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Lt Governor pays obeisance at **Mata Roop** Bhawani **Temple** Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Jul 3: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday paid obeisance at Mata Roop Bhawani temple, Cheshmashahi, Sri-

Inside the temple premises, the Lt Governor offered his prayers and participated in the Yagya organised on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima.

He also interacted with the devotees and extended his hearty greetings on the auspicious occasion.

MeT says hot, humid weather to continue as night temperatures rise in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jul 3 (Agencies): Amid forecast for hot and humid weather, the minimum temperature recorded rise in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said.

Quoting an official of the meteorological department, that "mainly clear, hot and humid" weather was expected till July 4 even as a "brief spell of showers may occur in some areas towards late afternoon and evening".

From July 5 evening to July 7, he said, intermittent light to moderate rain at many places of Jammu and Kashmir.

Regarding the minimum temperature today, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 19.0°C against 18.3°C on the previous night and it was 1.9°C above normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 17.0°C against 16.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.5°C above normal for the gateway town of the Kashmir Valley.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 11.5°C against 10.2°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.7°C for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 16.7°C against 15.5°C on the previous night and it_was above Turn to page 9

Amarnath Yatra 2023 | Fourth batch of pilgrims leave for Amarnath Shrine



Top News Report JAMMU, Jul 3: A fresh

batch of 4,758 pilgrims

left the base camp here on Monday for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas,

officials said. Over 20,000 pilgrims have paid their obeisance at the 3,880-

metre high cave shrine till early Monday.

The fourth batch of pilgrims left in two backto-back convoys and were escorted by eight security vehicles and an ambulance between 3.40 am and 4.10 am, the officials said.

While 3,030 pilgrims took the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route for their vatra, 1,728 pilgrims took the shorter but steep 14-km Baltal route, they said.

With this, a total of 17,565 pilgrims have **Turn to page 9**

J&K Police deny "Totally Fabricated" allegations of lathicharge on Amarnath Yatris

SRINAGAR, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Police has refuted allegations that they used lathi-charge on Amarnath yatris and termed it as "totally fabricated" and "baseless."

"A video is circulating on social media wherein its alleged that police did lathicharge on yatries. However the news is totally fabricated and baseless, " Ganderbal Police said in an official statement.

The statement went on to say that, in accordance with the alreadyissued and widely publicised traffic advisory, no yatri or tourist vehicle would be permitted to

move after the cut-off time (i.e. when ROP is withdrawn), and will instead be accommodated in the closest designated safe location for the safety and security of the travellers

It said that "while this cutoff was being imposed, some persons blocked the National Highway and insisted on allowing them to go

and yatris.

Meanwhile, while they were halted by the J&K Police, an ambulance that was transporting a critically ill patient was also stopped by them but considering the situation, the Police personnel cleared the way for the ambulance, the statement read.

The official press release also stated that some individuals with vested interests were attempting to damage the reputation of the Police by spreading false information.

Additionally, it stated that such news portals will be subject to legal action.

"As a tradition Police have been welcoming the yatris with open arms and are committed to their safety and security and the question of misbehaviour does not arise," said the press
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Landslide hits Jammu-**Srinagar** Highway in Ramban, **Traffic not** affected

RAMBAN, Jul 3 (Agencies): A landslide hit Jammu-Srinagar national highway at Kunfer Chanderkote area in Ramban district this morning.

Officials said that one tube or lane of the highway was affected due to the slide while traffic was moving through another two-lane tube of the highway. " The traffic was plying smoothly through the two-lane road, "they said.

Driver dies after oil tanker falls into gorge in Ramban

JAMMU, Jul 3 (Agencies): A driver of an oil tanker died after his vehicle fell into a deep gorge near Shaitani Nallah in Banihal area of Ramban district on Monday morning, officials said.

An official said that Turn to page 9

J&K Govt Approves Land to Landless Poor

It is a historic day for Jammu Kashmir and a new beginning for thousands of landless families: LG Sinha

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jul 3: In a landmark decision, the Government of Jammu Kashmir has approved a proposal for allotment of 5 Marlas of land each to landless PMAY (G) beneficiaries. The decision was taken by the Administrative Council on 21st June 2023. The present allotment restricted to only the left out cases out of Permanent waiting list (PWL) 2018-19, which may later, at the time of launch of next phase of PMAY(G) scheme in 2024-25 be extended to the same categories of landless beneficiaries, who otherwise become eligible for getting housing assistance under PMAY(G) Phase-III. Following categories of Awaas plus beneficiaries will be considered by the Deputy Commissioner concerned for allotment of land under

the JK revenue laws: People residing on State land;



ii. People residing on Forest land;

iii. People residing in Rakhs and Farms land, where construction is not permitted:

People sitting on Custodian land; and

Land allotted to displaced people by Government near Dachigam park for agriculture purpose, where construction is not permitted.

vi. Any other category of cases who are otherwise eligible for housing but do not have any land available for construction."

"It is a historic day for Jammu Kashmir and a new beginning for thousands of landless families." Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha said further adding that this historic decision will prove to be a golden chapter in Administration's effort for social justice, equality, respect, and equal opportunities to all citizens.

"This path-breaking decision will not only entitle the landless poor to own a piece of land and have a house but it will also provide them means of livelihood, raise their living standards and realize their dreams and

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Three casual labourers attempt self-immolation in Kokernag, rescued

SRINAGAR, Jul 3 (Agencies): Three casual labourers were timely rescued and hospitalised after they made a self-immolation bid at Botanical Garden Kokernag in south Kashmir's Anantnag district this afternoon, official sources said.

Quoting the sources, GNS reported that panic gripped the people present in the Garden after three persons tried to self-immolate themselves. "The onlookers timely intervened to rescue trio and took them to a SDH Kokernag from where they have been referred to

GMC Anantnag", they said.

The trio has been identified as Zakir Hussain Shakshaz (30) son of Ghulam Hassan Shakshaz and Arshid Ahmad Itoo (33) son of Abdul Salaam, residents of Bidder Kokernag and another Hilal Ahmad Tantray son of Mohammad Akbar Tantray resident of Watnard.

It has been learnt the labourers belong to Floriculture Department and took the extreme step over alleged transfer issue.

More details are await-

Next meeting of opposition parties to be held in Bengaluru on July 17-18: Congress

NEW DELHI, Jul 3: The Congress announced on Monday that the next meeting of opposition parties will be held in Bengaluru on July 17 and 18. Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal made the announcement on Twitter and said "we are steadfast in our unwavering resolve to defeat the fascist and undemocratic forces".

In a tweet, Venugopal

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Govt calls off strategic sale of Pawan Hans as winning bidder disqualified



NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Government on Monday decided to call off the strategic disinvestment of Pawan Hans as the successful bidding consortium Star9 Mobility Pvt Ltd was disqualified in view of pending legal cases

Pawan Hans is a 51:49 joint venture of the government and ONGC.

The government had in April last year decided to sell the helicopter service provider for Rs 211.14 crore to Star9 Mobility Pvt Ltd — a consortium of Big Charter Private Ltd, Maharaja Aviation Private Ltd and Almas Global Opportunity Fund SPC.

However, in May the sale process was put on hold after it came to light that the lead member of the winning bidder consortium — Almas Global Opportunity Fund SPC — has a case pending against it at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

In a statement, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) on Monday said the government has examined the adverse orders of NCLT and NCLAT.

"After careful consideration of the response of the successful bidder to the show cause notice, with the approval of

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BSF man absolved of charges in killing of three soldiers

SRINAGAR, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court recently upheld the acquittal of Border Security Force (BSF) personnel who were charged in the contentious Army patrol firing case from the night of July 16 and July 17, 1999, during the Kargil

"Unfortunately, respondents have been roped in, merely on the basis of suspicion, otherwise, there is absolutely no evidence to establish that respondents had deliberately fired upon the Army patrol party", a bench of Justices Sanjay Dhar and Rajesh Sekhri observed.

