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## BRIEFLY

## LG inaugurates 100-Bedded Base Hospitals at Baltal, Chandanwari

Soon base camps will have sustainable healthcare facilities: Sinha

### Eid holidays on June 29, 30

JAMMU, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Government yesterday ordered that holidays on account of Eid-ul-Azha will be observed on June 29 and 30 instead of June 28 and 29.

An order to this effect was issued by the General Administration Department (GAD).

### Active Covid Cases in Country dip to 1,579

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): India has logged 65 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases have dipped to 1,579, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Wednesday.

The death toll was recorded at 5,31,905, with one death reported by Uttar Pradesh and one reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,94,097). The national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,60,613 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.

### Clear weather with evening showers in J&K Today: MeT

JAMMU, Jun 28 (Agencies): The weather was mainly clear at most places of J&K on Wednesday with meteorological department (MeT) predicting late afternoon or evening showers.

A MeT official said that a brief spell of rain/thundershowers was likely to happen at scattered places of J&K towards late afternoon/evening.

He predicted early morning and evening rains for the next one week.

"From June 29-30, the weather will be partly cloudy. Rain likely in the early mornings/evenings. Same weather expected from July 01 to 05," he said.

### Top News Report

JAMMU/ANANTNAG/GANDERBAL, Jun 28: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated the 100-Bedded Base Hospitals at Baltal and Chandanwari, through virtual mode.

The Lt Governor congratulated the DRDO, all the associated officials, engineers and the workforce for completing the construction of the hospitals in a record time of 15 days.

The Lt Governor said the two makeshift State-of-the-art hospitals, built by DRDO, will help in



providing better and round the clock healthcare facilities to the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and to those engaged in Yatra Management.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to

Welcome  
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K  
for  
Inauguration of 100 bedded  
DRDO Hospitals  
at  
Chandanwadi and Baltal

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Ministry of Health for providing all necessary resources for hospitals.

Baltal and Chandanwari Hospitals are equipped with the most advanced equipment,

separate block for doctors and nursing staff, ICU Wards, Oxygenated Wards and Triage areas and other required inventories for all critical medical care, he added.

"J&K Government has

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## J&K administration conducts trial run to check security preparedness for Amarnath Yatra

UDHAMPUR/JAMMU, Jun 28 (Agencies): Two days ahead of the start of the annual Amarnath Yatra, a trial run was conducted on Wednesday from Jammu to Banihal for a thorough inspection of security and other arrangements to ensure a safe pilgrimage for the devotees.

Leading a convoy of security vehicles, Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh, accompanied by senior officers, conducted the trial run along the Jammu-Srinagar national

highway. Senior civil and police officers in charge of the Jammu division examined all arrangements made by Jammu, Udhampur, and Ramban district administrations for the pilgrimage.

"The trial run was conducted by the security establishment from Jammu to Banihal on the highway for a thorough inspection of security and other arrangements", an officer said.

The 62-day-long pilgrimage to the cave shrine in the south Kash-

mir Himalayas will commence on July 1 and conclude on August 31. Pilgrims will embark on the yatra via two routes — the traditional 48-kilometre Nunwan route, in south Kashmir's Pahalgam, and the shorter 14-kilometre Baltal route in central Kashmir's Ganderbal.

The first batch of pilgrims will depart from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu on June 30. They will travel on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway before reaching their

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## Lt Governor hands over appointment letter to martyr civilian Deepu's wife



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 28 : Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday handed over an appointment letter to the wife of circus worker Deepu Kumar who was gunned down by terrorists in Anantnag district last month. The Lieutenant Gov-

ernor had announced Rs 5 lakh ex gratia to the victim's family living in abject poverty in a remote village of Udhampur district.

Kumar, 27, who worked at a circus in Janglat Mandi area in the south Kashmir district, was killed when he had gone out to buy milk on May 29. On June 16,

the Jammu and Kashmir police said five Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists were arrested from Anantnag in connection with the killing.

"Lt Governor Manoj Sinha handed over appointment letter to a government job to Sakshi Devi, wife of martyr civilian Deepu Kumar, at Raj Bhawan today," an official spokesperson said. He said the Lt Governor assured every possible assistance and support to the grief-stricken family members.

A week after his killing, Kumar's wife gave birth to a baby boy in her remote Thial village of Udhampur. Kumar was the only earning member in the family

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## ACB books then Tehsildar, others

JAMMU, Jun 28 (Agencies): Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a case against Sudesh Kumar, the then Tehsildar Reasi, Mohd Qasim, the then Girdawar, Yash Pal, the then Patwari as well as beneficiaries under J&K Prevention of Corruption Act and 120-B RPC.

The beneficiaries are Dalip Singh, Omkar Singh, Kishore Singh, Inder Singh, Balwant Singh, all sons of Amarnath, Pushpa Devi, wife of Pritam Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Ashwani Singh, Parshotam Singh, Rangeel Singh, all sons of Saroop Singh, Chanchla Devi, wife of Balbir Singh, Manju Devi, wife of Mohan Lal, Gandharab Singh and Lehar Singh, both sons of Puspa Devi

of Gran, Reasi.

According to the ACB, a verification was conducted against the then Additional Deputy Commissioner, Reasi and others on the allegations of release of wrong compensation on the basis of manipulated reports with regard to acquisition proceedings for land measuring 27 kanals and 6 marlas falling at village Gran, Reasi for dumping yard at T5-P-1 on Katra Dharm section of USBRL project in favour of person who have no right over the property so acquired etc.

The verification revealed that then Revenue Officers/Officials who remained associated with the award of compensation for land measuring 27 kanals and 6 marlas conferred

undue benefit upon the beneficiaries by way of awarding compensation in violation of provisions of Land

Acquisition Act, Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976 and instructions issued in this regard.

It surfaced during the course of verification that the shamilat land under acquisition was not under the self cultivation of said person/persons in Kharif 1971 and no one amongst them was entitled for compensation.

In-fact, the compensation was supposed to be credited to Government exchequer under the appropriate head of account. Some of the beneficiaries agitated before the High Court pursuant to which the petition was disposed

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## Father-Son drown in Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, Jun 28 (Agencies): A father-son duo drowned following flash floods in a stream as they were heading for a wedding function in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday.

Paras Ram (45) and his son Sangam (13) were crossing the Kunju stream by foot when they were swept by a strong current following heavy rainfall in the catchment area late Tuesday evening, the officials said.

They said an auto driver passing through the area raised an alarm and a rescue operation was launched with teams of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and police joining the search.

After hectic efforts, the body of Ram was fished out from the stream this morning, while the search for his son's body was going on when last reports were received, the officials said.

## ED arrests IRS officer in money laundering case

MUMBAI, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday arrested an IRS officer, working as an Additional Commissioner of Customs and GST, in connection with a money laundering investigation,

official sources said. Sachin Sawant, who earlier worked with the federal agency at its Mumbai zonal office as a deputy director, was taken into custody under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after

the agency launched raids at his premises in Mumbai and some others on Tuesday.

The officer, as per the sources, was posted in Lucknow.

The money laundering case against the Indian

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## IPS Officer Ajay Bhatnagar appointed Special Director in CBI

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Senior IPS officer Ajay Bhatnagar has been appointed as Special Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), according to a Personnel Ministry



order. Bhatnagar, a 1989 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Jharkhand cadre, is currently Additional Director in the federal probe agency.

## Shailendra Kumar assigned additional charge of agriculture production department

JAMMU, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Wednesday assigned the additional charge of agriculture production department to Shailendra Kumar, principal secretary R&B department.

"In the interest of administration, it is hereby ordered that Mr. Shailendra Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:1995), Principal Secretary to the Government, Public Works

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## No Eid Prayers at Srinagar's Eidgah this year again

SRINAGAR, Jun 28 (Agencies): The managing body of Jamia mosque in Srinagar on Wednesday said that the authorities have disallowed Eid congregational prayers at the historic Eidgah Srinagar.

Eid-ul-Adha is being celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. In a statement, Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid said authorities conveyed to them that Eid-ul-Adha prayers will not be allowed at the historic and central Eidgah Srinagar on Thursday at 9 am.

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# Collapse of dogra empire to UT dis-appointing: Harsh Dev

TOP NEWS REPORT

CHENANI, Jun 28: Former Minister and NPP president, Harsh Dev Singh said that with J&K having been divested of its statehood status, the trade, employment and economy of the erstwhile princely dogra state of the country had been adversely impacted. While the economy fast dissipated and the development scenario witnessed a downward slide, the ever growing unemployment seemed to be the only notable feature of the saffron rule. The past few years witnessed massive public uprisings against the anti Jammu and anti people policies of the ruling dispensation which continued to be suppressed through iron fist of police and civil administration. Taking repeated somersaults on almost all its professed promises, the narcissistically pleased and power intoxicated BJP continued to use the coercive apparatus of state to silence all those who dared raise their voice for justice and sought fulfilment of promises made by it during elections. Rather than honouring the commitments made by it during last polls, it was trying to crush the dissenting voices by causing dissensions in



and breaking the opposition parties. Describing the BJP's handling of dissent and disquiet as oppressively bizarre, undemocratic and morally sinister, Mr. Singh appealed to the people not to succumb before the machiavellian designs of the power hungry rulers. He assured that NPP would stand with people through thick and thin and continue to expose and oppose the BJP for its political debauchery and subterfuge. He was addressing public meetings in Kumarli and Mantalai villages of Chenani constituency today.

Addressing the huge gatherings, Harsh Dev lambasted the BJP for having done the greatest disservice to J&K and particularly the dogras by demoting it to the level of UT. It has humiliated

the dogras by dismantling the oldest dogra state. The extension of several draconian laws after abrogation of Art 370 including opening of lands and jobs to outsiders had in particular, come as a rude shocker for the people of J&K. The unemployed youth of Jammu region have been the most disappointed lot with their share in services have been abysmally reduced. The Daily wagers, the contractuals, the underemployed have all felt cheated in the BJP regime.

Alleging that a deep rooted culture of corruption was prevalent in the UT, Mr. Singh called upon the vigilante organizations to keep a close watch over the functioning of various Depts particularly PHE, Education, PWD, Power, CAPD and

RDD. He said that the lackadaisical approach of the concerned authorities was responsible for the power and drinking water crisis in the majority of the rural areas. He called for early construction of works taken up under the languishing projects scheme. He sought early clearances of liabilities and other work done claims of contractors and mates pending for the last 2-3 years in PWD, PHE, PDD etc. He sought immediate release of compensation to the farmers whose lands and other structures were acquired for construction of PMGSY roads. He regretted that there were no takers for the sufferings of the people with corrupt officers enjoying full patronage of the political bosses.

# Shiv Sena urges closure of meat shops on Devshayani Ekadashi

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni demanded closure of meat shops in the city of temples Jammu on the auspicious occasion of Devshayani Ekadashi on June 29. An appeal was made to Muslim brothers to respecting the religious sentiments of Hindus to Postpone the "Kurbani", offer only prayers on the first day of Bakr Eid (June 29).

During a press conference organized at the party state office today, state chief Manish Sahni said that June 29 there are two auspicious days together. Devshayani Ekadashi of Hindus and Bakr-Eid is the biggest festival of Muslim brothers.

Sahni appeals to Muslim brothers to offer prayers on the first day of Bakr-Eid and to avoid



"Kurbani", respecting mutual brotherhood and religious faith of Hindus.

He said that in this connection, he has personally met and appealed to several Muslim religious leaders including the Mufti Jammu. On which positive signals have been received from the Muslim brothers, the religious leaders said that the holy festival of Eid continues for three days and the "Kurbani" can be on the next day.

On the other hand, Shiv Sena leaders appealed the Jammu administration to issue instructions to keep the meat shops closed on this holy day in the city of temples keeping in mind the religious sentiments of the Hindus, a memorandum was also submitted to the Municipal Corporation Commissioner, Jammu. Sahni said that according to beliefs, from the day of Devshayani Ekadashi, the sleep

period of Lord Vishnu, begins. Which Means Chaturmas begins from this day and all auspicious and auspicious works are banned.

On this occasion President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice president Sanjeev Kohli, President Kamghar Wing Raj Singh, Mangu Ram were present on the occasion.

# J&K Hoteliers Club Sonamarg greets people on Eid-ul-Adha

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jun 28: J&K Hoteliers Club Sonamarg Chapter President And Chairman Snow Land Group of Hotels Farooq Hafiz extended his greetings to the Muslim community on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.

The JKHC Sonamarg Chapter President said that it recognises the importance of this occasion to our "Muslim brothers and sisters and extends its sincerest wishes for happiness, peace, and prosperity."

Farooq Hafiz in his Eid greetings said that "I along with my JKHC Sonamarg Chapter team of members extend my

Eid greetings to all."

