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BRIEFLY

Cloudy weather with chances of showers at some places over J&K: MeT

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Weather generally remains cloudy but cooler than the previous day with light rain at some places over Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, Meteorological department said.

Light Rain lashes at some places of Jammu, Akhnoor and Katra while it is cloudy at rest of the places currently, the MeT office said.

Today the weather is likely to remain generally Cloudy with the chance of light rain in some places over Jammu and Kashmir and the day will be Cooler than yesterday.

The MeT office said on June 12 weather likely to remain dry but a brief spell of Shower, thunderstorm mainly towards evening can't be ruled out, although chances are less 20-30 percent while intermittent light rain likely at scattered places of Jammu and Kashmir from June 13-17. Overall there is no forecast of any major rainfall this week.

The day and night temperature recorded 2-3 degree Celsius above normal in Jammu and Kashmir during the past 24 hours.

Srinagar recorded a low of 16.6 degree Celsius which was 2.3 degree Celsius above normal of 14.3 degree Celsius on Sunday. The maximum temperature was also 2.3 degree Celsius above normal of 28.0 degree Celsius.

Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low of 14.8 degree Celsius and it was 1.9 degree Celsius above normal of 12.9 degree Celsius. Pahalgam recorded a low of 10.3 degree Celsius and it was 2.1 degree Celsius above normal of 8.2 degree Celsius for the tourist hot spot of south Kashmir.

Kokernag witnessed a low of 14.6 degree Celsius which was 2.5 degree Celsius above normal of 12.1 degree Celsius while Kupwara had a low of 16.0 degree Celsius and it was 3.4 degree Celsius above normal of 12.6 degree Celsius.

Gulmarg had a low of 11.0 degree Celsius which was 2.2 degree Celsius above normal of 8.8 degree Celsius, the MeT office said.

Judicial Magistrate Banihal orders further investigation into Army man's murder after 17 years

JAMMU, Jun 11 (Agencies): A court here has rejected the closure report in a 17-year-old murder case of a soldier in Banihal township of Jammu and Kashmir and expressed dissatisfaction with the police probe, saying it raises serious doubts that efforts were being made to protect someone.

Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Banihal, Manmohan Kumar also directed the Superintendent of Police, Ramban to monitor the investigation in the case and conclude it within a period of three months. Sepoy Yuvraj Uttam Rao of the 17 Rashtriya Rifles was found dead in the sentry post with several bullet injuries on his chest inside a camp in Banihal along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on May 19, 2006.



"There are discrepancies in the (police) investigation as at one point Investigating Officer (IO) observed that some unknown officials have killed the deceased and simultaneously IO himself has concluded that death might be an act of terror-

ists. "However, IO has not collected any evidence that there was any transgression or attack in the army camp on the fateful night. The role of terrorists in the killing is also ruled out as the holes were detected in the roof of the

sentry post which seem to have been fired from inside the sentry post instead of outside as the tin shed was opened towards outside," the court said in its order on Friday.

The court said the probe of the case remained inconclusive for nearly 17 years and the investigating agency observed that someone from inside the camp had committed the offence but they were unable to find out the accused.

"The investigation in the case has reached a dead end without identification of the offenders... the excuse of the IO that it is not possible to trace or identify the accused is preposterous, as the deceased was not alone in the camp, there were a number of Army personnel along with officers

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Punjab Police rolls out drone emergency response system in Pathankot to check Cross-Border smuggling of drugs, arms



CHANDIGARH, Jun 11 (Agencies): The Punjab Police has rolled out a drone emergency response system in the border district of Pathankot to foil attempts to smuggle drugs and weapons from across the border using unmanned aerial vehicles, officials said.

Under the drone emergency response system, police will coordinate with village-level defence committees in areas along the India-Pakistan border for a faster response to instances of smuggling of narcotics and arms and ammunition from the neighbouring country.

According to the officials, frequent drone movements for smuggling of drugs and weapons from across the border pose a challenge for security agencies in Punjab.

They said that hardly a day passes when drone movement is not spotted in border districts of Punjab even though the

Border Security Force has gunned down many unmanned aerial vehicles and seized packets of heroin in the recent past.

In the past few weeks, the border guarding force shot down several drones in Punjab, which shares 553-km border with Pakistan.

Last week, Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit targeted Pakistan for pushing drugs into India and said that surgical strikes should be conducted against the neighbouring nation to teach it a lesson.

During his two-day visit to border districts, Purohit also commended the Punjab Police and district administrations for making a lot of efforts for drug seizure, border security and tackling the issue of drones.

Pathankot Senior Superintendent of Police Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh said the drone emergency response system (DERS) is being implemented on a pilot

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Mughal road reopens after clearance of landslide in Poonch

POONCH, Jun 11 (Agencies): The Mughal road, connecting Kashmir Valley's Shopian district with the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, reopened for vehicular traffic after remaining blocked for little over an hour due to landslide, officials said.

Agency reported that the debris from the landslide was cleared and vehicular traffic restored at the affected place, DTI Mughal Road, Shoket Amin Khan said.

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Will oppose Centre's ordinance and 'save democracy': Arvind Kejriwal at AAP's 'Maha-Rally' in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) organised a 'Maha-Rally' at the Ramlika Maidan here on Sunday against the Central Government's ordinance on control of administrative services in the National Capital.

Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal, his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann, senior AAP leaders and eminent lawyer and former Union Minister Kapil Sibal attended the rally.

The Delhi Police had made a heavy security deployment in view of the rally.

Addressing the gathering at the Ramlika Maidan, the venue that witnessed the birth of his party AAP, Chief Minister Kejriwal said that they had to return to the venue



after 12 years to oppose the Centre's ordinance and "save democracy".

He said that there was no democracy left, and the country had already turned into a dictatorship.

"Narendra Modi is the first Indian Prime Minister in the country who is not abiding by the Supreme

Court order. He (PM) brought an ordinance against the judgment of the Constitution Bench about controlling the bureaucracy," said Kejriwal.

Kejriwal said Delhi is the first to be "attacked" and similar ordinances will also be brought for other states.

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Sex racket busted, four including house owner arrested: Police

JAMMU, Jun 11 (Agencies): Police on Saturday busted a sex racket in Jammu City and arrested four persons including two Kashmiris in this connection.

As per media reports, the sex racket was being operated by a local

woman Renu Gupta, a resident of the Bhawani Nagar Nawabad area of Jammu.

During the raid, two Kashmiri men were caught in a compromising position with two women. "All four have been taken into deten-

tion," police said.

Earlier, the inmates did not open the gate of the house which forced the police personnel to break into the house and the four were taken into detention.

The duo has been

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Woman among three drug peddlers held in Kulgam: Police

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Under the operation "Drugs free kulgam"; Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested three drug peddlers including a Woman drug peddler and recovered huge quantity of Poppy Straw like contraband substance in South Kashmir's Kulgam district.

A Police spokesperson said, "Kulgam police under the close supervision of SP Kulgam Shri Sahil Sarangal-IPS is making every effort to hunt down the drug peddlers in the district and



to put them behind the bars."

"In this regard, Yesterday at about 1615 hours, Acting promptly upon a specific information generated from credible sources regarding presence of contraband substance, a special team

headed by DySP HQRS Kulgam Shri Ghulam Muhammad Bhat-JKPS along with SHO police station Kulgam INSP. Aayaz Geelani was constituted who swiftly reached the spot suspected

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Simran Bala from Rajouri, The only girl from J&K to crack UPSC CAPF



JAMMU, Jun 11 (Agencies): Simran Bala, hailing from the border town of Nowshera in Jammu and Kashmir, has become the first girl in the Union Territory this year to crack Union

Public Service Commission (UPSC) Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) Examination.

She has secured an All India Rank of 82 among 151 candidates who qualified for UPSC

CAPF this year.

"I am the only girl from Jammu and Kashmir to crack this examination this year. I feel very proud and grateful. Being from the border area of Jammu and

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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. Dharaminder Singh Chowdhary of Ward No. 1 Ramnagar who left for heavenly abode on 2-6-2023.

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 15-6-2023 (Friday) at 11 am.

Grief Stricken
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Smt Makhsa 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 Santosh & Sh. Dowlat Chowdhary
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt Neelam & Sh. Lal Gupta
And All Chowdhary Family
Contact No's: 9419306477, 7006969994, 7006200365, 7298526317



Smt Ram Pyari

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.

The **Morning** 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. Meenakshi Raina & Sunil Raina
Mrs. Neha Raina & Sahil Raina
Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law
Smt. Lt. Dulari W/o Sh. J.N. Pandita
Smt. Lt. Phoola Je 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, Jannu
Contact No.: 9797446146, 9682105325, 9596822721, 7006423203



Smt. Soni Raina (TATHEE)

10TH DAY KRIYA

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN
SH CHAND JI KAR - HUSBAND
MUSKAN & MEHAR - DAUGHTERS
SMT SHEELA W/O LATE SH JI BHAT - MOTHER OF PANZIPURA BARAMULLA (KMR)
SMT BEAUTY TICKOO W/O SH R L TICKOO - SISTER
SMT BUNTY 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



SMT SUJATA BHAT KAR (BINDU)

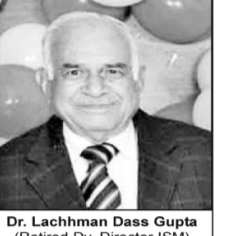
TENTH DAY & KRIYA

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 Vale) at present Channi Himmat Jammu left for heavenly abode.

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
Vandhana 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, 9469009846



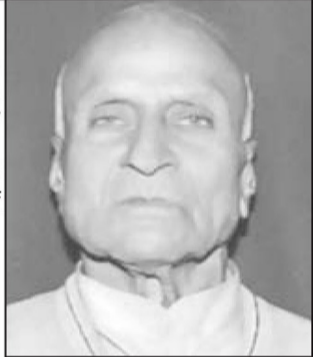
Dr. Lachhman Dass Gupta (Retired Dy. Director ISM)

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.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Sharika Koul (Sister)
Raj Kumar Bakshi & Anita Sanju Bakshi & Leenu (Sons & Daughters in law)
Daizy & B L Koul
Archi & J K Bakshi
Bunty & Ashwani Pandita
Renu & Hemant Bakshi (Daughters & Sons in law)
Grand Children : Aryan, Nishlesh, Adhiyan & Niya, Aparna, Akshay, Arun, Jaideep, Ritik, Sneh & Sparsh
Cell No. 9419168885, 7006690918



Sh. Girdhari Lal Bakshi

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)



Late Ranjeet Kour (Guddi)

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.

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



Smt Usha Ji Raina

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. Raghuvinder Singh Jamwal- Son
Sh. Sameer Singh Jamwal- Son
Master Vansh Jamwal- Grandson
Sh. Arjun Singh Jamwal- Nephew
Mrs. Radha Pathania- Sister
MOB: 9070459821, 7889611578



SH JOGINDER SINGH JAMWAL

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the unfortunate demise of our beloved **Rishav Sharma** S/o Lt. Shri Sanjeev Sharma R/o H.No. 63, Kalijanni, Rajtilak road, Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed on 13th June 2023 at our Residence.

Kriya will be performed on 14th June Wednesday at our Residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN
ALL FAMILY MEMBERS
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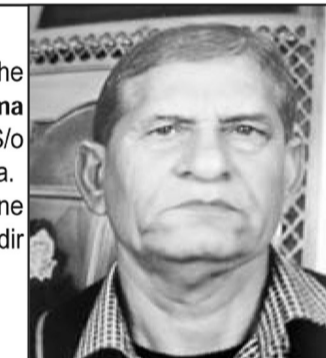


Rishav Sharma

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that the demise of our beloved **Sh. Romesh Chander Sharma** (Senior Account Officer Railway Mail Service) S/o late Sh. Baldev Raj Sharma R/o Ward No. 2, Kathua. The **Fifth Day** will be performed on Monday, 12th June 2023 from 10.00 to 11.00 am at Shree Ram Mandir Sec-D, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Sudesh Sharma and Dr. Ripu Daman Sharma
Smt. Poonam Sharma & Sh. Anil Kumar Sharma
Smt. Manju Khajuria & Sh. Suresh Khajuria
Smt. Sushma Sharma & Sh. Indu Bhushan Sharma
M) 9419140394, 7006887708, 7006872012, 7006018743



Sh. Romesh Chander Sharma (Senior Account Officer Railway Mail Service)

Tenth Day/Kriya/Rasam Pagri

With profound grief, we inform that our beloved **Smt Gita Vaid** wife of Sh Kulbir Vaid of Ward No 9 Samba who left for heavenly abode on 5th June 2023.

The **10th Day Kriya** will be held on 14th June 2023 (Wednesday) at 10 am at our residence Ward No 9 Samba.

Kriya will be performed on 11.6.2023 on Thursday at 10:30 am at our residence Ward No 9 Samba.

Rasam Pagri will be held at our residence on 12.6.23 Friday at 3 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Sons & Daughters in Law
Smt Madhu & Sh Atul Vaid
Smt Reeta & Aseem Vaid
Grand Children's
Atharv Vaid, Anvi Vaid, Mivaan Vaid & Aavya Vaid.
Contact No: 9419646945, 9906085040.
All Vaid Family.



Smt Gita Vaid

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Subash Chander Jandial** S/o Late Sh Paras Ram of Ward No. 10, Ramnagar who left for heavenly abode on 03-06-2023.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 12-06-2023 (Monday) at 11 A.M. at Town Hall, Ramnagar.

KRIYA will be performed on 15-06-2023 (Thursday) at 11 A.M. at our residence Ward no.10 Ramnagar.

RASAM PAGRI will be performed at our residence on 16-06-2023 (Friday) at 7:30 A.M

GRIEF STRICKEN :
WIFE - Smt. Geeta Devi
Sons and Daughters-in-law
Sh. Sushil Jandial and Smt. Shabnam
Sh. Sunil Jandial and Smt. Alisha
Daughter and Son-in-law - Smt. Shwani Gupta and Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta
AND All Jandial Family
Contact Numbers - 9858543269, 9906140634, 9419161278



Sh Subash Chander Jandial

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Satish Kumar Sharma (Bakshi)** S/o Late Sh Harbans Lal Bakshi R/o H.No. 411-412, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed at Hari Mandir Rehari, Jammu on 11-06-2023 (Sunday) 9.00 AM onwards.

Kriya will be performed at our residence, H.No.411-412 Bakshi Nagar Jammu on 12-06-2023 (Monday) at 12.00 pm.

Uthala will be performed at Arya Samaj Mandir, Bakshi Nagar on 14-06-2023 at 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Suneela Sharma -Wife
Sh Suresh Sharma & Smt Usha Rani -Brother & Bhabhi
Sh Sushan Sharma & Smt Anuradha Sharma -Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh Sushant Sharma & Smt Shikha Sharma -Son & Daughter-in-law
Deeply Remembered By:
All Relatives, near and dear ones
Mob.No. 6005039370, 9797892524, 7006592525

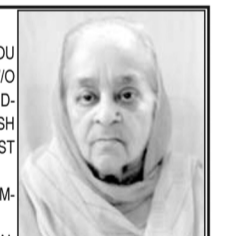
Sh Satish Kumar Sharma (Bakshi)
27-09-1954 - 03-06-2023**TENTH DAY / KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, I INFORM YOU THAT MY BELOVED MOTHER **SMT. JASWANTI DEVI** W/O LATE PROF ISHER LAL GUPTA (LAMB GALI WALE) RESIDING AT THE HOUSE OF HER YOUNGEST SON NAMED SH VIMAL GUPTA, WARD NO.17, NEAR CEO OFFICE ON IST JUNE 2023 LEFT FOR HER HEAVENLY ABODE.

10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT OM PALALE UDHAM-PUR ON 10TH JUNE 2023 AT 10.30 AM TO 11.30 AM.

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE HOUSE OF VIMAL GUPTA NEAR CEO OFFICE ON 13TH JUNE 2023 AT 9.00AM ONWARDS.

GRIEF STRICKEN
ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA (SHORI) AND ALL FAMILY MEMBERS OF PROACH AND PACHIALA AND NEARS & DEARS
MOB: 985820276, 9419159795, 906180271



SMT. JASWANTI DEVI

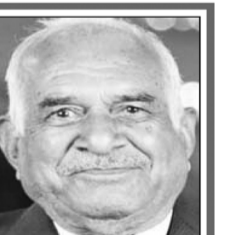
TENTH DAY & KRIYA

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 Vale) at present Channi Himmat Jammu left for heavenly abode.