The court was reviewing an appeal against the decision made by the Sessions Court, which had acquitted the defendants of charges under Sections 302/307/34 of the Ranbir Penal Code

The prosecution presented a case centred on an incident involving an army patrol party led by Lieutenant Sanjiv

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH INDER KRISHAN KOUL** S/O LATE SH PREM NATH KOUL R/O RAMNAGRI SHOPIAN KASHMIR, WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 28-06 2023 (WED)

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 07-07-2023 (FRIDAY), 8:30 AM AT MUTHI GHAT, NR. DIRECTOR EDUCA-TION DEPARTMENT, MUTHI, JAMMU. PRESENTLY RESIDING AT H/NO. 124/A SECTOR-3 LANE NO. 3 NEAR RATION DEPOT DURGA NAGAR, BANTALAB

GRIEF STRICKEN SMT INDU KOUL (WIFE) BHABIES & BROTHER

SMT ASHA KIRAN KOUL

SMT ASHA KIRAN KOUL
SMT BHARTI KOUL
SMT. BIMLA & SH CHAND KRISHAN KOUL
DAUGHTER IN LAWS & SONS
SMT NEERU & VIKAS KOUL
SMT MEENAKSHI & SUNIL KOUL
SMT ISHA & VIJAY KOUL
SMT HIMAKSHI & VENEY KAUL
SMT SHEETAL & SAHIL KOUL

SMT SHEETAL & SAHIL KOUL SMT SHALLU & TRISHANT KOUL ARNAV & SUDANSHU DAUGHTER: SMT REENU LIDHOO

GRAND CHILDREN

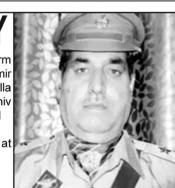
ALSO SAMAST PARIVAAR : KOUL'S. PANDITA'S. RAINA'S. BHAT'S. LIDHOO'S. AMBARDAR'S. KHAZANCHI'S



With profound grief and sorrow, we would like to inform you all that Sh. Janak Singh Manhas S/o Late Amir Chand Manhas R/o Panshae (Malhota) Tehsil Bhella Distt Doda present Address House No G58 Shiv Nagar Extension Jammu on 30-06-2023 at 4.00 AM **4TH DAY** will be performed on 3rd of July 2023 10TH DAY will be performed on 09-07-2023 at Panshaie Malohta Tehsil Bhella Distt Doda **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Shanti Devi - Mother Shakuntla Manhas- Wife Son & Daughter in Law Sunil Singh Manhas & Puia Manhas Susheel Singh Manhas & Shivali Manhas Daughter & Son in Law Sandhya Manhas & Joginder Goswami

Brother & Bhabhi Harnam Singh Manhas and Shakuntla Devi Joginder Singh Manhas & Nirjala Devi Sisters: Anara Devi, Achari Devi, Kaushalya Devi Raja Devi, Sudesha Devi



SH INDER KRISHAN KOUL

(BHAIYA)

PARTH, ANSH, AAHI, ADRIKA, VIDHUSHI, SHIVESH,

SH. JANAK SINGH MANHAS

Grief Stricken By:-Nidhi, Gourav, Vidhyut, Virat, Shanaya, Shaurya, Lavit, Vilohit

(Nephew & Niece) Sandeep Singh Manhas, Pardeep Singh Manhas, Radha Devi, Pooja Devi, Anil Singh Manhas, Arti Manhas, Anit Singh Manhas

LT SH MOOL RAJ

GUPTA

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved father LT SH MOOL RAJ GUPTA R/o W No 17 near Trikuta Ice Factory Udhampur on 24th June 2023.

Tenth Day shall be performed at Raghunath Palace near Dolphin Hotel Udhampur on Monday 3rd July rom 10 am to 11 am.

Kriya shall be performed at Devika Ghat on Wednesday 5th July.

IN GRIEF: lankoo Devi **-Wife** (Daughters in law & Sons) Rakhi and Rajesh Gupta

Roma and Rakesh Gupta (Daughter & Son in law) Neelam and Deepak Chander

Abhinandan, Shivansh, Kritika, Gourangi (Grand Children)

M/S MAHAMAYA AUTOMOBILES M/S TVS SHOWROOM

M/S S. R. Electric World 9469366807, 9419168578, 9419158546

10th Day/Kriya

Our hearts still ache with sadness, and many tears still flow.

What it meant to loose you, no one will ever know. We hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain to walk, with us throughout our lives until we meet again.

Dur beloved, the soul of our family passed away peacefully to merge with eternity on 24 June 2023

10th Day of our beloved Sh Upinder Kumar will

be held at W.No. 2 Chigli Chowri Ramnagar on

Sh Upinder Kumar Tuesday 4th July 2023 from 11 AM onwards and Kriya will be performed on Friday 7 July 2023 at 12.00 Noon.

Grief Stricken Smt Geeta Devi -Wife

Brothers & Bhabhis

Smt Chanchala Devi wife of Late Pritam Kumar

Smt Neelam Devi & Sh Shiv Kumar

Smt Renuka Devi & Sh Ravinder Kumar

Sons: Mr Sumit, Mr Punit, Mr Sahil, Mr Sachin, Mr Akshat, Mr Ayush. Mob. No. 9697107726, 9419273801, 9419796685, 9419629210

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Krishna Devi Wife of Lt Sh Bali Ram resident of ward No 6 Samba, who left us for her heavenly abode on Sunday 25 June 2023.

Tenth Day will be performed at Kali Mata temple at mair bazar Samba on 4.7.2023 at 11 AM to 12 Noon. Kriya will be performed on 5 July 2023 on Wednesday at

our residence in ward No 6 Samba. Rasam-pagdi will be performed on 5 July 2023 or Wednesday at 5 PM at Kali Mata temple main baza

We pray to God to bless noble soul with eternal peace and give her place at holy lotus feets.

GRIEF STRICKEN Ganesh Kapoor & Ashok Kumari SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW Neeraj Kapoor & Nitika Devi **GRAND SON & GRAND DAUGHTER IN LAW**



Smt Krishna Devi

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the

sad demise of our beloved Son Lt Ankush Bhardwaj S/o Lt Harish Chander on 25th June 2023 presently residing at 252 kalijanni Pacca Danga.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 4th July 2023 (Tuesday) at 9.00 am at Rani Park. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt Sushma Devi (Mother)

Mukesh Kapoor & Priya

Mr Manik and Tanvi (Brother and Bhabhi) Chacha's and Chachi's

Ramesh Chander and Madhu Tandon

Rajinder Kumar and Rajni

Shyam Lal and Goldie

Parveen Dogra and Dolly Nephew:- Garvit

Contact No:- 9419188608, 9541792014



Lt Ankush Bhardwaj

10TH DAY KRIYA/ **UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI**

With profound grief and sorrow, we informed the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Maya Devi W/o Sh. P.S. Katoch residen of Udrana, Radio Station Morh Near Spring/ Chasma, has lef for heavenly abode on 23/6/2023.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 2nd of July 2023. Uthala/Rasam Pagri will be performed on 5th of July, 2023 at our residence Bhaderwah.