The J&K Hoteliers Club "acknowledges and appreciates the vital role played by the business community in the development and growth of our economy."

"The J&K Hoteliers Club takes this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to promoting a diverse and inclusive business environment where everyone can thrive. We believe that diversity is a strength that enriches our communities and economies. Once again, on behalf of the JKHC, I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes for a joyful and blessed Eid-ul-Adha."

**G20 Northern Railway Auction Notice**

21 Bags Rice which are stored at Gangasar Jatu Railway Station will be put to public auction on 19.07.2023 at 11:00 Hrs. Terms and Conditions will be pronounced on the spot.

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**G20 Northern Railway Tender Notice**

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur Division invites applications on the prescribed form for allotment of contract for following Halt Stations:-

1 Name of Work	Allotment of Halt contract at Saidan, Jamsheer Khas, Sham Chaurasi, Khatkar Kalan Jhanda Ji, Jajion Doaba, Garhshankar, Malupota, Salla Khurd, Batala Sugar Mill, Dudwandi, Saldpur Jalalabad, Garna Sahib, Baba Bakala Rayya, Chakdayala & Qadian Halt Stations over Firozpur Division.
2 Tenure of contract	5 (Five) years.
3 Last Date & Time of Submission and Opening of applications	On 31.07.2023 Up to 15:00 hrs. (Applications will be opened on 31.07.2023 and in case the day on which the applications are to be opened is a holiday, the same will be opened at the same time on next working day).
4 Address of the office & date from which application forms will be available.	Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur. Date: 28.06.2023 to 31.07.2023
5 Northern Railway's website.	Applications can also be downloaded from Northern Railway's official website <a href="http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in">www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in</a>

The notice for inviting application forms and other related information is also available on the official web site of Northern Railway [www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in)

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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, REW POONCH**  
**TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

e-NIT No 66 of REW POONCH 2023-24 Dated:- 24-06-2023 3rd Call

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, the Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch, as his representative invites tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Union Territory Govt/CPWD/MES for the following work under:

S. No	Name of Work	Division	Estt. Cost (Rs in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor	Position of Funds
1	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at W.No.02 Moh. Saydian Pyl. Chandak A Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call	Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	1.31	200	2620	20 Days	(1000 Hrs) on or after 04-07-2023 in the office of Executive Engineer REW Division	DEE	Partially Available/ Demanded
2	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Moh. Khatana Pyl. Chandak A Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
3	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Moh. Narhrad Pyl. Chandak B Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
4	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Moh. Saydian W.No.01 Pyl. Nangali Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
5	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Qureshian Pyl. Nangali Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
6	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Moh. Shaikhan Pyl. Shahpur Upper Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
7	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Moh. Khue Pyl. Shahpur Upper Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
8	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Ward No. 01 Pyl. Shahpur Lower Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
9	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Ward No. 06 Pyl. Shahpur Lower Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
10	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Ward No.08 Pyl. Dingla Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
11	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Ward No.11 Pyl. Dingla Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
12	Construction of Soakage Pit at Moh. Kote W.No. 01 Panchayat Brachar Block Loran under SBM year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
13	Construction of Soakage Pit at Moh. Gagian Upper W.No. 01 Panchayat Loran Lower A Block Loran under SBM year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
14	Construction of Soakage Pit at Moh. Morrian W.No. 03 Panchayat Loran Lower A Block Loran under SBM year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call	Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch	1.31	200	2620	20 Days	(1000 Hrs) on or after 04-07-2023 in the office of Executive Engineer REW Division	DEE	Partially Available/ Demanded
15	Construction of Soakage Pit at Upper W.No. 03 Panchayat Loran Lower B Block Loran under SBM year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
16	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at W.No. 07 Panchayat Bhainch Block Poonch under SBM year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
17	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Moh. Jangian W.No. 07 Panchayat Khanetar Dalera Block Poonch under SBM year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
18	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Moh. Uchar Upper W.No. 03 Panchayat Kuniyan Lower Block Poonch under SBM year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
19	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Moh. Sardaran Pyl. Ghani Dharati Block Mankote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
20	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Moh. Bagyote Pyl. Kasblari Upper Block Mankote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
21	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Behrook W.No. 02 Pyl. Behrook Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
22	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Moh. Gola W.No 03 Pyl. Chandiyal Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
23	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at W.No 02 Pyl. Dhargloon Lower Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
24	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Moh. Tharian W.No 03 Pyl. Galthutta Kandi Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
25	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Upper Jaran Wali Gali Pyl. Jarranwali Gali Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
26	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Kallar Pyl. Kallar Mohra Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
27	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at W.No 03 Pyl. Naka Manjhani Lower Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
28	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Moh. Gali Pyl. Sangoite Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
29	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Moh. Gali Pyl. Sangoite Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call	1.31	200	2620	20 Days				

- NOTE: The Contractors registered with DDC, Poonch in reference to GOVT. Order No: 238-F of 2021, Dated 07-09-2021 can participate upto an amount of Rs 3.00 Lacs, in local Panchayat works.**
- After opening of the tender if the rates quoted by the lowest bidder are found to be high & value of work is more than the advertised cost, he/she is advised to negotiate his/her quoted rates with the department / offer his/her consent within five days after opening of the tenders, failing which the work shall be put to fresh tender.
  - In Pursuant to Finance Department of J&K Government order No. 238-F of 2021 Dated:- 07-09-2021 issued vide endorsement No. FD-Code/327/2021-22 Dated:- 07-09-2021. The Participation Rules shall be as under. The participation in the tendering process of works up to an amount of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs is restricted to resident of concerned Panchayat only in 1<sup>st</sup> Call, for subsequent call the bidders from adjoining Panchayats can participate too, after production of the residence proof certificate for local bidders from Concerned Sarpanch/BDO & adjoining area certificate issued from Concerned BDO's under his seal & signature with dispatch no. & date, and after 3<sup>rd</sup> call the participation is open to all for participation.
  - Bid must be accompanied with cost of Tender Document in shape of Treasury Challan Debited to MH 0515 REW and earnest money in the shape of CDR @ 2% of the advertised cost in favour of Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly. The tender fee will be accepted only in the form of Treasury Voucher and No other mean will be accepted. It is mandatory to mention the name of work, e-NIT No on Treasury Challan. The date of the Earnest Money & Tender Fee must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission date) pledged to Executive Engineer REW Division Poonch.**
  - Successful bidder will submit 3% additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/ B.G. The total 5% will be released after completion of defect liability period of the work.**
  - The lowest bidder shall have to provide the CDR/FDR/B.G. within weeks' time for the issuance of allotment failing which he/she will be recommended for black listing. The CDR issue date to be uploaded, shall not before the date of e-NIT and no other CDR shall be accepted as replacement, under rules.**
  - The successful bidder / Contractor who fails to start work within seven (07 Days) from the date of issuance of Allotment will be imposed a penalty of Rs 200 / Day starting from 8<sup>th</sup> day, deductible from the running/final bills of contractor.
  - The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tender without assigning any reason there off.
  - No tender document will be accepted displaying firm/company name without proprietor name against which the tender documents will be submitted.
  - After opening of Financial Bid, within 07 days, if the successful Bidder doesn't approach with the CDR, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lowest bidder, shall be approached for the negotiation and allotment of work at rates quoted by 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The already defaulted contractors are not allowed to participate in any tendering work of REW Division Poonch.**
  - Subletting of allotted work is not allowed and will attract strict legal action, even cancellation of contract with imposition of costs and penalty etc., if any successful bidder is found involved in same at any stage.

**NOTE: No PRI member shall be allowed to take part in Tendering process**

1 Date of Issue of Tender Notice	24-06-2023.
2 Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 24-06-2023 to 03-07-2023, 1800 Hrs
3 Bid submission Start Date	24-07-2023 from 1800 Hrs onwards
4 Bid Submission End Date	03-07-2023 up to 1855 Hrs
5 Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) (in case of holiday, the bid shall be opened on next day)	04-07-2023 on or after 1000 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer REW, Poonch
6 Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) (of only successful technical bidders)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, If-
  - Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period.
  - In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website <https://www.iktenders.gov.in/> to acquaint bid submission process.

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Executive Engineer  
Rural Engineering Wing  
Poonch

## EDITORIAL

## STOP CORRUPT PRACTICES

Earlier, the countrymen used to be shocked to hear about any scam, today they are not. Earlier, the accused of scams used to leave their posts due to public shame, but today some politicians go to jail with this pride even after being caught; like they are going on a mission to serve the nation.

That's why corrupt practices are slowly becoming normal in the entire administration system. Today, there is no sector of Indian life – governmental or non-governmental, public or private – that is untouched by corruption. That is why corruption is found in so many forms that it is not easy to classify it. Still, it can be divided into four main categories.

This is the most prominent form of corruption under whose umbrella all other forms of corruption flourish and get protection. Under this mainly comes the corrupt practices adopted to win the elections of the Lok Sabha and Vidhansabhas.

There is no such malpractice, malpractice or gimmick in the world which is not adopted to win elections in India. The reason is that only the winning party in the elections forms the government, due to which all the political power of the center and the states comes in its hands.

That's why 'Yen Ken Prakran' has become the only goal of the politicians to make their party victorious. Saturnation of these politicians inculcates casteist tendencies in the country and gives rise to traitors. These corrupt politicians are to blame for the current state of the country. Due to these many scams have taken place in the country.

Administrative corruption ---- Under this, all those officers sitting in government, semi-government, non-government organizations, institutions, establishments or services (jobs) come who are involved in casteism, nepotism, any kind of pressure or Kamini-Kanchan. Due to greed or any other reason, appoints unqualified persons, promotes them, neglects his own duty and gives patronage to subordinate employees who do so, or weakens the country on any front by any of his work or conduct.

Whether it is an officer who gives wrong quota-permit or an army officer who sells military secrets to foreign hands or an engineer who constructs quickly collapsing bridges, government buildings etc. by taking bribes from contractors or a judge who takes unjust decisions or gives shelter to a criminal. Police officers also come under this type of ideology.

Professional corruption ---- Under this, those who prepare inferior goods and sell them at a better price, those who charge more than the prescribed rate, those who create artificial scarcity of a particular item and loot the public with both hands, tax evasion Businessmen who make the country and society weak by adopting other corrupt methods come.

Educational corruption ---- Even a sacred field like education has not remained untouched by the infection of corruption. Therefore, today recommendation is more than degree, flattery is more dominant than qualification. Due to more emphasis on money than hard work, education is continuously declining.

As long as the materialistic western culture continues to be propagated through English education, corruption cannot be reduced. Therefore, first of all the education of vernacular languages, especially Sanskrit, has to be made compulsory. Indian languages are propagandists and supporters of life-values. They will strengthen the sense of religion among Indians and people will become religious-fearing.

## Is Modi's BJP now down with the 'BB' syndrome?

By: Sunil Gatade

Basavaraj Bommai, Karnataka's former chief minister, is certainly not that bad a man, but he has come to symbolise the yes-men culture in the BJP that is now engulfing the world's largest party, which is facing the next round of Assembly polls and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections with its back to the wall.

No one other than Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah are responsible for the BJP being down with the "BB syndrome". This syndrome makes state leaders irrelevant and willing tools in the hands of the high command to run the states according to their wishes, whether it is good or bad for the state.

Only a Yogi Adityanath or possibly a Himanta Biswa Sarma may be different. They are confident and don't need spoon-feeding from the Centre or homilies from top leaders. They are self-sufficient to keep the communal pot boiling with their own unique methods and controversial statements to keep the majority community happy and buoyant. They are past masters at the game.

Take Yogi's 80:20 remark ahead of the last Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh. It was to drive home the point that the elections were a battle between the "80" and "20" per cent, and conveyed it with devastating clarity to demolish the Opposition. No one needed to be told what was 80 per cent and what was 20 per cent. The butcher's knife was used with scalpel precision.

Similarly, his bulldozer strategy is telling the BJP's detractors that they had better beware.

UP's state apparatus is too brutal and inhuman and instead of it getting reformed, others wanted to catch up with it. There was a time not long ago when the Yogi and UP model was being hailed in Maharashtra, which once had one of the best administrations in the country.

The point to make is that after making state governments led by the BJP their satellites, the Modi-Shah duo is blaming Basavaraj Bommai and Naleen Kateel as the fall guys in Karnataka, which has damaged Brand Modi substantially. This is strange. Yes men, by definition, are not meant to take decisions on their own. They are only supposed to follow orders. Thinking on their part is an offence, a serious offence.

But bosses seldom take the blame. Have you ever heard a word from Mr Modi on the loss in Karnataka? The answer is simple: when you are the "Vishwa Guru", how can you go wrong? If the "Vishwa Guru" is wrong, it could bring down his whole ecosystem, his universe.

