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#### BRIEFLY

#### **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

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.

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

Soon base camps will have sustainable healthcare facilities: Sinha

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 Stateof-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 Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K for

Inauguration of 100 bedded **DRDO** Hospitals

Welcome

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 **Turn to page 9** 

#### **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 pilgrim-

age 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

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 Kashmir Himalayas will commence on July 1 and conclude on August 31. Pilgrims will embark on the vatra 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

Father-Son

**Udhampur** 

UDHAMPUR, Jun 28

(Agencies): A father-

son duo drowned fol-

lowing flash floods in

a stream as they were

heading for a wedding

function in Udhampur

district of Jammu and

Kashmir, officials said

Paras Ram (45) and

his son Sangam (13)

were crossing the

Kunju stream by foot

when they were swept

by a strong current fol-

lowing heavy rainfall

in the catchment area

on Wednesday.

drown in

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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 Governor 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

a verification was con-

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, Ash wani 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,

ducted 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 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.

tion 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 **Turn to page 9** 

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,

#### ED arrests IRS officer in money laundering case

(Agencies): 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,

Shailendra Kumar

additional charge

JAMMU, Jun 28 (Agen-

cies): The Jammu and

Kashmir Government

on Wednesday assigned

the additional charge of

agriculture production

department to Shailen-

dra Kumar, principal sec-

retary R&B department.

"In the interest of

administration, it is

hereby ordered that Mr.

Shailendra Kumar, IAS

(AGMUT:1995), Principal

Secretary to the Govern-

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ment, Public Works

of agriculture

production

department

assigned

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 Laun-

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

The officer, as per the

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#### 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

**Special Director in CBI** 

**IPS Officer Ajay Bhatnagar appointed** 

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

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.

#### MUMBAI. Jun 28 official sources said.

dering Act (PMLA) after

sources, was posted in

The money laundering case against the Indian

No Eid Prayers at Srinagar's Eidgah this year again SRINAGAR, Jun 28 (Agencies): The man-

aging 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 Thurs-

day. In a statement, Anjuman Augaf Jama Masjid said authorities conveyed to them that Eidul-Adha prayers will not be allowed at the historic and central Eidgah Srinagar on Thursday at 9

"District administration officials on Wednesday morning conveyed this decision to Anjuman Augaf officials," the statement said.

The Anjuman had announced that Eid prayers will be held at Eidgah. It added that the deci-

sion to disallow Eid prayers was a poor reflection on the state of affairs in Jammu and Kashmir.

" It is extremely unfortunate and condemnable, hurting the sentiments of lakhs of Muslims of the valley and outside and a Turn to page 9



#### SHRADDHA KRIYA/PUNYA KSHETRA

WITH DEEP SADNESS. WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM PASSING OF OUR BELOVED MR. PRADMEN KRISHAN KOUL (KATAAL), SON OF PREM NATH KOUL. ORIGINALLY FROM GOGJI BAGH/CITY DRUG STORE, SRINAGAR, AND NOW RESIDING IN FARIDABAD.

SAPINDIKARAN SHRADDHA WILL BE PERFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

THE 10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD ON 29TH JUNE AT 11 AM AT MURADNAGAR GANGA GHAT (CHOTTA

11TH DAY KRIYA ON 30TH JUNE FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM. 12TH DAY KRIYA AND SHANTIPAATH ON 1ST JULY FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM AT FOREST CLUB (FLAT 201, BARBERRY TOWER, OMAXE FOREST SPA, SURAJKUND ROAD, SECTOR 43, FARIDABAD)

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

PUSHPA KOUL (WIFE), PAYAL & SANTOSH KUMAR (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW),

ANJALI & PURAN KOUL (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW & SON), ARNAV, PRANIT, ASHWIN (GRANDSONS), SISTERS - THUSU, KHAZANCHI, & KAUL FAMILY

IN-LAWS - WALIS, PAJANS FAMILY OM SHANTI SHANTI SHANTI.



MOB: 9818552773, 6594474044

#### **Obituary/Tenth Day Kriya**

With profound grief we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Daddy Ji Shri A.K. Zutshi (Kher) S/o Late Pt. Shiv Jee, originally from Vicharnagh, Srinagar, Kashmir presently residing at B3-304, Saviour Park, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad, on 24th June 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on July 3rd 2023 (Monday) at Gang Nahar, Muradnagar, followed by assembly at residence at 10 AM.

Grief Stricken:

Mrs Champa (Wife)

Kanta Ji & Pran Nath (Bhabhi & Brother)

Shyama Ji Dhar (Sister) Bimla Ji & Bhushan Lal (Bhabhi & Brother)

Reena & Sanjay Pandita (Daughter & Son-in-Law) Sunaina & Ankit (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Shalini & Sudhir (Daugther-in-law & Son)

Samast Parivaar

9818611686, 9910532261, 9958664373, 60055509484, 9871755139

### Shri A.K. Zutshi (Kher) (Daddy Ji)

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Vakil Singh Slathia S/o Late Sh. Abdul Singh R/o Gurha Slathian Mandi Udh.

**TENTH DAY** shall be performed on 27-06-2023 at 9 a.m. KRIYA will be performed on 30-06-2023 at our residence.

**Grief Stricken** 

Smt. Sarla Devi- Wife Son and Daughter-in-law

Sh. Yashpaul Singh and Neelam Devi Sh. Sanjay slathia and Neha Jamwal

Son-in-Law and Daughter

Sh. Navneet Singh and Ruhi Slathia

**Deeply Remembered by Kids of the Family** 



Sh. Vakil Singh Slathia

Tanish Slathia, Pari Slathia, Hardik Slathia and Dev and Shiv

#### **OBITUARY & TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With utmost grief we inform the sad demise of our father Sh. Omkar Nath Koul originally from Tankipora Dadi Kadal Srinagar Kashmir presently residing at 760, Pocket E, Mayur Vihar Phase II, New Delhi.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be held on Friday 30th June 2023 at 8:30 AM, Muradnagar Ghat, UP. The assembly will be followed at the residence. IN GRIEF:

Umashori Koul (Wife)

Tei Krishan Koul & Asha Ji (Brother & Babhi) Kuldeep Kr. & Baby Chirvi Koul (Son & Daughter in law) Ashok & Kiran Khah (Daughter & Son in law) Dilio & Nimmi Bindroo (Daughter & Son in law)

Sunil & Anju Mantoo (Daughter & Son in law)

Ashok & Rekha Gulla (Daughter & Son in law) Grand-children: Mehak, Ankur, Vinod, Abner, Manisha, Osheen, Neha, Mohit, Nishant



SH. OMKAR NATH KOUL

Grief Stricken -Koul's Rayu's & Chirvi's Mob: 9711422979, 9818444024

SHRI JANKI NATH

Sdr. Surinder Kour

#### FROM MALUN SIDE

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved "BHIJAN" **Shri** Janki Nath Bakshi husband of Gopishor Daughter of Late. Smt Indrawati & Late Shri Pram Nath Pandita of Nahama Handwar Mourning from Malun Side is being observed

at H.No:-680, Sector-3, Vinayak Nagar, Baisakey Coloney Muthi Jammu. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Murac Nagar Ghat on 1st July 2023

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** Sister-in-law Smt. Asha Rani W/o Late Shri Bansi Lal Pandita

Sisters-in-Law & Brothers-in-Law Smt Usha Jee & Shri Moti lal Pandita Smt Bita Jee & Shri Ashok Krishan Pandita

Smt. Shama Jee W/o Late Shri O.P.Pandita Sister-in-law & Brother-in-Law



#### **BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief & deep sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of Sdr. Surinder Kour W/o S. Guljeet Singh.

