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#### BRIEFLY

#### India Logs 92 fresh Covid Cases

NEW DELHI, Jun
12 (Agencies): India
has recorded 92 fresh
coronavirus infections,
while the active cases
have decreased to
2,350, according to
Union health ministry data updated on
Monday.

The death toll has remained at 5,31,891, the data updated at 8 am stated.

On February 14, the country had reported 74 cases in a day.

The total tally of Covid cases is 4.49 crore (4,49,92,880) and the active cases now comprise 0.01 per cent of the total infections, it stated.

The national Covid recovery rate has been recorded at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry's web-

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease has increased to

4,44,58,639 while the case fatality rate has been recorded at 1.18 per cent, it stated.

According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far.

#### Old mortar shell recovered in Kupwara

SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): Security forces on Monday recovered an old mortar shell in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

A road opening party of the BSF recovered the explosive in general area of Bhatpura village near a culvert on the Handwara-Naogaon highway, they said. They said the recovered shell may have been lying at the site for some time.

#### Rain predicted in J&K from Tuesday

SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): Mainly dry weather has been forecast during next 24 hours and light rain and thunderstorm at scattered places of Jammu and Kashmir from June

13 to 17.

A meteorological department official said that today was expected to be "warmer" than yesterday.

From June 13-17, he said, weather was

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## Samosa, Jalebi, Pizza, Burger and more banned during Amarnath Yatra

SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): Acting tough on junk and unhealthy food, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) said that foods, including halwa puri, samosas, jalebi, gulab jamun, etc., will not be served to Yatris during this year's Himalayan pilgrimage.

This year's 62-day long Amaranth Yatra will begin on July 1.

SASB officials said that over 120 langars (community Kitchens) are being established this year for the pilgrims along the twin routes of Pahalgam and Baltal leading to the cave shrine.



"Focusing on the health of the pilgrims, SASB has released a list of permitted and banned meals, food items at 'langars' and made it clear that no junk and fried food will be allowed to be served at around 120 langars," an official said.

A list of banned and permitted items has also been shared with the langer authorities.

The banned food items included poori, bathura, pizza, burgar, stuffed parantha, dosa, fried Roti, bread with butter, cream based

karrah halwa, jalebi, gulab jamun, laddu, khoya burfi, rasgulla and all other halwai items besides snacks (high in fat and salts) chips/ kurkure, matthi, namkeen mixture, pakora, samosa, fried dry fruits and all other deep fried

fried papad, chowmein

and all other fried / fast

foods, cold drinks and

It also included non vegetarian foods, alcohol, tobacco, gutka, pan masala, cigarettes, other intoxicants.

items

The meals in the permitted menu include

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#### NIA attaches immovable property of Zahoor Watali in Handwara



KUPWARA, Jun 12 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday attached three immovable properties registered in the name of Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali at Baghatpora in Handwara tehsil of north Kashmir's Kupwara dis-

"Land measuring 13.3

Marlas, 8.6 Marlas and 10.3 Marlas were attached this morning by [a] team of NIA officials and people have been informed about it by erecting "notice of attachment" near the land," an official told Greater Kashmir.

NIA had attached Watali's house at

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#### Pak ex-PM Imran Khan booked in land scam case

LAHORE (Pakistan), Jun 12 (Agencies): Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan was booked on Sunday in yet another case related to the purchase of over 5,000 kanals (625 acres) of land at throwaway prices through fraud in the country's Punjab province.

The total number of cases against the 70-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) chief has now swelled to over 140 following his ouster as the prime

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## Two groups clash in Samba district, 3 suffer gunshot injuries

JAMMU, Jun 12 (Agencies): Three men, including a Punjab resident, were injured in a firing incident following a clash between two groups near a bus stand in Samba district's Ramgarh sector along the India-Pakistan border early Monday, officials said.

Two Punjab residents were also detained in connection with the firing near the Rangoor



bus stand around 4 am, they said. Senior Superintendent

of Police Benam Tosh visited the site of the incident and he is supervising the investigation. The officials said they are probing all angles, including drugs smuggling. Tosh said that "a firing incident had taken place, resulting in injuries to three persons. We are thoroughly investigating the matter".

Citing findings of preliminary investigations, the officials said the three Punjab residents in a Chandigarh-registered vehicle reached

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# Several children forced into begging rescued in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): Several local and non-local children, who were forced into begging, were rescued on Monday in Parimpora area of

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#### BSF shoots down another Pak Drone near International Border in Punjab

AMRITSAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): The Border Security Force (BSF) has shot down another Pakistani drone near the International Border in Punjab's Amritsar.

The BSF troops recovered the drone on Monday morning following a search operation that was launched on the outskirt of Shaidpur Kalan village in Amritsar.

Kalan village in Amritsar.

During the search, the
BSF said, at about 7.20



am, a drone in completely broken condition was recovered near Gurudwara of Shaidpur Kalan village

The BSF, which is mandated to guard the 3.323 km India-Paki-

stan border, said the recovered drone is a "Quadcopter of model DJI Matrice 300 RTK series."

On Sunday, the BSF troops also recovered a drone at about 6 pm in a joint search operation launched by its troops with Punjab Police on the outskirt of Rajoke village in Tarn-Taran district in Punjab.

The drone in **Turn to page 9** 

### Gujarat braces for Cyclone Biparjoy; people being shifted to temporary shelters

#### PM Modi to hold meeting to review situation related to cyclone later on Monday

KUTCH, Jun 12 (Agencies): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert for Gujarat's Saurashtra and Kutch coasts as cyclone Biparjoy has intensified into an extremely severe cyclonic storm and is expected to impact the state and Pakistan in the coming days. "Cyclone Alert for Saurashtra & Kutch Coast:



Orange Message. ESCS BIPARJOY at 0530IST of today over east central & adjoining NE Arabian Sea near lat 19.2N & long 67.7E, about 380km SSW of Devbhumi Dwarka. To cross near Jakhau Port, Gujarat by noon of June 15," the Department tweeted early on Monday morning.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a meeting to review the situation related to the cyclone later on Monday, sources said.

According to IMD officials, the cyclone is likely to move nearly

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#### Vimarsh Aryan calls on LG Manoj Sinha



SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): Vimarsh Aryan, Deputy High Commissioner of India in Mauritius called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan,

today.

He discussed various important matters with the Lt Governor, including successful G20

meeting, trade and

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# Nearly 29 CCTV cameras, 4 body scanners to be installed at Amarnath base camp as security measure

JAMMU, Jun 12 (Agencies): Nearly 29 CCTV cameras will be installed in and around the main base camp for Amarnath pilgrims in the winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir, said an official on Monday.

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### UPSC declares result of Civil Services Preliminary Exam, 14,624 candidates qualify

NEW DELHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): More than 14,600 candidates have qualified the 2023 civil services preliminary examination, the result of which was declared on Monday by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

The civil services examination is conducted annually in three stages — preliminary, main and interview — to select officers for services such as the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and the Indian Police Service

(IPS). The 2023 civil ser-



vices preliminary exam was held on May 28.

The list carrying serial numbers, roll numbers and names of successful candidates has been put on the UPSC's website, and according to it, 14,624 candidates have qualified the preliminary exam.

"The candidature of these candidates is provisional. In accordance with the rules of the examination, all these candidates have to apply again in the Detailed Application Form-I (DAF-I) for the civil services (main) examination, 2023," the UPSC said in a statement.

The dates and important instructions for filling up the DAF-I and its submission will be announced in due course on the website of the commission.

"Candidates are also informed that marks, cutoff marks and answer keys of CS (P)

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#### 10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the said demise of our beloved and most caring Smt Ram Pyari Wio Lt. Sh Dharminder Singh Choudhary of Ward No. Rammagar who left for heavenly abode on 2-6-2023. Tenth Day will be performed on 11-6-2023 (Sunday). ifi am at Brahman Sabha Ramnagar.

Kriya will be performed on 14-6-2023 (Wednesday) 12 PM at our residence Ward No. 1 Ramnager. Rasam Pagri will be performed at our residence on 10 6-2023 (Firiday) at 11 am.

Grief Stricken Sons & Daughters-In-law

Snrt Makhna Devi - Daughter-in-law Smit Darshna & Sh Amarjeet Chowdhary Smit Shobha & Sh Bhushan Chowdhary Sint Pawan & Sh Kultar Chowdhary Sint Santosh Gupta -Daughter-In-law Sort Santoch & Sh Dowlat Chowdhan

Daughter & Sen-In-law Smit Neelam & Shori Lal Gupta And All Chowdhary Family

Contact No's: 9419306477, 7006969994, 7006200365, 7298526317

#### 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 Arci & 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



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)

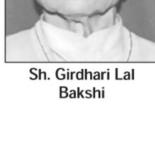
Devar & Devrani Sh R L Raina & Sushma Raina

Sh T K Raina & Anjali Raina Nanad & Nandoi

Baby (Rekha Ji) & Rajinder Raina

Tita (Nisha Ji) & Roshan Lal Raina

**Grand Children** Jhanavi, Pari & Shaanvi



Smt Ram Pyari



Smt Usha Ji Raina

#### Mob: 6005776603, 7006034434

## 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** 



**Rishav Sharma** 

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#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved Shri Sri Ram Dubey H/o Smt Kalavati Dubey R/o Ward No. 2, House No. 58, Indira Nagar Udhampur.

10th Day will be performed on 13th of June 2023 (Tuesday) at our residence at 11.00 AM. Kriya shall be performed on 14-06-2023 (Wednesday) at Devika Ghat at 11.30 am.

**Grief Stricken** Samast Dubey Parivar, Raina Parivar

All Nears & Dears Contact No. 94191-57116, 94192-15753, 94192-96013, 94192-16033



Shri Sri Ram Dubey Retd. AEE PWD (1939 - 2023)

**SMT GITA VAID** 

#### TENTH DAY/ KRIYA/ RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform sad demise of our beloved Smt Gita Vaid wife of Sh Kulbir Vaid of Ward No 9 Samba who left for heavenly abode on 5th June 2023.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 14th of June 2023 (Wednesday) at 10 am at our residence Ward 9 Samba

KRIYA will be performed on 15 of June 2023 (Thursday) at 12:00 Pm at our resi-

RASAM PAGRI will be performed on 16 of June 2023 (Friday) from 4Pm to 5 Pm at our residence

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** Sh. Kulbir Vaid (Husband) Sons & Daughters in Law Smt Madhu & Sh Atul Vaid. Smt Rita & Aseem Vaid

Grand Children's: Atharv Vaid, Anvi Vaid, Mivaan Vaid & Aavya Vaid. Contact No: 9419646945, 9906085040.

#### 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, Jagt Nagrota, who left for heavenly abode on 04-06-2023. The Mourning shall observed at Community Hall Lane No. Back Side (Jagti Nagrota).

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat or 13.06.2023 (Tuesday) near Director School Education

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

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

Home Flowers: Navya, Vaanya,, Tanishta, Danishta, Kushi, Aakash, Janu Contact No.: 9797446146, 9682105325, 9596822721, 7006423203

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. Ariun Singh Jamwal- Nephew Mrs. Radha Pathania- Sister

MOB: 9070459821, 7889611578



**SH JOGINDER SINGH IAWWAI** 

**Sh Subash Chander Jandial** 

Sh Satish Kumar Sharma

SMT KAMINI CHAUHAN

GRANDSON: ABHINAV DHANDA

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SMT. LEELA DEVI

### **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 neavenly 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 or

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

## 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 Mandir, Bakshi Nagar on 14-06-2023 at 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm. GRIEF STRICKEN

(Bakshi) 27-09-1954 — 03-06-2023 Smt Suneela Sharma -**Wife** Sh Suresh Sharma & Smt Usha Rani -**Brother & Bhabi** 

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

#### **TENTH DAY & KIRYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT KAMINI CHAUHAN R/O 68/3. CHANNI HIMMAT, JAMMU ON SUNDAY 4TH OF JUNE, 2023. TENTH DAY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH OF JUNE AT 10 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE.

KIRYA WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 16TH OF JUNE AT 12 PM AT OUR RESIDENCE.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

SH. R K CHAUHAN -HUSBAND (ORIENTAL INSURANCE CO.) SR. ROTARIAN OF ROTARY DIST.3070

BROTHER IN LAW AND SISTER IN LAW SMT. SANTOSH CHOUHAN W/O LATE SH V V S CHOUHAN (RETD. MANAGER PNB) SH. MOHAN SINGH CHOUHAN SR. STATE BJP LEADER AND SMT. RUBY CHOUHAN SISTER IN LAW AND BROTHER IN LAW

SMT. MEENA BHADWAL W/O LATE SH. JASWANT SINGH SMT. SUMAN JASWAL W/O LATE SH. KULDEEP SINGH ( RTD.DY.DG GSI)

SMT, ANJU VAID AND ER, SATISH VAID RTD, AE

DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW SMT. VIJETA W/O LATE SH. SUNNY DHANDA

SMT. RISHIKA AND ASHMIT KAPOOR NEPHEW AND DAUGHTER IN LAW

SH. CHANDAN SINGH CHOUHAN (INSPECTOR JKP) AND SMT. ARPANA CHOUHAN (UCO BANK) SISTER: SMT. SHIV KUMARI W/O LATE SH. PURAN CHAND BHADWAL

## 10TH DAY/13TH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Smt. Leela Devi W/o Sh.

Dhananter Singh Jamwal R/o H.No.71, Link Road, Purani Mandi, Jammu. 10th Day will be performed on 13-06-2023 (Tuesday) at 10.30 AM at our residence. 13th Day will be held on 16-06-2023 (Friday) at

12 O'Clock at Rajput Sabha, Purani Mandi, Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt. Suman Jamwal W/o Late Sh. Nardeep S. Jamwal Subash Jamwal & Ranju Jamwal Sodhagar Jamwal & Reeta Jamwal Daughters & Sons-in-law
Poonam Anthal & Nanak Chand Anthal Shalini Sambyal & Kanwarjeet S. Sambyal

Sh. Dhananter Singh Jamwal - Husband

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Grand Sons & Grand Daughters-in-law Reetesh Jamwal & Taniya Jamwal Munish Jamwal & Priya Jamwal Grand Sons: Eitin, Hitain, Anirudh, Shivam, Vernium, Shaurya & Aaray Great Grand Sons: Suryansh & Reevansh

M/s Riwaaz Dupatta House, Link Road, Jammu Ph: 9419186763, 9858048922



Smt. Soni Raina (TATHEE)





Smt Ram Pyar

Sh Predman Krishan

Sharma

SMT SUJATA BHAT KAR

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
Vishno Devi W/o Lt. Prem Chand Gupta - Bhabhi
Vishno Devi W/o Lt. Prem Chand Gupta - Bhabhi
Vishno Devi W/o Lt. Prem Chand Gupta - Bhabhi
Vishno 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. Arin Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law
Vandhana Gupta & Sh. Rajiv Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law
Anjil Gupta & Sh. Arun Gupta - Daughter-in-law & Son
Kushal Kanotra & Sh. Arun Gupta - Daughter-in-law & Son
Contacts : 9419347601, 9469009846

#### 10TH DAY/KRIYA

JAMMU ON 13-06-2023 TUESDAY AT 8 A.M.

MUSKAN & MEHAK -DAUGHTERS SMT SHEELA W/O LATE SH J L BHAT- MOTHER OF PANZIPURA BARAMULLA (KMR)

SMT BUNTY BHAT W/O SH SATISH BHAT-SMT SONU RAINA W/O SH AJAY RAINA-

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

GRIEF STRICKEN: SH CHAND JI KAR- HUSBAND

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demis of our beloved and most caring **Smt Ram Pyari** W/o Lt. Sh Dharminder Singh Chowdhary of Ward No. Ramnagar who left for heavenly abode on 2-6-2023. Tenth Day will be performed on 11-6-2023 (Sunday) a 11 am at Brahman Sabha Ramnagar.

Kriya will be performed on 14-6-2023 (Wednesday)

12 PM at our residence Ward No. 1 Ramnagar. Rasam Pagri will be performed at our residence on 1 6-2023 (Friday) at 11 am. Grief Stricken

Sons & Daughters-in-law Smt Makhna Devi -Daughter-in-law Smt Darshna & Sh Amarjeet Chowdhary Smt Shobha & Sh Bhushan Chowdhary Smt Pawan & Sh Bhushan Chowdhary
Smt Pawan & Sh Kultar Chowdhary
Smt Santosh Gupta -Daughter-in-law
Smt Santosh & Sh Dowlat Chowdhary

Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Neelam & Shori Lal Gupta
And All Chowdhary Family
Contact No's: 9419306477, 7006969994, 7006200365, 7298526317

#### **OBITUARY/TENTH DAY**

with profound grief and sorrow we inform sad and untimely demise of our beloved and caring Sh Predman Krishan Sharma (Raja J Chowgami) S/o Late Sh Sham Lal Sharma R/o Chowgam Teh Devsar Distt Kulgam at present H No. 264/2, Anuradhapuram, Barnai, (Behind Kangra Fort) Jammu. The Tenth Day Kriya wil be performed at Muthi Ghat Jammu on 16-06-2023 at 8:00 am.