That is what is happening to the BJP now. Take the instance of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan is not a novice. He is CM for the fourth term if the 15-month Kamal Nath ministry is not taken into account. But as he leads the state into elections, he is not oozing confidence. It seems as if he is losing.

This is happening because, in the last nine years, the Modi-Shah duo has always tried to convey to Mr Chouhan that he is not his own boss. Big Brother is watching. Some three years back, there were plans to bring in someone else as CM when the Kamal Nath ministry was toppled, but it was found that only

Mr Chouhan could keep the flock together. So, the CMship this time was a special gift from Mr Modi and Mr Shah.

Smart on the uptake, Mr Chouhan has doubled his praise for the PM, knowing full well that this will be his last term. New Delhi's loyalists also helped spread the word that Shivraj is now one among them and not exactly the first among equals. From being a leader, Mr Chouhan has become an employee, and one who has always showed his loyalty on his sleeve. This man was once hailed as a possible PM by the now almost forgotten Lal Krishna Advani.

After Karnataka, the same Mr Chouhan was asked to do the honours. But there is talk that there is still some uncertainty on who could be the next CM. Jyotiraditya Scindia might be a new entrant to the party, but he is doubly ambitious. All this is a double whammy for the BJP.

An almost similar story was enacted in neighbouring Rajasthan. Mr Scindia's aunt Vasundhara Raje, the BJP's most powerful woman leader, was sought to be demolished for four long years. Ms Raje's fault was that she successfully led the BJP twice to power in the desert state and wanted to do so a third time. It was also her fault that she is independent and crossed swords with Mr Shah when she was CM. After Karnataka, she is being given prominence by a weakened Modi-Shah duo, lately realising that if the BJP goes down in the states, it cannot come up at the Centre.

In Maharashtra, an emerging leader like Devendra Fadnavis is being cut to size as he could become a rival later at the Centre for Amit Shah. Mr Fadnavis was

brought to the fore nine years back to in a bid to sideline Nitin Gadkari.

Such manoeuvring leads to another kind of dynamics. Those sidelined for long want to have their say. The Yediyurappas and Gadkaris and their likes don't stay quiet. They do not exactly raise the banner of revolt but do different things so that they are heard. The problem is that there are so many sidelined BJP leaders, from the panchayat level to Parliament, that they could cause a revolution. The BJP does not need outsiders to cause trouble. There are so many inside.

The law of physics is simple. Every action has an equal and opposite reaction. Mr Modi and Mr Shah squeezed all the dissent and dialogue for so long. The only exercise that was allowed was "hailing the leader". So, sycophants thrived and some became sycophants in order to get their share of the booty.

Dissidents within the BJP are in silent mode, and if they remain silent, they will do their "job" silently.

Delivering a punch, the RSS mouthpiece Organiser has recently declared that the BJP cannot win elections on the basis of Mr Modi's charisma and Hindutva alone. This means that the BJP must get its house in order immediately and on a war footing. But it's a tall order as the electoral clock has already started ticking. Mr Modi is sounding more and more hollow.

"BB" also stands for Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the notorious BJP MP who represents all that is vile in Indian politics and who appears to be going strong despite all the controversies surrounding him.

## Reading the fine print of Artemis Accords

By: Dinesh C. Sharma

DURING Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the US, several technology-related agreements were signed between the two countries. Among them, two are specifically related to the space sector. One, India signed the Artemis Accords on space exploration for peaceful purposes. It was signed by Taranjit Singh Sandhu, India's Ambassador to the US, in the presence of NASA Administrator Bill Nelson at a ceremony held at a hotel in Washington. The second agreement related to the American space agency agreeing to sponsor an Indian astronaut to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2024. The so-called Indo-US space deal inked by PM Modi is being dubbed as a diplomatic and scientific breakthrough, akin to the Indo-US civil nuclear deal signed by his predecessor Manmohan Singh in 2008. The reality, however, is far from it.

Why is India rushing into a flight on the International Space Station when it is preparing for its human space mission?

In his statement at the joint press briefing with President Biden, the Prime Minister said, "Today, we have taken a quantum leap in our space cooperation by deciding to enter into the Artemis Accords. In short, for the India-US partnership, even the sky is not the limit."

Back home, there was ecstasy and celebration. "Could anything give us greater pride than to realise that a country like the USA, which landed the first human being on the surface of

the Moon when we were singing nursery rhymes about the Moon, is today seeking our inputs and our expertise on Moon mission?" This was stated by Jitendra Singh, Minister of State in the PMO that oversees the functioning of the departments of space and atomic energy, while explaining the importance of India signing the Artemis Accords. Singh also claimed that "the pact will pave the way for easing restrictions on the import of critical technologies in the space domain, especially electronics, benefiting Indian companies to develop systems and innovate for US markets."

To begin with, the Accords is not a bilateral agreement or treaty or pact, nor does it seek inputs or expertise from India or anyone for Artemis – the Moon mission of NASA that envisages the development of a base on the lunar surface. It has no mention of 'easing restrictions on the import of critical technologies.' The Accords, as available on the NASA website and publicised by NASA in a press release issued on June 23, is a statement of general principles of peaceful exploration of outer space, such as transparency, interoperability, assistance to personnel in outer space, registration of space objects, the release of scientific data, preservation of outer space heritage and sustainable use of outer space. If it is about NASA seeking India's help or easing import restrictions, as claimed by Jitendra Singh, NASA must be doing the same with Nigeria, Rwanda, Bahrain, Colombia and Ecuador too because they all have signed the same Artemis Accords since 2020. India is the 27th signatory to this non-binding and voluntary Accords.

The motive of the Artemis Accords is completely different from what is being projected. It is an innovative piece of space diplomacy created by the US Department of State to reclaim American supremacy as the world stares at a new space order with players like China and the rise of private space companies.

Through the Accords, America is seeking to take the lead in developing a new framework of rule-based space governance. The UN-piloted space treaties developed and signed by all in the 1960s need to be updated, given the advancement in space technology since then and the emergence of new players. Instead of allowing the well-tested multilateral process to do this, America has propagated the Accords and is trying to garner support from other countries for the set of principles it has identified. Wary of this hidden motive behind the seemingly harmless Accords, major space-faring nations – China, Russia, Germany – and the European Space Agency (ESA) have stayed away from this exercise.

The Artemis Accords is cleverly worded. It affirms the importance of compliance with the Outer Space Treaty (Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies) opened for signature on January 27, 1967. It also affirms compliance with other UN treaties like the one on the rescue of astronauts as well as the Conven-

tion on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects of 1972. Yet, Artemis Accords has tried to introduce concepts such as the preservation of space heritage and the creation of safety zones concerning the utilisation of natural resources that may be at variance with UN space treaties. The Accords is aimed at developing consensus on the principles on which a future space treaty could be developed under the UN, undermining principles of multilateralism. India has walked into this diplomatic trap without holding any discussion at home or enacting a space law.

The second part of the 'space deal' relates to NASA sending an Indian astronaut to ISS next year. This is equally intriguing because India is having its own Human Space Flight programme for which four Indian astronauts have been trained in Russia. If ISRO wanted to send an Indian to ISS, jointly operated by America and Russia, it could have done so long ago. It did not do so because human flights were not its priority. ISS has been operating for two decades and 269 astronauts from 21 countries have flown to it. Besides those from America and European countries, astronauts from the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia have spent time on ISS. Has India broken new ground in space cooperation with the US or is it trying to catch up with the others? More importantly, why is India rushing into a flight on ISS when it is preparing for its human space mission? The PM had announced in 2018 that an Indian would go into space when India completed 75 years of Independence – a promise that did not materialise. The ISS ride is, perhaps, a face-saver or, at best, a poor substitute for that tall promise made five years ago.



## As the reworked version of Pakistani song Pasoori, sung by Arijit Singh, does not go down well with netizens, here's a look at whether recreated versions work

EVER thought about a time when celebrated singer Arijit Singh would be criticised for singing something? Well, music label, T-Series, and the never-ending remake trend made it possible!

They released a new song, Pasoori Nu, from upcoming film, Satyaprem Ki Katha, sung by Arijit Singh and Tulsi Kumar. It's a remake of Pakistani song, Pasoori, from Coke Studio 14 which became a worldwide rage last year. Sung by Ali Sethi and Shae Gil, it got featured even in Marvel Cinematic Universe's series Ms. Marvel.

However, the version in Hindi did not strike a chord with listeners. Soon, a meme-fest was rife on social media with Arijit at the centre of it all. Artists share whether listeners have had enough of this remake trend.

Not the last time!

If artistes and singers are to be believed, remakes of songs will always be done. The Punjabi community has been conveying their disappointment for more than a decade now after hearing their favourite song in Bollywood films. But B-town has been countering that hate by offering work to Punjabi singers on a grand scale!

Defending champions T-Series of course have spent



a hefty amount to buy the rights to make a reprised version of Pasaori, thus the song credits of the Pasaori Nu reads, Rochak Kohli and Ali Sethi. While Rochak has confessed that they had anticipated such a reaction, he also clarified that the original makers were on board the entire time. Even the lyrics' credit reads Gurpreet Aini and Ali Sethi.

But it's not the first time that the music label has earned negative response for their remake songs. Last year in September, when Falguni Pathak's hit song Maine Payal Hai Chhankai was re-created in Neha Kakkar's voice titled Yaad Piya Ki Aane Lagi, Twitter made the same hue and cry. To which Neha's reaction was, "And for those who are unhappy seeing me

happy and successful, I feel sorry for them. Bechaare... Plz keep commenting. I won't even delete them. Coz I know and everybody knows what Neha Kakkar is."

Meme fest

Who doesn't like a little fun while memes are at it though? With Pasaori, where some said that the bad remake united the two fighting nations, India and Pakistan, as they unitedly hated the song, the others called for 'Harpic' the best option to cleanse their ears after listening to Rochak Kohli's version!

Tune that was not in sync  
Yaad Piya Ki Aane Lagi: Neha Kakkar (Tanishk Bagchi). Maine Payal Hai Chhankai (original): Falguni Pathak (Lalit Sen).

Chamma Chamma; Neha Kakkar, Romy, Arun & Ikka (Tanishk Bagchi). Chamma Chamma (original): Alka Yagnik (Anu Malik).

Masakali 2.0; Tulsi Kumar, Sachet Tandon (Tanishk Bagchi). Masakali (original): Mohit Chauhan (A R Rahman). Ek Do Teen; Palak Muchhal (Sandeep Shirodkar).

Ek Do Teen (original): Alka Yagnik (Laxmikant Pyarelal).

Lamborghini; Neha Kakkar & Jassie Gill (Meet Bros). Traditional folk song.

## Anupama Solanki talks about Nath Krishna Aur Gauri Ki Kahani completing 600 episodes



Nath Krishna Aur Gauri Ki Kahani has completed 600 episodes, and the entire team is celebrating the milestone. Anupama Solanki, who plays the

role of Kalawati in the show, is happy with all the love and progression.

"I am extremely excited about our achievements. It is a huge

honour for any production house, actors, and crew when a show completes 600 episodes. I play the negative lead in this show, and my responsibilities have become all the more important now," she says.

She adds, "There are lots of shows going off air within 2-3 months, and there are many reasons behind it. Sometimes the storyline is bad, and sometimes actors are not performing well, and rather than choosing the right actor, people select their close friends or relatives to play certain roles. Lack of conviction is also a problem, and rest is destiny. In the TV industry, everything should be perfect."

Before this show, Anupama was a part of various projects like Dayan, where she played a negative role; Juzzbaat, a reality show; Vighnaharta Ganesha, where she was seen as Mohini; and Maddam Sir, where she played a positive role.

## Shivangi Joshi to play the lead in Barsatein: Mausam Pyaar Ka

The first glimpse of Sony Entertainment Television's upcoming romance drama Barsatein: Mausam Pyaar Ka has been released.

Set against the backdrop of a newsroom, this love story will explore the clash of two headstrong individuals, Reyansh and Aradhana, who find themselves entwined in a complex web of emotions.

The show, produced by Balaji Telefilms, will see Shivangi Joshi playing the righteous and independent Aradhana Sahni.

Elated to be a part of Barsatein: Mausam Pyaar Ka, Shivangi says, "One thing that stood out for me when I heard the story of Barsatein: Mausam Pyaar Ka was its refreshing and relatable take on love stories. Despite all the warnings, many people have fallen for elusive men and even-



tually have their hearts broken. And this show puts the spotlight on that very emotion of romance and heart-break, woven together with the appealing love story of Reyansh and

Aradhana. I was immediately drawn to my character, Aradhana, as I am a lot like her. I am looking forward to portraying this optimistic yet strong-headed character."

## Rasika Dugal to headline horror series 'Adhura'

Actor Rasika Dugal will be seen headlining a new horror series titled 'Adhura'.

