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BRIEFLY

India logs 186 fresh covid-19 cases, active infections decrease to 2,501

NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): India saw a single-day rise of 186 coronavirus infections, while the active cases have decreased to 2,501, according to Union health ministry data updated on Saturday.

The death toll has remained at 5,31,888, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The total tally of Covid cases is 4.49 crore (4,49,92,648) and the active cases now comprise 0.01 per cent of the total infections, it stated.

The national Covid recovery rate has been recorded at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease has increased to 4,44,58,259, while the case fatality rate has been 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.

Temperature rises as dry weather forecast in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jun 10 (Agencies): Mainly dry weather has been forecast in Jammu and Kashmir where night temperature increased and settled above normal at most places on Saturday.

A meteorological department official here said that weather is mainly going to be "dry" in the next 24 hours and that no "large change" was expected either till June 12.

Regarding the temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 16.0°C against 14.7°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 1.7°C for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 13.6°C against 12.8°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.7°C for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 7.6°C against 7.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.6°C below normal for the famous tourist resort in south

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India tops world ranking in digital payments, records 89.5 million transactions in 2022: MyGovIndia

NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): India with 89.5 million digital transactions in the year 2022 has topped the list of five countries in digital payments, according to data from MyGovIndia.

As per the data, India in the year 2022 accounting for 46 per cent of the global real-time payments, adding that the digital payment transactions in India is more than the other four leading countries combined. "India keeps dominating the digital payment landscape! With innovative solutions



and widespread adoption, we're leading the way towards a cashless economy. #9YearsOfTechForGrowth #9YearsOfSeva@Go_MeitiY@AshwiniVaishnaw@

Rajeev_Gol@alkesh-12sharma @DigitalIndia," tweeted MyGovIndia.

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Second, on the list is Brazil which amounted to 29.2 million transactions followed by China with 17.6 million transactions.

On number 4 is Thailand with 16.5 million digital transactions followed by South Korea with 8 million worth of transactions, the data from MyGovIndia has stated.

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Civil work on Jammu Artificial Lake to complete by Oct-Nov: Official

JAMMU, Jun 10 (Agencies): The ongoing civil work on one of the major projects, Jammu Artificial Lake, will be completed by October-November this year.

Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Smart City Project Limited, Rahul Yadav here said that the civil work of the ongoing project will be completed by October-November and it will thereafter be dedicated to the public.

"We are expecting to



complete the civil work by October-November, which will be followed by its beautification," Yadav said.

He stated that the entire project is worth Rs

180 crores out of which Rs 150 crores are being spent on the civil works.

"The project is important with the tourism aspect as it will not only increase the tourist influx but also boost the local economy," he added.

The work on the Artificial Lake project, which already had missed several deadlines between 2012 to 2018, was expedited after Lieutenant

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Two fraudsters arrested with fake gold biscuits in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Jun 10 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday said it arrested two fraudsters with 440 fake gold biscuits in Srinagar.

"Two fraudsters namely: 1) Tahir Ahmad Mughal of Choth Waliwar Ganderbal & 2) Nazir Ahmad Khan of Kupwara at present Baghi Mehtab Srinagar arrested with 440 fake gold biscuits," the police said in a tweet.

"They were planning to cheat public by selling them as Gold. FIR in relevant sections registered in Bemina PS."

Anantnag woman dies of heart attack after son fails to qualify class 12 exam

ANANTNAG, Jun 10 (Agencies): A woman died in Kokernag area of south Kashmir's Anantnag after she came to know that her son has failed to qualify class 12th exam, results of which were declared on Friday.

Locals said that Jameela Akhtar wife of Mohammad Rafiq Malik of Danwethpora Kokernag suffered massive cardiac arrest.

"She was rushed to SDH Kokernag where she was declared dead on arrival," they said.

They said that she suffered heart attack after learning that her son has failed to qualify class 12th exam.

Two vehicles collide head on, driver loses life

SRINAGAR, Jun 10 (Agencies): A truck driver died after a head-on collision between two vehicles in the Ujroo area of Qazigund in South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Saturday.

An official said that a truck, coming from Jammu

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Had BJP been ready elections would have been held in J&K: Omar Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Jun 10 (Agencies): Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday said that had BJP been ready elections would have been held and that Chief Election Commissioner himself asserted that there is vacuum in the Union Territory.

Talking to reporter, Omar Abdullah, that it is obvious that BJP is not ready and had it been ready polls would have been held in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that CEC himself said that after getting



information on the situation from Home Ministry, they will announce elections in Jammu and Kashmir, but he is unable to understand why that information has not been received yet. Stating that he won't be responding to questions on holding elec-

tions anymore, he said that if elections are happening, let it be and if not let that be as well.

Reacting strongly to a question over formation alliance of political parties in Jammu and Kashmir, he said that there is no point in discussing the alliance when there is no such announcement regarding elections in J&K.

"What you have to do with the alliance when there is no announcement of elections, let that process start and after that we will hold

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Rusted landmine destroyed near international border in Samba

JAMMU, Jun 10 (Agencies): A rusted landmine was destroyed near the international border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Saturday, police officials said.

The landmine, believed to have been planted over two decades ago as part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system,

was noticed by a farmer near Poolpur post near Basantar, the officials said.

They said the army was informed and later the landmine was destroyed in a controlled explosion by the experts of the bomb disposal squad. Meanwhile, police seized a plane-

shaped Pakistani balloon from the Hiranagar sector near the international border nearby Kathua district.

The white and black coloured balloon, carrying the logo of PIA (Pakistan International Airlines), landed on this side from across the border, the official said.

Vehicular movement resumes on Jammu-Srinagar Highway

JAMMU, Jun 10 (Agencies): Vehicular movement on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway was restored on Saturday, after remaining suspended for nearly 12 hours due to repair and maintenance works on the stretch between the Nashri and Navyug tunnels, officials said.

The works on the 270-km road were undertaken by the National Highways Authority of India following a landslide, they said.

The road was closed

around 10 pm on Friday at Dalwas and several other locations in Ramban district for carrying out the repair and maintenance works, Senior Superintendent of Police, National Highway, Rohit Baskotra said.

"Debris from the landslide was cleared, the slide prone area stabilised and potholes were filled up during the overnight operation," Baskotra, who along with senior NHAI officers inspected the works,

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DM Kupwara seeks FIR against private clinic over death of 2 patients due to alleged medical negligence

KUPWARA, Jun 10 (Agencies): District Magistrate Kupwara has sought an FIR against a private clinic here over alleged medical negligence by the doctors leading to death of two patients.

The District Magistrate Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray in a communique to SSP concerned Yougal Manhas asked the latter to lodge an FIR and initiate enquiry against one 'ESS BEE' clinic.

"... It is to intimate that in the recent past, two death incidents of

two individuals namely Mudasir Rashid Sofi son of Abdul Rashid Sofi, resident of Potushahi, Lolab and Tahira Begum wife of Qaiser Ahmad Wani, resident of Tikipora Lolab allegedly occurred due to medical negligence at ESS BEE clinic Kupwara," reads the communique, a copy of which lies with GNS.

"In this context, it is requested to lodge FIR and initiate preliminary enquiry into the aforesaid incidents", it reads.

"It is pertinent to mention here that the

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Maha CM Eknath Shinde takes 'leave' to visit J&K



SRINAGAR, Jun 10 (Agencies): Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has taken three days break from the office to visit Jammu and Kashmir, a media report said today.

As per The Times of India, Shinde visited Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra soon after he landed in Jammu on Thursday. He is accompanied by son and MP Shrikant Shinde.

The visit of the chief minister comes barely days ahead of the Shinde-Fadnis government completing a year. As per the report, Shinde will discuss with tourism with the administration.

Sources told agency that Shinde is visiting tourist resort of Gulmarg in northern Kashmir.

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10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved and most caring **Smt Ram Pyari W/o Lt. Sh. Dharminder Singh Chowdhary** of Ward No. 1 Ramnagar who left for heavenly abode on 7-6-2023. **Tenth Day** will be performed on 11-6-2023 (Sunday) at 11 am at Brahman Sabha Ramnagar. **Kriya** will be performed on 14-6-2023 (Wednesday) at 12 PM at our residence Ward No. 1 Ramnagar. **Rasam Pagri** will be performed at our residence on 16-6-2023 (Friday) at 11 am.

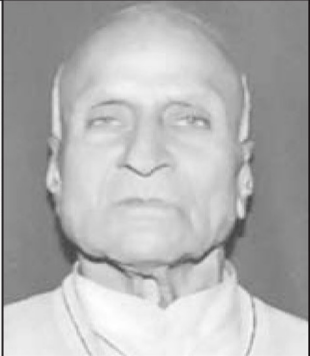


Smt Ram Pyari

Grief Stricken
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Smt Makhna Devi - Daughter-in-law
Smt Darshna & Sh Amarjeet Chowdhary
Smt Shobha & Sh Bhushan Chowdhary
Smt Pawan & Sh Kuldar Chowdhary
Smt Santosh Gupta - Daughter-in-law
Smt Ranjith & Sh Dowlat Chowdhary
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt Neelam & Sdn Lal Gupta
And All Chowdhary Family
Contact No's: 9419306477, 7006999994, 7006299365, 7299526317

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief, we inform that our beloved **Sh. Girdhari Lal Bakshi** of Pethkanihama Magam Kashmir, presently at H.No. 300 C, Street No. 16D, Lower Shiv Nagar Jammu left for heavenly abode on 4th June 2023. The **10th Day Kriya** will be held on 13th June 2023 (Tuesday) at 9:00 am at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu.



Sh. Girdhari Lal Bakshi

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Sharika Koul (Sister)
Raj Kumar Bakshi & Anita
Sanju Bakshi & Leenu

(Sons & Daughters in law)

Daizy & B L Koul
Arvi & J K Bakshi

Bunty & Ashwani Pandita

Renu & Hemant Bakshi

(Daughters & Sons in law)

Grand Children : Aryan, Nishlesh, Adhyan & Niya, Aparna, Akshay, Arun, Jaideep, Ritik, Sneh & Sparsh

Cell No. 9419168885, 7006690918

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Shanti Dubey W/o late Gian Chand Dubey** R/o Ward No. 3 Ramnagar District Udhampur.



Smt. Shanti Dubey

Tenth Day will be performed on 10th of June 2023 (Saturday) at 11am at our residence (Ramnagar). **Kriya** will be performed on 11th of June 2023 (Sunday) at our residence Ramnagar.

GRIEF STRICKEN

1. Dubey Family

2. Daughter and Son-in-law

Smt. Neelam Pathak And Atul Pathak.

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that our beloved **Smt Usha Ji Raina** W/o Sh Kanwal Krishan Raina originally R/o Areh (Kulgam), presently residing at Nanak Vihar (Lower Muthi) W No. 67 near Ganesh Mandir, left for heavenly abode on 08-06-2023.



Smt Usha Ji Raina

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 17-06-2023 (08:00 hrs) at DSE Muthi Ghat.

Grief Stricken:

Sh Kanwal Krishan Raina (Husband)

Ravi Raina & Bhawana Raina (Son & Daughter in law)

Rimi Raina & Prateek Sood (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Devar & Devrani

Sh R L Raina & Sushma Raina

Sh T K Raina & Anjali Raina

Nanad & Nandoi

Baby (Rekha Ji) & Rajinder Raina

Tita (Nisha Ji) & Roshan Lal Raina

Grand Children

Jhanavi, Pari & Shaanvi

Mob : 6005776603, 7006034434

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sardar Inder Singh** H/o Agya Kour on 2-6-2023 R/o Police Line, Simbal Tekri Jammu.



Sardar Inder Singh

Bhog and Antim Ardaas will take place as per program below :- at our residence

1) **Arambh Sri Akhand Path.....**Friday June 9, 9:30 am at our residence.

2) **Bhog Sri Akhand Path..** Sunday June 11, 9:30 am at our residence Gurudwara Singh Sabha Makhanpur

Gujran Sunday June 11, 2023.

Kirtan and Antim Ardaas 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Makhanpur

Guru Ka Langar - 12:00 PM

Grief Stricken :

Deeply remembered by

Sdn Agya Kour (Wife)

Sdn. Sheela Kour (Sister)

S. Mohinder Singh (Brother)

Sdn Kulwant Kour (Sister)

Son & Daughter in law

S. Ranjeet Singh & Sdn Harpreet Kour

Contact No. 9419835637, 94191-28765

SHADMOS & MASWAAR

THE PAIN OF LOSING YOU IS STILL FRESH AND WILL NEVER CEASE AWAY; YOU ARE REMEMBERED IN WHATEVER WE DO. YOU WERE THE BEST THING THAT HAD HAPPENED TO US.



LT. SMT. SAROJ KITROO

SHADMOS & MASWAAR OF LT. SMT. SAROJ KITROO W/O SH. RAMESH KITROO ORIGINALLY FROM NAIDYAR, RAINAWARI, SRINAGAR (J&K) WILL BE PERFORMED AT B-903, GODREJ101, SECTOR 79, GURGAON ON 10/06/2023 AND 11/06/2023 RESPECTIVELY.

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY:

HUSBAND

SH. RAMESH KITROO

SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW

MR. ASHISH KITROO & MRS. SHEETAL SARAF KITROO

DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW

MRS. ANISHA KITROO KAUL & ROHIT KAUL

GRAND CHILDREN - MASTER AARAV, ARYAN & ROHAN

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Soni Raina** W/o Sh. C.L. Raina of Nehama Kupwara at present Block-170, Flat-16, Lane-26, Jagti Nagrota, who left for heavenly abode on 04-06-2023.



Smt. Soni Raina (TATHEE)

The **Mourning** shall observed at Community Hall Lane No. 4 Back Side (Jagti Nagrota).

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 13.06.2023 (Tuesday) near Director School Education Jammu.

The **Assembly** will be held at 08:15 Hours at Muthi Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. C.L. Raina - Husband

Daughters-in-law & Sons

Mrs. Reetu Raina & Mr. Anil Raina

Mrs. Meenakshi Raina & Mr. Surinder Raina

Mrs. Neha Raina & Sahil Raina

Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law

Smt. Lt. Dulari W/o Sh. J.N. Pandita

Smt. Lt. Phoola Jee W/o Sh. K.L. Bhat

Smt. Meena Shori Bagati W/o Lt. Sh. B.K. Bagati

Smt. Dura Jee W/o Lt. Sh. G.L. Pandita

Smt. Usha Jee W/o Sh. C.L. Raina

Nephew - Mr. Rajinder Raina

Home Flowers: Navya, Vaanya., Tanishta, Danishta, Kushi, Aakash, Janu

Contact No.: 9797446146, 9682105325, 9596822721, 7006423203

BARKHI

"A tearful year has been passed since you left and departed us"

Ist death anniversary rituals of our beloved

Lt. Sh.Sushil Gandhral S/o Lt. Sh. Sham Lal, will be held on 11 June 2023 (Sunday)

at our residence Rajinderpura Bagoona by 11:30am onwards.

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY:

Smt. Bimla Devi -Mother

Brother & Bhabhi

Sunny Gandhral & Meenu

Pradeep Gandhral

ALL FAMILY MEMBERS

MOB: 9906203566, 9697143653, 9797399001

CONDOLENCE

My heartaches by the thought of not having you beside me anymore, my younger sister !

Late Ranjeet Kour (Guddi) D/o Late Sdn Surjeet Kour

(Sarasti) and Late S. Gurdev Singh

PROGRAMME

ANTIM ARDAAS at Gurudwara Harkrishan Sahib

Indira Nagar from 10.00 am to 11:30 am on 12-6-23.

Pray to Waheguru for peace of the departed soul of my

sister in heaven (Deeply missed). No one will fill the

space in our hearts.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

S. Rajinder Singh Convenor (Brother)

All J&K SIKH UNITY FORUM

Sdn Kanchan Kour (Sister-in-law)

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S. Rajinder Singh Convenor (Brother)

All J&K SIKH UNITY FORUM

Sdn Kanchan Kour (Sister-in-law)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved father

Sh Joginder Singh Jamwal S/o Lt. Sh. Sandal

Singh Jamwal R/o Raipur Bantalab Jammu who left

for heavenly abode on 02-06-2023.

The **TENTH DAY** will be performed on 10th of June

2023 at their residence Raipur Bantalab Jammu.