Grief Stricken: Smt Renu Sharma-Wife

(Raja Ji Chowgami) Anmol Raj- Son Palak Sharma - Daughter Smt Phoola Zadoo & Sh Roshan Lal Zadoo- Sister & Brother-in-law

SAMAST PARIVAR Contact Numbers

9149607231, 6005355652

## **BARKHI**

One year has passed since you left us for your eternal journey. Your memories are still fresh and we feel your presence everywhere, every time.

BARKHI of our beloved Sahil Chadha will be performed at our residence H.No. 153, Near Govt. Degree College Poonch on 13th June, 2023.

GRIEF STRICKEN Gita and Parvesh Chadha **(Parents)** Bishakha Chadha (Wife) Viraai Sahil Chadha (Son)

Surbhi and Puneet Sabharwal (Sister and Brother-in -law) Shardha Chandan (Mother-in-law) Gulshan and Riya Chandan (Brother-in-law and Babhi) Sudesh Kapoor - (Maternal Grand Mother)
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY

CHADHA AND CHANDAN FAMILIES HOME SAAZ, CHADHA TRADERS, POONCH 9419280561, 8492031561, 9906205745

#### **TENTH DAY / KRIYA**

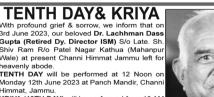
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, I INFORM YOU THAT MY BELOVED MOTHER SMT. JASWANTI DEVI W/O LATE PROF ISHER LAL GUPTA (LAMBI GALI WALE) RESID-ING AT THE HOUSE OF HER YOUNGEST SON NAMED SH VIMAL GUPTA, WARD NO.17, NEAR CEO OFFICE ON IST JUNE 2023 LEFT FOR HER HEAVENLY ABODE. 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT OM PALALE UDHAN PUR ON 10TH JUNE 2023 AT 10:30 AM TO 11:30 AM. KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE HOUSE OF VIMAI GUPTA NEAR CEO OFFICE ON 13TH JUNE 2023 AT 9.00AM



SAHIL CHADHA

GRIEF STRICKEN ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA (SHORI) AND ALL FAMILY MEM-BERS OF PROACH AND PACHIALA AND NEARS & DEARS MOB: 9858820276, 9419159408, 9906180271

ONWARDS.



(RIYA (13TH DAY) will be performed from 10 AN nwards on Thursday 15th June 2023 at our res dence House No. 162 Sector-2 Channi Himma

u (3rd Lane Behind SDDM Hospital) BRIEF STRICKEN 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. Sharda Devi W/o Late Prem Chand Gupta -Bhabhi

Smt. Vishno Devi W/o Late Babu Ram Malhotra- Sister

Dr. Anjli 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. Chander Parkash Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Vandhana Gupta & Sh Rajiv Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law

TENTH DAY evered Karmyogi mother **Mrs Vijay Laxmi** W/o Lt Sh Makha Lal Koul of village Vessu Anantnag at present Lane No.3 Gurah Keran Barnai Road, Bantalab. **Fenth Day** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 20th Ju

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MRS VIJAY LAXMI







## Dangri Terror Attack | Victims' families block **Jammu-Poonh Highway; Demand Justice**

Family members of the seven civilians killed in a terror attack in Dangri village of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district in January this year blocked the Jammu-Poonch National Highway on Monday.

Demanding justice, hundreds of villagers marched in a procession from Dangri and blocked the busy highway near Muradpur, half-a-km away from the scene of the terror attack in Rajouri district.

The victim families sought identification and arrest of the culprits behind the attack without any further delay, officials

Terrorists had struck Dhangri village on January 1 and targeted villagers before fleeing the scene, leaving behind an improvised explosive device (IED).

While five people were killed in the firing by terrorists, two



others died in the IED explosion the next morning. As many as 14 villagers were injured in the twin attacks

On May 6, the army killed a terrorist during an anti-terrorist operation in the forested Kandi area of Rajouri. Some locals later identified the slain terrorist as one of the Dhangri village attackers.

Carrying pictures of the slain civilians and chanting slogans in support of justice, the villagers staged a sit-in on the highway around 9 am on Monday and also burnt tyres, leading to traffic jams.

Senior civil and police officials rushed to the scene and are trying to persuade the protesters to disperse, officials said.

sons in the terror attack, said she had been waiting for justice for the last six months.

"We have been hearing that the case has almost been solved, but there is no trace of the terrorists involved in the attack. The terrorist supporters, who facilitated the attack, are also yet to be identified," Bala, who was leading the protest,

She had addressed a press conference in Jammu on June 5 and said "I simply want justice for my children".

Bala's two sons — Prince and Deepak — were killed in the terrorist attack, leaving her the only surviving member in the family as she had lost her husband to a disease sometime back.

"Six months have passed since the attack happened, but no solid action has taken place till date," she added.

## Shri Ram Sena calls for suspension of Sarore Toll Plaza due to deplorable condition of National Highway

Asks Ravinder Raina to clarify its letter written to Gadkari about removal of Sarore Toll Plaza

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 12: Shri Ram Sena, J&K unit, has expressed grave concern over the deplorable condition of the National Highway from Lakhanpur to Jammu, primarily due to the ongoing six-laning

In a statement released today, Rajiv Mahajan, President of Shri Ram Sena's Jammu and Kashmir unit, highlighted the immense inconvenience faced by travelers on this crucial route. He emphasized that people paying toll charges rightfully expect better road conditions and a smoother travel experience. However, the current state of the national highway fails to meet these expectations. He questioned the purpose of toll plaza charges if the infrastructure remains substandard and demanded immediate action to

address the matter. In light of the prevail-



ing circumstances, Rajiv Mahajan called for the immediate suspension of the toll plaza at Sarore until the completion of the ongoing sixlaning project. This temporary measure aims to alleviate the burden on commuters and prioritize their convenience and safety during this period of road improvement, he added.

Furthermore, Mahajan also sought clarification from Ravinder Raina, President of BJP, J&K. regarding the status of a letter he had written to the Union Minister for National Highways concerning the scrapping of the Sarora Toll Plaza.

Mahajan raised serious concerns regarding the establishment of the Sarora Toll Plaza, stating that it was established in violation of toll plaza norms. At that several protests and demonstrations were staged by the different organizations and at that time BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina had assured to abolish the same but nothing has been done in this regard, he said, adding that BJP leaders issued statements just mere to befool the people of Jammu region who gave massive mandate to BJP during the 2014 Assembly and 2019 Parliamentary elections.

Mahajan appealed to the Union Minister for Highways to take immediate action to abolish the Sarora Toll Plaza. He warned that Shri Ram Sena will continue to advocate for the removal of the Sarora Toll Plaza and the enforcement of toll plaza norms for the benefit of the public.

#### A system established to keep people in fear and terror in J&K: Farooq

#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): National Conference President Farooq Abdullah on Monday alleged that the authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have established a system to keep the people in "fear and terror".

"There is a blanket ban on raising the voices and speaking the truth", Faroog said while addressing people in central Kashmir's Budgam district on Monday.

He alleged that a situation of "fear and terror"



has been created in Jammu and Kashmir to keep people away from

speaking the truth. The former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir said that freedom of press has been stifled and newspapers have become mouthpieces of the government and publish only government rhetoric.

The member parliament said that drug abuse has destroyed the young generations. If the trend continued the future of the youth would be quite bleak, he

He said concrete steps need to be taken to eradicate the menace of drug abuse from society.

"Everybody has to play his role to stop drug menace from the society", he said and added "if the trend continues it would destroy the generations and the nation may have to face a lot of difficulties in future".

#### President Shri Kailakh **Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan** Trust calls on Lt Governor



**Top News Report** 

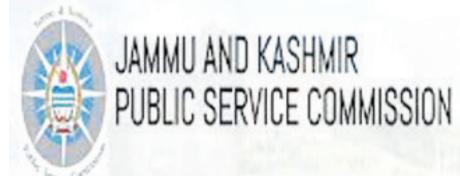
SRINAGAR, Jun 12: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today,

Mahant Rohit Shastri apprised the Lt Governor on various important matters related to the promotion and preservation of the Sanskrit language in the J&K UT.

Faculty Welfare Forum SKIMS headed by Dr. Muzafar M. Wani also called on the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor assured the deputations that the issues projected by them will be looked into earnestly for early

## **JKPSC** announces 41 posts



SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) has notified a vacancy of 41 posts of Horticulture Development Officer in the Agriculture Production Department. Application forms will be available on the website of the commission from June 12, 2023, and the process is completely online. Application forms along with the requisite fee must be submitted by or before July 2, 2023.

The post comes under level 8 of the pay scale which amounts to INR 47,600 - INR 1,51,100. There is a reservation for special categories. Out of the total 41 vacancies, 20 are for Open Merit, 4 are for RBA, SC, ST, and EWS each. 2 are for ALC/ IB and PSP each and 1 is reserved for OSC. Applicants should be a domicile of the Union Territory of Jammu and

The necessary quali-

Kashmir.

fication for the post is Master of Science in Horticulture. In case, no such qualified candidate will be available, candidates with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture or Agriculture will be considered. There is an age restriction for applicants. Candidates belonging to OM and those in service should not be of age more than 40 years, those belonging to RBA, SC, ST, ALC/IB, EWS, PSP, and SOC should not be more than 43 years and those belonging to PHC should not be more than 42-years.

The application fee for the OM applicants is RS 1000 and for reserved categories, it is Rs 500. PHC candidates are exempted from paying the fee. The mandatory documents include a Date of Birth certificate, domicile certificate, bachelor's degree, and master's degree. Candidates claiming benefits under any category need to submit the respective category certificate or In-service candidate (Whichever is applicable).

Selection will be based on the basis of a written examination. The syllabus of the examination shall be notified separately. The correction window will be open from July 3- July

#### Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde holds meeting with party incharges from 15 states in Srinagar



SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): Shiv Sena leader and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde held a meeting with the party in-charges from 15 states at Raddison Blue hotel here.

In the meeting, held for the first time outside Maharashtra, Shinde on Sunday interacted with Shiv Sena in-charges from states including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Jharkhand.

He also gave guidance to them on how Shiv Sena can be strengthened by reaching out to other states, a statement

Since Shiv Sena has an alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party at the central level and holds 13 seats in the Lok

Sabha, it was suggested in the meeting that Shiv Sena should expand the party with the BJP's help, it said.

The state in-charges were also granted an opportunity to present their views, the statement

CM Shinde came to power in Maharashtra in 2022 by reestablishing an alliance with the BJP and will complete a year in office later this month. In June 2022, Shinde and 39 Shiv Sena MLAs

had rebelled against Uddhav Thackeray, which led to the collapse of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government. Later, Election Com-

mission allotted the Shiv Sena party name and the bow and arrow poll symbol to the Shinde-led

#### Woman critically injured in bear attack in Udhampur

cies): A 40-year-old woman in Kultyar village of the

Panchari area early morning, the official said.

ous injuries in the face and arms. She was rushed to hospital by the villagers who came to her rescue after hearing her cries.

The wildlife protection department has fanned out its teams in the nearby forest to capture the bear, the official said.

## Sonia led UPA planned to surrender Siachen to **Pakistan: Rana**



accountability or respon-

#### Top News Report

JAMMU / GHAZI-ABAD, Jun 12: "The Sonia Gandhi led UPA headed by the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh at the behest of the foreign powers had decided to handover the strategic Siachen to Pakistan in 2006 probably on a quid pro quo basis for some personal benefits to some individuals" said Senior BJP leader, Devender Singh Rana while addressing the Sanyukht Morcha Sammelan of the BJP Karykartas of the Loni Assembly Constituency at Ghaziabad.

Rana said had this action not been aborted on the instance of the Army and the security experts the country's defence would have been compromised and it would have been advantage Pakistan and China. He said Congress's nail India mission began with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru taking the so-called Kashmir issue to the United Nation in 1947 thereby internationalising it and now following the same footsteps Rahul Gandhi is on defame-India slanderous campaign on the foreign soil.

Rana described the affirmation of the sensational disclosure on the Siachen Glacier in the Ladakh Region by none other than the former Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran and corroborated by Gen (Retd) J.J Singh as a classic example of wielding power without

sibility. But for pressing the last-minute safety valve by the Army and other Security experts, Sonia Gandhi would have gone away with inflicting a deep scar on the Indian pride and psyche, he said adding that this has been how the Congress has been going on under dynastic control for the past 75 years since independence. Such a disastrous move reflects how the Congress is undermining the valour and sacrifices of the Indian soldiers, particularly in the backdrop of 890 valiant soldiers and officers achieving martyrdom during Operation Meghdoot in 1984 to save this strategic piece of land, he added.

Devender Rana said the nation is now getting clarity on motivation behind the Congress inking Memorandum of Understanding with the ruling Communist Party of China signed by Rahul Gandhi in the presence of Xi-Jinping and Sonia Gandhi ,meeting the Dragon envoys amid bloody Doklam crisis. The buck did not stop there as the Gandhi scion is crying hoarse over democracy in danger in India during his ongoing US visit and more importantly China occupying the Indian territory, thus demoralising compatriots and giving moral boost to Beijing, he said, adding this rhetoric cannot be deemed in the national interest.

He said the dubious

Congress politics with active support of its cohorts did much harm to the national interest, especially in Jammu and Kashmir, which remained the theatre of their dirty tricks for nearly three decades. And, when the course correction was made by the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi by abrogating Article 370 and Article 35A, the Congress unleashed tirade, thus giving fodder to anti-India Pak canons, he said and dwelt in detail on the turnaround in the Kashmir situation post August 5, 2019 developments.

"Peaceful Kashmir is the latest eyesore for the Congress, which can go to any extent in its hate Modi campaign", Devender Rana said, adding that the nation now reads in between the lines. He exhorted the BJP Karykartas to inform the compatriots during their Samparak Abhiyaan about the selfcentric policies of the united opposition, especially the Congress.

During his day-long Abhyaan, Devender Rana met the prominent citizens of Ghaziabad and addressed the beneficiary conference at Hapur, as part of the massive public outreach programme of the BJP.

Zila Adhakysh Sanjeev Sharma, Dinesh Singhal, Umesh Rana, MLA Sahibabad Sunil Sharma, Ex MLA Sahibabad Suresh Sharma besides Presidents of Morchas. Mandal Presidents and prominent party functionaries were present.

## 11 passengers injured as Tata Sumo falls into rivulet

JAMMU, Jun 12 (Agencies): At least eleven passengers sustained injuries after a Tata Sumo vehicle they were traveling in plunged into a rivulet in Mendhar, Poonch dis-

According to reports, the Tata Sumo vehicle, with registration number

JK12 3051, skidded off the road and fell into Gursai nallah, resulting in injuries to eleven passengers

After the incident, the injured individuals were promptly rescued from the site and taken to the Government DH Mend-

har for treatment. When contacted, BMO Mendhar Dr Ashfaq Ahmad said that some of the injured individuals have been referred to GMC Rajouri for specialized treatment.

Meanwhile, a police official stated that an FIR number 60/2023 under sections 279/337 IPC has been registered for further investiga-

## JAMMU, Jun 12 (Agen-

was critically injured on Monday after being attacked by a wild bear in the Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir, a police official said. Identified as Mori Devi. the woman was attacked by the animal near her house Devi has suffered seri-

## **EDITORIAL**

## **ENDLESS CYCLE**

Is death end of life? Doe our existence also vanish when the physical body perishes? Whether the process of life keeps floating even after physical death? Such questions do arise in everyone's mind at some point of time or the other. In this context, the materialistic thinkers like Charvak cherished only one ideology. They gave single answer to life and death related questions – "So long as you live; eat, drink and be merry, even if you have to borrow to live lavishly. This physical body will invariably b consigned to ashes one day. Who has seen rebirth?"

But, is it fair to cherish such a superficial view of life? Is our life a story of one birth only? Such an incorrect and cynical view is entertained only by those, whose mental faculties are confined to mortal body. Such people think that the validation of life lies only in sailing through the endless or streams of desires. Such narrow mind-set goes on to establish or sow seeds of immoral and shallow ideologies in society. The Maya-ridden people, under the sway of illusionary existence, try to validate their philosophies through many reasoning. One of the biggest arguments put forth is that if the principle of reincarnation is indisputable, why then we do not remember our previous births? But, this argument in itself is highly frivolous. Just peep into your own memory-bank. Can you recall what you had in your dinner 10-12 days ago? What was the colour of the dress you had worn 15 days ago? Each of us would frankly admit that we do not remember. If we cannot recall events that took place a few days ago, then what to say about previous births in remote past? Moreover, if you do not remember some incidents of your life, in that case, would you say that you did not pass through that phase of your life? Likewise, on the analogy of memory-loss of previous births, it is not logical to deny or negate the concept of past births. This baseless logic cannot oppose immutable and inviolable doctrine of re-incarnation.

But the Almighty Lord is well aware of the persistently nagging intelligence and doubting nature of humans. That is why He has presented many irrevocable and irrefragable examples before us. There have been many people who could establish and demonstrate memory of their previous births in their present life. For example, it is said about Pythagoras, a Greek philosopher that he remembered his previous births. An American general named George Patton, a famous warrior of World War II, shared with people his experiences of six previous births. In all these births, he worked in army. Whatever people told about their previous births was not merely a concoction. After intensive research, scientists have found every such narration to be true. In this regard, research findings of Dr. Stevenson, Chairman of Virginia University are worth mentioning. He has compiled about two thousand incidents of past births from all over the world. All these evidences are well experimented. With these documented evidences, there should not remain any doubt in the minds of the followers of science about reincarnation.