Directed by Ananya Banerjee and Gaurav K. Chawla, and written by Banerjee, the series is produced by Monisha Advani, Madhu Bhojwani and Nikhil Advani, of Emmay Entertainment.

The seven-episode series will be out on Prime Video.

As per a statement, 'Adhura' delves into the deep-rooted fears and inner demons of its characters, promising a gripping and suspenseful journey into the supernatural realm. It follows the theme of guilt, remorse and revenge.

Rasika also shared the first-look of Adhura on 'Instagram'.

The story unfolds through two timelines, in 2022 and 2007, as secrets and chilling events plague the students and staff of a prestigious boarding school.



What starts as a nostalgic reunion turns sinister when Adhiraj Jaisingh (Ishwak Singh) encounters Vedant Malik (Shrenik Arora), a troubled 10-year-old student. As the past and present collide, a dark secret threatens to emerge, linking Adhiraj to Vedant.

Sharing more details about it, Aparna Purohit, head of India originals, Prime Video said, "Adhura is a complex, layered and an immersive world where once-familiar corridors and hallways, become a labyrinth of fear and uncertainty. Supernatural horror is an extremely popular genre not just in India but across the world so we are extremely excited to partner with Nikhil Advani once again, in a genre that neither Emmay Entertainment nor Prime Video has attempted before. As our first Hindi Original horror series, I am certain that Adhura will engage, pro-

voke and enthrall our audiences." Gaurav K Chawla and Ananya Banerjee, directors, Emmay Entertainment, also shared details about the project.

"At Emmay, we've dabbled with various genres and now we are exploring horror. As fans of this genre, we were eager to tell this classic tale of a ghost in the boarding school. Haven't we all shared ghost stories in dim-lit rooms with our friends? Adhura to us is one such story, waiting to be shared with our audiences," the duo said. "With Adhura, we are exploring the horror, supernatural genre for the first time and are delighted to venture into this space with Prime Video. We are glad to collaborate with them once again after the immense success of Mumbai Diaries," shared Nikhil Advani, producer, Emmay Entertainment. 'Adhura' will start streaming from July 7.

## Kusha Kapila announces separation from husband Zorawar Ahluwalia, 'we gave it our all, until we couldn't anymore'

Social media star and actor Kusha Kapila, on Monday, announced the news of her separation from her husband Zorawar Ahluwalia.

Taking to Instagram, Kusha shared a post which reads, "Zorawar and I have mutually decided to part ways. This hasn't been an easy decision by any measure but we know it's the right one at this point in our lives. The love and life we have shared together continues to mean everything for us but sadly, what we

seek currently for ourselves doesn't align. We gave it our all, until we couldn't anymore."

"A relationship ending is heartbreaking and it's been a tough ordeal for us and our families. Thankfully, we have had some time to process this, but what we shared and built together panned for over a decade. We still need a lot more time and healing to get to the next phase of our lives. Our current focus is to get through this period with love, respect and



support towards each other," she added.

Kusha is a popular social media influencer. She has over 3 million followers on Instagram

and more than 9 lakh subscribers on YouTube.

She was also a part of Karan Johar's 'Jugg Jugg Jeeyo', Rit-

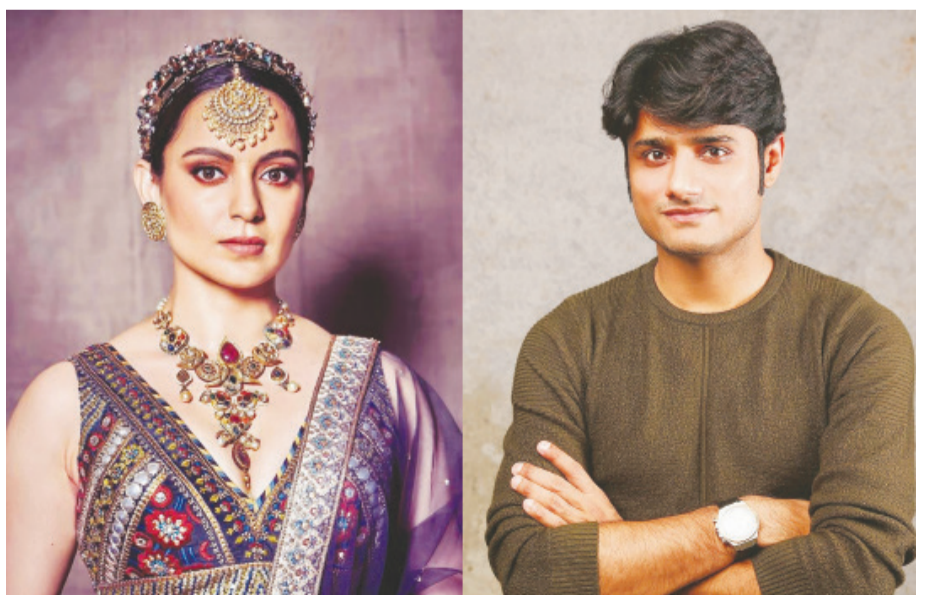
eish Deshmukh's film 'Plan A Plan B' which also starred Tamannaah Bhatia. The film premiered on the OTT platform Netflix.

Apart from that, she also appeared in web shows like 'Masaba Masaba', 'Case Toh Banta Hai' and 'Comistaan'.

Zorawar is also a social media influencer with 90 thousand followers on Instagram.

Reportedly, the duo tied the knot in 2017 after a few years of dating.

## Kangana Ranaut and filmmaker Sandeep Singh come together for a mega-budget film



Honoured with the Padma Shri, four-time National Award-winning actress Kangana Ranaut and filmmaker Sandeep Singh are set to launch a film soon.

Announcing her collaboration with filmmaker Sandeep Singh, Kangana Ranaut says,

"Sandeep and I have been friends for over 13 years and have wanted to do a film for a long time. Now that we have found the right subject and the right role, we are all set to roll. It is going to be the biggest film of my career and a fantastic role.

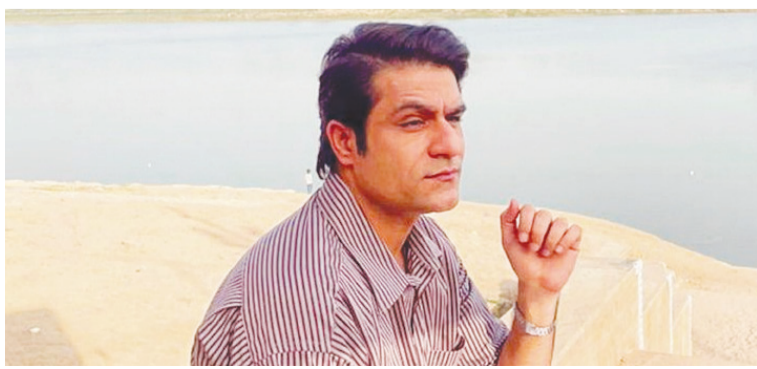
Further details will be announced soon."

Adds Sandeep Singh, "It's a dream come true for any filmmaker to have a National Award-winning actress like Kangana Ranaut on board. I had been eagerly waiting to work with her."

## Sunny Hinduja will be seen in web series Sandeep Bhaiya

Sunny Hinduja, who portrayed the role of Sandeep Bhaiya in TVF Aspirations, has now embarked on a new journey. The actor will be seen in a new web series titled Sandeep Bhaiya, which will have a total of eight episodes. Inspired by his character in TVF Aspirations, the makers decided to bring out a series based on it.

Sandeep Bhaiya is expected



to be about the background of Sandeep's character, highlighting his journey over the years. The extension of the series will be seen later in Aspirants 2.

Speaking about the series, Sunny says, "It's an honour to receive this kind of love for Sandeep Bhaiya's character. As an actor, it's extremely fulfilling when your work is appreciated. I'm grateful to the makers."

## “Invaluable Contributions”: PM Modi’s Praise For Congress’s PV Narasimha Rao

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today remembered former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao on his birth anniversary and mentioned that Narasimha Rao’s “far-sighted leadership” and his “commitment to India’s development was noteworthy.”

“Remembering Shri PV Narasimha Rao Ji on his birth anniversary. His far-sighted leadership and commitment to India’s development was noteworthy. We honor his invaluable contributions to our nation’s progress,” PM Narendra Modi said in a tweet.

Paying tribute to PV Narasimha Rao the Congress party said on its official Twitter handle that he was a distinguished statesman who reinvented India.



“On his birth anniversary, we remember the former PM of India, P.V. Narasimha Rao, who introduced some noteworthy liberal reforms to the Indian economy. Today, we pay

a humble tribute to Mr Rao, a distinguished statesman who reinvented India, both at home & abroad,” the Congress tweeted.

Remembering Narasimha Rao Congress national presi-

dent Mallikarjun Kharge said his contribution towards the economic transformation of India will always be cherished.

“Remembering Former Prime Minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao on his birth anniversary. His tremendous contribution towards the economic transformation of India and nation-building shall always be cherished,” Mr Kharge tweeted.

Pamulaparathi Venkata Narasimha Rao was born on June 28, 1921. He was the ninth Prime Minister of India during the years from 1991 to 1996. His government did major economic reform that saw the dismantling of what was known as License Raj where entrepreneurs faced a lot of restrictions.

## BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya booked for ‘derogatory’ post against Rahul Gandhi



BENGALURU, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Karnataka Police have filed an FIR against BJP IT Cell national convener Amit Malviya in connection with publishing “derogatory” posts against Rahul Gandhi

and Congress leaders. The High Grounds police in Bengaluru have booked a case against him under Sections 153-A, 120-B, 505 (2), 34 of the IPC.

Ramesh Babu, state Congress leader, had

lodged a complaint in this regard.

The complaint was filed for releasing an animated video of Rahul Gandhi and claiming that the Congress is indulging in anti-national activities.

Reacting to the FIR, Priyank Kharge, state minister, said, “Whenever the BJP bears the brunt of law, they cry. They have a problem following the law of the land. I want to ask the BJP which part of the FIR has been filed with a mala fide intention. We have done it after taking legal opinion.”

## 5 killed, 9 injured as truck ploughs into wedding procession in Odisha’s Keonjhar

KEONJHAR, Jun 28 (Agencies): At least five persons were killed and nine others critically injured when a speeding truck ploughed into a wedding procession in Odisha’s Keonjhar district in the early hours of Wednesday, police said.

The incident took place at Sathighar Sahi near National Highway-20. Preliminary reports said that the deceased included the groom’s nephew and three of the bride’s side from Sathighar Sahi, said Town Police

Station Inspector-In-Charge Sunil Kar.

Police said five people were killed on the spot as the speeding truck ran over them.

It was the wedding procession from Manpur village and the tragedy struck when the baraatists were dancing to the DJ music. The baraatists were a few metres away from the bride’s house.

The injured persons were admitted to the local government hospital while two persons were shifted to a hospital in Cuttack.

The incident sparked tension in the area. The local people blockade the road and alleged that the administration was not taking measures to stop road mishaps in the particular area where many such mishaps have taken place.

Police inspector Sunil Kar said that the truck was seized and the driver arrested. “The driver fled with the truck after the accident but it was detained about three kilometres away,” he said.

## 5 killed, many injured as truck falls into river in Madhya Pradesh

BHOPAL, Jun 28 (Agencies): Four minors and a woman were killed and many others injured when a truck in which they were travelling overturned and fell into a river in Madhya Pradesh’s Datia district on Wednesday, state Home Minister Narotam Mishra said.

The accident took place in the wee hours

near Buhara village in Datia district when some people from Gwalior were going to Jatara in Tikamgarh district for a marriage ceremony, Mishra told reporters.

The truck carrying the people, belonging to Khatik community, overturned and fell into the Buhara river, he said.

A 65-year-old woman,

a boy aged 15 and three other children were killed in the accident, he said.

Many others were injured. Most of them were rescued and undergoing treatment in hospital, the minister said.

Rescue operation was under way at the spot, he added.

## Need “Evolved Approach” In Fighting “Tomorrow’s Wars”, Urges IAF Chief

*Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari made these remarks while delivering a keynote address at a capstone seminar organised by the Indian Air Force and Centre for Air Power Studies.*

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Indian Air Force (IAF) chief Marshal VR Chaudhari has highlighted the need for the IAF to adopt an “evolved approach” for the preparation of future military leaders to keep up with the “accelerated technology infusion” and “fight the tomorrow’s wars.”



Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari made these remarks while delivering a keynote address at a capstone seminar organised by the Indian Air Force and Centre for Air Power Studies.

The Indian Air Force conducted the first Warfare and Aerospace Strategy Program (WASP) culminating with a Capstone Seminar at Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi.