KRIYA will be performed on 13th of June 2023 and

RASAM PAGRI will be performed on 14th of June

2023.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Asha Devi -Wife

Sh. Raghuwinder Singh Jamwal- Son

Sh. Sameer Singh Jamwal- Son

Master Vansh Jamwal- Grandson

Sh. Arjun Singh Jamwal- Nephew

Mrs. Radha Pathania- Sister

MOB: 9070459821, 7889611578

REMEMBRANCE

(On 4th Death Anniversary)

In loving memory of our beloved **S. Jodh Singh**

S/o Munshi Gopal Singh (Ex. Manager Ashram

Digiana) R/o 649/D, Sainik Colony Jammu. You are

requested to attend the Bogh of Shri Sehaj Path

Sahib at Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Sainik

Colony, Jammu as per the programme.

PROGRAMME

Bogh Sri Sehaj Path Sahib: 11-06-2023,

10.00 am (Sunday).

Kirtan and Ardas: 10.30 to 12.00 am.

Guru Ka Langar: 12.30 am onwards.

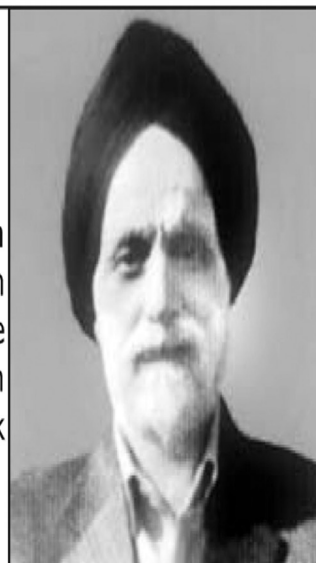
Deeply Remembered By:

Sdn. Janak Kour -Wife

Sons & Daughter-in-law

S. Amrik Singh & Sdn. Mohinder Kour

S. Dhanwant Singh & Sdn Ravinder Kour



S. Jodh Singh

Mob: 9419142002, 7006535090

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.



SMT SUJATA BHAT KAR (BINDU)

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMU ON 13-06-2023 TUESDAY AT 8 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

SH CHAND JI KAR- HUSBAND

MUSKAN & MEHAK- DAUGHTERS

SMT SHEELA W/O LATE SH J L BHAT- MOTHER

OF PANZIPURA BARAMULLA (KMR)

SMT BEAUTY TIKOO W/O SH R L TIKOO- SISTER

SMT BLUNTY BHAT W/O SH SATISH BHAT- -DO-

SMT SONU RAINA W/O SH AJAY RAINA- -DO-

SMT NEETU MISRI W/O SH ANIL MISRI- -DO-

MOB NO'S : 9796203719, 9149899146, 7889819674

TENTH DAY & KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform that on 3rd June 2023, our beloved **Dr. Lachhman Dass Gupta** (Retired Dy. Director ISM) S/o Late Sh. Shiv Ram R/o Patel Nagar Kathua (Mahapur Valey) at present Channi Himmat Jammu left for heavenly abode.



Dr. Lachhman Dass Gupta (Retired Dy. Director ISM)

Tenth Day will be performed at 12 Noon on Monday 12th June 2023 at Panch-Mandir Channi Himmat Jammu.

Kriya (13th Day) will be performed 10 AM onwards on Thursday 15th June 2023 at our residence 162/2, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Shakuntla Gupta - Wife

Dhanni Devi W/o Late Gian Chand - Bhabhi

Sharda Devi W/o Lt. Prem Chand Gupta - Bhabhi

Vishno Devi W/o Late Babu Ram Malhotra - Sister

Sarita Gupta & Sh. Arun Dogra - Daughter & Son-in-law

Punam Gupta & Sh. Chand Parkash Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law

Vandana Gupta & Sh. Rajiv Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law

Anjali Gupta & Sh. Anil Gupta - Daughter-in-law & Son

Kushal Kanotra & Sh. Arun Gupta - Daughter-in-law & Son

Contacts : 9419347601, 9469099846

CHOUBARSI

Choubarisi of our beloved father **Lt Sh Daya Ram Verma** H/o Lt Smt Kamla Devi

R/o H No. 333, near State Motor Garage,

New Plot, Jammu will be performed on 11th

June, 2023 Sunday at Shiv Mandir, New

Plot, Jammu at 12:00 Noon.

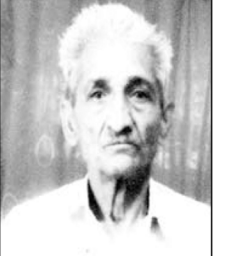
Deeply Remembered by

Satpal Verma & Shashi Verma

Romesh Verma & Rekha Verma

Grand Son- Ankit Verma & Tanish Verma

M No. 9419121150, 9906085173, 9149530141



Lt Sh Daya Ram Verma

SHADMOS & MASWAR

Six months have passed since you have left us, your memories are still fresh and we feel your presence everywhere and

Apni Party leaders, locals protest against Northern Railways

TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, Jun 10: Apni Party leaders accompanied by a large number of locals today held a peaceful protest demonstration against the Northern Railway because hundreds of people in Gurah Morh and Raya Morh face difficulties on a daily basis because there is no flyover. The protesters gathered here in Vijaypur under the leadership of Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh and shouted slogans against the Union Railway Ministry for failing to address the issues on the ground in the villages alongside railway tracks and stations in Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts. The protesters, after holding a protest for over an hour against the Northern Railways,



handed over a memorandum of demands to the Union Railways Ministry through the SDM Vijaypur.

Earlier, the Former Minister addressed the protesters and expressed serious concern over the non-redressal of issues faced by the people in their daily life due to the negligence of the railways.

He said that hundreds of people, pilgrims for

Uttarbani Parmandal, students/staff members of Central University Samba and devotees of Sahib Bandgi Ashram have to face issues in routine because there is no flyover.

"The people have to wait for hours together for the train to pass through and then they proceed towards their respective destinations. Hence, there is an urgent requirement

for the construction of flyovers in Gurah Morh and Raya Morh," he said.

He said that the issue was highlighted many times before but the Railways Authorities turn blind eyes and it has often led to mishaps on the tracks.

"The issue should not be allowed to expand further as people are angry with the Northern Railways negligence

and compromise to the safety measures. By constructing flyovers at Gurah Morh and Raya Morh, the railway authorities will ensure the safety and security of the people and it would also save the time of the people," he said.

He also said that the under passage constructed underneath the railway tracks are narrow and only motorbikes and cars can pass through these passages. Therefore, the Northern Railways should be widened so that the trucks and tippers can also pass through these passages.

"The people are deprived of development and construction work because of the narrow passage that needs to be widened to ensure big vehicles, load carriers, trucks, and tippers can pass through," he added.

Jugal emphasis Party workers to outreach Modi Govt achievements among masses

TOP NEWS REPORT

NOWSHERA, Jun 10: Bharatiya Janata Party District Nowshera today organized Sanyukt Morcha Sammellan at Nowshera in which Jugal Kishore Member of Parliament BJP Lok Sabha Jammu was the Chief Guest along DDC Sangeeta, BDC Balkrishan, President MC Nowshera Mangu Ram, Prabhari Sanjay Baru, District President Nowshera Nina Sharma, Thakur Randhir Singh are present.

Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma while addressing the gathering present at the occasion said that on completion of 9 years of Modi Ji's Government in Center Party is organizing various programmes all over the Nation to outreach 9 years of Modi Ji's government achievements among the masses. He said that many bold and historic steps have been taken by Modi Government for the welfare of the Nation. He said



that among the most popular schemes Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - Ayushman Bharat, PM-Kissan are the most popular schemes by which all are getting benefits. He said that its the first time when a government have brought such type of schemes. He said that every corner is observing development and mega projects like AIIMS, IIT, IIIM, Jammu - Akhnoor Four lane and wid-

ening upto Poonch, Bridge over river Chenab, Tunnels at Chowki Choura Bhamla and many more has brought a revolutionary change. He said that it is our duty to strengthen the hands of Modi Ji and to outreach all the achievements among the masses. He while boosting the morale of Party workers said that we should work hard in order to see Modi Ji again as our Prime Minister. Member of Parliament also visited village Solki and

addressed the public gathering.

Member of Parliament also facilitated Satish Choudhary honored by Veer Chakra under Sampark Se Smarthan Programme & Joinings were also performed at Solki. Senior BJP Leaders Pritam Sharma, Sukhdev Choudhary, Capt Ramesh, Adv Vinod Sharma, Sardari Lal, Sushil Verma, Chotu Ram Choudhary, Amreek Vyas, Ashok Chib, Vijay Sharma, Parshotam, Mandal Presidents BJP Ajay Choudhary, Ravinder sharma, Harjeet Singh, Shubam lakhnopal, Anchal Singh, Vikram Sharma, Bharat Bhushan Vayapar Mandal, Minority M. Mohinder Singh, Yuvraj Singh, Abhishek, Gourav seth, Mahila Sushma Thakur, Dali Sharma, Councillors Preeti Gupta, Sanjeev Dutta, Afzal, Chaman Lal, Vishal Gupta, Sarpanches Balwant Raj, Kuldeep Singh, Jasbir Singh & Panches and others also present.

Congress protest against unscheduled power cuts



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 10: Senior Congress leader Sanjeev Panda, Secretary Pradesh Congress Committee expressed great disappointment against the Power Development Department (PDD) over its tyrannical decision to snap the power supply of the people having inflated bills.

A strong protest has been organized by the Congress workers at Canal Head outside PDD office led by the Secretary Pradesh Congress Committee Sanjeev Panda. The protesting people from Jammu District assembled near the office and protested

against PDD for shooting them with inflated power bills.

Sanjeev Panda warned the PDD officials to resist from such unjustifiable decisions and immediately restore the connections of the suffering people. He also demanded to the LG Administration to give some units of electricity free to the people on the similar lines of Himachal and Rajasthan Congress Governments.

Farmers who are having their crop season of Paddy are facing huge difficulty as the PDD is desperate to snap their power supply. On the one side Government is showing its commitment that too in papers only

to double their income but on the other side the PDD officials are forcing these poor farmers to starvation like situation as the entire crop will perish in the absence of basic facility of power.

Sanjeev Panda warned the government officials to immediately stop such practices and threatened a big agitation in case the issue is not resolved. He also said that the farmers are the pillars of the society and the government must stop harassing them.

**Office of the Deputy Director Forest Protection Force
Gamma Unit J-01 Flying Squad, Jammu
TENDER NOTICE**

e-NIT No.:- 02 of 2023-24 Dated:- 06-06-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Government/Central Government Organizations for the following works:

S.No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Amount in lacs)	Earnest Money @ 2% of the advertised cost (Amount in rupees)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document (Amount in rupees)	Time of Completion (Days)	Receiving /Opening Authority
1	Improvement /Upgradation of FPF Head Quarter Complex , Narval Jammu by way of white washing and painting including allied works by FPF Gamma Unit J01 F/S Jammu	7.00	Rs.14000/-	"C&D" only	Rs.600/-	45 days	Tender Opening Committee

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

Position of funds: Partially Available
Position of AA / TS: Accorded

Publishing Date	06-06-2023
Download Start Date	06-06-2023 from 5.00 P.M
Bid Submission Start Date	06-06-2023 from 5.00 P.M
Bid Submission End Date	27-06-2023 upto 1:00 P.M
Date of opening of Technical / Financial Bid (online)	27-06-2023 at 01.05 PM (in the office of the Joint Director, Forest Protection Force, Jammu)

- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the Departmental Website- www.jktenders.gov.in
- The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened on 27-06-2023 at 01:05 PM in the office of the Joint Director, Forest Protection Force, Jammu in case of public holiday on the date of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Bids must be uploaded along-with cost of tender document as shown against the work in the shape of Scanned copy e-challan / copy of receipt from treasury favouring to the Deputy Director, FPF, Gamma Unit J-01 Flying Squad, Jammu, by crediting the requisite charges to the MH 0406 - FOREST (Revenue). Scanned copy of the earnest money / bid security in shape of CDR / FDR to the Deputy Director, FPF, Gamma Unit J-01 Flying Squad, Jammu, shall also need to be uploaded.
- The amount advertised has been worked out at par as per the analysed rates of Forest Department J & K State and PWD Schedule of rates 2022.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" options as well as from " Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per IT Act, bidders can get Digital Signature Certificate from approved vendor.
- The Bidders have to submit their financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical /hard form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the opening of Technical bids.
- Bidders must ensure to positively upload scanned copies of below mentioned documents for Technical Bid.
 - CDR / FDR
 - PAN CARD
 - GST Registration number.
 - Registration Card
 - e-challan / copy of receipt from treasury as cost of Tender Document.
 - Complete address of Contractor/Firm/Agency with Mobile Nos and email id.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (Technical or otherwise).
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the e-NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The accepting authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.
- The contractor shall arrange all construction materials of his own for the above said work from genuine source accompanied by its test check report for key material and quality of materials shall have to be verified / passed by the concerned Officers of the Department up to their satisfaction before start of work / its utilization.
 - Cement of Ambuja, ACC, Birla Plus, JP Buland, Bangaur or equivalent brand.
 - Steel of SAIL, TATA TISCON, Rashtriya Ispat or equivalent brand.
- The serviceable material retrieved from the site of work if any shall have to be used in the fresh construction by the contractor and the unserviceable material will have to be disposed-off to an authorized dumping site for which no additional payment shall be made to the contractor.
- All other terms and conditions as per PWD Form 25(doube leaf) and as per the detailed document shall be binding on the contractor.
- The original documents, when submitted by L-1 for the cost of tender document, EMD specified in the tender document should be same as uploaded on-line (scanned copies) other-wise the allotment will not be issued.
- The lowest bidder (L1) has to submit an affidavit to the effect that he has not abandoned any work during the last and current financial year, within 7 Days after opening of price bids, failing which he shall be disqualified for awarding of contract and the next lowest bidder (L2) shall be considered for the same.
- In case bid of the lowest bidder is found un-balanced, the successful bidder shall have to produce additional performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 7 Days after opening of price bids,** as per following breakup:

S. No	Percentage of un-balanced bid viz, advertised cost on account of low rates	Additional performance security
1	Upto and including 1% below	Nil
2	Greater than 1% and up to 2% below	5%
3	Greater than 2% and up to 25% below	10%
4	Greater than 25% and up to 30% below	15%
5	Greater than 30% below	20%
- In order to qualify, only L-1 bidder shall provide copies of documents as defined below-
 - Photocopies of Registration Card duly renewed for the financial year 2023-24.
 - Photocopy of GST No.
 - Photocopy of PAN Card.

And following instruments in original:-

- CDR/FDR 2% of the advertised cost from any nationalized/ scheduled Bank pledged to tender opening authority. (original)
- Treasury Receipt/ Challan as per amount mentioned in the N.I.T pledged to the Deputy Director, FPF, Gamma Unit J-01 Flying Squad, Jammu.
No. : DD/FS/J-01/Cape/ 191-195
Dated: 06.06.2023

sd/-
(Dharminder Sharma)
Deputy Director
Forest Protection Force,
Gamma Unit J01 Flying Squad Jammu

DIP/J-2908/23

**Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division,
Government Medical College & Hospital, Jammu
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Short Term)**

MHDJ/e-NIT 66 of 2023-24 **Dated: 07.06.2023**
due: 14.06.2023

On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders in two cover system on turnkey basis are invited from registered/reputed firms having sufficient relevant experience for the work mentioned below:

S. No	Description of work	Project Authority	Estt	AAA/ TS	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Eligibility Criterion of Bidder
1	Complete Servicing and Replacement of batteries of two nos. DG set (500 KVA each) installed at 200 bedded MCH, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.	Principal GMC & Associate Hospital Jammu	2,46 LACS	ACCORDED	Rs.5000.00 in the shape of CDR/FDR to R valid for 12 months pledged to the Executive Engineer MCH/ Divn GMC Jammu	Rs 200.00 in the shape of Challan through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating the name of work duly credited to 0059-PWD (Revenue) and uploading a copy of treasury challan / receipt on e-tendering portal.	10 days	OEM /Authorized /Registered & Reputed firms having sufficient experience as per Annexure "C" Similar/Electr omechanical nature of work

The bidder may deposit tender fee in the shape of Challan through Account no. 0097010100 02163 in the name of Executive Engineer MCH&H GMC&H Jammu. Name of Bank: J&K Bank Town Hall Jammu Branch: Code:0097 IFSC code: JAKA0TMMHALL MICR CODE: 180051025

THE NIT CONSISTING OF QUALIFYING INFORMATION, ELGIBILITY CRITERIA, BILL OF QUANTITIES (BOQ) SETS OF TERMS & CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT & OTHER DETAILS CAN BE VIEWED / DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE www.jktenders.gov.in.

Sd/-
(Dr. Vishal Mahajan)
Executive Engineer
Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division
GMCH, Jammu

DIP/J-2988/23

**NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No.- 770-W/169/WA/FZR/58-2023-24-JAT-DRM-FZR Date:09.06.2023
Sr.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-29/06/2023 up to 15:00 Hrs Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
07.06.2023 16:22	15.06.2023	29.06.2023 / 15:00 Hrs.