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 from 10 AM onwards on Thursday 15th June 2023 at our residence House No. 162 Sector-2 Channi Himmat Jammu (3rd Lane Behind SDDM Hospital).

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Shakuntla Gupta -Wife
Smt. Dhanni Devi W/o Late Gian Chand Gupta -Bhabhi
Smt. Sharda Devi W/o Late Prem Chand Gupta -Bhabhi
Smt. Vishno Devi W/o Late Babu Ram Malhotra - Sister
Dr. Anjali Gupta & Sh. Anil Gupta - Daughter-in-law & Son
Smt Kushal Kanotra & Sh. Arun Gupta - Daughter-in-law & Son
Smt Sarita Gupta & Sh. Arun Dogra - Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt Poonam Gupta & Sh. Chand Parkash Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Vandhana Gupta & Sh. Rajiv Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law



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

UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD & UNTIMELY DEMISE OF **LT. SH TILAK RAJ (PAPPU)** S/O LT. SHAM LAL GUPTA ON 12/06/2023 MONDAY FROM 5:00PM TO 6:00PM AT SHIV MANDIR SEC-TOR-3 TRIKUTA NAGAR.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
SMT SEEMA GUPTA (WIFE)
(MISS MONIKA GUPTA (DAUGHTER) (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND SON)
MRS URVASHI MAHAJAN & MR NITIN GUPTA
M/S GUPTA TRADERS
M/S T.R. TRADERS
SHOP NO 39
M/S SHAM LAL & SONS SHOP NO 100
FRUIT MANDI MAHAJAN & SONS
M/S SHAM LAL AND SONS SHOP NO 39 FRUIT MANDI PATHANKOT.
MOB: 9906141612



LT. SH TILAK RAJ (PAPPU)

EDITORIAL

DESTINY AND PREDICTIONS

Bhrigu Maharaj has been one of the greatest astrologists in ancient India. A king with his two sons went to him to ask as to what would happen to them in future. Bhrigu Maharaj told one of the boys that he was destined to be a king. He told the other boy that he would be hanged. Both of them asked as to when these events would take place. Bhrigu

Maharaj told them that after 10 years one would be the king and the other would be hanged. Both of them got worried and returned thinking as to what would happen next. The boy who was destined to be the king hoped that his brother should not be hanged and the other thought that whatever might happen to him at least his brother would become a king.

Ten years passed quickly. The one who was destined to be the king was told by his father he was unfit to be the king. The king then sought the whereabouts of the other boy who was to be hanged and announced that he would be fit to be the king. Both the boys went to Bhrigu Maharaj and apprised him of the current situation. They told him that how could such change take place despite your great wisdom to predict the future. They complained as to why the predictions had gone wrong. Bhrigu Maharaj listened to them carefully.

He told them that whatever was predicted was perfect but they had indulged themselves in wrongdoings. He told the boy who was to be the king that he had become proud and felt sure that he would get all the wealth and comforts anyway and, therefore, did not appreciate the value and importance of worldly belongings and thus indulged in bad company. Bhrigu Maharaj said to him that he had started abusing all the facilities and belongings. "Due to your misdeeds God has, no doubt, filled your life with comforts but taken away the crown from you. Your deeds have, therefore, undergone a change for the worse."

Bhrigu Maharaj told the other boy that he had brought a change in his life because he knew that he would be living only for 10 years and, therefore, he devoted himself to God and started doing good deeds. He started decorating his life with good deeds which brought a change in the mind of the king. The king was looking for him because he was to be the king. For both the boys their deeds played a significant role. God also noticed the changes and altered their fatelines.

Both the boys asked Bhrigu Maharaj as to what should be done with the janampatris. Bhrigu Maharaj said that deeds mean a lot. Mere words written in the birth record (janampatris) have no meaning. God has given wisdom to the people and also the power to put the wisdom to a better use. If the wisdom is used for wrongdoings the deeds would lead the person to hell.

Destiny is thus linked with the deeds and blessings of God. God has, therefore, given both to the man – wisdom and the will to do right deeds.

Mayawati: Forgotten leader with a winning poll formula

By: Pavan K Varma

As we approach the 2024 parliamentary elections, many are asking – where has Mayawati disappeared? A politician, who was the first female dalit chief minister of UP, not once but four times, and in 2007, after winning with an absolute majority, was the first CM to complete a full five-year term, seems to have gone into relative political oblivion. In 1995, when she became CM of UP, she was the youngest-ever CM of the state. In 1989, when she was elected to the Lok Sabha from Bijnor, she was just 33 years old. Since then, she has been a member of both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha several times.

Mayawati had no political godfathers. Her father worked in the post-office in a village near Dadri in UP. But she persevered with her education, graduating from Kalindi College in Delhi, acquiring a law degree from the Law Faculty of Delhi University, as also a BEd from Meerut University. She was preparing for the civil services exam when in 1977 she met her mentor Kanshi Ram. Kanshi Ram had a vision to ensure a more socially just India, and Dr Manmohan Singh has rightly described him as "one of the greatest social reformers of our time".

Ram saw the potential in Mayawati. He persuaded her to enter politics, where instead of being an IAS officer, a line of IAS officers would report to her. His prophecy came dramatically true. The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) was founded in 1984. By 1989,

Mayawati was already in the Lok Sabha. Six years later she was the CM of UP. In 2001, Kanshi Ram announced that Behenji would be his successor, and she became the president of the BSP.

Mayawati's meteoric rise may appear miraculous, but there was a reason for her success. The Scheduled Castes (SC) constitute one of the single largest vote banks across India, totaling about 25 crores. In UP, they consist of some 17 per cent of the population, while the Yadavs, in comparison, are only about eight per cent. In Punjab, where Kanshi Ram was born, the dalit population is 32 per cent, the highest in the country.

The SCs thus have a key role in pan-Indian politics, and Mayawati is their most successful icon. But her task is far from complete. In spite of reservations, and other measures, Dalits are still exploited and humiliated, and the victims of upper caste violence. The memory of seven Dalits being publicly flogged in Una by upper caste men in Gujarat in 2016 is still vivid. In fact, the perpetrators had the impunity to proudly upload the video of their bestiality on social media. In 2017, a bright young PhD student of University of Hyderabad, Rohit Vemula, committed suicide. In his suicide note, he said that he could not bear anymore the discrimination in the university against dalits and lower castes. But while these cases created a national outrage, statistics show that an atrocity against a dalit takes place every 18 minutes. In 2019, a young dalit was

thrashed to death in Tehri, Uttarakhand, for eating in front of upper castes at a wedding ceremony. In the same year, a dalit minor was stripped and beaten to death in Pali, Rajasthan for entering a temple. In December 2020, a dalit man was beaten to death in Chhattarpur, Madhya Pradesh (MP), for touching food meant for upper castes. In the same month, a dalit groom was forced to get down from a horse at Shivpur in Rajasthan. A most recent case from the same state is that of a dalit man castigated for the temerity of wearing dark glasses.

According to the National Crime Research Bureau (NCRB), crimes against the SCs increased in 2021 over that in 2020. At 25.2 per cent, UP has the highest number of atrocities committed against Dalits; Rajasthan in next at 14.7 per cent; MP is almost at the same level at 14.1 per cent; and Bihar is not lagging far behind at 11.1 per cent. Where dalit women are concerned, the NCRB data is even more shocking: almost ten dalit women and girls are raped in India every day.

Mayawati's original strategic mistake was to reduce Kanshi Ram's vision of a pan-India Bahujan movement largely to UP. Now, in UP too, she has become a marginal player. What could be constraining her? As the CM from 2007 to 2012, she ran, by all accounts, an efficient government, marked by improved law and order, fewest riots, lowest rapes, far more schemes for the poorest and least corruption compared to previous governments. She also

corrected the historical narrative, by paying tribute to hitherto-ignored backward class icons. It is true that questions were raised about her growing personal wealth. In 2007-8, she paid an income tax of Rs 26 crores, among the highest in the country. The CBI filed a case of disproportionate assets compared to known sources of income, but Mayawati could provide full details of the donations she had received, and the Supreme Court (SC) upheld her view. She was also accused of corruption in the building of the Taj Corridor, but again the SC upheld her defense. Critics highlight the extravagant manner in which she celebrated her birthdays, but which political leader of any political party can be credited with austerity in promoting their own personality cult?

The question then remains: Why has Mayawati become politically dormant? Rumour has it that the BJP has culpable information on her finances and, therefore, she has chosen to take a back seat. Certainly, her declaration of personal wealth in her Rajya Sabha nomination form raises eyebrows, but which political leader's assets, if honestly given, would not? The truth is that her original winning combination – Scheduled Castes, Brahmins, and Muslims – is still a winning electoral formula. In the 2019 parliamentary elections, the BSP won 10 seats, twice that of alliance partner, the Samajwadi Party (SP). Clearly, she still has an important role to play. Will she rise to accept this challenge in 2024?

Increasing employment opportunities in the beauty industry

By: Vijay Garg

As man became civilized, his needs also increased. From food and drink, living to personal care also started to be given priority. Today everyone wants to look good whether he is young, child or old. In order to look beautiful, he also does all sorts of tricks and money is also spent a lot. Nowadays, the race to look beautiful has increased. Earlier people used home remedies to look beautiful, which took a lot of time. Beautiful nowadays No one has time to wait hours to be seen. Nowadays, the best professionals for this work like beauticians, makeup artists, hair stylists, nail artists, spa therapists etc. can fulfill this need of any human being instantly. Do the course from a recognized institute First of all find out your inclination to choose the right course.

So talk to the counseling experts of Beauty Training Institute and ask for free demo classes, so that you can know your true trend. I know it by seeing it working in a live class How much better you can do this job if you learn it. Some people find makeup course more interesting, some hair and some nail etc. The remaining thing is to choose the right training institute, so check carefully whether the training institute is recognized by any government body to conduct the course? Are modern labs arranged for practical work? Is the syllabus taught there complete and recognised? How much experience has the trainer giving the training etc. How much time and money It seems, what are the employment opportunities in the beauty profession? Employment opportunities It is very important to know the timing of the

course. The duration of basic to advanced courses and post graduate courses also varies, which can be from three months to one year. The course should be of advanced level or post graduate level to learn good work, so that one can become professional and earn well. There is a great demand for recognized beauty training experts in the country and abroad. There are numerous employment opportunities available. In foreign countries, professional Lakha They are earning Rs. There is always a demand for beauty professionals in film industry, fashion studios, TV industry, famous cosmetic companies, salons etc. at the national and international level. A good start to career can also be made as a freelancer. Choosing the right course To enter the profession of beauty, first of all, basic education

is required, which must be done up to tenth-twelfth. Along with studies, the most important thing is that you have a tendency in this profession to get into beauty work. Then choose a good and recognized institute should be done and from there take counseling from professional beauty industry experts and those professional beauty industry experts can help you to choose the course by explaining your need well. Choosing the right course is the most important thing. Choosing the wrong course is a waste of both time and money. A professional beauty industry expert with his long experience saves you both valuable time and money by giving you the right advice.

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NC pays floral tributes to Afzal Beigh, Mohi-ud-Din Shah on their death anniversaries

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 11: Rich tributes were paid to Mirza Mohd Afzal Beigh and Kh. Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Shah on their 41st and 19th Death Anniversaries respectively during a function held at Sher-i-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu.

Addressing the gathering, Provincial President Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta said that late Mirza Mohd Afzal Beigh and Kh. Mohi-Ud-Din Shah would be remembered for a long time to come for their historical role which they played during their lifetime by serving the state in various capacities. He said Mr Beigh was Architect of land reform act and abolition of big landed Estate Act. He was also close associate of late Sher -I- Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and remained with him for a long time in Jail also. He was instrumental of



1975 accord between late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi and Sher -I- Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah referring to late Mohi-ud-Din Shah.

The Provincial President said these two leaders served the state and that they were part of movement launched under the leadership of late Sher -I- Kashmir in J&K State in the early forties. True tributes would be to follow their path and complete the work which they could not complete during

their life time.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary, Babu Rampaul former minister and Central Zone President, Abdul Gani Malik former minister and Zone President Udhampur Reasi, Pardeep Bali, Provincial Secretary, Abdul Gani Teli Provincial President OBC Cell and Vijay Lochan Provincial President SC Cell also paid tributes to late Mirza Mohd Afzal Beigh and Kh. Mohi-Ud-Din Shah who shaped in their

lifetime the destiny of the National Conference as a strong mass movement that strived for dignity and honour of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

Among those who were present on the occasion include Bimla Luthra Ex MLA, Ashok Dogra, Waris Gill, Reyaz Ahmed Hakla, Reeta Gupta, Dr Vikas Sharma, Baldev Raj Retd Master, S. Aya Singh, Jagga Ram and others.

Literary Club Taraf Sanji organizes bicycle rally

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Jun 11: In order to promote the Bicycle culture among the youth and people of the area Literary and Social Activity Taraf Sanji, Kathua today organised Bicycle Rally. The bicycle rally was flagged off by Bhajan Singh member Sikh Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee District Kathua.

The rally was started from Taraf Sanji and passing through Deshmeh Nagar, Jarai, Maksoospur, Chak Majra, Bhagthali, Gujjar Basti, Colony Shiv Puri, Rehar and in the end culminated at Taraf Sanji.

The motive behind to organise this rally was to highlighting the advantages of cycling. Member SGPC Kathua addressed cyclists before flagged off the rally. They elaborated the history of Bicycle.

Club Founder Member Prof Manmohan Singh



also addressed the cyclists. He said that pollution is a big threat to the environment. Fuel consumption while using vehicles for covering short distances can be avoided by using Bicycle as a means of transport. It also reduces our extra expenditure on fuel. Moreover, Drugs abuse is big threat to the nation and how to keep youth away from to be involved in drugs abuse. So cycling and other means of entertainment are the easiest and righteous way to engage youth in such

kinds of activities. The Club is doing its job and focusing on all these issues throughout their activities.

Highlighting the advantages of cycling and promoting the use of bicycles this activity was organised. The cyclists also interacted with the villagers of rally routes and appeal them to adopt this easiest, healthiest, cheapest mode of transport. Villagers appreciated the efforts of Literary and Social Activity Club Taraf Sanji for organising this event to keep the youth

physically healthy and fit.

Krishan Lal Sharma, Gurbaksh Singh, Khem Raj and Dharminder Singh also grace the occasion with their benign presence.

The event was organised under the patronage of founder member Prof Manmohan Singh and Club members Prabgun Singh, Sartaz Singh, Naman Singh, Naveen Kumar, Mohit Kumar, Simarjot Singh, Sarbjot Singh, Ikjot Singh, Harmanpal Singh, Manjit Singh and Harshdeep Singh Harsh.

Teachers Forum holds conference on 'Child is our Priority'

TOP NEWS REPORT

KUPWARA, Jun 11: Teachers Forum Kupwara today organised a conference in Handwara area of Kupwara district today on the theme as "Child is our Priority".

Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum Mohd Amin Khan was the chief guest of the function.

State Chairman JKTF demanded to introduce moral education as a

compulsory subject in the curriculum of school education.

Khan also appreciated the role of teachers forum leaders in shaping the society and appealed them to be united to fight any eventuality on community.

District president Teachers Forum Kupwara Mehraj-u-din Zarger, Provincial President Showket Ali Baba, Tahir Ah Sofi Provisional

Spokesperson, Farooq Ah Bhat Vice President, Principal Manzoor Ah war, Principal Mohd Anwar Wani, Mushtaq Ah District President T Jack, Ab Qayoom Wani Ex District President along Retiree Gh Mouhidin Bhat Ex Headmaster, Mrs Feroozaje, Mohammad Ashraf sheikh were present on this occasion. More than 200 participants including scholars and educationists from

Kupwara, Baramulla, Handwara, Pulwama, joined the conference.

Mohd Amin Khan on the occasion said that the students are the future of the nation, who needs good value based education to prove themselves in different walks of life. He said that they have gone through tough times due to the pandemic crisis last year which impaired their effective learning process.

KCCI urges J&K Bank to announce OTS Scheme

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jun 11: The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) President Javid Ahmed tenga appeals Jammu & Kashmir Bank MD/CEO Shri Baldev Prakash to announce OTS Scheme at the earliest. KCCI hopes that the OTS Scheme will be in line with what had been discussed and agreed upon in its meeting with him in the recent past. The KCCI is concerned over the inordinate delay in

Bank's OTS Scheme announcement making the borrowers paranoid. The KCCI president had assured the bank that it will play the role of a bridge between the bank and the borrowers. And in that context a large number of borrowers have been meeting KCCI office bearers and showing their willingness of availing of the new OTS Scheme for which funds have been arranged.