“The impact of new technologies on the revolution in military affairs has made us to sit up and acknowledge the fact that new investments in military concepts would have to be made. The new ideas and organizational approaches must be preceded by an evolved approach to cerebral preparation of future military leaders. We are aware of the continuously rising technological and numerical edge that our adversaries have over us today. It is my firm belief that this can be neutralized by an intellectual

edge the capacity of individuals to outthink, to outplan and to outsmart the adversary. This can be germinated through focused self-learning, supported by institution units of Higher education like the College of Air Warfare (CAW),” said IAF Chief Chaudhari at the outset of his address.

The seminar was conducted under the aegis of the College of Air Warfare and Centre for Air Power Studies. It was attended by senior officers from all three Services, air power scholars, academia from principal think tanks and premier colleges of the country.

He added, “Irrespective of the fact that the character of warfare is changing, the nature of work

done by humans will continue to evolve. We need to blend formal learning with curated programs for self-learning. The impact of emerging technologies and the appreciation that machines and humans have to work in a symbiotic way has to be seen as a requirement. We may need to re-educate entire generations of officers in the next few years to bring everyone up to speed in view of accelerated technology infusion.”

Giving an example from a seminal book ‘Makers of Modern Strategy: Military’s Thought From Machiavelli to Hitler’ he said, “This is as good a definition of grand strategy as it is applicable today as it was in 1943. The interests and means

to secure have undergone a radical change from then, and that is the primary reason why, as men and women in uniform, we must study, analyse and evolve strategies to fight tomorrow’s wars.”

This Capstone Seminar aims to showcase the learning objectives of WASP and help the IAF leadership to validate the desired outcomes from the program. The participants presented their papers on contemporary topics concerning the application of air power in recent conflicts and the changing doctrinal precepts that establish the dominant role of air power in national security.

The WASP was conceptualised by the IAF with the purpose of creating a pool of mid-career air power practitioners with strategic acumen and a deep understanding of warfare history and theory. It aims to enhance the doctrinal vision of the participants and cultivate their aptitude for effective arguments on strategy. It will further hone the ability of the participants to link varied thoughts and theories about whole-of-government approach to statecraft.

The course was organized at CAW which is IAF’s premier institute for Air Power Studies.

## Kerala Bride’s Father Killed By Neighbour Whose Marriage Proposal He Rejected

*The marriage proposal of the accused was rejected as he allegedly had a criminal background and was addicted to drugs and alcohol.*

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Jun 28 (Agencies): In a tragic incident, the father of a bride was killed near Kerala’s Kallambalam allegedly by their neighbour on the eve of her wedding, police said today.

Raju, 61, was killed by his neighbour Jishnu whose family had come with a marriage proposal for his daughter two years ago but was rejected by the victim.

As the decorations for the marriage, which was to take place at Sivagiri at 11:10 AM, were being removed, the victim’s cousin

brother told reporters that the accused, his brother Jijin and their two friends attacked the bride’s family after the wedding eve festivities got over and all the guests had left.

“They first came and attacked the bride and when her mother tried to stop them, she too was assaulted. That is when my brother intervened to stop them, but they brutally assaulted him and hit him on the head with a hand shovel.”

“They also hit on the head one of our relatives who lives nearby and came to the aid of the



victim. He has six-seven stitches on the head,” the victim’s cousin said.

He also said that the four had followed the victim in which the victim was taken to the hospital and on finding out he had died, they escaped from there.

“They were later

caught by locals of the area,” he said.

He also said that the marriage proposal of the accused was rejected as he allegedly had a criminal background and was addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Another relative of the victim said that the bride

was a M.Sc graduate and while the accused was not even a graduate.

She also said that the accused, after rejection of the proposal, had threatened the victim’s family.

Police said that all the accused, aged between 25-30 years, were in custody and their arrest was yet to be recorded.

The victim was hit on the head with a hand shovel and had collapsed at the site and on being taken to the hospital was declared dead on arrival by doctors.

## Karnataka Man Strangles Daughter Over Affair, Lover Dies By Suicide



BENGALURU, Jun 28 (Agencies): Dishonour killing by a father in Karnataka has led not only to his 20-year-old daughter’s death but also that of her distraught lover, who jumped in front of an oncoming train and died by suicide.

Krishnamurti, a resident of Bangarpet in Kolar Gold Fields (KGF), used to have

frequent fights with his daughter Kirti because she wanted to marry 24-year-old Gangadhar, who belonged to another caste.

Last morning, Krishnamurti tried to convince Kirti once again to end her relationship with Gangadhar, leading to a fight between the father and daughter, said a police official. The fight escalated and

Krishnamurti strangled Kirti to death. He then hung her body from a fan to pass off the killing as a suicide.

When the police were alerted, they suspected Kirti had been murdered and began interrogating Krishnamurti.

Police said Gangadhar, who works as a mason, found out about Kirti’s death and was inconsolable. He went to the railway tracks nearby and jumped in front of an oncoming train, dying on the spot.

KGF Superintendent of Police K Dharni Devi said, “Krishnamurti has been arrested for murder under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code.”

## NIA searches houses of 3 absconding suspects in BJP worker’s murder case in Karnataka

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency has conducted searches at the houses of three absconding suspects in a case related to the killing of BJP Yuva Morcha member Praveen Nettaru by members of the banned Popular Front

of India in Karnataka last year, an official said on Wednesday.

Three locations were searched in two districts of Karnataka as part of the NIA’s efforts to hunt down the absconders, a spokesperson of the federal agency said.

The official said sev-

eral electronic gadgets and documents were seized during the searches at the houses of Abdul Nasir and Abdul Rahaman in Kodagu district and Naushad in Dakshina Kannada district.

“All three are suspected of harbouring the main assailants



of Nettaru at various hideouts across Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Besides the trio, five other accused are still absconding in the case which the NIA took over in August 2022,” the spokesperson said.

A total of 21 people, including the absconders, have been

chargesheeted by the NIA under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the Indian Penal Code and the Arms Act.

Nettaru was hacked to death on July 26, 2022, in Bellare village of Sullia Taluk in Dakshina Kannada district allegedly by PFI ‘Killer

Squads’ or ‘Service Teams’.

“PFI has been indulging in such targeted hate killings to drive a communal wedge and spread communal hatred with its ultimate objective of establishing an Islamic Rule in India by 2047,” the spokesperson said.





## Vice-President greets nation on eve of Eid-ul-Zuha

### Top News Report

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Jun 28: The Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar, greeted the nation on the eve of Eid-ul-Zuha.

"On the auspicious festival of Eid-ul-Zuha, I extend my warmest greetings to all fellow Indians. Eid-ul-Zuha is a symbol of sacrifice, selflessness and an occasion to express our gratitude. It is also an occasion for fami-



lies and communities to come together to share joy and blessings. May this Eid bring peace,

prosperity and happiness to all of us," Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar said.

## PM praises "Vitasta-Festival of Kashmir" programme showcasing rich culture, arts and crafts of Kashmir

### Top News Report

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Jun 28: The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi praised the wonderful initiative "Vitasta-The Festival of Kashmir" showcasing rich culture, arts and crafts of Kashmir.

Vitasta programme was organized to take the rich art, culture, literature, craft and cuisine of Kashmir to the whole country.

The series of these programmes, which started from Chennai, ended in Srinagar, in which the youth showed enthusiasm to know the Kashmiri culture.

Many events like workshops,



art installation camps, seminars, craft exhibitions were

organised to bring Kashmir culture to the masses, in which

people participated and got acquainted with the culture of Kashmir.

Responding to the tweet threads by Amrit Mahotsav about Vitasta program, the Prime Minister tweeted, "Many congratulations for this wonderful initiative.

After many years, "Vitasta - The Festival of Kashmir" has not only given people across the country an opportunity to know about the rich culture and heritage of the state, but this event is also a great effort to unite the countrymen."

## NABARD signs MOU with J&K Grameen Bank for financing of JLGs

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 28: A Memorandum of Understanding on promotion and financing of 2000 JLGs was on Wednesday signed and exchanged between NABARD, J&K Regional Office, Jammu and J&K Grameen Bank at Head Office, J&K Grameen Bank, Narwal, Jammu.

Anamika, Deputy General Manager, NABARD, and Sanjay Gupta, Chairman, J&K Grameen Bank, signed the MoU on behalf of NABARD and J&K Grameen Bank, respectively.

The MoU signing ceremony was presided over by Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood, Chief General



Manager, NABARD, who highlighted that the main objective of the MoU signing is to enhance the flow of credit to tenant farmers, oral lessees, sharecroppers, landless farmers, etc., who may not have

proper title to their land holdings.

The aim is also to meet the credit requirements of the lower strata of society by forming and credit linking Joint Liability Groups (JLGs). Dr. Sood applauded

J&K Grameen Bank for successfully financing 700 JLGs under the MoU signed between NABARD and J&K Grameen Bank during the last financial year.

Sanjay Gupta, Chairman, J&K Grameen

Bank, commended NABARD's initiatives for promoting financial inclusion in the Union Territory (UT) and expressed gratitude for its continuous support to the bank.

He further assured that the bank will continue to play a major role in development in every aspect and will ensure that initiatives like social security schemes, SHG & JLG credit linkage reach even the remotest corners.

Under this MoU, J&K Grameen Bank will form and finance 2000 JLGs in J&K (UT) and Ladakh (UT), and NABARD will provide a promotional grant support of Rs. 4000 per JLG to J&K Grameen Bank.

## In just 9 yrs, Modi Govt brought industrial revolution, development in J&K: Dr Parneesh

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 28: Criticizing the Congress party for relying on alibis to justify underdevelopment in J&K, Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convener Department of Training, BJP J&K, said that the central government led by PM Narendra Modi, in just nine years of governance, has brought in a big industrial revolution besides ensuring colossal development in the Union Territory.

In a statement issued to the media, the BJP leader said that Congress' decades' long indifference towards J&K left this place neglected. "The quantum of neglect by Con-

gress towards J&K was so gigantic that the party even introduced chapters in school syllabus justifying that industry and development is not possible in J&K due to difficult terrains and poor transport edifice", he said adding that Modi Government soon after coming to power started raising the infrastructure required to realize big industries and invite investments not only from across the country but from abroad also.

Dr Parneesh said that PM Modi has proved beyond doubt that where there is a will there's a way, because he has accomplished herculean task of bringing industrial revolution

in the Union Territory.

The senior BJP leader said that fast industrialization has taken place in J&K after abrogation of Article 370 by Narendra Modi Government, which as per the Congress dispensations in the past was not a viable option due to remoteness of the erstwhile state of J&K. He said that people have realized now that the successive governments have fooled them using concocted theories but now the things have changed as PM Modi has taken things in his hands and is doing commendable job in transforming J&K into a developed unit in the country.

## Dy Mayor reviews preparations for Amarnath Yatra 2023

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 28: Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria took stock of the preparations for the holy Amarnath Yatra 2023.

Accompanying by the Chairman of the standing committee JMC Subhash Sharama, Gopal Gupta, Corporators, and Joint Commissioner (H), XEN Electric, Health Officer, XEN Mechanical CTO (N) & other Officers of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Billawaria conducted a thorough evaluation of the arrangements at the Base Camp Yatri Niwas in Bhagwati Nagar Jammu, Yatri Niwas near Railway Station Jammu, Asaram Babu Ashram Bhagwati Nagar Jammu & Ram Mandir at Purani Mandi Jammu.

During the review, Deputy Mayor expressed his satisfaction with the dedication and efforts demonstrated by all departments involved, including the security wing. Recognizing the significance of the Amarnath Yatra and the paramount importance of ensuring the safety and convenience of the devotees, he commended the collective commitment exhibited by the teams responsible for making the pilgrimage a success.

Billawaria visited the Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar served as a testament to the attention given to the facilities and infrastructure needed to accommodate the large number of yatris.

Deputy Mayor emphasized the significance of seamless coordina-



tion and collaboration among various departments, acknowledging the crucial role they play in managing such a colossal event.

Billawaria stated that the dedication and hard work displayed by the Jammu Municipal Corporation and other departments involved in preparations of the upcoming Amarnath Yatra 2023. The safety and well-being of the

pilgrims are of utmost importance to us, and I am confident that all necessary measures have been taken to ensure a smooth and secure pilgrimage."

Deputy Mayor further added that one more important thing that is added in the current yatra 2023 is that specific Identification Card- Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) with tracking chip will

be provided to each and every Yatri, with the help of which, it will be easy to identify & trace the location of the yatri who is participating in the Yatra 2023.

Billawaria emphasized the significance of prioritizing the health, sanitation, and security of the devotees during the Amarnath Yatra. He expressed the importance of ensuring that the Jammu Municipal

Corporation's efforts are successful in these areas, leading to positive feedback from the devotees upon their departure. This positive feedback would be a commendation of the Jammu Municipal Corporation's work and a testament to their effective implementation of measures to enhance the overall experience and safety of the pilgrims during the Yatra.