SN	Tender Number	Details of Tender
1	58-2023-24-JAT-DRM-FZR	Various Base Depot/ Site activities in c/w Complete Track Renewal (P)4.52 Kms. from Km 31.11 to 31.57.km ,31.65 to 31.83 & km 44.05 to 44.23 (DN) KM 48.682 to 48.792.KM 51.264 TO 51.354 & KM 53.13 TO 53.24 IN UP LINE CTR(P) 1.13 Kms. from Km.44.42 TO 44.92 & 46.24 TO 46.87 (DN) CTR(P) 1.13 Kms. KM 47.975 to 48.605 & km 51.43 to 51.93 (UP) CTR(P) 1.13 Kms KM 47.680 to 47.775 (UP) & km 14.760 to 15.795 CTR(P) (DN) 1.13 Kms already laid 52Kg/ 90/72UTS rails on PSC-5 sleepers (M+7) density with 60Kg 90UTS rails laid on PSC-6 new wider seat sleepers to M+8 density with elastic fastening along with raising cushion from 300mm to 350mm on PTK-JAT section under ADEN/JAT

Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
1,59,01,376.45/-	2,29,500/-	60 Days	09 Months

Similar Nature of work:- " Track work involving CTR/TRR/TFR including raising of track/ screening distressing of track/pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machine/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28."

Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.

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EDITORIAL

RESPONDING TO
TERROR

India has also suffered greatly due to terrorism over many years as have Pakistan and the Middle East. Repeated attacks have caused a certain numbness in the human psyche in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places.

When such incidents happen, we hear a lot of cosmetic condemnation and diplomatic sympathy. We need to go into the root cause of the mind-set – the source of funding and the arms supply. When an inhuman act is committed with a misplaced religious sanctity and pride, then common sense, reason and dialogue do not find place at all. Any military action only makes things worse and results in the regrouping of the ideology. We have seen this over and over again.

If a society has to live in fear all the time, it does not speak well of the century we are in. Where have we gone wrong? Who can take action? Many such questions arise and remain unanswered.

Are the religious leaders, at least, at this point ready to take up responsibility? Can they risk their position and lives to speak up against such ideologies that do not respect life? Will the government ban the arms lobby and check the funding that goes into terror groups? Will the world ever move towards a common goal where there is justice, where compassion and brotherhood reign as life's central philosophy? Can diversity be celebrated instead of tolerated? Can our education system promote reason over blind faith?

A zillion such questions float only to leave the common man more frustrated and depressed. There are some who turn a blind eye towards any such happening and switch over to entertainment channels while others are numb watching violent movies. In this world we do see many heroes amongst commoners who come along to help and bring a ray of hope, and are also committed to uplift the mood of the society. These common heroes are a boon; they are the real Spiritual Beings. The media should highlight such acts of bravery and sometimes does too!

Educationists will have to wake up and bring an education in peace so that the coming generations are both sensible and sensitive to life. Religious leaders will have to come together to promote the common good of mankind and reform the misguided. I strongly believe this is all doable in our generation.

Many times people who feel very passionately for a cause feel justified in adopting violent means in its pursuit. They are driven by a sense of righteousness, though misplaced, and their commitment to their cause is commendable. They are willing to resolve differences through dialogue if approached in the right way.

We have been able to successfully bring back many extremists from a life of violence and rehabilitate them in mainstream society. In fact, many of our free tribal schools in terrorist-affected regions in India are being run by former extremists. They were hostile in the beginning, threatening our volunteers but when they saw that these efforts were benefiting their own communities, they became volunteers themselves.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the attacks. Such incidents cause anger which can lead to polarisation based on ethnicity and religion, but the real polarisation is between open and narrow-mindedness. While a narrow fanatic outlook can only lead to differences that divide us, it requires wisdom and a broad vision to go past them and arrive at values that unite us. The world needs the latter and not the former.

Harry & Meghan might have lost their chance to make a difference

By: Farrukh Dhondy

Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, is haunted by memories of the death of his mother, Princess Diana, in a car crash in Paris when she and her lover Dodi al-Fayed were pursued by the paparazzi. A security official who survived the crash says the car was doing more than 100 mph when it crashed -- and even that Dodi and Diana were exhorting the driver to go faster and faster to outpace the pursuing photographers. What may or may not be true is that both Dodi and Diana were high on cocaine at the time.

Harry has lived with the trauma of that death from his early childhood. He obviously doesn't believe Dodi's father, Mohamed al-Fayed, who alleged that Harry's grandfather Prince Philip, the late Duke of Edinburgh, had sent an agent's car to force Dodi and Diana's car to crash. Harry's estrangement from the royal family has, as the world knows, not been caused by any suggestion that he believes al-Fayed's fabrication. No, his now-lifelong battle is with the press and its pursuing paparazzi.

This past week, having missed a day of giving evidence when he was required in a British court to do so, he has been in the witness box. He cavalierly assumed his superior status and spent the

day when the judge ordered him to appear celebrating his daughter's birthday in California. He then flew to Britain to pursue his case against Britain's Mirror group of newspapers accusing them of having obtained news stories about him by illegal means such as phone-hacking and planting recording devices in his car.

Prince Harry's allegations and case against the Mirror group and its journalists is one of a group of the same allegations by celebrities such as Elton John. Obviously, the newspapers they accuse of criminal activity deny and contest the charges.

While the trial is in progress and Harry is in the witness box, The Times, Britain's Murdoch-owned, but supposedly prestigious, "independent" paper of record, published the Mirror group's defence on a series of allegations, proving in each case that the information they published was not obtained by illegal means like phone hacking or legally prohibited surveillance. There is yet time and it may be proved in court that Harry's phone was hacked, and even a single proven allegation of this sort would result in a guilty verdict against the Mirror group, its then editors and its participating journalists. Dekha jayega, aagey aagey hotha hein kya... as we say, usually with reference to romantic outcomes, in Bollywood.

Framing the court case is the

curious allegation by Harry and his wife Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, that they were relentlessly and dangerously pursued by the paparazzi for hours in New York. The taxi driver who drove them and the police chief in charge of traffic in the Big Apple say that there was no such prolonged chase and, though there may have been photographers from the press pursuing the couple, there was no instance of such a pursuit becoming dangerous or fatal, as Harry later alleged to the press. Curiouser and curiouser... or perhaps understandable in the context of his memory of his mother's death through pursuit.

The British press now reports that their daughter Lilibet's second birthday celebration, for which Harry missed his first day in court, was not acknowledged with presents or greetings from this daughter's grandfather King Charles III, his wife Queen Camilla or her uncle and aunt, the Prince and Princess of Wales. Bit of a snub? Not aimed at the hapless two-year-old but, one supposes, at Meghan and Harry in retaliation for all the negativity about the British royal family which the two of them have propagated through the famous interview with Oprah Winfrey and others and through the autobiographical book Spare, that Harry made bold to publish.

Pardon my deviating, gentle

reader, to make a general point. The protest movements of Black Lives Matter, in the US and all over the world, had as many or more white people involved as the descendants of the slaves in the US or in the Caribbean or the descendants of colonised Africans. It was a "moment" which said we come here from diametrically different histories, but want to assert that from now on let us share the same circumstances which in time will be one united history.

The marriage of Harry to Meghan, who is half white and half Afro, was universally much more significant than the "mixed" racial marriage of Meghan's father and mother. Multi-racial marriage? No big deal in today's world, but a British royal marrying a Black American petty actress draws the same world's attention. Here again are two different histories in confluence and very much in the public eye. But what the hell have they made of it? Tinpot celebrity based on titular heritage? An attempt to abolish a parasitical monarchy? Err... despite the accusations against the family, no sign of that! Poor Meghan is no Coretta Scott King or Michelle Obama, but even she could have contributed to a potential confluence of histories rather than a dismal drama of celebrity complaint.

Voice-over Artist - How to become a Voice-over Artist

By: Vijay GarG

Voice-over Artist (voice-over artist) is a professional who narrates documentaries, corporate videos from product use to joint venture presentations, from safety videos to form cell phone prompts and TV serial intros and recaps and radio commercials. In simple words, a voice-over artist converts the written words to audio. They just need to sit in front of a microphone, say some words and get an enviable remuneration.

It is also considered as an off-camera commentary; voice-over is a technique wherein the voice is modified and changed to complement the visuals of a telefilm, documentary, advertisement, television serial or news, so broadcasted. They are required in most sectors of media, be it television, films, or even radio, for conveying the messages with precision. The growth of the media industry in India in the last few years has led to the popularity and demand of voice-over artists.

Voice-over Artist Eligibility
There are no such special qualifications required to become a Voice-over Artist. If you have good command over your voice and can convert written word in audio then you are suitable for this profession.

Voice-over Artist Required Skills

A voice-over artist is required to properly synchronize his lip movements, voice pitch, tone, and silence with the gestures and body language of the character, so depicted on the screen.

They should be skilled enough to convey all emotions, through his/her voice and create a perfect sync with the visuals.

To become a good voice-over artist, one should be a great voice modulator.

They should possess consistency which is a highly valued skill here, such as consistent in volume, energy, pacing, articulation, and characterization in your eye-brain-mouth coordination.

They are also required cold reading like long-form narration, particularly in the areas of E-learning modules.

Other necessary essentials are clarity, consistency, conversational, coordination, characterization and convincing.

How to become a Voice-over Artist?

Aspiring candidates need to follow the given steps to become Voice-over Artist.

Step 1
Academic qualifications do not form a major eligibility criterion for entering into this profession. Any person, who can develop a strong character through his/her voice or can convey the same interpretation desired by the director or producer through voice modulation, can think of a career as a voice-over artist.

However to learn the tricks of the trade in less time one can go for short-term specialized programs in voice modulation offered by many media houses or institutions run by them. Short-term workshops are also conducted by numerous media institutions and media organizations.

Step 2

After passing these short-term courses aspiring candidates can become good Voice-over Artist and can have good name and fame.

In order to become a professional, you should have some extra talent such as mimicry, producing exact voices of other person and personalities, and even acting.

Institutes Offering Courses for Voice-over Artists are:

R.K. Films and Media Academy (RKFMA)

Institute of Voice Culture and Digital Dubbing Studio

Mumbai Film Academy

Accent and Communication Training Institute

Aaroha the Voice Clinic

Voice-over Artist Job Description

A Voice-over Artist job description includes providing narratives in commercials and advertisement or playing characters in various animated programs, films and video games.

Voice-over Artist Career Prospects

The Voice-over Artist profession has become a money-making affair. Good command over the language, voice clarity, and correct diction are the essentials of a voice-over artist. Initially, they can provide their voice in video and radio programs, documentaries, presentations, jingles for advertisements, sports, phone software, multimedia, and news. Media channels and production houses are always in search of good voice-over artists.

One can utilize his / her talent by working as a narrator or a dubbing artist; a person with good voice modulation can

even try out radio jockeying as a career option.

They have also good scopes in radio which is always in search of proficient radio jockeys.

Documentaries are always open to talented voice-over artists.

Voice-over Artist can also have jobs in recording studios, advertising agencies, TV and cable stations, film/video production houses and multimedia companies.

They can carry out this entertainment job from home by arranging for a home studio, with a simple setup comprising of a microphone and Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) connection.

Voice-over Artist Salary
The salary of a voice-over artist depends upon the length, complexity and popularity of the program. Such as, for a TV serial, a good voice-over artist is paid between Rs.5000 to Rs.8000 per episode.

For a documentary or a corporate film, they are paid Rs.15,000 to Rs.20,000.

For a film, on the other hand, a voice-over artist can earn Rs.25,000 to Rs.75,000, for giving his/her voice for a single character. It is a well-paying profession with the attendant fun and some recognition that goes with it.

*(Vijay GarG Retired
Principal Educational
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Punjab)*

BSF-BGB Director General Level Border Coordination Conference 2023

TOP NEWS REPORT

NEW DELHI, Jun 10: The 53rd Director General Level Border Co-ordination Conference between BSF (India) and BGB (Bangladesh) will be organized by BSF at BSF Camp Chhawla, New Delhi w.e.f. 11th to 14th June 2023.

During this conference, BSF delegation of India led by Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaisen, Director General, BSF will meet BGB delegation headed by Maj Gen A K M Nazmul Hasan, BAM, ndc, psc, Director General, Border Guard Bangladesh.

The conference is being organized to discuss the border related issues and for better coordination between



both border guarding forces.

During the course of conference, discussions will be held on how to jointly curb the various trans-border crimes and timely sharing of information between both the Border Guarding Forces. Further, there will be deliberations on developmental and infrastructural works, joint efforts for effective implementation of Co-ordinated Border Man-

agement Plan (CBMP) and Confidence Building Measures (CBMs).

The last BSF-BGB Border Co-ordination Conference was held from 17th to 21 July 2022 at Dhaka (Bangladesh).

The Joint India-Bangladesh guidelines for Border Authorities - 1975 envisage that there should be frequent contacts between the border authorities of the two concerned countries to discuss the matters of

immediate administrative concern.

An Indian delegation under leadership of Shri Ashwani Kumar, former Director General of BSF and the Bangladesh delegation under the leadership of Major General Quazi Golam Dastgir, former Director General BDR (now BGB) met at Kolkata on 02nd December 1975 for the first time to discuss mutual border problems. Since then, the meetings between DG BSF and DG BGB were held annually alternatively in India and Bangladesh till 1993.

During discussions between the Home Secretaries of India and Bangladesh that were held at Dhaka (Bangladesh) from Oct 7th to 9th, 1993,

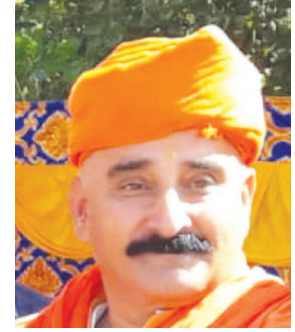
it was agreed that the Director General level meetings between BSF and BGB, were to be a bi-annual event. In the agreed summary of discussions during the said meeting, it was emphasized that problems in the areas of mutual interests and concerns could be progressively resolved through close contacts and continuing meaningful dialogue at various levels. Accordingly, DG BSF and DG BGB have been holding Border Coordination meetings twice a year alternatively at Delhi and Dhaka and joint record of discussions of these meetings are forwarded to Ministry of Home Affairs after each such meeting.

Raj Rattan slams Rahul Gandhi for defaming Nation on foreign ground

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 10: BJP leader Raj Rattan Raina criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for defaming the country on foreign soil by taking up irrelevant issues.

In a statement issued here today, the BJP leader said that Congress did nothing during its regime in India except dividing people on communal lines. He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) have been deprived of their basic rights for over 70 years, and the Modi government did justice by abrogating Article 370, which gave special status to the state. The move has been welcomed by the people of J&K, and they are stand-



ing with PM Modi in this decision, he added.

Raj Rattan Raina advised Rahul Gandhi to stop his agenda of defaming the country on foreign land and instead focus on finding solutions for the issues faced by the country. He further added that such political gimmicks only weaken India's position on the global stage.

He emphasized that

the BJP government has always been committed to the welfare of the people, and the Modi government's policies and decisions are aimed at the overall development of the country. He mentioned that the Modi government has taken many bold steps in the last 9 years, including Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Digital India, and Jan Dhan Yojana, which has transformed the lives of millions of people in India.

The BJP leader called on the people of Jammu and Kashmir to support and strengthen the hands of PM Modi and work towards the development and progress of the country.

Awareness programme on Labour Laws, Menace of Child Labour held

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jun 10: The Labour Department, in collaboration with Islamia Faridia College of Education and Research Institute, successfully organized an awards programme to raise awareness about Labour Laws and addressed the issue of Child Labour.

The esteemed Deputy Labour Commissioner Jammu, Ms. Veenakshi Koul (JKAS) graced the occasion as the chief guest.

During the ceremony, Koul also distributed an Educational Assistance amount totaling Rs 36.65 Lacs among registered labourers, aimed at supporting their educational needs.

Prominent attendees included Assistant Labour Commissioner Kishtwar, Mohd Idrees Lone (JKAS), Principal of Islamia Faridia College, Mahboob Qazi, Labour Inspector Sunil Kumar, along with the staff of the Labour Department and students of the college.

Addressing the audience, Koul highlighted the importance of labour laws and shed light on the pressing issue of

child labour prevailing in society. She emphasized that students play a pivotal role as ambassadors to disseminate awareness about the various beneficiary schemes available for the labour class. She urged them to actively participate in eradicating the menace of child labour from our society.

She also said that the Labour Department remains committed to working towards the betterment of the labour community and will continue to organize such initiatives in the future.