The KCCI reminded the Bank Manage-

ment about the role of local people in taking the bank where it is today. And now it is J&K Bank's turn to rise to the occasion to help out the borrowers who had turned defaulters as a result of the consequences of 2014 devastating floods, the turmoil of 2016 and Covid pandemic in the following years over which they had no control whatsoever. It will also be worthwhile to note that out of total J&K Bank's

NPA accounts the ratio of such accounts in the union territories of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh is very low which proves the loan repayment culture of the local borrowers. The KCCI found J&K Bank MD/CEO very positive during its meetings with him.

KCCI opined that announcement of OTS Scheme as suggested in terms of time and amount will prove beneficial both for the bank and borrowers.

Tamdeh festival and Ashadh Sankranti on June 15: Mahant Rohit Shastri

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 11: Jammu and Kashmir: The festival of Tamdeh, which has special significance in the Duggar region, will be celebrated with traditional customs and reverence on Thursday, June 15, the day of Ashadh Sankranti.

Regarding Tamdeh festival and Ashadh Sankranti, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, told that Tamdeh festival and Ashadh Sankranti have great importance in Duggar region, Sun will enter Gemini on Thursday, June 15, Ashadh In the month Sun enters Gemini, after that the month of Ashadh begins. The auspicious

period of Sankranti will start on Thursday, June 15, after 11.52 am and the Sun will enter Gemini at 06.16 pm. This day is considered very auspicious for bathing in holy rivers and lakes and for charity. For some reason, if you are unable to bathe in the holy rivers and lakes, then bathe with Ganga water in the water at home. Food should be eaten at one time by donating as much as possible, along with a pitcher, fan, sweets, dakshina, people also apply sweet water and it is believed that by donating water etc. on this day, the ancestors also get water etc. and their blessings. and in the next life they will also get the pleasure of

these things during the summer and the donation made on the day of Ashadh Sankranti (Tamdeha) is ten times more virtuous than on other auspicious days. Donation should also be given to Brahmins and needy people on this day.

According to the farmers, there is a sign of ripening of desi mangoes in true sense on Dharam Dihada. After the scorching heat, it starts raining from this month and the humidity increases. What things should be taken special care of during the days of Sankranti. On the day of Sankranti, no kind of vindictive things should be consumed, celibacy should be followed, alcohol etc. should also be

avoided. Some people keep fast on this day, those observing fast should not cut beard-mustache and hair-nails during this fast, those observing fast should not wear belt, sandal-shoes or things made of leather, black colored clothes. Wearing should be avoided, hurting someone's heart is considered the biggest violence. Doing wrong things not only affects your body but also affects your future. Satvik things are consumed on the day of Sankranti and God is also offered these things.

On this day Satyanarayana ji, Surya Dev, Kuldevi deities have a ritual of worshiping their presiding deities.

Training workshop by All India 'Muslim Rashtriya Manch' concludes

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU / BHOPAL, Jun 11: Four days training workshop 'Amrit Abhiyas Varg' organised by "All India Muslim Rashtriya Manch"(MRM) concluded in Bhopal the capital city of Madhya Pradesh (MP) on Sunday. During the workshop, hundreds of delegates from all over the country who had converged here took an active part in the training workshop.

The main aim of the ongoing training workshop was to pave a way for all communities to come on the common platform for mutual dialogue and to strive further for cementing the age old amity, peace and mutual brotherhood

to strengthen the fabric of the society to achieve much aspired progress, prosperity and integrity of the nation.

On the opening day of the workshop, the All India Patron and National Convenor MRM Dr Indresh Kumar inaugurated the session.

Speaking on this occasion, Dr Indresh Kumar said that the beauty of our nation is the multi ethnic, multi cultural, multi lingual and multi religious characteristic features and to preserve them is the top most priority of the organisation.

"This workshop is a collective process of our organisation. Unity and brotherhood is our organisational strength. The motto of MRM nationwide is to spread

smile all over in order to see India progress in every field and our goal is the ultimate unity and integrity of the nation," Dr Indresh observed.

On the concluding day, Dr Indresh Kumar stated that it is the responsibility of every office bearer of the organisation to work at the grass roots level selflessly for the welfare of the society and common masses.

A pledge was also taken on this occasion to the extent that cow will not be sacrificed on this Eid Ul Adha. Instead, the animal should be fed and taken special care on this holy occasion.

A special delegation of the Manch from Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh led by Mir Nazir (Convenor

J&K and Ladakh) and Gulshan Kumar (Organiser J&K, Ladakh) participated in the workshop. Other prominent delegates included Shamshul-Ul-Haq (Co-Convenor J&K Ladakh UT's, Ali Mohd Chechi (Co-Convenor), Amir Iqbal Khan (Spokesperson J&K and Media/IT), Adv. Tanzir Khatana (Legal advisor), Shakeel Ahmed Shawl (Co-Convenor Distt Rajouri), Ab. Rahim (Co-Convenor Distt Kathua), Gh.Nabi Shah (Senior Leader), Rashid Ahmed Khan (Block President) and others.

Different sessions of discourses and exchanges of ideas remained the hall marks during the four days training workshop.

AAP only solution of all evils in country & J&K: Rao

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 11: Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Sr. AAP leader in a press release issued here said that all traditional Political Parties including Congress, NC, PDP & also newly created Political Parties by Congress & PDP leaders, who ruled the erstwhile J&K State for last more than 7 decade, have badly exploited the people so far & nothing in the name of development is visible on ground, they all are the chips of the same block, Mr. Rao cautioned the masses not to get misled by the Pseudo-Development, Pseudo-Secularism & Pseudo-Nationalism of Congress, BJP & newly floated Political Parties by Ex. PDP & Congress leaders & also blame game of all these tested political parties & leaders & also their misleading propaganda against AAP. Mr. Rao further said that no Hindu, Muslim, Both, Sikh & Christian is safe in this corrupt & caste based political system & it is the prime duty of every responsible citizen of the J&K UT to expose all these traditional corrupt political Parties for playing caste base politics. The present situation in the country in general & J&K in particular is due to the corrupt & caste based politics being played by all these traditional political parties. They all are the killers of democracy & democratic Institutions & are the chips of the same block. He further said that NC & Congress have ruled the state for about 67 years is squarely responsible for all evils, neglect, under develop-

ment, corruption, nepotism. He further said that NC & Congress are fooling the people of Chenab Region & Pir Panchal that they have done equitable development to all the three regions during their rule in the state & they (NC & Congress) always remained against decentralization of powers as a result far off hilly & remote area of the entire J&K state remained neglected & under development & in 2 year's coalition government of BJP- PDP they also followed the same path. He further said that Congress always killed democracy in J&K since 1947, sometime itself and sometimes through its Political stooges. Congress also has no faith in Institutions of Democracy like BJP, which was clear from first election in 1951, when it engineered no contested victory for its then political stooge Sheikh Mohd Abdullah, who won 73 seats out of 75 seats unopposed as nomination papers of other Parties were rejected illegally. He further said that it is NC-Congress that strangled the democracy when Late Sheikh Mohd Abdullah became Chief Minister without having a single NC, Legislator in the Assembly during Sheikh Abdullah-Indira Gandhi Accord in 1975. The mass scale rigging in 1987 general elections under Farooq-Rajiv Gandhi Accord gave birth to the militancy in the state for which NC-Congress can never be forgiven in the history. It's strange that Congress & NC is talking about Democracy when they have killed Democracy by their conduct.

He further expressed great surprise & concern over continuous & organized attack on small traders, farmers, laborers, un-employed youths, workers etc by the ruling dispensation encouraging by Corporate Houses by way of selling them the property of the Nation earned by our National Heroes be it Railways, Air Ports, Highways, LIC, BSNL, Banks, HAL, Hospitals, Refineries, privatizing so many profit earning public units. He said that people were smartly fooled in 2014 & 2019 Parliamentary elections also in state elections in this duration, promising 2 crore jobs every year, removing corruption, decriminalization of politics, lowering prices of Diesel, Petrol, domestic gas, sand, Bajri, stones, making 100 smart cities, running of Bullet trains, constructing 1 model village in each constituency every year etc. He said that BJP led Government has been completely exposed because of white lies, corruption, un-employment, unprecedented price rise of LPG, Diesel, Petrol, fertilizers, edible oil, pulses, hike in transport charges etc and that people are fed up with them and badly see an alternative in AAP because of magical pro-poor, pro-workers, laborers and pro-people policies of AAP launched in Delhi & Punjab. He said and added that enough is enough now and that all the people can't be fooled for all the time as the people have seen through the game of polarization, of all traditional Political Parties so called the savior of Hindus & Muslims.

Shah Rukh Khan surprises fans outside Mannat, greets them with kisses, performs 'Jhoom Jo Pathaan' hook step

Actor Shah Rukh Khan, greeted his fans outside his house, Mannat and was seen grooving to the song 'Jhoom Jo Pathaan'.

King Khan donned a stylish white sweatshirt paired with cargo pants and completed his look with black shades.

Shah Rukh waved at the cheering crowd, performed his signature pose of spreading his arms and saluted the crowd. He was also seen dancing to the song 'Jhoom Jo Pathaan' from his blockbuster action film 'Pathaan'.

Several videos and pictures of the actor went viral on social media minutes after the 'Chak De India' actor arrived to greet his fans.

'Pathaan' will be having its World Television Premiere on June 18 on Star Gold.



Shah Rukh made his comeback after a hiatus of 4 years with Siddharth Anand's action-thriller film 'Pathaan', which was released in January this year. The film also stars Deepika Padukone and John Abraham in

the lead roles. It is the highest-grossing Hindi film of all time.

The film is now ready to release in dubbed versions across Russia and CIS countries including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan,

Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

As per a statement shared by YRF, the dubbed version will release on July 13 across 3000+ screens.

On receiving abundant love for Pathaan, SRK tweeted, "ITS NOT THE BUSINESS... ITS STRICTLY PERSONAL". Making ppl smile & entertaining them is our business & if we don't take it personally...it will never fly. Thanks to all who gave Pathaan love & all who worked on the film & proved ki mehnat lagan aur bharosa abhi Zinda Hai. Jai Hind." Meanwhile, SRK will be next seen in director Atlee's action thriller film 'Jawan' which is all set to hit the theatres on September 7.

Apart from that, he also has director Rajkumar Hirani's next 'Dunki' opposite actor Taapsee Pannu in his kitty.

SGPC objects to scene in Sunny Deol's movie Gadar-2



Shooting of a scene of Gurdaspur MP and film actor Sunny Deol's film Gadar-2 in the precincts of a gurdwara has invited the ire of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee

(SGPC). In a clip which surfaced online, Deol, who is also a BJP MP, and actress Ameesha Patel could be seen standing arm in arm and looking at each other, while

'gatka' experts are seen performing around them.

SGPC general secretary Gurcharan Singh Grewal said that the intimate pose in which the hero and heroine were shown in the gurdwara was obnoxious. "Flower petals were being showered (on the actors) and a 'gatka' (Sikh martial art) could be seen in the background. The picturisation of such scenes is against the Sikh maryada," said Grewal in a tweet.

Grewal said that the actors, especially Sunny Deol and the film's director should be aware that such scenes could not be shot at gurdwara premises.

Vidya Balan credits Pradeep Sarkar for 'believing in her even when she didn't'

Bollywood actor Vidya Balan who completed 18 years in the Bollywood film industry on Saturday paid tribute to late director, Pradeep Sarkar, who she credited for her first movie, 'Parineeta'.

Taking to her Instagram handle, Vidya posted a video and wrote, "Until I can say it to you in person again, Thank you, Dada, for Parineeta and for believing in me even when I didn't. 18 years to Parineeta today."

The video showcased glimpses from the sets of the movie.

Several members of the film fraternity poured in love in the comments section.

Actor Sayani Gupta wrote, "You beauty! Everything about this film is so charming and heartwarming! Dada." Actor Aditi Rao Hydari commented, "Love."

A fan wrote, "It's not a movie it's a feeling." Vidya Balan, since making her big Bollywood debut in 2005, till now she has delivered some outstanding performances in her career. The Government of India honoured her with



the prestigious Padma Shri award in 2014 for her contributions to the film industry.

She aspired to be an actor since she was a child, and she had her first acting role in the sitcom Hum Paanch in 1995. She made her cinematic debut in the Bengali film Bhalo Theko in 2003.

Vidya went on to make

a name for herself as a strong female lead in a few consecutive hit movies, that includes films like Paa (2009), Ishqiya (2010), No One Killed Jessica and Kahaani (2012), and The Dirty Picture (2011).

She will soon be seen in 'Neeyat' and another untitled movie directed by Shirsha Guha Thakurta.

'Known for womanising': Kangana Ranaut slams Ranbir Kapoor for 'Ramayana' casting, calls him 'skinny white rat'

There are reports doing the rounds that Ranbir Kapoor will be playing Lord Ram and Alia Bhatt will portray Goddess Sita in Nitesh Tiwari's next project titled 'Ramayan'. As the news made it to social media, Kangana Ranaut took to Instagram to criticise the casting for the film.

In her reaction, she calls Ranbir Kapoor a "skinny white rat".

In the Instagram Stories, she wrote, "Recently, I am hearing news about another coming up Bolly Ramayana... Where a skinny white rat (so-called actor) who desperately needs some sun tan and conscience he is



infamous for doing nasty under-hand PR about almost everyone in the industry... known for womanising and drug addiction after desperately trying to prove himself Lord Shiva in a trilogy (which no one watched or want to make more parts of) has now

grown fancy to be Lord Rama..."

As per the media report on casting, South actor Yash would be essaying the role of Raavan.

"Whereas a young southern superstar who is known to be self-made, a devoted family man a traditionalist also accord-

ing to Valmiki ji description he looks more like Lord Rama in his complexion, demeanour and facial features... is offered to play Ravana...What kind of Kalyuga is this?? No pale-looking druggie soy boy should play Lord Rama Jai Shri Ram."

Kangana also added a danger gif and wrote: "If you hit me once I will hit you till you dead!!! Don't mess with me stay away!!!!"

Workwise, Kangana is busy with the post production her directorial 'Emergency'. She also has 'Tejas', 'Chandramukhi 2', 'Manikarnika Returns: The Legend of Didda' and 'The Incarnation: Sita' in the kitty.

Munawar Faruqi pays tribute to late actor Irrfan Khan through 'Madari'

Stand-up comedian and rapper Munawar Faruqi shared how late actor Irrfan Khan was the inspiration behind the title track of his recently released album 'Madari'.

He said, "As a composer, one always needs an idea to seed on and then create music. For me, it was Irrfan Khan Sir and his extraordinary journey. He was one of the



greatest actors in Indian cinema and had a place for himself in everyone's

heart." The stand-up comedian, who is also known

for participating in the reality show, 'Lock-Upp', hosted by Kangana Ranaut, added that the late actor and his work have an everlasting impact on his mind and he wanted to express his emotions through this song.

"His passing away felt like a personal loss to me and I wanted to put those emotions in a song to give him a trib-

ute. Just thinking about Irrfan sir's journey and how his craft made him stand out, I was inspired to pen down Madari. Exactly from this thought, the hook of the song came up which is why I relate to Irrfan Khan sir, I feel like 'Madari'," he added.

'Madari' is written by Munawar and the album has a total of eight songs.

Meghna Naidu: 'Stopped attending parties, I was tired of being called a B-grade actress'

Meghna Naidu says she rejected several roles because they needed her to do kissing and love-making scenes that were not even required for the film's narrative.

Meghna Naidu has said that she never had problems working on roles that are "hot and sexy" but she "can't be limited to doing just that". In her latest interview, she also recalled being called a "B-grade actress".

Meghna worked in a few Telugu and Kannada film before she moved to Bollywood. Having started her journey in Hindi entertainment with a popular music video, the 2002 remix of Lata Mangeshkar's song Kaliyon Ka Chaman, Meghna went on to feature in several other music videos such as Saru Maini's video Dil De Diya Tha (Sutta Mix).

Meghna declined kissing/love-making roles

Meghna told ETimes that she is glad to be returning to the industry at a time when actors have more options to experiment. "While I initially enjoyed the attention and labels of being 'hot' and 'sexy', I realised that it was hindering my growth as an artiste. I was looked upon as a sex object and it was frustrating. I declined roles in Hindi films that required me to do



kissing or love-making scenes. People couldn't see beyond my screen image, and I yearned for diverse roles. I stopped attending events and parties because I was tired of being called a B-grade actress."