Arambh Shree Akhand Path Sahib 28/06/2023 (Wednesday) by 9:30 AM at our residence

Bhog Shree Akhand Path Sahib will be held on 30/06/2023 (Friday) at 10 AM at our residence Antim Ardaas will take place at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Nanak Nagar, Jammu (10:30 AM 12:30 PM)

Residence: H.No. 645-A Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Grief Stricken: S. Guljeet Singh- Husband

- S. Kamaljeet Singh & Sdr. Davinder Kour- Son and Daughter-in-law
- S. Balbir Singh & Sdr. Surjeet Kour- Son & Daughter-in-law
- S. Gurmeet Singh & Sdr. Parvinder Kour- Son & Daughter-in-law S. Hardivinder Singh & Sdr. Jasmeet Kour- Daughter & Son-in-law

Contact:- 9419700415, 9697578150, 8715888222

#### **CHOUBARSI**

Time will never heal the pain of losing you. We remember you every moment,

CHOUBARSI of our beloved Late Sh. **Devinder Kumar Gupta** S/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Gupta R/o 370-A, Gandhi Nagar near Laxmi Narayan Temple on 29-06-2023 (Thursday).

**DEEPLY REMEMBERED & MISSED BY:** Smt. Sharda Gupta- Wife

Ritesh Gupta & Nidhi Gupta- Son & Daughter-in-law Neelu Gupta & Vineet Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law Ritu Gupta & Arun Kumar Mahajan - Daughter & Son-in-law CONTACT NO: 9419206549, 9419190628

#### **TENTH DAY-KRIYA-**RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA

With immense grief and deep sorrow we are devastated to inform that Sh. Om Prakash Salgotra S/o Late Sh. Inderjeet Salgotra R/o H.No. F-281, Opposite Police Station Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, left for heavenly abode on 20-06-2023.

TENTH DAY shall be performed on 29-06-2023 at our residence H.No. F-281, Opposite Police Station, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu at 10:00 am.

KRIYA shall be performed on 30-06-2023 at our residence H.No. F-281, Opposite Police Station, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu at 12:00 Noon. RASAM PAGRI / UTHALA shall be performed on 30-

06-2023 at Samriti Bhawan, Geeta Mandir, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu from 05:00 pm to 06:00 pm. IN GRIEF:

Chanchal Kumari- Wife

Bharat Bushan and Jyoti Bala- Son and Daughter-in-law Ajay Salgotra and Puja Devi- Son and Daughter-in-law Madhu Gandhi and SobhaRam Gandhi- Daughter and Son-in-law Geeta Devi wife of Late Sh. Devi Dass Salgotra- Bhabhi

Ratna Devi wife of Late Sh. Mohan Lal Salgotra- Bhabhi Salgotra Family

SMT. GAYTRI DEVI

Mob: 9419120094, 9419791014

Sh. Om Prakash Salgotra

(Z.E.O Retd.)

(13-05-1942 To 20-06-2023)

Late Sh. Devinder Kumar Gupta

#### 10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Gaytri Devi W/o Late Sh. Vijay Kumar Reghra (Chenani Wale) R/o Lane No.1, Rani Talab Digiana, Jammu on 20-06-2023.

TENTH DAY will be performed at Rani Talab Gurdwara Langar Hall Digiana Jammu on 29-06-2023 (Thursday) from 10 AM to 11 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Sons and Daughters-in-law Mrs Bindia & Mr Susheel Gupta

Mrs Heena & Mr Harish Gupta

Daughter & Son-in-law

Mrs Priya & Mr Anil Gupta Muskaan, Parth, Hardik, Rudraksh, Harshul, Raghay - Grand Children M/s Susheel Enterprises Transport Nagar, Narwal, Jammu

M/s New Susheel Enterprises L

Phone No: 9419237268, 9419145661

#### AATIL DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Rai Kumar Bakshi S/o Lt Sh Dev Raj Bakshi R/o F 399 Rehari Colony Jammu who left the abode on 20th of June 2023. 10TH DAY shall be performed on 29th June 2023 Thursday from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony, Jammu

Lt Sh Dev Raj Bakshi and Smt Kanta Devi

Wife: Lt Smt Sushma Bakshi

Anmol Bakshi & Aryan Bakshi Brother & Sisters in Law: Lt Sh Ram Saroop Bakshi & Smt Sangeeta Bakshi Sh Rajinder Sharma & Smt Sunita Sharma Sh Raiesh Bakshi & Smt Poonam Bakshi Sisters and Brother in law Sh Ved Pal Gupta & Smt Poonam Gupta

Sh. Sham Lal Bali & Smt Neelam Bali BAKSHI'S FAMILY CONTACT: 8899144729, 8493864283, 9797381879



inform the sad demise of our beloved sister Smt Nancy Raina D/o Late Sh Gopi Nath Bhat (Dayaram) R/o Hawal (Pulwama) on 25/6/23 (Sunday). Mourning shall take place at H No. 44 Lane No. 26 Swarn Vihar Police Colony.



Sh Raj Kumar Bakshi

**Smt Nancy Raina** 

BHAT'S, RAINA'S, KOUL'S, BAKSHI'S, NAZAR'S CONTACT NO. 9419210877, 6005090527

#### SHADMOS/MASWAR SIX MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE YOU LEFT US SUDDENLY IN

DEEP SORROW AND TEARS. FRAGRANCE OF YOUR SWEET MEMORIES IS AS FRESH AS EVER. WE PAY RESPECTFUL HOM-AGE AND PRAY TO GOD FOR ETERNAL PEACE TO YOUR NOBLE

SHADMOS/MASWAR OF SH ASHOK MIRZA, S/O LATE SH JANKI NATH MIRZA, WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE 403, KRISHNAKUNJ, GOREGAON EAST MUMBAI ON 28TH AND 29TH JUNE, 2023 RESPECTIVELY (WEDNESDAY/ THURSDAY). **DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:** 

DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW ANAMIKA AND JAMIN DESAI ANISHA MIRZA (DAUGHTER) SISTERS AND BROTHER-IN-LAW USHA AND CHAND PANDITA VEENA AND RAMESH SELI **BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW** ROMESH AND BINDU MIRZA

NARESH AND NEHA MIRZA

Grief Stricken:



**SH ASHOK MIRZA** 

SAMAST PARIVAR OF MIRZA'S, KAK'S, SELI'S, BHAT'S, TUTU'S AND RAZDAN'S. **GRANDCHILDREN:** VRISHANK AND SANAYA CONTACT 9322669751, 9167102248

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

GRIEF STRICKEN



#### GARYALIS, RAINAS, THUSOOS, KACHROO & SARAFS MUJOO Clan who fondly remember her as Tathi dditionally, her entire MUJOO Clan who fondly remembe 1) 8295338843, 9910499881,9910944226,9810386226

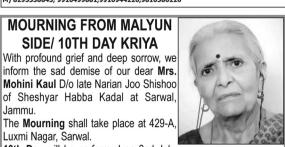
#### MOURNING FROM MALYUN SIDE/ 10TH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and deep sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our dear Mrs. Mohini Kaul D/o late Narian Joo Shishoo

The Mourning shall take place at 429-A Luxmi Nagar, Sarwal.

