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## BRIEFLY

### Active Covid Cases in Country dip to 1,910

NEW DELHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): India logged 63 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases have dipped to 1,910 from 1,925, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Monday.

The death toll was recorded at 5,31,896, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally stood at 4.49 crore (4,49,93,543) while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.81 per cent, the ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,59,737 and the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent. According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

### Hot and humid weather to prevail in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jun 19 (Agencies): Hot and humid weather conditions to prevail during the next six days in Jammu and Kashmir, Met officials said on Monday.

The meteorological department predicts hot and humid weather to continue for the next six days in Jammu and Kashmir with 60 per cent chances of light to moderate rain coupled with thunder and lightning likely at scattered to fairly widespread places.

It said the weather mainly remains dry, but a brief spell of Shower or thunderstorm mainly towards late afternoon or evening can't be ruled out till June 23.

Overall except hot and humid weather there is no forecast of any major rainfall this week, the MeT office said.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of 16.9 degree Celsius on Monday which was 2.1 degree Celsius above normal of 14.8 degree Celsius.

The day temperature was also 3.4 degree Celsius above normal of 28.4 degree Celsius. Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low of 15.2 degree Celsius

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### Angrez Singh posted as deputy secretary in LG's secretariat

SRINAGAR, Jun 19 (Agencies): The government on Monday posted Angrez Singh (JKAS) as Deputy Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

According to an order, as reported by agency, Singh, presently Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Katra and holding additional charge of Sub Registrar Katra, has been transferred and posted with "immediate effect."

### LG Sinha chairs high level meeting to review preparedness for Shri Amarnath Yatra



SRINAGAR, Jun 19: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha chaired a high level meeting today to take stock of the preparedness of departments and concerned agencies for

Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. The meeting was attended by Sh Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO, Shri Amarnathji Shrine

Board; Lt General Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; Sh Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, senior officials of SASB, BRO and representatives of

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### Man killed over land dispute in Rajouri, 5 arrested

JAMMU, Jun 19 (Agencies): A 40-year-old man was allegedly killed in a scuffle over a land dispute in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, a senior police officer said on Monday.

Shafiq Ahmad, a resident of Khablan village of Thanamandi, was attacked by a group of people on Sunday, the officer said. He was rushed to Government Medical College (GMC) hospital where he succumbed to injuries.



Of the eight accused, five people — Mohd Taj, his son Javed Ahmed and three brothers Mohd Farooq, Mohd Jameel and Mohd Zaman — have been arrested, Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri Amrit-

pal Singh said. A case has been registered against the accused people in Thanamandi police station on the complaint of Ahmad's wife, he said.

Efforts are on to nab Taj's two other sons Mushtaq Ahmad and Ashfaq Ahmad and another accused Qamar Bhatti, the SSP said.

Prima facie, some land dispute between the families was suspected to be the reason behind the murder, he said.

### Huge consignment of narcotics seized in Sopore: Police

SOPORE, Jun 19 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday said that they have recovered a huge consignment of narcotics from Sopore area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district from an arrested drug supplier. The arrested person was transporting drugs from Delhi, Punjab and other states to Kashmir valley, police said.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Sopore, Shabir Nawab in a press



conference said that police are now focussing on to nab drug suppliers who are involved in supplying drugs from other states to Kashmir valley. He also said that

Sopore is now witnessing a sharp decline in drug activities.

"On 10-05-2023 police during a naka checking at national highway Sangrama police inter-

cepted a vehicle wherein one person namely Altaf Ahmed Sofi of Khushal colony Tulibal, a notorious drug peddler was apprehended who during questioning confessed that a Srinagar based man is supplying banned substances to north Kashmir", he said.

He said a case FIR No 44/2023 U/S 8/22 NDPS Act was registered in police station Tarzoo and further investigation was taken up.

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### Burglary attempt at Grameen Bank in Poonch

POONCH, Jun 19 (Agencies): A burglary attempt was made on Grameen Bank in Dharagan in Mendhar of Poonch on intervening Sunday and Monday night, sources said.

agency reported that some unknown persons damaged a wall of the bank last night. "Once the staff arrived for their routine duties today morning, they noticed a hole through the wall

of the bank, creating apprehension about the possible burglary attempt made by some unknown persons on the bank", they said.

"Soon after, a police team reached the site and have been since assessing the situation to see whether anything has been stolen or not", they said.

When contacted, a police official said that

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### Go First extends flight cancellations till June 22

NEW DELHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): Crisis-hit airline Go First on Monday announced that its scheduled flight operations will remain cancelled till June 22 due to operational reasons. Earlier, it was supposed to be till June 19.

"Due to operational reasons, Go First flights until 22nd June 2023

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### Omar taunts for continuation of central rule in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jun 19 (Agencies): Former chief minister and National Conference (NC) Vice President Omar Abdullah on Monday taunted the continuation of central rule in Jammu and Kashmir and said democracy ends where J&K begins.

"Democracy is in our veins, it is in our culture"; 'India is the mother of democracy'; 'India is the temple



of democracy'. Great sounding words that the international community lap up & regurgitate ad-nauseam," Omar tweeted. "Meanwhile

J&K completes 5 years under central rule today. Democracy ends where J&K begins."

It has been five years since Jammu & Kashmir saw an elected government. The last time the elections for the erstwhile state legislature were held was in 2014.

Political resentment is brewing in J&K for not holding assembly elections. All the political

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### Apni party protests in Srinagar against ration, electricity supply curtailment

SRINAGAR, Jun 19 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) on Monday took out a protest march here against the curtailment in the supply of ration and electricity in the Valley.

Scores of JKAP activists, led by the provincial president Kashmir Mohammad Ashraf Mir,

assembled at the party office in Church Lane, in Sonwar area of the city and started their march towards the main road. However, a posse of police stopped the protesters near the main road and detained a few of them.

Speaking to reporters, Mir said the protest is against the curtailment

of ration and electricity which are the basic needs of the people. "The cries of the people are falling on deaf ears. JKAP is the only party that wants to become the voice of the people. People are facing difficulties," he said.

"There is a curtailment in the electricity for the

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### Wanted in India, Khalistan Tiger Force Chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar shot dead in Canada

NEW DELHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): Canada-based Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar, one of the most-wanted terrorists in India who carried a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh on his head, was shot dead outside a gurdwara in the



north American country, officials here said on

Monday.

A resident of Bharsinghpur village in Punjab's Jalandhar, Nijjar was found dead inside a car with bullet wounds in the parking lot of Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara Sahib, of which he was the

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### 128 out of 157 students of HPCL's super 50 programme in J&K, Ladakh qualify NEET

NEW DELHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd's (HPCL) Super 50 programme in J&K and Ladakh in collaboration with the Indian Army has given excellent results this year with 128 out of the 157 students tutored under the programme, getting selected in the under-graduate medical entrance exam NEET, the firm said.

HPCL as part of its

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### Iltija Mufti moves J&K High Court over conditional passport



SRINAGAR, Jun 19 (Agencies): The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh recently issued notice on a plea by Iltija Javed, daughter of former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti, challenging the issue of a conditional passport that restricts

the scope of her travel abroad, Bar and Bench reported.

As per the condition prescribed by the passport authorities, she can only travel to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and only for the purpose of her higher studies.

Iltija moved the Court challenging the same

and also registered objection to the validity period of the passport which was for 2 years (till April 2025), whereas passports generally have a 10-year validity period.

Justice Sanjay Dhar on Friday issued notice to the respondent-authorities and directed them to file their response within two weeks.

Deputy Solicitor General of India, TM Shamsi appeared and accepted the notice on behalf of the respondents.

In her petition, Iltija challenged an endorsement added in the order issuing her passport,

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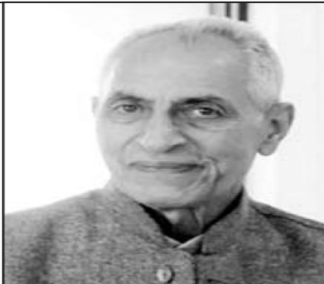
**OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Rajinder Bindroo** S/o Late Sham Lal Bindroo original R/o Badiyar Bala (Srinagar), presently residing at C/o 512, Colonels Colony, Sector-3, Bohri, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

**CREMATION** took place on 12th June at Jammu. **10th Day Kriya** will be held on 20th June at 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of Education Office, Jammu)

**Grief Stricken**

Smt Kamta Bindroo (Wife)  
Sh G L Bindroo (Brother)  
**Brother & Sister-in-law**  
Sh A K Bindroo & Guddi Bindroo  
Smt Phoola Kaul (Sister)  
**Daughters & Sons-in-law**  
Smt Archana & Ashish K Chrangoo  
Smt Anjali & Vipin Kaul  
Smt Sunita & Ramesh Salman  
**SAMAST BINDROO PARIVAR, CHRANGOO'S, KOULS, SALMANS, NQAIBS, SELIS, BHATS AND GRAND CHILDREN**



Sh Rajinder Bindroo

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Asha Ji Bhat** W/o Sh Sham Lal Bhat Originally resident of Kandiwara Kokernag Kashmir A/p H.No. 102, Sector-1 Vivek Vihar Paloura Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 14-06-2023.

**TENTH DAY** will be performed on 23-06-2023 at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education Jammu at 8:30 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Sh. Sham Lal Bhat- **Husband**  
Sh. Satish Kumar Bhat- **Son**  
Smt. Lovely and Sh. Sunil Kumar Bhat - **Daughter-in-law & Son**  
Smt Sarla Bhat and Sh Rajender Kr Pandita - **Daughter & Son-in-law**  
**Grand Children:** Simran, Simiriti, Priya, Aaliya, Shivam, Tanvi, Daksh  
**Mob: 7051623113, 9149769493, 7889860812**



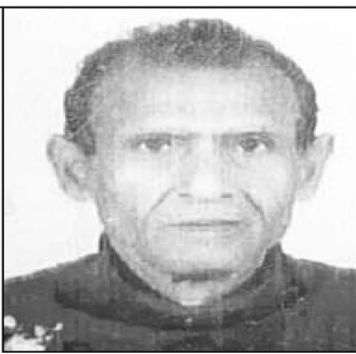
SMT ASHA JI BHAT

**10TH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Sh. Chuni Lal Bhat** R/o H. No 116/0 Tomal Colony Anand Nagar Bohri Jammu. The **10TH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Muthi Ghat at 8 AM on 26/06/2023.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Ajay Kr. Bhat- **SON** Mobile No 7006652143  
Promilla Bhat W/o Ajay Kr Bhat Mobile No 9419131942  
Sanjay Bhat- **SON** Mobile No 9149492635  
Manju Bhat W/o Sanjay Bhat  
**DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW**  
Sunita Rani Bhat 9899087146  
Arun Bhat - **SON IN LAW** 7838886083  
Avatar Krishen Bhat Brother of Chuni Lal Bhat Mobile No 9622218106  
Pinky Bhat W/o Avatar Krishen Bhat  
**Grand children:** Amit Bhat, Nikhil Bhat, Shreya Bhat, Omika Bhat, Varsha Bhat, Mehak Bhat  
**SISTERS**  
Phoola Ji Bhat W/o Lt. Bushan Lal Bhat  
Kishni Ji Pandita W/o Sh. Bushan Lal Pandita



SH. CHUNI LAL BHAT

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform sad demise of our beloved mother **SMT. PUSHPA BAKAYA** W/o Late Sh. Sudershan Bakaya of Hawal Pulwama at present H.No. 277-F Sarwal Colony Jammu on 14-06-23.

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at 8 a.m on 23-06-23 (Friday) at Muthi ghat Jammu.

**Grief Stricken**

Smt. Anju W/o Late Sh. Suresh Bakaya- **Son and Daughter-in-law**  
Smt. Kiran W/o Sh. Rakesh Bakaya- **Son and Daughter-in-law**  
Smt. Ratni ji W/o Sh. O.N. Koul- **Daughter and Son-in-law**  
Smt. Bitty W/o Sh. P. K Raina- **Daughter and Son-in-law**  
Smt. Neelam W/o Sh. Raja ji Bhat- **Daughter and Son-in-law**  
**PH. 9596646166, 6006271320**



SMT. PUSHPA BAKAYA

**OBITUARIES/10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Tej Krishan Kak** S/o Late Niranjan Nath Kak original R/o Sathu Barbarashah, Srinagar, presently residing at H.No. 91-E, Bharat Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

**CREMATION** took place on 14th June, 2023 at Jammu. **10th Day Kriya** will be held on 22nd June, 2023 at 8.30 AM at Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of Education Office Jammu).

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Prabha Koul - **Wife**  
**Son & Daughter-in-law**  
Sandeep Kak & Neelima Kak  
**Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Sulkhana Bhat & Sandeep Bhat  
Kak Family, Dhar Family, Koul Family  
**Contact: 9225510080**



SH. TEJ KRISHAN KAK

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief it is to inform that our beloved **Dr (Prof) R. N. Kaul** S/o Bejaishwar Nath Kaul R/o Dantar Anantnag, presently H. No. 123 Lane No 8, Hari Vihar, Kunjwani Bye Pass Jammu has left for heavenly abode on 14-06-2023 at his residence.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 23rd June 2023 (Friday) at Muthi Ghat 8.30 AM.

**Grief Stricken**

Smt Vijay Laxmi Kaul - **Wife**  
**Son & Daughter-in-law**  
Dr. Vivek Kaul & Ritu Kaul  
**Daughters & Sons-in-law**  
Smt Arti Kaul & Sh Rajesh Qasba  
Smt Rashmi Kaul & Sh Manish Channa  
Smt Raj Laxmi Kaul - **Bhabhi**  
Smt Kundan Dassi Kaul - **Bhabhi**  
Sh Girja Shankar Kaul & Smt Sunita Kaul - **Brother & Bhabhi**  
Smt Raj Shri Kandroo & Sh Pran Nath Kandroo - **Sister & Brother-in-law**  
**Nephews**  
Ravinder Nath Kaul, Ganshyam Kaul, Dharm Vir Kaul, Radhey Shyam Kaul, Sanjay Kaul, Naveen Kaul & Sunny Kaul  
**Nieces:**  
Dr. Neelam Kaul, Dr. Neeraj Kaul, Supriya Kaul  
**Grand Children:** Sidharth, Saanvi, Megh, Parth  
**Ph. 6005246809**



Dr (Prof) R. N. Kaul

**10th DAY KRIYA**

It is only time which possess but memories remain each & every moment.

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Kanaya Lal Bhat** S/o Late Sh. Lamboo Dar Nath Bhat R/o Uttersoo, Anantnag presently residing at H/No 303, Lane O, Durga Nagar, Sec -2, Jammu on 15th-June-2023. The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 24th-June-2023 (Saturday) at Muthi Ghat 8:00 am

**GRIEFLY STRICKEN**

Vijay Bhat- **Wife**  
Sh. Srikanth Bhat- **Uncle**  
**Sister-in-law**  
Smt. Veena Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. Prithvi Nath Bhat  
Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bhat- **Brother**  
Smt. Shama Sathu- **Sister**  
Smt. Sheri Pandita- **Sister**  
Smt. Nancy Pandita W/o Sh. B. L. Pandita  
Anil Bhat & Anju Bhat- **Son and Daughter-in-law**  
Sunil Bhat & Arpana Bhat- **Son and Daughter-in-law**  
Simpay Qazi & Rohit Qazi- **Daughter and Son-in-law**  
Sheetu Bhat & Rahul Bhat- **Daughter and Son-in-law**  
Shallu Bhat & Sunil Bhan- **Daughter and Son-in-law**  
Neeru Bhat & Pankaj Koul- **Daughter and Son-in-law**  
**Mob: 7889700394, 7006892495, 7889553407, 7889581654**



Sh. Kanaya Lal Bhat

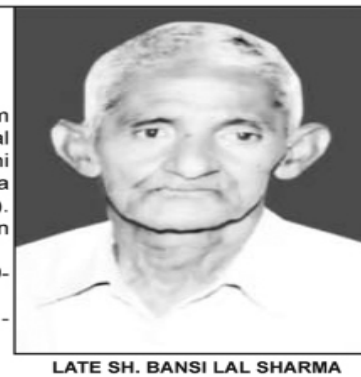
**TENTH DAY/ KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI-(UTHALA)**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Bansilal Sharma** (Retd. Master) S/O Sh. Ludar Mani Upadhya R/O Main Road Ghagwal (Opp. Shiva Fast Food) District Samba on 09-06-2023 (Friday). **10th Day** will be performed at our Residence on 18-06-2023 (Sunday).

**KRIYA** will be performed at our Residence on 19-06-2023 (Monday). **UTHALA (RASAM PAGRI)** will take place on 21-06-2023 (Wednesday).

**GRIEF STRICKEN-**

Smt. Satya Devi- **Wife**  
**SISTERS-IN-LAW AND BROTHERS:**  
Smt. Pushpa Devi & Late Sh. Shanli Sarup  
Smt. Kanta Devi & Late Sh. Ram Lal Sharma  
Smt. Pushpa Devi & Late Sh. Chaman Lal Sharma  
Smt. Bimla Devi & Sh. Kuldeep Raj Sharma  
**SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW:**  
Smt. Kanta Devi & Sh. Murari Lal Sharma  
**DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW AND SONS:**  
Smt. Manju Bala & Sh. Ravinder Kumar Sharma  
Smt. Suneeh Lata & Sh. Shiv Mohit Sharma

LATE SH. BANSI LAL SHARMA  
11-05-1944 TO 10-06-2023  
(RETD MASTER)**DAUGHTERS AND SONS-IN-LAW:**

Smt. Urmila Devi & Sh. Varinder Sharma  
Smt. Shashi Bala & Sh. Sohan Lal Khajuria  
Smt. Sudha Sharma & Sh. Sushil Sharma  
& (All UPADHYA FAMILY)  
**Contact Nos.-7006353707 & 7006115441**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. MAHARAJ KRISHAN DHAR (BOTLAL)** R/O NAI SARAK SRINAGAR/ HMT PINJORE AND AT PRESENT PATEL NEOTOWN NOIDA EXTENSION ON 15TH JUNE 2023.