Deputy Mayor appreciated three standing committee Chairman, Corporators, and Higher Authorities of the JMC for their unwavering support and their active involvement in overseeing the preparations. Together, we will strive to make the Amarnath Yatra 2023 a memorable and spiritually fulfilling experience for all devotees."

## Three councillors booked for damaging property, abusing officials

### Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jun 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday booked three councillors a day after a scuffle broke out between employees and councillors of Municipal Council Baramulla. Quoting a police officer, agency reported that an FIR has been registered against three councillors who had allegedly damaged government property, besides using unparliamentary language against employees and the executive officer of MC Baramulla. He said that a case FIR No 131/2023 has been registered in this regard at police station Baramulla and further investigation has been taken up.

On Tuesday, executive officer MC Baramulla filed a police complaint against three councillors for damaging government property and using abusive language.

He had alleged that the councillors forcibly entered MC Baramulla's office and abused officials present there. Notably, the incident occurred a day after MC Baramulla president Touseef Raina was ousted after losing floor test following a no-confidence motion moved against him.

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I, Jahaan Deep Singh, S/o S Ajjtpaul Singh and Sdm Sandeep Kour have clarified that my name has wrongly been written as Jahan Deep Singh (wrong name) instead of Jahaan Deep Singh (right name) in my passport. I am applying for the correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to Passport Office within 7 days of the publication of this notice.

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### LG inaugurates 100-Bedded Base Hospitals at Baltal, Chandanwari

laid great emphasis on healthcare of pilgrims and local community involved for arrangements of pilgrimage," the Lt Governor said.

He directed the health officials to prepare a proposal for permanent hospitals at Baltal and Chandanwari. Soon base camps will have sustainable healthcare facilities, he added.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to ensure strict enforcement of all the health-related SOPs with special focus on sanitation and cleanliness in and around the hospitals. It is our collective responsibility to make the pilgrimage of the devotees more convenient and hassle-free, he added.

He urged the doctors and nursing staff to serve the people with compassion. He also wished the pilgrims and entire management team health, happiness and prosperity.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary;

Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and senior officers of DRDO, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and Civil Administration attended the inaugural ceremony.

### J&K administration conducts trial run to check security preparedness for Amarnath Yatra

designated base camps in Pahalgam and Baltal.

To ensure the utmost convenience of the pilgrims, the administration has planned that transit camps would accommodate the devotees in the event of inclement weather necessitating the closure of the highway, officials said, adding steps have been taken to ensure landslide debris are cleared promptly expediting the reopening of the highway.

### Lt Governor hands over appointment letter to

### martyr civilian Deepu's wife

comprising his ailing father Mashu Ram and blind brother Raju, sister-in-law and their two minor children. The family had moved to the remote village from Kathua over a decade ago. Kumar's mother died sometime ago. His elder brother, Raju, had lost his eyesight about four years ago, while his father is suffering from hearing impairment.

### ACB books then Tehsildar, others

by giving liberty to petitioners to approach Tehsildar Reasi for seeking redressal to their grievances. The Tehsildar summoned the beneficiaries.

The probe further revealed that the persons in whose favour the land compensation stands released are not the rightful claimants of land compensation. The total amount of Rs 78,48,7507 was disbursed in violation of the provisions of Land Acquisition Act, Agrarian Reform Act and circular

instructions issued by the Revenue department.

In this manner, the then officers/officials by abuse of their official positions and in lieu of criminal conspiracy with private beneficiaries disbursed the compensation in violation of the prescribed provisions to confer the wrongful gain to themselves as well as beneficiaries.

### ED arrests IRS officer in money laundering case

Revenue Service (IRS) officer stems from a CBI FIR that was filed against him on charges of alleged possession of disproportionate assets.

### Shailendra Kumar assigned additional charge of agriculture production department

(R&B) Department, shall hold the charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, in addi-

tion to his own duties, till further orders," the order said.

### No Eid Prayers at Srinagar's Eidgah this year again

poor reflection on the state of affairs in Jammu and Kashmir," the statement said. Anjuman Auqaf also denounced the continued detention of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq who traditionally used to deliver the sermon at Eidgah before Eid prayers.

Before 2019, the prayers at Eidgah were led by Mirwaiz Farooq, who has been under house detention since 2019.

"Despite appeals by various religious, political, social organisations and the civil society regarding the release of its Chairman Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq, he is being continuously detained, which is extremely sad and disturbing," the statement said.

In April this year, the authorities did not permit the congregational Eid prayers at Eidgah in Srinagar on Eid-ul-Fitr.

## Sensex, Nifty touch all-time high levels in early trade

Buying in market heavyweight stocks like Reliance Industries and HDFC Bank also adds to the positive momentum

MUMBAI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty hit their record high levels in early trade on Wednesday amid a rally in the US markets and fresh foreign fund inflows.



Buying in market heavyweight stocks like Reliance Industries and HDFC Bank also added to the positive momentum.

Extending its previous day's rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 299.97 points to hit its all-time high of 63,716 in early trade. The NSE Nifty climbed 90.75 points to reach its lifetime peak of 18,908.15.

From the Sensex pack, Titan, Bajaj Finance, State Bank of India, ITC, Larsen & Toubro, IndusInd Bank, HDFC Bank, Reliance

Industries, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Steel and Infosys were among the major gainers.

Tech Mahindra, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, HCL Technologies, Power Grid and NTPC were the laggards.

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

The US markets ended significantly higher on

Tuesday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.61 per cent to USD 72.70 a barrel.

Foreign institutional investors bought equities worth Rs 2,024.05 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data.

The BSE benchmark jumped 446.03 points or 0.71 per cent to settle at 63,416.03 on Tuesday. The Nifty climbed 126.20 points or 0.68 per cent to end at 18,817.40.

## India produced 2.7 cr vehicles, valued at USD 108-bn in FY23: Report

The report also observed that while the Indian EV Industry is trailing behind top countries like China, US and EU, massive investments have taken place in India

MUMBAI, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Indian automobile industry produced a whopping 2.7 crore vehicles across segments and types, worth around USD 108-billion (Rs 8.7-lakh crore) in FY23, with passenger vehicle segment accounting for 57 per cent at Rs 5-lakh crore in the total value, a report said on Wednesday.

Also, in the total 2.7 lakh crore vehicles churned out last fiscal, the commercial vehicle segment, which includes small 4-wheel carrier with less than 2-ton capacity to large tractor trailers and specialty vehicles like tipplers, share stood at 10-lakh vehicles, generating a value of Rs 1.7-lakh crore, management consulting services firm Primus Partners said in its report.

The CV segment accounted for 4 per cent in the total volume and 19 per cent in value terms, it said.

According to Primus Partners, the production of two-wheelers is closely matched by China, with 20-million two-wheelers



coming out of the manufacturing facilities in the country, accounting for 77 per cent of the volume share.

The overall segment accounted for Rs 1.8 lakh crore amounting to 21 per cent of value.

It also said that the number of people employed by the industry during the period was 1.9 crore.

Within the passenger vehicle segment, according to the report, the mid-size and full-size SUV sub-segments accounted for over half of the value.

The compact sub-segment is also important and created

25 per cent of value, it said and added that the luxury segment vehicles contributed to Rs 63,000 crore in value or 13 per cent of the segment.

It, however, noted that people are not preferring the cheaper 'Mini' cars and Sedans and they have a low share in value.

However, a large part of the electrification in India has happened in two-wheeler and three-wheeler segments, it added.

The report also observed that while the Indian EV Industry is trailing behind top countries like China, US and EU, massive

investments have taken place in India, which strongly indicates that the country is poised to significantly increase its EV segment in the next few years.

The automobile industry in India is on the cusp of unprecedented changes, with multiple factors reshaping the landscape, the report said.

Factors such as electrification/alternate green power, rise in the use of electronic components, autonomous changes (such as self-driven cars) and shared vehicle rentals/cab services, among others, are driving the transformation of the Indian automobile industry, the report said.

"Our ground-up study on automobile industry value is leading to a lot of insights, for example, the Indian market is bypassing the lower priced products and more value is being created in feature-rich higher priced vehicles. We believe that the value growth is happening faster than volume growth," said Anurag Singh, Managing Director, Primus Partners.

## Housing sales up by 8 per cent from April-June across 8 cities: Report

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Housing sales rose 8 per cent annually during the April-June period to 80,250 units across eight major cities, mainly on increased demand in Mumbai and Pune, according to PropTiger.

Sales stood at 74,320 units in the year-ago period across primary (fresh sales) residential markets of the top eight cities.

The housing brokerage firm on Wednesday released its Real Insight Residential - April-June 2023 report, stating that housing sales rose in three cities Mumbai, Pune and Ahmedabad but declined in other five major cities -- Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru,

Hyderabad, Chennai and Kolkata.

"India's top eight residential markets continue on a growth path. The RBI's decision to pause the hike in the key lending rate helped in sustaining strong positive sentiments for buying residential properties," Vikas Wadhawan, group CFO of REA India, said.

PropTiger, Housing.com and Makaan.com platforms are owned by REA India, which is part of Australian firm REA, and News Corp.

"The driving factors behind the uptick in housing sales over the last two years are pent-up demand from the Covid-affected period, growing appetite for home ownership,



revival in the economy post-pandemic, and the evolving need for more spacious homes," he said.

As per the data, housing sales in Ahmedabad increased 17 per cent to 8,450 units during the April-June period to 7,240 units in the year-ago period.

Bengaluru saw a 19

per cent decline in sales to 6,790 units from 8,350 units while Chennai witnessed a 5 per cent fall to 3,050 units from 3,210 units.

Housing sales in Delhi NCR fell 28 per cent to 3,230 units from 4,510 units.

Hyderabad, too, witnessed a 3 per cent drop in demand to 7,680

units from 7,910 units.

Housing sales in Kolkata decreased 40 per cent to 1,940 units from 3,220 units.

Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) saw a 16 per cent increase in sales to 30,260 units during April-June period from 26,160 units in the year-ago period.

In Pune, sales increased 37 per cent during April-June to 18,850 units from 13,720 units in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Delhi-NCR market includes Gurugram, Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad and Faridabad while MMR includes Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Thane.

## Rupee gains 5 paise to 81.97 against US dollar in early trade



MUMBAI, Jun 28 (Agencies): The rupee strengthened by 5 paise to 81.97 against the US dollar in early trade on Wednesday on foreign fund inflows and gains in domestic equities.

The currency opened higher by 2 paise at 82 at the interbank foreign exchange market and moved in a tight range of 82.01 to 81.97 in early trade.

The rupee was trading at 81.97 against the US dollar at 9.35 am, registering a gain of 5 paise over the previous close of 82.02.

Foreign portfolio investments into equities and overnight losses in the US dollar in global markets boosted the rupee sentiment in early trade, analysts said.

The dollar index, which

gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was almost flat at 102.58.

Meanwhile, global crude oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.69 per cent higher USD 72.76 per barrel.

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced by 199.06 points or 0.31 per cent to 63,615.09 points while the broader Nifty gained 62.75 points to 18,880.15 points.

Foreign Portfolio Investors emerged as net buyers in the capital market on Tuesday as they bought shares worth Rs 2,024.05 crore, according to exchange data.

## PGI Chandigarh, AIIMS Delhi to now offer cashless in-patient care to CGHS beneficiaries

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Central Government Health Services beneficiaries will now receive cashless in-patient services at three institutes of national importance -- PGI Chandigarh, AIIMS New Delhi and JIPMER Puducherry.

The arrangement was formalised through a Memorandum of Agreement signed between CGHS and the three institutes in the presence of Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan here.

CGHS beneficiaries will have direct access to state-of-the-art treatment facilities available in these medical institutions, without the hassle of making upfront payments and seeking reimbursements from CGHS.

The government said it was aiming to expand the number of hospitals empanelled under CGHS to provide excellent tertiary care facilities aligned with the rising requirements of the patients.

On behalf of AIIMS, Director M Srinivas signed the agreement while PGI Medical Superintendent Nitin



Kaushal signed for his institute. The initiative builds upon the six previously signed MoAs on May 20 between CGHS and six All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) located in Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur, and Rishikesh.

"The extension of patient care facilities at AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, and JIPMER Puducherry to CGHS beneficiaries on a cashless basis will be particularly beneficial for pensioner beneficiaries of CGHS. It eliminates the need to submit individual reimbursement claims and follow up for approv-

als. The hospitals will have separate registration counters for CGHS beneficiaries. This streamlined process will save time, reduce paperwork, and expedite the settlement of individual claims. Previously, CGHS pensioner beneficiaries availing treatment at these institutions were required to make payments upfront and claim reimbursement later from CGHS," said Bhushan.