GRIEF STRICKEN Sh. P.S. Katoch (Husband)

(Son & Daughter-in-law)

Sh. D.S. Katoch and Smt. Vipan Katoch

(Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Santosha Devi & Sh. Kartar Singh Sambyal

Divyanshi, Daksh and Manju (Grand Children)

Contact No.: 9797696949, 9419243525, 7780869258, 7006331869

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Mohni Bhan W/o Sh.Janki Nath Bhan on 30th June 2023 (Friday), Presently Residing at 346-B sec 1 Durga nagar (Near Krishna Palace) 180013, Jammu

Tenth Day KRIYA will be performed on 9th July 2023 (Sunday) at 8:30 am at Muthi Ghat (Near Director of School education)

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Janki Nath Bhan (Husband) Mr. Rakesh Bhan - Son

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Smt. Manju Kachroo & Sh.Sunil Kachroo

Smt. Sudeepa Dhar & Sh. Rakesh Dhar. Contact number :- +91-9469104221 ,+91-0191-2595180

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief, we inform the sad demise of Smt Chander Mohini Wali W/o Late Shree Manmohan Nath Wali at C-303, Bhoomi Enclave, Mahavir Nagar, Kandivli (W), Mumbai - 400067 on 26th June, 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Bhayandar Ghat, Mumbai on 5th July, 2023 at 9.30 am. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Samast Parivaars of

Walis, Kothas, Zutshis, Qazis, Parimoos, Kothidars, Dhars, Kaulis

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Smt. Mohni Bhan

Smt. Maya Devi

1936-2023

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, it is informed that our loving mother Smt. Satva Sharma W/o Lt. Sh. K.C. Sharma R/o H.No. 169, Shastri Nagar departed for heavenly abode on 24th June,

10th Day will be performed on 3rd July, 2023 (Monday) at 11:00 AM.

Kriya will be performed on 4th July, 2023 (Tuesday) at 12:00 Noon.

Uthala will be performed on 5th July, 2023 (Wednesday) at Ram Mandir, Shastri Nagar at 12:00 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN Daughter & Son-in-law Mrs. Roopali & Col. Anirudh Khajuria & All Family Members



Smt. Satya Sharma

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Khema Gigoo W/o Late Sh. Soom Nath Gigoo originally resident of Khankahi Sokhta Safakadal Srinagar at present Plot no. 30A Flat No.3, ward No.1 Mehrauli. She left for heavenly abode on 26th June 2023.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 05/07/2023 (Wednesday) at Chota Haridwar Muradnagar Ghaziabad UP at 8.30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN Son & Daughter-in-Law Sandeep Gigoo and Purnima Gigoo Daughter & Son-in-Law

Madhu Tikoo and Arun Tikoo Grand Children: Gargi, Sparsh and Taavishi Bhat's, Saproo's, Tikku's and Sathu's



SMT KHEMA GIGOO

TENTH DAY

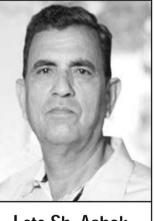
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform sad demise of our beloved Sh. Ashok Kumar Son of Lt. Sh. Rasal Chand resident of W. No. 2, Kathua, expired on -26-06-2023

The 10th Day shall be performed on 05/07/2023 on Wednesday from 11:00AM at our Residence, Ward No. 2 (Munna Bakers) Ashok Karyana Store, Kathua.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Surishta Devi (Wife)

Mr. Vishal Sharma (Son) Mr. Mahesh Sharma (Son)

Mobile- 7006622091, 7404100007



Late Sh. Ashok Kumar

FIFTH DAY/ TENTH DAY/ KRIYA KARAM & UTHALA

Shakti Singh Wo Sh. Aditya Khajuria, State Awardee, wa pursuing LLB second year from Jammu University fro Dogra Law College. She topped in all the law colleges mmu University, expired on 25-06-2023. She is now in the ap of God Shiva Baba. All the death ceremonies will be pe lap of God Shiva Baba. All the death ceremonies will be per formed at our residence H.No. 45 Lane No.6, Karan Naga 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. GRIEF STRICKEN Ditvi Khajuria - Daughter Smt. Banto Devi - Dadi Smt. Mitt Rajout (Mother) Wo Late Sh. Shakti Singh

LATE MRS. SHIVEM

THAKUR KHAJURIA

Mob. No. 8283804715, 9055421543, 9419237562

Sh. Ashok Kumar

Smt Sharda Rani

Smt. Banto Devi - Dadi
Smt. Mitu Raiput (Mother) Wio Late Sh. Shakti Singh
Bhawani Thakur - Brother
Rajyogni BK Pallvi Thakur - Sister
Sh. Aditya Khajuria - Husband
Sh. Vijay Thakur - Tahaya
Smt. Chandra Lekha - Tahayi
Smt. Krishna Sambhyal - Bua
Sh. Colonel Kamal Singh Sambyal - Fufa
Sh. Sunii Singh Sambyal - Futa
Smt. Anju Sambyal - Cousin Elder Brother
Smt. Anju Sambyal - Cousin Bhabhi
Phone No: 9419138206, 9484149985, 6006241942



Kriya will be performed at our residence Wednesday 05-07-2023 at 12.30 pm. Rasam Pagri will be performed at our residen on Wednesday 05-07-2023 from 5.30 pm to 06.30 Sh Vishwa Rattan Baru

Tenth Day will be performed at our reside

Tuesday 04-07-2023 at 10.30 am.

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Grief Stricken
Smt Kapooro Devi -Wife
Sh Shakti Swaroop Khajuria -Brother-in-law
Smt Prem Lata Wlo Late Sh Inderjeet Khajuria -Sister
Smt Raj Kumari Wlo Late Sh Kailash Rattan Baru -Sist
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh Kameshwar Baru & Smt Rajni Devi
Sh Jugal Kishore Baru & Sapna Sharma
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt Happy & Sh Ram Pal Sharma
Smt Renu & Sh Subam Sharma Kerni
Smt Nita & Sh Rajan Khajuria

Smt Nita & Sh Rajan Khajuria

abhyay, Subah, Aagya, Mayank, Palak, Krutika, Tanmay, Shruti, Ananya & Amani

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform all our nears and dears that our beloved father Sh. Ashok Kumar Tulloo S/o Lt Sh. Mohan Lal Tulloo originally resident of Ganpatyar Srinagar at present Kashmiri Colony Phase 2, Kothey Hoshiyaru, Sarore Jammu had left for heavenly abode on 28th June 2023 at 02:43 p.m.
The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed

07/07/2023 (Friday) at Muthi Ghat from 08:00 a.m. After performing the Tenth Day Kriya, the mourning assembly will also be held at Muthi Ghat. GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt. Veena Ji Tulloo - Wife Daughter and Son-in-Law Smt. Sheetal Zutshi and Sh. Sumesh Zutshi Sister and Brother-in-law

Smt. Girja Shalla W/o Late Sh. Avtar Krishen Shalla Smt. Pinki Sharma and Sh. Ashok Sharma Deeply Missed By Grand Children
Prateek and Hemakshi

Mobile No.: 9797363493, 6005818430

10TH DAY/KIRYA/RASAM PAGRI-UTHALA WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, IT IS INFORMED THAT OUR LOVING MOTHER SMT SHARDA
RANI, W/O LATE PT. OM PARKASH ALIAS PUNDRIKAKSH OF BARI BRAHMANA DEPARTED FOR HEAVENLY ABODE

ON 23RD JUNE 2023. ON 29RD JUNE 2023.

10TH DAY ON SUNDAY, 02.7.2023 AT 11.00 AM AT SF ACADEMY, NEAR PHE TUBEWELL, BARI-BRAHMANA KIRYA FROM 12.00 NOON ON MONDAY, 03.7.2023 AT H.NO.6 WARD NO. 2. BARI BRAHMANA, NEAR J&K BANK RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA 4.30 TO 5.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 05.7.2023 AT SP ACADEMY, NEAR PHE TUBEWELL

GRIEF STRICKEN SMT KRISHNA DEVI W/O LATE SH. RAMA KANT JI & FAMILY

SMT VIMLA & SH. MAHESH CHANDER & FAMILY - DEVRANI & DEVAR SONS & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
SMT KRISHNA & KULBHUSHAN SHARMA SMT ANITA & SH. BRIJ MOHAN

SMT BHAKTI & SH. VIJAY SMT SHIVANI & SH. BHARAT BHUSHAN **DAUGHTERS & SONS-IN-LAW** SMT PREM & SH. BANSI LAL SMT SANTOSH & SH. VIDYA SAGAR

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAAS

"GHALE AAVE NANAKA SADE UTHI JAYE GURMUKH JANAM SAVAAR DARGAH CHALEYA SACHI DARGAH JAYE SACHA PIRH MALYA"

THE SAD DEMISE OF **MASTER JACDISH SINGH**S/O LATE. S. TARA SINGH JI, WHO LEFT FOR
HEAVENLY ABODE ON 27TH JUNE, 2023.