Research findings of modern psychology too prove the principle of re-incarnation. Many of its findings are based on "Regression Therapy". This therapy uses hypnosis in which the patient is hypnotised and made to access the memory bank of his previous births. In the process, the incidents of his previous births surface from the depths of his unconscious mind. This helps in finding out the root causes of his ailment. Thus, even the psychiatrists have begun to accept that countless impressions of previous births are stored in subconscious mind of man.

## Tories may lose critical bypoll; dithers beset by a fresh inquiry

By: Kishwar Desai

ow begins a massive inquiry on whether the Covid pandemic was properly handled by the Boris Johnson government.

Bye bye Boris! Or should it be "Hasta la vista!" Those were the three famous last words used by Boris when he gave his resignation as Prime Minister. Somehow we never thought that he would actually ever leave — as he has been a larger-than-life figure ever since he became the mayor of London. However, now with the latest possible indictment looming large over whether he had actually lied to Parliament concerning the No. 10 drinking parties at Covid times — he has quit as Member of Parliament. Leaving us all waiting for the next act in this long-running drama. Surely he will return for one final curtain call!

On the one hand, it may be easier for Boris and his cohorts to actually speak the truth once they are no longer tied to Parliament and there is little need to follow the "whip" — but on the other we are wondering whether it is just another ploy to gain the popular vote when the "truth" hits the fans.

The committee looking into the "Covid Partygate" has just finished its report but before publishing they presumably let Boris have a look at it. And he has accused it of "egregious bias". It was expected that the committee would find him guilty and he would face a vote in the Commons to decide whether he should be suspended from the Commons.

This will cause a by-election as per the rules, but chances are that the Conservatives will lose the seat as they are far behind Labour in the opinion polls. Boris has added more trouble for Rishi Sunak by nominating two sitting MPs (among many others) to a peerage. So while there are those who are loyal to Boris who are likely to quit Parliament, there are already over 44 Conservative MPs who have already announced they will not stand at the next general election.

This will mean more losses and some more Conservative Party members who have better options may just jump ship instead of waiting for the whole edifice to come crumbling down.

And this is not the only inquiry that the Conservatives need to worry about: There are many other inquiries going on about behaviour of MPs and their leadership. Now begins a massive inquiry on whether the Covid pandemic was properly handled by the Boris Johnson government. And at the heart of it are WhatsApp messages exchanged while Boris Johnson was Prime Minister. The inquiry wants to examine all the messages written or sent on phones, even in the WhatsApp groups of MPs of which there are many. Mr Johnson's most recent phone messages while Prime Minister have been handed over to the inquiry as the official record. But these may include embarrassing messages from subsequent Prime Ministers while they were mere Cabinet ministers. So the government is dithering. That alone is enough for presumption of guilt. The only consolation is that the inquiry, as all such previous ones, will take years. By the time the reports come out, we should be a few more Prime Ministers down the line.

Meanwhile — the sun is certainly shining on London, as every day is declared to be the "hottest" at around 30 degrees. New York may compete with New Delhi for the top spot of the city with most polluted air, but London is competing on just being warm.

It actually feels like summer because finally Indians are back — as we used to be in pre-Covid times. We are on the streets, in shops and restaurants. The Indian cricket team is here as well. The Indian high commissioner, Vikram Doraiswamy, had invited all to a reception for the team at his Kensington gardens residence but the rail crash in Odisha meant immediate cancellation.

The team is here for the World Test Championship. No doubt the Indian MPs

who are also here in a delegation will supervise the conduct and performance of the team... hmmm.

But London remains the go-to place for Indians as Shimla used to be for the British. We have the business organisations FICCI, CII in town. There are award ceremonies galore – awarding Indians and supporters of India in London – which included Meghnad Desai, Pinky Anand and other friends, in different ceremonies. And we await another ceremony again at the Indian high commission honoring certain MPs who have received Padma awards proving to be British friends of India. And so the Indo-UK friendship continues to grow at many levels. Soon we will have Manoj Ladwa's India Global Forum also showcasing the best of Indian talent with engaging diaspora discussions. It is an Indian summer at last!

But if you are already in London then you can heave a sigh of relief because airport employees at Heathrow are going on strike. So if you are planning to come, then check on the strike status before you come and it may be better to land in Glasgow or Paris and then take a train. Train drivers, for instance, are only striking on odd days and not every day. They have a longer record of strikes so they know how to halt work without losing public sympathy.

## The sounds of a silent Internet in Manipur

By: Sanjeev Ahluwalia

anipur is a leader in Internet access. 44.8 per cent of Manipuri women and 73.9 per cent of Manipuri men have access to the Internet.

It is incongruous for a country which is aiming for global digital primacy to also figure at the top of a list of governments which shut down the Internet at the drop of a hat. According to the data from Accessnow, a website dedicated to preserving access to the Internet, India has shut down the Internet 33 times so far this year, the most globally. Last year was no different, with 84 shutdowns, again the highest globally. The most recent case is from Manipur, where access to the Internet has been withdrawn for over a month now.

Some of this is a consequence of India being the country with the largest population in the world. The second largest, China, had one shutdown this year. But that may not be a fair comparison. In China, the Internet is so fiercely regulated that it is mostly a forum for compliant behaviour, not the free exchange of news and views. There is less need to shut down an "unfree" Internet than one which allows near total freedom for uploading and downloading content, like in India.

The second reason why the number of shutdowns is not a good proxy for lazy authoritarianism is that, of the 33 cases of Internet shutdowns this year, not a single one withdrew access rights for all 1.4 billion people in this country. Shutdowns are local and restricted to areas where violence erupted over unresolved local issues. In short, the data overstates the case for there being a higher propensity to withdraw Internet access in India, once the population and spatial spread are factored in.

In the most recent case of Manipur, the Kuki, a hill dwelling mostly Christian tribe, resent a Manipur high court directive to the Government of Manipur to consider including the plains dwelling, dominant, Hindu Meitei in the Scheduled Tribes list. Doing so would give them access to the tribal land in the hills. Hence the Kuki angst.

Third, shutting down the Internet is often a panicked response by the the local administration, just to press all the right buttons to show that they did everything possible to contain the violence. Often, this can also be as the local police are not capacitated to deal with outbreaks of violence or because the root cause of violence remains unattended and unresolved, giving rise to a frozen conflict.

Also, to be fair, given the size of India, it takes time for the security forces to get enough boots on the ground for the local administration to feel secure about its own ability to keep the peace. In 2008, while Mumbai burned in terrorist attacks, it took more than a day to airlift the elite National Security Guard took to the Taj Mahal Hotel at the Gateway of India from their base near New Delhi. Now the NSG has a regional hub in Mumbai.

There are undersides to cutting off the Internet. It drives subversion underground, making it much harder to be tracked, analysed and then countered. After all, telephone services remain available even though Internet access is banned. Calls or messaging can replace WhatsApp, which is probably what the security forces want to achieve, since tapping into phone services is a local matter while tapping into encrypted messages requires adopting a far more circumspect route. Snapping Internet access does

Snapping Internet access does however disable virulent social media communication aimed at spreading misinformation or targeted to create fear and insecurity amongst a targeted community.

But just as surely, it also cuts off access to sane community voices, bipartisan religious leaders and respected community stalwarts to convey soothing messages of reassurance. It also reduces the reach of government communication aimed at restoring calm. It is tough to define a litmus test for checking whether use of an internet "kill switch" is indeed the best response in a situation of violent social conflict. The context matters. And this can only be judged by the police officer on the ground given the rapid pace at which social unrest spreads.

Manipur is a leader in Internet access. 44.8 per cent of Manipuri women and 73.9 per cent of Manipuri men have access to the Internet. This makes it the third best access for women in the Northeast after Mizoram (68 per cent) and Nagaland (49 per cent), and the secondbest access for men after Mizoram (79.7 per cent). It is also telling of the strides made by the Northeast in recent years that Internet access is generally better than in many larger states in India, including Assam, which remains a laggard at 28.2 per cent for women and 42.3 per cent for men. The average for India is 33.3 per cent for women and 57.1 per cent for men.

Internet access is the passport to many vital social and familial functions for the 625 million active Internet users in the country. Withdrawing access disrupts travel plans, online tutorials, remote work assignments, online medical assistance, online shopping, and the sense of well-being which comes from being instantly in visual contact with friends and loved ones anywhere in the world. Most recently, upmarket sanitary-

ware companies offer online audio emergency assistance to fix the leak in your bathroom faucet!

The website www.top10vpn.com, which analyses the cost of Internet shutdowns across the globe, estimates that these disruptions cost the world \$5.62 billion in 2021, up 40 per cent for the previous year. Myanmar was the worst impacted (\$2.8 billion), followed by Nigeria (\$1.45 billion) and India (\$583 million). Cost-benefit assessments, however, rarely tell the full story. The November 2016 demonetisation and the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 notes this year have shaken the faith of the public in India's currency. In the context of interruptible Internet services, the dampening spillover and the unintended consequences

Digital India can only be imagined.

Just consider: Will "Digi Yatra" -the all-new government-sponsored facial recognition app -- ever gain acceptance if users are not assured of universal Internet access? Many people no longer keep bank passbooks. Their personal accounts are accessed via a banking app on their phones and instantly retrievable 24x7. Imagine trying to get admitted into a hospital for emergency care without the ability to pay the admission fee online via UPI or without the ability to access your "Digilocker" where your insurance policy is "safely" stored.

A few years ago, Internet warriors in India were outraged at Facebook's attempt to market a limited access free account offering curated Internet access. Decrying the offering as a walled garden, they opposed subverting the principle of unrestricted access to the entire Internet. The garden remains unwalled, but sadly frequently inaccessible now. This too deserves thought.

## PTTI Vijaypur celebrates Raising Day of J&K Police

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

VIJAYPUR Jun 12: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur celebrated Raising Day of J&K Police with great enthusiasm and pump show.

On this occasion, Principal PTTI Vijaypur, Shiv Kumar, SSP, addressed staff and trainees and threw light on the history of J&K Police. He also interacted with staff and trainees.

On this occasion a cultural programme was also organized in which besides musical party, Police trainees of the Institite also displayed their talent by presenting various solo/group Patriotic/ Folk songs which enthralled the audience. Besides this, a Shabeel was also organized as a good will gesture on Gurh-Slathia road in front of the Institute and



cold and sweet drinking water was offered to the road users and locals of the area. The PTTI complex was well decorated and was giving an attractive look.

At last, a lavish Bada Khana was also hosted for Guests, Police personnel and trainees of the Institute. The occasion was also graced by Rakesh Dubey, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Vinay Kumar,KAS, SDM

Vijaypur, Ex. Principals of the Institute Rajneesh Pran and S. Bhopinder Singh, Shri Rajinder Singh Rahi, SP, Dy.CO IRP-19th Battalion, Prof. J. Jagannathan, HOD, National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu, Ajay Anand, DySP DAR Samba, Deepak Jasro-

tia, DySP. Among others, Zia-Ul-Haq, Dy. SP Dy.SP (Admn/Outodoor), Kuldeep Raj (Indoor/Tech.)

PTTI Vijaypur, Inspr. Asha Anand, Inspr. Vishal Kumar, Inspr. Knawal Raina, Inspr. Vivek Kalsotra, Inspr. Mulk Raj, Inspr. Bhopinder Singh, Inspr. Tariq Mehmood, Inspr. Anil Kumar, Inspr. Pawan Kumar, Inspr. Ram Lal, Inspr. Himanshu Dutta, Inspr. Rakesh Sharma. SI Sulinder Singh, SI Kapil Raina, SI Shakeel Singh, Narinder Kumar were also present on

this occasion.

## NSS Campus Unit -I, JU organizes Yoga Workshop

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jun 12: In lieu of upcoming International Yoga Day, the NSS Volunteers of Campus Unit-I, Faculty of Social Sciences and Arts, University of Jammu in collaboration with Department of Economics organized Yoga Workshop for the NSS volunteers and students of department of Economics on 12 June 2023 as a part of International Yoga Day celebrations.

The main aim of the workshop was to raise awareness and benefits of the ancient and traditional system of keeping the mind and body healthy through Yoga. More than 40 Volunteers from NSS campus Unit I and students of Department of Economics participated in the workshop.

Dr. Ritu Chaku ,Associate Professor, Yogic Science, Sharda School of Humanities and Social Science, Greater Noida was the special resource person of the workshop. Dr Ritu gave a brief introduction of meaning and importance of yoga in one's life

During practical session, she made the participants practise nearly 14 different types of standing, sitting and spine asana. She also explained the importance of doing each and every asana to the participants.

The entire event was conducted under the mentorship of Prof. Umesh Rai, Hon'ble



Vice- Chancellor and Chairman; NSS University of Jammu who lauded the efforts put in by NSS volunteers and congratulated them for the successful conduction of the event.

Prof. Savita Nayyar, Convenor, NSS Campus Units, University of Jammu also congratulated the entire team and also motivated the students to continue practising asana for better physical and mental well being.

Prominent among those present includes faculty members of department of Economics; Prof. Aroon Sharma, Prof. Jasbir Singh, , Prof. Dipanker Sen-Gupta, Prof. Falender K.Sudan, Prof.Prakash C. Antahal, Prof.Sunita Sharma Prof. Virender Koundal, Dr.Manoj Bhatt, and Dr. Tsering Yangzom. Prof. Virender Koundal welcomed the Resource person of the

workshop.

Prof. Sunita Sharma presented vote of thanks. The event was overall Coordinated by Dr. Shallu Sehgal, NSS Programme Officer,

Campus Unit-I.
Dr. Shallu Sehgal thanked Dr. Hema Gandotra Coordinator, NSS Office, Programme Officers of all campus units, heads of all the departments of NSS campus Unit I for their support and encouragement.

## Mission Sahasi concludes at Agriculture University

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 12: The "ABVP SKUAST – Jammu" Unit recently organized Mission Sahasi, a four-day self-defense program for girls. The program aimed to empower and equip girls with essential self-defense skills. On the final day of the program, Dr. S.K Gupta, the Incharge Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu, visited and interacted with the participating students. The students actively participated in the program, displaying great enthusiasm and dedication. They expressed

their positive thoughts and appreciation for the program and their trainer, Preeti Choudhary, who conducted the training on behalf of ABVP SKUAST-Jammu unit.

During the interaction session, ABVP Organizing Secretary, Sourav Manhas, Coordinator Naveena, Co-Coordinator Sonali Rajput, Abhishek TS, and others also took part. The session provided an opportunity for the students to share their experiences and discuss the benefits of the self-defense training.

## 76 Bn CRPF organizes free medical camp

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 12: Continuing the Wellness of Civilians, Civic Action Programmes under the aegis of Jammu Sector CRPF, 76 Battalion CRPF in collaboration with J&K Health Department organized a free medical camp under the guidance of IG Sector and DIG Range, Jammu at Govt. Middle School, Narwal Balla, Jammu (J&K). The main objective of the camp was to reach out to the needy people of the area and make them aware about their health & provide

In the Medical Camp, Dr. S.Sowmiya, 76 Battalion, CRPF and Dr. Sidharath Bakshi, Med-

free health care.



ical Officer, conducted free medical check-up of around 260 civilians and provided free medicines

T.H Khan, Commandant-76 Bn attended this Civic Action programme and appealed to all people of the area to remain fit by doing physical exercises regularly and sensi-

tized them to maintain a healthy lifestyle & hygiene. Besides, he also elaborated the role of the CRPF in maintaining cordial relationship between locals & force. Mahendra Singh 21C, Girish Sontiyal, Deputy Commandant,

Karmail Singh, Deputy

Commandant, Rayees

Ahmed, Asstt. Comdt. of 76 Bn CRPF and Sabia Choudhary (Sarpanch of Upper Balla) also participated in the camp.

The initiative drew positive response and was received well by the locals and urged CRPF to organize such camps in the future also.

## NDS seeks Mega Project for River Tawi to restore its pristine glory

DOGRI KAVI GOSHTI

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jun 12: Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS) organised a Dogri Kavi Goshti on River Tawi titled 'Soonkar Tawi Di' here today.

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation was the Chief Guest whereas Chander Mohan Sharma, Senior Political Activist and Leader of Tawi Andolan presided over the Kavi Goshti.

B.S Jamwal, Former Deputy Commissioner and a Dogri Poet was Guest of Honour. Capt. Lait Sharma, Prof. Anupama Sharma noted singer and Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila coshared the dais.

Yash Pal Yash, General Secretary NDS and renowned lyricist and Music Composer conducted the programme.

The Poets who recited their poetry include Randhir Singh Raipuria, Bishan Singh Dardi, Om Vidyarathi, Kalpana Gupta "Rattan", Sudershan Kumari" Darshi", Dr Chanchal Sharma, Raj Rishi Sharma, Dr Sushil Bhola, Yash Pal



Yash, Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila, Madan Magotra, Balwan Singh Jamwal, Usha Kiran "Kiran" and Capt. Lalit Sharma.