10th Day will be performed on 2nd July,

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Shishools, Kotruls

Jammu



#### **CHOUBARSI**

Time will never heal the pain of losing you. We remember you every moment every day.

CHOUBARSI of our beloved Late Sh. Devinder Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Gupta R/o 370-A, Gandhi Nagar near Laxmi Narayan Temple or 29-06-2023 (Thursday).

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IN GRIEF:

Salgotra Family

Chanchal Kumari- Wife Bharat Bushan and Jyoti Bala- Son and Daughter-in-law Ajay Salgotra and Puja Devi- Son and Daughter-in-law Madhu Gandhi and SobhaRam Gandhi- Daughter and So

Ratna Devi wife of Late Sh. Mohan Lal Salgotra- Bhabh Mob: 9419120094, 9419791014

LATE MRS. SHIVEM

THAKUR KHAJURIA

Sh. Om Prakash Salgotra

(Z.E.O Retd.) (13-05-1942 To 20-06-2023)

#### FIFTH DAY/ TENTH DAY/ KRIYA KARAM & UTHALA

fith profound grief we regret to inform untimely demise our beloved **Late Mrs. Shivem Thakur Khajuria** D/o Sh Shakti Singh W/o Sh. Aditya Khajuria, State Áwardee, was pursuing LLB second year from Jammu University from Dogra Law College. She topped in all the law colleges in Jammu University, expired on 25-06-2023. She is now in the lap of God Shiva Baba. All the death ceremonies will be per-formed at our residence H No. 45 Lane No. 6, Karan Nagar Manda, Palace Road, Jammu UT of Jammu & Kashmir & the information will be provided to near and dear ones. Fifth Day will be on 28th June, 2023 at 10 AM, 10th Day will be on 4-7-2023 at 10 AM & Kriya Karam on 5-7-2023 at 10 AM & Uthala will be on 5-7-2023 at 4 PM. GRIFE STRICKEN nakti Singh W/o Sh. Aditva Khaiuria. State Awardee

RIEF STRICKEN SRIEF STRICKEN
Dibit Khajuria - Daughter
Smt. Banto Devi - **Dadi**smt. Mitu Rajput (**Mother**) W/o Late Sh. Shakti Singh
shawani Thakur - **Brother**Rajpogni BK Pallvi Thakur - **Sister**Sajpogni BK Pallvi Thakur - **Sister**Sh. Aditya Khajuria - **Husband**Sh. Vijay Thakur - **Tahaya**smt. Chandra Lekha - **Tahayi**smt. Krishna Sambhyal - **Bua** 

mt. Krishna Sambhyal - Bua n. Colonel Kamal Singh Sambyal - Fufa h. Sunil Singh Sambyal - Cousin Elder Brothe

#### one No: 9419138206, 9484149985, 6006241942 **10TH DAY/KRIYA**

ofound grief and sorrow, we inform to our beloved **Ashok Kumar Ba** Jhajjar Kotli on 21-06-2023. TENTH DAY will be performed at our res 30-06-2023 (Friday) from 11 AM. KRIYA will be performed at 01-07-2023 (Saturday) from 1 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Neelam Baru (Babli) -Wife
Daughter & Son in law
Smt Ritu & Sh Vijay Kerni
Daughter in law & Sons
Mrs Arti & Aman Baru
Mrs Sakshi & Raman Baru
Ashish Baru - Son
Grand Childrens
Paru, Pari, Amayra
Bhabi & Brothers
Smt Pushpa Baru W/o Lt Sh Chuni Lal Baru
Smt Ranu Baru W/o Lt Sh Tirth Ram Baru
Smt Ranu Baru W/o Lt Sh Mool Raj Baru
Smt Tripta Baru W/o Sh Mulkh Raj Baru
Smt Tripta Baru W/o Sh Ravi Kumar Baru

ASHOK KUMAR BARU

AWADH TRAVELS B.C. ROAD

#### TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sag demise of our beloved Father Hony/Capt. (Retd.) Angrez Singh Chib S/o Late Sh. Munshi Singh R/o

10th Day will be performed on 29/6/2023 (Thursday at our residence (Purkhu) at 10.00 am. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Krishna Devi (Wife) Daughter & Son-in-law

Asha Jamwal & Jagan Singh Jamwal

Brothers & Bhabhis Late Sh. Babu Ram Chib & Smt. Bimla Devi Late Sh. Shamsher Singh Chib & Smt. Krishna Devi Sub (Retd.) Karpal Singh Chib & Smt. Saroj Devi Sham Singh (Nephew)

Sub. (Retd.) Raiesh Chib (Nephew) Ranbir Singh Chib (Nephew) Grand Children: Ripudaman Singh & Rashi Singh

#### **BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS** With profound grief and sorrow

regret to inform the sad demise of our peloved S. Isher Singh Bijral R/o Pree Nagar Jammu on 21st June 2023. Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib o 28-06-2023 at 9.00 AM at our residence Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 30 06-2023 at 9.00 AM at our residence. **Kirtan and Antim Ardas** on 30-06-2023 at Gurudwara Rani Talab Digiana from 10.30 AM to 12.00 Noon.

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Sons & Daughters in Law
S. Upkar Singh and Sdrn Ravinder Kour
S. Nirmal Preet Singh and Sdrn Balvinder Kour
S. Idpal Singh and Sdrn Sandeep Kour
Daughters and Sons in Law Sdrn Kulwant Kour and S. Jagdish Singh Sdrn Harjeet Kour and S. Nardeep Singh Sdrn Harkirat Kour and S. Mohinder Sing Sdrn Narmeet Kour and S. Devinder Pal MOBILE NO: 9018911555, 9797647082



Angrez Singh Chib

Hony/Capt. (Retd.)



### 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 Deptts 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 broth-

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 Eidul-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."

Faroog 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."

#### **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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#### NORTHERN RAILWAY

**TENDER NOTICE** he Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur Divisio

vites applications on the prescribed form for allotment of contract for following Allotment of Halt contract at Saidan Wala, Jamsher Khas Sham Chaurasi, Khatkar Kalan Jhanda Ji, Jajion Doaba, Garhshankar, Malupota, Saila Khurd, Batala Sugai Mill. Dudwindi, Saidpur Jalalabad, Garna Sahib, Baba Bakala Rayya, Chakdayala & Qadian Halt Stations over

Firozpur Division. 2 | Tenure of contract | 5 (Five) years.

forms will be available.