ALC Kishtwar and other dignitaries present at the event also delivered insightful speeches, encouraging the students to actively spread awareness about the different education, medical, and healthcare schemes specifically designed for Labourers and their families.

This event served as a platform to acknowledge the significance of labour laws, promote educational opportunities for labourers, and raise awareness about the detrimental impact of child labour on society.

DHS Doda holds one day orientation programme on Tele-MANAS

TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, June 10: To sensitize the healthcare workers about the new programme initiated by GOI, the District Health Society Doda organized a one day orientation programme on Tele-MANAS at ANMT School Doda.

The programme was attended by Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Ab Hamid Zargar, Dr Zia Shoket Mughal (District Mental Health Officer), Dr Javed Ahmed Parry, Mohd Shafi Attu (HE), Sh Jahangir Mehta (DPM NHM), Sh Jonson Chandail (Divisional ASHA Coordinator), Sh Mashood Latif (BMEO NHM) besides MLHPs from Assar, Bhaderwah, Gandoh, Ghat and Thathri block.

Other than the topic of Tele-MANAS, the participants were also educated about the NCD

programme, Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight and National Digital Health Mission.

District Mental Health Officer GMC Doda Dr Zia Shoket Mughal, as a Resource Person briefed the participants about Tele-MANAS initiative of GOI under National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), that aims to achieve the objective of upscaling mental services. He also underlined the responsibility of healthcare workers in implementation of the programme. He also briefed about some common mental health conditions including anxiety disorders, depression etc, stating that mental health can be influenced by a variety of factors, including genetic environment, lifestyle trauma and staying positive & maintaining good mental health is

the need of hour for maintaining a balance between personal and professional life.

Dr Javed Zargar spoke on the occasion about the ongoing Intensified Diarrhoea Control Programme besides DPM NHM Sh Jahangir Mehta, who spoke about the National Digital Health Mission programme.

CMO Doda Dr Ab Hamid Zargar while speaking welcomed the participants and gave a brief introduction of the orientation programme and topic discussed on the occasion. He encouraged all the participants to be sincere and upscale their knowledge for improvement and proper implementation of the programme on gross root level.

At the end of the programme, Jonson Chandail presented a formal vote of thanks.

Sarpanch, Beopar Mandal hails Principal MHSS Panchari for meritorious 12th Class results

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PANCHARI, Jun 10: Sarpanch Panchari Kuldeep Kumar; President Beopar Mandal Rajesh Kumar; PRI's Members congratulated to Arunesh Kumar, Principal and Staff of Govt. Model Higher Sec. School Panchari for earned 18 Distinc-

tions, 35 got First divisions in HSE-Part-II (Class 12th) Session Annual Regular, 2023 Examination results of which were declared on yesterday 09-06-2023 by "JKBOSE."

"I and my PRI members appreciate the hard work of School Principal and the school's staff for being

role models for our students. If all other schools initiate the same modus operandi, we would have a high probability of raising thoughtful, Doctors, Engineers & Leaders of tomorrow," said Sarpanch Kuldeep Kumar.

Similarly Rajesh Kumar, President Beopar Mandal Pan-

chari has also congratulated the 12th Class Students on passing exams.

Panch Vijay Kumar, Vijay Sharma (Sonu) Social Activist, Pawan Verma from Education Department were present on the occasion and Congratulated to School Principal and their school staff.

Hudh Mata Trisandahya Yatra from Jun 20

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 10: The Annual Yatra of Shri Hudh Mata Trisandahya, which is performed in Village Nanth Nallah, Tehsil Dachhan, District Kishtwar is commencing from June 20, 2023.

Addressing media persons here today, Jagdish Raj Thakur, President of Shri Hudh Mata Trisandahya Yatra Managing Committee informed that it is such a type of Yatra where the devotees have the opportunity of having a unique Darshan and bath in the pious waters of Trisandahya Nadi which sometimes originates from the top of a mountain and comes down thrice in a day i.e. morning, noon and evening near famous Brahma Peak in village Anant Nallah, Tehsil Dachhan, District Kishtwar. The water comes down and stops naturally. There is no lake or pond on the hill top where from the water could spill, nor it is a continuous running Nadi/stream. After flowing for some time



the water starts receding from the bottom of the stream. You can see water coming from the top but it does not reach down the stream as is usual course of other streams.

In the Hudhmata Bhawan there is a Shiv Guffa having three natural Shiv Lingams on which milky coloured water falls from the roof of cave looking like the teats of cow (Gowmata). During Yatra days a live snake is also seen in the vicinity of the shrine. Besides this, the Yatris shall also see the natural and scenic beauty of Dachhan.

In connection with this Yatra, Pious Trishul of Mata Rani shall be

taken out from Panch, Narian Mandir, Dharlan Nagri, Kathua on 20th June which shall reach Ranbireswar Mandir Shalamar at 2 P.M. After performing Poojarchana, a Shobha shall be taken out from there and shall pass through Indira Chowk, Raghunath Bazar, City Chowk, Purani Mandi, Raj Tilak Road, and culminate at Geeta Bhawan, Parade Jammu. Thereafter, the Pious Trishul shall be taken to Hudh Mata Mandir Beli Charana for night haltage where a Grand Jagran shall be performed during night. On 21 June, the Trishul Yatra shall proceed towards Gouri Shankar Mandir Kishtwar where a

Grand Jagran has been arranged by the District Administration in collaboration with Tourism Department. On 22 June the Yatra shall proceed towards Radha Krishan Mandir, Sounder where a grand Jagran has been arranged by the youth of the locality. From here, on 23 June, the pious Chhari shall be taken out and join the Trishul Yatra which shall proceed towards Virat Mata Mandir, Dilgooth, Dachhan where also a grand Jagran has been arranged by Shri Hudh Mata Trisandahya Yatra Managing Head Committee, Dachhan.

After night halt at Virat Mata Mandir, Dilgooth, village Googath and

Ram Mandir Kaikooth, the Yatra shall reach Bhawan on 26th June where a Hawan for the wellbeing of the humanity and world peace shall be performed on the same day. After Puran Ahuti, the Yatris shall perform Darshan of Mata Pindis, Garbhjoon and Shiv Guffa, Doodh Ganga and Brahma peak and also have a bath in the pious water of Trisandahya Nadi and Brahm Sarovar. On 27 June, Yatris shall return back.

The Committee has requested the District/Divisional administration to provide security and other facilities to the Yatra including repair of the road from Dangdhoru to Bhawan. Since, 2015 the District Administration, Kishtwar is trying to start heli service to these Shrines but have not start the same due to non-cooperation of the Aviation Companies. The tenders are floated, contract allotted but not executed. This year also the tenders were floated but the rates offered are times more than

usual rates. The aerial distance from Gulabgarh to Machail and from Sounder to Hudhmata Bhawan is mostly same. The fare from Gulabgarh to Machail is fixed Rs.3700 plus but the fare from Sounder to Hudhmata Bhawan is fixed at Rs.15000 (four times) which is unjustified and unreasonable. Moreover, same fare of Rs.15000 is fixed from Kishtwar to Hudhmata Bhawan when the aerial distance from Kishtwar is double the distance from Sounder to Hudhmata Bhawan. He urged the Government/Administration to address this issue in the interest of the religious/pilgrimage tourism.

The Sub-Committee, Jammu has opened counter for booking / Registration of yatris w.e.f. 10.06.2023 to 18.06.2023 at Ranbireswar Mandir Shalamar, Jammu.

The Committee requested the people of Jammu region to perform this Yatra in large number and get the blessings of Mata Rani.

CNRI Secretary General lauds Govt move to hike Kharif MSP

TOP NEWS REPORT

CHANDIGARH, Jun 10: The Secretary General of Confederation of NGOs for Rural India (CNRI), Binod Anand has welcomed the recent announcement by the government to hike the minimum support price (MSP) for kharif crops.

CNRI is the largest confederation of NGOs in the world and an apex body of NGOs working in rural India.

Anand, who is also a member of Committee on MSP and Agri Reforms has strongly advocated utilizing Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) for structural changes in procurement directly from farmers and democratization of the value chain.

He further said, "The government has doubled the MSP of many crops like jowar, bajra, ragi and nigerseed in comparison to MSP declared for 2014-15, whereas the other crops has wit-

nessed the increase in the range of 70 to 90 per cent, which is significant if you look at the global scenario."

He also underlined the progress on the front of agricultural exports, wherein India's agricultural exports increased by about 22.7 percent in 2020-21, from ₹2.6 lakh cr in 2019-20 to ₹3.2 lakh cr in 2020-21, which further increased to ₹3.9 lakh cr in 2021-22, an increase of 21.6 percent.

Anand said that India needs a dynamic trade policy to promote agricultural exports, issues related to agri-export infrastructure, agri-value chains, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, technical barriers to trade and traceability, export procedures and documentation etc. . It needs to be addressed apart from giving special thrust on export of value-added processed products and organic produce, he maintained.

Hailing the true Kerala story

The Malayalam film, 2018: Everyone is a Hero, which released in theatres, has become the first in the language to cross Rs 200cr in box office collection.

Currently streaming on SonyLIV, it continues to draw traction over Twitter and other social media platforms with #2018EveryoneIsAHero and #2018. The Jude Anthony Joseph-directorial has smashed every record of previous Malayalam blockbusters. It stars Tovino Thomas, Tanvi Ram, Kalayiarasan, Aparna Balamurali, Asif Ali and many others.

What worked? The disaster drama is based on the true story of the Kerala floods of 2018. Besides being a chapter torn from life, it celebrates the heroism of Keralites in the face of calamity, and also keeps you on the edge of the



seat as you connect with each character with every passing second. Its theatrical release date (May 5) coincided with another film from the state, The Kerala Story. With its message of positivity and hope 2018, which was made in just Rs 10-15 crore managed a worldwide box office collection of approximately Rs 210 crore.

The film delves into the themes of survival and thrill, drawing inspiration from the agonising 2018 Kerala floods. It revolves around the narratives of individuals triumphing over adversity and showcases the profound impact of nature's fury.

By portraying the experiences of various characters, 2018: Everyone is a Hero offers audiences an immersive

and engaging experience. From the script to character sketch, the film speaks at a human level from one scene to another.

The lead character Anoop, played by Tovino, is relatable. An Army deserter, he volunteers to help out the flood victims. While it's redemption for Anoop, who dies while saving others, other charac-

ters too show different shades of humanity. It has all the emotions encapsulated in a powerful punch. And, it also brings back memories of his performance in Virus, based on the Nipah outbreak in Kerala.

Fan fever This record-breaking success has left fans overwhelmed. The film's fan base witnessed an exponential surge when it was dubbed in various languages and was made available on the SonyLiv platform on June 7. It's currently dubbed in Malayalam, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi and Kannada.

Fans have flooded Twitter with praise for the movie, calling it 'the true Kerala story'. They assert that 2018: Everyone is a Hero represents the true essence of Kerala in contrast to The Kerala Story.

Rasika Dugal's upcoming web show shot in Udaipur



Rasika Dugal has commenced shooting for a new web show in the City of Lakes—Udaipur. The actor flew to Udaipur in the first week of June to begin the first schedule, which will extend until the first week of July. Subsequently, the shooting

will move to Mumbai in August for the second schedule. Rasika shared her enthusiasm for the new endeavour on social media, where she posted a picture of her reading the script against a stunning backdrop.

Among her upcoming releases is the Amazon Prime supernatural thriller Adhura. Rasika has recently completed shooting for the third season of Mirzapur, which is also due to release this year. Her other upcoming projects include Spike: Sports Drama, Lord Curzon Ki Haveli: Black Comedy Thriller, Fairy Folk: Improv Comedy, and Little Thomas: Dramedy.

Moreover, Rasika is set to reprise her role for the third season of Delhi Crime.

Vijay plays the 'nicest guy' in Lust Stories 2

Actor Vijay Varma has claimed that he will be playing the "nicest" guy in the upcoming film, Lust Stories 2.

Vijay took to his Twitter and re-shared a tweet from a fan which read, "I am hoping Lust Stories main you are not creeping us out yet again." Replying to the tweet, he wrote, "I'm playing the nicest guy in Lust Stories."

The director of the movie Sujoy Ghosh agreed with the actor.

He shared a clip of Vijay and actress Tamannaah Bhatia's scene from movie, and captioned it, "As Vijay Varma claims he's the nicest guy in lusty stories."



Sunny Deol's Gadar 2, Akshay Kumar's OMG 2, Ranbir Kapoor's Animal, it'll be a box-office battle on August 11

This August 11 fans will be spoilt for choice: three different movies of three different genres will be releasing on the same date with three different big stars.

The Ranbir Kapoor-starrer 'Animal', Sunny Deol's 'Gadar 2' and 'OMG 2' headlined by Akshay Kumar will battle it out at the box office.

The Anil Sharma-helmed 'Gadar 2' is the sequel of the massive 2001 hit 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha', starring Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel and Utkarsh Sharma in the lead roles. The film revolves around patriotism and love for family, and is slated for an August 11 release.



'OMG 2', a sequel of 'OMG: Oh My God', the 2012 comedy drama starring Akshay Kumar and Paresh Rawal, is being helmed by Amit Rai, and features Akshay, Pankaj Tripathi, Yami Gautam, Arun Govil and Aamir Naik in the lead roles. The

film revolves around the education system in the country and is also slated for an August 11 release.

'Animal' sees the returns of Sandeep Vanga Reddy, of 'Kabir Singh' 'Arjun Reddy' fame, in the director's chair. It star cast

includes Ranbir Kapoor, Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol and Parineeti Chopra. The film is a noir gangster film, which also revolves around the family succession drama. And despite rumours flying around about a delay in the release of the film, it is

slated to hit the screens on August 11.

Patriotic drama, comic caper, gangster thriller -- it is quite a choice for the audience on August 11, but the big question is who will be the one laughing all the way to the bank. Will Akshay finally break his box-office jinx? Can Sunny reprise the success of the original 'Gadar'? And, is Ranbir set to continue his honeymoon with the audience?

Interestingly, 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha' clashed with Aamir Khan's 'Lagaan', and despite both being period dramas, the two films did incredibly well at the box office.

Kajol is 'facing one of the toughest trails', deletes all Instagram posts



Actor Kajol informed her fans that she is "facing one of the toughest trails" of her life and has decided to take a break from social media.

Taking to Instagram, Kajol shared a picture stating "Facing one of

the toughest trails of my life."

Along with the post, she wrote, "Taking a break from social media." Not only that, she has deleted all the pictures and videos from her handle.

Kajol did not mention

the reason behind this action.

As soon as fans noticed this, they flooded the comment section.

One of the users wrote, "I hope that the break does you great good and I wish you the very best as you navigate the tough parts of life. Prayers and love." Another commented, "You are strong enough to face any problem. soon you will overcome." Meanwhile, on the work front, Kajol will be seen in an upcoming web series 'The Good Wife'.

The series is an Indian adaptation of the American courtroom drama of the same name starring Julianna Margulies in the lead role. The show has seven seasons and concluded in 2016. Kajol will be seen as a housewife who goes back to working as a lawyer after her husband's scandal lands him in jail. Directed by Suparn Verma it will stream on Disney+ Hotstar.

She will also be seen in 'Lust Stories 2' along with Neena Gupta, Tamannaah Bhatia, Vijay Varma, Mrunal Thakur, Angad Bedi, Amruta Shubhash, Tilotama Shome and Kumud Mishra.

Sumbul Touqeer to croon with sis Saniya for her next music video



Sumbul Touqeer Khan, who has become a household name post her stint in the Bigg Boss house, is all geared up for her music video in which she teams up with her sister Saniya.

Television stars are increasingly taking to music videos and Sumbul was to be seen in Fahmaan's latest video Beirada, but the final video was shot with Hiba Nawab.

At Munawar Faruqui's album launch, the actress was present and she spoke about her upcoming music video. "My next music video is very special for me, my sister and my father," she said. "The song has been sung by me and Saniya. We are trying our best to give our hundred per cent to it. The song is almost ready now and we are waiting to shoot. The video will be a big surprise for my fans."

Wamiqa Gabbi is happy to fit into her old clothes, talks about her weight loss journey 'Jubilee'

Actor Wamiqa Gabbi, who had to gain extra kilos for her role in 'Jubilee', is working hard on her fitness.

"Going on a weight-loss journey was, of course, a conscious decision and the focus was on being fit. For 'Jubilee', I had to put on some amount to look the part since the series is set in the 40s and 50s and people then had a certain body type. My only concern was I didn't want to starve, but I have an excellent and talented fitness team who made sure I didn't but had some good food. It feels good to fit into my old clothes," Wamiqa shared.

Wamiqa plays the role of Niloufer Qureshi, a yesteryear actress in 'Jubilee'.