At the outset, potted plants were presented to the Guests as Mementoes

Dr Samia Mohan presented her introductory note on origin and importance of Tawi which was applauded by all

Capt. Lalit Sharma IFS, PCCF (Retd) and Convener NDS in his opening remarks covered the Social, Environmental, Economical, Historical and Religious aspects of Tawi. He on behalf of NDS demand-

ed ten years Mega Project for River Tawi on "Integrated Watershed Management" basis to restore the erstwhile pristine glory of Tawi.

B.S Jamwal described Tawi as lifeline of Jammu and emphasized upon making Tawi restoration measures a persistent campaign.

Chander Mohan Sharma called for constituting a separate "Shrine Board" for Tawi which should Manage the entire catchment area of Tawi on sustainable basis.

Rajinder Sharma Mayor spelled out a well thought over roadmap for Tawi. He said that Polythene Bags Free campaign of Jammu Municipal Corporation is gaining success with the support of Jammu people.

He apprised that all the Eighteen Affluent Prone Nallahs presently draining in to River Tawi are being taken at a common point with separate tubes to a common point and the entire affluent shall then be treated and pure water so generated shall be used for various purposes. He sought support of the people for making River Tawi a clean and Vibrant River.

The vote of thanks was extended by Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila President NDS.

### Jamwal seeks complete ban on single use bottles

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 12: For just Rs 5, one can easily quench his thirst by drinking a bottle of water available in markets but the same water bottle ends up in piles of garbage and junk, polluting the environment.

The question arises here, are we buying water, or plastic? Because single-use plastic bottles are the world's biggest plastic polluter, and second, the idea of drinking water from single-use plastic bottles is

not very environmentally sustainable.

Observing the health and environmental hazards of packed water bottles and other aerated drinks, social activist and environmentalist Puneet Jamwal said it is not very health-friendly and major manufacturers of these water bottles and beverages are the world's big-

gest polluters.

Quoting a survey conducted by Break Free
From Plastic in 2021,
Jamwal said two major
aerated drinks are the

world's top plastic polluters for the 4th consecutive year.

He said single-use plastic items, including the bottles used for beverages or water, are found everywhere, from the deepest oceans to the highest mountains.

He said that plastic remains break down.

remains break down, the traces of microplastics percolate in the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the food we eat, and consequently enter our bodies and organs, including our

lungs, spleen, kidneys, and blood.

He further stated that ubiquitous material poses a serious threat to humanity and all its species, and therefore needs replacement, and we need to act fast.

Demanding complete ban on plastic material, Jamwal said that instead of harmful plastics, the government should move to alternatives like paper, wood, agricultural waste, food crops or plan based substitutes of single-use plastic items.

## Apni Party speeds up its public outreach campaign in Uri areas

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jun 12: Apni Party accelerated its ongoing public outreach campaign in north Kashmir's Uri constituency, aiming to establish a strong bond between the party leaders, cadre, and the local masses.

According to a press note issued here, party's constituency in charge Choudhary Mushtaq on Monday led a delegation to visit Dardkote, Khacha Dari Zehanpora, and Ijara areas of the



constituency. During the visit, he engaged with the residents, holding meaningful discussions on a range of pertinent issues. The delegation comprised esteemed party leaders,

days after the inaugu-

ration of Jambu Zoo

including Syed Mehmood Bukhari and Syed Najeeb Naqvi, who joined Choudhary Mushtaq in this important visit.

"The leaders interacted with the people, diligently

identifying and understanding their public issues and grievances. They assured the local residents that these concerns would be promptly communicated to the relevant officials for necessary attention and resolution," the press note said.

"Throughout their daylong visit to diverse localities, the delegation had the opportunity to meet with village heads, as well as numerous religious and social leaders." The press note added.

## Devise fool-proof mechanism for timely completion of ongoing tourism projects: Sham Langer

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 12: Sham Lal Langer, Convener Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Trade Cell Jammu and Kashmir while welcoming the heavy footfall of visitors at the Jambu Zoo has urged the J&K Union Territory Administration to complete all the ongoing tourism related projects in Jammu region as these will give a huge boost to the tourism and economy of this region.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader said that the heavy foot fall of visitors in a few is ample indication of this destination becoming a big tourist puller boosting the economy in the coming time. He said that now there is a dire need to complete the ongoing tourism projects of Jammu Province as these will augment the Tourism sector of J&K besides giving an economic thrust and last but not the least creating multiple employment/job avenues for the unemployed J&K youth.

Sham Langer appealed to the Government to take immediate steps to make Jammu an independent tourist destination so that over five lakh souls dependent on tourism, whose livelihood is at stake heave a sigh of relief and the number of people related to tourism sector in J&K multiplies very soon.

While further welcoming the information that Artificial Lake Jammu's civil works will be completed by Oct-Nov, he said that this destination too will be a big tourist puller in Jammu region after its completion. He said that the work on the Tawi River View Front on the pattern of Sabarmati River Front of Gujarat should also

be completed within the shortest period of time.
The senior BJP leader

asserted that these speedy developments indicate the Govt's commitment towards unprecedented development in J&K especially the Jammu region that was discriminated and neglected during the past over seven decades. He suggested devising a fool-proof mechanism for timely completion of the ongoing tourism related projects in Jammu region so that equal employment avenues get created for unemployed youth of Jammu region like Kashmir province.

## **Actor-director-writer Mangal Dhillon will be** remembered for his Punjabiyat'

Just a week before his birthday (June 18), famous Punjabi cine star, director and producer Mangal Dhillon, who was battling cancer, passed away in a private hospital in Ludhiana on

Hailing from Faridkot in Punjab, Dhillon made a mark in the world of films and television. He worked in Doordarshan and radio plays, besides doing voice-overs.

In 1987, he played the role of Lubhaya Ram in Ramesh Sippy's TV serial Buniyaad, which laid the foundation of his career in the Mumbai film and television industry.

After Buniyaad, he worked in almost 25-30 Hindi feature films and television serials. prominent amongst them were Yugandhar, Lakshman Rekha, Nishana, Vishvaatma, Khoon Bhari Mang, Dayavan, Zakhmi Aurat, Vishwatma, Pyaar Ka Devta, Amba, Toofan Singh, Dalaal, and Azad Desh Ke Ghulam, besides serials like Junoon, Panther, Ghutan, Kismat and Noorjahaan.

Dhillon was also a producerdirector and writer. He worked in many Punjabi films and made a distinct identity for himself.

Actor Yashpal Sharma confirmed the news of his demise and expressed his sorrow. He posted on Facebook, "Mangal Dillon Ji RIP".

Shy in nature, Dhillon often credited Chandigarh for expo-



sure that helped him hold a conversation with a woman. He came to the city after fallout with his father, who wanted him to become lawyer or policeman. He was keen on acting and took admission in the Department of Indian Theatre, Panjab University, in 1979-80.

Always a learner, he took to writing and direction for he felt that one needed to acquire those skills in order to be heard. Turned to spiritualism, he had opened a trust under his name, Mangal Dhillon Trust, and would be regular with videos on history of Sikhism and Gurbani on his YouTube Channel, Mangal Dhillon Channel. He enjoyed over 101k subscribers. His last video was posted three months ago which is numbered as 823rd video on the channel. In his words, "the channel was dedicated to educational, historical, religious, social & spiritual films, which can educate, enlighten & show the ultimate path of healing..."

Condolences from the indus-

He was a thorough gentleman. He had invited me to his place where he ran his trust near Doraha, Ludhiana, But I regret that I couldn't pay him a visit. This is my biggest regret and loss. — Nirmal Rishi, actress

I had worked with him for the first time in Train to Pakistan. Besides that, we have had shared stage in several occasions. I will always remember him for being true to Punjabiyat and working in propagating the same through his works till his last breath. A true gentleman, he lived by his principles. It also makes me wonder how everybody shows interest in a man after his death but would

never make an effort to know and talk when he/she is living. He has worked all his life but he was not a person to boast about his works, but that would never take away his efforts to silently work for the progress of Punjabi cinema and culture. It's indeed a great loss to the industry and the state. He had such a helping nature that he reached out to me to share notes on the subject that I was working on for Doordarshan, a show on Mahraja Ranjeet Singh, created by Raj Babbar. —Dolly Ahluwalia, actress & costume designer

My condolences for the family and fans! It's really sad news. Although I never worked with him but I met him many times in the same circle of industry friends. He was a senior and a great man to look up to, who had given memorable performances in television and film projects. He was a man with a good heart, always warm towards others. I never heard him speaking ill of anyone. - Mukesh Rishi, actor and producer

"With Mangal ji I did my second film called Train to Pakistan. I still remember his most favourite line would be, 'Sannu ki te tuhanu ki' which I ended up picking up from him. I think those words also sum up Mangal ji's attitude towards life which is. 'be bindaas and take life in its stride'. He was an amzing actor with a great voice. May he rest in peace." - Divya Dutta, actress

## Shakira drops hint of dating F1 racer **Lewis Hamilton**



Shakira has reignited dating rumours. She is reportedly dating Formula 1 racing driver Lewis Hamilton after the pair was spotted look-

ing rather cozy for the second time in a week. The Hips Don't Lie singer, who split from her footballer ex Gerard Pique in June last year,

attended the Spanish Grand Prix in Barcelona, which saw former world champion Lewis finish runner-up.

Later in the day, they were spotted stepping out for a meal together, which was reported as a one-off meeting of friends in some quarters. However, fast forward a few days and the duo was at it again - this time with Lewis snapped picking the Colombian beauty up in a speedboat from her home in Miami, Florida. Although a third-party was present in the form of Lewis' pal, Miles Chamley-Watson, speculation is now growing that the two high-profile celebs are romantically involved.

A source said they were "growing closer". "They're spending time together and in the 'getting to know you' stage. It's fun and flirty,' the source explained. Seven-time champion Lewis, 38, could have some competition on his hands though as speculation has also been rife surrounding the songstress' friendship with actor Tom Cruise.

#### Wamiqa Gabbi talks about her body transformation post Jubilee

Wamiqa Gabbi lost a tremendous amount of weight during the promotion of the Jubilee. In the series, she plays the role of an actress in her 40s and 50s. To look the part she had to put on some weight but later she went on a weightloss journey.

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

In Jubilee, Wamiqa



Niloufer Qureshi, a yesteryear actress. The series starred Prosenjit Chatterjee, Apar-

Rao Hydari, and Ram Kapoor among others. The series was created and directed by Vikra-

## Kangana Ranaut talks about her fight with Hrithik Roshan, 'fake blind items' against Sushant Singh Rajput's death

In yet another attack on Bollywood, Kangana Ranaut has made some indirect allegations against two Bollywood celebrities she chose not to name. Earlier, she criticised the casting of Nitesh Tiwari's upcoming film 'Ramayana'. Now, calling it a follow up to that story, she took to Instagram to talk about 'the fall of Bollywood' and how she feels empowered to voice her opinion because of the growing popularity of social media.

Kangana shared a long note in the stories section of Instagram where she wrote. "Elaborating more on yesterday's stories there are all kinds of menaces in

worse is this Durvodhan (white rat) and Shakuni (papa jo) Jodi. They self admittedly call themselves most gossipy, jealous, bitchy and insecure, they refer to themselves as the information and broadcast-

films.' Although she did not name anyone in the story, she brought up

ing ministry of gossip in

death. She also opened up on her fight with Hrithik Roshan and who played 'referees' in it. She continued, "Entire film industry knows this, they were the main suspects behind all fake blind items against Sushant Singh Rajput. That pushed him to commit suicide. They also spread all

kinds of nasty rumours

against me and forc-

ibly played referees in mine and HR fight. Post that their interference in my life and career has been beyond harassing. Since they are bankrupt and media has died a slow death as of now SM is the only media. now the only source of news are celebrities own

accounts (sic)." According to her, Bollywood has faced a great fall and its now that the industry is collectively rising as one Indian film industry. "With this new change in the society my voice is more audible, otherwise I said the same things for years but they echoed back like I was captured in a soundproof dark chamber, no media carried what I said and they spent huge amounts of money in twisting my words and using them against me.... But then great fall of Bollywood happened, empires crashed.... Here we are now looking at the rise of new collective Indian film industry which will be built on the pillars of democracy, equality and true merit... Thanks (sic)," she concluded.

#### played the role of shakti Khurana, Aditi maditya Motwane. the film industry but the Sushant Singh Raiput's After Hydrabad schedule, Mrunal Thakur heads to Coonoor for '#Nani30'

Actress Mrunal Thakur, who is known for films like 'Sita Ramam', 'Dhamaka', 'Toofaan' and others, recently concluded the Hyderabad schedule of her highly anticipated upcoming film, tentatively titled '#Nani30', in which she will share the screen with Nani. The actress will now soon head to Coonoor for the next schedule of the film.

She also shared a candid and fun moment from the film's shoot post the Mumbai schedule wrap-up. The picture captures Mrunal alongside Nani, and her dedicated team behind

Speaking about her memories made during the schedule, Mrunal said: "Working on a#Nani30' has been an absolute joy. We had a blast shooting in Mumbai, and I am excited to be part of the film. The energy on set was infectious and the entire cast/crew had a great time shooting so far. We will soon be heading to Coonoor soon and doing another schedule soon there." She also spoke about how South cinema and Hindi cinema are similar except for trivial differences in their func-



The actress said: "I personally feel cinema is cinema and much like we are a huge diverse country, cinema in India too is made of many different parts. I have been fortunate to now have worked in Hindi and the south. Yes at the periphery, there are some small differences, but the art remains constant. There are trivial differences maybe like shooting schedules and duration of shoots, like for example south films have a longer schedule as there's a lot of detailing that happens." "Similarly the aspect of storytelling has its own nuances in each industry, like there's a lingering common theme of human drama in a lot of south films while Hindi films focus a lot on emotions, etc. And they individually make for great storytelling platforms.

At the end of the day, a film set is the same everywhere we go. I worked on 'Love Sonia' in my debut with major talent from the west, and barring maybe small differences, a movie set is a movie set and telling stories through cinema is universal," she added.

## Ellen Pompeo says she's no 'stamina' to binge on Grey's **Anatomy with daughter**



Grey's Anatomy actress Ellen Pompeo is having a hard time

getting through all 19 seasons of her show. The actress recently

chatted with her Grey's Anatomy co-star Katherine Heigl about their respective experiences on the show and shared whether either of their kids have watched the series.

"Everyone in her class in sixth grade had (watched the show)," Pompeo said of daughter Stella, 12, "which I thought was a bit crazy, knowing what's in the first seasons. She was like, 'Mom, I'm the only one who hasn't seen it.' She further mentioned, "So, I said OK. In the summer, she started watching it. And at first, I was like, 'Oh, this is so amazing, and we're going to watch it together.' Then it was episode after episode after episode, and I was like, 'I don't have the stamina for this. I filmed all these episodes; I can't now go back and watch it."

## **Democratisation of technology important tool to** help bridge data divide: PM Modi

Was speaking to G20 development ministers through a video address

NEW DELHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday pitched for democratisation of technology to bridge the data divide, and told G20 delegates that India is willing to share its experience with partner countries as digitalisation has brought about a revolutionary change here.

Speaking to G20 development ministers through a video address, Modi also batted for reforms in multilateral financial institutions to expand their eligibility criteria to ensure that finance is accessible to those

He underlined the growing data divide and said high quality data are critical to meaningful policy-making and efficient public delivery.

"In India digitalisation has brought about a revolutionary change. Technology is being used as a tool to empower



people," he said.

Modi spoke about his government's work to boost development in over 100 aspirational districts, a reference to underdeveloped areas.

Experience has shown that these districts have emerged as a catalyst for the country's growth and urged the delegates to study the model as they may

find it relevant.

Noting that development is a core issue for the Global South, he said these countries were severely impacted by the disruptions created by the global Covid pandemic.

And, the food, fuel, and fertiliser crises because of geopolitical tensions had delivered another blow, he added.

"In such circumstances, the decisions you make carry great significance for humanity as a whole. I strongly believe that it is our collective responsibility not to let the Sustainable Development Goals fall behind. We must ensure that no one is left behind. It is imperative for this group to send a strong message to the world that we have an action plan to achieve this," he said.

Describing Varanasi, where the meeting is taking place, as the oldest living city of the mother of democracy, the prime minister said it is a fitting location for the G20 development ministers' meeting.

"Kashi has been a centre of knowledge, discussion, debate, culture, and spirituality for centuries. It has the essence of India's diverse heritage and serves as a convergence point for people from all parts of the country," he said.

## **AAP's politics solely** dependent on educating children: Arvind Kejriwal



NEW DELHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): Neither the BJP nor the Congress talked about education during their respective tenures in Delhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Monday, while asserting that his government's politics is solely dependent on educating

He made the remarks at the inauguration of the new building of a government school in west Delhi's Uttam Nagar.

"This school was constructed in 1985. The governments of (BJP and Congress) came to power. But education was not on their agenda.

"Neither the BJP nor the Congress spoke about providing education. But our politics is dependent on education,' the chief minister said.

He said his government is just the "means to educate children", adding "probably God was waiting for the AAP to come to power and improve the condition of schools".

"Earlier, girls used to have this feeling that they were going to government schools while their brothers studied in private schools. But now the government schools in Delhi are providing good education. Some more government buildings are left to be renovated," he said.

Speaking about the challenges ahead, Kejriwal said since the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is in power in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), it wants to improve the condition of 1,800 schools of the civic body.