ARAMBH OF SRI AKHAND PATH ON 4TH JULY 2023 AT 9:00 A:M AT THEIR RESIDENCE (SIMBAL MORH, OPP-KAMALA MEDICOS).

BHOG SRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 6TH JULY, 2023
(THURSDAY) AT 9:00A.M AT THEIR RESIDENCE
ANTIM ARDAAS ON 6TH JULY 2023 (THURSDAY) AT
GURUDWARA SINGH SABHA BASTI GOBIND PURA SIMBAL
MORH FROM 10:00 A.M TO 12 NOON.

GRIEF STRICKEN; 07-07-SDN.TEJ KOUR (WIFE) S. JANAK SINGH (BROTHER) SDN. SWARAN KOUR W/O LATE. S. JOGINDER SINGH (SISTER-IN-LAW)

SONS AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW .KULWANT SINGH . GURCHARAN SINGH AND SDN. NIRMAL KOUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS-IN-LAW

SDN. HARWANT KOUR AND S. SATPAL SINGH SDN. GURMEET KOUR AND S. MANJIT SINGH SDN. GURDEEP KOUR AND S. BALBIR SINGH

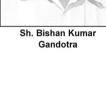
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UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Bishan Kumar Gandotra Ji R/o 381 Lane No. 3 Shakti Nagar, Jammu, wh expired on 26-06-2023. Satsang - 1-2 pm Langar - 2 pm onwards Uthala - 4 pm

On Wednesday 05-07-2023 at Jaga Resort, Near A.G's office, Jammu GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt. Kamla Devi (Wife) Sons & Daughters-in-Law Saniay & Upasna Gandotra Raman & Pooja Gandotra Daughter & Son-in-Law

Urmil & Yash Pal Gupta Amita & Raiesh Suri Grand Children: Gazal, Poorvak, Chahat, Bhavik, Utsav, Yuvan Mob : 7876333594, 9906271488



BARKHI

1 Year has passed since you left us. But your precious memories are always with us. We feel you around us every day, everywhere, every time and miss you deeply. BARKHI of our beloved Father Sh. Kewal Krishan Pargal S/o Late Sh. Hukam Chand Pargal R/o W. No 6

Tuesday at our residence at 12.30 PM. Deeply Remembered by: Smt Meena Pargal - Wife Sonika & Rajneesh Pargal - Daughter in Law & Son

Batote will be performed on 04 July

Jyotica & Sunil Pargal - Daughter in Law & Son Pooja & Ashok Gupta - Daughter & Son in Law

Swayam, Suhani, Sarvagya, Shivansh, Shrey, Shivain, Shatakshi



Wrestler Talab of Punjab lifts 1st International Kun Dorian-Arli Kesari title

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, Jul 3: Wrestler Talab, resident of Baba Flahi in Punjab defeated wrestler Hamid of Iran and lifted "1st International Kun Dorian-Arli (Katra) Dangal Title 2023". Winner wrestler Talab was awarded with handsome cash prize of Rs. 60,000/- by President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association Shiv Kumar Sharma, while runner-up wrestler Hamid got Rs. 40,000/-.

Dangal was organized by Kun Dorian- Arli Dangal committee at Kalka Mandir Akhara Kun Dorian-Arli (Katra) in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Naresh Kumar (Papu Lakri), Former Sarpanch Karnail Singh, Sarpanch Mangal Singh and Krishan Singh.

82 renowned wrestlers participated in the one day long Vishal Dangal which was witnessed by large gathering of nearly 12,000/- people of Jammu Province and Northern States. 80 Wrestlers from India and two Wrestlers from Iran participated.

Senior Vice President Indian Style Wrestling Association of India and President Kreeda Bharti Jammu and Kashmir, Shiv Kumar Sharma was



the chief Guest on the occasion who witnessed the whole wrestling event and encourged the youths who participated. 41 bouts were played in the Dangal and an amount of Rs. 5,85,000/- distributed in the shape of cash prizes among the winner and runner-up wrestlers by chief guest Shiv Kumar

Sharma. BDC Chairman Chander Mohan Singh and Sham Lal Bhagat, Social activist and prominent wrestling promoter Ram Paul Sharma were the guests of honour.

Prominent persons who were present on the occasion included Rajinder Kumar Ramotra, Deepak Wazir, Deep Singh (Pinka), Satish Kumar, Sat Paul Verma, Om Parkash Verma and Shail Sharma.

2nd bout was won by

Manjit expresses anguish over

wrestler Ishaq Ahmed (Lallu) of J&K Police who defeated wrestler Raza of Iran. Wrestler Lallu was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 25,000/- while runnerup wrestler Raza got Rs. 20.000/-

Another second bout was won by Nisar of Doda who defeated Deepak Kakran of Guru Hanuman Akhara, Delhi. Winner wrestler Nisar was awarded with Rs. 20,000/- while runner-up wrestler Deepak Kakran got Rs. 15,000/-.

3rd bout was won by Rashid of Domana Akhara Jammu who defeated wrestler Sonu of Sirsa, 4th bout was won by Muneer of Nagrota who defeated Vishal of Delhi, 5th bout was won by Surjeet Singh of J&K Police of Reasi who defeated Vikas of Dera Baba

Nanak (Punjab), 6th bout was won by Ghoda of Baba Flahi (Punjab) who defeated Ranjeet Singh of J&K Police, 7th bout was won by

Nadeem of Doda who

defeated Sagar of Delhi.

Member of Dangal committee who helped in the conduct of Dangal were Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), Ex. Sarpanch Karnail Singh, Sarpanch Mangal Singh, Krishan Singh, Ram Krishan, Ram Lal, Om Parkash. Sarpanch Jugal Kishore (Bablu), Mohd. Rashid, Tara Chand, Ram Chand, Girdhari Lal, Vijay Kumar, Ratten Lal, Gopal Krishan, Brij Mohan, Dev Raj, Joginder Kumar, Kewal Krishan and Sonu Pandit.

Shiv Kumar Sharma, President Senior Citizen Welfare Forum Katra (Regd.) honured

five prominent social workers and most senior citizens present in the Dangal namely Bodh Raj age 83, Krishan Singh age 91, Tara Chand age 70, (from Village Kundorian), Dhani Ram age 76 and Titru age 83 (from Village Arli) by presenting them Mata Ki Chunaries.

While speaking on the occasion Shiv Kumar Sharma thanked the participents and exhorted upon youth to take part in sports which is the best way to channelize youth energy. The Government of India is taking all out efforts to provide all basic sports facilities to the youth at their door steps to promote sports culture amoung youth he added.

Other Results: Ajay Sharma of Udhampur beat Ankush of Delhi, Gandhi of Kathua beat Sahil of Rohtak, Puran of Reasi beat Rahul of Delhi, Sonu of Patti beat Laikat Ali of Bajrangi Akhara Jammu, Arjun of Jammu beat Amit of Delhi, Baba of Domana beat Shubam of Delhi, Karpu of Jammu beat Rajesh Sharma of J&K Police, Virender of Sonipat beat Sanjay of J&K Police, Dillar Khan of J&K Police beat JaiBhawan of Delhi and Rakesh of Ramnagar beat Natin of Delhi.