Last Date & Time of 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 wil be opened at the same time on next working day). Address of the office & date Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manage

Railway's Applications can also be downloaded from Northern Northern Railway's official website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in The notice for inviting application forms and other related information is also available on the official web site of Northern Railway

from which application Northern Railway, Firozpur. Date 28.06.2023 to

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#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, REW POONCH

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

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Estt. Cost (Rs in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Allowed for complete- on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at W.No.02 Moh. Saydian Pyt. 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 Availab le/ Deman ded
2	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Moh. Khatana Pyt. 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 Pyt. 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 Pyt. 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 Pyt. 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. Sheikhan Pyt. 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 Pyt. 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 Pyt. 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 Pyt. Shahpur Lower Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
0	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Ward No.08 Pyt. Dingla Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
1	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Ward No.11 Pyt. Dingla Block NSSB Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
2	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			
3	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			
4	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	Partialla Availa le/ Demar ded
5	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			
6	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			
7	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			
8	Construction of Community Soakage Pit Moh. Uchar Upper W.No. 03 Panchayat Kuniyan Lower Block Poonch under SBM year 2023-24		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Call  Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Moh. Sardaran Pyt. 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 Pyt. Kasblari Upper Block Mankote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
1	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at High School Topa Pyt. Topa thera Block Mankote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
22	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Behrooti W.No. 02 Pyt. Behrooti Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
3	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Moh. Gola W.No 03 Pyt. Chandiyal Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
24	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at W.No 02 Pyt. Dhargloon Lower Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
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26	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Upper Jaran Wali Gali Pyt. Jarranwali Gali Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
7	Construction of Community Soakage Pit at Kallar Pyt. Kallar Mohra 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 W. No 03 Pyt. Naka Manjhari Lower Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call Construction of Community Soakage		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			
9	Pit at Moh. Gali Pyt. Sangoite Block Balakote Under SBM Year 2023-24		1.31	200	2620	20 Days			

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.

1. 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.

2. 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 1st 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 3rd call the

participation is open to all for participation 3. 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.** 4. 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 8th day, deductible from the running/final bills of contractor.

7. The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept are reject any tender or all tender without assigning any 8. No tender document will be accepted displaying firm/company name without proprietor name against which the

tender documents will be submitted. 9. After opening of Financial Bid, within 07 days, if the successful Bidder doesn't approach with the CDR, the 2nd Lowest

bidder, shall be approached for the negotiation and allotment of work at rates quoted by L1

10. The already defaulted contractors are not allowed to participate in any tendering work of REW **Division Poonch.** 

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

only successful technical bidders) completed The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical

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.

from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website <a href="https://www.jktenders.gov.in/">https://www.jktenders.gov.in/</a> to acquaint bid submission process.

No:- XEN/REW/P/898-909 Dated:-24-06-2023

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**Executive Engineer** Rural Engineering Wing Poonch

### **EDITORIAL**

## STOP CORRUPT PRACTICES

arlier, 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 nongovernmental, 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. Saturnvision 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

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

URING 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 nonbinding 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 welltested 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 spacefaring 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.

#### **Creativity Crew performs street play 'NASHA'**

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jun 28: The creativity crew, a culture-cum-social organization performed street play 'Nasha' on antidrug day at Bagoona, Rajindra Singh Pura and Purmandal, which was sponsored by Jammu & Kashmir Art, Culture & Languages. The street play was written by eminent English, Hindi and Dogri writer Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' and directed by UshaSlathia.

The play revolved around the menace of drugs which has been eating our society like white ant. Despite all efforts from administration to stop it, this burn-



ing issue of not only our Union Territory but entire world has been a point of grave concern. This is the reason that has forced us to organize June 26th as Antidrugs day worldwide for awareness campaign so that masses may be made aware of the impact of drugs which

not only proves fatal for drug addicts but their entire family and society also.

Those who played important part in the play include Twinkle Rajput, Vishal Singh, Rohini Devi, Varun Sharma, Naresh Sharma, Ajay Slathia and Usha Slathia. A large number

in people watched he play at both places and appreciated the performance extending gratitude to JKAACL for raising the burning issues of the society and hoped that such initiatives will become a continuous process and help the

suffering ones to get rid

of drug menace.

### President IHRC Fahar Baba wishes on Bakrid

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: Youth Ambassador-IYS, President of International Human Rights Commission for Jammu and Kashmir Fahar Baba on the occasion of the end of the Haj pilgrimage, would like to extend greetings to Muslims worldwide for a blessed Eid al-Adha.

Fahar Baba, further congratulate the nearly four million pilgrims who performed the Hajj this year, including thousands of Indians, and wish them safe travels home. Hajj is a time when Muslims from many different

countries, classes, and cultures stand together in prayer, a reminder of both the unity and diversity within Muslim communities.

Eid al-Adha is a special time for reflection on service, selflessness, and charity – values shared across all faith traditions. Reflecting on and practicing these values could not be more important.

On behalf of the International Human Rights Commission, I would like to wish all Muslims a happy and blessed Eid al-Adha celebration. May the blessings of Allah shower upon you and your loved ones.

### Amit Shah should deploy 40 companies for security of Amarnath Yatra: Chandel

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jun 28: Raju Chandel, National General Secretary of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society, while giving a letter to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah today, said that about 40 companies of security forces have been deployed to make Baba Shri Amarnath Yatra a success in Jammu and Kashmir.

Chandel, while expressing concern over the continuous targeting of Hindu religious leaders by terrorist organization, said that the Hindu religious and BJP



anchors in Baba Barfani Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, which is going to be held in Jammu and Kashmir from July 1, to increase the strict security of the leaders. Chandel has given a letter to the Union Home Minister and has demanded to increase the security of all the Langars and BJP leaders as soon as possible.

#### USA, Canadian business leaders to Invest in India

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU / NEW DELHI, Jun 28: USA and Canadian multinational companies will invest in various sectors like Energy, Agriculture, Infrastructural development, Horticulture and natural resources Sector in India, potentially worth thousands of crores to generate economic activities and create new job opportunities,

The move came amid Indian Prime Minister Narender Modi interaction with Indian Origin USA Multibillionaire Darshan Singh Dhaliwal during state dinner hosted in the honour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House

USA tycoons Darshan Singh Dhaliwal was on the illustrious guest list among the attendees which included Indian tycoons Mukesh Ambani and Anand Mahindra, Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath, top Indian-origin entrepreneurs, and business leaders



such as Alphabet.Inc CEO Sundar Pichai, Microsoft CEO and Chairman Satya Nadella, and former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi. Apple boss Tim

Cook was also among the attendees.
American billionaire Darshan
Singh Dhaliwal, who was awarded
the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman by
President Draupadi Murmu in Indore
this year told that Prime Minister Narender Modi to play an active role
in attracting investment in India and
in response to the Prime Minister's
request Multibillionaire Sh Darshan

Singh Dhaliwal spoke with Business Leaders in USA and Canada who decided to respond positively by investing worth thousands of crores in India thus creating job opportuni-

ties for unemployed youths

He said that a delegation of Top
Business Leaders will visit New
Delhi during July 2023 to discuss
investment proposals with Govt of
India and respective state govts to
expedite the process in time bound
manner to transform Indian villages
into the most prosperous

Darshan Singh Dhaliwal who runs about 1000 gas stations in 11 states of America told that NRI. Punjabi industrialists will also talk to the Prime Minister on various issues of Sikhs as they feel that Prime Minister has always been positive to demands of Sikhs and a positive solution to the long pending issues of the Sikhs can be found during the present regime

He told that the Punjab Govt move to amend SGPC act for free telecast of Gurbani will not make any impact for NRIs living in different parts of Globe

He termed it as interference in the religious Affairs of the Sikhs and advised Punjab Chief Minister from refraining from such misadventures.

He said that Sikh Community across the globe has high hopes on Prime Minister since he has always walked the extra mile to accommodate the sikh masses demands.

## Free health cum awareness camp held at Bheja

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

DODA, Jun 28: As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and under the dynamic supervision of CMO Doda Dr Ab Hamid Zargar, District Health Society Doda organized a free medical checkup cum awareness camp at Village Bheja area falling in Medical Block Bhaderwah under MMU.

The medical camp was organized with the aim to provide quality medical care and free medicines to the poor

and needy people of the area besides to reach out to them at their door steps.