"We want that the students get good education from class 1 onwards. We will also improve the MCD schools in the next five years," he added.

## 6 of family killed in Andhra Pradesh road mishap

RAJAMAHENDRA-VARAM, Jun 12 (Agencies): Six people were killed when the car in which they were travelling hit a lorry on the highway in the wee hours of Monday in East Godavari district, police

The mishap took place at Nallacharla village when the car veered off the highway and hit the lorry parked on the road margin, East Godavari SP Ch Sudheer Kumar Reddy said

The six people who



died belonged to the same family, police said. The deceased include two women and a child.

The occupants of the car were on their way from Vijayawada to Rajamahendravaram, police said.

The bodies have been shifted to hospital for post-mortem.

Police said further investigations were on.

## Jaishankar flags supply chain disruptions, prolonged debt crisis as key challenges facing world

VARANASI, Jun 12 (Agencies): The prospects of a global economic recovery remain dim amid supply chain disruptions, prolonged debt crisis and pressures on energy, food and fertiliser security, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday, calling for a united global approach to deal with the challenges.

In an address at the G20 Development Ministers' conclave here, he said India has put forward an ambitious seven-year action plan

lot of double and triple-

engine governments,

but people of Himachal

and Karnataka have

given a befitting reply in

"Double engine gov-

ernment" is a term used

by the BJP to claim

the polls.



for accelerating progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that presented an integrated and inclusive roadmap for G20

The roadmap focuses

on digital public infrastructure and fostering data for development, investing in womenled development and energy transition to pro-

tect the planet. "The world today faces unprecedented and multiple crises -- from the pandemics to the disruptions in supply chains, from the impact of conflict to climate events, our era is

"Added to this is the stubborn inflation, rising interest rates and shrinking fiscal space for many nations. As always in such times, the weak and vulnerable bear the

becoming more volatile

and uncertain by the

day," Jaishankar said.

brunt," he said. The external affairs minister said progress towards the SDGs was

already falling short before the Covid-19 pandemic and that it has further been exacerbated.

"Prospects of a global economic recovery remain dim amid supply chain disruptions, prolonged debt crisis and pressures on energy, food and fertiliser security," he said.

Jaishankar said the development ministerial meeting of the G20 is an opportunity for "us to demonstrate solidarity on these development

## '21 jobs, 225 scams': Priyanka kickstarts Congress' poll campaign in MP, slams BJP govt

The Congress leader said the Chouhan government had not even spared gods, referring to winds on May 28 damaging six idols in the Ujjain's Mahakal Lok corridor.

JABALPUR, Jun 12 only 21 government jobs (Agencies): Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Monday kickstarted her party's campaign for the year-end Assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh with a rally in Jabalpur where she accused the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government of being mired in corruption and failing to provide jobs.

She cited alleged corruption in Vyapam and ration distribution and said 225 "scams" had taken place in the 220 months of Bharatiya Janata Party rule in the

"In the last three years,

were provided in the state by the BJP government.

When this figure was brought to my notice, I got it checked three times from my office and found it is a fact," she said. Gandhi said the Chou-

han government had not even spared gods, referring to winds on May 28 damaging six idols in the Ujjain's Mahakal Lok corridor, the first phase of which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October last year.

The 900-metre corridor at the renowned



Mahakaleshwar Temple is being built at a cost of Rs 856 crore and the first phase expenditure is Rs 351 crore.

Mocking the BJP's "double-engine government" poll talk, Gandhi said. "We have seen a state and Centre was beneficial to people in terms of development. Taking a jibe at Con-

gressman-turned-BJP leader and Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Gandhi, without taking his name, said some leaders in Madhya Pradesh had abandoned the party's ideology for the sake of power.

sation of the party in the

MLAs loyal to Scindia had guit the Congress in March 2020, bringing down the Kamal Nath government and paving the way for Chouhan to return to power.

#### 2 feared dead, 8 rescued as fire breaks out in Ghaziabad building



GHAZIABAD, Jun 12 (Agencies): Two women were feared killed in a fire that broke out at a multi-storey building here in Uttar Pradesh on Monday morning, an official said.

The incident was reported from Lal Bagh colony of Ghaziabad district's Loni area at 6.52 am, Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Rahul Pal said, adding that the building houses a tent and catering service.

"They (the women) were taken to a hospital and have possibly died," he said, adding that besides them there were eight others in the building and they had been rescued.

Teams were rushed to the site and two fire tenders from Tronica City and one from Sahibabad were sent, Pal said. "There was a major fire in the building's ground floor where works related to the tent house business were done,"

"There were eight persons trapped in the upper part of the building. They were rescued by breaking a wall after firefighters reached them using an external stair. When the building was further checked, a woman was found injured on the first floor and another on the second floor. They were taken to a hospital and have possibly died," the officer said.

On the cause of the fire, Pal said it seems it broke out after a short circuit in the building's ground floor. There was no one present in the ground floor during the time of the incident, he

Pal said a firefighter was injured in the rescue operation when an iron gate fell.

## **Assam BJP woman** leader killed, body found near NH in Goalpara



GOALPARA (ASSAM), Jun 12 (Agencies): A woman BJP leader was allegedly killed by unidentified persons and her body dumped on National Highway 17 in Assam's Goalpara district on Monday, police said.

The body of district BJP secretary Jonali Nath was found on the national highway in Salpara area under Krishnai police station limits of the district.

Police, which sent her body to Goalpara Civil Hospital for autopsy, suspect that she was killed somewhere else and her body dumped.

## **Farmers demanding MSP for** sunflower block Delhi-Chandigarh highway in Kurukshetra

KURUKSHETRA, Jun 12 (Agencies): Farmers demanding MSP for sunflower blocked the NH44 near Pipli here on Monday.

Farmers had threatened to launch an agitation and hit the roads if the procurement of sunflower was not ensured at MSP.

Farmer leaders from Haryana, Punjab, UP and other neighbouring states gathered at Pipli grain market in Kurukshetra for the 'MSP Dilao, Kisan Bachao mahapanchayat to press their demand of MSP for sunflower.

Wrestler Bajrang Punia and farmer leader Rakesh Tikait attended the mahapanchayat.

Tikait said the government should release the farmer leaders who were arrested for blocking



the national highway and ensure procurement at MSP, or demonstrations would be held across the

Farmer leader Suresh Koth said

the administration had sought an hour for discussion. If their demands were not met, the farmers would announce their next move, he added.

#### **Madhya Pradesh** woman demands Rs 6 crore alimony from husband, booked for intimidation

INDORE, Jun 12 (Agencies): Madhya Pradesh Police have registered a case of criminal intimidation against a woman who had allegedly demanded alimony of Rs 6 crore from her husband.

According to a police officer, the man had lodged a complaint against his wife, claiming that she was threatening him. "A divorce case is going on between the two," the

officer added. DCP Rajesh Singh from Bhanwarkuan police station said, "Ram Rajput, who lives in Bhanwarkuan police station area, had lodged a complaint that his wife who lives in Lalitpur was threatening him demanding Rs 6 crore in alimony." "A divorce case is

going on between the two.

On the basis of the complaint, a case was registered against the wife under Sections 384, 507 and 509 of the IPC."

## 10 dead, 25 injured in Australian wine country bus crash: police

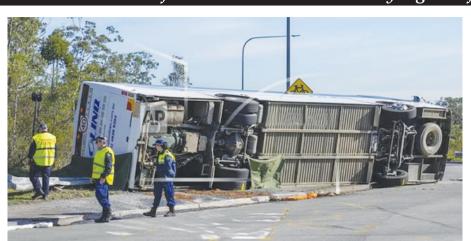
The crash happened just after 11.30 pm in foggy conditions at a roundabout on Wine Country Drive in the town of Greta in the Hunter Valley region of Sydney.

SYDNEY, Jun 12 (Agencies): Ten people have died and 25 more have been injured after a bus crash in Australia's Hunter wine region north of Sydney, police said Monday.

The 58-year-old driver was arrested and being held at a Cessnock police station and will be charged, Police Assistant Commissioner Tracy Chapman said. She would not detail the allegations, including whether speed was a factor, but told reporters "There is sufficient information for us to establish that there will be charges.

The crash happened just after 11:30 p.m. Sunday in foggy conditions at a roundabout on Wine Country Drive in the town of Greta in the Hunter Valley region of New South Wales state north of Sydney.

The guests had earlier attended a wedding



at the Wandin Estate Winery and were heading for their accommodation in the town of Singleton, Chapman said. One guest told Seven News it had been a nice day and a fairytale wedding.

A motorist who drove past the crash scene, identified by Australian Broadcasting Corp. only as Alison, said the fog was so heavy she could not make out the colours of the flashing lights of police cars, ambulances and fire trucks.

"The fog was terrible," she told the ABC. "It was super foggy. You could barely see in front of you."

Of the 25 people injured, 21 remained in hospitals late Monday morning and one was in critical condition, the state government said. The conditions of the others were described as stable. Another 18 passengers were unin-

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese thanked first responders and offered government support to victims and their families, saying the "mental scars of this will not go away."

"For a joyous day like that, in a beautiful place, to end with such terrible loss of life and injury is so cruel and so sad and so unfair," Albanese told reporters.

"People hire a bus for weddings in order to

keep their guests safe. And that just adds to the unimaginable nature of this tragedy," Albanese added.

Jay Suvaal, the mayor of Cessnock, said the crash was "truly horrific."

"We are a major wedding and tourist destination in the Hunter Valley, and so there will be people from all over the state and the country that have been to these areas and have probably done similar things," he said. "I think it will send shock waves right through the broader community."

Greta is in the heart of the Hunter Valley wine region, a picturesque area dotted with vineyards and restaurants. It was the first wine region established in Australia.

The wedding was in the middle of a long weekend, with Monday a public holiday across most Australian states.

## **New Zealand PM To Visit China At End of June**



WELLINGTON, Jun 12 (Agencies): New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins said on Monday he will visit China at the end of this month at the head of a trade delegation.

China is New Zealand largest trading partner with New Zealand's exports there worth more than NZ\$20 billion a year. Unlike Australia. New Zealand has not faced Chinese trade barriers in connection with various disputes in recent years.

The New Zealand delegation would include representatives of a wide range of sectors

including dairy, tourism, education and gaming, Hipkins told a weekly media conference.

"The relationship with China is one of New Zealand's most significant, wide-ranging and complex," Hipkins said.

New Zealand, part of the Five Eves intelligence and security alliance that includes Australia, Britain, Canada and the United States. has historically taken a more conciliatory approach towards China than its allies

However, New Zealand has increasingly raised concerns about China, in part over the

possible militarization in the Pacific, where China has been extending its influence.

When New Zealand Foreign Minister Nanaia Mahuta visited China in March she raised concerns about the South China Sea, tension in the Taiwan Strait as well as the human rights situation in the west Chinese region of Xinjiang, and the erosion of rights and freedoms in Hong

Hipkins said New Zealand prided itself on its relationship with China being stable and consistent.

"That means where we have human rights concerns around trade or any other foreign policy issue," he said.

This will be Hipkins first visit to China since he became leader in January when former Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern stood down. He travelled to Papua New Guinea this year for a U.S.-Pacific Summit.

## Kim Jong Un vows to 'hold hands' with Russia for shared aim of 'strong nation'

SEOUL, Jun 12 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un expressed his intention to "hold hands" with Russian President Vladimir Putin in order to strengthen strategic cooperation with Russia and achieve their shared objective of constructing a strong nation.

Kim's message to Putin on Russia's National Day defended his decision to invade Ukraine and showed unwavering "full support and solidarity". In the message published by the Korean state media KCNA, Kim affirmed his belief that "justice is sure to win," expressing



confidence in the Russian people's ability to continue adding glory to their history of triumph. He called for "closer

strategic cooperation" with Moscow and emphasized the importance of firmly "holding hands" with the Russian president, in line with the mutual aspirations of the two nations' peoples to accomplish the grand goal of building a powerful country.

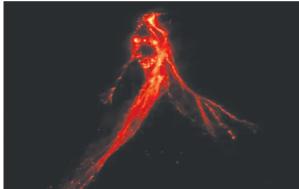
North Korea has actively pursued closer relations with Russia and has aligned itself with Moscow following its invasion of Ukraine, attributing this support to its condemnation of the "hegemonic policy" and "high-handedness" of the United States and the Western powers.

#### Philippines on alert as Mayon Volcano spews lava in gentle eruption, thousands evacuated safe distance away.

LEGAZPI, Jun 12 (Agencies): The Philippines' most active volcano was gently spewing lava down its slopes Monday, alerting tens of thousands of people they may have to quickly flee a violent and lifethreatening explosion.

More than 12,600 people have left the mostly poor farming communities within a 6-kilometer (3.7-mile) radius of Mayon Volcano's crater in mandatory evacuations since volcanic activity increased last week. But thousands more remain within the permanent danger zone below Mayon, an area long declared off-limits to people but where generations have lived and farmed because they have nowhere else to go.

With the volcano beginning to expel lava Sunday night, the highrisk zone around Mayon may be expanded should the eruption turn violent. said Teresito Bacolcol, director of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. Bacolcol said if that happens, people in any expanded



danger zone should be prepared to evacuate to emergency shelters. "What we are seeing now is an effusive eruption." Bacolcol told The Associated Press. "We are looking at this on a day-to-day basis."

From a distance, Associated Press journalists watched lava flow down the volcano's southeastern gullies for hours Sunday night. People hurriedly stepped out of restaurants and bars in a seaside district of Legazpi, the capital of northeastern Albay province about 14 kilometers (8.5 miles) from Mayon, many of them snapping pictures of the volcano that's a popular tourist draw known for its picturesque conical shape. Albay was placed

under a state of emer-

gency Friday to allow for quicker distribution of any disaster relief funds in the event of a major eruption.

The volcano had been raised to alert level three on a five-step system Thursday, warning that the volcano was in a state of high unrest and a hazardous eruption is possible in weeks or

With lava flowing down from the volcano gently, Bacolcol said the alert level would stay at three but it could be moved up higher if the eruption turns perilous.

The highest alert, level five, would mean a violent and life-threatening eruption is underway with ash plumes shooting into the sky and superheated pyroclastic streams endangering

Canada's Opposition leader supports Indian

more communities at Mayon's lush foothills.

Mayon is one of 24 active volcanoes in the Philippines. It last erupted violently in 2018. displacing tens of thousands of villagers. In 1814, Mayon's eruption buried entire villages and reportedly left more than 1,000 people dead.

Many of Albay's people, however, have accepted the volcano's sporadic fury as part of their lives.

On Sunday morning, throngs of people jogged, biked and walked their dogs in a seaside promenade in Legazpi. The 2,462meter (8,077-foot) volcano lay hidden in thick clouds at a distance.

Some locals have grown wealthy from the tourism industry that has sprung from Mayon or the gravel, sand and ornamental rocks and boulders found around the volcano in abundance.

Inside the permanent danger zone, authorities and villagers on Sunday were moving cows and water buffaloes from the high-risk farms to temporary grazing areas a "It's not only people

that should be brought to safety but their farm animals, too," Albay provincial veterinarian Manny Victorino told AP. He said authorities were taking steps to avoid a deeper economic impact should the volcano erupt.

They gave deworming medicine and vitamins and punched identifying tags onto the ears of several cows and buffaloes for better monitoring.

The cattle evacuations underscore how wide the potential threats are from natural disasters in the Philippines.

The archipelago is lashed by about 20 typhoons and tropical storms a year and is located on the socalled Pacific "Ring of Fire," the rim of seismic faults where most of the world's earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur.

In 1991, Mount Pinatubo north of Manila blew its top in one of the biggest volcanic eruptions of the 20th century, killing hundreds.

### **Hearing For Shinzo Abe Murder Suspect Cancelled Over Unsure Object: Report**

TOKYO. Jun 12 (Agencies): A pretrial hearing for the man accused of killing Japan's former prime minister Shinzo Abe was cancelled Monday after a suspicious object was delivered to the court, local media said.

Nara District Court could not immediately confirm the reports by outlets including public broadcaster NHK, with TV footage showing people gathered outside the evacuated building in western Japan.

The suspicious item was reportedly a roughly square-shaped cardboard box about 33 centimetres (13 inches) long, sealed with adhesive tape, which set off a metal detector.

Tetsuya Yamagami had been due to appear on Monday afternoon for a hearing over Abe's broad-daylight assassination that shocked the

world in July last year. The 42-year-old faces charges of murder and violation of arms control laws, and could face the death penalty if convict-

He reportedly targeted Abe -- Japan's best-known politician

and longest-serving prime minister -- over his ties to the Unification Church, the global sect whose members are sometimes referred to as "Moonies"

Yamagami is believed to have resented the church over large donations his mother made that bankrupted his family.

Abe was shot with an apparently homemade gun while speaking at a campaign event in Nara on July 8.

The circumstances of the assassination have ignited scrutiny of what authorities admitted were security shortcomings, and led to the resignation of Japan's police chief.

Before the cancelled hearing, Yamagami underwent a psychiatric assessment which ended in January.

He had spent three years in the navy following a childhood reportedly marred by his father's suicide and his mother's alleged neglect and devotion to church activities

Details of his upbringing have stoked anger in Japan against the Unification Church and

garnered Yamagami sympathy, with supporters showing support for him through donations and a petition calling for leniency.