Glad to return now

She added that she may have done small-budget film but the filmmakers always respected her. "I am glad that I am returning at a time when actors have more options to experiment. I don't mind portraying a character that's hot and sexy, but I can't be limited to doing just that. I have watched some OTT series in which intimate scenes seem forcibly incorporated."

Meghna's career

Meghna's first Bollywood movie was the 2004 film Hawas. She has since worked in many films including Jackpot - The Money Game and Kya Kool Hain Hum 3. Apart from movies, Meghna Naidu has also appeared in TV shows such as the first season of Rohit Shetty's adventure reality show Fear Factor:

Khatron Ke Khiladi, dance reality show Dancing Queen and MTV Fanaah. She also featured in the fictional shows Jodha Akbar, Adaalat, Sasural Simar Ka and Maharakshak Aryan.

Amy Schumer is angry that celebrities lie about their weight loss



American actress and comedian Amy Schumer has called out a bunch of celebrities, claiming they are lying about their weight loss. The actress who recently dropped out of 'Barbie' is not mincing her words and blasted stars for saying they lost weight by simply eating "smaller portions" and "lying" about not using the Ozempic drug for their weight loss.

Ozempic is an anti-diabetic medication used for treating type 2 diabetes as well as obesity. Currently the drug is widely used in Hollywood by actors for weight loss.

According to E! Online, she said: "Everyone and their mom is gonna try it. Everyone has been lying saying, 'Oh, smaller portions.'" She further said on 'Watch What Happens Live with Andy

Cohen' on June 8: "Like, shut the f*** up. You are on Ozempic or one of those things, or you got work done. Just stop." Schumer also said that she's never shied away from medical procedures in the past. "Be real with the people," the comedian added. "When I got lipo, I said I got lipo."

The 42-year-old also admitted that she too had been invested with the Ozempic drug the past year, but eventually found it "unlivable" as it hampered her ability to spend time with her four-year old son Gene, and her husband Chris Fischer.

"I was one of those people that felt so sick and couldn't play with my son," she recalled, "I was so skinny, and he's throwing a ball at me and (I couldn't)." Amy is not the only celebrity to open up on her use of Ozempic. Other people include Chelsea Handler and Golnesa "GG" Gharachedaghi.

Proud To Serve Nation That's Marching Forward With Undeterred Resolve: PM Modi

The prime minister also shared a write-up on his government following a nation first approach and prioritising national security.

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said he is proud to serve a nation that is marching forward with undeterred resolve and asserted that every stride the country takes is a testament to the strength and spirit of the people.

The prime minister's remarks on Twitter with the hashtag '9YearsOfIndiaFirst' come amidst BJP organising various programmes across the country as part of a mega public out-



reach to mark nine years of the Modi government.

"Proud to serve a nation that's marching forward with undeterred resolve.

From multilateral platforms to Aatmanirbhar Bharat to 'Make in India', every stride is a testament to the strength and spirit of our people," PM Modi said in a tweet.

The prime minister also shared a write-up on his government following a nation first approach and prioritising national security.

Japanese envoy tweets on enjoying culinary delights with wife in Pune, PM Modi says keep the videos coming



NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Japanese ambassador to India Hiroshi Suzuki's Twitter post on enjoying culinary delights with his wife in Pune drew Prime Minister Narendra Modi's attention who hailed the envoy's initiative of presenting India's culinary diversity in an innovative manner.

Suzuki tweeted a video montage of enjoying culinary delights in Pune such

as 'vada pav' with his wife opting for spicy food and the envoy for less spicy food.

"I love street food of India...but thoda teekha kam (less spicy) please!" Suzuki tweeted with the video montage.

In another video posted on Twitter, the envoy was seen enjoying 'misal pav' with his wife opting for a more spicy version of the dish.

"My wife beat me," Suzuki tweeted with an emoji of a chilli and a video of them enjoying culinary delights in Pune in Maharashtra.

Tagging his tweet, Prime Minister Modi tweeted, "This is one contest you may not mind losing, Mr. Ambassador. Good to see you enjoying India's culinary diversity and also presenting it in such an innovative manner. Keep the videos coming!"

Cyclone Biparjoy intensifies into 'extremely severe cyclonic storm'; to cross Saurashtra-Kutch coast on June 15: IMD

AHMEDABAD, Jun 11 (Agencies): The very severe cyclonic storm 'Biparjoy' intensified into an "extremely severe cyclonic storm" and is likely to cross Saurashtra-Kutch and adjoining Pakistan coasts around the afternoon of June 15 as a "very severe cyclonic storm (VSCS)", the India Meteorological Department said on Sunday.

The very severe cyclonic storm "Biparjoy" over east central Arabian Sea lay centred about 480 kilometres south-southwest of Porbandar, 530 km south-southwest of Dwarka and 610 km south-southwest of Naliya in Kutch on Sunday morning, the IMD said.

"VSCS (very severe cyclonic storm) 'Biparjoy' intensified into an ESCS (extremely severe cyclonic storm) at 5:50 am today (Sunday), about 480 km SSW of Porbandar, 530 km SSW of Dwarka and 610 km SSW of Naliya.

"To cross Saurashtra and Kutch and adjoining Pakistan coasts between Mandvi, Gujarat and Karachi, Pakistan around noon of June 15 as VSCS (very severe cyclonic storm)," the IMD tweeted.

In an advisory issued in the early hours of Sunday, the IMD said during the day wind speeds will touch 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph along and off Saurashtra and Kutch coast.

It will further increase to 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph on Monday, and 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph during Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Thursday, squally wind speed



reaching 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph is very likely to prevail along and off Saurashtra coast, the IMD said.

Sea conditions along and off Saurashtra and Kutch coasts will likely remain "rough to very rough" till Wednesday, and very rough to high on Thursday, it said.

The IMD has advised total suspension of fishing operations in the region till June 15 and has asked fishermen to not venture into central Arabian sea, north Arabian sea during June 12-15, and along and off Saurashtra-Kutch coasts till June 15.

It further advised those out at sea to return to coast and regulate offshore and onshore activities judiciously.

"In view of the above, the state governments are advised to keep a close watch, monitor the situation in their areas regularly and take appropriate precautionary measures. District authorities are advised accordingly," the IMD said.

Priyanka Gandhi to kick-start Congress' MP poll campaign on Monday with Jabalpur rally

JABALPUR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will kick off the Congress's campaign for the year-end Madhya Pradesh Assembly polls from Jabalpur on Monday after praying at the banks of the Narmada River, a party leader said.

Jabalpur is at the centre of the state's Mahakoshal region, which has a sizable number of tribal voters. In the 2018 Assembly polls, the Congress won 11 of the 13 Scheduled Tribe reserved seats in the eight-district division, with the remaining two bagged by the Bharatiya Janata Party.

"Priyanka ji will launch the party's campaign and Sankalp 2023 by addressing a public meeting on Saturday at Shahid Smarak at around 11.15 am. She will land in Jabalpur at around 10:30am and head to Gwarighat to pray to Narmada river," Jabalpur mayor and Congress' city chief Jagat Bahadur Singh told agency on Sunday.

En route to the rally



venue eight kilometres away, she will garland a statue of Rani Durgavati, who attained martyrdom fighting the Mughals, he said, adding the rally will be attended by at least two lakh persons.

"People in Mahakoshal area or Jabalpur division having eight districts feel neglected by the BJP. We did well (last time) in the area. This time around we are going to sweep the polls," he claimed.

Asked why she picked Jabalpur for the party's campaign launch, Congress Rajya Sabha member from MP and senior Supreme Court

lawyer Vivek Tankha said the rally is being held in Mahakoshal as Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra did not pass through it.

"The rally in Mahakoshal area will help the Congress in neighbouring Vindh and Bundelkhand regions. Moreover, there is strong anti-incumbency (against BJP government) in Mahakoshal and a large chunk of traditional tribal voters of Congress dwell in this region," he said.

MP has six regions, namely Mahakoshal, Gwalior-Chambal, Central India, Nimar-Malwa, Vindh, and Bun-

delkhand. Mahakoshal or Jabalpur division comprises Jabalpur, Katni, Seoni, Narsinghpur, Balaghat, Mandla, Dindori, and Chhindwara districts and has 38 Assembly seats.

In the last Assembly polls, the Congress won 24 of these seats while the BJP managed to win 13. One seat was bagged by an Independent candidate.

In the 2013 polls, the BJP won 24 seats and the Congress had to manage with just 13 victories.

With wins in Mahakoshal in 2018, the Congress was able to form a government in MP under Kamal Nath, though it fell in March 2020 after MLAs loyal to Jyotiraditya Scindia walked out and joined the BJP.

When contacted, leading Hindi daily Dainik Bhaskar's Jabalpur edition resident editor Manish Gupta told agency the party which performs well in three out of the six regions of MP would come to power.

"It is a challenge for

the Congress to keep its seats intact in the coming elections in Mahakoshal. Priyanka Gandhi is coming here to consolidate her party's position in Mahakoshal region bordering Vindh and Bundelkhand," he added.

In the Vindh region, the BJP won 24 seats while the Congress managed to emerge victorious in just six constituencies in the 2018 Assembly polls, he said.

In impoverished Bundelkhand region comprising Sagar, Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Damoh, Niwadi and Panna districts having 26 seats, the BJP won 15, Congress nine and Samajwadi and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) one seat each in the 2018 polls.

The last MP Assembly polls threw up a hung Assembly, with the Congress emerging as the largest party with 114 seats in the 230-member House. The BJP won 109 seats.

The Congress formed a coalition government under Kamal Nath.

Internet ban in violenc-hit Manipur extended till June 15

IMPHAL, Jun 11 (Agencies): The Manipur Government has extended the ban on internet services in the violenc-hit state for another five days till June 15.

"The internet ban has been further extended for another five days to curb the spread of false news, rumours and misinformation through social media platforms which have the potential to disturb law and order situations in the state", stated an official release.

According to the statement, the internet ban has been extended till 3 pm on June 15.

Meanwhile, Manipur Information and Public Relations Minister DR Sapam Ranjan on Saturday said that no untoward incident has

been reported from any part of the state in the last 24 hours indicating the return of normalcy in the state.

Addressing the media persons, the minister said that 349 relief camps are presently operational across Manipur.

Manipur has seen ethnic violence with Chief Minister N Biren Singh stating earlier this month that around 60 people have lost their lives in the clashes. Houses have also been burnt during the violence, with new incidents also reported from some parts of the state.

The minister further said that out of the total looted 4,537 arms, the state government has recovered 990 arms. The state has been taking up all appropriate

security measures to restore peace and harmony, he said.

On Saturday, security forces conducted joint combing operations for the fourth day in sensitive areas both in the hills and valleys, following violence and ethnic clashes in the state and recovered 22 weapons.

Meanwhile, the Central Government on Saturday constituted a peace committee in Manipur under the chairpersonship of the Governor. The panel is aimed at facilitating the peace-making process among various ethnic groups in the state.

The committee was formed days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah had announced that a peace panel will be put together to ensure that normalcy is

restored to Manipur at the earliest. He made the announcement after taking stock of the situation in Manipur during his four-day visit to the state between May 29 to June 1.

Manipur has been witnessing ethnic violence for a month, in the wake of a directive of the high court asking the state government to consider including the Meitei community in the list of Scheduled Tribes (STs). The Centre had to deploy paramilitary forces as violence escalated in the state.

Violence erupted on May 3 during a rally organised by the All Tribals Students Union (ATSU) to protest the demand for the inclusion of Meitei/Meetei in the Scheduled Tribe (ST) category.

Sanjay Raut: BJP scared of Uddhav Thackeray

MUMBAI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut on Sunday claimed the Bharatiya Janata Party was "scared" of his party chief Uddhav Thackeray and said it was a good thing.

The comments came a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah in a rally in Nanded tore into Thackeray over the

chain of events post the 2019 Assembly polls which led to the unravelling of the Shiv Sena-BJP alliance.

Shah called Thackeray's joining hands with the Nationalist Congress Party and Congress to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi government as betrayal for the sake of power.

In a social media post,

Raut said, "It is good the BJP is scared of Uddhav Thackeray.

It ensured a split in the party (Shiv Sena), gave the name and its symbol to traitors; still, the fear of Uddhav Thackeray and Shiv Sena (original) has not gone."

"Amit Shah spoke for 20 minutes of which seven minutes were spent on Uddhavji.

His speech is amusing. I wonder whether his rally at Nanded was part of BJP's Maha Sampark Abhiyan or an occasion to criticise Thackeray," Raut added.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) leader said the BJP must introspect about the questions posed to Thackeray.

The BJP is caught in its own web, Raut claimed.

At Sachin Pilot's Mega Event, A Call For "Clean Politics" But No New Party

JAIPUR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Rajasthan Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Sunday disappointed pundits angling for him to launch a political outfit or dramatically escalate his feud with Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, as he led a mega event to mark the death anniversary of his father, Rajesh Pilot, in his home turf of Dausa. The 45-year-old, however, strove to hard sell his credentials as a crusader against corruption and for helping the disadvantaged, even at the cost of putting his own party's government in the crosshairs.

"I have spoken up for a better future for the youth. People here have always supported me. My voice is not weak, I will not step back. The nation needs politics of truth. I don't want people to play with the future of the youth. My policy is clear, I want clean politics," he said.

A memorial service, like every year, was held, with prayers at the statue of the late Rajesh Pilot and the unveiling of a new statue at a Gujjar hostel. The program was eagerly watched over buzz that it could mark a new chapter in Rajasthan politics.

Before the event, Mr Pilot's supporters denied speculation that he may launch a new



party with six months to go for elections in Rajasthan. But the Congress leader maintained an intriguing silence on the issue, keeping everyone guessing about his next step.

The Congress party has sought to allay the rumours of a new party being launched, stating that they will fight the elections unitedly. Asked about the developments in Rajasthan, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said, "Our party president, and we surely feel there will be a positive solution to this issue."

Congress General Secretary (Organization) KC Venugopal also dismissed rumours that Mr Pilot may announce his own party and asserted that the Congress will contest Rajasthan's assembly polls unitedly.

"I don't believe in rumours. The reality is that the Congress presi-

dent and Rahul Gandhi discussed with Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot and after that, we said that we will go together. That is the position of the Congress party," Mr Venugopal told news agency.

Both Mr Pilot and Mr Gehlot shared messages on Twitter, hailing Rajesh Pilot, without addressing the tension.

In a bid to defuse the tensions between its top leaders in Rajasthan in an election year, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi held marathon discussions with Mr Gehlot and Mr Pilot last week. After the meetings, the party announced that Mr Gehlot and Mr Pilot have agreed to fight the upcoming assembly elections unitedly and left all issues to be resolved by the party leadership.

Mr Gehlot and Mr Pilot have been engaged in

a power tussle since the Congress formed government in the state in 2018. In 2020, Mr Pilot led a revolt against the Gehlot government, after which he was removed from the posts of the party's state unit president and Deputy Chief Minister. The Congress leadership's attempt last year to effect a leadership change in Rajasthan had failed after Mr Gehlot's loyalists dug their heels in and did not allow a legislature party meeting to take place.

Sources close to Mr Pilot have claimed that he wants a resolution of the issues he has raised, especially his demand that the Ashok Gehlot government acts against alleged corruption during the previous BJP regime.

Mr Pilot is said to have taken a "principled position" and the issues of corruption and paper leaks are reportedly his top priorities. In addition to addressing corruption, Mr Pilot's other demands include the reconstitution of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) and making fresh appointments to it, and compensation for those affected by the cancellation of government recruitment exams following paper leaks.

Trump blasts federal indictment as 'baseless' at first events since charges were unsealed

Former President casts his indictment as an attempt to damage his chances of returning to White House

GREENSBORO, Jun 11 (Agencies): Former President Donald Trump blasted his historic federal indictment as "ridiculous" and "baseless" during his first public appearances since the charges were unsealed, painting the 37 felony counts as an attack on his supporters as he tried to turn dire legal peril to political advantage and project a sense of normalcy.

Speaking at Republican state conventions in Georgia and North Carolina, Trump cast his indictment by the Department of Justice as an attempt to damage his chances of returning to the White House as he campaigns for a second term.

"They've launched one witch hunt after another to try and stop our movement, to thwart the will of the American people," Trump alleged in Georgia, later telling the crowd that, "In the end, they're not coming after me. They're coming after you."