During the camp, the medical team headed by Dr Muneez Igbal (MO RBSK) along with Dr Saiqa (MLHP), Asia Begum (Phst), Asha Devi (ANM), Manoj Kumar (Lab Tech) and Sanjay Kumar (Ophthalmic Tech) besides staff from MMU Doda rendered their services to more than 70 patients who had come from different areas, who benefited from the camp.

Free medicine was also distributed among patients.

The camp was aimed at educating the locals about various lifestyle diseases like Hypertension, Diabetes and other ailments besides to cater for the medical needs of the locals of the area.

The health department took this special initiative to provide better healthcare services to the people living in the far flung areas, to meet the immediate healthcare needs.

## Latest study reveals 9 out of 10 customers in India want cars with a safety rating

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: A study was conducted among customers to gauge their feature preferences, when it comes to choosing a personal car.

The survey was commissioned by Skoda Auto India and conducted by NIQ BASES. It revealed a heavy inclination among customers towards the safety features of the car with 9 out of 10 customers who thought all cars in India should have a safety rating. Crash-ratings and number of airbags were the top two features driving the consumer car purchase decision as derived from the survey results. Fuelefficiency, one of the popular features, occupied third place. About 67% of the respondents consisted of current car owners who owned a car above Rs 5 lakh. Some 33% did not own a car. but intended to purchase one above Rs 5 lakh within a year. The survey was conducted on individuals between 18 and 54 years of age in the SEC A and B bracket, with 80% respondents being male, and 20% female. The car's crash rating was the top driver of customer car purchase decision with an importance score of 22.3% followed by number of airbags with an importance score of 21.6%. Fuel efficiency emerged as the third most important driver with importance score of 15.0% when purchasing a car.

When it comes to crash rating for cars, maximum customer preference of 22.2% was observed for a 5-star rating followed closely by 21.3% preference for a 4-star rating. Crash rating of zero is the least preferred with only 6.8% score. While the awareness about existence of 2 sets of 5-star safety ratings on crash tests is high at about 76%, only about 30% of all customers in India identify child/rear occupants safety rating as being one of those two sets.

PetrSolc, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India, said, "For us at Skoda, safety is part of our DNA and it is our philosophy to build safe cars. We have an over 50-year legacy with crash-tests and safety. And since 2008, every Škoda car has been crash-tested globally, and in India, with a 5-star safety rating. The survey reveals Škoda to be perceived as among the top-3 brands having models with high safety ratings. With India's rapidly growing infrastructure, and the upcoming proposals for India's own crash-testing standards, it is heartening to see consumers being aware of and demanding safety.

## JD(U) Leader's greets people on Eid-ul-Adha

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jun 28: Janata Dal (United) State President G M Shaheen and State General Secretary Vivek Bali sent heartfelt greetings to the people on the occasion of Eid ul Adha.

G M Shaheen said on the blessed day of Eid ul Adha, spare a thought and prayed for every single soul that crosses your mind.

Shaheen added this Eid is not about slaughtering the animal but its about sacrificing everything that comes in a way of your Ibadah, that makes u lethargic for total submission towards Allah Swt.

Vivek Bali said sharing of joy with poor and needy is the essence of Eid. He called for extending help to the people on this occasion and making them part of the Eid celebrations.

ments in all departments

## OMCs announce retail outlet dealership selection in J&K and Ladakh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: India's, BPCL and HPCL, the leading PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), are pleased to announce the release of advertisements for the establishment of new retail outlets across the country. The advertisements aim to meet the growing demand for petrol and diesel in line with the country's fast-growing economy.

The demand for Retail sales of Petrol and Diesel is increasing over the years. With the country's economy experiencing significant development, the need for energy has increased manifold. As a result, OMCs are undertaking the expansion of their retail outlet network to cater to this rising demand. The expan-

sion will cater to emerging markets such as urban areas, upcoming highways, agricultural pockets, rural, remote, and far-flung areas. This expansion aims to ensure that quality petroleum products, are readily available to meet the agricultural demand of rural areas and serve the needs of people residing in remote regions.

The expansion of the retail outlet network not only addresses the growing energy needs but also creates employment opportunities. Entrepreneurs are encouraged to seize this chance to associate with Fortune 500 companies and establish successful ventures in the retail outlet dealership sector. Due to economic development in the countrv. land has become scarce, costly and also opened up new opportunities for the landowners to utilize such land for alternate purposes, including the dealership of OMCs.

The last advertisement for setting up of Retail outlets (Petrol pumps) was issued by PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the year 2018 Oil Marketing Companies have now issued advertisements inviting applications from prospective candidates for setting up of Petrol pumps.

To simplify the dealer selection process and align with the government's emphasis on ease of doing business, the OMCs have introduced user-friendly online applications and simplified application forms.

While availability of

suitable land at the advertised location/ stretch is crucial, applicants for SC/ST locations can still apply without land initially, but they are expected to offer land when called for. The selection process will involve a computerized draw of lots or bid opening conducted by an independent agency to enhance transparency. All retail outlets will be developed using the latest technology, including automation. The dealership of retail outlets is seen as a significant opportunity for entrepreneurs to associate with Fortune 500

companies.
Interested entrepreneurs may see the detailed advertisement and Brochure available in our website www. petrolpumpdealerchay-

#### Millions spent on Ads, could be spent on Health & Education: AAP

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: In a ioint statement issued here, the Senior AAP leaders Ram Singh Chauhan and Kuldeep Kumar Rao, have said that millions of rupees spent on the ads & tours of Central Ministers for propagation of unproductive schemes of ruling dispensation could be used for improving Health & Education sectors in the country galvanizing the whole scenario to the entire benefit of common man across the nation.

They further expressed great astonishment & disappointment that present government in 9 years has borrowed Rs 85 lakh crores as compared to any other government for last 60 year borrowing only Rs 55 lakh crores they lamented

they lamented.

Contrary to the long
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claimed that unscheduled cuts in the cities, not to speak of rural areas, have made the life of common man like primitive civilization as alone in Chenab Region; there are several villages without electricity, despite there being three Mega Hydel projects over mighty Chenab River.

fication, the AAP leaders

They further said that the people across the Nation know very well that the BJP government at the centre has proved to be utter failure on all fronts & they will never forgive them for bringing anti-people policies. They said that in such a situation it is not proper for BJP leaders to celebrate their nine years of misgovernance and that too under the theme "Nau

Saal Bemisaal"/
They said that the reality is that instead of bring the ACHHE DIN, prom-

ised by the BJP, it has brought only miseries to the common people of the Nation. Questioning the BJP

government, the AAP leaders said that Nation & its people want to know when the promised ACHHE DIN will come. They said that J&K has been the worst victim of the BJP's misrule; during 9 years the price of LGP has rocketed from Rs. 450 to Rs 1200 & on employment front the progress during these nine years is that unemployment has broken all previous records.

They said that Modi government failed to create 2 crore job per year in nine years, despite making tall JUMLAS about the same. Adding fuel to the fire, several thousands of youths engaged on contractual basis, ad-hoc basis, daily wagers or need based arrange-

be it Home guard, Education, PDD, PHE, Health, Food & civil supplies & so on so forth has compounded the miseries of frustrated youths with every passing day as scores of them are crossing age limit or nearing the same without any hope of Achhe Din, they maintained and said that previous leaders of successive state governments are squarely responsible for the present mess who, without any planning & application of mind, adjusted the youths simply to create vote banks & appease their kith & kins, has put thousands of youths in great dilemma & worst confusion, the release claimed & maintained that Educational Institutions were opened with political considerations without proper infrastructure in place, Health Institutions sanctioned without availability of staff & Buildings.