NGO extends welcome to **Amarnath Yatra devotees**

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: Stand With Humanity Foundation, an NGO, expressed its gratitude to the all efforts made by the J&K UT under the esteemed leadership of LG Manoj Sinha and the team of officers of administration Police, Security, paramilitary forces besides the Indian Army in providing full proof security cover to Yatris.

The medical and Traffic department also did not leave any stone unturned to ensure safety and safe passage to the pilgrims.

The Government have also made elabo-



rate arrangements for accommodating maximum numbers of devotees in base Camp at Jammu and alongwith Yatra passage also.

In addition to the facilities provided by the administration, the local people of Jammu are also taking part in smooth Yatra giving their best contribution

in assisting the administration and Yatri's both within their capacity.

NGO which have been recently come into existence decided to provide cold drinking water facility to Yatri's during the entire Yatra period by way of installing one water cooler with purifier for 24x7 functioning near base Camp.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIVN. NO. II, JAMMU

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh Short e-NIT No. 86 of 2023-2024/Div-2 Dated 17-06-2023 (3rd Call)

For and on behalf of the <u>Lieutenant Governor</u>, <u>Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir</u>-tenders are invited on <u>percentage basis</u> from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments /registered firms of water-proofing work or each of the following works:

to the following works.										
S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertise d Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1	Waterproofing treatment on rooftop / terrace of Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Abhinav Theatre, Jammu (Part –II)	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	30.30	600	2% of Advertised Cost	02 Months	07-07-2023 (1.00Pm)	A & B / Registered firms of water- proofing work.		

Position of AAA: Accorded

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website http://jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule :-

28-06-2023		
From 28-06-2023 to 06-07-2023 upto 1800 Hrs		
XXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive		
Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu		
28-06-2023		
06-07-2023 upto 1800 Hrs		
07-07-2023 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu		
To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed		
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Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu at the time

The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, he modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not

The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

Dated:-

DIP/J-4217/23

Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II

unscheduled power cuts in Samba

TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, Jul 3: Apni Party Provincial President Jammu and Former Minister Manjit Singh today demanded 24/7 electricity supply in the district in the soaring temperature of harsh weather conditions in summers.

The former minister was addressing a worker's meeting in the Rahya area of Samba district where people highlighted their day to day issues regarding unscheduled power cuts, irregular drinking water and growing concerns about delayed developmental projects.

While speaking on the occasion, S. Manjit Singh also expressed his anguish over the underdevelopment and poor basic amenities in Rahya area.



"The huge population is left without development and facilities which are necessities of one's life," he said while saying the unscheduled power cuts have put normal life out of gear.

He said that continuous long hours of power cuts when the temperature is soaring has added misery for the people.

Meanwhile, he

appealed to the people that they should extend their support to the Apni Party because of its developmental agenda that favours all the people irrespective of regional or religious identity.

"Apni Party is committed for equitable development, protecting natural resources, employment, and land for the locals of Jammu and Kashmir." he added while addressing the meeting.

He said that the Apni

Party has received an overwhelming response for its agenda of development and peace. "The people are fed up with the traditional political parties. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the party workers, and leaders to educate people about the policy of Apni

Party that is focused to bring Jammu and Kashmir on the path of development, peace, and prosperity with representation from all sections of society," he said.

He also referred to the under development, and water crises in Kandi peit and demanded that the Govt should address the issues before it is too late. He said that the gap between the public and the administration has widened and it should be filled by holding assembly elections.

"With the elected Govt in place, the public issues can be addressed by the elected representatives and the babus can be pulled up for their delaying tactics, and there will be accountability in the Govt which is missing now," he said.

'Maha Jan Samparak Abhiyan' proved as a mockery of BJP's nine years govt rule in Centre: NC

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference strongly criticised the so-called 'Maha Jan Samparak Abhiyan' launched by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of its nine years achievements in J&K, labeling it as nothing more than a farce and a mockery of the BJP-led government.

In a statement issued here today, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu said that the BJP leaders have been going doorto-door in an attempt to connect with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. However, instead of

receiving a warm welcome, they are being confronted by the genuine concerns and questions of the residents. Rattan Lal Gupta

asserted that the people are rightfully questioning the BJP leaders regarding the power crisis which was unaddressed despite the BJP being in power for the last nine years at the Centre, and the lack of regular water supply, despite funds allocated for the Jal Jeevan Mission with an aim to provide tap water to every household.

"The vacant government posts, shortage of specialized doctors, failure to raise



Border Battalions, lack of regularization policy for daily wage workers, and absence of action against those involved in recruitment scams are other concerns raised by the people," during the so called Jan Samparak Abhiyan he added.

Rattan Lal strongly criticised the Saffron

Party for its continuous betrayal of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He observed that the Government at the Centre has demonstrated a disregard and disrespect for the sentiments and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir despite getting huge mandate during 2014 Assembly and 2019 Parliamentary elections. The erosion of trust between the people of J&K and the ruling party has created an atmosphere of frustration and apprehension, he said, demanding immediate restoration of democracy in the Union Territory.

The senior NC leader emphasized that the BJP's actions have undermined the principles of democratic governance. He said the people of J&K deserve to have their voices heard, their concerns addressed, and their rights protected in line with the Constitution.

Rattan Lal reiterated his commitment to the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He asserted that only the NC can fulfill the aspirations of the region and pledged to continue fighting for their rights and working towards the restoration of democracy in the region.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER E-NITNo.JS/PHECD-I/ 38 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, of J&K Union Territory, E-Tender (Item Rate Based) is invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-1, Jammu, from approved and eligible contractor of appropriate class registered with UT of Jammu and Kashmir/ other UT's or State Govt./CPWD/MES registered firms/contractors under two cover system, Cover 1 comprising of technical bid and cover 2 comprising of financial bid for the following work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender (InRs)	Cost of Tender document Fees (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	Improvement/upgradation of water supply at various lanes in ward no.34 under UT Capex (finanical assistance of JMC).	Rs.2.65 lacs	Rs.200	Rs.5300/-	A to D	45 days
2	Improvement /upgradation of water supply at various lanes in ward no.37 under UT Capex (finanical assistance of JMC).	Rs.4.02 lacs	Rs.200	Rs.8040/-	A to D	45 days
3	Improvement/upgradation of water supply at various lanes in ward no.28 under UT Capex (finanical assistance of JMC).	Rs.2.39 lacs	Rs.200	Rs.4780/-	A to D	60 days

Position of funds : Partially Available Position of Ts: Accorded

Position of AAA: Accorded 1. Date of publishing:-28-06-2023 (1800Hrs)

2. Biddocumentscanbeseenanddownloadedfromthewebsite<u>www.jktenders.gov.in</u>from 28-06-2023

3. Thebidsshallbeuploadedonthewebsitewww.jktenders.gov.infrom28-06-2023 (1800Hrs)to 13-07-2023 upto (1200Hrs).

4. The complete bidding process shall be online.

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-1 Jammu

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EDITORIAL

LITERATURE AND SOCIETY

he cultural level of any nation or society can be estimated from the level of its literature. Literature is not only the mirror of the society. Rather, it is also a lamp which draws the attention of the society towards its evils.

It is believed that to read the history of a country's civilization and culture, it is sufficient to read its literature. That is why literature is the mirror of a country, society and its civilization or culture.

Due to the great traditions of Indian literature, the pride of this country has remained intact on the world map in which writers have always guided the world society with their writings. Indian society has always been enlightened by the light spread by ancient and medieval poets like Kalidas, Panini Yajnavalkya, Tulsi, Kabir Sur Meera etc.

Literature is the only field which teaches man to follow lofty human values like charity, social service, compassion, humanity, good conduct and universal brotherhood. A cultured person is the one who is generous from heart,

Be honest and don't expect any kind of greed for yourself. Literature always creates such great human values which imagine the happy life of the living beings.

Tulsi, in his famous work Ramcharitmanas, has composed many such aphoristic couplets which give direct instructions to the individual and the society, such as rain when agriculture dries up, karma pradhan Vishwa Kari Rakha etc.