**10TH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 23RD JUNE AT MURADNAGAR GHAT GADHGANGA AT 8:30 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

**KRISHNA DHAR - WIFE**  
**BROTHER AND BHABHI**  
T.K.DHAR & BITTI PYARI DHAR (9810122098)  
BITTI PYARI GARYALI (9990475647) - **SISTER**  
SUNITA DHAR (9899626440) - **DAUGHTER**  
**DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW**  
SUJATA BAKSHI & SUNIL BAKSHI (9810046440)  
**SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**  
SANDEEP DHAR & GAYATRI DHAR (9643328531)  
**GRAND CHILDREN:** TUSHAR BAKSHI (9871378627), ADYA DHAR, SUHANI DHAR  
**DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY SAMAST DHAR'S, TAKU'S, BAKSHI'S, PUNJABI'S, CHANNA'S, GARYALI'S**



SH. MAHARAJ KRISHAN DHAR (BOTLAL)

**BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved Father **S. Sujan Singh** S/o Late S. Gopal Singh R/o Rajpur Kamila, Nowshera District Rajouri who left us on 10 June 2023.

**PROGRAMME:**

**Arambh Shri Akhand Path** on 18-06-2023 at 9:00 am at our residence, Rajpur Kamila.  
**Bhog Shri Akhand Path** on 20-06-2023 at 9:00am at our residence Rajpur Kamila.  
**Antim Ardhas/ Tenth Day** shall be performed on 20/06/2023 at Gurudwara Singh Shaba Rajpur from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

**Sons & Daughter-in-laws**  
Sdmi Manmeet Kour and S. Anter Singh  
Sdmi Gurnam Kour and S Raghbir Singh  
Sdmi Ravinder Kour and S Kulbir Singh  
Sdmi Tarvinder Kour and S. Bhadur Singh



S. Sujan Singh

**KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our father **Shri Naresh Singh Pathania** who left for heavenly abode on 10-06-2023.

**10TH DAY** will be performed at our residence H No: 404, Anand Bhawan, Raghunathpura, Shiv Nagar, Udhampur on 19th June 2023 (Monday) at 11 AM. **UTHALA** will be performed at Raghunath palace (opposite our residence) on 23rd June 2023 (Friday) between 4PM- 5PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**

Smt. Abhilasha Pathania (**Wife**)  
(**Son & Daughter-in-law**)  
Mr Vikramaditya Singh Pathania & Simmi Pathania  
(**Daughter & Son-in-law**)  
Vasundhra & Pradeep Samyal  
Shweta & Dipankar Sambyal  
(**Grandson & Grand Daughter-in-law**)  
Zoravar Singh Pathania & Srijina  
(**Grandchildren**) Aditya, Akanksha, Shauryaditya Singh Pathania, Kompal  
(**Great Grandson**) : Rudraveer Singh Pathania.  
**Ph No: 9596859330, 9149783535, 9906341821**



Shri Naresh Singh Pathania (AEE)

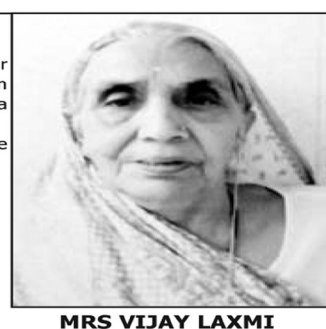
**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our revered Karmyogi mother **Mrs Vijay Laxmi** W/o Lt Sh Makhan Lal Koul of village Vessu Anantnag at present Lane No 3 Guraha Keran Barnal Road Bantalab.

**TENTH DAY** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 20th June (Tuesday) at 9 AM

**Grief stricken**

**Brother in law (Dewar)**  
Sh Chaman Lal Ambardar 8716019928  
**Sister in law**  
Smt Shama Devi W/o Late Kashi Nath 9596151766  
**Son and Daughter in law**  
Piary Lal Koul (SBI) 7508447447  
Mrs Sunana and Predman Ji Koul  
Mrs Veena and R K Koul 7780992947  
Mrs Ranu and Rohit Koul 9796436255  
**Sister in law (Devrani)**  
Mrs Nancy Koul 9796207673



MRS VIJAY LAXMI

**Daughter and Son in law**

Mrs Dazy Raina and Ashok Ji Raina (9419155951)  
**Grand children**  
Suhaas, Shivani, Elesh, Surbi, Adit, Kaya

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our revered Karmyogi mother **Mrs Vijay Laxmi** W/o Lt Sh Makhan Lal Koul of village Vessu Anantnag at present Lane No.3 Guraha Keran Barnal Road, Bantalab.

**Tenth Day** will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 20th June (Tuesday).

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**  
**Sister-in-law**  
Smt Shama Devi W/o Late Kashi Nath - 9596151766  
**Son and Daughter-in-law**  
Piary Lal Koul (SBI) - 7508447447  
Mrs Sunana and Predman Ji Koul - 9796220709  
Mrs Veena and R K Koul - 7780992947  
Mrs Ranu and Rohit Koul - 9796436255  
**Sister-in-law (Devrani)**  
Mrs Nancy Koul - 9796207673  
**Daughter and Son-in-law**  
Mrs Dazy Raina and Ashok Ji Raina (9419155951)  
**Grand Children:** Suhaas, Shivani, Elesh, Surbi, Adit, Kaya



MRS VIJAY LAXMI

**Tenth Day Kriya**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sister Miss Rajni Pandita** D/O Late Sh. Niranjan Nath Pandita originally from village Trail, District Anantnag, presently residing at H.No. 245, Sec-2, Anuradhapuram, Upper Barnai Jammu. She left for her heavenly abode on 13-06-2023.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed on 22-06-2023 (Thursday) at 8:00AM Muthi Ghat near Directorate School Education, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN :-**

Smt. Soni Pandita and Sh. Moti Lal Pandita (**Bhabhi & Brother**)  
Smt. Prana Dhar & Sh Tej Krishan Dhar (**Sister and Brother-in-law**)  
(**Sister & Brother-in-law**)  
Smt. Bimla Dhar Wd/ of Sh Late Durga Nath Dhar  
Smt. Veena Dhar & Sh. Ashok Dhar (**Sister & Brother-in-law**)  
**Contact: 7006428622, 7889620901, 982681608**



Miss Rajni Pandita

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Jawahar Lal Hangloo** S/o Lt. Nand Lal Hangloo of Hangalgund, Kokernag, Anantnag at present Pandit Colony, Durga Vihar, Toll Post, Nagrota, Jammu on 14-05-2023.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed at 9:00 AM on 23rd June, 2023 (Friday) at Muthi Ghat near the Office of DSE, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Vijay Hangloo - **Wife**  
**Daughter-in-law**  
Smt. Bunty & Sh. Arvind Hangloo  
**Daughters & Sons-in-law**  
Smt. Anita & Sh. Anil Pandita  
Smt. Meenakshi & Sh. Shashi Bushan Dhar  
Sh. Brij Lal Hangloo - **Brother**  
Smt. Vijay Hangloo (Ushaji) - **Bhabhi**  
Smt. Vijay Hangloo (Deegaji) - **Bhabhi**  
Smt. Sumanji & Sh. Bansilal Hangloo - **Bhabhi & Brother**  
**Grand Children:** Pranav, Pratyush, Shrawan, Avni  
**Samast Hangloo Parivar, Friends & Relatives**  
**Mob.No: 6005125277, 700685204**



SH. JAWAHAR LAL HANGLOO

**10TH DAY/CONDOLENCE**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform that our beloved **Sh Shamboo Nath Bhat Hazari** S/o Sh Daya Ram originally resident of Quasba Devsar presently H No. 284/C, Sector-1, Durga Nagar Jammu has attained Moksha on 14th of June 2023.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat at 8:30 am on 23rd of June 2023.

**Contact Nos :** 9796499004, 9419797206  
Condolence from inlaw's/Wanph side will be observed at Durga Nagar jointly at the same address.

**Contact Nos :** 7006236185, 7006057652

**GRIEF STRICKEN :**

**Sons & Daughter in laws**  
Smt Soni Hazari  
Smt & Sh Maharaj Krishan Hazari  
Smt & Sh Shubani Ji Hazari  
Smt & Sh Bal Ji Hazari  
Smt & Sh Ajay Hazari  
**Daughters & Son in laws**  
Smt Kundan Pandita  
Smt & Sh Rajinder Bagh  
Smt & Sh Ravi Shanker Koul  
Smt & Sh Maharaj Krishan Koul  
Smt & Sh Chand Ji Bhat  
Smt & Sh Vikas Mattoo



Sh Shamboo Nath Bhat Hazari

**In law's Side**

Smt & Sh A K Raina  
Smt & Sh Mahender Raina  
Smt & Sh Ram Ji Raina  
Smt & Sh Suban Ji Raina

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Susheela Devi** W/O Lt. Sh Krishan Dutt Magotra on 10-06-23.

**TENTH DAY-** will be performed on Monday, 19-06-23 at Durga Mandir, Rampura, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

**KRIYA-** will be held on Tuesday, 20-06-23 at our residence 34 Rampura, Gandhi Nagar Jammu. **UTHALA** will be held on Wednesday 21-06-2023 at Durga Mandir, Rampura, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

**SONS & DAUGHTERS IN LAW**  
Sunil Sharma & Sushama Sharma  
Anirudh Sharma & Anjana Sharma  
Koushal Sharma & Manya Sharma  
Rohit Sharma & Rajni Sharma  
**NEPHEW & DAUGHTER IN LAW**  
Rahul Magotra & Anil Magotra  
Arvind Magotra  
**SISTERS IN LAW & BROTHERS IN LAW**  
Urmila Magotra & Lt. Mohan Lal Magotra  
Lt. Krishna Devi & Jagdish Sharma  
Santosh Sahi & Lt. S.S. Sahi



SMT. SUSHEELA DEVI

**BROTHER & SISTER IN LAW**

Prem Nath Khajuria & Darshna Devi  
**GRAND CHILDREN**  
Dr. Saru Sharma, Er. Kushnagar Sharma, Vedika, Riika, Ansh, Hariharsh, Utkarsh  
Ph. No. 9419141630, 9419192231, 9419190284, 9906902782

**MASWAR/VAHARVAR**

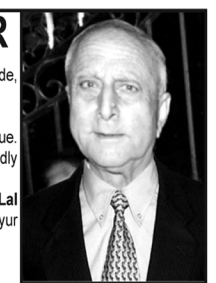
One year has passed since you left us for heavenly abode leaving a deep void in our lives.

We pray to God to grant peace to your noble soul. In our hearts your memory lingers sweetly tender, live and true. There is not a single day when we don't think of you. Badly miss and remember you each passing day.

**Maswar & Vaharvar** of our beloved father **Shri Mohan Lal Bhat** will be held on 19th and 20th of June, 2023 at Mayur Vihar Phase-II, New Delhi.

**DEEPLY MISSED BY:-**

**Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Sangeeta Raina & Dr. Anil Raina  
Seema Ganjoo & Rakesh Ganjoo  
**All Grand Children**



SHRI MOHAN LAL BHAT

**10TH DAY**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED CH. MANIT SINGH S/O CH. JAGDISH SINGH R/O H.NO 106-A JEEVAN NAGAR JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 12TH JUNE 2023.

**TENTH DAY** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 20TH JUNE 2023 AT GURUDWARA HALL, RANI TALAB, JAMMU AT 9.30 AM ONWARDS.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**

SMT. AMAR KOUR W/O LATE CH. GAIN CHAND (GRAND PARENTS)  
SMT. KANTA & CH. JAGDISH SINGH (PARENTS)  
SMT. ROOPALI CHOUDHARY (WIFE)  
SMT. JYOTI & SH. AMIT CHOUDH



## In a first, IAF helicopters to hover at Amarnath holy cave for surveillance



JAMMU, Jun 19 (Agencies): For the first time, the helicopters of Indian Air Force (IAF) will be seen hovering at the cave shrine of Shri Amarnath during the annual 62-day long pilgrimage starting from July 1 and concluding on August 30 on Raksha Bandhan festival.

"As three-tier security arrangements are being put in place during the yatra, the Indian Air Force (IAF) for the first time will also play a key role in augmenting the security sector besides acting as rescue machines at the time of any urgency," official sources said.

Sources added that expecting a heavy rush of pilgrims during the Yatra this year, the administration has made adequate arrangements including infrastructure, basic facilities and tight security.

According to official sources, more than 2.5 lakh pilgrims from across the country have so far registered online for the yatra.

The online helicopter booking has also started from Friday.

"The IAF copters will be playing a crucial role in making the pilgrimage

of Shri Amarnath Yatra completely safe and smooth this year," official sources said adding that the flying machines are to be stationed at the identified locations en route Yatra route and will regularly be maintaining the surveillance around the holy cave.

"The IAF sorties previously also had been engaged but only in emergency situations," they said, adding that the helicopters would keep surveillance along Baltal and Nunwan routes and also around the holy cave at regular intervals. Notably, in July 2022,

16 pilgrims were killed in the flash floods triggered due to a cloudburst in the upper reaches of the holy cave.

Sources further said, "One helicopter each will be available round the clock at prominent halts en route Yatra along both the tracks to carry any kind of relief work in case of urgency."

"Unwell pilgrims, those suffering cardiac arrests or at the time of any medical emergency, the IAF copters will rescue and shift them to the health centres to save the precious lives," they added.

Sources also said that the helicopters will also be utilised in delivering necessary equipment for the security forces deployed on the yatra route and to cater other medical emergencies.

However, deployment of security forces including Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, CRPF, CAPF, CISF and other paramilitary forces is to be made from June 20 during the yatra period for the safety of the pilgrims.

## J&K completes 5-year central rule; political parties raise chorus for early polls

SRINAGAR, Jun 19 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir on Monday completed five years without an elected government, prompting a scathing attack from the mainstream National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party over the delay in restoration of democracy in the Union Territory.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre revoked Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated the state into two Union territories — Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti resigned from the post of the chief minister on June 19, 2018 after alliance partner BJP withdrew support to her coalition government.

In a sarcastic tweet, National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on Monday said democracy in India ends



where Jammu and Kashmir begins.

"Democracy is in our veins, it is in our culture; 'India is the mother of democracy'; 'India is the temple of democracy'. Great sounding words that the international community lap up & regurgitate ad nauseam. Meanwhile J&K completes 5 years under central rule today. Democracy ends where

J&K begins," he tweeted. PDP spokesperson Mohit Bhan said the entire nation should hang its head in shame.

"Entire nation & its leadership must hang their heads in shame for calling itself 'Mother Of Democracy'. J&K languishes under central rule for a staggering 5 years, with the last election held 9 years ago. The blatant disregard for

people's rights & representation is appalling," he said in a tweet.

Meanwhile, the chorus for holding assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir is growing with all political parties, including the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), urging the Election Commission to announce the poll dates.

The last assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir took place in 2014.

## Army Commander reviews ongoing preparations for Amarnath Yatra 2023

### TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Jun 19: Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Northern Army Commander reviewed the ongoing preparations for the Amarnath Yatra 2023 that will commence on 01 July 2023 onwards for a duration of two months. The Amarnath Yatra takes place annually via two routes i.e. Southern route through Baltal in Ganderbal and the Northern Route through Pehalgam in Anantnag district.

The Army Commander inspected the arrangements on both the routes where he was briefed on the multi-tiered security arrangements to include night domination through night vision devices, snipers, drone



systems, bomb disposal squads, dog squads, counter IED equipment, vehicle repair and recovery teams to ensure smooth movement of convoys and synergy with the civil agencies being under taken to make the Yatra incident free. He was also shown

the arrangements made by BRO, Indian Air Force and Teams from High Altitude Warfare School.

According to the Army officials, the road stretch to Holy Cave Shrine is almost clear for induction of pilgrims. In coordination with Civil Adminis-

tration, NGOs and other agencies, Army is establishing multiple medical detachments with special arrangements of Oxygen cylinders and control rooms at various places along both the routes for humanitarian aid that will be operational round the

clock. Various civil aviation agencies have been incorporated for providing air travel facilities to the devotees.

Army has established Helipads at multiple locations for medical emergencies and to cater for other air lift requirements. Army has also established a number of Yatri camps with adequate tentage facility along with special winter clothing arrangements to provide habitat and comfort during the Holy Yatra. Based on the experiences of the Cloud Burst during the Amarnath Yatra 2022, civil rescue teams and avalanche rescue teams will also be deployed enroute systematically to mitigate any kind of disaster. Earth movers will also be placed

at multiple locations enroute for emergencies. Seamless communication network on both the routes has also been operationalised. SFF detachments will also be overlooking the security of the people.

An "All Inclusive Approach" have been followed to synergize the efforts with all civil agencies including joint training, joint operation, joint exercises and mock drills are being conducted to ensure seamless and successful conduct of the Yatra this year. Northern Army commander appreciated the good work of all agencies and the synergy between them. He complimented them for their proactive action and exhorted them to meet the future challenges.

## J&K Bank launches mobile branches to offer services in remote areas of Ladakh

### TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jun 19: Jammu and Kashmir Bank on Monday launched two mobile branches in Ladakh to offer banking services in remote areas of the Union Territory.

"J&K bank today dedicated two mobile branches -- 'J&K Bank on Wheels' -- for public in Ladakh that will extend banking services to the people of various remote and unbanked areas of the UT," a spokesman of the bank said.

He said Ladakh Lieutenant Governor B D Mishra inaugurated the two mobile branches at the iconic Leh Gate in the presence of J&K Bank MD and CEO Baldev Prakash.

Mishra said: "I am immensely pleased today to have launched J&K Bank's mobile banking branches -- a new and unique service -- for the people living in remote and unbanked areas. There cannot be a better service than this to ensure that those who cannot travel to branches, because of distance and difficulties, enjoy all the types of banking facilities right at their doorsteps conveniently through these mobile branches."

Prakash said in view of the limited network connectivity in the Union Territory, the bank has commissioned these mobile branches to cover remote and unbanked areas.

## Delegation from Ladakh meets MoS Home presses for statehood and special status

### TOP NEWS REPORT

NEW DELHI, Jun 19: A six-member delegation from Ladakh on Monday met Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai amid a prolonged ongoing agitation over demands such as statehood and special status under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

The meeting comes months after several socio-religious, political and youth organisations from Leh and Kargil refused to take part in a high-powered committee set by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to "ensure the protection of land and employment" for the people of Ladakh.

"We discussed our demands and raised our objection to the composition of the high-powered committee," social-political activist Sajjad Hussain, a member of the delegation, told PTI.

The delegation included former Ladakh MP Thupstun Chhewang

and former MLAs Chering Dorje and Nawang Rigzin Jora from the Leh Apex Body. Qamar Ali Akhoun and Haji Asgar Ali Karbalaie -- both former MLAs -- and Hussain represented the Kargil Democratic Alliance.