The show also stars Prosenjit Chatterjee, Aparshakti Khurana, Aditi Rao Hydari and Ram Kapoor in pivotal roles.

Vikramaditya Motwane has created the hit show.

Wamiqa was also recently seen in 'Modern Love Chennai'.

Speaking about the project, Wamiqa had earlier said, "I truly feel blessed that early in my career been able to work with such exciting



directors! When Kumararaja sir called me I just knew I wanted to be a part of his world and his expression of love! This franchise has made waves across the globe with incredible cast like Anna Hathaway, Dev Patel, Julia Garner and to be a part of such a franchise for Mumbai and Chennai edition is super exciting! The show has more importantly given me

a chance to work with two incredible directors-Vishal Bhardwaj in the Hindi edition and now the legendary Thiagarajan Kumararaja in the Tamil one."

'Modern Love Chennai' brings together six brilliant creators of Indian cinema--Bharathiraja, Balaji Sakthivel, Rajmuran, Krishnakumar Ramakumar, Akshay Sundher and Thiagarajan Kumararaja.

Doesn't suit any leader to criticise own country abroad, people are watching: Amit Shah targets Rahul

Shah was referring to Gandhi's criticism of the Narendra Modi government during his recent visit to the USA

PATAN, Jun 10 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday hit out at former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, saying it does not suit the leader of any party to criticise one's own country abroad. Shah accused Gandhi of going abroad to slander India, and advised him to learn from his ancestors. Shah was referring to Gandhi's criticism of the Narendra Modi government during his recent visit to the USA. "Any patriotic person should discuss Indian politics within



India. It does not suit the leader of any party to go abroad and discuss the country's politics and condemn the country. Remember this Rahul baba, people of the country are watch-

ing it closely," Shah said. He was addressing a rally at Siddhpur town in Patan district of Gujarat organised to mark nine years of the Modi government. Under the Modi government, the country witnessed huge changes, he said. "But Congress party does not stop talking about anti-India things. Rahul baba is going abroad on vacation due to summer heat. He condemns the country abroad. I would like to tell Rahul Gandhi to learn from his ancestors," he said.

Cyclone Biparjoy to intensify in next 24 hours

Then it will move gradually north-northwestwards in the next three days



NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday said cyclonic storm Biparjoy is likely to intensify further in the

next 24 hours. Then it would move gradually north-northwestwards in the next three days. Very rough to high sea condition is likely to prevail over adjoining areas of northeast Arabian Sea on Saturday. Sea condition is likely to be rough along and off Saurashtra and Kutch coasts on June 10 and likely to become rough to very rough between June 11 and 14. "It's moving slow. Still there is time for landfall. For the next five days, it will be over the sea. We will update on the landfall in subsequent bulletins," said IMD chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra.

Sharad Pawar appoints Praful Patel, Supriya Sule as NCP working presidents



NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): Sharad Pawar on Saturday announced Supriya Sule and Praful Patel working presidents of the Nationalist Congress Party. Pawar made the announcement at the 25th anniversary of

the party, founded by him and PA Sangma in 1999. The announcement was made in the presence of Ajit Pawar, a key player in the NCP. Pawar had last month offered to resign from the presidency of the party which was fol-

lowed by fervent remonstrations from the party members as well as other political leaders. An NCP panel formed to deliberate on Pawar's offer had on May 5 rejected his resignation and urged him to continue as the party president.

Indian Navy conducts mega exercise in Arabian Sea; two aircraft carriers, more than 35 combat jets involved

NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): The Indian Navy has carried out operations to integrate both its sea-going carriers – the INS Vikramaditya and the INS Vikrant—participating in an exercise in the Arabian Sea.



The Indian Navy on Saturday described the exercise as a "coordinated deployment of more than 35 aircraft in the Arabian Sea". The exercise involved 'seamless integration' of two aircraft carriers INS Vikramaditya and the indigenously built INS Vikrant, along with a diverse fleet of ships, submarines and aircraft, showcasing India's technological expertise in the maritime domain, the Navy said.

response to emerging threats and sustained air operations to safeguard our national interests across the globe. In addition, they provide our friends with an assurance that the Indian Navy is capable and ready to support our 'collective' security needs in the region. "The successful demonstration of two-carrier battle group operations

serves as a powerful testament to the pivotal role of sea-based air power in maintaining maritime superiority," the Navy said. It is for the first time that the Navy is operating two carriers, with both having contemporary technology – similar long-range radars, same fighter jets, sensors and a matching aviation complex. India got to operate its first carrier in 1961. The HMS Hercules, sourced secondhand from the UK, was re-named 'INS Vikrant'. It played an important role during the 1971 Indo-Pak war, on the eastern front before getting decommissioned in 1997. India's second carrier, HMS Hermes,

also sourced second-hand from the UK, was re-named INS Viraat. Inducted in 1987, it was decommissioned in 2017. In November 2013, Admiral Gorshkov, was refitted and partially recast to be made into a carrier as per Indian specifications and was renamed INS Vikramaditya. In the past, India operated two UK-origin carriers together between 1987 and 1997, but then both were more than 35 years old and far behind to what the world was using at that time. Again from 2013 to 2017, India had two carriers—the INS Vikramaditya and the INS Viraat. However, the latter was by then on extended life and older technology.

Army chief advises IMA graduates to evolve with changing times to be combat-ready

DEHRADUN, Jun 10 (Agencies): Chief of Army Staff Gen Manoj Pande on Saturday asked IMA graduates to keep updating their skills to deal with the challenges of rapidly changing dynamics of combat. Addressing the Passing Out Parade at the conclusion of the IMA's spring term course, Gen Pande said, "The dynamics of combat are rapidly changing with fast-paced development of technology

and the battle space has become more complex." In such a scenario, technical prowess, mental agility, critical thinking, and quick response will be the key to success, he said, and asked the newly commissioned officers to continuously enhance their competency. "Your journey does not end with your commissioning into the army. On the contrary, it is just the beginning of a life of commitment towards self-improvement," the



army chief said. The profession of "soldiering" is the noblest of all professions as it gives one an opportunity to don the uniform and

serve one's motherland with "selfless devotion," Gen Pande said. The POP saw the commissioning of 373 gentlemen cadets, includ-

ing 42 from friendly foreign countries, into the armies of their respective nations. The coveted Sword of Honour and the silver medal went to Army under officer Mihir Banerjee and the gold medal to senior under officer Abhimanyu Singh. Uttar Pradesh had 63 officers commissioned, the highest, followed by Bihar 33, Haryana 32, Uttarakhand 25, and Punjab 23.

85-year-old man dies in fire at flat in Delhi's Dwarka



NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): An 85-year-old man died in a fire that broke out at an apartment in a residential building in southwest Delhi's Dwarka

area, officials said on Saturday. A call was received at 8.26 pm on Friday regarding the fire at the seventh floor of Mass Apartment in Dwarka Sector-10, and nine fire tenders were rushed to the spot, a senior official said. The fire department official said that around 11.10 pm, it was reported that household items had caught fire at an apartment on the seventh floor while curtains and an air-conditioner unit of a flat on the eighth floor were gutted. Sadan Chandra, a resident of the seventh floor apartment, suffered burns and was taken to the Indira Gandhi Hospital by police before the arrival of fire tenders. He was declared dead at the hospital, the officials said. The building comprises ground plus

Govt sets up committee in Manipur to facilitate peace-making process

NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): The Centre has constituted a committee in Manipur headed by the governor to facilitate the peace-making process among various ethnic groups and initiate dialogue between conflicting parties, the Union home ministry said on Saturday.



The members of the peace committee include the chief minister, a few ministers, MPs, MLAs, and leaders from different political parties and civil society groups, it said. "Government of India has constituted 'Peace Committee' in Manipur under the chairpersonship of the governor, Manipur. The members of the committee include the chief minister, a few ministers in the state government, MP, MLAs and leaders from different political parties," a home ministry state-

ment said. The mandate of the committee will be to facilitate the peace-making process among various ethnic groups of the state and initiate peaceful dialogue and negotiations between conflicting parties and groups. The committee will strengthen social cohesiveness, and mutual understanding and facilitate cordial communication between various ethnic groups, the statement said. It also includes former civil servants, educationists, litterateurs, artists, social workers and representatives of

Gujarat: Dalit man dies after being beaten by hotelier; Mevani seeks arrest of 'casteist goons'

MLA Mevani called for a protest over the death of the Dalit man and alleged that the victim died after being beaten up by the "casteist goons" that left his liver damaged.

VADODARA, Jun 10 (Agencies): A Dalit man died after being allegedly thrashed by a hotel owner belonging to an upper caste community and his accomplice following an argument, during which they also hurled casteist slurs at the victim in Gujarat's Mahisagar district, police said on Saturday. The victim, Raju Vankar (45), died while undergoing treatment at a government hospital in Vadodara city on Friday night, two days after being thrashed by the hotel owner and his counter manager, an official of Bakor police station said. Dalit leader and Congress MLA Jignesh Mevani demanded immediate arrest of the accused, whom he called "casteist goons" and warned of a protest. As per the first information report (FIR), Vankar, an autorickshaw driver, went to the hotel to have dinner on June 7. After the meal, he also asked



the hotel staff to pack food for him to carry home. However, when he raised an objection before the hotel owner regarding the quantity of food packed for him saying that it was less than what he paid for, the two accused started arguing with him and hurled casteist abuses at him. They then thrashed him, leaving him badly injured, the police official said. The victim returned home and told the family mem-

bers about the incident. Later at night, he started complaining about acute pain in his abdomen. His wife called an ambulance and took him to a hospital at Mahisagar, he said. He was later shifted to a hospital at Godhra in Panchmahal district, from where he was moved to SSG Hospital at Vadodara. There he underwent an operation, but later succumbed to his injuries, police officials said.

A case was registered against the two accused under sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult to provoke someone), 506 (2) (criminal intimidation), and 114 (abettor present when offence committed) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) as well as relevant provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. After his death, the police added section 302 of the IPC pertaining to murder. MLA Mevani called for a protest over the death of the Dalit man and alleged that the victim died after being beaten up by the "casteist goons" that left his liver damaged. The family of the victim and members of his community will hold a protest demanding immediate arrest of the perpetrators, the legislator said, adding that the body of the deceased will not be accepted unless the accused duo is held.

Boris Johnson quits as UK lawmaker after being told he would be sanctioned for misleading Parliament

Johnson, 58, had been under investigation by a parliamentary inquiry looking into whether he misled the House of Commons about lockdown-breaking parties in Downing Street during the Covid-19 pandemic

LONDON, Jun 10 (Agencies): Former British prime minister Boris Johnson has shocked the nation by abruptly quitting as a member of Parliament after being told by a parliamentary committee that he would be sanctioned for misleading Parliament over lockdown-breaking parties at Downing Street during his premiership.

Johnson, 58, had been under investigation by a parliamentary inquiry looking into whether he misled the House of Commons about lockdown-breaking parties in Downing Street during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Johnson's decision came on Friday as he received a confidential letter from the MP-led privileges committee over the crucial matter.

Johnson accused the Commons inquiry of attempting to "drive me out".

In a statement, he said: "They have still not produced a shred of evidence that I knowingly or recklessly misled the Commons."

Earlier on Friday, he received a copy of the yet-to-be-published report, which he claimed was "riddled with inaccuracies and reeks of prejudice".

In evidence given to the Privi-



leges Committee in March, Johnson admitted misleading Parliament, but denied doing it on purpose.

He said social distancing had not been "perfect" at gatherings in Downing Street during Covid lockdowns.

But he said they were "essential" work events, which he claimed were allowed.

He insisted the guidelines - as he understood them - were followed at all times.

Announcing he would step down, Johnson issued a lengthy statement in which he said: "I did not lie, and I believe that in their hearts the committee know it."

"They know perfectly well that when I spoke in the Commons I was saying what I believed sincerely to be true and what I had been briefed to say, like any other minister," he said.

Johnson said he corrected the record as soon as possible, and claimed committee members "know that".

He said the "current prime minister and then occupant of the same building, Rishi Sunak" also believed they were "working lawfully together".

Johnson condemned the committee as a "kangaroo court", and claimed that its "purpose from the beginning has been to find me guilty, regardless of the

facts".

Johnson's departure from political life comes less than four years after he won an 80-seat political majority and nine months after he stood down as prime minister after a police fine for breaking his own Covid rules.

In his statement, Johnson hit out at political enemies for targeting him after he was shown the privileges committee findings against him earlier this week.

"It is very sad to be leaving Parliament - at least for now - but above all I am bewildered and appalled that I can be forced out, anti-democratically, by a committee chaired and managed, by [the Labour MP] Harriet Harman, with such egregious bias," he said.

The resignation will trigger an immediate by-election in Johnson's Uxbridge and South Ruislip constituency.

It was the second in a day for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak after Nadine Dorries resigned as MP for Mid Bedfordshire after her inclusion on Johnson's peerage list was blocked.

Labour sources view both the seats as winnable.

Pakistan's defence budget increased by 16 pc

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ISLAMABAD, Jun 10

(Agencies): The Pakistan government has proposed a roughly 16 per cent increase in the defence budget as the country continues to face internal and external security challenges, the media reported.

Interestingly, all three services—Army, Navy, Air Force—were given an equal increase in the budget, although the military takes the major share given its size and the role, news agency

reported.

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The defence spending in 2022-23 was around 2 per cent of the country's GDP, the size of which has grown due to the rebasing of the economy, news agency reported.

Defence spending has always been the subject of discussions with some seeking greater

transparency and open debate about the military's budget.

In recent years, the government provides more details about the defence budget.

However, there has never been open debate within the parliament on the subject.

Observers believe that the increase in the defence budget is justified given the impending external and internal security challenges, news agency reported.

Despite the US troops' withdrawal from neighbouring Afghanistan, Pakistan still deploys thousands of troops along the western border as well as in the erstwhile tribal areas to deal with the threat of terrorism.

The budget document shows that defence outlay for 2023-24 would be 1,804 billion PKR compared to the revised defence spending of 1,591 billion PKR earmarked for the outgoing fiscal year.

4 children lost in jungle for 40 days after a plane crash are found alive in Colombia

BOGOTA, Jun 10 (Agencies): Colombian President Gustavo Petro has said that authorities found alive four children who survived a small plane crash 40 days ago and had been the subject of an intense search in the Amazon jungle that held Colombians on edge.

The children were alone when searchers found them and are now receiving medical attention, Petro told reporters upon his return to Bogota from Cuba, where he signed a cease-fire agreement with representatives of the National Liberation Army rebel group.

The president said the youngsters are an



"example of survival" and predicted their saga "will remain in history".

The crash happened in the early hours of May 1, when the Cessna single-engine propeller plane with six passengers and a pilot declared

an emergency due to an engine failure.

The small aircraft fell off radar a short time later and a frantic search for survivors began. The three adults were killed, and their bodies were found in the area.

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Canada Wildfire Smoke Detected As Far As Norway: Scientists

OTTAWA, Jun 10 (Agencies): The smoke from hundreds of wildfires burning in Canada, has reached as far as Norway, as per scientists, agency reported.

The smoke from wildfires in Canada has already blanketed parts of the US and placed around 75 million people under air quality alerts.

Over the last few days, however, plumes of smoke have stretched from Canada across Greenland, Iceland and made their way to Norway.

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It's not unusual for wildfire smoke to travel long distances. "Smoke from

wildfires such as those in Canada is injected at high altitudes thus staying in the atmosphere longer and able to travel over far distances," he said.

In 2020, smoke from California's record-breaking wildfires was detected in Svalbard, a Norwegian archipelago located deep inside the Arctic Circle.

The smoke brings negative climate impacts. Wildfire smoke moving over the Arctic deposits soot on the snow and ice, darkening the white surface, which allows it to absorb more heat. This, in turn, accelerates Arctic warming, as per agency.

White House says Iran is helping Russia build a drone factory east of Moscow for the war in Ukraine

WASHINGTON, Jun 10 (Agencies): Iran is providing Russia with materials to build a drone manufacturing plant east of Moscow as the Kremlin looks to lock in a steady supply of weaponry for its ongoing invasion of Ukraine, according to a U.S. intelligence finding released by the White House.

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said U.S. intelligence officials believe a plant in Russia's Alabuga special economic zone could be operational early next year. The White House also released satellite imagery taken in April of the industrial location, several hundred miles east of Moscow, where it believes the plant "will probably be built."

President Joe Biden's administration publicly stated in December that it believed Tehran and Moscow were considering standing up a drone assembly line in Russia for the Ukraine war. The new intelligence suggests that the project,

in the Yelabuga region of Tatarstan, has moved beyond conception.