The Unification Church was founded in Korea in the 1950s by self-styled messiah Sun Myung

In a letter published by Japanese media, Yamagami accused Abe of supporting the sect and expressed resentment towards the group.

The church has confirmed his mother's membership but refused to specify the amount of donations she made, which reports said may have totalled around 100 million yen (\$700,000).

Less than a year after Abe's death, in April, a man hurled an explosive device towards Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida shortly before he was due to deliver a campaign speech in the city of Wakayama.

The leader escaped unharmed, but the fact that an assailant was able to throw the device at such close range prompted renewed criticism of security arrangements in Japan.

OTTAWA, Jun 12 (Agencies): Canadian Opposition leader Pierre Poilievre has come out in support of Indian students facing deportation from Canada and put the blame on Prime

Minister Justin Trudeau for it. Urging the government to stop the deportations, he urged the government to "prosecute fraudsters" and "let honest students stay and work and contribute to Canada."

"The Trudeau government failed to protect international students from crooked scam artists. Now, Trudeau is punishing the victims by deporting the students--even those that acted in good faith & have been working & paying taxes here for years. Prosecute fraudsters. Stop the deportations. Let honest students stay, work & contribute to Canada," Poilievre, the leader of the official Opposition in Canada wrote

Poilievre also posted pictures from his meeting with families

of students facing deportation. A section of Indian students in Canada have been threatened with deportation for allegedly submitting fraudulent admission letters and the actual number is much less than the 700 being

reported in the media. India has been raising the issue concerning Indian students facing deportation in Canada with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also taking up the matter with his Canadian counterpart, sources said and noted that Canadian authorities have been repeatedly urged to be fair since the students were not at fault.

Jaishankar on June 8 while addressing a press conference in New Delhi had said that India will continue to press the case of Indian students stating that is unfair to punish a student who undertook their education in good faith and action should be taken against the culpable parties who misled them.

"For some time now, there is

students facing deportation this case of students, who the Canadians say, did not study in the college in which they should have and when they applied for a work permit, they got into difficulties. From the very start, we have taken up this case and our point is, the students studied in good faith. If there were people who misled them, the culpable parties should be acted against. It is unfair to punish a student who undertook their education in good faith," Jaishankar told reporters.

According to sources, some Indian students in Canada have been threatened with deportation for allegedly submitting fraudulent admission letters and while according to some media reports some 700 students are protesting their deportation, the actual number is much less than that being reported.

Most of these students had gone to Canada during 2017-2019. After completing their studies, some of them obtained work permits, while others continue to study in Canada.

Sources said it was also pointed out that there were gaps in the Canadian system and a lack of diligence, owing to which the students were granted visas and also allowed to enter Canada. Since then, Canadian parliamentarians across political parties have spoken in support of the students, sources added.

Immigration Minister Sean Frasier has indicated that Canada is actively pursuing a solution for international students who are facing uncertainty. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has acknowledged the need for fair treatment of students.

Punjab NRI Affairs Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal also on Friday wrote letters to the Indian High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma and Canada High Commissioner to India Cameron Mackay to solve the issue of 700 students who are facing deportation from Canada.

## **UIET, Kathua Campus JU organizes Maiden Blood Donation Camp**

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

KATHUA, Jun 12: University Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organized a Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with the Work for Blood Donor Society (WBDS), J&K for thalassemia child patients in the run-up to International Blood Donation Day. The WBDS team devotedly worked under the guidance of Mr. Akhil Sharma, founder (WBDS. After proper donor screening and medical examination of all the voluntary donors, students, faculty members, and civilians of Kathua donated blood for the noble cause.

Accentuating the importance of blood donation, Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu said that blood donation is the opportunity to gift somebody with new life and every healthy person should donate blood with full willingness as it is for the well being of every



human being. She talked about the virtues of regular, voluntary and unpaid blood donations and also highlighted the commitment of Kathua Campus (JU) to creating a conducive environment. She further added that an adequate amount of blood is required every day in all the health care institutions to meet the requirements of the patients in need of blood. Further, she reiterated that such programmes encourage and motivate civil society in general and students in particular. She administered the blood donation pledge and also praised the team at WBDS for helping the children suffering from thalassemia.

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Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Sandeep Raj, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Er Rakshit Khajuria, Er. Sarvadaman Sharma, Er. Komal Khadotra, Er. Rajan Verma, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Rubby Mahajan, Er. Palvi Verma, Er. Archana Salaria, Er. Himani Khajuria, Ms. Ritu Sharma, Ms. Ritika Gupta, Er. Vishawjeet Singh, Er. Arooshi Mahajan, Er. Sourav Gupta, Er. Shivani Sharma, Er. Vedika Khullar, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Mr. Pranav Ratta, Dr. Zahin Ansari and Ms. Avni Sharma contributed for the Blood Donation

#### Verma delivered vote of thanks and Er. Komal Khadotra coordinated the whole programme. Yhe members of WBDS including Mr. Rajinder Singh, Mr. Bhuvan Balloria and Koushal Rajput along with Dr. Tasir and his team from

group of UIET students

performed a skit empha-

Camp.

## Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha felicitates **Apni Party' OBC Wing Coordinator**

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jun 12: Apni Party Coordinator OBC Wing Bhagat Ram was today felicitated by the Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha.

The Pardesh Vishwakarma Sabha organized an impressive function here at its head office Vishwakarma Mandir, Gurha Morh, Bakshi Nagar under the presidentship of president of the Sabha Shashi Verma.

During the function, the Sabha members felicitated Bhagat Ram for his contribution to the society especially OBC community in J&K. In his address, Bhagat

Ram thanked the orga-

nizers for their honour demand of 27 % reserand acknowledgement of his dedicated work towards the society in Kashmir. general and OBC com-

munity in particular. He said that the OBC community was exploited politically as a vote bank by the traditional political parties and their long standing vation was not implemented in Jammu and

"Across the country, the OBC Community is enjoying a 27% reservation quota but J&K Govts in the past ignored granting them their constitutional right," he said, and added that Apni Party is committed to fulfill the demands of the people as per their aspiration.

Bhagat Ram was accompanied Pawan, Aman, Dharampal, Gopal Krishan, Jeet Kumar, Ravi Kumar, Kailash, Rishu, Jinder, Happy, Anil, Shanu and Bishan.

## contesting elections: Chandel

EC should ban criminals from



**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jun 12: Hinduist Sanatani leader Raju Chandel said that the way every other person in politics is hollowing out the country by sitting in the Parliament Assembly after getting tickets from criminal, naxalite terrorist political parties, the constitution of the country is completely

ashamed. In a statement issued here today, Chandel went to the Election Commission and

demanded that any political party involved in serious cases should completely abolish the right to contest elections, where should any political person involved in serious crimes be allowed to contest elections. But immediately impose restrictions so that we can give clean politics, law and order and environment to the society in the country, Parliament and Legislative Council.

"Election Commission should ban politicians having criminal background from contesting elections with immediate effect, by doing this the environment of the country will be clean and there will be no religious riots, no scams and the country will progress," he said.

#### **BJP Govt harassing students** on name of CUET: Dimple



**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jun 12: Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir today staged protest against the government for creating hurdles in the studies and admissions process in the colleges of Jammu and Kashmir.

Led by Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, the protesters assembled near new Plot area and staged a strong protest and burnt the effigies of CUET and J&K Govt.

Addressing the protestors, Dimple said that the poor families of far flung areas can't afford to send their children outside J&K. He alleged the BJP government at the Centre wants to stop the education of the youths. He warned government to stop harassing students failing which they will come on roads.

Among those who joined the protest include Ashok Sharma, Nitin Saini, Sat Sharma, Sachin Soi, Rupesh Bhat, Bunty, Arjun Anand, Om Parkash, Ashok Sharma and many others.

## Awareness programme on 'Cyber Jaagrookta' held at SMVDU

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

KATRA, Jun 12: An awareness programme on "Cyber Jaagrookta" was conducted in the nearby villages of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, by School of Electronics and Com-

munication Engineering. The team visited Chak

Bhagta, Sirah, and Dheerti for this awareness programme. The key objective of the programme was to spread awareness and possible safety measures against cyber-fraud.

The programme coordinator, Dr. Sachin Kumar Gupta, Faculty, SoECE, SMVDU told the reasons and causes of cyber fraud. The workshop coordinator, Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma. Faculty, SoECE, SMVDU, focused on the importance of such events for the benefit of society in the context of the rapid growth of

all healthy people to

donate regularly so that

blood banks have suf-

ficient units available

in case of emergen-

cies. He further said the

blood donation camp

was organised to create

awareness among fac-

ulty members and stu-

dents on campus. On

the occasion, Shiwangi

Rajwal (B.Tech, Civil)

and Anamika Sharma

(B.Tech, CSE) recited

the poems whereas Nis-

hant Manhas (B.Tech,

CSE) gave a detailed

presentation on the ben-

efits of donating blood. A

online activities. Dr. Sumeet Gupta,

Faculty, SoECE, SMVDU, suggested the genuine use of the mobile phone.

The programme coordinators provided a thorough understanding of cyber-crime in respect of the social responsibility of the University and as per the initiative of the Government of India.

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Rajkot, Junagarh and Morbi districts of

"The intensity of rain would increase with heavy to very heavy rain at a few places and extremely heavy falls at isolated places over Kutch, Dwarka and Jamnagar and heavy to very heavy rain at a few places over Porbandar, Rajkot, Morbi and Junagarh districts of Gujarat on Thursday," said an IMD official.

"Isolated heavy rain is likely over remaining districts of Saurashtra and north Gujarat region on Thursday, while light to moderate rain at most places with heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places over north Gujarat and adjoining south Rajasthan on Friday." On Sunday, the IMD had also predicted that the heatwave is likely to persist in isolated pockets over Bihar, Jharkhand and coastal Andhra Pradesh during the next five days.

Further, heatwave conditions are also expected to prevail over south Haryana-Delhi, south Uttar Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha from Sunday to Tuesday and over sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh and Telangana on

Amid the 'severe' Biparjoy cyclone alert in Gujarat, officials at Deendayal Port Authority in Kandla in Gujarat's Kutch have started shifting people from low-lying areas to temporary shelters. They have been asked to be on alert.

Om Prakash, the Public Relations Officer of Deendayal Port Authority, in Kandla said, "Six ships left the port on Monday and 11 more would depart on Tuesday. Port officials and ship owners have been asked to remain alert. Those staying in low-lying areas of Kandla are being moved to temporary shelters in Gandhidham."

#### **Vimarsh Aryan calls on LG Manoj Sinha**

tourism potential of J&K UT and invest-

#### **UPSC** declares result of **Civil Services Preliminary Exam, 14,624** candidates qualify

examination, 2023, will be uploaded on the commission's website i.e. https://upsc. gov.in only after the entire process of the civil services examination, 2023, is over i.e. after the declaration of final result," the UPSC said.

The commission has a facilitation counter near the examination hall building on its premises at Dholpur House on the Shahjahan Road here.

Candidates can get information or clarification regarding their result on all working days between 10 am to 5 am in-person or by calling the telephone numbers 011-23385271, 011-23098543 or 011-23381125 from the counter.

#### **Nearly 29 CCTV** cameras, 4 body scanners to be installed at Amarnath base camp as security measure

The Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu serves as the main base camp for pilgrims from across the country before they leave for Kashmir to pay obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine

The pilgrimage is scheduled to commence from the twin tracks on July 1.

According to officials, the Yatri Niwas will have nearly 29 CCTV cameras installed in and around the area with two big 360degree cameras.

These cameras will monitor the entire area round the clock through an electronic eye, they said, adding that four body scanners will also be deployed at the site.

The Yatri Niwas based at Jammu's Bhagwatinagar area will also have close-circuited fire hydrant systems in all the buildings and setups of the basecamp besides an air-conditioned community kitchen halls for the first time.

The repair, renovation, and facelifting work is also going on here at a fast pace to ensure that the basecamp is ready before June 20.

"The work on the repair and renovation of the Yatri Niwas is going on smoothly. The facelifting is going at a fast pace. We expect that Yatri Niwas will be ready by June 20", an officer said.

He said this time facilities have been further improved with the introduction of close-circuited fire hydrants and air conditions eating halls.

"We have installed six ACs each to make two eating halls fully air-conditioned so that pilgrims get better facilities. We have also installed close circuited fire hydrant systems," he said.

The first batch of pilgrims is expected to leave the Jammu base camp one day prior to the start of the yatra on July 1.

#### Rain predicted in J&K from Tuesday

be "partly to generally cloudy." "Light rain/ thunderstorm was expected at scattered places of Jammu & Kashmir," he said, adding, "Some places in Jammu region are likely to receive moderate to heavy thundershower during June 14-15th (60% chance)," he said.

Regarding the temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 14.6°C against 16.6°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.3°C for the summer

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 11.6°C against 14.8°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.3°C for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 7.2°C against 10.3°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C below normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 13.7°C against 16.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C above normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 12.4°C against 14.6°C on the previous night and it was 0.3°C above normal for the place,

the officials said. Gulmarg recorded a low of 10.0°C against 11.0°C on previous night and it was above normal by 1.2°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's

Jammu recorded a low of 25.3°C against 24.1°C on the previous night and it was 0.4°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Baramulla district, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 12.1°C (0.4°C below normal), Batote 14.7°C (1.2°C below normal), Katra 20.5°C (1.6°C below normal) and Bhaderwah 10.5°C (below normal by 3.0°C). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of 6.0°C, he said.

#### Samosa, Jalebi, Pizza, **Burger and more banned** during Amarnath Yatra

cereals, pulses, green vegetables, green salad, fruits and sprouts, rice, jaggery, sambar, idli, uttapam, poha, herbal tea, coffee, low fat curd, sharbat, lemon squash/water, figs, raisins, apricots, and other dry fruits.

Moreover, Director Health Services Jammu and Kashmir have directed all concerned officials not to sanction or forward leave applications of doctors and para medical staff during the period of yatra.

#### **NIA attaches immovable** property of Zahoor Watali in Handwara

Baghat in capital Srinagar last month in connection with the case (RC-10/2017/ NIA/DLI) on the orders by the special NIA court, Pataila House Courts, New Delhi. Watali was arrested by the NIA in 2017 in a terror funding case.

#### **Pak ex-PM Imran Khan booked in land scam** case

minister of Pakistan in April last year. Khan's cases mostly relate to terrorism, inciting the public to violence, arson attacks, blasphemy, attempted murder, corruption and fraud.

#### Two groups clash in Samba district, 3 suffer gunshot injuries

Rangoor in Ramgarh, and allegedly opened fire on some locals. Old rivalry and enmity could be the rea-

sons behind the clash and subsequent shooting incident, they said. Sunil Kumar (25) and Sunil Kumar (23),

both locals, and Sunny Kumar (30) of Amritsar in Punjab suffered gunshot injuries and were admitted to the Government Medical College Hospital in Jammu, the officials said.

They said Satinderpal Singh and Jagpreet Singh, both residents of Taran Taran

in Punjab, were detained in connection with the incident. Kali Dass, a local sarpanch, demanded a thorough probe into

#### BSF shoots down another **Pak Drone near International Border in** Puniab

completely broken condition along with an attached string to carry the payload was recovered from the farming field adjacent to Rajoke village. The recovered drone was also a Quadcopter of the model DJI Matrice 300 RTK series, said an official statement.

#### **Several children forced** into begging rescued in Srinagar

Srinagar, officials said here.

Quoting an official, news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reported that Child Protection Welfare Team raided Parimpora area today and rescued several non-local and local children.

He said these children were forced into begging by some brokers.

Meanwhile, a senior police official said that Juvenile justice board and Srinagar police jointly carried out the rescue opera-

He said 3 children from Parimpora and many from other areas were also rescued.

#### **Guiarat braces for Cyclone Biparjoy: people** being shifted to temporary shelters

northwards till Wednesday morning, then move north-northeastwards and cross Saurashtra and Kutch and adjoining Pakistan coasts between Mandvi (Gujarat) and Karachi (Pakistan) near Jakhau Port (Gujarat) by Thursday noon as a very severe cyclonic storm with maximum sustained wind speed of 125-135 kmph gusting to

The IMD predicted that there will be light to moderate rain at most places with heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places over Kutch, Dwarka, Porbandar, Jamnagar,

Saurashtra on Wednesday.

ment opportunities in different sectors.

## Sensex, Nifty open higher as investor eye May inflation data

The S&P BSE Sensex was up 0.19 per cent to 62,741.42 at 9:16 am, while the NSE Nifty 50 was up 0.18 per cent at 18,597.08. Broader markets were also trading in positive territory.

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Nifty Realty was the top gainer among sectoral indices, gaining over 1 per cent. It was followed Nifty IT and Nifty Media, both of which gained nearly 1 per cent. Metal stocks also gained as global sentiment improved, fuelled by positive hopes of a US Fed rate pause.

IT stocks were dominating proceedings in early trade. The top five gainers on the Nifty 50 were Infosys, HCL Tech, BPCL, SBI Life and HDFC Life. On the other hand, the top drags were Titan, L&T, Divi's Laboratories, Hero MotoCorp, Eicher Motors and Ultratech Cement Co.

While domestic markets opened higher today, trade activity is likely to remain cautious ahead of retail inflation data. Analysts expect further consolidation in benchmark indices but remain optimistic about fundamentals.