Ali, Akhoun, Dorje and Rigzin were members of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir Assembly. Dorje, Rigzin and Akhoun were also ministers in the state government.

The demands of the group included statehood, special status under the Sixth Schedule, separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil and a recruitment drive for educated local youth, among others.

The Sixth Schedule of the Constitution provides for greater administrative and political autonomy to certain tribal areas.

The Union Territory of Ladakh was carved out of the erstwhile state of

Jammu and Kashmir in 2019.

Over the past two years, demonstrations have been held in both Leh and Kargil, seeking protection of the interests of the people of Ladakh.

The Leh Apex Body and the Kargil Democratic Alliance, representing different social and religious groups from the two regions, joined hands in August 2021 to press for their demands.

In January, the ministry constituted a high-powered committee headed by Rai to "ensure the protection of land and employment" for the people of Ladakh.

The two bodies, however, rejected the committee, raising objections over its agenda and composition.

In February, representatives and people from Ladakh staged a demonstration at Delhi's Jantar Mantar to press for their demands.

## 80 pc qualify Class 10 board exams in J&K

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 19: Honoring the timelines of Uniform Academic Calendar 2022-23, J&K Board of School Education has declared the result of class 10th Annual Regular 2023 in which 80 per cent of the students of UT of J&K and the UT of Ladakh have been found qualified. This was for the first time that the students of Class X from both the UTs appeared together in one session under Uniform Academic Calendar 2023 which was implemented last year.

In total 1,48,701 students were enrolled for class 10th session Annual Regular 2023 in the UTs of J&K, and Ladakh out of which 1,18,791 students passed the exams; The exam was conducted at 1615 centres established across the Soft and Hard Zone areas identified in both the UTs.

13823 students qualified the exam with A1 grade, 18489 students got A2 grade, 24147 secured B1 grade, 28880 got B2 grade, 26248 secured C1 grade, 7133 C2 grade whereas 78 students have been placed in D grade.

Expressing his satisfaction over the entire examination process of Class 10th Annual Regular 2023 examination, Chairperson, JKBOSE, Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas expressed gratitude to Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieuten-



ant Governor, the UT of J&K, Sh. R.R. Bhatnagar IPS (retd), Hon'ble Advisor School Education Department J&K, Shri Alok Kumar, IRS Principal Secretary SED J&K for great guidance and support to actualize the vision of Uniform Academic Calendar. He also congratulated all the stakeholders and expressed gratitude to the entire divisional and district level administrative machinery, India Posts, whole team of the officers and officials of JKBOSE, teachers who have tirelessly contributed for the smooth conduct of examination followed by cooperation in evaluation and all other people who have directly or indirectly contributed towards the success of this vision of the Govt. wherein all the students of the two UTs were brought together in the same academic ses-

sion and their result has been declared successfully.

Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Chairman JKBOSE said, "It gives me pleasure to know that the result of Class 10th has remained very heartening. Students & their parents deserve great appreciation for their whole-hearted acceptance and cooperation in realizing the visionary goal of unifying the scattered academic sessions in both the union territories of J&K and Ladakh. Those students who could not make it this time should not lose heart and try again with renewed zeal," he added.

In order to facilitate the access of students to the result gazette, the JKBOSE has made adequate arrangements through various media. For the first time their result will be available on

Digilocker service. For this the students will have to download Digilocker App and register them after filling the required details. The result is available online on the official website of JKBOSE [www.jkbose.nic.in](http://www.jkbose.nic.in) and [Indiaresults.in](http://Indiaresults.in). The candidates can also avail SMS facility by sending the text message to 5676750 by typing [jkbose10](http://jkbose10) followed by a space and Roll No. e.g., " [jkbose10](http://jkbose10) Roll No.". Those who don't have access to Mobile Phones or internet can get their results from their nearest JKBOSE office where the soft copies of result gazettes have been provided.

In case of any query regarding this result, the students have been advised to avoid visiting the JKBOSE offices at Jammu/ Srinagar physically. However, they can email their query at [jssecrecy\\_id@jkbose.co.in](mailto:jssecrecy_id@jkbose.co.in) (for Jammu Division) and [jssecrecy\\_kd@jkbose.co.in](mailto:jssecrecy_kd@jkbose.co.in) (for Kashmir Division) citing all the relevant details which shall be addressed after due processing at the earliest possible. The aggrieved students, if any, can contact their respective schools or the nearest JKBOSE Sub/Branch office. JKBOSE provides an opportunity to the students to get a photocopy and re-evaluation of their answer sheets for which they can apply online after the notification is issued in this regard.



## EDITORIAL

## DIGITAL INDIA

'Digital India' is a commendable and bold effort to inspire the Indian society to keep pace with international practices. This is a new initiative of the Government of India. It is a visionary concept done keeping in mind the future form of India.

The objective of this project is to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Under this resolution, India of tomorrow has to be created by connecting Indian talent with information technology. With this in view, three major goals of "Digital India" have been set viz creating a usable digital infrastructure for every citizen; Operation of digital services based on public demand and making them available to the people; to make people proficient in using digital tools.

Going digital for the common man means avoiding cash transactions and using online (mobile, paytm, debit card etc.) transactions, reducing paper work to a minimum, transparency in government and banking work and business activities and protection from fraud and bribery etc.

This arrangement helps the housewives in family income-expenditure, shopping, monthly and annual management etc.

It will be helpful for the students to choose the appropriate school, easy availability of study material, send online applications for scholarship etc., reduce the burden of books.

Unemployed youth will be able to easily search for suitable jobs and will take advantage of the transparent selection system using digital applications and we will be able to submit the certificate online.

Traders and industrialists will also be benefitted by this, the hassle of cash transactions will be avoided. Customers will be satisfied. There will be transparency in government works, income tax, transport and business expansion.

Security of records, e-signature, mobile banking, freedom from middlemen in government works, transparency in purchase and sale of real estate, e-registration etc. are many benefits of 'Digital India'.

There are also many challenges in the drive to implement the digital system. The most important challenge is to make the public a participant in it by assuring it. City dwellers may find it easy to use digital devices, but making crores of rural, illiterate people capable of using it is a long and patient process. Besides, lovers of tax evasion will not like this system.

People have to have faith in electronic security. Public has to be protected from cyber crimes, hacking and thugs.

Go ahead- Challenges, doubts and obstacles have been coming in every new and beneficial work. Making this system acceptable and successful with government honesty and public co-operation is very important in the interest of the country. Hope we will be successful.

## Could India get all it wants from US, not give anything?

By: Parsa Venkateshwar  
Rao Jr

There is much excitement across the Indian media and in the strategic pundit community about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the United States in the coming week, at the invitation of President Joe Biden, and how some key agreements in the fields of armaments, AI and semiconductor technologies are due to be signed, making India a special partner of the United States. The buzz has been created by US national security adviser Jake Sullivan's recent visit to New Delhi where he held talks with India's NSA Ajit Doval as well as external affairs minister S. Jaishankar, and it is believed that key breakthroughs have been achieved and which will be formalised by Mr Modi and Mr Biden in their White House meetings. There is also the additional icing to the visit as Mr Modi will join a select band of foreign leaders to address the US Congress twice.

But everyone in India, especially among the experts, seem to have forgotten the simple phrase of market economics -- and all the experts are devotees of the market economy -- that there are no free lunches. No one has paused to ask what is it that the United States is looking for in India as its strategic partner. Why will the US bestow favours on India? Is it because India is a vibrant democracy like America, and the US finds India as the right partner to fight the autocracies of China and Russia? What are the American expectations from India? Many informed Indians seem to believe that India has everything in its favour, and that America needs

India in Asia more than India needs America in managing the global strategic balance, and that India does not have to give anything and it has everything to gain. This is indeed unbridled optimism which has characterised the last nine years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's overweening confidence.

India has so far held its own against pressures by the US and European Union countries on the issue of Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year, and India has imported crude oil from Russia in the face of Western sanctions. Washington is now reconciled to the fact that India will not cut off relations with Russia, and the EU too is coming around to accepting India's position. And the West is willing to look away from India's oil imports from Russia even as the US and European countries import India-refined Russian crude. There is not, however, much expectation from India that it could be the peacemaker between Russia and Ukraine.

Why are Americans betting on India? They must be seeing mainly business, and equally strategic, opportunities in India, and that it only goes to show that India has attained a position of importance which is based on its inherent strengths. This is indeed an exaggerated view of Indians of India.

There is no doubt that Americans are looking for strategic partners to fight their battles of global supremacy. During the Cold War, they used Pakistan as a prop though the offer was initially made to India. Pakistan has fallen off the map, as it were, and a liberalised India offers an attractive possibility of a partner. But India's commitment to stand up for democracy in other

parts of the world, at least in terms of rhetoric, is shaky. India is not ideologically committed to democracy like America and Europe, whatever their hypocrisies may be in practice.

It is believed in India that the Americans are now willing to share dual-technology products, and that Americans are willing to sell critical armaments to counter Chinese military aggression on the India-China Line of Actual Control. India cannot feel too reassured that to counter China it becomes dependent on American military support.

The argument that India provides an ideal alternative to American investments and manufacturing in China remains faulty, though it has become the favoured theme in Indian circles. Americans have multiple alternatives in Southeast Asia as well as in South Korea. And what the Indian software sector provides to contribute to the American economy, from India as well as in America, is valuable enough but India is still not the big stakeholder in the American economy. The Indian economy is much too small to make an impact, though we get reports of Indian enterprises in America are creating tens of thousands of jobs for the Americans and creating hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of goods and services.

More important, India is not willing to be a part of any military alliance with the US and others. The Americans, Japanese and Australians would have been only too willing to change the Quad into a military grouping but for India's reluctance. The key question that arises is whether India can enjoy the advantages of being part of the Western democratic club

without accepting any military responsibility.

If the Americans are willing to share critical and emerging technologies with India, they are also looking for business and strategic advantages. India will have to play along if it wants the many things it expects from America. Of course, Indian's leaders can keep under wraps the many commitments that India is asked to make to the US, and the strategy experts can explain away, rationalise, whatever India is forced to give in return for US investments and technology. But it becomes necessary for the people of India to demand to know the commitments India is making to the US as part of the strategic partnership. India's leaders and pundits cannot pretend that India is getting whatever it needs from America and there are no price strings attached to it. There is nothing dishonourable for India to make its commitments in return for strategic technology. But it has to be in the open. Secrecy will be unfair to the people of America as well as to the people of India.

Western countries have played the game of giving to aid to developing countries as a goodwill gesture and nothing more, which was a lie. It is a give-and-take game. All that we are asking is that the terms should be fair and the terms should be in the open. Diplomatic fluff has to be cut out, and there should be straight talk about the advantages each side gains from any bargain or deal. Of course, the change is not going to happen easily. Popular pressure needs to be exerted on governments to be open. This is especially so when two democratic governments like India and the US join hands.

## When it comes to politeness, culture, is South now ahead of North?

By: Saeed Naqvi

Just when we were boarding the Delhi flight after a stint in Bengaluru during the recent elections, my wife posed a whimsical question: did I share her view that the South was more "polite and cultured"?

I consider myself privileged to have been installed as regional editor of Indian Express from 1979 to 1984, based in Chennai. I supervised editions in Bengaluru, Vijayawada, Hyderabad and Kochi and all in between. In Kerala, the main bureau was just a stone throw from E.M.S. Namboodiripad's house, which gave me easy access to one of the finest political minds I ever met. Foreign correspondent James Cameron's advice made so much sense after every conversation with EMS: "When I travel to a country to cover a major event, I first visit the local Communist Party office where the background to the story has been analysed ahead of others. All I need to do is to sift out the ideology and I have the outlines of a first-rate situation report in my notebook."

At the Thiruvananthapuram bureau or the publishing centre in Kochi, the editorial staff worked with extraordinary diligence on days when a top Kathakali artist like Kalamandalam Hyderali was performing. Extra work was put in earlier so that the journalists were free for the show.

My colleagues knew the katha (story), nritya (dance) and natya (drama) like the back of their hands. The culture sustained

by Urdu as central to what was known as our "Ganga-Jamuni" tehzeeb, was disrupted by Partition and a scramble for Western education as the guarantor for bread on our tables. The South was spared these travails.

Partition or the primacy of English for jobs created no turbulence in Kerala. Muslims came to Kerala not as rulers from Central Asia but as traders from Arabia. There was no urge to impose a culture, as in the north, but to adapt to local cultures as a means for expanding trade. It was because of this enthusiastic acceptance of Malayalam that resulted in Muslims excelling in poetry, literature and all performing arts, like cinema, in which Prem Nazir entered the Guinness Book for acting in a record 750 films.

Considering that M.G. Ramachandran in Tamil Nadu and N.T. Rama Rao in Andhra Pradesh built lasting political careers based on cinematic charisma, why did Prem Nazir not end up dominating Kerala politics? Little reflection provided the answer: the Kerala voter was too politicised by an expansive and deep Communist movement and too educated due to the Church's influence.

It's not commonly known that Kerala's first mosque was built in 629 AD, three years before Prophet Mohammad's death, making it among the earliest mosques anywhere. It was built by a Hindu nobleman, Cheraman Perumal. He was simply filling a need: increasing number of Arab traders needed a place of worship.

Not only is there no evidence

of Urdu being promoted except under the Nizam of Hyderabad's vast reach, there are numerous incidents of prodigious works in Malayalam or Tamil by Muslim scholars like Justice Ismail in Chennai, who was seen as the sole authority on Kamba Ramayanam. He was the single source for scholarship on the subject.

Likewise, to C.N. Maulana of Kerala goes the credit for breaking a taboo imposed by the clergy: God's language is Arabic and the Quran can therefore not be translated. It was this kind of rigidity that Urdu poet Yaas Yagana Changezi had debunked: "Samajh mein kuchch naheen ata/ Parhe jaane se kya hasil/ Namazon mein hain kuchch/ Maani to pardesi zubaan kyon ho?" (If there is to be meaning to your prayers, why should prayers be in a foreign language?)

In my appreciation of the South, my friend, the remarkable cartoonist Abu Abraham, played no mean role across many conversations we had. His angry outburst on one occasion surprised me because a joke I told him had "smacked of uneducated, North Indian prejudice".

I had just returned from JNU's first convocation addressed by Balraj Sahni, film actor and a leading member of the Progressive Movement. The speed with which All India Radio was incorporating "difficult" Hindi in its news bulletins had elicited a quip from Sahni's Bollywood friend, the comedian Johnny Walker.

"Ab yeh naheen kehna chahi-

ye ki aap Hindi mein samachar suniye" Sahni quoted Johnny Walker, "balki yeh kehna chahiye ki ab samachar mein Hindi suniye". (Newsreaders should now say "listen to Hindi in the news" instead of "news in Hindi".)

Abu was livid. "You North Indians must know that a more sanskritised Hindi is that much more intelligible to us."

That all Indian languages, with the solitary exception of Tamil, have some proportion of Sanskrit, helped me understand cultural variations in India that much more. I cannot claim to have understood anything of the great trinity of Carnatic music -- Thyagaraja, Syama Sastri and Muthuswami Dikshitar -- but I became sufficiently acquainted with the form of their verse. I even visited the great veena player S. Balachander for advice on elementary Carnatic sangheet.

One day the door of my third-floor Mount Road office opened and in walked Balachander in a state of high agitation. Vocalist Semmangudi, he alleged, had the patronage of the Travancore Palace. So what? I asked. He is lobbying in Madras (Chennai) to elevate musician prince Swathi Thirunal to the level of the great trinity. He wants Thirunal's photograph alongside the great trinity in the Music Academy, virtually headquarters of all the performing arts in South India. Beads of perspiration covered his forehead. "This will happen over my dead body", he said. He lifted both hands and brought them down on my table with such force that the glass top splintered.



## UIET Kathua Campus organizes Industrial Webinar on "Data Analytics"

### TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Jun 19: University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organized an Industrial Webinar on "Data Analytics" under the Expert Lecture Series in collaboration with Froyo Technologies, Noida as second lecture under the newly launched the Expert Lecture Series for the students of the campus. The resource person of the webinar was Mr. Rajinder Kumar, Data Scientist, Froyo Technologies, Noida who has an enriching experience of more than 20 years in the IT industry.

Kumar stressed on the importance of data analytics as it helps businesses to optimize their performances. He further said that data analytics can be used for making better business decisions and in analyzing customer trends and satisfaction, which ultimately can lead to new and better products and services. He also emphasized that data analytics helps individuals and organizations in transferring raw numbers into informative

### What Is Data Analytics? ....



### 2. Data analytics help a business optimize its

insights that drive decision-making and thoughtful management.

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu appreciated and thanked the resource person for sharing valuable knowledge regarding Data Analytics with the students of the Campus.

She further stressed on learning data analysis as it covers multiple facets and approaches encompassing diverse techniques and is used in different domains of day to day life.

She further encouraged the students of the campus to participate in such webinars as they are being provided with in-depth knowledge of multidisciplinary modules that helps in increasing practical expertise of the students.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri,

I/c Coordinator, UIET, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu welcomed the resource person and suggested the students to take maximum benefit from these types of academic activities.

Kishore Prasad from Froyo Technologies, Noida introduced the resource person. Er. Himani Khajuria coordinated the whole programme and Dr. Rubby Mahajan delivered a vote of thanks.

Er. Sandeep Raj, Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Er. Komal Khatri, Er. Sushant Gagal, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Er. Palvi Verma, Ritu Sharma, Dr. Nisha Choudhary, Er. Vishayjeet Singh, Er. Sourav Gupta, Dr. Zahin Ansari, Pranav Ratta and other teaching faculty of the campus were also present during the webinar.

## PM Modi ushered in peace & development: MP Khatana

### TOP NEWS REPORT

RAJOURI, Jun 19: BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today chaired a number of programmes in district Rajouri and Poonch as part of month long 9 Saal Bemisal campaign to highlight the achievements of the Narendra



Modi led BJP government.

Addressing impressive gathering prominent persons at Muradpur here, Er. Gulam Ali said that previous governments believed in divide and rule policy of Britishers and acted as aristocrats but election of Sh. Narendra Modi as Prime Minister of India has not gone well with the dynastic parties. "They (Opposition parties) tried to demean and deride PM Narendra Modi by calling him names but PM proved his mettle by ushering in an era of

development, peace and prosperity in the country," said Er. Gulam Ali.