Many litterateurs like Bhartendu Harishchandra, Munshi Premchand, Nirala, Muktibodh through their writings have inculcated in the Indian society the values of virtue, the values of hard work, the values of patriotism, the values of selfless social service, the values of civilization of conduct and the values of world humanity. , have established the rituals of social harmony etc.

By looking at the history of Hindi literature, there is direct evidence of the relationship between literature and society.

The reflection of the heroic society is clearly visible on the then literature. Row after row of the Raso Granth is filled with the tinkling of swords and the shouts of heroes.

Similarly, devotional literature has made the defeated and desperate people of India bathe in the Bhagirathi of devotion. The lines of Bihari, Matiram and Vodha are showing the luxuriousness of the traditional kings. Similarly, where the modern Hindi literature has been affected by the social environment, it has brought the Hindi society from dreams to the

harsh land of reality.
India's freedom struggle, the tide of patriotism, the attainment of independence and the condition of post-independent Indian society, etc. have been fully reflected in modern and contemporary Hindi literature.

Writers like Bhartendu Harishchandra, Maithilisharan Gupta, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, Premchand etc. have guided the youth of India.

Would-be winners in Ukraine war lurching towards far right in despair

By: Saeed Naqvi

iz Truss, Britain's Prime Minister for a few weeks ⊿last year who devoted her term rallying the world for "democracy" against "autocracy", must be squirming. Poland, Netherlands, Austria, Spain, Serbia, Hungary, France, Germany are Sweden are so far-right in the neo-Nazi mould that Beijing and Moscow look like nice places. This is a boon the Ukraine war has conferred on the West. Donald Trump's ghost looms over America. Britain, it must be said, is still in the sensible zone.

The alarming surge of the far-right in Germany, according to the latest opinion polls, shouldn't surprise the political class. Remember how the German ruling class, as the EU's engine, laid low the left-wing Syriza which brought Alexis Tsipras, 43, to power as Greek Prime Minister. The Greeks tossed up a Socialist experiment. No, said Germany and the EU. This experiment shall not be allowed. Revert to austerity or we shall not pick up your debt. The pity is Mr Tsipras turned out too weak-kneed. He buckled, demoralising the Left across the board.

In Spain, where Franco hovers over public life like Banquo's ghost, people accustomed to being obedient suddenly showed spunk. The Prime Minister of the right-wing People's Party, Mariano Rajoy, broke all records of corruption in construction. This kind of corruption was the fashion in this phase of accelerated globalisation, but Mr Rajoy went a few yards past the post. People

groaning under a tainted democracy worked hard to remove the pollution in the next election. Under the leadership of Pablo Iglesias, 39, a Spanish variant of the Communists burst upon the scene. This was Podemos, or "We Can", extracted from Barack Obama's slogan which worked in the 2008 American election.

In the 2015 elections, the right-wing People's Party and the Socialists lost relatively, but emerged first and second. The party which created an earth-quake by cornering five million votes and 69 seats was Podemos. Spain rubbed its eyes in disbelief. How could Europe's fourth largest economy be "allowed" to be run by a coalition of which the Communists were a part? Franco would turn in his grave.

Accelerated globalisation after the Soviet collapse was a shot in the arm for capitalism. This, in turn, generated arbitrary inequalities which Thomas Piketty's Capital in the 21st Century explains in clinical detail. These inequalities resulted in such movements as "Occupy Wall Street". The Republican Tea Party was a response.

People adapt to change but establishments are obstinately resistant. Also, they have the power to shape events by their control of the media, refashion public opinion. Popular will is anathema to most entrenched establishments. The consent has to be fashioned. People make economic demands, jobs, wages, price control, social welfare. These have the potential of making drastic reductions in corporate incomes. I know all this is elementary. Why then are

such elementary truths edited

For corporates, it makes enormous sense to employ every possible trick, the media above all, to divert people's attention from economic issues to issues of identity, minorities, migrants, race or caste, and communalism in India. This continuous tussle between establishments and the people leads to one result: muscular establishments emerge on top. The popular will is the missing ingredient in what are advertised as democracies. We are living in hollowed-out democracies, but for how long? The latest German polls point to a model, at least in the short term.

It's not something that's only happening in distant Europe. After the BJP defeat in Karnataka, there's some life in Opposition unity schemes, and yet the discourse on Narendra Modi's invincibility doesn't go away. It won't go away as the controls of the "Modi, Modi, Modi" echo chamber lie with Mr Modi. Did you watch the masterly choreography of the inauguration of the new Parliament building? It made you "gasp and close your eyes". Yes, Mr Modi will look invincible as long as the media keeps him in that focus. And the media is in the hands of big business, who are in the hands of Mr Modi, and the other way around.

The global media and the one which is in the Prime Minister's thrall are cousins, born from the same seed and at the same time. The fall of the Soviet Union brought about the sole superpower moment which required a global media. This was inaugurated by CNN's Peter Arnett

from the terrace of Baghdad's Al-Rasheed Hotel in Operation Desert Storm 1992.

The global media didn't reach India until a few years later. The fall of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992 was only covered by Newstrack, a weekly video magazine launched by the India Today group. The mushroom growth of independent channels is a phenomenon of the mid-1990s, when the neo-liberal economic policies of P.V. Narasimha Rao and Dr Manmohan Singh boosted businesses that demanded channels to accommodate the advertising which the new economy was attracting.

The burgeoning TV scene enlarged the consumer society which is what the new economy was galloping towards -- a tinsel middle class, creating a huge imbalance between Lakshmi and Saraswati. It was all custom made for corporates, multiplying billionaires -- far away from the roti, kapda, makaan, education and healthcare, which are the basics for a developing country where an overwhelming majority are poor.

The politicians, corporates and TV channels are together in diverting the poor away from their condition towards the glorious inheritance they been wilfully denied by "The Other", the migrant from another race, another country.

New strategic choices imposed by the unending Ukraine war has introduced further fertility for the far-right to prosper everywhere -- Germany, Vox in Spain next month. And who can ignore Donald Trump of the "Howdy Modi" chant in Houston back in 2019?

Check governors trying to exceed their powers

By: Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay

amil Nadu governor R.N. Ravi's decision to summarily dismiss V. Senthil Balaji, a state minister without portfolio, was an undeniable instance of gubernatorial excess. hereafter, he eventually kept the order in abeyance, on the advice of Union home minister Amit Shah, who told him to consult the attorney-general of India on the matter. Although the BJP is likely to cite this counsel to absolve itself of any responsibility over the blatant intrusion into the powers of the elected chief minister, the party cannot evade the accusation that it is not practicing what it preached when in Opposition on the appointment and functioning of governors.

Sample these unambiguous pledges made by the BJP in its election manifestos in the 1980s and 1990s, the period when it transformed from being a marginal Opposition party to one of governance:

*(We shall) appoint state governors in consultation with state governments, support and strengthen state governments and not destabilise and topple them. (BJP Election Manifesto, 1984).

*Misuse of Raj Bhavans as extension counters of the ruling party at the Centre have defiled the sanctity of the country's Constitution... (We promise to) consult state governments before appointing governors and (will) consider ways and means of preventing misuse of Raj Bhavans for political purposes. (BJP Election Manifesto, 1998).

These lines are referred to as the party fought its first parliamentary election in 1984 after its formation in 1980. The manifesto of 1998 is important because that year the party formed a coalition government after cobbling together the National Demo-

cratic Alliance.

Consultations with state governments remained a common cornerstone in 1980 and 1998, underscoring consistency in its pledges, but not carried out. Clearly, the BJP has acted no differently from other parties, the Congress chiefly, that governed at the Centre previously.