A lot will also depend on the US Federal Reserve's decision on interest



rates. It is widely expected that it will go for a pause.

"Since the last four days, the US markets have been steadily increasing. For a long time, Indian markets have been consolidating in the 18,475-18,800 zones. The entire week is packed with events, including the release of CPI inflation figures in India as well as IIP statistics," said Deven Mehata, research analyst at Choice.

"Global attention will be focused on the Federal Reserve's meeting, where a rate hike or pause will be closely monitored. Until then, traders can buy the decline with a stop loss of 18,500 on a closing basis, as it is solid support for the Nifty," he added.

## Moody's sees India's GDP expanding 6-6.3 pc in Q1, flags fiscal slippage risks

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NEW DELHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): Moody's said that the Indian economy is expected to clock a 6-6.3 per cent growth in June quarter, and flagged risks of fiscal slippage arising from weaker-than-expected government revenues in the current

Moody's growth estimate is lower than the 8 per cent projection for the first quarter made by the Reserve Bank last week.

In an interview, Moody's Investors Service Associate Managing Director Gene Fang said India has a relatively high level of general government debt at around 81.8 per cent of GDP for 2022-23, and low debt affordability.

India, he said, has a high growth potential and its credit strengths include a stable domestic financing base for government debt, as well as a sound external position.

"We expect India's growth to come in around 6-6.3 per cent in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, which remains relatively flat from the 6.1 per cent recorded in the final quarter of fiscal 2022-23," Fang said.

While household demand is likely to see an improvement given the moderation in both headline and core inflation readings, lagged effects of higher



interest rates pose some risks on gross fixed capital formation, in particular, Fang added.

**Gross Fixed Capital Formation** (GFCF) is an indicator of investment in the economy.

Fang said as a 'Baa3' rated sovereign, India's strengths lie in its large and diversified economy with a high growth potential, which is evident in the relatively strong growth forecast this year despite the weaker global economic outlook

The government has largely met its fiscal objectives over the past two years, assuaging concerns on fiscal policy, he said.

The fiscal deficit, which is the difference between government expenditure and revenue, narrowed to 6.4 per cent of GDP in 2022-23 from 6.7 per cent in 2021-22.

In the current fiscal, the deficit

is budgeted to come in lower at

5.9 per cent of GDP.

"As the government balances the commitment to longer-term fiscal sustainability against its more immediate priority of supporting the economy amid high inflation and weak global demand, and ahead of general elections due by May 2024, we expect some risks of fiscal slippage arising from possibly weaker-than-expected government revenues," Fang said.

For the full 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscals, Moody's projects economic growth at 6.1 per cent and 6.3 per cent, respectively.

On a calendar year basis, Moody's expects growth to be 5.5 per cent in 2023, which could improve to 6.5 per cent

In its monetary policy last week, the Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) projected India's GDP to expand by 6.5 per cent in the current fiscal, on the back of supportive domestic demand conditions.

The RBI projected June quarter (Q1) growth at 8 per cent, Q2 at 6.5 per cent, Q3 at 6 per cent, and Q4 at 5.7 per cent.

Moody's has a 'Baa3' sovereign credit rating on India, with a stable outlook. Baa3 is the lowest investment grade rating.

All three global rating agencies-Fitch, S&P, and Moody's-have the lowest investment grade rating on India, with a stable outlook. The ratings are looked at by investors as a barometer of the country's creditworthiness and impact borrowing cost.

Fang said India has a relatively high level of general government debt, estimated at around 81.8 per cent of GDP for fiscal 2022-23, compared with the Baa-rated median of around 56 per cent.

The country also has low debt affordability, in terms of general government interest payments as a percentage of revenues, which for India is estimated at 26 per cent for fiscal 2022-23, compared with the Baa median of around 8.4 per cent.

## Multi-pronged policy response needed to reignite, sustain growth: **RBI Dy Guv MD Patra**

MUMBAI, Jun 12 (Agencies): Reserve Bank Deputy Governor MD Patra has pitched for a multi-pronged policy response to reignite and sustain productivity and growth at a time when multiple factors which can influence the economy are at work.

The policy response has to be powered by technological capital deepening, accompanied by long-term investment in research and development to nurture a competitive innovation ecosystem, skill development through sustained educational attainments and training, and building up the physical infrastructure, he said.

**Emerging Markets** and Developing Economies (EMDEs) need to leverage the potential of the services sector to drive productivity growth, he said in his inaugural address at the Sixth Asia KLEMS Conference on Sunday at Lonavala.

Investing in ICT infrastructure, securing reduction in trade costs like those associated with shipping, logistics and regulation and supportive businessenabling reforms could help to engage the private sector in partnering in this endeavour, he said.

In addition, he said,

raising labour force participation rates, especially among women and older workers, could also boost productivity, but this will require investments in workability, retraining and acquisition of new skills in line with changing technology.

Citing OECD, he said, digitalisation is a key avenue for future productivity growth by harnessing the power to rapidly diffuse and replicate ideas, informational goods and business processes at near-zero marginal cost.

Easing and expanding access to finance for small and medium enterprises can generate productivity bursts, especially in EMDEs, he

Central banks are stakeholders in this effort in view of their mandates of macroeconomic and financial stability, he said.

A deeper understanding of productivity trends is needed by them in order to judge the position of the economy on the business cycle so as to fashion appropriate policy responses that ensure sustained noninflationary economic growth, he said.

In turn, he said, this will promote financial market confidence and the overall flow of finance in the economy.

## Researchers find taurine a key to longer, healthier life

NEW YORK, Jun 12 (Agencies): Taurine is a vitamin produced by the body and found in many foods. According to a new study led by Columbia academics and including hundreds of ageing specialists from across the world, taurine insufficiency is a factor in animal ageing.

The same research revealed that taurine supplementation can delay the onset of ageing in worms, mice, and monkeys and can even boost the healthy lifespans of middle-aged mice by up to 12 per cent.

The findings of the study were published June 8 in Science.

"For the last 25 years, scientists have been trying to find factors that not only let us live longer, but also increase healthspan, the time we remain healthy in our old age," says the study's leader, Vijay Yadav, PhD, assistant professor of genetics & development at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons.

"This study suggests that taurine could be an elixir of life within us that helps us live longer and healthier lives." Over the past two decades, efforts to identify interventions that improve health in old age have intensified as people are living longer and scientists have learned that the aging process can be manipulated.

Many studies have found that various molecules carried through the bloodstream are associated with aging. Less certain is whether these molecules actively direct the aging process or are just passengers going along for the ride. If a molecule is a driver of aging, then restoring its youthful levels would delay aging and increase healthspan, the years we spend in good

Taurine first came into Yadav's view during his previous research into osteoporosis that uncovered taurine's role in building bone. Around the same time, other researchers were finding that taurine levels correlated with immune function, obesity, and nervous system functions.

"We realised that if taurine is regulating all these processes that decline with age, maybe taurine levels in the bloodstream affect overall health and lifespan," Yadav said.

First, Yadav's team looked at levels of taurine in the bloodstream of mice, monkeys, and people and found that the taurine abundance decreases substantially with age. In people, taurine levels in 60-year-old individuals were only about one-third of those found in 5-year-olds.

"That's when we started to ask



if taurine deficiency is a driver of the aging process, and we set up a large experiment with mice," Yadav says. The researchers started with close to 250 14-month-old female and male mice (about 45 years old in people terms). Every day, the researcher fed half of them a bolus of taurine or a control solution. At the end of the experiment, Yadav and his team found that taurine increased average lifespan by 12% in female mice and 10% in males. For the mice, that meant three to four extra months, equivalent to about seven or eight human years.

To learn how taurine impacted health, Yadav brought in other aging researchers who investigated the effect of taurine supplementation on the health and lifespan in several species. These experts measured vari-

ous health parameters in mice and found that at age 2 (60 in human years), animals supplemented with taurine for one year were healthier in almost every way than their untreated counterparts

The researchers found that taurine suppressed age-associated weight gain in female mice (even in "menopausal" mice), increased energy expenditure, increased bone mass, improved muscle endurance and strength, reduced depression-like and anxious behaviors, reduced insulin resistance, and promoted a youngerlooking immune system, among other benefits.

"Not only did we find that the animals lived longer, we also found that they're living healthier lives," Yadav said.

At a cellular level, taurine improved many functions that usually decline with age: The supplement decreased the number of "zombie cells" (old cells that should die but instead linger and release harmful substances), increased survival after telomerase deficiency, increased the number of stem cells present in some tissues (which can help tissues heal after injury), improved the performance of mitochondria, reduced DNA damage, and improved the cells'

ability to sense nutrients. Similar health effects of taurine

supplements were seen in middleaged rhesus monkeys, which were given daily taurine supplements for six months. Taurine prevented weight gain, reduced fasting blood glucose and markers of liver damage, increased bone density in the spine and legs, and improved the health of their immune sys-

The researchers do not know yet if taurine supplements will improve health or increase longevity in humans, but two experiments they conducted suggest taurine has potential. In the first, Yadav and his team looked at the relationship between taurine levels and approximately 50 health parameters in 12,000 European adults aged 60 and over. Overall, people with higher taurine levels were healthier, with fewer cases of type 2 diabetes, lower obesity levels, reduced hypertension, and lower levels of inflammation. "These are associations, which do not establish causation," Yadav says, "but the results are consistent with the possibility that taurine deficiency contributes to human aging." The second study tested if taurine levels would respond to an intervention known to improve health: exercise. The researchers measured taurine levels before and after a variety of male athletes and sedentary individuals finished a strenuous cycling workout and found a significant increase in taurine among all groups of athletes (sprinters, endurance runners, and natural bodybuilders) and sedentary individuals.

"No matter the individual, all had increased taurine levels after exercise, which suggests that some of the health benefits of exercise may come from an increase in taurine,' Yadav said.

Only a randomized clinical trial in people will determine if taurine truly has health benefits, Yadav adds. Taurine trials are currently underway for obesity, but none are designed to measure a wide range of health parameters.

Other potential anti-aging drugs-including metformin, rapamycin, and NAD analogsare being considered for testing in clinical trials.

"I think taurine should also be considered," Yadav says. "And it has some advantages: Taurine is naturally produced in our bodies, it can be obtained naturally in the diet, it has no known toxic effects (although it's rarely used in concentrations used ), and it can be boosted by exercise.

"Taurine abundance goes down with age, so restoring taurine to a youthful level in old age may be a promising anti-aging strategy."

## Adolescent binge drinking may cause long-lasting brain changes: Study

NEW YORK, Jun 12 (Agencies): Heavy alcohol consumption may cause permanent dvsregulation of neurons, or brain cells, in adolescents, according to a new study in mice.

The findings, published in the journal Neuropharmacology, suggest that exposure to binge-levels of alcohol during adolescence, when the brain is still developing, leads to long-lasting changes in the brain's ability to signal and communicate

This potentially sets the stage for long-term behavioural changes and hinting towards the mechanisms of alcohol-induced cognitive changes in humans.

"What we're seeing here is that if adolescent binge drinking knocks neurons off this trajectory, they might not be able to get back, even if the alcohol consumption stops," said Nikki Crowley, Assistant Professor in biology and biomedical engineering at The Pennsylvania State Uni-



versity.

The prefrontal cortex is a key brain region for executive functioning, risk assessment and decision-making.

According to Crowley, it's not fully formed in adolescents and is still maturing in humans until around age 25. Disruptions to its development in young people may have serious and longlasting consequences, added Crowley.

"Heavy binge drinking is problematic for everyone, and should be avoided, but adolescent brains appear to be particularly vulnerable to the

consequences, which in humans, will follow them for decades," Crowley said.

The team used a model of adolescent ethanol exposure in mice to understand how different populations of neurons in the cortex, the outermost layer of the brain, are changed by voluntary binge alcohol consumption.

They gave mice access to alcohol during a 30-day period. Due to their faster development and shorter lifespan, this corresponded to roughly ages 11-18 in human

The results showed that somatostatin neurons, a key population of cells that provides inhibition of neurotransmitter release from other cell types throughout the brain and helps to "dampen the noise", appeared to be permanently dysregulated in the mice that binge drank as compared to mice that were only provided water throughout development.

The neurons were more excitable -- meaning they were signalling too much and dampening the activity of other key neurons -- as far out as 30 days after the mice stopped drinking alcohol, when the mice have transitioned into adulthood

"Neurons have a relatively fixed developmental trajectory -- they need to get where they are going and sync up with the right partners during specific periods of development in order to function properly," explained Crowley.

## Australia crush India to win maiden WTC title

India suffer back-to-back defeats in finals

LONDON, Jun 12 (Agencies): A fired-up Australia wasted little time in pulverising Indian hopes of staging a fifth-day miracle as they romped to a 209-run victory in the World Test Championship (WTC) final.

Needing to score 280 runs on the final day to overhaul the mammoth 444 victory target set by Australia, Virat Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane were cheered all the way to the pitch as they came out to resume India's second innings on 164/3.

However, the boisterous fans, who had effectively created a mini-India at The Oval, were left muted and dejected as Scott Boland and his fellow Australian bowlers ripped through the Indian batting order to dismiss the world's top-ranked team for 234 and wrap up victory before the lunch break.

The Indians lost their last seven wickets for the addition of just 70 runs, leaving the jubilant Australians to come together in a celebratory huddle before captain Pat Cummins lifted the WTC mace while the familiar sounds of "Down Under" blared out of the loud speakers. Their triumph was hailed by the International Cricket Council, who wrote on Twitter: "The all-conquering Australia have now won every ICC Men's Trophy".



Kohli and Rahane came out shouldering the hopes of a nation desperate to win their first global ICC trophy in 10 years and avoid suffering backto-back defeats in WTC finals. However, within 35 minutes of the session starting, India lost two wickets in the space of three balls to leave the 27,500-seater arena deathly silent. Former captain Kohli added only five runs to his overnight score of 44 when he edged a fizzing Boland delivery to a diving Steve Smith at second slip.

His replacement, Ravindra Jadeja, lasted only two balls before departing for a duck. The left-hander misjudged Boland's line and length and nicked the

ball into the gloves of wicket-

keeper Alex Carey to leave India

staring into the abyss on 179/5.

The odds were already stacked against India before the start of the day's action as no team had successfully chased down such a high target in the fourth innings of a Test. But Rohit Sharma's men still harboured hopes off pulling off a miracle win like they did in Australia's own Gabba backyard two years ago, when India completed a record-breaking final day chase to win the Test and end Australia's 32-year undefeated run at the Brisbane ground.

When Rahane (46) and Shardul Thakur (0) were dismissed in successive overs to leave India floundering on 213/7, fans were left wondering whether the contest would even last until the lunch break. They soon got their answer. Off-spinner Nathan Lyon finished off the Indian tail to end with 4/41.

Scoreboard Australia 1st innings 469 India 1st innings 296 Australia 2nd innings 270/8d India 2nd innings (overnight

R Sharma lbw b Lyon 43 S Gill c Green b Boland 18 C Pujara c Carey b Cummins

V Kohli c Smith b Boland 49 A Rahane c Carey b Starc 46 R Jadeja c Carey b Boland 0 S Bharat c & b Lyon 23 S Thakur Ibw b Lyon 0 U Yadav c Carey b Starc 1 M Shami not out 13 M Siraj c Boland b Lyon 1 Extras: (lb 2, nb 5, w 6) 13 Total: (all out, 63.3 overs) 234 FOW: 1-41, 2-92, 3-93, 4-179, 5-179, 6-212, 7-213, 8-220, 9-224

Bowling O M R W Pat Cummins 13 1 55 1 Scott Boland 16 2 46 3 Mitchell Starc 14 1 77 2 Cameron Green 5 0 13 0 Nathan Lyon 15.3 2 41 4 Player of the Match: Travis

#### **India stun South Korea, clinch** maiden women's Junior Asia Cup title



KAKAMIGAHARA, Jun 12 (Agencies): The Indian junior women's hockey team put up a collective show to stun four-time champions South Korea 2-1 and clinch its maiden Asia Cup title here today. Annu and Neelam scored for India while Park Seo Yeon was the lone scorer for South Korea.

After a barren first quarter, India got going when they earned their second penalty corner in the 22nd minute. A deflection hit the post player's foot and the umpire awarded India a penalty stroke. Annu made amends for her miss in the semifinal against Japan with a cool finish as India took the lead against the run of play.

South Korea took three minutes to bring the scores level when Park Seo Yeon struck from a tight angle after being released with an aerial pass behind the India defence.

South Korea dominated the proceedings but failed to convert their chances. They earned eight penalty corners in the match. On the other hand, India made their opportunities count. They

earned their third and final penalty corner of the match in the 41st minute and Neelam struck powerfully to the low right of the South Korean goalkeeper to help India regain the lead.

India held on to their slender lead, not giving away a single penalty corner in the final quarter, to win the title. India's best-ever finish before in the win was a silver medal in 2012 when they lost 2-5 to China.

Indian captain Preeti, who was named Player of the Match, said they had their strategy in place following a 1-1 draw against the Koreans in the round-robin stage.

"We were acutely aware of the specific areas we needed to excel in order to overcome the Koreans," Preeti said. "The final brought about a considerable amount of nerves.