He said that during eight years of Prime Minister-ship of Sh. Narendra Modi India has new heights and innovative ideas like Make in India, Start-ups, implementation of have been implemented and borders have been

secured. No major act of terrorism has happened and separatists and terrorists are on the run.

He said that bureaucracy and public representative are two pillars of the democratic set up and must work together in same direction.

Prominent among others Jugal Dogra, Sarpanch Samreen Khan, Capt. Nizam Din, Shamshad Begum DDC, Shaista Kousar, Azeem Choudhary, Karan, Talib Mir, Amit Sharma, Manzoor Naik, Parvez Malik, Romesh Chander accompanied.

## GDC Padder organises guest lecture on importance of yoga

### TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jun 19: Department of Education in collaboration with the Department of Sociology under the esteemed patronage of Dr Anwer Shah, Principal of the college organised a lecture in view of the ongoing 'Yoga Mahotsav Celebration' at GDC Padder.

The event began with the welcome speech delivered by Professor Chering Durjee. He gave a brief introduction about the event. After that, three students from Class BA Semester 4th also delivered wonderful speeches.

Haqiqat Kumar said, "Through the practice of yoga we can learn effective stress management and help us to find balance and tranquillity in our hectic lives".

Another student, Anjana Parihar said in her speech, "Yoga is an invaluable gift of ancient Indian tradition and it has emerged as one of the most trusted means to boost physical and mental well-being of all human beings".

Rumina Akther, student of the same class said, "Yoga is not just about physical exercise.



It is a way of life that promotes mindfulness, self-awareness and spiritual growth of a person". Subsequently, Jagdish Raj Parihar, resource person on the occasion, delivered a detailed lecture on the topic Yoga and its significance in one's daily life. In his lecture he also told about yoga, its types and different ways of practising yoga in one's daily life.

Dr Subhash Chander (HOD) Hindi also expressed his valuable views related to the

yoga. He motivated students to practise yoga in their daily life which in turn keep them away from stress, anxiety and depression.

The students listened to all the speakers patiently and enthusiastically. The other teaching and non teaching staff members were also remained present during the occasion. The event came to an end with the formal vote of thanks delivered by Professor Rishi Kumar, Head of the Department, Sociology.

## AJKDWT serves ultimatum to Govt to resume pensions before June 30



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 19: The monthly meeting of the All Jammu and Kashmir Disabled Welfare Trust (AJKDWT) was held in Akhnoor, during which they discussed the problems being faced by the disabled people in the name of re-verification.

Speaking on the issue they said that the government had issued an order, under which everyone has been asked to resubmit their various types of documents on online portal of department. They said we have submitted these documents number of times and now in such a situation the government

is harassing them by issuing such orders. They said that most of the sought papers are already linked to Aadhaar. They said that the government has stopped pensions of maximum disabled people due to which it is difficult for them to survive. They said few days ago they held a protest in Akhnoor to apprise government about their different issues and if our pension is not resumed by the coming July 1st, then we will be on hunger strike all over the Jammu and Kashmir.

Sham Lal, Vakil Chand, Bansi Lal, Toshi, Ratna Lal and others were present in the meeting.

## Col Wangchuk flags off cycling expedition from Leh to Umling La

### TOP NEWS REPORT

LEH, Jun 19: A cycling expedition by Dhanurdhari Gunners of Fire and Fury Corps to the World's Highest Motorable Pass, Umling La, at an Altitude of 19,024 feet, was flagged off by Colonel Sonam Wangchuk, MVC (Retd) from Hall of Fame, Leh on Monday.

A large number of Veterans, Veer Naris, School Children and Community Members participated in the flagging off ceremony and encouraged the team members.

The Expedition Team



comprises of cyclists from Indian Army and Civilian Enthusiasts and will summit Umling La in four cycling days, covering a distance of 400

kilometres. The expedition will be a true test of the Dhanurdhari Gunners grit and strength of the sinew.

The expedition is an

effort to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, invigorate the patriotic fervour, instill the spirit of National Integration and promote fitness.

## PM Modi becomes emerge as Chakrabarti Samrat: Chandel

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 19: Hinduist BJP leader Raju Chandel, while talking to reporters in Jammu, today said that In the G20 conference, where many political leaders of the world are seen painted in the saffron color of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the emperor of that unbroken India will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chandel said that when Chakravarti Samrat Prime Minister Narendra Modi has got the full vote of confidence from all the powerful saints and the Parliament by all the sages and saints.

Chandel said that like the map of unbroken India, very soon India



will become unbroken India and the emperor of that unbroken India will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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## GDC Chatroo organises Extension Lecture on Yoga

### TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jun 19: Department of Physical education and sports and NSS unit of Govt Degree College (GDC) Chatroo organised an Extension lecture on yoga under the banner of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav and this year theme "Humanity"

The programme was organised under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Ved Kumar Principal GDC Chatroo.

Dr. Jaswant Singh Physical education director of the college was the keynote speaker on the occasion.

The programme started with a welcome address by Prof. Ajeet Kumar HOD Environment science which was followed by an elaborate lecture by the Resource Person wherein he threw light on different aspects of yoga through PowerPoint presentation. Dr. Jaswant in his lecture urged the students to practice yoga on daily basis. He gave the practical demonstration of pranayama and Asana to the students.

The students were made aware about the benefits of practicing

yoga. The lecture concluded with a question-answer session in which the queries and doubts of the students were cleared by Dr. Jaswant Singh.

The presidential address was delivered by Dr. Ved Kumar principal of the college. In his address he appreciated the efforts of organising team and urged the students to adopt yogic practices in daily routine.

The stage was managed by NSS Programme officer Prof. Chander Parkash.

## 53rd birthday of Rahul Gandhi celebrated with great fervour

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 19: The 53rd birthday of Rahul Gandhi, former President AICC was celebrated at the PCC HQ here on Monday in a function attended by senior leaders and workers of the party.

Sweets and cake were distributed among the party men and they wished him a long life.

The PCC leaders said that Rahul Gandhi is the future of the Nation and the countrymen especially the youth of the country have great expectations from the young and dynamic leader.

Rahul Gandhi during his short

stint has impressed the people of this country and the outside world by his spirit of service, simplicity, dedication and devotion for the welfare of poor and downtrodden and his qualities of leadership he demonstrated in nationwide 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'.

He has become a role model for the youth and a source of inspiration, encouragement and confidence and as a guide especially for those who want to serve the society through politics. The party members prayed for his long life and wished him great success.

Senior leaders who conveyed

congratulations to Mr. Rahul Gandhi on his birthday were Th. Balwan Singh, Ved Mahajan, Vinod Sharma, Pawan Raina, Narinder Gupta, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Gurdarshan Singh, Virender Manhas, Gurmeet Singh, Thomas Khokhar, Rajveer Singh, Sahil Sharma, Jatin K Raina, Uttam Singh, B.B. Gupta, Dr. R.K. Khajuria, Vijay Shastri, Ricky Dalotra, Michael Wazir, Camres David (Baboo), Gurmeet Singh, Rakesh Sharma, Chander Shekhar, Janak Raj Mehra and Dwarka Nath Prashar.

## Imminent danger to federal system in country: AAP



### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 19: Denial to provide door step ration to the people of Delhi and refusal to provide wheat to Karnataka under Public Distribution system, are the burning examples where states, that too non BJP governed states, are being stopped by the Central government to exercise their constitutional obligations towards their bonafide citizens, clearly demonstrate that federal system as enshrined under Constitution of India is under imminent threat which is a great threat to the unity & integrity of the country.

This was stated by several Senior AAP leaders in a meeting held here at Laxmipuram, Chinore, Jammu under the Chairmanship of its Founder & National Council Member, Deep Singh and was attended by Maj General Retd Rajinder Singh Jamwal, Farooq

Ahmed Bandy, Ram Singh Chauhan, Nirmal Mahna, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, S. Ravinder Singh, Amit Langer, Agya Kour, Romesh Lal Bhagat, S. Ranjodh Singh, Sukh Dev Sangral & others.

The AAP leaders further expressed great shock & dismay over the fact that state share of GST is being denied to states thereby putting them to financial starvation which ultimately increases the hardships of downtrodden sections of society, they said.

They added that similarly blatant use of CBI against opposition leaders across the country has evoked sharp resentment against the centre as a result about 10 non-BJP run states have decided to ban CBI which ultimately indicates that there will be a constitutional crisis in the country.

They apprehended and questioned as to where are we head-

ing towards? Is it not a threat to the unity of country, they asked? Similarly, imposition of three black laws for farmers & withdrawal of same by one person, demonetization and then banning of Rs 2000 note shows ill timed, ill perceived decision by one person & now at a time of general elections, the balloon of uniform civil code without broad consensus from all sections of society etc are the synonyms of Hitler Shahi leading towards Aristocracy or Presidential form of government in the country, they cautioned.

They added that this sort of governance is fast dragging us towards great confusion & chaos which is out rightly harmful for the unity and federal structure of the country. At the end AAP leaders cautioned the people to remain vigilant against the dangerous and nefarious designs of the ruling dispensation & not to fall in their trap.



## Veteran actress Zeenat Aman reveals how she got her surname

Veteran actress Zeenat Aman, on Father's Day, remembered her late father Amanullah Khan and mother Vardhini Scindia, and also talked about how she got her surname. She also shared that she wanted to translate and publish a volume of Urdu poetry written by him.

Zeenat took to Instagram and shared a picture, and wrote about how her parents got married and parted ways.

"This precious image was taken at a photo studio when I was a child. My father is sitting behind me, and another relative is in front. My father Amanullah Khan came from royal stock. His mother Akhtar Jahan Begum was first cousins with the last ruler of the state of Bhopal, his highness Nawab Hamidullah Khan. Aman Sahab, as he was known, was one of eight siblings, and they led a leisurely life in Bhopal. As he grew up he was considered extremely handsome. So along with his cousin Al Nasir, he came to Mumbai to see if they could find fame



and fortune in Hindi cinema. He met my mother Vardhini Scindia socially at a party in the city," she said.

"They had a whirlwind courtship and got married soon after. Unsurprisingly, neither family approved. She was a practicing Hindu and he came from a strong Muslim family. After a brief acting career, Aman Sahab

went on to become a writer. Amongst other projects, he most famously worked on the screenplay and dialogues for Mughal-E-Azam and also Pakeezah. Though he was enormously talented and respected as a writer, I don't feel he ever got his due. I suppose writers rarely do."

"On the home front, my parents decided to separate a few

years after I was born. I stayed with my mother, and my father moved into a sprawling bungalow on Mount Mary Hill in Bandra."

She recalled going for long walks with him during which he would treat her to ice-cream.

"He would tell me stories and recite Urdu poems, some of which he made up especially for me. He would also write beautiful letters in English to my mother and me too. These are my few memories of my father. He passed away at the early age of 41, when I was still in school. I wish I had had the chance to spend more time with him. To know him not just through the lens of a child, but as a teenager and adult. Amongst the few possessions I hold close to my heart, is a volume of Urdu poetry that he wrote. I hope to have this translated and published some day. One never gets too old to miss their parents. On Father's Day, I am thinking of my father Amanullah Khan, whose name I chose to make my own."

## Sunny Deol's son Karan Deol gets married to Drisha Acharya



Actor Sunny Deol's son Karan Deol tied the knot with his long-time girlfriend Drisha Acharya on Sunday. The groom and his family arrived with the baaratis in style at Mumbai's Taj

Lands End, where the wedding festivities took place.

The groom wore an off-white sherwani and teamed it up with a matching turban, while Drisha looked beautiful

in a printed red lehenga. She also wore a maang-tika and gold neckpiece to compliment her look.

As it was a day wedding, the guests mainly opted for light colour attire. The groom's father Sunny Deol looked dapper in a green-hued kurta and a red Punjabi-style turban. Bobby Deol also posed in style. Karan's grandfather Dharmendra shook a leg to dhol beats.

Karan and Drisha have been in a relationship for a long time now. Drisha is a fashion designer. Reportedly, Drisha is the granddaughter of Bimal Roy's daughter, Rinki Bhattacharya. Karan followed in his father's footsteps and took acting as a profession. He made his Bollywood debut with Sunny Deol's directorial Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas in 2019.

## Sobhita Dhulipala turns make-up artist

The Night Manager has been loved by fans, critics, and the film fraternity equally. Disney+Hotstar announced the release date of Hotstar Specials' The Night Manager: Part 2, which is set to release on June 30. The first part saw the clash between Shelly Rungta (Anil Kapoor) and Shaan Sengupta (Aditya Roy Kapur).

During one of the most challenging schedules in the scorching heat, Sobhita Dhulipala's make-up artist could not make it to the sets, so she took matters into her own hands.

Talking about this, show creator Sandeep Modi says, "Shooting for a show like The Night Manager was packed with challenges and tough sequences. One of the most difficult shoots was in Rajasthan, in the middle of the desert. The sun was burning over our heads, and we had to shoot for long hours. We could not finish Sobhita's shoot because of the extreme heat, and we wanted her to stay back for another



day. She willingly cancelled her professional commitments for the next day and decided to stay back to complete filming. But there was another problem. Her make-up artist had her kids' birthday the next

day. She was feeling gutted about missing it. When Sobhita found out, she sent her away and decided to do her own makeup for the shoot. It is incredible how she was so empathetic."

## Suhana Khan, Khushi Kapoor-starrer 'The Archies' teaser is glimpse of Riverdale, young love, and rock & roll

The first look of the upcoming streaming film 'The Archies' has been unveiled and it promises a fun ride from the era of the 1960s.

The film, directed by Zoya Akhtar, is set in 1960s India in a fictional idyllic hill station, called Riverdale. It teases young love, rock and roll, and a fair bit of intrigue.

The film stars an ensemble cast that includes Suhana Khan, Yuvraj Menda, Agastya Nanda, Mihir Ahuja, Dot, Khushi Kapoor and Vedang Raina.

The over one-minute teaser reveals that the film is set in 1964 in Riverdale, described on a railway sign as a "hill station," a term dating back to colonial time that refers to a town located at a higher elevation than the nearby plain. One of the transport links servicing the hill stations are small mountain railway trains running on narrow gauge tracks, known affectionately in India as "toy trains" and the teaser opens with a shot of top train puffing into Riverdale station.

The teaser also gave a glimpse of the friends--Suhana Khan, Agastya Nanda and Khushi Kapoor, falling in love and going through heartbreaks. Young actors Mihir Ahuja, Dot, Yuvraj Menda and Vedang Raina also feature in the film's cast.



The Archies gang play music, dance at parties and classrooms and enjoy their time outdoors too.

They also performed live on the title track at Tudum 2023.

Sharing the teaser's link, Suhana took to Instagram and wrote, "Are you ready to go back in time? Welcome to The Archies."

Reacting to the teaser, filmmaker Karan Johar commented,

"Loveeeeeeeee." "Wooooooo," Navya Nanda, sister of Agastya commented.

'The Archies', inspired by the eponymous comics, is a coming-of-age musical following the lives of Riverdale's favorite set of teenagers -- Dot (Ethel Muggs), Agastya Nanda (Archie Andrews), Khushi Kapoor (Betty Cooper), Mihir Ahuja (Jughead Jones), Suhana Khan (Veronica Lodge), Vedang Raina (Reggie

Mantle) and Yuvraj Menda (Dilton Doiley). Seen through the lens of the unique Anglo-Indian community, it explores friendship, freedom, love, heart-break and rebellion.

At Netflix's annual global fan event, Tudum, held at Ibirapuera Park in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the cast of the film introduced the first look of the film and grooved to the song 'Sunoh'.

After the first look, the lead cast was introduced on stage by Maitreyi Ramakrishnan from the streaming show 'Never Have I Ever'.

Talking about the event, Zoya Akhtar said, "It is nothing short of awesome to be in Sao Paulo, showing the first look of 'The Archies' at Tudum. There are local Brazilian fans and people from across the world virtually tuning in for the show. We are so far away from home and yet receiving the loudest cheers which just reminds us that music, love, and friendship are universal and have no barriers."

She further mentioned, "I am extremely excited for audiences to step into Riverdale in the 60s, meet the young Anglo-Indian kids on the block and groove with 'The Archies' gang!" The film will soon drop on Netflix.

The official release date of 'The Archies' has not been revealed yet.

## Kajal Chauhan believes in ghosts!



Star Bharat's show Meri Saas Bhoot Hai is being well received

by the audience. Kajal Chauhan, who stars in the show, recently

shared stories that made her believe in ghosts and spirits in real life.

She said, "I am having a lot of fun doing the show Meri Saas Bhoot Hai, and it is a unique experience for me. I do believe in ghosts and negative energies, as I feel the world is made up of both good and bad things. But I wasn't always this way. I never believed in such things, but an incident happened to me during childhood that I still remember. I saw something very disturbing up close that scared me to the core. I saw one of my own family members being disturbed due to some bad energy. I know not everyone will believe it, but what I saw and felt at that time was extremely disturbing and made me believe that if there is positive energy, then negative energy also exists."

## Divya Agarwal would love to portray a strong female character



Divya Agarwal has recently received a lot of appreciation for her multiple avatars in Cartel.

The actress recently revealed her desire to play a strong female character on screen. Divya says, "I am a big Bollywood junkie, and growing up, I found it fascinating whenever I used to see strong female characters on screen, who were not damsels in distress. I love female-centric films, and now that times have changed, we get to see so many female-centric shows with spectacular stories to tell. So, I would love to play a strong female character one day." On the professional front, Divya will be seen in a web show soon.

## Ridhi Dogra talks about Badtameez Dil

Amazon MiniTV's latest rom-com, Badtameez Dil, depicts an unconventional tale of two completely opposite individuals who fall head over heels for each other. Barun Sobti and Ridhi Dogra play the lead roles in this series.

Ridhi Dogra says, "The plot is the real star of the show. The timeline is so refreshing. Also, this show doesn't just talk about the hero and heroine. There is a love story every character is going through, and it's telling so much about the world we live in."

On sharing a very distinctive relationship with her co-stars, Ridhi says, "We all got along very well. I would say a huge part of that would be Mukesh Chhabra's casting. Everyone who was part of the show belonged to it. We had a blast shooting, and even



after packing up every day. It was very special.

A memory I will cherish forever."



## Rajnath Singh holds bilateral talks with his Vietnamese counterpart General Phan Van Giang

India and Vietnam share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Bilateral defence relations form a significant pillar of this partnership, as per a release issued by the Ministry of Defence.