They AAP leaders further said that BJP led Government has been completely exposed because of white lies, corruption, un-employment, unprecedented price rise of LPG, Diesel, Petrol, fertilizers, edible oil, pulses, hike in transport charges etc and that people are fed up with them and badly see an alternative in AAP because of magical propoor, pro- workers, laborers and pro-people policies of AAP launched in Delhi & Punjab, they said and added that enough is enough now and that all the people can't be befooled for all the time as the people have seen through the game of polarization, of all traditional Political Parties so called the savior of

Hindus & Muslims.

## Virtual awareness campaign by GDC Darhal to mark World Drug Day

TOP NEWS REPORT

DARHAL, Jun 28: In observance of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking or World Drug Day and in continuation to the sequel of events organized under the banner of G20 and Mission Life, NSS Unit (Imdad) in collaboration with Red Ribbon Club of GDC Darhal organized a digital awareness campaign on drug abuse, depicting the various phases of drug abuse and it's ill effects.

The main motive behind the campaign is to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving the goal of the world free of drug abuse.

To became a part of this mass awareness campaign NSS volunteers of the college created their posts and stories related to the drug abuse and shared it on their social media accounts like Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat etc. to spread awareness about the extreme cultural and economic harm the trade is still doing across the globe.

Meanwhile, drug traffickers continue to prey on drug users, rapidly escalating the production of dangerous highly addictive synthetic drugs.

While addressing the NSS volunteers, Prof. Mussaraf Hussain Shah, Principal of the College said that in order to get effective responses to the drug problem across the world, it is important to acquire accountable and inclusive institu-

tions of criminal justice, health and social services. All of these need to come together to provide effective solutions for achieving drug control conventions, human rights obligations and sustainable development goals. Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch (NSS PO and Convener Red Ribbon Club) coordinate the event and appricate the efforts of the NSS volunteers for playing a vital role in achieving the target of the Nation to become it drug free.

The staff members and NSS volunteers who made the event successful were Dr. Imtiaz Hussain Shah, Prof Makhdoom Ahmed, Prof. Tahir Mahmood, Abdul Qayoom, Jameel Ahmed, Waqar Ahmed and Mahboob Sadeeq.

# 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 the criticised for singing something? Well, music label, T-Series, and the neverending 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. Artistes 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 Pasoori, thus the song credits of the Pasoori 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 Pasoori, 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 Aradhna 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 heartbreak, 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 What starts as a nostalgic reunion turns sinister audiences." Gauran

be seen headlining a new horror series titled 'Adhura'.

Directed by Ananya Banerjee and Gauravv K. Chawla, and written by Banerjee, the series is produced by Monisha Advani, Madhu Bhojwani and Nikkhil 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 oncefamiliar 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 Nikkhil 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, provoke and enthrall our audiences." Gauravv 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 Nikkhil 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

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

and more than 9 lakh subscribers on You-Tube.

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

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

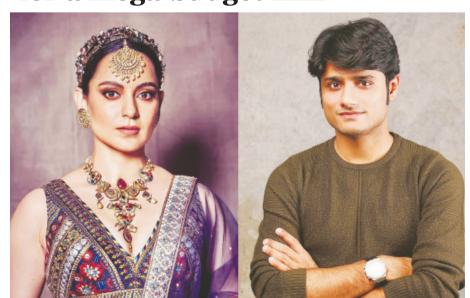
Apart from that, she also appeared in web shows like 'Masaba Masaba', 'Case Toh Banta Hai' and 'Comicstaan'.

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

Reportedly, the duo

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

#### 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,

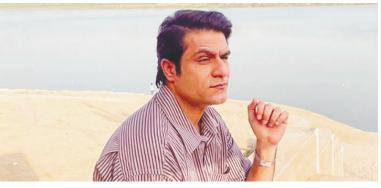
"Sandeep and I have been friends for over 13 years and have wanted to do a film for a long time. Now that we have found the right subject and the right role, we are all set to roll. It is going to be the biggest film of my career and a fantastic role. Further details will be announced soon."

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 Aspirants, 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.

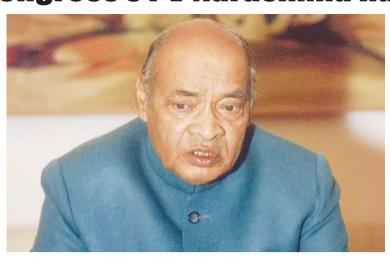
Speaking about the series, Sunny says, 'It's an honour to receive this kind of love for Sandeep Bhaiya's character. As an actor, it's extremely fulfilling when your work is appreciated. I'm grateful to the makers."

## "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.

Pamulaparthi 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 convenor 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 stuck when the baraatis were dancing to the DJ music. The baraatis 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

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

place.

### 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 Narottam 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.

THIRUVANANTHA-PURAM, 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 vehicle 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.

## Over Affair, Lover Dies By Suicide Krishnamurti strang Kirti to death. He t

Karnataka Man Strangles Daughter



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 Gangdhar, 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.

#### Russian missile strike hits restaurant, kills eight including 3 children in eastern Ukraine

KRAMATORSK, Jun 28 (Agencies): The death toll from a Russian missile strike on a restaurant in eastern Ukraine rose to eight on Wednesday, as Kyiv played down the effect of a brief mutiny by the head of the Wagner mercenary group on the conflict.

The blast at the Ria Pizza restaurant also killed three children and wounded at least 56 at the eatery, popular with both soldiers and journalists in the town of Kramatorsk, one of the largest still under Ukrainian control in the east.

Days after the aborted rebellion of Wagner head Yevgeny Prigozhin, widely seen as the biggest threat to Kremlin authority in decades, Kyiv said the mutiny's influence on fighting was minimal.

"Unfortunately, Prigozhin gave up too quickly. So there was no time for this demoralising effect to penetrate Russian trenches," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba told CNN in a video published Wednesday.

As Belarus welcomed Prigozhin into exile on Tuesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin moved to shore up his authority by thanking regular troops for averting a civil war.

But as Moscow announced preparations to disarm Wagner fighters, Putin's arch-foe, jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, launched a stinging attack on the president in his first comments since the aborted mutiny by the paramilitaries.

"There is no bigger threat to Russia than Putin's regime," Navalny said on social media.

"Putin's regime is so dangerous to the country that even its inevitable demise will create the threat of civil war," he wrote. In the Hague, NATO chief Jens



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Prigozhin, a former Kremlin

ally and catering contractor

who built Russia's most pow-

erful private army, has boasted

-- with some support from news

footage -- that his men were

cheered by civilians during his

But Putin insisted that Wag-

ner's ordinary fighters had seen

that "the army and the people

In a separate meeting with

defence officials, Putin con-

firmed that Wagner was wholly

funded by the Russian federal

budget, despite operating as an

independent company, adding

that in the past year alone since

the assault on Ukraine, Moscow

had paid the group 86.262 bil-

lion rubles (about \$1 billion) in

The feud between Wagner

and the army had escalated

for months, with Prigozhin

making increasingly scathing

statements against the gener-

als' handling of the offensive in

Ukraine, blaming them for thou-

Russian officials have been

trying to put the crisis behind

them for three days, with the

FSB dropping charges against

rank-and-file Wagner troops and

the military preparing to disarm

sands of Russian losses.