He said discounted CGHS consultation, bed, private ward and diagnostic charges will now be available to beneficiaries visiting the three institutions.

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1. Cashless treatment will be available in outpatient departments (OPD), investigations, and indoor treatment for CGHS pensioners and other eligible categories of beneficiaries.

2. The three institutions will raise credit bills for CGHS pensioners and other eligible beneficiaries, and CGHS will preferably make payment within 30 days of receiving the bills.

3. CGHS beneficiaries will be admitted only upon the production of a valid CGHS Beneficiary ID Card for treatment at these institutions.

4. Separate help desks and accounting systems will be created for CGHS beneficiaries at AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, and JIPMER Puducherry.

5. Medicines prescribed by the doctors at these institutions, whether for OPD treatment or at the time of discharge, will be collected by beneficiaries through CGHS.

6. CGHS beneficiaries will no longer require referrals to access healthcare facilities at these institutions.

## Allopathy doctor to head Patiala ayurvedic college

PATIALA, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Department of Health has failed to find one person from the ayurveda branch of medicine fit enough to head the only Government Ayurvedic College in Patiala. Therefore, after the removal of the former principal, who is an ayurveda expert, it has appointed a doctor of the allopathy branch of medicine on the post.

According to employees at the state college, the government has had an indifferent attitude toward the college for years. "The successive governments have failed to provide enough faculty members and other staff for the college for years. Therefore, it was denied permission to admit students for three consecutive years from 2011 to 2013. This year also,

it was issued conditional permission to admit students on assurance that it would hire the requisite staff and clear other anomalies. But the state has failed to do that as well," a faculty member of the college said.

An employee said, "They have removed an ayurveda expert as college head and deputed a doctor of allopathy as the principal. The two fields are different and this is injustice with the field as he will not be able to understand its nitty-gritties."

College students and the pharmacy staff have also asked the government not to shift the college under Guru Ravidas Ayurved University, Hoshiarpur. They pointed out that the university was understaffed and would not be able to

provide funds. Doctors at the college said the college functioned under the director of ayurved and provided medicines throughout the state. "With the move, it will not be able to carry out the same practice after it is shifted," a faculty member said.

Health Minister Dr Balbir Singh said the state found no ayurveda expert fit for the job. "The appointment of an allopathy doctor is a stop-gap arrangement."

He added that the college and the pharmacy had been on the verge of collapse. "We will revive these. The shifting will make decision-making easy." He added under the university, the students' fee would not be increased, while the pharmacy be able to provide medicines throughout the state.

## HDFC & HDFC Bank to merge operations on July 1, says Parekh

MUMBAI, Jun 28 (Agencies): The reverse merger of the housing finance major HDFC with its banking subsidiary HDFC Bank will be effective July 1. Corporation chairman Deepak Parekh said.

"Almost all the approvals are in place, and we hope to complete the merger process effective July 1. The Boards of HDFC and the bank are meeting separately on June 30 after office hours to clear and approve the merger, which will be effective July 1," Parekh, flanked by his deputy Keki Mistry, said.

Parekh was talking to reporters after dedicating the HT Parekh Legacy Centre (Deepak Parekh's uncle who founded the country's

first home finance company in 1978 after he retired from ICICI Ltd in 1977) at the Ramon House, the headquarters of the housing finance major, which handles over Rs 6 lakh crore of home loans in its book. HDFC vice-chairman and chief executive Keki Mistry said after the all-stock merger, the shares of HDFC will cease to be traded from July 13 or 14.

"Effective July 13 or 14 or latest by July 17 for sure, HDFC shares will be trading as HDFC Bank shares. Frankly speaking, I can't tell you an exact date for this as this process is up to the exchanges to decide and execute," Mistry explained. Termed as the biggest transaction in the history

of India Inc, HDFC Bank on April 4, 2022, agreed to take over its parent, which is the largest pure-play mortgage lender, in a USD 40-billion all-stock deal, creating a financial services titan with a combined asset of over Rs 18 lakh crore. The combined shares of the HDFC twins will have the highest weighting on the indices at close to 14%, much higher than the present index heavyweight Reliance Industries with a 10.4% weightage. Once the deal is effective, HDFC Bank will be 100% owned by public shareholders, and existing shareholders of HDFC will own 41% of the bank. Every HDFC shareholder will get 42 shares of HDFC Bank for every 25 shares they hold.

## BCCI Responds To 'Political Interference' Accusation Over World Cup Venues

*The BCCI vice-president Raveev Shukla's statement comes after Punjab Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer had raised objections to the exclusion of Mohali from the WC schedule.*

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) vice president Raveev Shukla said a lot of centres and zones have been accommodated in the recently-released ICC Cricket World Cup schedule and Mohali, Punjab not getting a single match in the tournament is because the current stadium in Mohali did not meet the standards of ICC, whose consent is extremely important in finalising the venues for the tournament. Shukla's statement comes after Punjab Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer had raised objections to the exclusion of Mohali from the WC schedule.

"The exclusion of Punjab's Mohali from the list of host cities for the tournament was due to political interference. Punjab government will raise this issue with BCCI," Hayer had said.

Shukla said that this time 12 venues have been chosen for the mega cricketing event, something which has not happened before.

"For the first time, 12 venues have been chosen for World



Cup. Earlier, these many venues were not chosen in previous World Cups. Out of these 12 venues, warm-up matches will be held in Trivandrum and Guwahati, remaining venues will have league matches. More centres have been accommodated.

From South Zone four venues, from central zone one venue, West Zone two, North Zone two venues. Delhi and Dharamshala will host the matches (In North Zone)," said Shukla in an exclusive interview with agency.

Shukla said that bilateral series matches will be given to

Mohali and there will be no discrimination.

"Virat Kohli's 100th Test last year was given to Mohali. Mullanpur Stadium is getting ready in Mohali. Had it been ready, they would have got a World Cup match. The current stadium in Mohali did not meet the standards of ICC and hence was denied matches. But that does not mean matches would not be given to them. Bilateral series matches will be given to them, it is based on a rotational system. No 'pick and choosing' has been done. ICC's consent is important in finalising the venues. In

Trivandrum, warm-up matches have been given, for the first time. It is not that any centre/zone has been ignored. Stadiums have been chosen after a lot of consideration, even in North East Zone, Guwahati got the matches. A lot of accommodation has been done in the schedule," he added.

On the World Cup schedule, Shukla said that new venues have been added this time around.

"Lucknow has been added. Uttar Pradesh never got a chance to host a World Cup match. Guwahati has been given a chance. Many venues from the South have been added. A fair amount of consideration was given before venues were finalised. ICC has to approve these venues. It is not purely in our hands. All those raising objections should realise that we need consent from ICC to pick up these venues," he said.

Shukla on a concluding note said that the World Cup will be successful and lead to revival of the ODI format on a global level.

## Ashes second test: Aussies to sharpen attack with Starc's inclusion?



LONDON, Jun 28 (Agencies): Australia's left-arm quick Mitchell Starc could be in contention to return to the bowling attack for the second Ashes Test at Lord's but captain Pat Cummins said he may delay a decision on the final line-up closer to today's toss.

The Lord's pitch appeared reasonably green two days before the Test and, should it remain that way, is expected to provide more pace and bounce than the flat track for the opener at Birmingham, where Australia won by two wickets.

Cummins said the weather may also come into play, with heavy clouds forecast for tomorrow potentially altering the surface, as he faces a selection headache with Starc, Scott Boland and Josh Hazlewood vying for two slots in the pace attack.

"I think it's a factor, well see," Cummins told reporters today. "We'll work it out today, give the wicket another day, see what they do with it, see what the weather's like. I thought everyone who played last week did a great job. We've got Starc there obviously who didn't play

last week who comes into the conversation as well."

Cummins shared a match-winning 55-run stand with Nathan Lyon in the first Test as Australia's gritty and often cautious performance trumped England's audacious Bazball flamboyance.

The skipper said Australia will stick to their approach and aim to wear out England before the third Test at Headingley, only four days after the scheduled end of the second. "Our No. 1 goal when we go out there is to score runs and if it takes longer, it doesn't matter to us," Cummins said, adding that he was not overly concerned about bowlers' economy rates. "You could probably argue we weren't at our best either last week, but we've been really successful over the last two years by just playing our own way."

## Breakers look to make it big at Asian Championship

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Indian breakdancers are set to participate in the Asian Breaking Championship, an Olympics qualifier event, scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China, on July 1-2.

The Indian contingent will fly out to China today after overcoming some visa issues. The team comprises six breakers — three B-boys and three B-girls — and will be accompanied by the All India Dance Sport

Federation (AIDSF) and Breakdance Federation of India (BFI) president Arvind Kumar, general secretary Biswajit Mohanty, national coach Vinod Shanker and chief technical director Gaggun Bedi.

The breakers will engage in one-on-one dance-offs and gain crucial points which will help them in their bid to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics. Among the men, Ankit Khush-

wah (B-boy Antique), Ramesh Yadav (B-boy Tornado), Suraj Raut (B-boy Suraj) will attempt to grab a path-breaking medal for India, while Simran Ranga (B-girl Glib), Shreya D and Sushma Althal (B-girl Bee Queen) will lead the women's challenge.

"The competition will be tough but we have prepared pretty well for a good showing," said Yadav.

## SAFF Championship: Deja vu: Chhetri on target, Stimac sent off in 1-1 draw

BENGALURU, Jun 28 (Agencies): Sunil Chhetri worked his magic but India had to split points with Kuwait after an acrimonious 1-1 draw in their last group match in the SAFF Championship here.

Chhetri had put India on the road to victory with an injury-time strike in the first half but an own goal by Anwar Ali in the added time of the second half spoiled the home side's march. This was also the first goal India conceded in nine matches.

The result meant that India and Kuwait ended up on seven points but the latter topped Group A on better goal average.



Already qualified for the semifinal, both India and Kuwait pressed forward from the start whistling, giving some entertaining moments. India organised their attacks through both

the wings while Kuwait mainly relied on sorties through the left flank during that passage. India's persistent tries bore fruit when Thapa took a rather low flag kick from the right side and Chhetri effected a

classy, tumbling volley to beat Kuwait goalkeeper Abdul Rahman.

It was Chhetri's fifth goal of this tournament and overall 24th goal in 26 SAFF Championship matches.

In the 81st minute,

India saw their head coach Igor Stimac being sent off for the second time in the tournament. Stimac engaged in an animated argument with the match officials and was eventually flashed the red card. The Croatian was earlier given marching orders in the match against Pakistan for interrupting their player from taking a throw-in.

A few minutes later, India's Rahim Ali and Kuwait's Al Qallaf were sent off. The melee ensued after Qallaf pushed Sahal Abdul Samad and Rahim, in turn, pushed the Kuwait player to the ground.

## Nepomniachtchi hopeful of third title challenge

CHENNAI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Thanks to the pandemic, chess' explosion has also taken its different formats (time controls) mainstream. While Classical is considered the holy grail, more elite players are playing Rapid as well as Blitz. One player who has concentrated a bit too much on Classical, by his own admission, is Ian Nepomniachtchi. At some level, the 32-year-old has had no choice.

Two Candidates followed by two title clashes since the end of 2020 has meant he has spent almost half that time in preparatory Classical work (players who prepare for the World Championship typically spend up to six months prepping alone).

Considering that, Nepomniachtchi can afford to relax for a little bit. He's back at the scene of his 2021 World Championship clash with Magnus Carlsen but in a relatively stress-free atmosphere. Part of the Balan Alaskan Knights as an Icon player at the ongoing Global Chess League in Dubai, the grin on his face remains throughout the conversation.

"The league is fun, exciting," he tells this daily. "It's a very new format, the main thing that is different is the points system. It's also very difficult to have a draw with all the new



rules (winning with black pieces fetches more points, and the six-member team plays with one colour rather than the three black, three white and so on). The main goal of the tournament is us putting on a good show and giving good entertainment for the fans."

While Alaskan Knights beat the Magnus Carlsen-led SG Alpine Warriors in the last round, Nepomniachtchi himself has had a scratchy start. In six matches, he has five draws and one loss, coming against Carlsen on Monday. So how easy or hard is it to switch between the three very different formats? "It comes with experience," he says.

"There is one rule that unites all formats. Be sharp, focused and play well. Then, it doesn't matter which time control you are playing."

However, he does admit to having focused a lot on Classical play over the last few years. "I was too focussed on Classical, wasn't training too much in Rapid

and Blitz. At some point, even the title match could be decided on Rapid (his title match with Ding Liren was decided on Rapid tiebreaks). So, it's important to get into shape not just in Classical but Rapid as well.

Given a player loses half a year in preparation, is Nepomniachtchi willing to drown himself again in another Candidate-title two-year cycle?