However, we knew that as a team we have to play our best game to achieve something special and that's exactly what we did. We are elated to make our nation proud," she added.

## "I Fail To Understand...": Sachin **Tendulkar Slams India's WTC Final Team Selection**

LONDON, Jun 12 (Agencies): The legendary Sachin Tendulkar found senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's exclusion from India's playing XI for the World Test Championship final baffling, as a spinner of his calibre doesn't need conducive conditions to be effective. Australia thrashed India by 209 runs in the WTC final and Ashwin's absence from XI was defended by coach Rahul Dravid, who said that overcast conditions forced them to pick a fourth specialist seamer, even though the opposition line-up comprised five left-handers. There was bright sunshine on all five days and Australia raced to 469 in the first innings, literally shutting

the doors on India. "India had to bat big in



the first innings to stay in the game, but they couldn't. There were some good moments for Team India, but I fail to understand the exclusion of Ashwin in the playing XI, who is currently the number one Test bowler in the world," Tendulkar tweet-

What surprised Tendulkar is the fact that he found it difficult to believe that a bowler of Ashwin's calibre can't be used in conditions which are seamer-friendly.

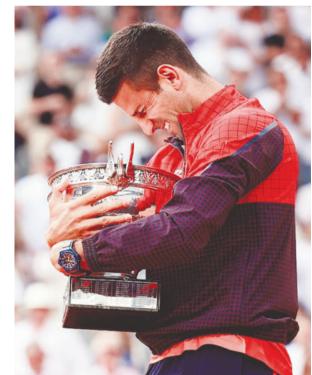
"Like I had mentioned before the match, skilful spinners don't always rely on turning tracks, they use drift in the air and bounce off the surface to disguise their variations. Not to forget, Australia had 5 left-handers out of their top 8 batters." For the record, Ashwin has picked up 61 wickets in 13 Tests in the twoyear cycle of the second WTC edition.

## Djokovic claims record 23rd Grand Slam title

PARIS, Jun 12 (Agencies): Novak Djokovic made clear for years that this was his goal. What drove him. What inspired him. The biggest titles from his sport's biggest stages were Djokovic's main aim and now he finally stands alone — ahead of Rafael Nadal, ahead of Roger Federer, ahead of every man who ever has swung a racquet.

If Diokovic could wait this long to hold this record, he certainly could wait for the half-hour or so it took to straighten out his strokes in the French Open final. And so, after a bit of a shaky start in thick, humid air and under foreboding charcoal clouds today, he imposed himself. The opponent at Court Philippe Chatrier, Casper Ruud, never really stood a serious chance after that.

Djokovic earned his men's-record 23rd



Grand Slam singles championship, breaking a tie with Nadal and moving three in front of the retired Federer, with a 7-6(1) 6-3 7-5 victory over Ruud that really was not in doubt for most of its 3 hours, 13

Djokovic, a 36-yearold from Serbia, puts this one alongside the French Open titles he earned in 2016 and 2021, making him the only man with at least three from each Major. He has won 10 trophies at the Australian Open, seven at Wimbledon and three at the US Open.

Also worth noting: Djokovic is again halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam — winning all four Majors in one season — something no man has achieved since Rod Laver in 1969. Djokovic came close to pulling off that feat in 2021, when he won the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon and made it all the way to the title match at the US Open before losing to Daniil Medvedev.

Djokovic will resume that pursuit at Wimbledon, which begins on the grass of the All England Club on July 3.

He has now clutched the trophy at 11 of the last 20 Slams, a remarkable run made even more so when considering that he did not participate in two Majors during that span because he did not get vaccinated against Covid-19. Djokovic was deported from Australia in January 2021 before the Australian Open, and he was not allowed to fly to the United States ahead of last year's US Open under a rule that since has been lifted.

Getting to 23 not only sets the mark for men, but it also lets Djokovic equal Serena Williams, who wrapped up her career last year, for the most by anyone in the Open era, which began in 1968. Margaret Court won some of her alltime record of 24 Slam trophies in the amateur era.

At 20 days past his 36th birthday, Djokovic is the oldest singles champion at Roland Garros.

## Sunil Gavaskar Loses It When **Asked About Virat Kohli's Dismissal**

(Agencies): Batting great Sunil Gavaskar came down hard on Virat Kohli following Team India's humiliating loss to Australia in the World Test Championship (WTC) Final on Sunday. Kohli could only add five runs to his overnight score of 44 as Scott Boland sparked Team India's batting collapse. Boland exploited Kohli's Achilles heel as he lured him to play a cover drive. On any other day, Kohli would have opted to play against the shot but this time he couldn't control his desire to play his beloved shot. He went for the shot but only found a thick edge towards the slip, Steve Smith dived low to his right to take a stunning catch

While analysing the match, Gavaskar fumed over Kohli's dismissal as he slammed the former India captain for his shot-selection.

"It was a pretty ordinary shot. Outside the

off stump. He was leaving till then. Maybe he was conscious that he needed one run to reach his half century. It happens when you are nearing a milestone." said Gavaskar on Star Sports.

"It happened to Jadeja. He played a delivery he shouldn't have when he was (on) 48. Happened to Ajinkya Rahane who was on 46. He hadn't played that shot all this while. Suddenly why do you play that shot? Because you are aware of that landmark."

"It was a bad shot. You should ask Kohli what shot he played. He talks so much about how to win a match you need a long innings. How are you going to do that if you play a ball so far outside the off stump?," he added.

Chasing a mammoth target of 444, Team India lost seven wickets in an extended morning session at The Oval as Australia won the match by 209 runs.

Ajinkya Rahane and



Shardul Thakur once again tried to string up a partnership to keep India's innings from falling apart. But their desperate counterattack came to an end as Rahane lost his wicket to Mitchell Starc. His dismissal was similar to Kohli, an unneeded shot that carried comfortably behind the stumps. Rahane's fairytale return to the Indian Test team came to an end with a score of 46(108).

Thakur fell in the next over for a five-ball duck as Nathan Lyon was introduced into the attack. Umesh Yadav and KS Bharat survived for a few overs.

But Umesh didn't have an answer to deal with Starc's lethal pace bowling attack. Yadav walked back to the pavilion with a score of 1.

With an inevitable defeat on the cards, Mohammad Shami entertained the crowd by picking up two consecutive boundaries. Siraj Tried to do the same with a reverse sweep shot, but the ball landed straight into the hands of Boland.

## "Alone He Won World Cups": Harbhajan Gives Sharp Response To Fan Praising MS Dhoni

As a fan prised MS Dhoni for guiding India to the ICC World T20 triumph in 2007, Harbhajan Singh gave a sarcastic reply, reminding the fan that cricket is a team sport.

LONDON, Jun 12 (Agencies): The Indian cricket team's loss to Australia in the ICC Test Championship final has resulted in the outbreak of negative sentiments among many fans on social media. While some are busy criticising head coach Rahul Dravid and captain Rohit Sharma for the team's loss, others are recalling how successful India were under the captaincy of MS Dhoni when it came to ICC events. As one fan levied extravagant praise on Dhoni's success at the ICC World T20 in 2007, Harbhajan Singh gave a sharp retort, reminding the fan that cricket is a 'team sport'.

While India's failures in ICC events has



left fans, pundits and many former cricketers scratching their heads. Since the 2013 ICC Champions Trophy, the subcontinent giants haven't tasted success at the biggest stage.

After the team's 209run defeat to Australia in WTC final, fans were quick to express their

opinions.

"No coach, no mentor, young boys, most of the senior players denied to take part. never captained any single match before. This guy defeated prime Australia in semifinals and won a T20 World Cup in 48 days after becoming captain," a fan's tweet

In response, Harbhajan wrote: "Yes when these matches were played this young boy was playing alone from India.. not the other 10 .. so alone he won the World Cup trophies .. irony when Australia or any other nation win the World Cup headlines says Australia or etc country won. But when India wins it's said captain won it's a team sport. Win together lose together".

With the victory in the Test Championship final, Australia became the first team in the world to win all four ICC events -- T20 World Cup, ODI World Cup, Champions Trophy and WTC. For India, on the other hand, the wait goes on.

## JU hosts national seminar on 'Climate Change & Ecosystem services in Himalayan Region'

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

BHADERWAH, Jun 12: Department of Geography, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu organised a one day regional seminar on the theme "Climate Change and Ecosystem services in Himalayan Region" today at Lal Ded Auditorium Bhaderwah Campus.

The seminar focussed on highlighting the continuous process of climate change and how it has a massive impact on the Himalayan region which is vulnerable to the phenomenon of climate change. The Himalayan region is really getting negatively affected by changing climate and thus this seminar was of great importance and relevance.

The ADC Bhaderwah, Jenab Dil Mir Choudhary was the Chief NATIONAL SEMINAR

Guest of the occasion , in his address he urged the students and the audience to act as responsible citizens and work together as the ambassadors in order to safeguard the environment from the threat

of climate change. Prof., Rahul Gupta, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus welcomed the Guests and deliberated upon different aspects of the campus and gave the details about the achievements of the campus.

The keynote speech was delivered by Prof. Milap Chand Sharma, JNU who talked about the various problems which are being faced in Himalayan region due to climate change. He further stressed various adaptation strategies which are required to reduce the climate change vulnerability.

Dr. Shashi Prabha, Jammu University deliberated about the geographical effects of climate change. Dr. Suresh Babu, JNU threw light on the sociological aspect of interaction between man and his environment.

Dr. Chhering Tundup, Head, Department of Geography, presented the theme of the conference to the audience. Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Head, IME expressed his views about the role of IME and discussed about the various initiatives the department is taking to spread awareness among the common masses about the mountain Ecosystems. Other notable speakers who expressed their views include

The event was attended by all the Heads of various departments of Bhaderwah Campus. Dr. Jetinder Manhas, Dr Kuljit Singh, Dr. Subhash Chander and Mr. Muhammad Awais, Miss Bablu Sharma. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shayan Javeed, IME, Bhaderwah Campus.

## **Support Congress Party to get rid** from misrule of present dispensation: Hari Singh, Rajni Bala



#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jun 12: Hari Singh Chib, President of District Congress Committee (DCC) Jammu Rural and Corporator Rajni Bala, visited Mohallah Tiny Tot Dhok Paloura falling in the Jammu North Assembly segment, and listened to the concerns of the inhabitants

The inhabitants of the area raised several issues like unscheduled power cuts, shortage of drinking water, defunct street lights, dilapidated condition of link road to a temple in Tiny Tot Higher Secondary School, construction of bathrooms near Temani Temple and water tank needs for storage of water over

the bathroom building. Chib expressed his disappointment over unscheduled power cuts amid scorching heat, which has made life miserable for the people of the area. He also criticized the non-completion of a water supply scheme in

Mohallah Dhok for the past ten years, stating that the residents are not receiving regular water supply, as there has been no headway regarding the source of water. Till date, no tube well has been dug for the scheme and even no land has been identified for the digging of a tube well for Water Supply Scheme Mohallah Dhok

Paloura. The senior Congress leader also expressed his displeasure with the administration's imposition of property tax and appealed to the district administration to pay serious attention to the people's issues. He noted that while the government is claiming that every household is receiving regular water supply but the situation on the ground is entirely

different. Hari Singh Chib appealed to the people of the area to support and strengthen the Congress Party to put an end to the misrule of the present dispensation.

He said that the Congress Party is committed to upholding the values of democracy and freedom. It is time for the people to come together and work towards building a better future for all, he added.

Corporator Rajni Bala, in her address, assured the residents that she would take up the matter with Commissioner JMC, regarding the construction of bathrooms, road repairs, defunct street lights, and drinking water, for early redressal in Ward No. 60. She also assured the inhabitants that she would raise the above issues with the authorities concerned for speedy redressal.

The meeting's participants included Jaswant Singh, Pummy Manhas, Padam Singh, Sandeep Manhas, Ajmer Singh, Bittu Chib, Veena Manhas, Sagar Singh, Bisha Manhas and residents of Mohallah Dhok Paloura and residents near the Temani Shiv

## DDC Suresh kick-start blacktopping of road from Kapaini-Di-Ban to Jhang

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jun 12: BJP leader and member DDC.Jammu Pt. Suresh Sharma today kick starts the long awaited black topping of PMGSY road from Kapain-di-Ban to Fagal Jhang of Panchayat Gangal block Chowki Choura of Chhamb Constituency. The complete project under construction whose total cost is rupees 4.71 crore will be completed with the black topping of road. This road will be very useful for the development of many backward and remote villages of block Chowki Choura that were still deprived of road connec tivity. It was a hard pressing demand of the public and Suresh Sharma has



fulfilled it for which he had also promised after he was elected as DDC

Addressing the public, Suresh Sharma said that it is foremost objective of Modi government to provide road connectivity to each village for appropriate devlopment and benefit of goverment schemes.

Suresh Sharma also ensured the piblic that construction work of some more new roads will also be started in block Chowki Choura in the coming days. Suresh Sharma also highlighted that our Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narenda Modi has been doing every effort for the last 9 years to empower the poor people and for it many schemes namely PM Kissan Samman Nidhi, Ujjwala Yojana, Ladli Beti, Awas, Yojana, Sukanya Yojana, Widow

Pension etc have been started all over India. Moreover, many Mega projects like four laning of Jammu Poonch Rashtriya Rajmarg, construction of tunnels, AIIMS, IIM etc. have been started in Jammu and Kashmir. Every section of the society is being given proper attention as far as their develooment and empowerment

Titru Ram, Gushu Ram and many other prominent persons were present on this occasion.

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#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jun 12: BJP Jammu and Kashmir General Secretary Vibodh Gupta organised an impactful outreach programme as the part of "Sampark sa Samarthan" campaign in RS PURA. During the outreach programme, Vibodh Gupta engaged in a productive dialogue with the prominent citizens of RS PURA.He visited the residence of Dr Ashwani Jojra Founder member of Sehjog India, Pardeep Agarwal a renowned Bussinessman, Kuldeep Raj gupta President Industry and trade at RSPura He also interacted with General Public in RSPura Bazar .He listened to their feedback, concerns, and aspirations and assured them of the government's continuous efforts in addressing their needs and working towards the

overall development and progress of the Union Ter-

ritory. District President BJP Jammu South Rekha Mahajan ,Former MLC Vikram Randhawa ,District General Secretary Akash Chopra ,Pt. Ashok khajuria ,Municipal Committte Chairman Satpal pappi ,Mandal President Bikram Sandhu and local karyakartas accompanied her during the programme.

Vibodh emphasized the significant developments and transformative measures undertaken by the government after the abrogation of Article 370. He underscored the transformative changes that the Modi government has brought on various sectors, including infrastructure development. education, healthcare, employment generation, and investment opportunities in Jammu and

The BJP J&K General Secretary commended the unwavering commitment of the Modi government towards the welfare of the people of Union Territory. He spoke about the success of flagship schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and Skill India, which have positively impacted the lives of millions of people

across the union territory. Rekha Mahajan asserted that the outreach program under the Sampark Sa Samrathan campaign reaffirms the BJP's commitment to building bridges and nurturing strong relationships with the people it serves. It showcased the party's dedication to creating a positive impact, enhancing communication channels, and understanding the pulse of the community.

## Shiv Sena, SSP organize Jan Chaupal; public expresses strong resentment over property taxes, electricity, water bills

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jun 12: Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Sainik Samaj Party today intensified their campaign "Mera Jammu Kashmir, Mera Adhikar' by organizing a "Jan Chaupal" in Ward No. 66, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu today, to know about public aspirations and pledge to fulfill them.

On the occasion, both the parties jointly announced their candidate for the upcoming ULB polls in Jammu and Kahsmir.

The "Jan Chaupal," held at the Shiv Temple in Ward No. 66, witnessed enthusiastic participation of local residents who registered their presence and apprised the attending leaders of their aspirations and concerns. A significant number of individuals expressed intense anger towards



the impending property tax, which is set to be implemented from July

Ashok Chib, a local resident, stated that amidst inflation, unemployment, and economic downturn, the government is burdening the public with taxes, contrary to their expectations of relief from the Jammu and Kashmir administration.

Similarly, Shashi Bala voiced concerns over the escalating electricity

cuts and exorbitant bills. The installation of water meters has also been completed, causing distress among the public. She lamented that providing for their families and serving a decent meal has become increasingly challenging. The government seems determined to exploit and impoverish the public. Bitooii Bhatt also expressed worries

about the escalating

power and water cuts.

On the occasion, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K and Colonel SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party, highlighted the public's intense anger towards the callousness of administrative officials and the anti-people decisions and policies of the government.

In response to the public opinion, both party leaders declared Balwant Singh as their joint candidate for Ward No. 66 in the upcoming

Chaupal is to engage with the public, understand their concerns and aspirations, and select candidates for the forthcoming elections based on the public's opinions. He further stated that instructions have been issued to all leaders and activists to remain vigilant and committed to assisting the public in response to their needs. On this occasion Meenakshi Chibber, Vikas Bakshi. Sanjeev Kohli, Uma Devi, Varinder Baloria , Sunil Dutt , Social worker Satish Poonchi , mohalla niwasi , Sikender Singh. Parshotam. Sohan Singh, SK Raina, Kulwant, Babli Devi , Bittu , Vishal Bakshi, Sonu Gupta, Madhu Devi, Asha Devi and many others were present.

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