Stoltenberg said it was still too early to draw conclusions from the move to Belarus of Prigozhin and, likely, some of his forces, but he vowed that the alliance was ready to defend its mem-

"What is absolutely clear is that we have sent a clear message to Moscow and to Minsk that NATO is there to protect every ally and every inch of NATO territory," Stoltenberg said.

'Stopped civil war' Putin's supporters, however, insisted that his rule was not

weakened by the revolt. Asked whether Putin's power was diminished by the sight of Wagner's rebel mercenaries seizing a military HQ, advancing on Moscow and shooting down military aircraft along the way, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov accused political commentators of exaggerating,

adding that: "We don't agree." Putin himself attempted to portray the dramatic events at the weekend as a victory for the Russian army.

"You de facto stopped civil war," Putin told troops from the defence ministry, National Guard, FSB security service and interior ministry gathered in a Kremlin courtyard to hold a minute's silence for airmen slain by Wagner.

how the Kremlin allowed the violence of its operation in Ukraine to spill back into Russia.

But, questions remain over

Belarus strongman Alexander Lukashenko is seeking credit for stepping in to mediate Wagner's U-turn on the road to Moscow, and on Tuesday he criticised Russia's handling of the issue. 'We could waste him'

Talking to his own military officials, Lukashenko said that Prigozhin was arriving in Belarus on Tuesday, and revealed that he had urged Putin not to kill the rogue mercenary.

"I said to Putin: we could waste him, no problem. If not on the first try, then on the second. I told him: don't do this," Lukashenko said, according to state media

In his address, Putin also stressed that the revolt had not forced Russia to withdraw any of its units from Ukraine, where fighting continued as Kyiv's brigades pursued their counteroffensive in their nation's east and

The bloody conflict is now 16 months old, with mass casualties on both sides and a rising civilian toll.

Also on Tuesday, the United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine said it had evidence that Russian troops had summarily executed at least 77 detained civilians.

"It is a war crime... it's also a gross violation of international human rights law," said Matilda Bogner, head of the mission.

Meanwhile, the United States announced a new \$500 million tranche of arms to bolster Ukraine's mounting counteroffensive, including armoured vehicles, precision munitions and mine-clearing equipment.

#### his overseas same-sex marriage inclusive place to live

HONG KONG, Jun 28 (Agencies): An activist detained in Hong Kong began his final appeal on Wednesday seeking recognition for his same-sex marriage registered overseas, in a landmark case for the city's LGBTQ+ community.

Jimmy Sham, a prominent pro-democracy activist during the 2019 protests that roiled Hong Kong, first asked for a judicial review five years ago seeking a declaration that the city's laws, which do not recognize foreign same-sex marriage, violate his constitutional right to equality.

But the lower courts dismissed his legal challenge and a subsequent appeal over the case.

Sham is now in custody after being charged with subversion over an unofficial primary election under a tough national security law enacted following the protests.

The law imposed by Beijing on the former British colony also arrested or silenced many other leading Hong Kong activists.

The upcoming judgment by the city's top court in his marriage case will have strong implications for the lives of the LGBTQ+ community and the financial hub's reputation as an and work.

**Activist detained in Hong Kong** 

begins final appeal to recognize

Currently, the city only recognizes same-sex marriage for certain purposes, such as taxation, civil service benefits, and dependent visas.

Many of the government's concessions were won through legal challenges over the last few years.

The court will have to address whether the exclusion of same-sex couples from the institution of marriage and a failure to provide alternative means of legal recognition for samesex partnerships violate the right to equality.

The judges will also have to decide if the city's laws violate that right enshrined in Hong Kong's constitution, as they do not recognize foreign same-sex marriage.

On Wednesday, Sham appeared spirited inside the courtroom.

His lawyer Karon Monaghan argued that the absence of samesex marriage in Hong Kong sent a message that it is less worthy of recognition than heterosexual marriage.

Sham and his husband married in New York in 2013.

They wished to marry in Hong Kong but it was not allowed under the law, according to previous judgments.

The ruling in 2020

said his marriage lacks essential validity because the city's law does not permit marriage between samesex persons.

It added that Sham's attempt to achieve complete parity of recognition between foreign same-sex marriages and foreign heterosexual marriages is "too ambitious."

Sham's appeal over the case was also dismissed last August.

Sham is the former convener of the Civil Human Rights Front, which was best known for organizing the annual march on the anniversary of Hong Kong's handover to Chinese rule on July 1, 1997, for years.

The group also organized some of the bigger political protests that roiled the city in 2019.

They disbanded the front in 2021 as it reportedly faces a police investigation for possible violation of the security law.

In February, the top court ruled that full sex reassignment surgery should not be a prerequisite for transgender people to have their gender changed on their official identity cards.

Supporters said it was an important milestone for the transgender community in Hong Kong.

#### 9 family members shot dead at home by unknown gunmen in northwest Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Jun 28 (Agencies): Nine family members were killed on Wednesday by unknown gunmen who opened indiscriminate fire after barging into their house in northwest Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, police said.

The incident occurred in the Batkhela tehsil of Malakand district, and nine members of the same family, including three women and six men, were shot dead by the unidentified assailants, police said.



After receiving the information, the local Levies force reached the crime scene and shifted the dead bodies to Batkhela Hospital for postmortem.

While the reason behind the killings has not been ascertained yet, an investigation into the case has been started, according to the

#### Pakistan, IMF discussing USD 2.5 billion 'standby arrangement'

#### Shehbaz Sharif discussed the IMF programme with IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva

ISLAMABAD, Jun 28 (Agencies): Cashstrapped Pakistan and the IMF are discussing a new short-term standby arrangement (SBA) worth about USD 2.5 billion to get the country through the political transition to the newlyelected government in the second quarter of the current fiscal year, according to a media report on Wednesday.

Pakistan's ninth review by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under the 2019 Extended Fund Facility (EFF) for the release of a USD 1.2 billion tranche is still pending with the programme's expiry on June 30

A new short-term — six to nine months — standby arrangement (SBA) is being discussed by Pakistan and the IMF worth about USD 2.5bn, the remaining part of the EEF expiring on June 30, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday discussed the IMF programme with IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva and expressed hope that coordination on the points of the bailout programme would lead to a decision from the global lender in a day or two, a statement by the PM Office said.

Pakistan signed a USD 6.5 billion package with the Washington-based IMF in 2019.

The plan was derailed several times and the full reimbursement is still pending due to insistence by the donor that Pakistan should com-



plete all formalities.

The SBA is one of the two options currently under discussion by the two sides after the government met all the conditions and prior actions of the ninth review, and also those relating to subsequent 10th and 11th tranches without disbursement of USD 2.5 billion funds outstanding since October 2022, the report added.

The options have been discussed at the staff level and during recent back-to-back engagements between Prime Minister Sharif and Georgieva, including the one through telephone on Tuesday morning.

"In the strict sense, we have completed conditions of not only 9th but with the revised budget, the terms of 10th and 11th reviews had also been met and (Pakistan) deserves disbursement of entire outstanding approved quota," an official was quoted as saying by the newspa-

The two sides had exchanged a memorandum of economic and financial policies

(MEFP) a few days ago for completion of the 9th review, the official

added. However, the Fund's rules do not provide quick reviews, particularly when the programme's one-year extension expires on June 30. This was explained by Georgieva to prime minister Sharif in Paris.