"Definitely I will do this... with full respect to my opponent (Liren got a spot in the eight-player Candidates field after Serger Karjakin withdrew before FIDE invited Liren for the title clash as he finished second behind Nepomniachtchi in the 2022 edition of the Candidates)... someone who has qualified in a regular way but anyway this is history. I'm not trying to quit my career or anything. Perhaps, I have lost my right to finally have some rest or something when it comes to chasing the title. Maybe the third time is the charm (smiles)?"

## WFI-affiliated units set to meet in Delhi on June 29

*The sidelined WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is also chief of the Uttar Pradesh Wrestling Association, is expected to be in attendance.*



NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Even though the Gauhati High Court has stayed the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) election until further hearing, a majority of office-bearers from affiliated units are expected to meet in New Delhi on Thursday to discuss the future course of action.

The sidelined WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is also chief of the Uttar Pradesh Wrestling Association, is expected to be in attendance.

As many as 25 associations from various states and union territories are affiliated with the WFI. It is learnt that at least one of the office-bearers from most of these associations will attend

the informal meeting.

"Yes, we are scheduled to meet in New Delhi on Thursday. There is no agenda but obviously, we will discuss the future course of action," one of the office-bearers of a state unit told this daily on condition of anonymity. The impending election is set to be the topic of discussion.

"What else can be discussed apart from the election as every future activity rests on the polls? The court might have stayed the election process but it has to happen someday. The next date of hearing is July 17 and we will discuss various scenarios and the impact they can have on the election," added the

office-bearer.

The occasion can also help Brij Bhushan, who is also a member of parliament from the ruling party, to test the waters. Before the Gauhati HC directive on a writ petition from the Assam Wrestling Association, Brij Bhushan looked set to retain his hold over the body.

Even though he is ineligible to contest, the numbers were in his favour ensuring victories for candidates backed by him. However, the postponement due to the court's directives apparently caused some damage to him and the meeting over lunch could help him reassess his position.

Another reason the members feel they need to stay united is because they don't want to go the Indian Olympic Association's way where a third party took advantage of the fight between its president and secretary general to rest power.

"The number of office-bearers attending the meeting could tell what lies ahead. Every state unit has two votes and if 25-30 office-bearers turn up then it will be enough to ensure victory for Brij Bhushan's candidates if the election happens."

Apart from these affiliated units, parallel bodies from five states also claimed the right to

nominate names for the electoral college. Returning officer Justice MM Kumar, former chief justice of the J&K High Court, even heard them before the court stalled the proceedings. However, it is learnt that representatives from these five parallel bodies may not be invited to the meeting.

Besides, as soon as the election schedule was announced on June 13, the sports ministry and Sports Authority of India (SAI) through state Olympic bodies apparently attempted to include names of their candidates in the electoral college.

The proposed meeting could also give Brij Bhushan a chance to do damage control had it been done. "They tried but didn't succeed even as the last for nominating names for the electoral college was extended to June 25. But the meeting will give us a chance to recheck and make sure our support has not shrunk."

One of the office-bearers from north India, however, affirmed he didn't receive any invitation. "We didn't get any invitation so far. I can only confirm about the meeting on Wednesday after speaking to presidents and secretaries of other associations," he said.

# YRS holds protest against destruction of Raika Forest

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) under the leadership of Vikram Singh Vicky, President Yuva Rajput Sabha alongwith Core Committee, Former Presidents YRS and with state team holds strong protest demonstration and takes out a rally against UT administration in Jammu against cutting of Raika forest for construction of new High Court Complex.

Vikram Singh, President Yuva Rajput Sabha submits that already there is a High Court Complex at Janipur and which has sufficient land for the upgradation of High Court of J&K and Ladakh, as there is more than 600 Kanals of land available in Janipur High Court Complex, but despite of that administration wants to shift the High Court from Janipur to Raika irrespective of the fact that sufficient land is still there.

He said that Raika rakh forest is a reserve of many species of Flora and fauna and many species of Flora and fauna residing



there and therefore how human being is so selfish and self centred that reserves were destroyed by the administration for shifting of such High Court Complex, and because of this shifting more than 1 lakh ( small and big ) trees would cut down by the department for construction of this new High Court complex.

Vikram Singh further said that Jammu comes under smart city project and therefore crores of rupees has been spent the UT administration on Jammu smart city project and UT administration gives a slogan of 'Clean Jammu and Green

Jammu' but in reality UT administration's slogan is 'Unclean Jammu and Ungreen Jammu'. And if UT administration really want to green the Jammu then this destruction to be stopped by the administration and Central Govt.

Vikram Singh further added that if sufficient space was not available in the Janipur High Court complex, then administration think of construction of new High court Complex, but when there is already a High Court complex available and proper space also available for upgradation of new High Court Complex, then why High

Court complex would shifted from Janipur to Raika.

He further added that this is total wastage of public money and total destruction of forest in Jammu and Kashmir, as per survey of geological department that there is no dense forest in Jammu and Kashmir and there are only few forest available in Jammu, mainly Bahu rakh and Raika rakh and despite of that approximately 850 Kanals of land forest would be destroyed by the administration.

Vikram Singh further urged to the department and govt. that neces-

sary steps to be taken for to save the forest of Raika and shifting of High Court should be stopped by the administration and Government. He said the Government should take necessary action for to stop all this destruction and so that our forest reserves, biodiversity, Flora and fauna should be protected and if it hasn't been stopped, then many species of Flora and fauna would destroyed and as per a survey, more than hundred species of flora and fauna is there in this type of reserves. Vikram further requested all the Dogras to unite for Raika forest and Raika forest to be saved.

Vikram further demanded that High Court complex should not be shifted from Janipur to Raika and also requested the administration and Central Govt. for to take serious note on this matter and forest to be saved at any cost otherwise Yuva Rajput Sabha alongwith all the Dogras will fight together for to stop this destruction of Raika forest till last breath.

# JMC conducts surprise meat inspection drives ahead of Eid-ul-Azha



## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: On the directions of Commissioner, JMC, Rahul Yadav, a joint team of Jammu Municipal Corporation and Doctors deputed by Sheep Husbandry Department under the supervision of Municipal Veterinary Officer Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, conducted various surprise Meat inspection drives on the eve of Eid-ul-Azha 2023 in different areas of Jammu City to ensure the sale of wholesome, good quality meat and meat byproducts to the consumers.

The surprise drives

were conducted in Talab Tillo, Bohri, Muthi, Bantalab, Paloura, Janipur, Amphalla, CPO Chowk, Narwal, Gandhi Nagar, Gangyal, Satwari etc.

During the drives, various meat shops, chicken shops & fish mongers were inspected and about 25Kg of substandard meat was seized and later on disposed off properly. Also a fine to the tune of Rs. 18,900 was imposed to the meat sellers for selling unstamped, unhygienic & substandard meat.

Meat and chicken shop vendors were also instructed to keep separate bins to collect

the daily waste generated on account of refused/inedible meat and chicken parts for further proper disposal through JMC vehicles.

MVO, JMC also sensitize all the shopkeepers/ Vendors dealing with meat/chicken products to maintain hygienic environment in and around their shops and adhere with the various provisions of Food Safety Act, 2006, Municipal Corporation Act, 2000 and other directions & guidelines issued by the JMC from time to time so that good quality hygienic meat shall reach to the consumers.

# DHS reviews medical care arrangements for Amarnath Yatra at Samba, Kathua

## TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, Jun 28: Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma along with Dy. Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Sanjay Sharma and Nodal officer NCD Dr. Vijay Sharma visited Medical Aid Centres of district Samba and Kathua enroute Amarnath Yatra, to oversee the preparedness and medical facilities to be provided for pilgrims.

In district Samba, DHS visited Medical Aid Centres Chichi Mata Mandir and Nonath Ashram, Ghagwal. CMO Samba Dr. Vidhi Bhatial gave a detailed review of health facilities provided by the health staff deployed at the sites for the Yatra. DHS took stock of the drugs, equipments and ambulance available at the sites. DHS directed



the Officers and Officials present at the sites to ensure that the pilgrims are given good health-care facilities.

In district Kathua, DHS Visited Medical Aid Centre Chhan Arorian and Rajbagh Block Hiranagar and Lakhanpur. At Chhan Arorian and Rajbagh, DHS inspected availability of drugs, equipments and round the clock facility of medical team for the visiting pilgrims. DHS

also visited Langar site at Chhan Arorian to ensure the availability of hygienic food to be provided to Yatis.

Later, At Lakhanpur base camp-the entry point of Jammu & Kashmir, DHS took a detailed review of necessary arrangements including signages needed for smooth medical facilities to the yatis.

DHS visited Amarnath Yatra Reception Centre and Medical Aid Centre.

At reception centre, he inspected the OPD stalls, interacted with the staff there and enquired about the status of logistics. At Medical Aid Centre, DHS took stock of availability of medicine, ambulances and beds. DHS issued instructions to CMO Kathua to keep round the clock services available during the yatra and directed the staff present to work with zeal and dedication.

# Drishya Nat Manch stages Pawan Verma's Dogri street play "Hoshiyar Khabardar"

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: Jammu Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture & Languages on International Anti-Drug Day-organized Street plays in which Drishya Nat Manch Jammu staged Dogri street play "Hoshiyar Khabardar" written and directed by Pawan Verma. The first performance of the play was staged at the Government Medical College, Jammu. The play runs around the harms, damages and abuses caused by the Drugs. Drugs addiction is following out the roots of the society and the youth of India are mostly falling prey to it. In this street play these things were told with emphasis.

A large number of viewers watched the play, appreciated it and also shared their views



with us.

The second performance of the play was done at the Jammu Tawi Railway station, whose eyewitnesses herself became DySP Welfare, Madam Albeena Malik of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

She enjoyed & loved the play very much. She said that Durgs is a

course, we should work for its prevention and the government and the police are also doing this work together. Youth like you are contributing to this campaign through these plays, it is a commendable thing. Crowd at platform of railway station enjoyed this play and also cheered the wonderful perfor-

mances of the artists of the Drishya Nat Manch. The Artists who enthralled the audience with their performances in the play were Pawan Verma, Deepika Singh, Anu Sharma, Pankaj Sharma, Rahul Singh, VikasLakhnotra, Aman-Malhotra, SahilChowdhary and Garima Sharma.

# Dimple leads protest against substandard work under smart city project

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood, led a protest along with hundreds of traders on the new plot janipur high court road to protest against substandard ongoing work under Smart City Project.

Addressing the protestors, Dimple alleged the smart city staff works at night and has damaged the traders show rooms, floor tiles, shutters, sheds, shops shutters, disconnected the drinking water pipes connections at night carelessly work.



Dimple alleged the people are getting no drinking water, the whole Jammu city people, traders are facing the worst situation, suffering vari-

ous problems due to the corruption at peak in smart city project and JMC administration & Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Commissioner are mum.

Dimple alleged the smart city project is a den of corruption to loot the public tax paid money. Dimple demanded to

take the market traders in confidence before the work so that work could be done smoothly and fast.

Dimple said the corruption in the JMC is at the peak under the smart city plan, approval of house maps, all city roads set on sale on the name parking, yellow lines, hoardings, usage charges.

The prominent were Raju Khajuria, Papa, Babu Kumar, Sanjay Nagraj, Rajesh, Raju, Sandaya Gupta, Shami Mahajan, Amit, Sonu Agarwal, Absheikh, Happy, Jagdish Gupta and Dayal.

# DPAP felicitates people on Eid-ul-Adha

## TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: In a joint statement issued by Kashmiri Displaced People Wing DPAP J&K Leaders Sanjay Dhar President, Piray Lal Pandita Chairman, Roop Krishen Koul Vice President, Raj Kumar Ticko General Secretary, Gawhar Wani Spokesperson, Rajender Kalim Vice President Non Camps, Daizy Dhar Mahila President Naveen Gosani Youth President, Vijay Karihalu Vice President/ Incharge Kashmir Vikas Koul Secretary, Awtar Krishen Koul Secretary, Ravender Singh Secretary, Charen Jeet Singh

Publicity Secretary, Sheekha Koul Women's Youth President and many others greet the people of India in general and people of J&K in particular on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha.

In an Eid message, these leaders and workers greet the people on this auspicious occasion and said that the Eid-ul-Adha is indeed a reward from Almighty to the people. These leaders while wishing people a happy and prosperous Eid-u-Adha, pray for overall peace in the Country.

These leaders also prayed to the Almighty God to bring peace,

prosperity and happiness in every one's life These leaders greet people on this auspicious occasion and pray to Almighty God to bring everlasting peace, happiness and prosperity to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

These leaders also said that Eid also embeds the message of taking care of needy and making them part of this happiness by extending economic support to them. The Leaders also specially greet the whole family of Democratic Progressive Azad Party and hope that our party may fulfill the aspirations of the People of J&K.