Iran has said it provided drones to Russia before the start of the war but not since.

Kirby said that U.S. officials also have determined that Iran continues to supply the Russian military with one-way attack drones made in Iran: The drones are shipped via the Caspian Sea, from Amirabad in Iran to Makhachkala, Russia, and then are used by Russian forces against Ukraine.

As of May, Russia had received hundreds of one-way attack drones, as well as drone production-related equipment, from Iran, according to the White House.

"This is a full-scale defense partnership that is harmful to Ukraine, to Iran's neighbors, and to the international community," Kirby said. "We are continuing to use all the tools at our disposal to expose and disrupt these activities including by sharing this with the public — and we are



prepared to do more."

The Biden administration on Friday issued an advisory meant to help businesses and other governments put in place measures to ensure they are not inadvertently contributing to Iran's drone program.

The notice from the Departments of Commerce, State, Justice, and Treasury said it was "critical that private industry be aware of its legal obligations" to abide by U.S. export controls and sanctions.

The United States, the European Union, and the United Kingdom in recent months all have issued rules designed to cut off the flow of drone

components to Russia and Iran.

The Biden administration has repeatedly publicized intelligence findings that detail how Iran is assisting the Russian invasion.

The persistent drip of intelligence findings from the administration is intended to detail what U.S. officials say is a deepening defense partnership between Russia and Iran. It's also part of a broader administration effort to spotlight Moscow's prosecution of its war in Ukraine in hopes of further promoting global isolation of Russia.

The White House last month said Russia was looking to buy additional

advanced attack drones from Iran after using up most of the 400 drones it had previously purchased from Tehran.

The Biden administration last year first publicized satellite imagery and intelligence findings that it said indicated Iran sold hundreds of attack drones to Russia. For months, officials have said the United States believed Iran was considering selling hundreds of ballistic missiles to Russia, but White House officials have said they do not have evidence a deal was consummated.

The White House has noted that Iran also has weapons flowing its way from Russia.

Iran is seeking to purchase additional military equipment from Russia, including attack helicopters, radars and YAK-130 combat trainer aircraft, according to the White House. In April, Iran announced that it had finalized a deal to buy Su-35 fighter jets from Russia.

2 passenger planes come into contact at Tokyo's Haneda Airport, runway closed

The incident occurred around 11 am on Saturday, and involved commercial planes operated by Thai Airways and Taiwan's Eva Airways, as per Japan's transport ministry and the Tokyo Fire Department.



TOKYO, Jun 10

(Agencies): A runway at Tokyo's Haneda Airport was shut for operations after two planes came into contact on the taxiway, Japan's transport ministry said, adding that no injuries or damage was reported. Japan Times reported one of the passengers sharing the impact of the contact.

The incident occurred around 11 am on Sat-

urday (local time) and involved commercial planes operated by Thai Airways and Taiwan's Eva Airways, as per the ministry and Tokyo Fire Department.

Of the four runways at Haneda, Runway A was closed for operations following the mishap.

In footage broadcast by NHK, the two planes on the runway stopped as fire department officials and other staff

gathered at the taxiway. Reports suggest that unidentified debris could also be seen on the ground near the planes.

Local media also reported a delay in flight operations at Tokyo airport.

Japan Times quoted one of the passengers who were aboard the Eva Airways flight, "Part of the wing of the Thai Airways plane was chipped."

As per the transport ministry of Japan, about 260 passengers and crew members were on the Thai Airways plane while nearly 200 were aboard the Eva Airways flight. Also, NHK reported the affected Runway A, which is 300 meters in length, resumed operations after 1 pm (local time).

Start-ups in India grew 300 times in the last 9 years under PM Modi: Dr Jitendra

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UDHAMPUR (J&K), Jun 10: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said, the Start-up movement promoted by PM Narendra Modi is now reaching every part of India including the B-Towns and the 2-day "Young Start-up Conclave" at Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir offers an opportunity to explore new avenues for industry as well as entrepreneurs in the region. Dr. Jitendra Singh said this while inaugurating 2-day "Young Start-up Conclave" at Udhampur. Dr. Jitendra Singh said, under PM Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir is given the top most priority in everything which is the reason that J&K is competing in



terms of development with the developed states and UTs in India. Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the year 2023 is important for many reasons as this is the year India has been able to attain G20 Presidency, this Year is being celebrated as International Year of Millets by UN due to the efforts of PM Narendra Modi which shows how the stature of India has grown in the world under the present government. Dr Jitendra Singh said, Start-ups in India grew 300 times in the last 9 years as from just

around 350 Start-ups before 2014, there has been a quantum jump in Start-ups to more than 90,000 with more than 100 Unicorns. Dr Jitendra Singh further said, India had no dearth of talent, capability, innovation and creativity in the youth, but they were lacking a favourable milieu and proper patronage from the political leadership which was provided by Prime Minister Modi. Focus of the PM Modi led Government in the last 9 years has not been just to create

employment but also to build entrepreneurship, said Dr Jitendra Singh. The mantra of PM Narendra Modi 'StartUp India, StandUp India' is creating millions of job opportunities for the youth of this country who are gradually coming out of the government job mind-set and are ready to take the plunge and create new opportunities in niche sectors, in turn creating scores of job opportunities. Director CSIR-IIIM Jammu, Dr. Zabeer Ahmad termed this day as historic for dis-

trict Udhampur which has been chosen for this two day 'Start-up Conclave'. Dr. Zabeer emphasized, people of district Udhampur and other nearest districts must visit this 'Start-up Conclave' so that they will be informed, counselled about the benefits of Start-ups which are the engines of economic growth.

The StartUp conclave was attended by Chairperson DDC Udhampur, Sh. Lal Chand, Vice Chairperson DDC, Juhi Manhas Pathania, Director CSIR-IIIM, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Sh. Sachin Kumar Vaishya, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, Sh. Mohammad Suleman Choudhary, SSP Udhampur, Dr. Vinod Kumar besides BDCs, DDCs and other officers of district administration.

Army organizes two-day Jashn-e-Drugmulla - Parwaz e Kashmir festival



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KUPWARA, Jun 10: A two day mega event "Jashn-e-Drugmulla -Parwaz e Kashmir" being organized by Indian Army was inaugurated today at Higher Secondary School, Drugmulla among large gathering by children and locals. The two day mega event has free medical, dental and drug de-addiction camp, stalls from

Department of Handicraft and Handloom, Department of Social Welfare, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and career counselling by Skyline. The event also has talent hunt, free swings and various games for children with attractive prizes. A volleyball championship has also been organized, semi-final matches for the same will be played on 10 Jun 23 and the final match

will be played on 11 Jun 23 from 1600 hrs onwards. In addition to other cultural programmes, the main attraction of the mega event is performance by Kashmir's own Arijit Singh - Ishfaq Kawa on 11 June from 1700 hrs onwards. The locals appreciated Indian Army's initiative for organizing such a mega event and giving opportunity to local talent.

Compromised governance and patronized corruption have led to people alienation in J&K: Harsh Dev

Top News Report

CHENANI, Jun 10: Alleging governance deficit and growing culture of corruption in J&K, the NPP President and former Minister Harsh Dev Singh that the erstwhile historical Dogra State was in ruins after its reorganization and demotion to the level of UTs. While there were no takers for the woes and sufferings of common masses, the saffron flavoured govt was persisting with its appeasement of a selected few resulting in disenchantment amongst the general public. He said that while BJP and its political affiliates were allowed to float above the fray and granted multifarious privileges and perks at govt expense in violation

of norms and fair play, the commoners were made to suffer even for the basic amenities despite being major contributors to the State tax revenue. He was addressing public meetings in Gauri Kund and Katwalat in Chenani constituency today. Coming down heavily on the LG administration for abusing the public exchequer in providing govt bungalows and palatial Estates mansions to the BJP workers in defiance of prevalent norms and court rulings while selectively hounding out the opposition leaders, Mr. Singh said that it provided the most glaring example of compromised governance and patronized corruption in J&K. Not only were the govt

bungalows provided to the BJP leaders but the entire furniture, fixtures and other luxury items including smart TVs, refrigerators and electronic gadgets had been provided free of cost to the said illegal occupants. Likewise, govt vehicles had been placed at the disposal of ex-MLAs of BJP in addition to security vehicles provided exclusively to them to the exclusion of even the most senior opposition leaders. Not only that several BJP leaders who had encroached State lands, forest lands and Roshini lands not been evicted and allowed to retain the same while dispossessing the common masses and other poor farmers from their marginal land holdings. Singh said BJP lead-

ers further seemed to have been granted immunity in cases involving criminal misconduct and financial improprieties there by providing them a differential treatment as against the commoners who were made to bear the rigors of the law even on frivolous complaints. Alleging governance fiasco and operation of rule of whim in J&K, Mr. Singh sought indulgence of the President of India so as to ensure the restoration of constitutional guarantees, equal treatment and justice to all in the troubled UT of J&K so as to prevent further alienation of the general masses. He called for an early return of democracy in J&K and restoration of its Statehood status.

DDC Chairman, DC Samba inaugurates multimedia exhibition



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SAMBA, Jun 10: DDC Chairman Samba Keshav Dutt Sharma and Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma jointly inaugurated an Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme on "9 years of Government" in presence of Joint Director CBC, UT of J&K and Ladakh Ghulam Abbas and Deputy Director CBC, UT of J&K and Ladakh, Ayushi Puri at Kehli Mandi Ground Samba.

The Programme included a multimedia exhibition on 9 years of Governance. The exhibition will continue till 14th June. Various panels were mounted on different welfare schemes initiated by the central government to eradicate poverty from the country. Stalls were also put up by various departments of UT of J&K which includes Animal Husbandry, ICDS, Health, Employment etc. On spot services were provided by these departments by

enrolling beneficiaries online. Joint Director Central Bureau of Communication J&K and Ladakh, Sh Ghulam Abbas in his welcome address mentioned how various schemes of the Government of India are benefiting remotest corners of J&K. Abbas encouraged participants to spread awareness about the ICOP and motivate other people to visit the exhibition. DDC Chairman Samba, Sh Keshav Dutt Sharma in his speech

termed these 9 years as a torch bearer to make India a self reliant country. Keshav further emphasised on the role India has played Globally in the fight against COVID. Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma appreciated the efforts of the department of Central Bureau of Communication for organising such an event in the district of Samba. In the end, DDC Chairman distributed prizes to the students who participated in drawing competitions held as part of the pre-publicity of the event. Resource persons from various line departments highlighted the schemes under flagship programs while as departmental troops of CBC Jammu & PRTs presented theme based cultural items.

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India tops world ranking in digital payments, records 89.5 million transactions in 2022: MyGovIndia

the opportunity to work towards Surajya with their ideas and grass root level of contribution. Earlier this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India is number one in digital payments and that the country's rural economy is transforming. "India is number one in digital payments. India is one of the countries where mobile data is the cheapest. Today, the country's rural economy is transforming," the PM said. In digital payments, India has been witnessing new milestones, in both value and volume terms, which indicate the robustness of India's payment ecosystem and acceptance, as per RBI experts.

Civil work on Jammu Artificial Lake to complete by Oct-Nov: Official

Governor Manoj Sinha consulted several stakeholders and experts and ordered its resumption under Smart City and Tawi River Front projects. The Artificial Lake is being constructed at Belicharana near the fourth bridge of Jammu city with an aim to attract tourists and devotees will be around 1.5 km long and 600 meters wide.

Had BJP been ready elec-

tions would have been held in J&K: Omar Abdullah

consultations with all political parties as the process won't work on an individual's opinion", he said. Responding to a question regarding problems faced by passengers like checking and identification on Mughal road, he said that checking should take place as quickly as possible as the area has witnessed spike in militancy related incidents. "If passengers are facing problems this clearly shows administration has failed. Instead of improvement in security the situation has worsened", he said.

DM Kupwara seeks FIR against private clinic over death of 2 patients due to alleged medical negligence

enquiry into the incident ordered vide this office Order number DCK/2023/209/977-80, Dated 16-05-2023 is underway", it reads further.

Gujarat ATS busts ISKP module woman among four held

Surat city and seized from them "incriminating" materials that showed their association with the banned terrorist organisation, said Director General of Police (DGP) Vikas Sahay.

A first information report (FIR) has been registered against the four under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and efforts are on to nab a wanted accused in this connection, Sahay said.

The ISKP is a transnational Salafi-Jihadist organisation and a UN-designated terrorist organisation.

"The three men were planning to use a fishing boat from Porbandar to cross the International Maritime Boundary Line and reach Afghanistan via Iran and join ISKP," Sahay told reporters.

They were detained from Porbandar on Friday morning and were identified as Ubed Nasir Mir, Hanan Hayat Shol and Mohammad Hajim Shah, all residents of Srinagar, Shah said.

During preliminary interrogation, they revealed that they were trained and radicalised by a handler identified as Abu Hamza.

They also told the ATS that two more persons, identified as Zuber Ahmed Munshi from Srinagar and Sumerabanu Hanif Malek of Surat, were also members of the ISKP module and associated with them.

"Based on the information, Gujarat ATS and Surat crime branch raided the house of Sumera Malek and seized several radical publications such as 'Voice of Khorasan' from there.

Sumera revealed that she was in touch with her handler and in close relation with Zuber," the police officer said.

The DGP said that several documents related to their personal identities, and materials used for digital communication such as mobile phones, tablets and sharp weapons were recovered from trio detained from Porbandar.

When the cloud storage of the accused was accessed, their photographs with ISKP banner, videos of a leader giving them the

pledge of allegiance, audio clips of their leader and other incriminating files were recovered, the ATS said in a release.

The three had been directed by their handler Abu Hamza to reach Porbandar and join a fishing boat as fishermen and use the boat captain to reach the given GPS coordinates, it said.

From there, they were to be taken to Iran on a dhow and provided with fake passports for Afghanistan and reach Khorasan via Herat, police said.

Efforts are on to nab accused Zuber Ahmed Munshi, police said.

Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi praised the ATS and Surat crime branch for the operation and said that the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah was committed to the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism. "It is a huge success for the Gujarat police. The entire matter will be investigated thoroughly," he said.

Vehicular movement resumes on Jammu-Srinagar Highway

said. He said the highway was opened for traffic from both sides after nearly 12 hours. "Commuters have been advised to follow lane discipline," Baskotra said.

On traffic jams on the highway and complaints by commuters about it, officials said authorities have recognised the need for immediate measures to control congestion in the Ramban-Banihal sector, particularly in view of the annual Amarnath pilgrimage that starts on July 1.

Two vehicles collide

head on, driver loses life

towards Srinagar, collided head-on with another vehicle near Navayuga Toll crossing. "In the accident, the driver identified as Pulochan Singh, son of Himmat Singh from RS Pura, Jammu, died on the spot," he said.

He further mentioned that the body has been shifted to the emergency hospital in Qazigund for medical formalities, while the police have taken cognizance of the accident.

Temperature rises as dry weather forecast in J&K

Kashmir's Anantnag district. In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 13.9°C against 11.8°C on the previous night and it was 1.3°C above normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 10.8°C against 9.9°C on the previous night and it was 1.3°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 11.6°C against 10.4°C on previous night and it was above normal by 2.8°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 27.9°C against 26.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.2°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 14.1°C (normal), Batote 15.4°C (0.5°C above normal), Katra 24.6°C (2.5°C above normal) and Baderwah 11.3°C (below normal by 2.2°C). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of 10.2°C and 15.0°C respectively, he said.

Air India finalises 'huge financing deal' for acquiring new fleet: CEO

NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): Air India has put together a 'huge financing deal' related to its new fleet in a remarkably quick time, according to its chief Campbell Wilson.

On February 14, Air India announced a historic order for buying 470 aircraft, including 250 from Airbus and 220 from Boeing. Besides, there is an option to buy another 370 planes from the two plane makers.

It was also the first time in more than 17 years that Air India, which was taken over by Tata Group from the government in January last year, placed orders for new planes.

In his weekly message to the staff on Friday, Wilson said he wants to commend "the com-



mercial, strategic procurement, finance, treasury and legal teams for successfully putting together a huge financing deal related to our new fleet in remarkably quick time...it was another historic achievement for the new Air India". Specific details could not be immedi-

ately ascertained. Wilson, in an interview last month, said a lot of money was being invested in the airline.

"Tata Group's Air India has invested at a list price of \$70 billion for the 470 aircraft. That is with the explicit purpose of providing more services, espe-

cially international connectivity. We ultimately do that for many reasons and one reason is that we get economic returns from that investment.

"I think, if the traffic is siphoned off throughout the places, just makes it more and more difficult for us to have non-stop services and ultimately, customer loses as they will not have any option of non-stop service," he had said.