NEW DELHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held bilateral talks with Minister of National Defence of Vietnam General Phan Van Giang on Monday to further boost the defence cooperation between India and Vietnam.

Vietnam's Minister of National Defence General Phan Van Giang is on an official visit to India from June 18-19. The minister will during his stay, also undertake a cultural visit to Agra.

Earlier in the day, General Phan Van Giang, Minister of National Defence of Vietnam laid a wreath at National War Memorial here.

The two will also exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

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According to the release, defence engagements between the two nations have diversified to include wide-ranging contacts between the services, military-to-military exchanges, high-level visits, capacity building and

training programmes, cooperation in UN Peacekeeping, ship visits and bilateral exercises.

During Rajnath Singh's visit to Vietnam in June 2022, major overarching guiding documents namely 'Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030' and a Memorandum of Understanding on 'Mutual Logistics Support'

were signed that have significantly enhanced the scope and scale of defence cooperation between both the countries.

Meanwhile, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary (East) Saurabh Kumar and Vice Chairman of National Boundary Commission of Vietnam Trinh Duc Hai recently discussed ways to further strengthen India-Vietnam bilateral relations including in the realm of defence, security and maritime cooperation.

"Secy (East) @AmbSaurabhKumar met Vice Chairman Trinh Duc Hai of the National Boundary Commission of Vietnam today. Discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral relations including in the realm of defence, security and maritime cooperation," MEA Official Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted.

## Defence industrial cooperation roadmap to be key outcome of PM's US visit: Foreign Secretary Kwatra



NEW DELHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): A roadmap for defence industrial cooperation is expected to be the key outcome of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States beginning June 21, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said on Monday.

Addressing a press conference here, he said all aspects of defence co-production and co-development would be part of the discussions between Modi and US President Joe Biden.

"One of the key components which will be prominently showcased will be bilateral defence cooperation," he said.

"The second key component has been strong trade and investment

partnership. Third is the technology component which interfaces with many other domains - telecom, space, manufacturing and investment," Kwatra said.

The prime minister will visit the US from June 21-23 and Egypt from June 24-25, he said.

Modi's visit to the US will commence in New York, where he will lead the celebrations of the International Day of Yoga at the headquarters of the United Nations on June 21.

From New York, he will travel to Washington where he will receive a ceremonial welcome at the White House on June 22, and meet President Biden to continue their high-level dialogue.

Biden and First Lady Jill Biden will host a state dinner in honour of Modi the same evening.

The prime minister will address a joint sitting of the US Congress on June 22, according to the MEA.

On June 23, he will be jointly hosted at a luncheon by US Vice President Kamala Harris and Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

In addition to the official engagements, the prime minister is scheduled to have several curated interactions with leading CEOs, professionals and other stakeholders.

In Egypt, the prime minister will visit the al-Hakimi mosque, which was renovated and restored by the Bohra community.

The prime minister's visit to Egypt is at the invitation of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi who was the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations this year.

This will be Modi's first visit to Egypt as prime minister.

## Honour killing: MP man murders daughter, her lover, dumps bodies in Chambal river

MORENA, Jun 19 (Agencies): A man killed his daughter and her lover in a suspected case of honour killing in Madhya Pradesh's Morena and then dumped their bodies into the Chambal river, police said today.

A police team from Ambah on Sunday searched the Holapura Ghat of the Chambal River for the bodies of the two deceased.

The man identified as Rajpal confessed to killing his daughter and her lover during police

questioning and told them about the location where he threw the bodies.

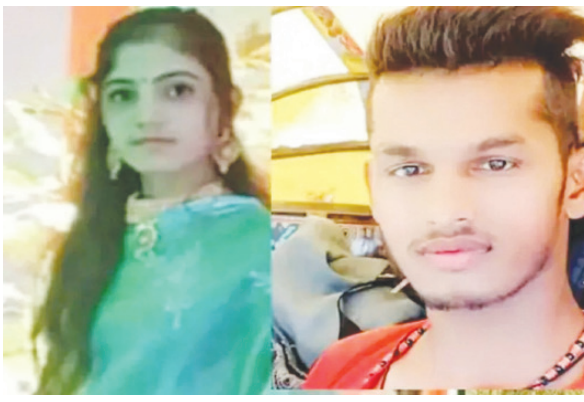
The woman identified as Shivani went missing from her house on June 3, after which her father lodged a complaint about the same at the Ambah police station, said sub-divisional police officer Parmal Singh.

Shivani's lover, Chhotu Tomar, also went missing at the same time and on June 4, Tomar's family lodged a complaint with the police.

According to one of Chhotu Tomar's relatives, Chhotu was kidnapped by Shivani's family members while he was on his way home and then both of them were killed.

After the murder, the girl's family members had left their home and came back after 5 days, he said.

During the police's search for the two missing people - Shivani and Chhotu - they received information suggesting that the two had been murdered. Soon after



this, the police called the girl's father for questioning in the case wherein the father said that he had killed his daughter Shivani and her boy-

friend Chhotu.

The search for the missing bodies began on Sunday and an investigation is underway in the case.

## 2 killed, 30 injured as two buses collide in Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI, Jun 19 (Agencies): Two persons were killed and at least 30 injured in a head-on collision involving two private buses in Cuddalore district on Monday, police said.

The front portions of the two vehicles were completely damaged in the accident at Melpat-

tampakkam in Panruti. Immediately after the mishap, members of the public and police rushed to the spot and helped rush the injured to hospital.

Police said the exact cause of the accident was being probed. Initial reports indicated that the front tyre of one of

the buses burst leading to the driver losing control of the vehicle as a result of which it collided into a bus coming from the opposite direction, police added.

Senior district revenue and police officials rushed to Melpattampakkam to help the injured.

## 2 killed, 22 injured as lorry hits bus in West Bengal

KOLKATA, Jun 19 (Agencies): Two persons were killed and 22 injured when a lorry hit a bus at Samsanganj in West Bengal's Murshidabad district on Monday, police said.

The accident took place when the bus was picking up passengers at a stop in Basudevpur and was hit by a Farakka-bound lorry from behind, a senior police officer said.

"Two persons died at the spot and 22 others



were injured. All the injured are being treated at Jangipur Sub-Divisional Hospital," he told agency over the phone.

The identities of the two deceased are yet to

be ascertained, he said, adding that the bodies are kept at the morgue of the same hospital.

An investigation of the accident is on, he added.

## Chhattisgarh: 26 injured after driver crashes bus into bridge while talking on phone

RAIGARH, Jun 19 (Agencies): Twenty-six people were injured after a speeding bus collided with a bridge near the Gharghoda area in Chhattisgarh. The bus accident that occurred on a railway bridge has left around 26 people injured, with two people in critical condition.

As per the initial probe, it was found that the driver was busy talking on the phone while driving, which caused the accident.

In a similar accident in April, around 40 people, including women and children, were injured after a bus overturned in Chhattisgarh. At the time, the injured had been immediately rushed to a community health centre in Ambagarh Chowki. The bus was on its way to a village in the Dondi Lohara area.

## Maharashtra Teen Fakes Kidnapping, Runs Away With Boyfriend To Kolkata

PALGHAR, Jun 19 (Agencies): A 17-year-old girl from Maharashtra's Palghar district allegedly ran away with her boyfriend to Kolkata after faking her own kidnapping story, police said on Monday.

The girl, a resident of Virar area in Palghar and working in the housekeeping section of a company, went for work on Friday, but did

not return home, Virar police station's senior inspector Kalyan Karpe said.

Her family members then launched a search for her. In the meanwhile, the girl in a WhatsApp voice message to her brother claimed she was "kidnapped", the official said.

After receiving a complaint from her family,

the police registered a case under Indian Penal Code Section 363 (kidnapping), he said.

A police probe team worked on several leads and came to know the girl had taken a flight to Kolkata in West Bengal with her boyfriend, the official said.

A police team has gone to Kolkata to trace the duo, the official said.

## In dramatic incident, police drags away bride minutes before wedding in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Jun 19 (Agencies): In a dramatic incident in Kerala, a young bride was forcibly taken away from the groom by the police on Sunday evening minutes before the inter-faith couple were set to tie the knot at a temple near Kovalam here.

The entire incident played out like some movie scene as visuals of the incident showed the bride, who was screaming she does not want to go, being pushed and yanked towards a private vehicle by police personnel outside Kovalam police station.

The police even prevented the groom from going near her, according to the visuals.

One of the officers could also be seen and heard shouting at the screaming bride to get inside the vehicle and after she was shoved inside it, other officers



also got in and drove away.

The couple on Monday told a TV channel that the woman -- Alfia -- was, thereafter, taken to a magisterial court where she gave a statement that she had left with the groom -- Akhil -- of her own free will and wanted to go with him.

"After recording my statement, I was allowed to leave with Akhil who had also reached there," she said.

Meanwhile, a senior police officer of Alap-

puzha district said that there was a missing person complaint lodged in Kayamkulam police station and as part of it they had to produce the woman before a court there.

"The officers were directed to produce the woman before the court. So they were just doing their duty. Not aware about any use of force by them. The girl told the court she wants to leave with the groom and she left with him," the officer told agency.

He also said he will look into whether there was any use of force by the officers involved.

Alfia, on the other hand, said that the police took her away despite she having already given a statement a few days back that she was leaving with Akhil, whom she knew for over an year, of her own free will to get married to him.

"The missing person complaint was lodged in Kayamkulam police station after that. It was done by my parents.

They do not want me to live with him. They want to take me away," she said.

Narrating what transpired just minutes before they were set to tie the knot, Akhil said, "The police arrived in two vehicles from Kayamkulam. They stopped the wedding from happening and forcibly dragged her away.

"At Kovalam police station also they did not allow me to go near her, pushed me away and misbehaved with me. The police were not expected to behave in such a manner."

However, this scary experience has only toughened their resolve to get married instead of dissuading them from going through with it.

"The wedding will happen tomorrow," the couple said.

Akhil also said that they will pursue the complaint against the police' conduct.

## Heavy rains lash north Gujarat due to depression after Cyclone Biparjoy



AHMEDABAD, Jun 19 (Agencies): Heavy rains lashed several parts of north Gujarat in the last 24 hours due to depression, a remnant of cyclonic storm Biparjoy, causing a flood-like situation in many villages of Banaskantha district, officials said on Monday.

Various parts of Gujarat, including the Saurashtra region, are likely to receive light to moderate rainfall in the next two days, the India Meteorological Depart-

ment (IMD) said in a release.

Several villages in the Dhanera taluka of Banaskantha were affected due to a flood-like situation, an official from the district administration said.

Twenty cows were killed after getting swept away in water at Jadia village, the official said, adding that senior officials have reached Dhanera to help local authorities in relief work.

Cyclone Biparjoy made landfall near Jakhau

on the Kutch coast in Gujarat on Thursday evening.

As per the IMD, the rainfall in the last 24 hours was the result of a depression, a remnant of cyclonic storm Biparjoy, over central parts of south Rajasthan and the neighbouring region.

Banaskantha and Sabarkantha districts in north Gujarat received heavy to very heavy rainfall in the last 24 hours ending at 6 am on Monday.

Danta taluka of Banaskantha received 126 mm rain during the last 24 hours, followed by 86 mm in Amirgadh (Banaskantha), 82 mm in Khedbrahma (Sabarkantha), 74 mm in Vijaynagar (Sabarkantha), 69 mm in Poshina (Sabarkantha) and 37 mm in Vadali taluka of Sabarkantha, the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) said.



## North Korea calls failed spy satellite launch 'the most serious' shortcoming, vows 2nd attempt

*The failed launch and North Korean efforts to modernize its weapons arsenals were discussed extensively at a three-day ruling party meeting.*

SEOUL, Jun 19 (Agencies): Top North Korean officials vowed to push for a second attempt to launch a spy satellite as they called their country's first, and failed, launch last month "the most serious" shortcoming this year and harshly criticized those responsible, state media reported Monday.

In late May, a North Korean rocket carrying a military reconnaissance satellite crashed soon after liftoff, posing a setback to leader Kim Jong Un's push to acquire a space-based surveillance system to better monitor the United States and South Korea.

The failed launch and North Korean efforts to modernize its weapons arsenals were discussed extensively at a three-day ruling party meeting that ended Sunday, with the presence of Kim and other top officials.

A lengthy Korean Central News Agency dispatch on the meeting didn't clearly say who spoke, but said a report to the meeting "bitterly criticized the officials who irresponsibly conducted the preparations for (the) satellite launch."

The report set forth tasks for officials and scientists to learn the lesson of the failed launch, find what caused the rocket's crash and make a successful launch in a short span of time, KCNA said.

It didn't say exactly when North Korea might attempt a second launch. But South Korea's spy agency earlier told lawmakers that it would take likely take



"more than several weeks" for North Korea to determine what went wrong in the failed launch.

North Korea monitoring groups haven't reported any purges or dismissals of scientists or others involved in the failed launch.

A spy satellite is among several high-tech military assets Kim has publicly vowed to acquire to cope with what he calls U.S.-led hostility. Other weapons systems Kim wants to possess are a multi-warhead missile, a nuclear submarine, a solid-propellant intercontinental ballistic missile and a hypersonic missile.

Since the start of 2022, North Korea has carried out more than 100 missile tests, some of which were related to developing a spy satellite and other powerful weapons on Kim's wish-list.

During the meeting, Politburo members also analyzed the "extremely deteriorating security situation" in the region caused by the "reckless war moves" of North Korea's rivals, the report said, apparently referring to the

expanded U.S.-South Korea military drills.

The United States and South Korea have been expanding their military drills in response to North Korea's advancing nuclear arsenal and warn that any attempt to use nuclear weapons would result in the end of Kim's government.

The Politburo members set down unspecified "important tasks" for strengthening solidarity with countries that are "opposed to the U.S. brigandish strategy for world supremacy," KCNA said.

North Korea has pushed to boost relations with Russia, including defending its military action in Ukraine. It says Russia is protecting itself against the West's "hegemonic policy."

The North has also sought to build on its ties with China, its main ally and economic lifeline that is locked in an intensified strategic rivalry with the United States over trade, technology and regional influence.

Russia and China, both veto-

holding permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, have repeatedly blocked attempts by the U.S. and others to toughen U.N. sanctions on North Korea over its missile tests.

The party meeting also discussed efforts to improve North Korea's struggling economy, which experts say has been further strained by pandemic-related border closures.

KCNA said there has been some progress in efforts to boost agricultural output and revive production in metal and chemical industries, though it acknowledged unspecified shortcomings. KCNA claimed progress in the construction field, citing a project to build tens of thousands of new homes in the capital, Pyongyang.

It's virtually impossible to verify the claims by the North, one of the most secretive countries in the world. Experts say there are no signs of social unrest or famine in North Korea despite the pandemic-caused hardships.

KCNA didn't say whether Kim spoke during the plenary meeting of the Workers' Party Central Committee.

Koo Byoungsam, spokesperson for South Korea's Unification Ministry, said it would be highly unusual for Kim to sit through such a high-profile party meeting without a public speech. Koo said the apparent lack of a Kim speech might stem from the satellite launch failure and North Korea's lack of economic achievements.

## Paris Air Show back after four-year break with climate, defence in focus



PARIS, Jun 19 (Agencies): The Paris Air Show opens Monday after a four-year break with the aerospace industry bouncing back from the Covid-19 pandemic but under pressure to slash its carbon footprint.

Organisers have billed the biennial event as the "recovery airshow" after the coronavirus ravaged the sector and saw the event cancelled in 2021.

The aerospace industry is flocking back to Le Bourget airport outside Paris, as aircraft makers field hundreds of orders and airlines brace for a near-record number of passengers this year.

Russia's war in Ukraine has also led countries to step up military spending, which could benefit aerospace defence firms.

Le Bourget offers a forum to announce deals with some 2,500 firms lining up to show off their latest planes, drones, helicopters and prototypes such as flying taxis.

Airbus chief executive Guillaume Faury, who heads France's aerospace industry association GIFAS, called it "the return of the good old times of the excitement of the show".

With 125,000 square metres of exhibition space -- the equivalent of nearly 18 soccer pitches -- around 320,000 visitors are expected during the week-long event.

Along with the Farnborough airshow in England, which takes place in even numbered years, Le Bourget is a key sales event for the civil and defence industries.

Airbus and rival Boeing compete

fiercely in announcing orders for aircraft running into the billions of dollars.

At least 158 planes, helicopters and drones will be on display, from the latest long-haul commercial jets to the F-35, the latest US stealth fighter.

The United States will have a strong presence with 425 exhibitors, bolstered by renewed interest in military equipment in the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Firms from 46 other nations will be present, but not under-sanctions Russia.

China, which lifted Covid restrictions only at the beginning of this year, will also be represented.

However, China is not displaying its first homegrown medium-haul passenger jet, the C919, built to compete with the Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX.

Flying taxis  
The airshow also hopes to open a window into the future as projects for flying taxis and other vertical takeoff aircraft abound.

Several prototypes will be on display as part of a "Paris Air Mobility" exhibition to showcase the latest innovations that developers hope will change how people travel.

French President Emmanuel Macron will inaugurate the airshow after announcing on Friday \$2.2 billion to help develop technologies to reduce aircraft emissions

Air travel accounts for nearly three percent of global CO2 emissions but serves only a small minority of the world population.

With the industry targeting net zero emissions by mid-century, firms are turbocharging efforts to achieve it.

The initial focus is on sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), made from sources such as municipal waste, leftovers from the agricultural and forestry industry, crops and plants, and even hydrogen.

But companies are also working to develop battery- and hydrogen-powered aircraft.

## Hundreds of Pakistanis dead in Greece migrant boat disaster

KARACHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): More than 300 Pakistani nationals have been killed in the capsized of a packed trawler off the coast of Greece, the latest tragedy to expose the refugee crisis confronting the European Union (EU) as tens of thousands seek sanctuary from war, persecution and poverty.

The chairman of Pakistan's Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, disclosed the numbers in a statement, CNN reported.

Greek authorities have yet to confirm Pakistan's death toll.

Pakistan is in the midst of its worst economic crisis in decades.

The number of Pakistanis traversing dangerous routes to Europe in search of a better future has reverberated through the nation, prompting Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to declare Monday a national day of mourning for those who died in the boat's sinking, CNN reported.



In a tweet, he ordered a "high-level inquiry" into the incident.