The strategy is a well-worn one for Trump, who remains the front-runner for the 2024 GOP nomination despite his mounting legal woes, which also include criminal charges filed against him in March in New York.

Again and again, in the face of investigation, Trump has tried to delegitimise law enforcement officials and portray himself — and his supporters — as victims, even when he is accused of serious crimes.

Trump also vowed Saturday to remain in the race, even if he is convicted in the case.

"I'll never leave," he told Politico in an interview aboard his plane after his speech in Georgia. He further predicted that he wouldn't be convicted and sidestepped questions about whether he would pardon himself if he wins a second term.

"I don't think I'll ever have to," Trump said. "I didn't do anything wrong."

The indictment unsealed Friday charges Trump with willfully defying Justice Department demands that he return classified documents, enlisting aides in his efforts to hide the records and even telling his lawyers that he wanted to defy a subpoena for the materials stored at his residence.

The indictment includes allegations that he stored documents in a ballroom and bathroom at his Mar-a-Lago resort, among other places.

Trump is due to make his first federal court appearance Tues-



day in Miami. He was charged alongside valet Walt Nauta, a personal aide whom prosecutors say moved boxes from a storage room to Trump's residence for him to review and later lied to investigators about the movement. Nauta traveled with Trump on Saturday, appearing by his side at a Georgia Waffle House stop where the former president signed autographs, posed for photos and told supporters, "We did absolutely nothing wrong."

Trump was given a hero's welcome at the party convention in Georgia, where he drew loud applause as he slammed the investigation as "a political hit job" and accused his political enemies of launching "one hoax and witch hunt after another" to prevent his reelection.

"The ridiculous and baseless indictment by the Biden administration's weaponized Department of Injustice will go down as among the most horrific abuses of power in the history of our country," he said.

He also used his remarks to rail against President Joe Biden and his 2016 Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, accusing them of mishandling classified information and insisting he was treated unfairly because he is a Republican.

But Trump overlooked a critical difference: Only he has been accused of intentionally trying to impede investigators by not returning the documents in question.

In the Clinton probe, for instance, FBI investigators concluded that although she was extremely careless in her handling of classified emails on a private server, there was no evidence that she intended to break the law. And though the Biden investigation is still ongoing, no evidence has emerged to suggest that he intentionally held onto the records or even

knew that they were there, with his representatives turning over records after they were discovered and voluntarily consenting to FBI searches.

Trump also lingered on Georgia's role in his 2020 defeat, repeating his lies that he had won the state and defending his efforts to overturn Biden's victory, which is the subject of another ongoing investigation, this one by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. Willis has suggested that any indictments would likely come in August.

At the heart of the investigation is a recorded phone conversation in which Trump urges Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find 11,780 votes" — just enough to overtake Biden and overturn Trump's narrow loss in the state. Trump has defended the phone call as "perfect," and lashed out against both Willis and the special counsel in the Mar-a-Lago case.

But aside from reacting to the news, Trump's remarks in both states largely mirrored his pre-indictment rally speeches, lending a sense of normalcy to a campaign that is well-practiced in responding to crisis.

And despite the latest criminal charges, attendees cheered him on in Georgia and in North Carolina, where he spoke at a state GOP convention dinner.

About 100 supporters, some waving "Witch Hunt" signs, showed up to the Columbus, Georgia, airport to greet Trump as he arrived. Jan Plemmons, 66, wearing an oversize foam "Make America Great Again" hat, called the federal charges "absolutely ridiculous" and said she was ready to campaign with Trump. To Michael Sellers, 67, it was "criminal what they're doing to him."

The indictment arrives as Trump is continuing to dominate the primary race. Among

the various investigations Trump has faced, the documents case has long been considered the most perilous legal threat and the one most ripe for prosecution. But Trump's continued popularity among Republican voters is evident in how gingerly his primary rivals have treated the federal indictment.

Mike Pence, whose appearance in North Carolina marked the first shared venue with his former boss since the ex-vice president announced his own campaign this past week, condemned the "politicization" of the Justice Department and urged Attorney General Merrick Garland "to stop hiding behind the special counsel and stand before the American people" to explain the basis for the federal investigation into Trump.

In an interview after his speech, Pence said he had read the indictment but repeatedly declined to share his personal reaction to its contents — including the photographs of boxes with classified information stacked in a Mar-a-Lago bathroom and on a ballroom stage — or to criticize Trump.

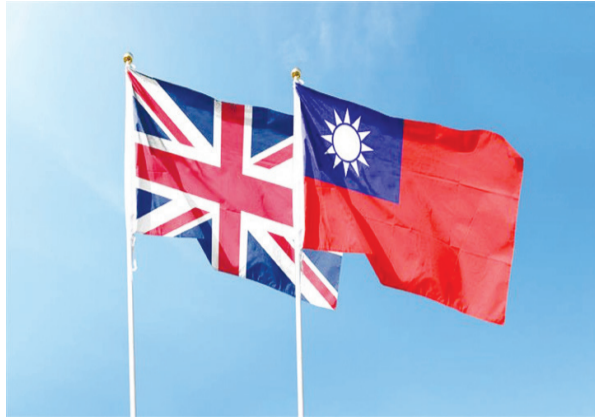
"The very nature of a grand jury is that there is no defense presented," Pence said. "That's why I said today I'm going to urge patience, encourage people to be prayerful for the former president, but also for all those in authority and for the country going forward."

At the North Carolina GOP gathering Friday night, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, Trump's leading GOP rival, didn't mention Trump by name but compared his situation to that of Clinton.

"Is there a different standard for a Democratic secretary of state versus a former Republican president?" DeSantis asked. "I think there needs to be one standard of justice in this country. ... At the end of the day, we will once and for all end the weaponization of government under my administration."

Among the declared Republican contenders, only Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson has explicitly called for Trump to end his candidacy. Hutchinson told reporters in Georgia that the Republican Party "should not lose its soul" in defending Trump and said the evidence so far suggested that the former president treated national secrets "like entertainment tools."

Taiwanese minister Audrey Tang to make rare Britain visit this week



TAIPEI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Taiwan Digital Minister Audrey Tang will make a rare high-level ministerial trip to Britain this week where she is expected to visit government departments and meet a company specialising in low-earth orbit satellites, her ministry said on Sunday.

Taiwan views Britain as an important democratic partner despite the lack of formal ties, noting its concern over stepped-up Chinese military activities near the island, which Beijing views as its own territory, and its support for Taiwan's participation in global bodies such as the WHO.

Tang, one of Taiwan's most high-profile ministers internationally due to her fluent English and extensive use of Twitter, will attend London Tech Week and is expected

to visit Britain's Department for Science, Innovation and Technology and Department for Business and Trade, her ministry said.

The two sides will "exchange views on issues related to digital governance and digital industry cooperation", the ministry added, without giving details.

Neither department immediately responded to requests for comment outside normal business hours.

Tang will also visit OneWeb, which specialises in low-earth orbit satellites, and hopes to bolster Taiwan's communications resilience plans, the ministry said.

Taiwan's government has been looking at plans to preserve communications if China attacks, including satellites in medium- and low-earth orbit for inter-

net services, similar to Ukraine's use of Elon Musk's Starlink satellite broadband service.

OneWeb, which is nearing completion of its internet-from-space network, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Tang hopes to use her British trip to deepen cooperation on government information security, investment and overall Taiwan-Britain relations, the ministry said.

Taiwan Foreign Minister Joseph Wu is expected to go to Europe this week, too, where he will attend a security forum in Prague.

The last Taiwanese minister known to have visited Britain was Taiwan's top trade negotiator John Deng, who went last June.

Last November, Britain's then-Minister of State for Trade Greg Hands came to Taiwan and met President Tsai Ing-wen. China denounced the trip, as it does with all such interactions.

Taiwan's democratically elected government rejects China's sovereignty claims, saying only the island's own people can decide their future.

Teenager killed, 3 others injured in Stockholm shooting, second incident in two days, 2 suspects held

STOCKHOLM, Jun 11 (Agencies): A 15-year-old boy died and three other people were wounded in a shooting in Stockholm on Saturday (local time), police said. Two suspects were arrested following a car chase just under an hour after the shooting.

The incident occurred near a square in southern Stockholm in the early evening hours. Police rushed to the spot on receiving information about the shooting and found two people lying on the ground after being shot, news agency reported.

Another two, including the teenager, were also found wounded nearby. The boy was rushed to a nearby hospital but he succumbed to his injuries. The three injured — a 15-year-old boy, a 45-year-old man and a 65-year-old woman — are recovering, police said in a statement.

"The person who died at the scene is a boy aged 15," Towe Hagg, spokeswoman for Stockholm police, told news agency.



A probe into murder and attempted murder was initiated by the police.

This is the second shooting in the last two days in the Swedish capital. On Friday, three people were injured in two separate shootings in the wider Stockholm area.

Sweden has struggled to rein in a surge of shootings and bombings in recent years, as gangs settle scores fuelled by the narcotics trade, news agency reported.

In 2022, the Nordic country saw 391 shootings, of which 62 of them were fatal, up from 45 the previous year, police data revealed.

Ukraine's dam collapse is both a fast-moving disaster and a slow-moving ecological catastrophe

KHERSON, Jun 11 (Agencies): The destruction of the Kakhovka Dam was a fast-moving disaster that is swiftly evolving into a long-term environmental catastrophe affecting drinking water, food supplies and ecosystems reaching into the Black Sea.

The short-term dangers can be seen from outer space — tens of thousands of parcels of land flooded, and more to come. Experts say the long-term consequences will be generational.

For every flooded home and farm, there are fields upon fields of newly planted grains, fruits and vegetables whose irrigation canals are drying up. Thousands of fish were left gasping on mud flats.

Fledgling water birds lost their nests and their food sources. Countless trees and plants were drowned.

If water is life, then the draining of the Kakhovka reservoir creates

an uncertain future for the region of southern Ukraine that was an arid plain until the damming of the Dnieper River 70 years ago.

The Kakhovka Dam was the last in a system of six Soviet-era dams on the river, which flows from Belarus to the Black Sea.

Then the Dnieper became part of the front line after Russia's invasion last year.

"All this territory formed its own particular ecosystem, with the reservoir included," said Kateryna Filiuta, an expert in protected habitats for the Ukraine Nature Conservation Group.

THE SHORT TERM Ihor Medunov is very much part of that ecosystem. His work as a hunting and fishing guide effectively ended with the start of the war, but he stayed on his little island compound with his four dogs because it seemed safer than the alternative.

Still, for months the knowledge that Russian

forces controlled the dam downstream worried him.

The six dams along the Dnieper were designed to operate in tandem, adjusting to each other as water levels rose and fell from one season to the next. When Russian forces seized the Kakhovka Dam, the whole system fell into neglect.

Whether deliberately or simply carelessly, the Russian forces allowed water levels to fluctuate uncontrollably.

They dropped dangerously low in winter and then rose to historic peaks when snowmelt and spring rains pooled in the reservoir. Until Monday, the waters were lapping into Medunov's living room.

Now, with the destruction of the dam, he is watching his livelihood literally ebb away. The waves that stood at his doorstep a week ago are now a muddy walk away.

"The water is leaving before our eyes," he told The Associated Press.

"Everything that was

in my house, what we worked for all our lives, it's all gone. First it drowned, then, when the water left, it rotted." Since the dam's collapse Tuesday, the rushing waters have uprooted landmines, torn through caches of weapons and ammunition, and carried 150 tons of machine oil to the Black Sea. Entire towns were submerged to the rooftops, and thousands of animals died in a large national park now under Russian occupation.

Rainbow-colored slicks already coat the murky, placid waters around flooded Kherson, the capital of southern Ukraine's province of the same name.

Abandoned homes reek from rot as cars, first-floor rooms and basements remain submerged. Enormous slicks seen in aerial footage stretch across the river from the city's port and industrial facilities, demonstrating the scale of the Dnieper's new pollution problem.

Ukraine's Agriculture Ministry estimated 10,000 hectares (24,000 acres) of farmland were underwater in the territory of Kherson province controlled by Ukraine, and "many times more than that" in territory occupied by Russia.

Farmers are already feeling the pain of the disappearing reservoir. Dmytro Neveselyi, mayor of the village of Maryinske, said everyone in the community of 18,000 people will be affected within days.

"Today and tomorrow, we'll be able to provide the population with drinking water," he said. After that, who knows. "The canal that supplied our water reservoir has also stopped flowing."

THE LONG TERM The waters slowly began to recede on Friday, only to reveal the environmental catastrophe looming.

The reservoir, which had a capacity of 18 cubic kilometers (14.5 million acre-feet), was

the last stop along hundreds of kilometers of river that passed through Ukraine's industrial and agricultural heartlands. For decades, its flow carried the runoff of chemicals and pesticides that settled in the mud at the bottom.

Ukrainian authorities are testing the level of toxins in the muck, which risks turning into poisonous dust with the arrival of summer, said Eugene Simonov, an environmental scientist with the Ukraine War Environmental Consequences Working Group, a non-profit organization of activists and researchers.

The extent of the long-term damage depends on the movement of the front lines in an unpredictable war.

Can the dam and reservoir be restored if fighting continues there? Should the region be allowed to become arid plain once again?

Ukrainian Deputy Foreign Minister Andriy

Melnik called the destruction of the dam "the worst environmental catastrophe in Europe since the Chernobyl disaster." The fish and waterfowl that had come to depend on the reservoir "will lose the majority of their spawning grounds and feeding grounds," Simonov said.

Downstream from the dam are about 50 protected areas, including three national parks, said Simonov, who co-authored a paper in October warning of the potentially disastrous consequences, both upstream and downstream, if the Kakhovka Dam came to harm.

It will take a decade for the flora and fauna populations to return and adjust to their new reality, according to Filiuta. And possibly longer for the millions of Ukrainians who lived there.

In Maryinske, the farming community, they are combing archives for records of old wells, which they'll unearth,

clean and analyse to see if the water is still potable.

"Because a territory without water will become a desert," the mayor said.

Further afield, all of Ukraine will have to grapple with whether to restore the reservoir or think differently about the region's future, its water supply, and a large swath of territory that is suddenly vulnerable to invasive species — just as it was vulnerable to the invasion that caused the disaster to begin with.

"The worst consequences will probably not affect us directly, not me, not you, but rather our future generations, because this man-made disaster is not transparent," Filiuta said. "The consequences to come will be for our children or grandchildren, just as we are the ones now experiencing the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, not our ancestors."

CJM reviews functioning of DCPU, CWC, JJB

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jun 11: Chief Judicial Magistrate/Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board Kishtwar, Sh. Mahmud Anwar Alnasir, today called the meeting for 3rd periodical review of DCPU, CWC, JJB and other stakeholders of Kishtwar district for the effective implementation of Juvenile Justice Act at the conference hall, District court complex Kishtwar.

The meeting was attended by ASP Kishtwar, Assistant Public Prosecutor, Chairperson and Members CWC and JJB Kishtwar, CDPOs, DYSSO Kishtwar, CEO Kishtwar, District Child Protection Officer Kishtwar, DySPs, SHO, Special Juvenile Police Offi-

cers, Standing Medical/Counseling Board members, Superintendent of Child Care Institutions, LCPO, PO NIC, PO IC of DCPU Mission Vatsalya Kishtwar and other staff members.

The meeting focused on strengthening the awareness and protection of the rights of victims and children in need of care and protection, with particular emphasis on overnight custody arrangements for victims/survivors and the timely reporting of POCSO cases within 24 hours before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), and District Child Protection Unit (DCPU).

During the meeting, several key directives were issued to improve the overall functioning

of the system. These directives include the establishment of a fully equipped video conferencing system, along with a dedicated internet facility at the JJB. Furthermore, discussions were held regarding the establishment of child-friendly rooms at the JJB for children in conflict with the law (CCLs).

Additionally, the meeting addressed concerns related to the roles and responsibilities of Social Workers and Counselors and measures taken by the labor department in coordination with the District Child Protection Unit to prevent child labor in Kishtwar District were also discussed.

Several upcoming activities were outlined during the meeting, including intra-

CCI socio-cultural and sports activities/competitions for children in need of care and protection (CNCPS) placed in various CCLs, a pre-tournament preparatory camp for CNCPS, an inter-college/higher secondary debate competition and a symposium as well.

The meeting also emphasized the importance of providing an updated list of drop-out children and the implementation of free and compulsory education for CNCPS/CCLs in both private and government schools/tutors. The reporting of child marriage cases by staff members of the School Education Department via the Chief Education Officer (CEO) and Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs)

as Protection Officers under DV, Act.