The response was to a query related to bilateral flying rights. The order for 470 planes comprises 40 Airbus A350s, 20 Boeing 787s and 10 Boeing 777-9s wide-body aircraft as well as 210 Airbus A320/321 Neos and 190 Boeing 737 MAX single-aisle aircraft.

FEMA violation: ED notices to Xiaomi, 3 foreign banks



NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said that it has issued show-cause notices to Chinese

mobile manufacturer Xiaomi, its chief financial officer and director Sameer Rao, former MD Manu Jain and three foreign banks for alleged

foreign exchange violation of more than Rs 5,551 crore.

The adjudicating authority under the Foreign Exchange Management Act has issued show-cause notices to Xiaomi Technology India Private Limited, the two executives, Citi Bank, HSBC Bank and Deutsche Bank AG, the agency said.

The agency had seized Rs 5,551.27 crore worth of funds of Xiaomi Technology India Private Limited lying in its bank accounts under the FEMA for "unauthorised" remittance of this amount in guise of royalty abroad.

60% type 2 diabetes reversible: ICMR chief

NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): India houses nearly double the number of diabetics than previously estimated, according to the new findings of a 12-year study on the prevalence of metabolic non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including diabetes, in the country.

The Indian Council of Medical Research-India Diabetes (ICMR-INDIAB) study, which assessed a representative sample of individuals aged 20 years and older drawn from urban and rural areas of 31 states and UTs, found prevalence of diabetes among 11.4 per cent population, which comes to 101 million.

This is 1.68 times higher than the previously estimated 60 million diabetics in India and a previously known 7.84 per cent national prevalence rate of diabetics.

The new study published in The Lancet puts the prevalence of pre-diabetes at 15.3 per cent in India, which is 136 million; hypertension at 35.5 per cent; general obesity at 39.5 per cent and dyslipidemia (lipid imbalance which can cause heart

diseases) at 81.2 per cent. One in every three Indians has hypertension and two in five are obese.

Speaking to The Tribune today, ICMR chief Rajiv Bahl said, "The message to the people is that jumping into treatment and more treatment for diabetes will not help.

Pre-diabetes is completely reversible, and 60% diabetes is reversible by healthy diet and physical activity. We must all work towards reducing the risk of diabetes through healthy diet and physical activity. If it is uncontrolled then go in for treatment." The reversal Bahl mentioned is in respect of the most common form of diabetes — type 2 (95% people with diabe-

tes have this type) which occurs when blood glucose is too high. Insulin, a hormone made by the pancreas, helps glucose get into body cells to be used for energy.

In type 2 diabetes, body doesn't make enough insulin or doesn't use insulin well. Too much glucose then stays in the blood, and not enough reaches the cells.

Bahl said the purpose of the study was to find out what is the prevalence and burden of diabetes in the context of changes in society with increased prosperity, more access to food, and convenient modes of transport. The highest prevalence of diabetes in India is in Goa, pre-diabetes in Sikkim and hypertension in Punjab.



Smartphone sales to remain subdued this year: Experts

CHANDIGARH, Jun 10 (Agencies): India's smartphone market is expected to remain subdued in the current year. According to the industry, challenging economic conditions, increasing lifecycle of smartphones and stable 5G handset prices are the major reasons that would impact the sales.

The total smartphone market stood at 15.5 crore units in 2022 dominated by budget smartphones with prices ranging between Rs 6,000 and Rs 15,000.

"We expect the market to remain flat in the current year considering



the trend in the past five months. The main reason behind the flat growth is people holding their purchase and stable 5G handset prices compared to the past two years," said

Sree Hari, product manager, realme India.

The increasing lifecycle of smartphones was "an expected factor in the market", as users are holding on to their devices for longer than

usual. According to the industry, earlier, on an average, smartphone owners used their phones for less than 12 months before upgrading. But now, it has now increased to 18-24 months. Also, the lifecycle of smartphones has been steadily increasing and the devices are getting better.

According to data, India's smartphone shipments declined 21% in the March quarter as compared to the same period last year. The overall handset market saw a decline of 20% year-on-year (YoY), according to CyberMe-

dia Research (CMR). It noted that challenging economic conditions and slow demand contributed to the decline.

According to Counterpoint Research, smartphone shipments in India fell 9% to 152 million (15.2 crore) units in 2022. The shipments grew 11% in 2021 to 169 million (16.9 crore) units as the Covid forced users to buy smartphones for remote work and education.

However, the industry feels the entry of Jio in mobile financing and other NBFs like Bajaj Finance may spur the sales.

Many newborns dying due to loss of efficacy of antibiotics against sepsis: Study

The research, published in the journal PLOS Medicine, provides a wealth of high-quality data aimed at improving the treatment of newborn babies with sepsis

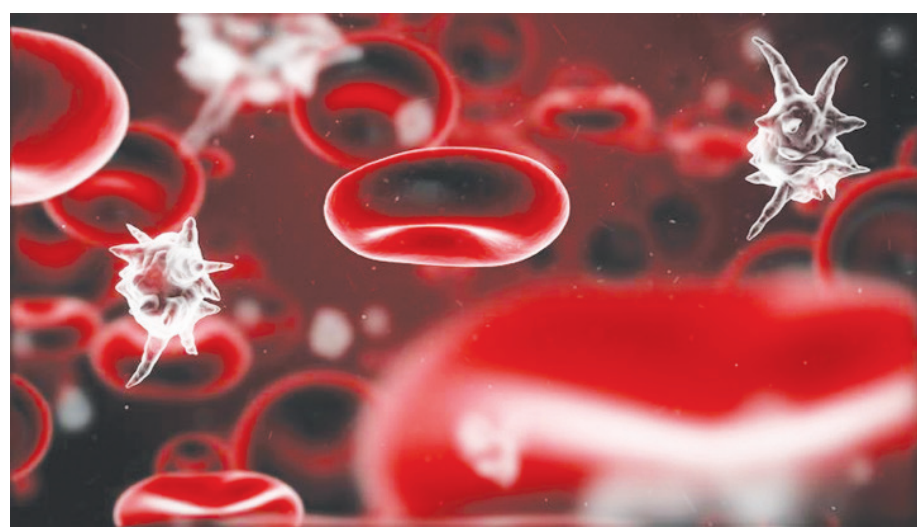
NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): Many newborns are dying because the antibiotics used to treat sepsis are losing their effectiveness, according to a global observational study which involved over 3,200 newborn babies suffering from the infection in 11 countries, including India.

The study, conducted from 2018 to 2020 and co-authored by a team of over 80 researchers, found there was high mortality among infants with culture-positive sepsis (almost 1 in 5 across the hospital sites), and a significant burden of antibiotic resistance.

The research, published on Friday in the journal PLOS Medicine, provides a wealth of high-quality data aimed at improving the treatment of newborn babies with sepsis.

"It was very important to undertake this study to get a better understanding of the kind of infections we are seeing in newborns in hospitals, the bugs causing them, the treatments that are being used and why we are seeing more deaths," said Manica Balasegaram, Executive Director of Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP).

"The study has given us vital information which will help us to better design clinical trials and ultimately improve the care and



outcome of babies with neonatal sepsis," Balasegaram said.

Sepsis is a life-threatening bloodstream infection which affects up to 3 million babies a year globally. Every year, 214,000 newborn babies, mostly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), die of sepsis that has become resistant to antibiotics.

Newborn babies are particularly at risk of severe infection because of their underdeveloped immune systems.

"One of the study's most striking findings is the wide disparity in deaths from neonatal sepsis, depending on where people live," said Nishad Plakkal, Additional Professor of Neonatology and Associate Dean (Research) at JIPMER, Puducherry.

"It's not unusual in my unit for one nurse to take care of five or six very ill babies at one time. This makes it easier for infections to spread," Plakkal

said.

There was extensive variation in mortality between the 19 hospitals in the study, ranging from 1.6 per cent to 27.3 per cent, with markedly higher rates in LMICs, the researchers said.

"The study exposed the glaring reality of antibiotic-resistant infections, especially in hospitals in LMICs, where we are often faced with a shortage of nurses, beds and space," said Sithembiso Velaphi, head of paediatrics at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa.

"The risk of infections is very high and most infections are resistant to antibiotics. If an antibiotic doesn't work, the baby often dies. This urgently needs to change. We need antibiotics that will cover all bacterial infections," said Velaphi. More than 200 different antibiotic combinations were used by hospitals in the study,

with frequent switching of antibiotics due to high resistance to treatments.

Many physicians were forced to use antibiotics such as carbapenems due to the high degree of antibiotic resistance to the recommended treatments in their units. These are classified by the World Health Organization as "Watch" antibiotics.

They are recommended only for specific, limited indications as they need to be preserved. However, these were often the only antibiotics available to treat the infection.

Last-line antibiotics were prescribed to 15 per cent of babies with neonatal sepsis enrolled in the study.

Using the data collected, the team developed two tools that could be used in clinical trials and in any neonatal intensive care unit worldwide.

The NeoSep Severity Score, based on 10 clinical signs and symptoms, could be used

by clinicians to identify newborns who have a high risk of dying, and ensure they get special attention more quickly, the researchers said.

The NeoSep Recovery Score uses many of the same clinical signs and symptoms and could provide clinicians with key information on whether to escalate treatment, they said.

"The observational study has been instrumental in providing the high-quality data that we need to design trials of appropriate treatments for sepsis in newborn babies. It has been a huge collaborative effort by researchers and clinicians in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe," said Neal Russell, Principal Investigator for the neonatal sepsis study at St George's, University of London (SGUL), UK.

The study also aims to inform WHO guidelines on treatment for newborn babies with sepsis.

The results of the study have been used to design a pivotal strategic public health clinical trial to find better treatments for newborn infections in the context of increasing resistance to existing treatments.

The trial will also look at appropriate formulations and dosages for newborn babies. It will be expanded to other countries and regions from 2024, with a target of recruiting up to 3,000 newborns overall.

Drug pricing regulator fixes retail prices of 23 drug formulations, including medication for diabetes, BP

Also revised ceiling price of 15 scheduled formulations



NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): National drug pricing regulator NPPA said that it has fixed retail prices of 23 formulations, including the medications to treat diabetes and high blood pressure.

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has fixed the prices under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 2013 based on the decision of 113th Authority meeting dated May 26, 2023.

As per the notification, the NPPA has fixed the

price of one tablet of diabetes drug Gliclazide ER and Metformin Hydrochloride tablets at Rs 10.03.

Similarly, the retail price of one tablet of pain reliever medication Trypsin, Bromelain, Rutoside Trihydrate and Diclofenac Sodium tablets has been fixed at Rs 20.51.

The NPPA said it has also revised ceiling price of 15 scheduled formu-

lations under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (NLEM 2022).

It has also fixed ceiling price of two scheduled formulations.

Besides, it has fixed and revised ceiling price of one scheduled formulation, the notification said.

The NPPA is mandated to fix/revise the prices of controlled bulk drugs and formulations and to enforce prices and availability of the medicines in the country. It also monitors the prices of decontrolled drugs in order to keep them at reasonable levels.

The regulator implements and enforces the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order.

It is also entrusted with the task of recovering amounts overcharged by manufacturers for controlled drugs from consumers.

Aussies corner battered India

Ajinkya Rahane helps India hang tough but Australia continue to heap misery

LONDON, Jun 10 (Agencies): Pat Cummins produced a vicious bowling onslaught to leave India battered and bruised as Australia took a 296-run lead on Day 3 of the World Test Championship (WTC) final at The Oval.

Australia's four-man pace attack claimed nine wickets between them to dismiss India for 296 in their first innings, with captain Cummins picking up three scalps.

Australia will resume Day 4 on 123/4 in their second innings with Marnus Labuschagne batting on 41 along with Cameron Green on seven.

Earlier, Ajinkya Rahane blocked out the drama engulfing his teammates at the other end of the pitch as he top scored for India with 89, while Shardul Thakur survived some painful hits to his arm to contribute 51.

After a dismal showing on Day 2 when India were left hanging on at 151/5 in response to Australia's first-innings total of 469, the morning session got off to a painful start for the world's top-ranked team.

Fans were still filing into the ground in their thousands when fast bowler Scott Boland produced a ferocious delivery to dislodge KS Bharat's stumps with the second ball of the day.

As Bharat departed for five, India trailed the Australians by 317 runs and were left facing a



monumental challenge to avoid following on.

Three overs later, Thakur felt the full force of the power being generated by the fast bowlers as he was whacked on his right arm by successive deliveries from Australia captain Cummins, prompting him to drop his bat as he winced in pain.

Thakur also received lifelines while on eight, when he was dropped at gully by Green, and survived an lbw shout on 36 when DRS showed Cummins had bowled a no-ball.

While Thakur lived dangerously, Rahane went about rescuing India's hopes with his mix of delectable shot selection in the 109-run partnership for the seventh wicket.

He followed up an exquisite four with a belter of a six to bring up his 26th Test 50 as he should

ered the burden of a nation desperate to win their first global ICC trophy in 10 years and avoid suffering back-to-back defeats in WTC finals. While he fell 11 runs short of scoring a century after Cummins had him caught by Green, the 35-year-old did cross 5,000 Test runs during his 129-ball knock which included 11 fours and a six.

Following Rahane's departure, Thakur steered India past the follow-on target before bringing up his 50 with a sumptuous four. However, soon after he edged a Green delivery straight into the gloves of wicketkeeper Alex Carey.

Rohit Sharma's side went into freefall following Rahane's dismissal as Umesh Yadav (5), Thakur (51) and Mohammed Shami (13) were out in quick succession as India lost their

last four wickets for 35 runs.

SCOREBOARD
Australia 1st innings 469
India 1st innings (overnight 151/5)

A Rahane c Green b Cummins 89

R Jadeja c Smith b Lyon 48

S Bharat b Boland 5

S Thakur c Carey b Green 51

U Yadav b Cummins 5

M Shami c Carey b Starc 13

M Siraj not out 0

Extras: (b 10, lb 10, nb 8, w 1) 29

Total: (all out, 69.4 overs) 296

FOW: 1-30, 2-30, 3-50, 4-71, 5-142, 6-152, 7-261, 8-271, 9-294

Bowling O M R W

Mitchell Starc 13.4 0 71 2

Pat Cummins 20 2 83 3

Scott Boland 20 6 59 2

Cameron Green 12 1 44 2

Nathan Lyon 4 0 19 1

Australia 2nd innings

U Khawaja c Bharat b Yadav 13

D Warner c Bharat b Siraj 1

M Labuschagne not out 41

S Smith c Thakur b Jadeja 34

T Head c & b Jadeja 18

C Green not out 7

Extras: (b 4, lb 2, nb 2, w 1) 9

Total: (4 wickets, 44 overs) 123

FOW: 1-2, 2-24, 3-86, 4-111

Bowling O M R W

Mohammed Shami 10 4 17 0

Mohammed Siraj 12 2 41 1

Shardul Thakur 6 1 13 0

Umesh Yadav 7 1 21 1

Ravindra Jadeja 9 3 25 2.

Intercontinental Cup: India two good for Mongolia



BHUBANESWAR, Jun 10 (Agencies): A dominant India struck two quick first-half goals to beat Mongolia 2-0 and begin their Intercontinental Cup campaign on a winning note here at the Kalinga Stadium.

Sahal Abdul Samad and Lallianzuala Chhangte scored in the second and 14th minutes, respectively, as the 101st-ranked Indians emerged victorious over their opponents, who are placed 183rd in the world, in hot and humid conditions.

India, the 2018 edition champions, dominated the match, attacking and creating chances while the Mongolians were left

to defend their citadel. The home side had a 65 per cent possession in the match.

only worrying part for head coach Igor Stimac was the inability of his attackers to find the opposition's net on numerous occasions in the second half.

Captain and talisman Sunil Chhetri had a relatively quiet day as he played deeper than he usually does and was replaced by Rahim Ali in the 71st minute. Lalengmawia Ralte also was not up to the mark and was replaced by Jeakson Singh.

India made a fast start and were 2-0 up inside

15 minutes with strikes from Sahal and Chhangte.

India play Vanuatu in their second round-robin league match on Monday.

Lebanon beat Vanuatu 3-1

Captain Hassan Maa-touk led by example with two assists as higher-ranked Lebanon opened their Intercontinental Cup campaign with a 3-1 victory over Vanuatu here today. Lebanon found the net through Nader Matar (59th minute), Hassan Kourani (72nd) and Karim Darwich (85th), while John Wohale (62) scored Vanuatu's only goal.

