anemia. The branch has distributed medicines amongst the children.

Ganesh Khajuria, Incharge of the School, showed full cooperation



with the branch.
On this occasion prominent among others present in the Camp were Dev Raj Sharma, Regional President, Arun Sharma Joint General Secretary

Regional, Amita Sharma, Regional Mahila and Bal Vikas, Bharat Bhushan Sharma, President JK Branch, Satya Nand Sharma, Patron, Dr. Santosh Gupta, Dr.

Balwant Sharma, Vijay Kumar Sharma and state Vice President Samparak Parmukh BVP J&K Prant Vijay Sharma, Ashok Khajuria, Aarti Sharma and other branch members were present during the campaign.

The whole programme organized by Sushil Ojha, Udey Chandra Sharma and Gurmeet Singh. The school staff was also present and showed full cooperation.

Special thanks to Dr. A.P Singh and their Lab attendants for conducting the tests. Dr. S.K Sharma also gave the lecture regarding how to prevent "Anemia".

Light refreshment and Gur/Chana was served to the children and staff members.



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