Furthermore, the Chair highlighted the significance of preventive measures against minors engaging in stunt driving and driving vehicles, especially in the vicinity of schools and tuition centers in the town area of Kishtwar. The meeting concluded with an interactive question and discussion session, allowing stakeholders to address queries and exchange valuable insights.

The Principal Magistrate expressed his appreciation for the collective efforts and contributions of all stakeholders and stressed the importance of continuous collaboration to ensure the effective protection and well-being of children in Kishtwar.

Aryans 2nd Shikara Race at Dal Lake attracts Tourists



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 11: Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura Near Chandigarh organized Shikara Race in world famous Dal Lake, Srinagar. Hundreds of tourists & locals witnessed this race. The event was graced by Syed Murtaza,

JKAS, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Srinagar as Chief Guest & Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh presided over the event. The race commenced after the flag off by SDM, Srinagar & the winners including 1st Imran 2nd Shahid &

Javed 3rd position were rewarded during felicitation ceremony.

Sayad Murtaza while addressing & congratulations the winners said that Kashmiri students have great potential in every sphere to lead the country. It is proud moment for all that Kashmiri students are multi talented. He said he is well aware of Aryans Kashmir students which are not only academically strong but also doing very well in innovations. He added that copy right awarded to Aryans Shikara app by Govt. of India is really remarkable.

Dr. Kataria said that Aryans is the only campus where majority of students from Kashmir are studying. Our Kashmiri students are academically strong as well they are doing good in innovations, placements, sports, cultural activities etc. I must congratulate my all Kashmiri students for their initiative in this Shikara Race, added Kataria

It is to be mentioned that Aryans JK students have organized shikara race last year also which witnessed participation of hundreds of tourist. In past Aryans JK students have done many small innovations including "Shikara App", "Solar Boat", "Ramadhan App", "Android App, "eMunshi App" "Safety Helmet", "Save Kashmir" & "Life Saving Glove" for the Valley.

NYKJ, NSS Unit of GCW Parade organse District level Yuva Utsav

TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, Jun 11: Nehru Yuva Kendra Jammu, under MOYAS in collaboration with GCW Parade Ground Jammu organized District level Yuva Utsav on 10th June 2023 in the Auditorium of Bhargav Public School, Supwal Samba under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Yuva Shakti se Jan Bhagedari was the driving force for this grand celebration of the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence. The theme for the Yuva Utsav was the Panch Pran as given by the Hon'ble PM across all events at all levels i.e. Goal of developing India, removing any trace of the colonial mindset, taking pride in our roots, unity and sense of duty among citizens. Five events viz. Painting, Poetry, Photography, Declamation and Cultural Group events were part of the District Level Yuva Utsav. More than 200 participants



from different Schools and colleges of district Samba have participated in this programme.

The Morning session of the District level Yuva Utsav was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Shri Keshav Dutt Sharma DDC Chairman Samba, Shri Subash Bhagat, DDC Samba B, Guest of Honour, G R Bhardwaj Dy, SP I/c JKPS, Hq Samba, Guest of Honour, Dr P. Krishan Dhar Prin-

icipal B. Ed College Shri Nisar Ahmed Butt, State Director, NYKS J&K, Subash Kumar Principal BPS, Supwal by lighting Ceremonial lamp along with other dignitaries.

In the beginning, Dr Gurpreet Kour, NSS Programme officer welcomed the participants, Audience and briefed the themes of the programme of the Hon'ble PM announced from the ramparts of the Red Fort

on 15th August 2022.

She said that as part of collaborated efforts, wonderful programmes for the upliftment and development of the youth of Samba have been executed.

Shri Nisar Ahmed Butt, State Director, NYKS, J&K highlighted the objectives and main components of the programme: India @ 2047. He said that different Schools, and NGOs of

District Samba are participating in the programme and wished good luck to all of them for their success in events. He further exhorted the youth to participate actively in the upcoming programme: Meri Matti Mera Desh and requested the youth to carry the spirit of the said programme to every nook and corner of the district and hoped the youth would get registered on the portal: Meri-life.org. The Chief Guest Shri Keshav Dutt Sharma lauded the efforts of NYK Jammu for organising such a grand event. He further added that the youth of Samba come forward to participate in such a programme and make the best use of this platform.

The Cultural team of Bhargav B. Ed college, Samba clinched the first prize while the Guidance and counselling cell (NGO) Gurhaslathia and Bhargav Public School Sambawere adjudged

2nd and 3rd respectively. In Declamation Contest Aditi Chalotra was adjudged 1st while, Arti Devi and Divya Thakur came 2nd and 3rd respectively. In Painting Poonam was the winner while Hargun and Adarsh Bhu were runners-up. In Poetry, Aniket Pangotra clinched the first prize while Divya Chib and Divya Vermawere adjudged 2nd and 3rd. In Photography, Deepshikha emerged victorious while Shikha Bharti and UtejnaSambyal came 2nd and 3rd.

The valedictory session was presided over by Mr Rakesh Dubey Additional Deputy Commissioner, Samba and Shri Rajesh Sharma, Chairman, Bhargav Group of College Samba. While addressing the Youth, the Additional Deputy Commissioner Samba told that such a programme must be organised to keep youth engage so that their energy may

be channelise and they may not fall victim to the menaces like drug abuse, violence etc. He appreciated the efforts of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan in engaging Youth in Nation building activities organising youth. He added that only well-aware and organised youth are the true assets of a nation. The mementoes and the certificates were also awarded among the adjudged participants by the Chief Guest.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks from sh Subash Kumar, Principal Bhargav Public School Supwal. The winners of the competitive events would now compete at the state level along with winners from all the districts of J&K and Ladakh UTs. The National event would be organised in New Delhi as part of therun-up to the Independence Day celebration.

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Judicial Magistrate Banihal orders further investigation into Army man's murder after 17 years

on duty then and there," the court said. It said investigations conducted by the IO's show total reluctance on their part to unravel the truth or lack of modicum knowledge of law needed to investigate an offence like murder.

"The casualness and callousness of the police is reflected from the fact that they are not able to identify the accused within the four walls of a camp...The court is dissatisfied with the manner in which the police were dragging its feet in failing to make proper investigation, raising serious doubts that efforts were being made to protect someone," the court said.

The court said it is astonished to note that the closure report was kept at Police Station Banihal for six years after the completion of the investigation, as the closure report was prepared in 2016, but presented before court in 2021.

The case demands further investigation in order to do justice, the court said. "Much time has passed and there is undoubtedly an urgency in the matter now therefore, this court directs that further investigation must be concluded within a period of three months from today and the police report be filed before the court concerned where after the matter shall proceed in accordance with law."

Punjab Police rolls out drone emergency response system in Pathankot to check Cross-Border smuggling of drugs, arms

basis in Pathankot and it will be replicated in other border districts of the state.

DERS has been implemented in Pathankot's 14 villages which are within two kilometers of the international border. He said two village police officers have been deployed in each of the 14 villages. The village police officers (VPOs) are local residents and will work in tandem with village-level defence committees (VLDCs) to keep a check on any suspicious movement in their villages.

Whenever any drone movement is noticed in a village, the VPO will activate the VLDC and will also inform the police control room, he said.

Till the time a police team reaches the spot, the VPO along with the VLDC will cordon off the area where any contraband or weapon has been dropped off by a Pakistani drone to prevent its retrieval by any miscreant or smuggler, the police said.

The initial response will be triggered without any delay, followed by a secondary response within a span of five to 10 minutes, and a tertiary response within 15 to 20 minutes, resulting in the swift apprehension of individuals involved in unlawful activity, the police said.

VLDCs have been set up in border districts of Punjab to keep a check on suspicious movement.

Gurdaspur Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Aggarwal said VLDCs comprising 11 members each have been set up in 265 villages which are located within 15 km of the international border.

VLDC members are mainly village heads, ex-servicemen or influential persons and if they see any suspicious activity, they inform the authority concerned, Aggarwal said.

WhatsApp groups of VLDCs have been formed to share information and a joint command and control centre has been set up in the deputy commissioner's office.

"We are motivating them (VLDC members) to be the defenders of their villages," Aggarwal said.

The Gurdaspur district administration was praised by the Punjab governor for setting up VLDCs in villages up to 15 km from the international border.

"Ninety-four cameras have been installed across the district, especially in the border areas, and the live feed of these cameras

is jointly monitored by police and civil officials," the deputy commissioner said.

He said 30 panchayats in Gurdaspur have already passed resolutions that they will not allow any drug activity in their villages and will make their villages completely drug-free in the next six months.

Last month, the Punjab Police had declared a reward of Rs 1 lakh on information of drone movement leading to the recovery of weapons and narcotics.

The state government has sanctioned Rs 20 crore for installation of CCTV cameras at strategic locations in the border villages to keep a strict vigil on the movement of drones and cross-border smugglers.

Mughal road reopens after clearance of landslide in Poonch

The thoroughfare was blocked near Ratta Chamb in the mountainous Poonch district due to landslide, the officials said. Immediately, they said, men and machinery were pressed into service to clear the road.

Will oppose Centre's ordinance and 'save democracy': Arvind Kejriwal at AAP's 'Maharally' in Delhi

He said the Centre's ordinance was an insult to the people of the city. The ordinance says that there will be no democracy in Delhi, he alleged.

"There will be dictatorship in Delhi and the LG (lieutenant governor) is supreme. People can vote for whoever they want, but the Centre will run Delhi," Kejriwal said.

"I have been travelling across the country and I want to assure the people of Delhi that they are not alone. The 140 crore people of India are with them," he said.

Delhi is the "first city to be attacked" and they will bring such ordinances for Rajasthan and other states too, the AAP leader claimed.

Addressing the gathering, Sibal said the

Modi Government was not a double engine sarkar, but a double barrel sarkar. The two barrels are: Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation, he added. Sibal said all people should join hands to defeat Modi in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing the rally, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann alleged that the BJP tries to topple Opposition-ruled state government through unethical means after failing to win elections. He claimed that there was no democracy left in the country and people need to fight against Modi to save the nation.

"If the BJP wins the Lok Sabha elections in 2024, then there will be no elections in the country. Narendra Modi will become Narendra Putin if BJP wins the 2024 polls," said Mann.

Sex racket busted, four including house owner arrested: Police

identified as Liyakat Ali and Mohammed Sharief, both residents of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Police have registered a case in this regard under the number 88/2023 at Police Station Nawabad.

Simran Bala from Rajouri, The only girl from J&K to crack UPSC CAPF

Kashmir, I have seen cross-border firing in my region, this has motivated me to join the CAPF so that I can serve in the border area as well," Simran Bala said.

"My dream has been fulfilled. I have been appointed as an Assistant Commandant in Central Armed Police Forces. I will fulfill my duty with full zeal. My family and my neighbours are proud on my success," she added.

Speaking about his journey, Bala said, "I studied till Class 10 here following which I went to Jammu for my higher secondary education. Then I completed my graduation from Gandhinagar. I was in my last semester when I started preparing for this exam and cleared it, by god's grace in the

first attempt." "My parents, teachers and many people supported me. Hard work, perseverance and consistency helped me in my approach towards this exam," she said.

Speaking about her unique achievement she said, "This is an all-India level examination. It does not matter whether you are from a border area or from any metropolitan city you will be able to crack the exam thanks to the age of internet."

For the aspirants, her message was, "If you have got it in you, you will be able to crack it. You need hard work, an honest approach and good health."

The Union Public Service Commission announced the CAPF Final Result 2021 on June 2. A total of 151 candidates have cleared the examination.

Woman among three drug peddlers held in Kulgam: Police

locations at Rangrezpora, Kulgam. During search in presence of executive magistrate Kulgam, 41 kg and 34 kg of Poppy Straw like contraband substance was recovered from the residential houses of the notorious drug peddlers namely; Manzoor Ahmad Naik and Ali Mohammad Naik both sons of Ghulam Qadir Naik respectively. Both the drug peddlers were arrested and send behind the bars", he said.

He said that in another incident, Yesterday at about 1600 hours police party headed by SHO Police station Kulgam during patrolling at Rangrezpora, Kulgam intercepted one suspicious Woman namely; Rafeeqa Akhtar W/O Mashooq Ahmad Shah R/O Rangrezpora, Kulgam carrying a nylon bag. After checking by the women police; 14.4 KG of Poppy Straw like contraband substance was recovered from her possession. She was arrested and shifted to Women police Cell Kulgam where she remains in custody.

Regarding the incidents, Case with FIR No. 116/2023 U/S 8/15 of NDPS Act and Case with FIR No. 117/2023 U/S 8/15, 29 of NDPS Act stands registered in Police Station Kulgam and investigation is in progress in both the cases.

Despite fall in oil prices, air fares may stay sky-high around globe: Industry experts

Representing between 25 percent and 30 percent of airline costs, fuel normally has a significant effect on ticket prices.

PARIS, Jun 11 (Agencies): Despite the recent fall in oil prices, high air fares may stay in place for some time to come, say airline industry professionals and experts.

The gradual return of demand for travel last year following the lifting of Covid-19-related travel restrictions, had already given the signal for higher fares.

But this year, just as the airlines are expecting to see passenger numbers almost back to pre-crisis levels, prices have really taken off.

In France in April, the average cost of an air ticket was 32.6 percent higher than four years earlier, according to the French Civil Aviation Authority.

That increase was as much as 51 percent for flights to the Asia-Pacific region.

In the United States, the air ticket price index published by the St Louis Federal Reserve showed an 11-percent increase in air ticket prices between April 2019 and April 2023.

This is despite the fact that oil prices have eased since peaking in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in early 2022.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) estimates



that they will fall to an average of \$98.5 a barrel this year, compared with \$135.6 last year.

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However "labour costs and other costs associated with the supply chain... seem to be higher or rising," Marie Owens Thomsen, IATA's chief economist said earlier this week in Istanbul.

"Airlines will have to find a way to cover those costs or they will start making losses again," at a time when they are barely back in the black and have to pay off the colossal debts incurred due to Covid-19, she added at the

general meeting of her association, which brings together 300 airlines from around the world.

"Too few seats"

For Vik Krishnan, a specialist in the airline sector at strategy consultancy McKinsey, the main issue is now "less about oil prices and more about the fact that there are too few seats chasing too many people who want to be in them".

Despite order books that are sometimes full right up to the end of the decade, aircraft manufacturers are struggling to meet their delivery targets because of shortages of parts or materials from their suppliers.

There is also the thorny issue of labour costs.

"Many airlines had to recut their deals with their flight and cabin crews... but also all of the supply, the ground handlers, the maintenance shops, they all had to pay considerably higher wages coming out of Covid," said Geoffrey Weston, from the consultancy firm Bain & Company.

"There aren't many factors that are going to bring ticket prices down," echoed Pascal Fabre, aviation sector specialist at Alix-Partners.

And given that the airline industry will have to invest hundreds, if not thousands, of billions of dollars in new aircraft and renewable fuels if it hopes to meet its 2050 decarbonisation target, IATA's Owens Thomsen sees no respite for consumers any time soon.

"Costs are likely to increase until such a point when all of these solutions have become commercially viable and produced at scale.

"When we reach that lucky moment, we can start thinking that these costs can decline again. I cannot pinpoint necessarily when that's going to happen but I'm tempted to say 2040".

NDTV announces salary hikes across verticals "higher than industry average"



NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Adani group-owned media firm NDTV Ltd on Saturday announced a salary hike across all network verticals after going through a rigorous and transparent appraisal process.

The "overall salary increase is 11.50 percent, which is significantly higher than the industry average", said a statement from NDTV.

The hike has been done just six months after New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV) became part of the Adani group, it added.

"The attention was on performance-linked merit appraisals, consistent with industry best practices designed to ensure that our employees are recognised and compensated based on their performance, promoting an organisation-

wide culture of fairness," said NDTV.

A special focus in the process was on younger employees, their compensation growth and charting a career path, it added.

"As the media industry undergoes a significant transformation with technological advancements, changing consumer preferences and viewership diversification, NDTV reiterates its commitment to remain at the cutting edge of these transformational changes, innovation and leveraging our expertise to provide our viewers with world-class programming," it said.

Executive Director Senthil Chengalvarayan said as the NDTV Group embarks on the next phase of growth, "It is our talented team that will be leading the way". "They are the primary

force behind the success of NDTV and we are happy to recognise their hard work and commitment with this year's raises.

Our aggressive expansion plan, which includes the introduction of regional language platforms and further inroads in digital, will present new opportunities for growth as well as new responsibilities," he said.