"Won't Be Thumping His Chest When...": Sunil Gavaskar Praises Ajinkya Rahane Post Fifty In WTC Final

LONDON, Jun 10 (Agencies): After Australia posted 469 runs in their first innings of the World Test Championship final at the Oval, the Indian batters -- except Ajinkya Rahane, Ravindra Jadeja and Shardul Thakur -- struggled to get going. As a result, India were reduced to 152 for 6. Rahane's fighting 89 played a crucial role in helping India post 296 runs from that point. It was the 26th Test fifty for Rahane. Praising the India batter for his knock, legendary player Sunil Gavaskar termed Rahane as a 'low-profile player'.

Gavaskar pointed out that Rahane doesn't focus much on his achievements and rather "goes about his business quietly".

"Look at the hundreds he scored, they have mostly been when India were in trouble. He has always risen to



the occasion; he has a sense of the occasion. He's one of those low-profile players who won't be thumping his chest when he gets to a half-century or a century. He just raises his bat, goes about his business quietly, but assuredly," Gavaskar said on-air during his commentary on Star Sports.

Earlier, the fans rejoiced as veteran batter Rahane made his return to the Indian squad for the World Test Championship final

against Australia.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in April announced the squad for the summit clash, handing the 34-year-old a return for the final against Australia.

Having done the hard work in domestic cricket and shown exemplary form in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 for Chennai Super Kings (CSK), the 34-year-old impressed the selectors enough to earn a recall.

UCL final: Inter Milan are a team used not only to defend, says Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola

MANCHESTER, Jun 10 (Agencies): Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola has said that his side will have to overcome more than just the Inter Milan defence on Saturday if they're to win the UEFA Champions League final in Istanbul.

City are chasing a historic treble as they look to beat Inter and win their first UCL title. Guardiola's team are known for their attacking brand of football and are favourites heading into the tie.

Fans and pundits expect Inter to play a defensive game but Simone Inzaghi's side aren't ones to be underestimated. The Nerazzurri has been undefeated in 11 of their last 12 matches and have scored 71 goals and conceded 42 in the Serie A, where they fin-



ished third.

Speaking to the reporters ahead of the match, as quoted by Reuters, Guardiola said that Inter won't be just looking to defend and claimed that Inzaghi's side have many more facets to their game.

"There are many. Inter are a team used not only to defend. There is a belief that Italian teams only know how to defend, but Inter can do many other things,"

a relaxed Guardiola told reporters on Friday.

"(Francesco) Acerbi, (Matteo) Darmian, (Alessandro) Bastoni and (Andre) Onana are very effective in the re-starts. And all the forwards, from Lautaro (Martinez) to (Joaquin) Correa, know how to be dangerous.

"Inter have the ability to keep the ball and finish, they know how to attack from the centre and from the flanks. We will try to

defend as well as possible, both high how low."

Guardiola said that having the desire and obsession to win the UCL is great but will be telling his team to be patient, especially if the scoreline remains 0-0 for a long period of time.

"You have to be stable in finals. Defend well, attack and have control. You have to be patient. The most important thing is thinking it is 0-0 and we are not losing. Italian teams at 0-0 can think they are winning but they are not," he said.

"Over the whole game, it's important to know what you have to do and do it well. But there are moments when the games get crazy and then there are moments where you don't think about tactics, but about what your heart tells you.

"But we will have a plan, an idea and communicate that to the players. If it goes well, the day will be good."

Guardiola also brushed aside concerns about Erling Haaland's recent lean patch in terms of goals. The Norwegian has scored 52 goals in as many games in his first season at Manchester, but has found the net once in the last seven matches.

The City boss insisted that Haaland will be ready for the final against Inter.

"I am not here to talk about Erling Haaland's average numbers for scoring goals. If you have doubts about Erling Haaland scoring goals, you are a lonely person," he said.

"Tomorrow he'll be ready to help us win the Champions League."

After 27 editions, India loses its only ATP 250 tournament



NEW DELHI, Jun 10 (Agencies): In a setback for Indian tennis, the country has lost its only ATP 250 tournament — an event that was first held way back in 1996 and till recently was organised as Tata Open Maharashtra.

The Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association (MSLTA) had saved it from going out of the

country in 2018 when the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) gave up on hosting the tournament after conducting it for 13 years.

The tournament was an arrangement between MSLTA, the Maharashtra government, IMG and RISE Worldwide (an initiative of the Reliance Group).

"The contract with IMG and RISE

stands successfully completed. MSLTA has undertaken all its commitments towards successful conduct of the event for 5 years," MSLTA secretary Sunder Iyer and tournament director Prashant Sutar said in a statement.

"We still have a commitment from both the Government of Maharashtra and our sponsors TATA for promoting Tennis in Maharashtra and India when we have the right opportunities to organise any other major event which we are pursuing in right earnest currently in interest of our players and Indian tennis fraternity," the statement added.

It has been learnt that the tournament will be relocated to Hong Kong, though a contract has not been signed as yet.

Indian doubles players though benefitted a lot by playing in this tournament.

Another tournament moving out of country is the WTA event hosted in Chennai.

India's title dreams hinge on final 2 games



EINDHOVEN, Jun 10 (Agencies): The Indian men's hockey team will get little time to recover from two gruelling matches as they return to the field for their final two games of the FIH Pro League season.

After back-to-back matches against hosts Netherlands and Argentina, India had just one day's break before their return leg matches against the two teams.

India, who sit atop the table with 26 points from 14 matches, take on the Dutch today before finishing off the season with a game against the South Americans on Sunday.

With Great Britain breathing down their neck — they trail India by one point but have two games in hand — India must win their final

matches to stand any chance of winning the Pro League title for the first time.

After being beaten 4-1 by Netherlands two days ago, India improved their game to fight past Argentina with a 3-0 win yesterday. India dominated possession and created many chances, including six penalty corners and two penalty strokes, against Netherlands. While they failed to make the opportunities count, India's defence was also guilty of switching off. Against the tricky Argentinians, who frustrate the opposition with a tight defence and hit on the counter, India showed much more patience. They held their structure well and converted their chances.

"I think we created so many chances but defensively we played very well as a team," India captain Harmanpreet Singh said. "Our structure was good and when we got the chance we scored. Our focus was to keep the ball and let them run and once we got the good opportunities we went for it."

Glorious tributes paid to Rifleman Tarsem Lal on his 24th Martyrdom Day



TOP NEWS REPORT

RS PURA, Jun 10: General Secretary of All J&K Panchayat Conference and Sarpanch Panchayat Gandli, Gurdeep Singh Saini along with the family members of the Martyr and prominent people of the area paid glorious tributes to Rifleman Tarsem Lal of 12 JAKLI on his martyrdom day, on the occasion of his 24th martyrdom day in his ancestral village Gandali, at the martyrdom site.

Pertinent to mention that on June 10 in 1999, Rifleman Tarsem Lal from the 12 JAKLI unit was martyred during the Kargil War.

Speaking on the occasion, Sar-

panch Gurdeep Singh Saini said that in 1999, during the Kargil War, Rifleman Tarsem Lal had made the supreme sacrifice. He added that Tarsem Lal had a passion for serving the nation since childhood, which led him to join the Indian Army after completing his education.

Sarpanch Saini further said that the sacrifice made by Tarsem Lal, who was born to father Buti Ram and mother Tripta in this village, cannot be forgotten, adding that all such soldiers who sacrifice their lives for the nation will always remain immortal.

Saini also announced that a beautiful park would soon be built

in the martyr's name and a monument would be installed near the statue, for which funds are being approved. He also informed that the government school in the village would be named after the martyr.

The family members of the martyr also expressed their pride that their son had made the supreme sacrifice while serving the nation.

The program was attended by many locals, including Naib Sarpanch Pyare Lal, Panch Satya Devi, Panch Somnath, Panch Pawan Singh, Darshan Singh, Sardar Harjinder Singh, Amar Singh Charak and many others, who paid tributes to the Martyr.

Shiv Sena challenges those who claim achievements in J&K

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 10: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) has challenged the BJP Government's claims of five achievements and announced the recognition of those who reveal their achievements and work for the local people's rights and public issues.

Speaking at the programme organized at Bagga Jana village of RS Pura, border area of Jammu, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K said that in the upcoming Assembly elections, BJP's claims of touching 50 seats will prove to be Mungeri Lal's beautiful dreams.

Sahni said that Shiv Sena challenge is to reveal only five achievements pertaining to the betterment of local people and public issues. Not only that, those who accept this challenge and reveal their achievements will



also be honored with special prizes and memorabilia, he said.

"The BJP that won historic victories during the 2014 Assembly elections and both seats of Lok Sabha from the Jammu region has neglected the people of Jammu. What achievements has the BJP made beyond its hollow promises to safeguard our multiculturalism, linguistic identity, trade, education, and health, and to push for voting rights?" Sahni questioned.

Sahni said "On 5 August, 2019, Jammu & Kashmir was divided into two Union Territories and lost its state status. Democratic processes have not been restored in the state. Promises of development, employment, investment, and restoration of peace prove to be mere gimmicks. The burden of taxes on the people in times of inflation and recession has increased. The City of Temples, Jammu, has been turned into a liquor hub, mining, drugs, and

flesh trade mafia have spread their wings, corrupt practices and crime." The BJP leaders are beating the drum of hollow achievements, he added.

Later, dozens of people, influenced by the party's policies and ideology, joined the Shiv Sena. Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Sandeep Bhagat and President of Labor Wing Raj Singh welcomed the new members by presenting Shivbandhan to them.

AYUSH organizes Yoga camp at Ramban

TOP NEWS REPORT

RAMBAN, Jun 10: On the directions of Union Ministry of AYUSH and Director AYUSH Dr Mohan Singh, the Department of AYUSH, Ramban organised a Mega Yoga programme at Government Model Higher Secondary School (GMHSS) Batote under the guidance of District Development Commissioner Ramban Musarat Islam.

This programme was organized under the supervision of District Nodal Officer, AYUSH and District Coordinator Yoga, Dr. Masood Iqbal Zargar, as a prelude to or preparation for International Yoga Day which will be held on June 21 and to sensitise the public about



the importance of Yoga in daily life. Besides, students prominently Medical officer AYUSH, Dr Mohammed Ayoub Wani, Dr. Palvi Datta Medical Officer AYUSH Principal, GMHSS, Batote, Devraj Bhagat, Tehsildar, Batote, Vijay Kumar Sharma, ZEO, Batote, Sukhdev Singh, the teachers and other staff members of school

practiced various Yoga postures under the guidance of Yoga instructors Rajinder Kumar Sharma and Dr. M.I Zargar.

While addressing the students and teachers Dr. Zargar underlined the need of these pre-International Yoga Day sessions and the importance of Yoga in our daily life.

He also gave the etymology of Yoga, Bhag-

wan, Bharat Mata words and emphasised on the need of all round fitness that is physical, mental, moral and spiritual fitness which is necessary for making everybody a complete person.

He thanked the school management, Tehsil administration and his colleagues for making this Yoga Mahotsav trial a big success.

Delegation meets Ashok Atri regarding poor condition of SM Pura Road

TOP NEWS REPORT

RAMGARH, Jun 10: A delegation of people from Abtal village and neighboring villages headed by Iambardar Sukhdev Singh of Abtal village of border area Ramgarh met senior National Conference leader and former DIG J&K Ashok Atri at NC office Ramgarh.

People told their problems to NC leader Ashok Atri and said that the SM Pura road, which is now becoming a cause of trouble for the people, should be blacktopped as soon as possible. People said that the UT government of BJP, Chief Engineer PWD and Distt Administration Samba have been joking with the people of Ramgarh for the last five years, the condition of the road



is so bad that neither school children nor the elderly can pass through it. People have to travel ten kilometers. We are tired of knocking on the doors of the administration. We are not being heard anywhere. After listening to the problems of people, Atri

spoke to the administrative officials on the phone itself and came to know about the non-construction of the road. The officials told Ashok Atri that the contractor who had taken the contract for this road is not working, that contractor has been given 20 days

time, if he does not start the road work within 20 days, then the old tender will be considered.

While assuring the people, Atri said that good roads are the right of the people and even if they have to protest against the administration for their rights, the National Conference will not back down. he suggested to wait for a few days, if the road work does not start even after that, then the NC will also meet the Principal Secretary and LG Manoj Sinha on this issue and will get people out of this problem.

Kashmiri Displaced Wing DPAP raises issues of KP PM Package Employees

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 10: In a joint statement issued by the Leaders of Kashmiri Displaced People Wing of Democratic Progressive Azad Party lead by its President Sanjay Dhar, Chairma, Piaray Lal Pandita, Vice President Roop Krishen Koul, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku, Youth President Naveen Gosani, Vijay Karihalu Vice President/Incharge Kashmir other office bearers, have demanded for redressal of P.M Package Employees living in Transit accommodation as well as in rented accommodation of Kashmir Valley.

The Leaders in one voice have expressed their dismay over the slow working pace of under construction Transit Accommodation Flats and regarding delay in allotment of already constructed flats which are ready to go in.

The Leaders have demanded that double shift workings may be provided for streamlining

the construction of flats on war footing basis and the complete constructed flats be allotted as per procedure at an earliest.

The Leaders have appealed the Govt. that till the promised Transit accommodations are completed the employees residing in rented accommodations may be provided a lump sum monthly rent over and above the HRA, as the percentage of HRA does not suffice for rented accommodation being the monthly rent rates of more than Rs.5000/-excluding other charges have to be paid by these employees.

The Leaders have demanded that these employees may be merged with the status at par with State/UT Government employees as they feel disparity although they are serving the people of J&K parallel to the UT Govt. employees and the word P.M Package be omitted, to create a sense of responsibility and accountability among them.

The Leaders have appealed the Govt. to create and assure

a sense of security among these employees at par with other UT Govt. employees, as up till now these PM Package employees have faced humiliation on account of any apprehensions of security threat being in minority, as majority community stand enjoying their regular duties without any security threats.

The Leaders have appealed the Govt. to open Medical Units, Fair price Medical/Grocery shops in each Transit Camp of Valley with proper Govt. Educational Institutes, Social Welfare/Anganwari Centre facilities including attachment of Ambulance, so that a confidence building measure among the people living in these Transit Camps is restored.

These Leaders have further appealed the Govt. that a special grievances cell may be opened at each Tehsil of the Connected Transit Accommodation for lodging the day to day living GRIEVANCES for redressal, apart from the

Relief Organisation and further request that Relief Organisation has kept only one Tehsildar having additional Charge of Dy. Commissioner Relief Stationed at Srinagar and the employees living in South and North having to travel for more than one hundred kilometres to highlight their usual problems for attending said office for lodging their usual Grievances and as such have requested that at least three Tehsildars from Relief Organisation may be posted in North, Centre and South Kashmir, so that a close lien is restored with concerned Tehsildars and can freely listen on spot the problems of each Transit Camp on monthly basis. Lastly the Leaders have demanded that the Govt. may pay attention to reduce the miseries of these employees if treated as (A) Class citizens of J&K, besides a Nodal Officer at Secretariat level is requested to be posted for monitoring welfare of PM Package Employees.

Rajesh appeals people of J&K to use Generic medicines under PMBJP

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 10: National Democratic Party Indian J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta while addressing a workers meeting here at New Rehari office on Saturday said Jammu Chemists, medical officials trying to fail Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana' (PMBJP) in Jammu.

"We think everyone is in Jammu is Nationalist but in front of money no honesty or Nationalism. I am saying this with my personal experience. It was beyond my expectations when I purchased medicine for blood sugar a strip of ten tablets for Rs100 and I asked the chemist how come it is for Rs 100 when I get same salt medicine for Rs 5 per strip? I was astonished to hear the Chemist's reply who is running his shop near GMC and said Generic medicines have no effect and Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana' (PMBJP) is fake and misleading the people. I was so surprised that how a Jammu chemist cate-



gorically doing negative campaigning against PMJAY," he said.

NDPI leader further said this scheme has made available quality medicines at an affordable price to the common masses. The number of kendras has grown to more than 9400 and all districts have been covered. The scheme is also providing a good source of self-employment with sustainable and regular earnings.

Gupta said we all are part and parcel of the same society all political parties and social organizations should come forward to aware the general public for this noble cause. Making quality medicines available at affordable prices for all, particularly the

poor and disadvantaged, through exclusive outlets "Jan Aushadhi Medical Store", so as to reduce out of pocket expenses in healthcare.

NDPI President said that to promote greater awareness about cost effective drugs and their prescription.

"Make available unbranded quality generic medicines at affordable prices through public-private partnership. Encourage doctors, more specifically in government hospital to prescribe generic medicines. Enable substantial savings in health care more particularly in the case of poor patients and those suffering from chronic ailments requiring long periods of drug use added," Gupta.

NDPI leader appealed to general public to make aware everyone that please buy Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) generic medicines only. It is 100 % pure and safe and don't trapped in any Chemist's fake campaign, he added.