"I assure the nation that those found negligent towards their duty will be held to account. Responsibility will be fixed after the inquiry and heads will roll," Sharif wrote.

About 750 men, women and children were on the boat when it capsized last week, the UN Migration Agency (IOM) said, killing hundreds and making the tragedy one of the worst in the Mediterranean Sea, according to the EU Commissioner

for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson. The tragedy has shone a spotlight on the EU's refugee crisis in which every year, tens of thousands of migrants fleeing war, persecution, climate change and poverty risk treacherous routes to Europe.

Johansson condemned the role of "smugglers" who put people on the boats, CNN reported.

"They are not sending them to Europe, they are sending them to death. This is what they're doing and it's absolutely necessary to prevent it," she said.

## We Must Choose Between "Cooperation Or Conflict": China Tells US

BEIJING, Jun 19 (Agencies): China and the United States must choose between "cooperation or conflict", Beijing's top diplomat told US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Monday, his final day of a trip aimed at improving severely strained ties.

Blinken and Wang Yi, China's highest-ranking foreign policy official, spoke for three hours on Monday at the ornate state guesthouse in the ancient Diaoyutai gardens, according to a State Department official.

Neither Washington nor Beijing has confirmed a meeting between Blinken and Xi, China's most powerful leader in decades, whose meeting with President Joe Biden in November in Bali raised cautious hopes for a thaw in the relationship. But American diplomats see a meeting likely with Xi.

"The Secretary of State's trip to Beijing this



time comes at a critical juncture in China-US relations," Wang told Blinken, according to a readout from Chinese state broadcaster CCTV. "It is necessary to make a choice between dialogue and confrontation, cooperation or conflict," he said.

"We must reverse the downward spiral of China-US relations, push for a return to a healthy and stable track, and work together to find a correct way for China and the United States to get along," Wang added.

He also issued a warning on Taiwan, the self-ruling democracy

claimed by Beijing.

In the past year, China has launched live-fire military drills twice near the island in anger over actions by top US lawmakers.

"On this issue, China has no room to compromise or concede," Wang told Blinken, according to CCTV.

"The United States must truly adhere to the One China principle confirmed in the three joint US-China communiques, respect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and clearly oppose 'Taiwan independence'."

Ahead of their meet-

ing, Blinken and Wang offered polite smiles before the cameras and exchanged pleasantries.

They then headed into a meeting with their aides, who unlike their bosses wore masks in line with Covid-19 protocols.

Tensions have soared between the world's two largest economies in recent years on issues ranging from trade to technology to Taiwan.

US officials say that they did not expect major breakthroughs from Blinken's talks but they hope to reopen regular lines of communication to prevent mishaps from escalating into conflict.

Both countries said Sunday that Qin accepted an offer to pay a return visit to Washington at a later date.

'A real conversation'

On Sunday, Blinken met for seven and a half hours with Foreign Minister Qin Gang -- longer than expected -- with the two sides agreeing to keep up communication.

The talks with Qin were "candid, substantive and constructive", State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said.

Blinken stressed "the importance of diplomacy and maintaining open channels of communication across the full range of issues to reduce the risk of misperception and miscalculation", Miller added.

Behind closed doors, Qin told Blinken that relations between the United States and China "are at the lowest point since the establishment of diplomatic relations", according to CCTV.

"This does not conform to the fundamental interests of the two peoples, nor does it meet the common expectations of the international community," Qin said during the talks.

A senior US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the discussions went beyond the usual talking points.

"This was a real conversation," he said.

## 2 Killed, More Than Two Dozen Injured As Israeli Forces Raid West Bank

JENIN, Jun 19 (Agencies): Israeli forces on Monday killed two Palestinians and wounded more than two dozen others during a raid in the occupied West Bank, Palestinian officials said.

"Two martyrs and 28 injured as a result of the ongoing (Israeli) aggression on Jenin," a statement from the Palestinian health ministry said, without elaborating on the identity of those killed.

Jenin's deputy governor, Kamal Abu al-Rub, told agency the Israeli forces had launched the raid at around 04:00 am (0100 GMT).

"The army attacked the (Jenin



refugee) camp and the city after the dawn prayer in large numbers, and there was intense gunfire," he said.

The Israeli army did not immediately provide any information on the raid in the northern West

Bank city when contacted by agency.

An agency photographer in Jenin confirmed that fighting was ongoing as of 08:40 am (0540 GMT).

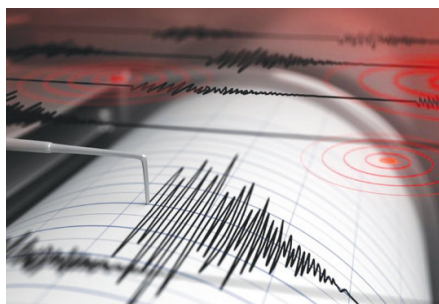
Israel has occupied the West

Bank since the 1967 Six-Day War and its forces regularly launch incursions into Palestinian cities, which are nominally under the control of President Mahmud Abbas's Palestinian Authority.

Since the start of the year, at least 161 Palestinians, 21 Israelis, a Ukrainian and an Italian have been killed in violence linked to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to an agency tally compiled from official sources.

The figures include combatants as well as civilians and, on the Israeli side, three members of the Arab minority.

## Earthquake recorded off Myanmar's coast, shakes buildings in Thailand



BANGKOK, Jun 19 (Agencies): An earthquake was recorded off the southern coast of Myanmar on Monday with tremors also felt in Thailand, but there were no immediate reports of major damage.

The 5.1 magnitude quake was recorded about 152 kilometres south of Yangon, Myanmar's biggest city, at 10 kilometers below the surface at 8.10 am, according to Myanmar's meteorol-

ogy department.

Thailand's meteorological department reported the earthquake as 6 magnitude at 8.40 am and said tremors were felt in the capital Bangkok and nearby Nonthaburi province, about 450 kilometres from the epicentre.

The United States Geological Survey measured the earthquake at 5.6 magnitude.

Different agencies often have different preliminary measurements for earthquakes.

Many people in high-rise buildings in Bangkok reported feeling the tremors for 15 to 30 seconds, according to the public report section of the Thai government's Earthquake Observation Division website.

There were no immediate reports of any significant damage or casualties.



# CARDC New Delhi commemorates freedom fighters of Indian Freedom Struggle

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JAMMU, Jun 19: Centre for Advanced Research on Development and Change (CARDC), New Delhi in collaboration with Seema Jan Kalyan Samiti, Jammu and Kashmir under the direction of Ministry of Culture, Government of India and aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organised a programme to commemorate the freedom fighters of Indian Freedom Struggle. The programme was organised under the banner of "Krantiteerth" which is a series of soulful remembrances of the unsung heroes, organizations and places of India. The first programme under Krantiteerth Jammu Kashmir was organised at East-ha Mata Mandir, Srinagar and second one at Annpurna Resorts at R. S. Pura.

In this programme 26 families of the soldiers of Indian National Army were honoured who fought for the independence of the country under the leadership of Neta Ji Subhash Chander Bose.

Devendra Sharma, the programme coordinator formally introduced and welcomed the guests. Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Convenor of the Krantiteerth Jammu Kashmir, while welcoming all the

participants said that Krantiteerth is basically a campaign of nation awakening. It is a campaign to pay tribute to all those immortal sacrifices and remember the brave unsung freedom fighters who sacrificed everything for the sake of freedom of India but unfortunately remained missing in the pages of history. Thus, Krantiteerth is a series of tributes from the grateful Indians to all those unknown sacrifices and unsung heroes of this pious land. He informed that similar programmes will be organized in different districts of Jammu Kashmir under the aegis of Krantiteerth.

Dr. Prince Raina, the chief Guest of this programme said that the land of Jammu Kashmir has always been the land of sacrifices.

The patriotic people of Jammu Kashmir have always made supreme sacrifices for the unity, integrity, security and peace of the country and today it is our duty to remember all such heroes and pay them our sincere tribute. He said that this programme is a rich tribute to them in real sense.

The special guest of the occasion, Sham Choudhary, Ex-minister said that PM Modi has launched Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav as an



initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate the 75 years of independence of Bharat and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. He remembered all the freedom fighters of R. S. Pura who fought for India's freedom and paid rich tribute

to them. He argued that all these unsung heroes found no place in the books of history which is very unfortunate. Appreciating the efforts of CARDC he mentioned that the Krantiteerth is an instrumental initiative to commemorate of unsung heroes of

freedom struggle. Prof. Virendra Koundal, the main speaker of the programme said India has rich civilizational history. The development of India can be traced to ancient Indian civilizations. The great land of India has given birth to many

renowned personalities who had done exemplary works and innovations in their fields be it science, literature, art, architecture, health and medicine, astrology, astronomy, etc. But the planned British education policy by Macaulay developed the feelings of inferiority in the minds of Indian over the time. He emphasised that we must not forget that India was Vishwaguru, is Vishwaguru and will be Vishwaguru in future too.

While remembering the great role and sacrifices of the freedom fighters in the nation building, he said that they will always remain source of inspiration for the coming generations.

He highlighted the contribution of Jammu Kashmir in India's freedom movement and discussed in detail the role of freedom fighters of Jammu Kashmir and the important incidents related to freedom struggle in Jammu Kashmir.

While presiding over the function, Purushottam Sharma firstly praised CARDC for organising such a programme for honouring the unsung heroes of freedom struggle from R. S. Pura.

He said that the freedom struggle of India was nation-

al movement in which every section of society participated. Man, women, youth, students, saints, etc. all took part along with freedom fighters. He also highlighted the important role of women soldiers in Indian National Army.

He appealed that every Indian should have the feeling of Nation First and we should always be prepared to sacrifice ourself for the security and integrity of our country.

During this programme, the mesmerizing patriotic performances of local artists were so energetic that it made people emotional about their motherland. Subhash Sharma presented the formal vote of thanks while Jeevan Rekha conducted the proceedings of the programme. The programme ended with national song - Vande Mataram.

Many prominent personalities like Pt. Ashok Khajuria, Adv. Dev Raj, Sarpanch Vijay, Sarpanch Capt. Hansraj, Kundan Lal Sharma, DDC Vidya Motan, DDC Tarsem Sharma, DDC Surjit Kumar, Kundan Phalwan, Chapman Lal, Raj Kumar Panch, Rajesh Kumar, Captain Puran and other were present in the programme.

# BJP Govt failed to fulfill promises made to people: Lochan

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MARH, Jun 19: A meeting of JKNC District Jammu Rural A SC Cell held at Block Phallian Mandal in Marh Constituency under the chairmanship of its Ram Lal Lakhotra District President Jammu Rural A (SC Cell) in which Vijay Lochan Provincial President (SC Cell) Jammu was the Chief Guest.

In the meeting a threadbare discussion was held regarding the present political scenario in Jammu region particularly Border belt of Marh constituency.

Addressing the meeting Vijay Lochan Provincial President (SC Cell) Jammu said that the border areas of Jammu District are ignored from the develop-



ment as claimed by the LG administration the civic facilities such as supply of drinking water, electricity and the conditions of roads are in shamble. The unemployed youth are

also facing great difficulties to pull their livelihood. The old age pension, widow and handicapped pension are totally stopped and such they in great trouble during these dare

days, Lochan said. Addressing the meeting Baldev Raj Vice President JKNC Jammu Province (SC Cell) said that the down trodden and depressed section society is badly ignored in this regime of BJP. The District President JKNC (SC Cell) Ram Lal Lakhotra nominated Ramesh Kumar as Block President Phallian Mandal (SC Cell) and Sham Lal Senior Vice President Block Phallian Mandal JKNC (SC Cell) District Jammu Rural A. Those who were present in the meeting included Banarsi Dass, Mulk Raj, Devi Ditta, Suram Chand, Madan Lal Panch, Suman Lata Panch, Tilak Raj, Rampal, Gori Sankar, Harish and others.

# Inter School Kashmiri Folk singing and dancing competition HELD



## Top News Report

KUPWARA, Jun 19: Apart from scenic beauty Kashmir is famous for its traditional folk singing and dancing as well. The festive spirit in Kashmir is generally celebrated with traditional folk dances and

signing. Hamidchara AGS Chandigam alongwith Gujarpatti Garrison, under the aegis of Char-kut Garrison organised an interschool Kashmiri Folk Singing and Dance Competition in which the following schools took part with great zeal and enthusiasm

The event was attend by Bright Public School Sogam, Govt UPS Chandigam, Govt. High School Chandigam, Govt High School Diver, Govt Girls Hr Sec School Sogam, AGS Chandigam. A total of 300 students from different schools attended the event. The energy shown by the students was extremely praiseworthy. The winners in both categories were awarded trophies and consolation trophies were awarded to all the schools as a token of appreciation.

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## LG Sinha chairs high level meeting to review preparedness for Shri Amarnath Yatra

telecommunication service providers. The Lt Governor took appraisal of the upgradation work of Yatra tracks by BRO; installation of safety railings on all vulnerable stretches; snow clearance; installation of Army Tents and strengthening of Telecommunication connectivity. The Lt Governor directed the telecom service providers to enhance the network connectivity and increase the bandwidth along the yatra route. The Lt Governor also took stock of the works taken up by the Irrigation and Flood Control department. The Lt Governor directed for higher resource mobilization and increasing the manpower to ensure the completion of all related works well before the commencement of the yatra. Dr Raghav Langer, Secretary Planning, Development and Monitoring Department; Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag; Shyambir, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal and senior officials of other concerned departments also attended the meeting.

## Huge consignment of narcotics seized in Sopore: Police

"Following the lead police on 15-06-2023 during Naka at Wadoora Payeen apprehended one suspicious person Parvaiz Ahmed Bhat son of Ali Mohammad Bhat of Umerabad HMT, Srinagar who was coming from Sopore towards Wadoora. During his personal search 12 bottles of codine phosphate and Cholorphneiramine Maleate Syrup Codenext Syrup were recovered," he said. He added that a case FIR No 26/2023 U/S 8/22 NDPS Act PS Bomai was registered in this regard. SSP said that during further interrogation, it came to fore that Parvaiz is the same supplier who transported banned

substances from Delhi, Punjab and other states to Kashmir. He said that Police managed to recover 350 bottles of banned substances from Parvaiz. "This is a big consignment which Sopore Police has managed to recover in this year so far", he said. He added that Parvaiz also disclosed names of few more suppliers from the Valley as well as other states. "We are on hunt to bust a huge module of drugs in coming days," the SSP said.

## Burglary attempt at Grameen Bank in Poonch

they received information about the hole in the wall from the bank officials. "We are ascertaining the things as of now and once we get to the things, we'll share the details accordingly", the official said.

## Go First extends flight cancellations till June 22

are cancelled," the airline said in a tweet and apologised for the inconvenience caused to the flyers. There were reports that the grounding of the Go First flights had put pressure on airfares, particularly on select routes where the now-grounded airline had its footprint. The airline operator had in early May filed for voluntary insolvency and since then its operations were kept stalled. The company earlier said it had filed an application for immediate resolution and revival of operations.

## Omar taunts for continuation of central rule in J&K

parties are seeking early elections in J&K. **128 out of 157 students of HPCL's super 50 programme in J&K, Ladakh qualify NEET**

CSR efforts has collaborated with the Indian Army to provide residential learning platforms under 'Project Super-50 Medical & Engineering' at four locations - Srinagar, Kargil, Ladakh and Rajouri for aspiring and less-privileged students of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh UTs. "The recently declared results saw a splendid performance of students in NEET UG 2023 with the students coming out with flying colours. "A total of 128 students out of 157 who appeared for the NEET examination, which includes 74 girls and 54 boys, qualified the national-level pre-medical entrance test for students willing to pursue medical courses," it said in a statement. The Kashmir centre had 100 per cent result with all 50 students qualifying in the examination. In Ladakh, 27 out of 30 students qualified while in Kargil 26 out of 36 students cleared the entrance examination. In Rajouri, 25 out of 41 students qualified. "HPCL has a unique partnership with all the three Corps under Northern Command i.e. Chinar Corps, Fire and Fury Corps and White Knight Corps of the Indian Army," it said. "This feat is further testament to the development journey of 'Naya Kashmir'." Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri in a tweet commended HPCL and the Indian Army for the performance.

"This is really positive! Mentoring & career guidance initiatives are enabling aspiring youth of Jammu & Kashmir, & Ladakh to carve a bright future. Inclusive development under leadership of PM @narendramodi Ji is transforming lives. Kudos to @HPCL & @adgpi @ChinarcpsIA." @adgpi is the twitter handle of the Indian Army and @ChinarcpsIA of Chinar Corps of the Indian Army.

## Ittija Mufti moves J&K High Court over conditional passport

which stated that the passport is valid only for travel to the UAE. "The right to travel abroad inheres in right to life and liberty as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The expression 'personal liberty' in Article 21 of the Constitution of India takes in, the

right to travel abroad. This right cannot be curtailed except in accordance with the procedure established by law," Ittija's plea stated. Ittija's counsel, Senior Advocate Jahangir Iqbal, argued that the decision to impose conditions while issuing Ittija's passport was an arbitrary restriction that violated her right to travel abroad, which is guaranteed under the Constitution of India. As such, the decision to restrain Ittija from travelling abroad is not only illegal but violates Article 21 of the Constitution of India, Javed's counsel told the Court. He further argued that the duration of a passport ought to be for a period of 10 years from the date of its issue, as per rule 12 of the Passport Rules, 1980. It was contended that the authorities should be directed to issue a passport with a 10-year validity and without any endorsement restricting her travel. The matter is slated to be heard on July 19.

## Apni party protests in Srinagar against ration, electricity supply curtailment

last six months, there is no accountability. People are suffering. It is the summer season and even then, there are problems in the electricity distribution," Mir told reporters. He claimed that the ration supply has been slashed by 50 per cent. "We request the government, especially the LG, that the ration be distributed like it was before. Poor people should be provided with ration," he said. Mir appealed to Jammu and Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha to roll back the curtailment in the ration immediately. "There is no government. People are not being heard here, where will they go?" he asked.

## Wanted in India, Khalistan Tiger Force Chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar shot dead in

Canada head, in Surrey around 8:27 pm (local time) on Sunday, they said. Quoting preliminary information, the officials said Nijjar was shot by two unidentified assailants and died on the spot. When his body was being moved from the scene by the Canadian police, a group of Sikhs raised pro-Khalistan and anti-India slogans, according to the officials. Nijjar was one of the most-wanted terrorists in India for his alleged involvement in terror activities in the country. In July last year, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) had announced a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh on information leading to Nijjar's arrest in connection with an attack on a Hindu priest in Jalandhar in 2021. The reward announcement came nearly three weeks after the NIA filed a charge sheet against him and three others in connection with the attack. According to the NIA, Nijjar was also promoting the secessionist and violent agenda of pro-Khalistan group 'Sikhs for Justice' in India.