Earlier in May this year, NDTV had announced its plans to launch nine news channels in different Indian languages in phases and its board has approved a proposal to seek the permission of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for this.

Last year in December, Adani group gained full control of news broadcaster NDTV after it acquired most of the stake of founders, Pranoy Roy and Radhika Roy, at a premium of almost 17 per cent over the rate it paid to minority shareholders of the firm.

The Adani Group holds over 64 per cent of NDTV.

More trouble for Byju's as lenders say lawsuit is 'meritless'

BENGALURU, Jun 11 (Agencies): The group of ad-hoc term lenders says Byju's lawsuit against them is simply an effort to avoid complying with its obligations, including making contractually required payments. They collectively own over 85% of Byju's \$1.1 billion term loan. Edtech firm Byju's had filed a complaint in the New York Supreme Court to challenge the acceleration of the \$ 1.2 billion TLB (Term Loan B) and also sought to disqualify Redwood, an investment management firm.

The edtech firm has elected not to make any further payments on a \$1.2 billion TLB, including any interest until the dispute with lenders is decided by the court. The company skipped \$40 million interest on the loan. All these issues are expected to affect Byju's future plans, as the edtech

company will launch the initial public offering (IPO) of its subsidiary Aakash in mid-2024.

"The lender group, comprised of 21 highly respected global institutional investors, has sought to work constructively with the company over the past nine months to cure its numerous defaults and will continue to do so in good faith. However, in the event BYJU'S intentionally remains in default, the lender group reserves all rights available to it to enforce the credit agreement," lenders said in a statement.

Byju's had alleged that a series of predatory tactics were conducted by the lenders, led by Redwood, and that in March this year, the TLB lenders "unlawfully" accelerated the TLB on account of certain alleged non-monetary and technical defaults.

The edtech company

is planning to cut 1,000 employees, according to reports, but people familiar with the development denied this. Last year, the company announced that it will retrench 2,500 people in a phased manner. Earlier, during its US entity Byju's Alpha issue, the company had said that it entered into the Term Loan B agreement with the clear intention of utilising the raised funds to drive growth and expansion in its global operations and is free to transfer and use the funds as necessary.

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Why chronic stress drives craving for high-calorie 'comfort food' understood

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Stress was found to turn off the brain's natural response to satiation, which is to stop eating, and thus, encourage rewarding continued eating, in a new study that could explain why we crave high-calorie 'comfort food' when chronically stressed.

The study found that this happened in the brain's lateral habenula, which when activated usually dampens reward signals and, thus, stops a person from eating when satiated or full.

"Our findings reveal stress can override a natural brain response that diminishes the pleasure gained from eating - meaning the brain is continuously rewarded to eat," said Herbert Herzog, senior author of the study and Visiting Scientist at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Sydney,



Australia.

The researchers also said that their study showed how chronic stress could promote weight gain and obesity and, thus, highlighted the need for a healthy diet during stressful times. Their work is published in the journal *Neuron*.

While some people are seen eating less during times of stress, others eat more than usual and choose calorie-rich options high in sugar and fat.

Wanting to understand the varied eating behaviours of people

in response to stress, the researchers studied mouse models for how different brain areas' reacted to chronic stress under diverse diets.

"We discovered that the lateral habenula was active in mice on a short-term, high-fat diet to protect the animal from overeating. "However, when mice were chronically stressed, this part of the brain remained silent - allowing the reward signals to stay active and encourage feeding for pleasure, no longer responding to satiety regulatory signals,"

explained first author Kenny Chi Kin Ip from the Garvan Institute.

"We found that stressed mice on a high-fat diet gained twice as much weight as mice on the same diet that were not stressed," said Ip.

At the heart of the weight gain was the molecule NPY, produced naturally by the brain in response to stress, the researchers found when they blocked NPY from activating brain cells in the lateral habenula of stressed mice on a high-fat diet.

The mice were, thus, found to consume less comfort food, resulting in less weight gain.

The researchers further found, again in mice, that the stressed ones on a high-fat diet consumed three times more sucralose (artificially sweetened water here) than those on a high-fat diet alone, suggesting that stress drove

a craving for sweet, palatable food.

"Crucially, we did not see this preference for sweetened water in stressed mice that were on a regular diet," said Herzog.

"In stressful situations, it's easy to use a lot of energy and the feeling of reward can calm you down - this is when a boost of energy through food is useful.

"But when experienced over long periods of time, stress appears to change the equation, driving eating that is bad for the body long term.

"This research emphasises just how much stress can compromise a healthy energy metabolism.

"It's a reminder to avoid a stressful lifestyle, and crucially, if you are dealing with long-term stress, try to eat a healthy diet and lock away the junk food," said Herzog.

Heart attacks more likely to happen on Monday: Study

MANCHESTER (UK), Jun 11 (Agencies): According to new figures that are presented at the British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) conference in Manchester, serious heart attacks are more likely to occur at the beginning of the working week than at any other time.

Doctors at the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland analysed data of 10,528 patients across the island of Ireland (7,112 in the Republic of Ireland, 3,416 in Northern Ireland) admitted to hospital between 2013 and 2018 with the most serious type of heart attack. This is known as an ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) and occurs when a major coronary artery is completely blocked.

The researchers found a spike in rates of



STEMI heart attacks at the start of the working week, with rates highest on a Monday. There were also higher rates of STEMI than expected on a Sunday.

Scientists have so far been unable to fully explain why this "Blue Monday" phenomenon occurs. Previous studies suggesting that heart attacks are more likely on a Monday have highlighted an association with circadian rhythm - the body's sleep or wake cycle.

There are over 30,000 hospital admissions due

to STEMI each year in the UK. It requires emergency assessment and treatment to minimise damage to the heart, and this is normally performed with emergency angioplasty - a procedure to re-open the blocked coronary artery.

Cardiologist Dr Jack Laffan, who led the research at the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, said: "We've found a strong statistical correlation between the start of the working week and the incidence of STEMI. This has been described before but

remains a curiosity. The cause is likely multifactorial, however, based on what we know from previous studies, it is reasonable to presume a circadian element."

Professor Sir Nilesh Samani, Medical Director at the British Heart Foundation (BHF), said: "Someone is admitted to hospital due to a life-threatening heart attack every five minutes in the UK, so it's vital that research continues to shed light on how and why heart attacks happen.

"This study adds to evidence around the timing of particularly serious heart attacks, but we now need to unpick what it is about certain days of the week that makes them more likely. Doing so could help doctors better understand this deadly condition so we can save more lives in future."

AI in eye scans can diagnose inherited disease of the retina



NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): A team of researchers on Saturday said they have utilised artificial intelligence (AI) to develop an eye scan that can help improve diagnosis of inherited disease of the retina.

Inherited retinal diseases (IRDs), single-gene disorders affecting the retina, are very difficult to diagnose since they are uncommon and involve changes in one of many candidate genes.

Dr Nikolas Pontikos, a group

leader at the University College London's Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Hospital, and the team developed Eye2Gene, an AI system capable of identifying the genetic cause of IRDs from retinal scans.

"Identifying the causative gene from a retinal scan is considered extremely challenging, even by experts. However, the AI is able to achieve this to a higher level of accuracy than most human experts," said Dr Pontikos.

Identification of the gene involved in a retinal disease is often guided by using the patient's phenotype defined using the Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO).

The team benchmarked Eye2Gene on 130 IRD cases with a known gene diagnosis for which whole exome/genome, retinal scans, and detailed HPO descriptions were available, and compared their HPO gene scores with the Eye2Gene gene scores.

They found Eye2Gene provided a rank for the correct gene higher or equal to the HPO-only score in over 70 per cent of cases.

In the future, Eye2Gene could be easily incorporated into standard retinal examinations.

"Ideally, Eye2Gene software would be embedded into the retinal imaging device," said Dr Pontikos.

"We need further evaluation of Eye2Gene in order to assess its performance for different types of IRD patients from different ethnicities, different types of imaging devices, and in different types of settings," the team noted.

The findings were shared at the annual conference of the European Society of Human Genetics.

WTC Final: Virat Kohli stands in Australia's way as India need another 280 to win

Time of declaration questionable considering 263 is the highest 4th innings chase at The Oval and 418 in overall Test history

LONDON, Jun 11 (Agencies): A focused Virat Kohli stood between Australia and World Test Championship mace as India require another 280 runs to create history on what promises to be an intriguing final day of the summit clash.

Kohli was batting on 44 off 60 balls and had Ajinkya Rahane (20 batting) for company during a stand of 71 for the fourth wicket as India ended the fourth day on 164 for 3 in pursuit of world record chase of 444.

Having been set a mammoth target, India lost Shubman Gill (18 off 19) to a contentious catch before skipper Rohit Sharma (43 off 60) and Cheteshwar Pujara (27 off 47) brought about their own downfall to make it 93 for three in 31st over.

Australia had declared their second innings at 270 for 8 midway into the afternoon session after an unbeaten 66 from Alex Carey.

Though the highest chase at The Oval is 263, Indian fans will not lose hope going into day five with Kohli and Rahane hardly facing any trouble with batting not looking so difficult on the penultimate day.

The pitch continues to have variable bounce but played better than the first three days.

Kohli looked in sublime touch and used his strong wrists to play the flick between mid-wicket and mid-on off the Australian pacers. He also whipped Nathan Lyon (1/32) for a crisp



on drive before leaning into a straight drive off Mitchell Starc towards the end of day's play.

The Indian openers, Rohit and Gill, made a brisk start and were not afraid to go for their strokes against the formidable duo of Pat Cummins and Scott Boland.

However, at the stroke of tea, Scott Boland got one to bounce little extra from length and it flew from ball the shoulder of Gill's bat only to be lapped up by a diving Cameron Green at gully.

It was the second time in the game that Green took a screamer though replay suggested it was a close call with the ball very close to the ground.

Rohit got most of his runs playing the pull-shot. The partisan Indian crowd really got going when he pulled Starc's second ball of his opening for a six over fine-leg.

Lyon was brought into the

attack in the 20th over break the stand between Rohit and Pujara and he did exactly that.

Bowling around the wicket, Lyon bowled a full one around Rohit's pads and the India skipper went for the sweep shot only to miss it. Rohit reviewed the leg before call unsuccessfully.

Next to depart was Pujara, who played an uncharacteristic shot – a non-existent ramp shot off Cummins, to get caught behind. Pujara too had played some confident strokes in his 47-ball effort.

Rahane, who did not take the field in Australia's second innings to protect his bruised finger, looked comfortable in the middle.

In the first session, India picked up a couple of wickets but Australia chugged away to take extend their overall lead to 374 runs after reaching 201 for

6 at lunch.

Australia had to battle hard to get 78 runs in 26 overs from the morning session. On the hottest morning of the game, the pitch continued to play plenty of tricks with both seamers and spinners being in business.

Australia, who resumed the day at 123 for four, lost Marnus Labuschagne (41 off 126) in the third over of the day. The Aussie batter was not able to add to his overnight score as he edged a beauty from Umesh Yadav (2/32 in 12 overs) that pitched around off-stump and nipped away.

Considering the ball was 44 overs old, Umesh and Shami started the proceedings for India looking for reverse swing in dry and hot conditions.

The ball has been taking off or skidding through from a particular spot on length from the pavilion end and that kept the batters guessing on Saturday.

Mohammed Siraj, who has troubled the Aussie batters the most in the game, got one to kick off the from the spot and hit Green's right shoulder.

Ravindra Jadeja (3/45 in 18 overs) was brought into the attack after eight overs and his tactics were pretty clear: get the ball to turn sharply from outside the leg stump.

The play worked as Green, offered a big stride in order to play a forward defensive stroke but the ball bounced a tad more and hit the glove before bouncing on to hit the stumps.

French Open is my favourite on tour, I love being here: Iga Swiatek after Roland Garros title defence



PARIS, Jun 11 (Agencies): World No.1 Iga Swiatek showcased her prowess on clay courts once again, clinching her third French Open title in the past four years. In an exhilarating women's singles final match, the Pole battled against unseeded Czech player Karolina Muchova, triumphing with a scoreline of 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 to secure her fourth Grand Slam trophy.

Swiatek's dominance in Grand Slam tournaments has been remarkable since she claimed the world number one ranking in April last year, losing only two out of 26 matches. At just 22 years old, she became the youngest woman to achieve consecutive victories at Roland Garros since the legendary Monica Seles accomplished the feat from 1990 to 1992.

Joining the ranks of Seles and Naomi Osaka, Swiatek stands out as one of the few women in the Open Era to emerge victorious in each of their first

four major finals. Despite a strong start, Swiatek faced a resilient opponent in Muchova, who pushed her to her limits throughout the match.

Acknowledging Muchova's tenacity, Swiatek hoped for the Czech player's future success. She also thanked her own team for their support, acknowledging their integral role in her achievements. Swiatek expressed her gratitude to her family and the fans who came from Poland, emphasising her love for competing at Roland Garros.

"First of all congratulations to Karolina," Swiatek said. "I knew it would be a tough match. I hope you're going to have many more finals. Congratulations to your team. I know how much teams are important I wouldn't be here without my team. To my team, sorry for being such a pain in the... I'll try to do better."

"I know we won this tournament but it's not easy. Being on tour for two weeks, it's tough. Thank you to my family as well; so many came from Poland and I feel the love. It's not just about the performance, I really love being here it's my favourite place on the tour."

Throughout the final, Swiatek exhibited exceptional shot placement and agility from the baseline, surging to a 3-0 lead. However, Muchova demonstrated resilience, managing to break back and level the score. The match continued with intense back-and-forth exchanges, with Swiatek eventually losing her serve but rallying to break back and secure a crucial lead in the final set.

In a thrilling climax, Muchova's double fault sealed Swiatek's victory and unleashed a wave of emotions on the center court. With her third French Open triumph, Swiatek now stands alongside the likes of Serena Williams, Monica Seles, and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario as modern-day three-time champions at Roland Garros.

Victims are being pressurised; we will resume stir if no action is taken by June 15: Protesting wrestlers

WFI chief Brij Bhushan using his influence to force sexual harassment victims to change their statements, allege top wrestlers

SONEPAT, Jun 11 (Agencies): The WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh is using his influence to put sexual harassment victims under pressure and forcing them to change their statements, the protesting wrestlers alleged, threatening to resume their stir if a strong action is not taken against him by June 15.

The government had assured the wrestlers that a charge-sheet will be filed against the outgoing Wrestling Federation of India chief Singh by June 15, following which they had halted their protest.

The wrestlers called a 'panchayat' at Chhotu Ram Dharamshala in Sonapat district, inviting khap, farmers and members from women organisation, who have supported them in their "fight for justice".

The wrestlers apprised their supporters of the discussion they had with Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday. Olympic medallist Sakshi Malik said efforts are being made to break the victims.

"It's proved, the statements were recorded under Sections 161 and 164 and it changed. We can't understand," Sakshi said referring to withdrawal of sexual harassment charges by a minor, who is one of the seven complainants in the case.

"It is clear that father of the minor was under pressure. Pressure is

being built. For how long we will fight then," she said.

"Bajrang is getting calls, bik jao, toot jao (take bribe, end the protest). Wrong narratives are being set (by media). It breaks our hearts," she said.

"That is why we had said first arrest him and then investigate. If he is in police custody, he can't pressurise. Otherwise, one by one, victims will break. Till he is out, an atmosphere of terror will remain."

"We will not compete in the Asian Games until a proper resolution comes out in this case. You can't understand the mental agony we are going through everyday," said Sakshi.

Bajrang Punia, one of the key members of the protest, while speaking during the panchayat, insisted that no politics is involved in their stir against the WFI chief.

Later speaking to media, he said, "We had called this panchayat to inform everyone the discussion we had. If a strong action is not taken by June 15, we will resume our protest."

He said they had not yet decided on the venue of the protest and it could be either "Jantar Mantar or Ram Leela Maidan".

The police have already made it clear that the wrestlers will not be allowed back to Jantar Mantar.

Vinesh Phogat was not part of the discussion when Thakur had

invited wrestlers for an interaction and she was absent even today.

Asked about this, both Bajrang and Sakshi gave different answers.

"Let me tell you that Sakshi, Bajrang and Vinesh are one. Vinesh is handling the legal issue; there is lot of other work as well. Rumours are being spread that we are stepping back. We are one, we are united in our decisions," said Sakshi.

Bajrang said, "Vinesh is unwell that is why she is not here today."

Both Bajrang and Sakshi criticised the Delhi Police for taking one of the victims to WFI office in New Delhi when the accused was also present on the premises.