It would serve to recall the professional distribution of the contract of the

It would serve to recall the professional background of the residents of Raj Bhavans in order to affix political responsibility of the governor's action on the BJP. After all, this was not a one-off crossing of the Rubicon. Instead, it was part of a series of instances when Mr Ravi clearly stretched his constitutional powers beyond permissible limits.

Importantly, the Patna-born Ravindra Narayan Ravi has been a governor from August 2019, a crucial marker on the calendar because that month marked the beginning of the BJP fulfilling one of its most ideologically driven promises -- the "total integration" of Jammu and Kashmir into the rest of India by first abrogating Article 370 of the Constitution. He first was the resident of Raj Bhavan in Kohima, also holding dual charge as governor of Meghalaya for a brief one-month period. Mr Ravi moved to Tamil Nadu in September 2021 after being charged by the NSCN(I-M) of sabotaging the peace talks while the Centre's interlocutor. In Tamil Nadu too, there were accusations from almost his first day in office that he rose roughshod over the state government and chief minister M.K. Stalin, besides not clearing bills which had been passed by the state Assembly. Prior to his appointment as the Centre's pointsman in August 2014 in the crucial Naga peace talks and thereafter as governor, Mr Ravi had a decades-long career in the Indian Police Service during which he served in the CBI, among other departments. His track record is testimony to being adept at the functioning of state systems. Quite clearly, the BJP appointed him to this position because he fulfilled the task, first as interlocutor and thereafter as Nagaland governor. In Tamil Nadu, Mr Ravi acted as check mechanism on Mr Stalin and his DMK colleagues.

From day one, the BJP appointed two different types of governors. In the first category were those in BJPruled states, while the others were the individuals in Opposition-ruled states. The ones in the states ruled by BJP governments were benign and did not obstruct the state governments, but those in the states where Opposition parties were in power, the governors acted as virtual political agents of the Centre and ruling party. Shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed office in May 2014, the BJP made it abundantly clear that it would be little different from other parties when it came to appointing governors. The Raj Bhavans became the veritable "parking lot" of leaders who had to be put in offices where they could not wield much power. Even today, former BJP leaders dominate the list of current governors.

The move which attracted the maximum criticism was in September 2014 when Justice Palanisamy Sathasivam became the first former Chief Justice of India appointed as governor. His posting to Opposition-ruled Kerala state was indicative of the BJP's intentions. What further raised eyebrows was that in 2012-13 Justice Sathasivam was a part of the Supreme Court bench that heard the Tulsiram Prajapati false encounter Case, in which Union home minister Amit Shah was an accused. The court eventually cleared Mr Shah of the charges. Significantly, Justice Sathasivam demitted the CJI's office in April 2014 and he was appointed Kerala governor in less than five months. Allegations of quid pro quo rent the air again in February this year when Justice S. Abdul Nazeer was appointed governor of Andhra Pradesh. The allegations were not unexpected as he was part of the bench that delivered the November 2019 Ayodhya verdict and the demonetisation case later. The appointment of these two judges is in contrast to the views of the late Union minister Arun Jaitley, who said that judges of the Supreme Court and high courts "must not be eligible for jobs in the government after retirement".

But more than appointment, what is particularly condemnable is the way that governors have locked horns with duly-elected governments in the states governed by Opposition parties and the way in which they have been encouraged by the Centre. Most striking of these was the conflict between vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar, when he was West Bengal governor, and the state government led by Mamata Banerjee. His "promotion" from Raj Bhavan to the vicepresidency was as direct a message as could be, that he had played true to the role in Kolkata.

In the past nine years, it has become commonplace for governors to block legislation passed by state Assemblies. All this squarely adds up to the conclusion that this government pays scant respect to the federal principle despite the Prime Minister's initial clarion call of the idea of cooperative federalism. The list of instances when BJP-appointed governors went way beyond constitutionally mandated power vested in their office is long. Little purpose would be served by holding Mr Ravi only as guilty. He and other Governors get the green signal to function autocratically from the proverbial high command.

Fearless Knight Team registers second win in cricket



TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Jul 3: In an exhilarating match held at Sports Stadium Bulandpur, the Fearless Knight Team emerged victorious against the Sundhara Team, marking their 2nd win in the tournament. The toss was won by the Fearless Knight Team captain, and elected to bat first and set a challenging target of 105 runs in 10 overs in front of Sundhara Team.

The opening pair for the Fearless Knight Team, consisting of Captain Vikas Manhas and Shakeel Mir, took charge of the innings. Vikas, scoring 4 runs off just 3 balls, while Shakeel Mir contributed 1 runs off 3 balls. Salman Sheikh added 15 runs off 3 balls, Wasif scored 28 runs off 12 balls, and Naveen contributed 6 runs off 5 balls. Sonu Sharma remained unbeaten, scoring 28 runs off 11 balls. Harjot Singh got out without scoring. Ajay Katoch contributed 12 runs in 12 balls, after that Sonu Sharma's outstanding performance with both batting and Bowling earned him the well-deserved Man

of the Match award.

When it was their turn to bowl, the Fearless Knight Team showcased their bowling prowess. Harjot Singh was unfortunate not to secure any wickets in 2 overs, conceding 13 runs, while Sonu Sharma claimed 1 wicket, giving away 4 runs in 2 overs. Ravi Choudhary gave 10 runs in 2 overs. Shakeel Mir took 2 wickets in, conceding 7 runs in 2 overs. Sunil Sharma Took 1 wicket in 2 over's, giving away 22 runs. All the Players of Fearless Knight Team showed their good bowling and all played

Nasir led the charge for the Sundhara Team, scoring an impressive 15 runs off 6 balls as their opening batsman. Muna contributed 7 runs before being dismissed, while Sandeep 15 runs in 12 balls. Apranjit managed to score 3 runs off 4 balls for his team.

Expressing their delight after the victory, the Fearless Knight Team pledged to continue their excellent performance After winning, the whole team did a small party at Khellani and everyone was very happy after that and everyone shared

to prepare for the upcoming matches and aim for success in the upcoming matches of the Bulandpur Cricket Tournament. The organizer of the tournament also congratulated our team and all the people who were watching the match there congratulated that your team is very good and is playing very well. Firdous Ahmed, the tournament organizer, highlighted that this event has been a part of Bulandpur's sports culture since 1994, attracting participants from various locations. Ahmed also emphasized the need for investment from the Doda administration to develop a better stadium, nurturing young talents who could potentially participate in the Indian Premier League (IPL) in the future. Bulandpur's picturesque surroundings, encompassing dense forests and attracting sightseers, further add to the allure of the tournament.

their experience, how

Mahant Rajesh Bittu organizes Langar in Jammu



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: On Guru Purnima, under the guidance of Mahant Rajesh Bittu Ji a Langar sewa was held at Krishna Giri Samadi, Jammu.

The Langar Sewa was held in memory of Bharamlin Mahant Shri Shanti Giri Ji .

All the Sadhus took part in the Langar Sewa and made it a great success. During the Langar Sewa Mahant Rajesh Bittu thanks everyone for their contribution and made this a successful event.

Amid chanting of religious slogans like "Bam Bam Bhole" and "Har Har Mahadev" by the Sadhus, the langar was inaugurated by Mahant Rajesh Bittu along with Sadhus

Mahant said that Organising Langar is not a one-man-show but result of the collective efforts. Every single penny donated for the noble cause will be fully utilised for the Langar Sewa," he said, while making an appeal to the philanthropists to donate for the noble cause.

The other dignitaries who were present on the occasion included Bharam Dev, Mahant Jasmeer, Parveen Sharma and others.

Combined strength to help create a holistic ecosystem of financial services: HDFC Bank CEO says post merger

very well in the fielding.

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, on Friday announced the successful completion of merger of HDFC Ltd., India's premier housing finance company with and into HDFC Bank, following the receipt of all requisite shareholder and regulatory approv-

HDFC Bank and HDFC Ltd. had announced a decision to merge on April 4, 2022, subject to obtaining the requisite consent and approvtime frame of 15 to 18 months for the process to be concluded. The Boards of both the companies at their respective meetings held today noted that the merger would be effective from July 1, 2023.