The IMF has acknowl-

edged Pakistani authorities' swift completion of policy actions. Earlier, IMF staff raised objections over the original budget presented on June 9 but has now confirmed that the revised budget, including additional taxes, expenditure cuts, an end to amnesty scheme for remittances etc, had met its programme requirements.

The two options include the disbursement of USD 1.1 billion under the 9th review. But once approved by the IMF executive board, this would mean the end of the programme, without the possibility of release of two subsequent tranches of USD 1.4 billion.

This, however, is not a preferred option for the government because Pakistan would lose USD 1.4 billion worth of quota approved by the IMF executive board, the report added.

The other option under consideration is to enter into a new shortterm arrangement with upfront disbursement equivalent to the 9th review (USD 1.1 billion) within the next 15 days, followed by two-three more reviews for up to USD 500 million each.

This would send a message of stability to the markets as the current government completes its term in less than two months and is to be replaced by a caretaker setup until a new regime takes charge after the general elections.

For both options, the two sides have to announce a staff-level agreement by June 30 for confidence building. The executive board approval could follow over the next week or

"For us, the priority is to secure the entire amount of USD 2.5 billion," sources were quoted as saying by the report, adding the authorities pitched a higher amount for SBA but perhaps that was asking for too much.

But to achieve this, the government may have to increase the petroleum levy by up to Rs 5 per litre in the coming pricing review to secure at least an average of Rs 55 per litre petroleum levy for the year and commit to the expedited regulatory process for rebasing of electricity tariffs by Rs 5-8 per unit with effect from July 1 even if its approval takes a couple of weeks.

Both EFF and SBA windows are similar in nature except that EFF has a longer (3-4 year) tenure to address the medium-term balance of payment challenges while SBA is generally short-term (9-24 months) with relatively flexible terms.

Meanwhile, Pakistan expected inflows from friendly Arab countries over the next couple of days to close the fiscal year with a higher foreign exchange reserve

Pakistan urgently needs the IMF loan which will open avenues for more funding by various multilateral and bilateral donors to support its meagre foreign reserves of around USD 4 billion.

Pakistan's economy has been in a free fall mode for the last many years, bringing untold pressure on the poor masses in the form of unchecked inflation, making it almost impossible for a vast number of people to make ends meet.

Pakistan started preparations for the general elections with a meeting of the election commission recently. The current National Assembly will complete its fiveyear term on August 12 and the fresh general election must be conducted within 60 days as laid down in the Constitution of Pakistan.

#### **Hollywood Actor Kevin Spacey In UK Court Today For Sexual Assault Trial**

LONDON, Jun 28 (Agencies): Oscar-winning Hollywood actor Kevin Spacey was due in a London court on Wednesday to stand trial for a dozen sexual offences which allegedly occurred more than a decade ago. The 63-year-old star of "American Beauty" and drama series "House of Cards" is facing a four-week trial at Southwark Crown Court in south London.

He has been on unconditional bail since first appearing in court in Britain

Spacey's stellar career has been halted by large numbers of allegations of sexual offences, although he has not been convicted of any crime.

Last year he appeared at London's Old Bailey court to plead not guilty to five offences against three men, including four counts of sexual assault and one of causing a person to engage in penetrative sexual activity without consent. They allegedly took place in 2005 and 2008 in London, and in 2013 in

Gloucestershire, western England. In November, prosecutors then announced seven additional charges involving another man, taking the total number of counts Spacey faces in the UK to 12. The fresh counts, allegedly committed between 2001 and 2004, comprise three offences of indecent assault, three of sexual assault and one of causing a person to engage in sexual

activity without consent. Spacey, whose full name is Kevin

Spacey Fowler, appeared at Southwark Crown Court in January to deny all the new charges.

He spoke only to confirm his identity and to enter the not guilty pleas.

None of the alleged victims can be identified under English law and reporting restrictions prevent further details being disclosed before trial.

Spacey enjoyed a highly successful acting career with roles such as a middle-aged father lusting after a teen in "American Beauty," a serial killer in "Se7en" and the villain in "Superman Returns". He worked as artistic director at London's Old Vic Theatre between 2004 and 2015.

In 2017 he was one of the first stars caught up in the global #MeToo movement and was accused of sexual assault by multiple young men.

He was dropped from the final season of the political drama "House of Cards" and other projects Last year a New York court dismissed

brought against Spacey. The complainant, actor Anthony Rapp, alleged the star had assaulted him when he was 14. He brought the civil case after being told it was too late to

a \$40 million sexual misconduct lawsuit

bring a criminal charge. In 2019, charges of indecent and sexual assault were dropped against Spacey in Massachusetts.

In court appearances, Spacey has denied all allegations of sexual assault.

#### **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 Eidul-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 wonder-

ful 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, sharecrop-

pers, 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**

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**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 Conso 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

#### Dy Mayor reviews preparations for Amarnath **Yatra 2023**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Jun 28: Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria took stock 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 Bapu Ashram Bhaqwati Nagar Jammu & Ram Mandir at Purani Mandi Jammu.

During the review, Deputy 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 suc-

Billawaria visited the number of yatris.

cess.

Deputy Mayor emphasized the significance

Mayor

Yatri Niwas, Bhaqwati Nagar served as a testament to the attention given to the facilities and infrastructure needed to accommodate the large

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

the country.

**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 official, agency reported that an FIR has been registered against three councillors who had allegedly damaged government property, besides using unparliamentary lanquage 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.

#### **NOTICE**

Jahaan Deep Singh, S/o S Ajitpaul Singh and Sdrn 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.

#### **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,

The Lt Governor directed the officials to ensure strict enforcement of all the healthrelated 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 pros-

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 con**ducts 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

#### FROM PAGE 1 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

#### **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 depart-

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 to 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 addition to his own duties, till further orders," the

#### **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 Mirwaz 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 momen-

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 tippers, share stood at 10-lakh vehicles, generating a value of Rs 1.7-lakh crore, management consulting services firm Primus Partners said in its

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



turing 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

"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

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 yearago period.

Bengaluru saw a

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

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

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

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

#### 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-

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. WHAT WILL BENEFI- CIARIES GET

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.

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 nittygritties."

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,

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 pureplay 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 Raeev 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 Rajeev 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



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 accommo-

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 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

"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 Starcy 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 Aus-

tralia 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 pathbreaking medal for India, while Simran Ranga (B-girl Glib), Shreya D and Sushma Aithal (B-girl Bee Queen) will lead the women's chal-

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

#### 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 aver-



Already qualified for the semifinal, both India and Kuwait pressed forward from the starting whistle, giving some entertaining moments. India organised their

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 attacks through both and Chhetri effected a

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.

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

(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-yearold 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 sixmember 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 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 cvcle? "Definitely I will do

this... with full respect to my opponent (Liren got a spot in the eightplayer 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)?"

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 confidantes 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

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

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

land is still there.



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 adminis-

tration 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-

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 flaura and fauna is there in this type of reserves. Vikram further requested all the Dogras to unite for Raika forest

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.

and Raika forest to be

# 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.

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 healthcare 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 Yatris.

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 yatris.

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 DayorganizedStreet 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 hollowing 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 empha-

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

curse, 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 artistes 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 massage, 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 massage 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.

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