"How fair is that you take a girl there to re-create the scene when that man is there inside? You can understand the mental pressure she would have felt," said Bajrang.

A few media outlets suggested that wrestler reached the WFI office to work out a compromise and Sakshi denounced it.

"Delhi Police were wrong. What's the use of this? I request, not to spread wrong news. We are getting support, do not mislead. We are working hard, we break everyday. Then we lift our spirits. If you can't support us, then at least do not spread wrong information," she concluded.

Veteran cricketer Viswanath felicitated at Chepauk

CHENNAI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Few from this generation will be aware that GR Viswanath, a champion batter in the previous century, stood in the queue in the wee hours at MA Chidambaram Stadium to buy a ticket to watch the first Test match of his life. Things came full circle for the maestro years later, as he played arguably the best innings by an Indian at home in the same ground. His 97 n.o against a rampaging Andy Roberts of the West Indies in January 1975 still carries its weight in gold.

GRV, as he is affectionately called, at the request of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association paid a visit to the MA Chidambaram stadium on Friday along with his son Daivik and had a look at the newly built pavilion, the dressing room, the net practice area where the walls adorned murals from yesteryear matches.

He was impressed with a huge photo outside the dressing room in front of the players dining hall which depicted his famous hook shot off Roberts during his knock of 97. TNCA president Dr P Ashok Sigamani, joint secretary K Shivakumar



felicitated GRV during his visit.

Viswanath was moved to meet his old friend R Prabhakar who played for Tamil Nadu and SBI. Impressed with the new look stadium, the dressing rooms and other players' facilities, he said that the gaps between the stands gave room for a lot of air and better comforts for fans. He believed that it was much more airy than the old concrete structure stadium.

"When you compare the stadium from the time I played, there is a lot of difference. Because those days we were playing Test matches a lot in Bangalore. We had temporary stands and galleries and a pitch square. But everywhere it has changed

then he played a lot of County cricket before he came. He already made a big name in world cricket as a fast bowler. And especially this pitch was, I don't know how it felt, had a lot of bounce which you never get in India. Certainly, that particular pitch was bouncy and of course, he (Roberts) had power to bowl that kind of bowling. Now, I can say it was fun but definitely one of the best knocks I have ever played in my career."

A match-winner in his own right, India never lost a match in which he scored a hundred — he has scored 14. When asked about the record, he said that he came to know about it after retirement. "I didn't think about it when I was playing. The pressure when you go there in the middle, how to win the game, you know that is pressure for me, then rest whatever happens it happens for good that's how I take it. I always enjoyed playing for my country and it is not that only the hundreds made me memorable, a lot of 30s and 40s I enjoyed that as well, whether people like it or not, but I certainly liked it because that also helped winning the game," he signed off.

"Aggression Is Very Important...": Mohammed Siraj's Honest Take

LONDON, Jun 11 (Agencies): India pacer Mohammed Siraj believes aggression brings the best out of him, saying being aggressive on the ground is the recipe for his success. Siraj has received a lot of international success since making his Test debut against Australia in 2020. The Hyderabad pacer has been India's stand-out performer with the ball in the ongoing World Test Championship final against Australia at The Oval, picking four wickets in the first innings. "Aggression is very important in my bowling. Test cricket is based on aggression. It's not just about delivering simple ball and walking away without saying anything," Siraj



said in a video posted by the ICC.

"When I bowl with aggression, I keep my body engaged. Unlike some other bowlers who bowl here and there with aggression, my bowling is precise. The more aggression I put into my game, the more success I achieve. I thoroughly enjoy playing with aggression," added Siraj, who is known for

bowling hostile spells.

Just like any cricketer, Siraj considers Test cricket as the pinnacle of the game and rues the fact that his father could not watch him make his Test debut.

Siraj's father Mohammed Ghouse had died just a few weeks before the pacer made an impressive Test debut in Melbourne on December 26, 2020, picking up

5 for 77.

"That year was difficult for me personally because I lost my dad during that time. Afterward, I wasn't sure if I would make my debut or not. However, I played my first match because (Mohammed) Shami bhai was injured. Then I got the opportunity to play in Melbourne," he said.

"At that time I used to think how proud my dad would have been if he was alive because he wanted me to make Test debut for India and play Test cricket. Playing Test cricket is a matter of immense respect and honour." By his own admission, Siraj started playing the game for fun and leisure.

"Initially I used to play a lot of tennis-ball cricket.

I never thought that I would become an Indian player. When I used to play tennis-ball cricket, I always used to give my 100 per cent," he said.

"Then gradually I started playing in the league, I held the seasoned ball for the first time. At that time I didn't know about outswing and inswing. Nonetheless, I took five wickets on my debut. From then on, I continued playing consistently and the my confidence grew. The idea of playing for India never crossed my mind but I kept enjoying the game. If I had thought playing for India, I wouldn't have been able to achieve it," Siraj said.

"I stuck to my plan and earned the opportunity to wear India cap. I am very proud of myself."

Pvt Engg, Nursing, Paramedical, Mgmt, Degree Colleges join FORCE

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 11: A meeting of the Forum of Recognised Colleges (FORCE), which is the only body representing higher education institutions in the UT of J&K was held on June 10, 2023, at MIER College of Education Jammu.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Gulchain Singh Charak, Former Minister and Chairman Dogra Education Trust. The meeting was attended by all the officer bearers of the association and over 40 representatives of various higher education institutions of the Jammu region from various disciplines such as engineering, pharmacy, education, management and social sciences. The main aim of the forum was to bring all the like-minded institutions together and provide a common platform for addressing their issues



and concerns and initiating a dialogue with the Government, the University and other statutory bodies/councils to further promote the system of higher education in our region.

M.S Katoch, Chairman Kawa College of Education and General Secretary of the forum gave a background on the formation of the association and thanked all the representatives of various institutions for coming together for the cause of promoting quality education. Mr. Vidhi Singh, Chairman Jamwal Group of Insti-

tutions and Vice President of the forum and Dr. Adit Gupta, Director, MIER College of Education and Organising Secretary also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the role of the forum in providing a collaborative platform for all stakeholders.

G.S Charak, in his presidential address explained why such a forum would be the ideal platform for bridging the gap between the functioning of the colleges and the role of the Government authorities. He also listened to the issues of

various colleges especially after J&K became a UT with the abrogation of Article 370. He discussed at length the changes higher education institutions need to bring in their functioning considering the developments taking place with the implementation of the National Policy on Education (NEP 2020) and suggested that all the institutions should become truly multidisciplinary for catering to the diverse needs of the students of J&K, who keep on going outside the UT to pursue quality higher education. He

assured all the members that their issues and problems shall be taken up by the forum with the concerned authorities at all levels and a level playing field shall be provided for all stakeholders of the forum. He exhorted all members to remain united and share their concerns in a timely manner so that relief can be provided in an appropriate way.

Charak also threw light on the various events planned by the forum in the coming months such as meetings with concerned authorities, interactive sessions with educational experts for implementing NEP 2020 recommendations, press conferences and workshops and seminars.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the chair and noting down of the concerns and issues of various educational institutions by the team members of the forum.

SSP distributes school bags among students under Civic Action Programme

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jun 11: Under Civic Action Programme of J&K Police today SSP Kishtwar Khalil Poswal distributed School Bags to students of Government Schools of Kewan, Filler Thakrie in remotest area of Kishtwar district.

The function was held at Govt. Middle School Filler Thakrie and attended by Headmaster Govt. Middle School Filler, BDC, Sarpanch prominent persons and other public representatives of the area.

While speaking on the occasion, SSP Kishtwar Mr. Poswal-JKPS exhorted upon the students to set goals in their life and work hard to achieve those goals. He further informed that J&K Police will provide all possible assistance and guidance to students of remote areas with regard to career counselling so as to



achieve the desired result. He asked students for optimal utilisation of social media for constructive purposes be made and stay away from drugs.

SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal-JKPS also advised the general public and students including the whole school staff not to indulge in criminal & other subversive activities. He also assured that every possible

assistance will be provided to them as and when they feel its necessity from District Police Kishtwar, however despite being made such type of distribution the general public have requested SSP Kishtwar that such more events should be organized in the district especially in far-flung area to have good interaction and relationship with common masses and police as well.

MP Khatana concludes two days tour of Bandipore

TOP NEWS REPORT

BANDIPORE, Jun 11: As part of BJP Mega outreach programme on completion of 9 years of PM Narendra Modi govt. MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today concluded his two day visit with a largely attended beneficiaries meeting at Town hall here today.

Gulam Ali said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been emphasizing on Make in India, Atma Nirbhar Bharat so that youth doesn't run after government jobs but should become job giver. Govt of India has launched various initiatives to empower the youth and Mudra Loan, Hunar Haat, Skill India schemes, Udaan schemes are a step towards that mission to empower youth. He said



that youth of Kashmir has now understood the forces inimical and are now focusing on their future and making Kashmir a peaceful and prosperous.

MP Gulam Ali said that for connectivity of remote and inaccessible areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Govt of India has sanctioned more than 3000 mobile towers for the 4G

mobile connectivity. He said that what the previous governments could not achieve in 70 years, Narendra Modi led govt has made it possible in mere 9 years.

Various delegations met MP Khatana and highlighted demands of Bank branches, Health centres, Panchayat Ghars and play grounds. He assured to take up the

matter with concerned authorities.

District President BJP Bandipore, Naseer Ahmed Lone, Mahila Morcha president Dr. Roza, Zahoor Ahmed Chopan, Mohd. Iqbal, Mohd Yaqoob, Ainaz, Kaiser Ah Rather, Mohd. Altaf Ganai, Mukhtar Ahmed Wani, Gh. Rasool Mir, ADDC Aijaz Khan accompanied.

The Shriram Universal School organises G20 seminar on Twitter Space

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 11: With an objective to give exposure and deep insight about international forums working for the betterment of humanity to the students of the school, The Shriram Universal School, Jammu organised a seminar on G 20. The seminar was conducted on popular social media platform i.e., Twitter Space.

Pradeep Dutta, Senior Editor Times Now, Dr Vikas Padha Senior Consultant Orthopaedics and Joint Replacement, Vikramaditya Singh Sumbria, Social Activist, Rajinder Raina, Geopolitical Analyst, Neeraj Singh, Social Activist, Poonam Bhatt, Social Media influencer, Rajat Sambyal, Life Coach and Amit Bhatia, Political Analyst were the guest speakers. They enlightened the students by sharing valuable information and opinion about the topic. They also considered that such kind of events and activities will help the children to think critically and learn beyond books.

The students participated as delegates representing various countries and put

forth their stand on the topic. The students interacted with the experts and cleared their doubts. This recorded Twitter Space was hosted and moderated by the Headmistress Ms Shivani Vaid Sharma (@Shivani_Vaid).

Head Girl Ms Mrinalini Sambyal and CCA Incharge Manpreet Kour acted as Co-host. Teachers of social science department of the school worked relentlessly with the students and helped them to carry out the research work for their project.

The Principal, Col VK Sharma (Retd), lauded the efforts put in by the students and acknowledged their hard work. He urged the students to make judicious use of social media for better teaching learning process. All the teachers, school management and SEL Team, Delhi also pitched in to make the event successful. Around 400 to 500 listeners roped in during the space.

The Director, Rajni Gupta, congratulated the team and the students for the successful completion of the conference via Twitter Space.

Cultural cum Nipun Bharat Mission organised

TOP NEWS REPORT

MANDI, Jun 11: A Cultural cum Nipun Bharat Mission program organized under the supervision of Cluster Head HSS Fatehpur at MS Dhara.

Khalil Ahmed, CNO of the program was the Guest of Honor. The schools which participated in the event were PS Miran Thandibani & PS Gilkaran. Besides all the staff of these schools Headmaster Middle school Dhara Talib Hussain, Mukhtar Hussain contractor and Mohd Sajad also participated in the program.

More over the program was scheduled by Shahnaz Ahmed REK Teacher of MS Dhara with great zeal and enthusiasm. At the end of the event, he thanked to all the participants.

Congress leaders misleading people by spreading lies: Rajesh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 11: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta on Sunday taking a dig on Tara Chand former Deputy CM who in a statement said Congress Party as a dependable political platform for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "I am astonished to hear that how Congress leaders are misleading the people of J&K by their art of spreading lies." Gupta said, "Congress party is spent force now". The Congress is a shadow of what it used to be. Infighting and making individual lobbies among J&K Congress leaders has not ended. As long as the party is beset with this crab mentality, there seem no hope for its revival.

NDPI president warned Congress that don't live in misconception that people have forgotten the past Congress rule and its corruption era.



spreading lies' Congress leaders were liars by character and that they never fulfilled their promises in any of the states they were elected particularly in J&K."

Gupta further appealing to people not to get swayed by false propaganda of the Congress and stand against the divisive, wrong and anti-people policies of the Congress. Gupta assured that his party would continue to work for the well-being of the people. He took on the Congress for its failures in every sector and causing unrest among the people over administrative and developmental inertia. He said that National Democratic Party Indian is the only unifying force which would fight for the rights of the people of the UT and appealed people to support NDPI to expose Congress, NC and PDP and protect the policies and programmes which are introduced by the NDPI for the welfare of the pluralistic, poor and downtrodden sections of the society.

the people of Jammu and Kashmir were fed up with the bluffs and failures of the Congress party rule and are suffering on all counts from last seven decades. Gupta appealing to people stand against the divisive, wrong and anti-people policies of the Congress. Gupta assured that his party would continue to work for the well-being of the people. He took on the Congress for its failures in every sector and causing unrest among the people over administrative and developmental inertia. He said that National Democratic Party Indian is the only unifying force which would fight for the rights of the people of the UT and appealed people to support NDPI to expose Congress, NC and PDP and protect the policies and programmes which are introduced by the NDPI for the welfare of the pluralistic, poor and downtrodden sections of the society.

Natrang stages play 'Teen Apaahij' in Hindi

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 11: Natrang presented a scintillating performance of the play 'Teen Apaahij' in Hindi, written by Vipin Kumar Aggarwal under the direction of Neeraj Kant. Speaking on the occasion Director Natrang Padmashree Balwant Thakur said that such intellectual plays written by the top writers of the country carry immense value both for the performers as well as the spectators. Its performance and viewing should be encouraged by all means to create a healthy literary and cultural environment in the city. We choose such challenging creative writings aimed at raising the intellectual levels of both the performers and the audience. The play was assisted by Sushane Dulloo and Vanshika Pandoh.

The play 'Teen Apaahij' set at a crossroad, three characters Kallu, Khallu and Gallu are shown sitting under a lamp



post doing nothing and just passing comments and judgements on everything. In a highly symbolic manner, the playwright has tried to expose the aimless and directionless system be it political, social or spiritual. This sickening system has rendered the youth of this country not only helpless but also has turned them handicapped. The infection of sadistic corruption has entered into our thoughts and this poison will never allow any new thought, revolution and initiative to take birth in our minds. The three characters in the play communicate with each other in an incoher-

ent manner and nothing matters to the audience. Yet, they constantly have the feeling that there is something to what is happening around us. The meaning of freedom, the meaningless speeches of the leaders, Indianness, our country, language, class, all are debated and it seems to be aimless even though everything is necessary. Passivity, meaninglessness, confusion, fatigue etc. of a large section of the society are pushing this society and the country towards collective disability. In fact, the author wants to show that in the process of becoming modern, the society today is forget-

ting its human nature and has reached the era of complete disability. Natrang experimented this production with new generation of actors being freshers, three characters were excellently played by Vishal Sharma, Abhimanyu Choudhary and Sumit Bandral. They were supported by Sheryar Salaria as Drumbeater and Kushal Bhat as Cyclewala. The lights of the play were designed and executed by Neeraj Kant whereas the sound was scored by Aadesh Dhar. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Mahikshit Singh.

76 Bn CRPF organizes Blood Donation camp

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 11: Under the guidance of CRPF Directorate and NWS & Jammu Sector, 76 Battalion CRPF organized a Blood Donation camp at Head Quarter 76 Bn. Channi Himmat Jammu.

On the occasion, T.H Khan, Commandant-76 Bn, while inaugurating the blood donation camp, said that blood donation is a selfless service done to save someone's life.

This Blood Donation Camp was organized under supervision of Dr. S. Sowmiya, 76 Battalion, CRPF and Dr. Taseer Mehraj, Medical Officer A/W team of Blood Center GMC&H Jammu in Blood Donation Camp around 63 Officer's and Jawans donated Blood.