## Hot and humid weather to prevail in J&K

which was 1.9 degree Celsius above normal while Kokernag recorded 16.1 degree Celsius and it was 3.0 degree Celsius above normal for the picnic spot of south Kashmir. Tourist hot spot of Pahalgam in south Kashmir recorded a low of 9.6 degree Celsius against 8.6 degree Celsius the previous night and it was 1.1 degree Celsius above normal. Gulmarg recorded a low of 10.5 degree Celsius against 10.8 degree Celsius a day ago and it was 1.2 degree Celsius above normal for the famous ski resort of north Kashmir. Kupwara settled at 13.2 degree Celsius for the second consecutive day on Monday and it was normal for the frontier district of Kashmir, the MeT office said.



## Sensex, Nifty within touching distance of all-time highs after positive opening

The S&P BSE Sensex was up 0.12 per cent to 63,460.50 at 9:15 am, while the NSE Nifty 50 was up 0.15 per cent at 18,853.40. The broader market indices continued to outperform the benchmarks.

NEW DELHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market indices opened higher on Monday, marking a positive start to the week after hitting fresh closing highs on Friday. Both the indices are now inching closer to their all-time highs.

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Ahead of the market opening, Deven Mehta, research analyst at Choice, said, "Keeping the momentum from last week's record high close, the market is expected to open moderately higher on June 19, as the SGX Nifty forecasts a good start for the broader index, with a gain of 20 points."

"The charts indicate that the Nifty may get support at 18,750, followed by 18,720 and 18,650. If the index advances, 18,887 would be the initial key resistance level, which



is also a lifetime high level to watch out for, followed by 18,920 and 18,950," he added.

It may be noted that the Nifty sectoral indices were mixed in early trade, with PSU bank stocks leading from the front. Nifty Auto and Nifty Financial Services were also up marginally.

The top five gainers on Nifty 50 were Bajaj Finserv, Titan, Bajaj Finance, Hindalco and L&T. On the other hand, the top losers were Hero MotoCorp, Adani Enterprises, NTPC, Indusind Bank and HDFC Life.

While both Sensex and Nifty are close to their all-time highs, markets seem to be witnessing increased volatility as investors await Chi-

na's interest rate decision and US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's speech on the central bank's rate trajectory.

However, analysts said the fundamentals of the Indian stock market remain robust and activity remains high among both foreign institutional investors and domestic institutional investors.

"Based on buying from both foreign and domestic investors, the Nifty may set a new all-time high today. The market momentum is strong, as are the global markets, thus buying at initial support levels with a suitable stop loss at strong support levels of 18,550 is advised," Mehta said.

## Oral probiotic may help treat dry eye disease: Study



NEW YORK, Jun 19 (Agencies): Oral administration of a commercially available probiotic bacterial strain was found to improve dry eye disease in a mice model, according to researchers. Dry eye is a common condition in which tears produced by the eye can't keep the eye adequately lubricated.

It can cause eye stinging and burning, inflammation, blurry vision and light sensitivity. Extreme cases can result in damage to the eye's surface if left untreated.

The most common treatments involve the application of eye drops, gels or ointment. This new, unconventional treatment involves bacteria in the intestinal tract.

"The 'friendly' bacteria that live in the human gastrointestinal tract have been linked to health and protection against disease in many parts of the body, including the gut, brain and lung," said Laura Schaefer, from Baylor College of Medicine in Texas, US.

"It's therefore not surprising that the

gut microbiome also has effects on our eyes," she added.

Schaefer presented the findings at ASM Microbe 2023, the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology.

In the study, the team used an orally administered probiotic bacterial strain -- *Limosilactobacillus reuteri* DSM17938 -- in a dry eye mouse model.

DSM17938 is a human-derived, commercially available probiotic bacterial strain that has already demonstrated protective effects in the gut and immune system in humans and mice, but it has not been tested in the context of eye health.

Mice were first treated with antibiotics, which kills many of the "friendly" bacteria living in the gut. They were then exposed to very dry conditions and fed daily doses of either probiotic bacteria or a saline solution as a control. After five days, the eyes were examined for disease.

The mice that were fed the probiotic bacteria had healthier and more intact corneal surfaces. In addition, these mice had more goblet cells in their eye tissue, which are specialised cells that produce mucin, an essential component in tears.

Taken together these data suggest that the right oral probiotic could help treat and manage dry eye symptoms, the researchers said.

## International toy fair to begin from July 8; buyers from 25 countries to participate

Toy Association of India Chairman Manu Gupta said that the 14th Toy Biz International B2B Expo 2023 is the largest fair in South Asia.

NEW DELHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): A three-day toy fair will begin on July 8 in the national capital, which is expected to see participation from about 5,000 buyers and industry players from at least 25 countries, the Toy Association of India said on Monday.

The industry body said that CEOs of about 20 global sourcing companies, including Walmart and Lego, would also visit the fair.

More than 250 Indian brands would display their products during the fair, which is being organised at Pragati Maidan.

Toy Association of India Chairman Manu Gupta said that the 14th Toy Biz International B2B Expo 2023 is the largest fair in South Asia.

"This is a great opportunity for Indian toy makers to showcase



their products and capabilities to the global audience. This exposure can help them attract new customers and partners, expand their market reach and increase their brand recognition," he said.

He said, Toy Biz also provides a platform for industry players to network and connect with each other, which can help foster collaborations, partnerships and joint ventures.

"This can lead to new

business opportunities and innovations, as well as access to new markets and distribution channels," Gupta said, adding the expo also provides a platform to drive innovation in the Indian toy industry, by providing a forum for industry experts to discuss new trends, technologies, and best practices.

He added that the expo can also help raise awareness about the importance of the

Indian toy industry, both domestically and internationally.

Wooden toy maker Little Genius Toys CEO Naresh Kumar Gautam, who is participating in the fair, said that such events would help India position itself as a key player in the global toy market, and attract investment and support from stakeholders across the world.

"Three-four years back, we used to request people to participate in

this expo, but because of a series of measures by the government, the Indian toy industry is growing at a faster pace and now people are in queue to participate in the expo. We have also invited 250 foreign participants," Gautam said.

Gautam also informed that his company and playground equipment maker Maskeen Toys would ink agreements with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (Philippines) for doing business in the sector.

"We have received advance payments also from them," he added. Maskeen Toys Director Sahibjeet Singh said that the government measures like increasing import duties are helping the sector and they are able to export in regions like the UAE, Central African, Australia and Philippines.

## Income tax return filing: Key points for taxpayers to remember

NEW DELHI, Jun 19

(Agencies): The last day for income tax return filing for individuals not subject to tax audit, is on July 31. So, those who have not yet filed their ITR, need to gear up and file them timely to avoid late penalties. Whether you have hired a tax expert or not, it's always beneficial to know the basics of the process.

Firstly, one should know that there are four ITR forms applicable to an individual. For example, if one is a salaried individual or a pensioner with income from one house property and other sources like interest with income up to R50 lakh per annum, then ITR Form 1 is applicable.

However, if one's income from salary, pension and other sources is more than R50 lakh per annum, then ITR Form 2 should be used. On the other hand, if a person is self-employed with business profits as his or her income source, then he/she can file returns using ITR Form 3. One who is a salaried individual and also has business income can go for the ITR3 form.

ITR 4 can be filed by those who are opting for

presumptive taxation.

Form 16/A and 26AS The first step is to have all the documents handy like the TDS certificate (Form 16/Form 16A), interest certificate (paid or received), home loan statement, bank statement, form 26AS, capital gains statement and Aadhaar card. With the help of these documents, you will be able to know your gross salary and how much TDS has been paid on it.

Form 16 is a TDS certificate issued by the employer which acts as proof of tax payment. It has details like gross salary including perquisites, house rent allowance, professional tax etc. According to tax experts, taxpayers should look at all the components of their salaries, such as basic salary, allowances, perquisites, bonuses, etc.

Meanwhile, Form 16A is also a TDS Certificate, which is applicable for TDS on 'Income Other than Salary'. Form 16A is issued, when a bank deducts TDS on interest income from fixed deposits, for TDS deducted on insurance commission, for TDS deducted on rent receipts, etc.

"After subtracting

applicable deductions such as house rent allowance (HRA), standard deduction, professional tax, etc, one will get taxable income," said chartered accountant Atul Goel with Atul Goel & Associates. He added that income from other sources like interest income, dividends, or any other kind of income needs to be added to such income.

Form 26AS is accessible on the Income Tax Department website. Form 26AS is a consolidated statement of all the taxes deducted and deposited against the PAN (permanent account number) of the individual. The taxpayer should match the total salary and TDS reflected in form 16 with Form 26AS. These should also be matched with the annual information statement before proceeding further.

Other income According to CA Chetan Daga, founder of AdvantEdge consulting, Form 26AS and Annual Information Statement (AIS) are good starting points, but they are not comprehensive documents. Any taxable income that is not appearing on Form 26AS and AIS, still

needs to be reported on the tax return. Taxpayers should align their reported incomes with Form 26AS and GST returns, he said.

"For transactions in shares and securities, the Tax Department has issued guidance when such transactions are to be treated as business income and as capital gains," Daga said. Business Income is taxable at applicable slab rates and short-term capital gains are taxable at 15%. Given the difference in tax rates, the classification is crucial.

"Where the frequency of transactions is high or borrowed funds (including broker's margin) are used, chances are that the transaction will be treated as business income. There is no clear definition of what is 'high frequency' and a decision needs to be taken after considering overall facts of the case," he stated.

According to experts, professionals filing their tax returns under a presumptive taxation scheme should examine if their profession is eligible for presumptive tax in the first place. "Only a specific list of professionals is eligible for presumptive tax-

ation. For instance, an accountant is eligible for presumptive taxation, but a person teaching accountancy is not eligible," Daga said.

Also, it is to be noted that taxpayers opting for the new tax regime need to file their tax returns by 31 July 2023 (non-audit cases). If there is a delay in filing the tax return, the taxpayer loses the option of opting for the new tax regime for that year.

Also, the taxpayers should keep in mind that they lose the benefit of carrying forward losses to the next year if they file their returns after the due date.

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The ITR filing due date is July 31.

## Breast cancer treatments limit effectiveness of weight loss medications, finds study

Weight loss drugs are less successful in breast cancer survivors taking aromatase inhibitors, the study found

WASHINGTON, Jun 19 (Agencies): Breast cancer medicines known as aromatase inhibitors may diminish the benefit of weight loss therapies, according to a new study presented at ENDO 2023, the Endocrine Society's annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

The study discovered that weight loss drugs are less successful in breast cancer survivors taking aromatase inhibitors than in women without a history of breast cancer who are not taking aromatase inhibitors.

Aromatase inhibitors are used to treat or prevent the recurrence of certain forms of breast cancer. They may also be used to help prevent breast cancer in some women who are predisposed to

it. These drugs inhibit the function of aromatase, an enzyme that the body utilises to produce oestrogen in the ovaries and other tissues. By inhibiting aromatase, the body produces less oestrogen, which may inhibit the growth of cancer cells that require oestrogen to proliferate. "Weight gain is a common concern in breast cancer survivors," said lead researcher Sima Fansa, M.D., of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. She said studies have shown that aromatase inhibitors may be a risk factor for weight gain. Weight gain and obesity, in addition to being associated with breast cancer recurrence and breast cancer-related death, can lead to heart disease and heart-related death.



"This is the first study assessing response to weight loss medications in a subgroup of breast cancer survivors taking aromatase inhibitors," Fansa said. "Our results highlight the need to develop better approaches to manage weight gain in patients with a history of breast cancer taking aromatase inhibitors. Preventing weight gain in this group or treating obesity effectively will improve breast cancer outcomes, prevent further health complications, and improve quality of life for these people." The study included 99 patients--63 women with a history of breast cancer taking aromatase inhibitors and weight loss medications (liraglutide, semaglutide or phentermine); and 36 women without a history of

breast cancer who were not taking aromatase inhibitors but were taking weight loss medications.

The women in the breast cancer group lost less weight at 3, 6 and 12 months compared with the women without a history of breast cancer (3.7% vs. 5.6% at 3 months; 3.9 vs. 9.5% at 6 months; and 5.2% vs. 10.5% at 12 months).

"We believe that this difference may be explained, at least partially, by the anti-estrogen effect of aromatase inhibitors," Fansa said. "Aromatase inhibitors can lead to decreased muscle mass, increased fat mass, and changes in energy expenditure. This may affect the body's response to weight loss interventions, including weight loss medications."



## Indonesia Open: Space shuttlers

Satwiksairaj-Chirag first Indian pair to claim a Super 1000 crown

JAKARTA, Jun 19 (Agencies): India's dynamic duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty scripted history by winning the men's doubles title at the Indonesia Open here today, becoming the first pair from the country to claim a Super 1000 crown.

The Indians outwitted the Malaysian world champion duo of Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik 21-17 21-18 in an intense contest that lasted 43 minutes. This was the first victory in eight attempts for the world No. 6 pair against Aaron and Soh.

"We had prepared very well for this event," Satwiksairaj said. "We knew the crowd will be supporting us. They have supported us all week. We played amazing badminton today. We didn't have a good head-to-head record against them, so wanted to play one point at a time and it fetched the result for us," he



added.

"More than winning the tournament, beating them is one of the highs. When we play (them) next time, we will play all-in again," he added.

The Indians gained initiative midway through the first game and did not let their opponents make a comeback. In

the second game as well, the Indians did not allow their opponents to break free and a four-point streak kept them ahead of the curve.

The Malaysians saved four match points but Satwiksairaj and Chirag, who won gold at the Commonwealth Games and bronze at the World Cham-

pionships last year, could not be denied.

Special achievement "Beating Aaron and Soo was what we truly wanted to do because we had come close but we had sort of held ourselves back a bit," Chirag said.

"But this time we executed the plan and it paid huge dividends. But as Satwik said, this is just the start, we have to win even bigger tournaments," he added.

Satwiksairaj said early exits in the last two tournaments came as a wakeup call. "We are very happy with this performance after a bad couple of months. We had become lazy and passive with thoughts like 'it is under control', but it is not. The last two tournaments was a wakeup call for us, we told ourselves, 'be alert otherwise we would be smashed in the first round itself,'" Satwiksairaj said.

## Intercontinental Cup: Sunil Chhetri, India hit the mark

Blue Tigers beat Lebanon 2-0 in final to win title



BHUBANESWAR, Jun 19 (Agencies): Captain Sunil Chhetri rose to the occasion with his 87th international goal as India won the Intercontinental Cup with a 2-0 victory over Lebanon in the final here today.

Lallianzuala Chhangte struck the evening's second goal to cap an impressive display as India enjoyed another clean sheet. This is India's second title triumph in the tournament, following their win

in the inaugural edition in 2018.

The 38-year-old Chhetri found the back of the net in the 46th minute. India consolidated their position in the 66th minute. Chhangte, the provider of the first goal, found the target to leave India's 99-ranked opponents stunned. "We were good in the first 10 minutes but then we seemed to have disappeared. I was angry and spoke to the players at the half-time break. We were very good in the second half but still lots of work needs to be done to prepare ourselves for teams like Australia (in the AFC Asian Cup)," India coach Igor Stimac said.

## Javed Miandad doesn't want Pakistan to tour India for World Cup, says India should come first

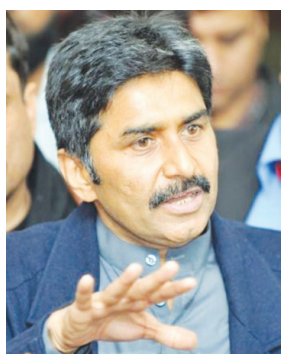
KARACHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): Batting great Javed Miandad spewed fresh venom at India, saying Pakistan should not travel to the neighbouring country for matches, including this year's ICC ODI World Cup, until the BCCI agrees to send its team to his nation first.

As per the draft schedule prepared by the ICC, Pakistan are scheduled to play India in the blockbuster World Cup clash at the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad on October 15.

But the 66-year-old former captain feels it is now India's time to reciprocate by touring Pakistan.

"Pakistan has been to India in 2012 and even in 2016; now it is the turn of the Indians to come here," Miandad said.

"If I had to make a decision I would never go to



India to play any match, even the World Cup. We are always ready to play them (India) but they never respond in the same manner.

"Pakistan cricket is bigger...we are still producing quality players. So I don't think even if we don't go to India it will make any difference to us," he added.

India last visited Pakistan in 2008 for the 50-over Asia Cup. Since then bilateral cricket ties were suspended due to long-standing geo-political tensions between

the two nations.

Miandad feels sports should not be mixed with politics.

"One can't choose its neighbours, so it is better to live by cooperating with each other. And I have always said cricket is a sport which brings people closer and can remove misunderstandings and grievances between countries," he said.

Miandad's fresh attack came after Pakistan were forced to host the upcoming Asia Cup in a hybrid model with India playing all their matches in Sri Lanka.

This decision didn't go down well with Miandad, a vocal critic of India.

"It was on the cards that they would again not send their team to Pakistan for the Asia Cup, so it is time we also take a strong stand now," he said.

## "I Think He Will Make Some Runs": Ricky Ponting On David Warner

BIRMINGHAM, Jun 19 (Agencies): Former Australian skipper Ricky Ponting believes that struggling opener David Warner has shown hints of his best form during the ICC World Test Championship final against India and in the first innings of the Ashes Test against England and "he will make some runs", reported ICC on Sunday. The pressure is building on Warner and his place in the Test team is under scrutiny due to his recent form. He fell to Stuart Broad for just nine runs at Edgbaston, making it his 15th dismissal against the veteran English pacer.

Against Broad in Tests, Warner has scored 397 runs in 734 balls at a sub-par average of 26.46. He has been dismissed 15 times by the bowler.

The statistics only read worse in England's seam and swing-friendly conditions. Broad has put Warner on a leash at home, with the latter scoring only 158 runs in 329 balls at a poor average of 17.55. He has dismissed Warner nine times in England.

In 15 Tests, so far, in England, Warner has scored 704



runs at an average of 25.14. He has scored seven fifties in 28 innings, with best score of 85.

In 2023, he has just scored 89 runs in five Tests across seven innings at an average of 12.71, with best score of 43. Last year, he scored 571 runs in 11 Tests at an average of over 30, with one century and two fifties in 20 innings and best score of 200\*.

With these numbers, pressure will build on Warner in case he fails in the second innings as well. But Ponting feels that the first innings at Edgbaston and in WTC final suggest that he is close to getting back to scoring runs like he used to.

"I thought he looked really good in the first innings of the WTC Final; the 40-odd he made there, he played really well,"

Ponting said on latest episode of The ICC Review.

"And even though he made nine in the first innings here, the way he actually started his innings was the best I have seen him start in two years of Test cricket. So it is still there. I think the fact that he was not able to score as freely as he would have wanted at the start of that innings played a part in him playing the shot that he did."

"But there is no doubt the second innings is an important one for him - not just for his career's sake, but it is going to be a big innings as far as this game and this series goes. If he starts the same way that he started in the first innings, then I think he will make some runs," concluded the batting great.

Coming to the match, England currently has a lead over Australia in the test. Their second innings is in progress. At the end of rain-affected day three, they were at 28/2, with Joe Root and Ollie Pope at the crease.

In the first innings, Australia was bundled out for 386 and they trailed England by seven runs, who had scored 393 in

their first innings after electing to bat.

Australia was once at 67/3 after David Warner (9), Marnus Labuschagne (0) and Steve Smith (16) were dismissed quickly. Then knocks from Khawaja (141), Alex Carey (66), Travis Head (50) and skipper Pat Cummins (38) carried the Aussies to a big score, though not big enough to secure a lead.

Ollie Robinson (3/55) and Stuart Broad (3/68) were the pick of the bowlers for England. Moeen Ali picked two scalps while skipper Ben Stokes and James Anderson got one each.

England declared their first innings at 393/8 after electing to bat first. A century from Root (118\* in 152 balls, with seven fours and four sixes), fifties from Jonny Bairstow (78 in 78 balls, with 12 fours) and Zak Crawley (61 in 73 balls, with seven fours) powered England to a huge score.

Nathan Lyon (4/149) was the pick of the bowlers for the Aussies. Josh Hazlewood picked up two wickets while Scott Boland and Cameron Green got a wicket each.

## Murali Sreeshankar qualifies for World Championships

BHUBANESWAR, Jun 19 (Agencies): Long jumper Murali Sreeshankar produced a huge effort in his very first attempt in the qualifying round at the National Inter-State Athletics Championships to qualify for the World Championships here.

The 24-year-old recorded a personal best jump of 8.41 metres, which was just one centimetre short of Jeswin Aldrin's national record set earlier this year.

"The wind reading was fine. Just short of the national record but I am happy to have made



this jump," Sreeshankar, representing Kerala, said.

Aldrin was second with a best jump of 7.83m while Muhammed Anees Yahiya was third with 7.71m. The Asian

Games qualifying mark is 7.95m, while the qualifying distance for the World Championships is 8.25m. Just 10 days back, Sreeshankar became only the third Indian — after Olympics

champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and former discus thrower Vikas Gowda — to win a Diamond League medal. He won bronze in the Paris leg with an effort of 8.09m.

In the women's long jump qualification round, Ancy Sojan of Kerala breached the Asian Games mark of 6.45m with a best effort of 6.49m.

Asian record holder shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor topped the qualification round with a throw of 18.91m, nine centimetres short of the Asian Games qualifying mark.

## "They Made Shikhar Dhawan Captain...": India Great Blasts BCCI, Selectors

NEW DELHI, Jun 19 (Agencies): The Indian cricket team's failure to win ICC titles has seen it court plenty of criticism. After the recent unsuccessful stint in the World Test Championship final, many former cricketers have come down heavily at the team and the management over certain decisions. Giving his opinion on the Board of Control for Cricket in India selection committee, India great Dilip Vengsarkar took a swipe, suggesting some of the selectors in the part neither had the vision, nor deep knowledge of what they were doing.

Vengsarkar cited the example of Shikhar Dhawan's appointment as the captain of the Indian team on the tour of Sri Lanka in 2021 for a parallel series when most of the senior Indian players were in Eng-



land, as he explained the lack of vision in the past selectors.

"The unfortunate part is that the selectors I have seen over the last six-seven years neither have the vision, deep knowledge about the game or cricketing sense. They made Shikhar Dhawan India captain (when tours overlapped and main players were unavailable); it is where you can groom the future

captain," Vengsarkar told Hindustan Times.

Vengsarkar expressed his disappointment at the fact that the selectors haven't groomed anyone for the captain's role in the Indian team. He also took a swipe at the BCCI, suggesting just having an Indian Premier League isn't going to be enough.

"You haven't groomed anybody. You just play as it comes. You talk about the richest cricket board in the world, where is the bench strength? Just having IPL, earning crores of rupees in media rights, it should not be the only achievement," he said.

As India skipper Rohit Sharma enters what could be termed as the final phase of his career, there's no clarity over who his successor could be.

## Spain Snatch Nations League Glory On Penalties Against Croatia

ROTTERDAM, Jun 19 (Agencies): Dani Carvajal chipped home a Panenka penalty to win Spain the Nations League, with a 5-4 shoot-out victory over Croatia, after a tense match finished 0-0 following extra-time. Spain goalkeeper Unai Simon denied Lovro Mayer and Bruno Petkovic from the spot, before Carvajal cheekily chipped home to earn La Roja their first trophy since Euro 2012 and break Croatian hearts. Zlatko Dalic's side, runners-up at the World Cup in 2018 and third in 2022, have never won a major trophy and were hoping Nations League success would cap a glittering international career for captain Luka Modric, who played his 166th international game.

The victory is a confidence boost

for new Spain coach Luis de la Fuente after heavy criticism in March after a defeat by Scotland in Euro 2024 qualifying.

It also avenged their 2021 final defeat by France. "For us it was a unique opportunity, we went out early in another tournament (at the World Cup in Qatar) and today we had to take advantage," Real Madrid defender Carvajal told Spanish broadcaster TVE.

"We had confidence with the penalties and it went well, I knew how I was going to shoot it, and I knew I was going to be sixth... I wanted to take it Panenka style and it went well."

Dalic warned over 25,000 Croatian fans were expected to travel to Rotterdam and they filled the majority of the stadium, De Kuip

a sea of red and white checkered squares, save for a modest area of Spanish fans.

The Croatians chanted Modric's name in the 10th minute, matching his shirt number, a plea for him not to retire from international duty after the tournament, as had been rumoured.

On the pitch Spain made the early running, with Gavi drilling narrowly wide after pressing furiously to win the ball back.

Just when the game started to fall into a slight lull, under the pink haze of smoke from Croatian flares, Spain were nearly caught out by Josip Juranovic's long ball over the top for Andrej Krmaric.

The striker ran through on Unai Simon's goal but just as he pulled the trigger, Aymeric Laporte made

a superb lunging block.

Despite 14 goals in the three preceding games, the first half finished goalless, just as in the prior two Nations League finals, won by Portugal and France in 2019 and 2021 respectively.

La Roja were unable to muster a shot on target in the first 80 minutes of an extremely tense battle. Mario Pasalic headed wide before being replaced by Petkovic, who was Croatia's semi-final star against the Netherlands -- to the extent one Croatian newspaper described him as "Bruce Willis in football boots". It did not prove the case this time.

Spain sent on their own semi-final match-winner in response, with Joselu replacing Morata, while Ansu Fati also entered the fray.

It was the young Barcelona forward who came closest to scoring in the 90 minutes for either side, with his low strike cleared off the line by the diligent Ivan Perisic.

Croatia appealed in vain for a penalty after Nacho tangled with Borna Sosa, and Spain substitute Dani Olmo, who spent six years with Dinamo Zagreb, hammered over as extra-time continued in the same tight pattern.

With the sides inseparable, the match was decided on penalties.

After Simon denied Mayer, Aymeric Laporte had the chance to earn victory but hit the bar. Athletic Bilbao stopper Simon flung himself to his right at full stretch to save from Petkovic and set the scene for Carvajal to spark Spanish celebrations.

They became the second country to have won the World Cup, Euros and Nations League, after France in 2021. "We're so happy, it was a really tough game and this is so difficult to do," said Manchester City's Champions League final goalscorer Rodri, man of the match.

"This generation promises a lot. We were very strong mentally. There are things to improve, but winning is always good -- we have to celebrate." Croatia were left with the taste of disappointment yet again, but Dalic said another podium finish was a positive sign.

"We've won medals, one after another, that's great -- three medals is history, a really great thing to have achieved," said Dalic. "This shows that there is still lots of potential, we can do a lot."



## 'Summer Spark 2023' by 5.7 Dance Academy concluded in Jammu

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 19: 5.7 Dance Academy celebrated the excitement and enthusiasm of various fun activities of summer through organising the Summer Camp by the name of Summer Spark 2023.

Students from 5.7 Dance Academy and different schools took part in various Indoor and outdoor activities during this event, which were ultimately aimed at enriching the young minds through different skills and practices and the major focus was on Dance and Aerobics.

Students registered and joined the camp activities at the 5.7 Dance Academy Campus which is situated at Udheywala, Bohri, Jammu and the camp took place from 9 June to 18 June 2023.

5.7 Dance Academy had organised ten exhilarating activities which included Dancing, Painting, Pottery, Personality Development, Public Speaking, Yoga, Handwriting Improvement, Street Play, Aero-



bics and Nukkad Natak where students from grades 01 to 09 took part wholeheartedly.

Each student was allowed to take part in a maximum of two activities. Students from different schools registered and took part in several camp activities from music, dancing, movies, cooking, splash pool and many more that were integrated into the theme 'Seasons'.

The children enjoyed the activities of this summer camp. These activities were educational, social and physical which aided in the

holistic development of the students as well as helped them to create or discover something they were interested in.

The student felicitation also took place where the students namely Mahi, Khushi, Vitasta, Pari, Riya, Myra, Nandani, Sudhanshu and Rshuil were felicitated for their wonderful performances during the summer camp.

The closing ceremony took place on 19th of June 2023 where Dr. Rohit Koul Director and CEO People's Hut Foundation and Paramedical Sciences who was invited

and regarding this initiative, he said, "I am very happy to see the gleeful and enthusiastic participation from the students, centring the unique summer camp. Such initiatives can immensely create a positive impact on children's physical and mental growth, and give them a scope to break free of the ordinary, attain clarity of thoughts, make new friends and learn to cherish their creativity."

Amardeep Singh Chairman Diva Group and Vinayak Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences who was invited

## Shiv Sena solemnizes Hawan on 57th Foundation Day



### TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, Jun 19: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) Jammu-Kashmir unit organized a grand Havan-Yagya at Shani temple of Dharm Nagri Katra on the occasion of 57th Foundation Day of the party.

The event was intended to pray for restoration of peace and prosperity, integrity, unity, happiness in the country and for the success of party chief Uddhav to hoist the victory flag across the country.

Addressing the workers, Manish Sahni, president Shiv Sena J&K professed that party founder 'Hindu Hridaya Samrat' venerable Balasaheb Thackeray had a vision of hoisting

the Shiv Sena flag from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. Which party chief Uddhav Thackeray is trying to make it a reality.

He said that party chief had guided the Shiv Sainiks to raise their voice against inflation, unemployment, increasing violence against women, dictatorship among the public and to hear up for all upcoming elections.

Sahni claimed that along with teaching a lesson to those who serve Jumla, Shiv Sainiks will prove to be "Sawa Ser" in front of their opponents on all fronts and Shiv Sena(UBT) will become the answer the question of who will face the BJP in 2024.

After the Hawan-Yagya, the present Shiv Sainiks took a vow to serve the people, society and religion. Swami Rajeshwaranand Nand Ji Maharaj, the founder of Jai Deva Mission from Sant Samaj, was also especially present in the Havan-Yagya and blessed the Shiv Sainiks with success.

On this occasion, President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, President Workers Wing Raj Singh, Udhampur in-charge Ashwini Prabhakar, President District Udhampur Sanjeev Kumar, General Secretaries Anil Vijay, Mamta Devi, Vishal Verma, Mangu Ram, Imtiyaz Hussain and many workers were present.

## Bhaderwah Campus organizes training programme on IOT sensor networks



### TOP NEWS REPORT

BHADERWAH, Jun 19: The Department of Computer Science and IT of the Bhaderwah Campus, in collaboration with iHUB DivyaSampark IIT Roorkee, conducted a training programme on IOT sensor networks for the students of the various educational institutions. The training programme was jointly conducted by the Department of Computer Science and IT of the Bhaderwah Campus and iHUB DivyaSampark IIT Roorkee on IOT sensor networks in the recently established research laboratory at the Bhaderwah Campus.

The training programme is a part of the MoU executed between the Department of Computer Science and IT at Bhaderwah Campus and iHUB DivyaSampark at IIT Roorkee.

The training programme was conducted for the schoolchildren, college students, and university students of the Doda district. Rector Bhaderwah Campus Prof. Rahul Gupta, I/C

Head Department of Computer Science and IT of the Bhaderwah Campus Dr. Jatinder Manhas, experts from IIT Roorkee, faculty members of the Computer Science Department Dr. Abid Sarwar, Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Dr. Ajay Lakhotra, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Ms. Bablu Sharma, ERO Bahderwah Campus Arif Khateeb, Yasir Ali, Parvesh Singh, and teaching and non-teaching staff of various educational institutions and Bhaderwah Campus were present on the occasion.

The training was conducted by the trainers from UniConverge Technologies Noida in physical mode.

Speaking on the occasion, Rector Bhaderwah Campus, Prof. Rahul Gupta, said that the aim behind this training programme is to impart basic IOT sensor networks to the students of the various educational institutions. He said that such programmes will help to educate Students about the latest technology being used

in the field of Computer Science

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jatinder Manhas said that the training part covers the acquaintance of the young students with the emergent technology of IoT devices. "The students were exposed to how to measure moisture, air quality, and object detection using IoT sensor networks," he added.

Dr. Manhas further informed that the training was conducted on the advanced equipment of the IoT sensor networks, and their applications in solving real-world problems were also addressed.

The students of the various school, College and University thanked the authorities of Bhaderwah Campus especially Rector Bhaderwah Campus for organizing such Training programme on IOT sensor networks for the students of the various educational institutions. Bhaderwah Campus organizes training programme on IOT sensor networks.

## Central Zone JKNC felicitates Aradhana Bhagat

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 19: Former minister and President Central Zone, Babu RamPaul today visited the residence of Secretary Central Zone and Coordinator district Samba, Bharat Bhushan to congratulate his daughter and family for her outstanding performance in Class 12th results.

Those who accompanied Babu RamPaul include Surjit Singh Manhas Provincial Joint Secretary, Dr Vikas Sharma, Sandesh Shan, Chander Udhay Singh (all Secretaries of Central Zone), Rajni Devi Chairperson Block Development Council (BDC) Bari Brahmana and President Women Wing District Samba and Provincial President NCSU Harshvardhan Singh.

While speaking on the occasion Babu RamPaul congratulated Miss Aradhana Bhagat who has scored 97% marks in Commerce stream and



secured 7th Position in J&K in recently declared result by Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) of Class 12th.

Former Minister said that girls have shown the world that they are incomparable, if given a chance. "The girls have excelled in various exams like UPSC, NEET, JEE Mains, Result of CBSE and many other competitive exams and have proved their mettle and as a civilized society it is our moral responsibility to ensure that every girl child gets proper education", Ram Paul added.

Surjit Singh Manhas while speaking on the occasion urged upon the parents to hone the hidden talent in their children and further support them in fulfilling their dreams especially the daughters.

Dr Vikas Sharma said that the good performers like Aradhana Bhagat and that too from rural areas are an example of hard work and motivation for other students.

Babu Ram Paul and Surjit Singh Manhas along with the team presented a bouquet of flowers to the shining star and wished her a bright future ahead.

## JKBS felicitates Ajay Lakhotra with 'Certificate of Appreciation'

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 19: Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha held a special meet in the Ashram of Guru Gyagi at Shahzadpur Kothi wherein Sabha's members felicitated Batwal youth Ajay Lakhotra who has recently completed his B.A LL.B degree with high first division, with a 'Certificate of Appreciation'.

Sabha's General Secretary R.L.Kaith said, "We are extremely happy for you, Ajay Lakhotra. You have

nailed the B.A. LL.B. exam with such an amazing score. All your hard work and perseverance have led you to this proud moment in your life. Massive congratulations and well done!"

Ajay Lakhotra thanked the Sabha members for congratulating him and recognizing his efforts.

The function was attended among others by Bawa Amar Nath, Subedar Ravi Lal Lakhotra, Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Hans Raj Loria and Rashpal Chand Motan.



## GDC Udhampur organises three-day Yog Shivr

### TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Jun 19: In continuation with Azadi Ka Amrut Kaal during the G20 presidency of India, a three day yog shivr was organized by the NSS Units and NCC battalions of the GDC Udhampur to mark the international yoga day. The three day Yog Shivr focused on this year's theme 'Yoga for Vasudai-va Kutumbakam' which beautifully captures our shared aspirations for 'One Earth, One Family and One Future.'

The event was organized at GDC Udhampur



under the patronship of Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta the principal of the college.

The three-day yog shivr commenced today at the college ground with morning prayer followed by Pranayam which emphasized on the detoxification and distressing of the body

and mind.

On the Inaugural of the yog shivr the NSS Volunteers and the NCC cadets along with other students of the college were oriented by Dr. Rippy Bawa the NSS PO of the college regarding the theme of this year's International Yoga Day. She briefed the student's

about the enduring practice of the ancient practice of yoga.

She also made the students aware about how yoga can help in building up one earth and one future. Dr Ajay Sharma NSS PO also deliberated upon the need of inculcating yoga in one's life as a holistic practice for mental and physical well being.

Prof. Shivani Sharma the NCC ANO talked about the role of yoga in curbing the Drug menace. She further oriented the students about the yoga asanas and kriyas which are quite

beneficial in building immunity.

The principal of the college Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta while speaking on the occasion talked about the immense need of yoga in our lives especially in the lives of the youth as they are more prone to go directionless.

He also immensely appreciated the NSS POs, NCC ANO for organizing this kind of an event. To conclude, a pledge was taken by all the present participants 'Yoghai to Jeevanhai.' The programme concluded with RashtriyaGan.