The merged entity inter-alia brings together significant comple-

in June 2023

TOP NEWS REPORT

CHITTARANJAN, Jul

3: Chittaranjan Loco-

motive Works (CLW),

the premier manufac-

turer of electric loco-

motives under the Min-

istry of Railways, has

achieved another new

milestone in locomotive

production, on June 30,

2023 by producing a

record 55 locos in June

2023, the highest ever

production in the month

of June in any FY, post-

ing an increase of 53%

higher loco production

as compared to June

of last year. CLW has

achieved the loco pro-

duction of 122 locomo-

tives in the 1St quarter

of FY 2023-24, which

is 18% higher in com-

parison to 1st quarter

CLW achieves highest

ever loco production

mentarities that exist between both the entities and is poised to create meaningful value for various stakeholders, including respective customers, employees, and shareholders of both the entities from increased scale, comprehensive product offering, balance sheet resiliency and ability to drive synergies across revenue opportunities, operating efficiencies and underwriting efficiencies. Pursuant to the share exchange ratio as per the merger scheme, HDFC Bank will issue and allot to eligible shareholders 42 new equity shares of the face value of Re. 1/- each, credited as fully paid-up, for every 25 equity shares of the face value of Rs. 2/-

HDFC Ltd. as on the Record Date i.e., July

each fully paid-up held by such shareholder in

the efforts put forth by

efficient and dedicated

officers and employ-

ees. "Team CLW" with

motivation and support

has worked tirelessly to

achieve this feat, show-

casing their exception-

al skills and dedication.

Debi Prasad Dash,

General Manager

congratulated 'Team

CLW' and appreciated

the efforts of dedi-

cated staff, supervi-

sors and officers for

this achievement. He

expressed his hope

that CLW would con-

tinue to achieve many

milestones in the area

of locomotive produc-

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innovation, efficiency

and excellence.

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Speaking on the completion of the merger, Sashi Jagdishan, CEO & MD, HDFC Bank said, "This is a defining event in our journey and I'm confident that our combined strength of financial services, from banking to insurwill enable us to create ance, and mutual funds a holistic ecosystem of financial services. through its subsidiaries. We're truly happy to So far, the Bank was a welcome the talented distributor for these team of HDFC Ltd. products. into the HDFC Bank The merger of India's largest Housing Finance family. I believe our Company, HDFC Ltd. journey will be defined by agility, adaptability, with the largest private and a relentless pursector bank in India suit of excellence. As combines the strengths we navigate the path of a trusted home loan ahead, we will embrace brand with an institution

success and integrity in the financial services

HDFC Bank has no loans and contribute further to nation buildidentified promoter. It also marks the transing and employment formation of HDFC generation. All employees of Bank into a financial services conglomerate that offers a full suite

HDFC Ltd. as on effective date become HDFC Bank employees. Over the past months, the Bank has been preparing for smooth integration not only of systems and processes, but also of all aspects that will make HDFC Bank a welcoming place of work for the employees from HDFC Ltd.

Post merger, the key HDFC Bank subsidiaries include HDFC Securities Ltd., HDB Financial Services Ltd., HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd. HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd., HDFC Capital Advisors Ltd. and HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

Cube Highways Trust Secures Rs 1,030 Cr Funding from IFC through Long-Term Listed NCDs

TOP NEWS REPORT

NEW DELHI, Jul 3: Cube Highways Trust (Cube InvIT) [BSE/ NSE: CUBEINVIT], managed by Cube Highways Fund Advisors Pvt. Ltd., successfully secured Rs 1,030 crore through long-term listed non-convertible debentures (NCDs) from the International Finance Corporation (IFC). The transaction was finalized on June 28, 2023.

The funds raised through this deal will be utilized for a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) owned by Cube Highways Trust. Cube Highways Trust has a diversified portfolio of 18 toll and annuity road assets with an aggregate length of 1.423.60 kilometres. These road assets are located across 11 states, including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan,

Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

Commenting on the transaction, Vinay Sekar, CEO of Cube InvIT, said, "We are grateful for the support and confidence shown by IFC. This collaboration further reinforces Cube's dedication to upholding exemplary standards of governance and sustainability practices. Cube Highways Trust remains committed to operating and maintaining highquality infrastructure assets and generating long-term value for all

our stakeholders." Pankaj Vasani, Group CFO of Cube InvIT, tenure of 12 years, and a robust structure, the long-term financing provided by IFC conforms harmoniously to Cube's overarching strategic objective of fostering a

resilient balance sheet, and further bolstering its financial stability and viability in the market."

Wendy Werner, India Country Head at IFC, said, "IFC's investment in Cube Highways Trust underscores our joint commitment to strengthening the roads sector by demonstrating the crucial role of innovative market financing for sustainable infrastructure development. Our support will help catalyze investment from other international and domestic lenders to enhance critical transport infrastructure, connectivity, and logistics. Building on a decadelong partnership with Cube Highways as a founding member, we aim to improve the quality of roads for millions across India while contributing to the coun-

try's inclusive economic

growth."

Braham Jyot inaugurates Chabeel on Guru Purnima

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 3: On the occasion of Guru Purnima, Braham Jyot Satti, (Senior leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha) inaugurated "Chabeel" (Sweet Water) distribution programme at Canal Road Krishna Nagar Jammu.

Programme was organised by R.K Super Market and supported by Arvind Satti.

Brijesh Verma (Shakti kendra Pramukh), Ramesh Gupta, Abhi Gupta, Ritesh Gupta, Pawan Sharma were present on the occa-

They distributed Chabeel water among general public during this almost 6 hours long distribution program.

Speaking on the occasion, Braham Jyot greeted public on this auspicious day and said people in India celebrate this festival by paying their respect to their spiritual leaders whereas in Nepal, the festival is observed as



Teacher's Day. He said according to

that enjoys a lower cost

of funds. The larger

net-worth would allow

greater flow of credit

into the economy. It will

also enable underwrit-

ing of larger ticket loans,

including infrastructure

our mythological spiritual books the term 'Gu' in Guru stands for darkness, and 'Ru' means removal of darkness thus, a guru is someone who removes all darkness from our lives.

He said India is celebrating Guru Purnima today. One of the most auspicious Hindu festivals, this day is observed to honour the teachers, gurus and mentors in our lives. As per the Hindu calendar, this day is observed on the Purnima of the

Hindu month of Ashadha that falls between June and July.

He said Guru Purnima is dedicated to all academic and spiritual gurus or teachers. Traditionally, Guru Purnima has been celebrated by Buddhists to commemorate Gautam Buddha's first sermon to his first five disciples in Uttar Pradesh's Sarnath however. Hindus and Jains also celebrate this festival to revere their teach-

He said as temperature rises heat becomes more scorching and in the view of rising temperature we are trying to provide some relief to people by organizing chabeel distribution programs

He said BJP is available for all and if anyone needs any kind of help can contact us we will provide appropriate help to him/ her

He said BJP always organises programs for the well-being of public and providing helping hand to needies . BJP always works for all segments of society and will continue to do the same in future also.

Aijaz Kazmi mourns loss of Trade Union leader Sampath Prakash

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU. Jul 3, 2023: Aijaz Kazmi, Apni Trade Union President, has expressed profound sadness over the passing of esteemed trade union leader Sampath Prakash.

The loss of Sampath Prakash, a visionary advocate for workers' rights, leaves an irreplaceable void in the labor movement.

Sampath Prakash was widely recognized for his tireless efforts in championing the rights and welfare of workers. His unwavering commitment to social justice and fair treatment inspired countless individuals, and his legacy will forever serve as a guiding light for the

trade union movement. Aijaz Kazmi, deeply influenced by the mentorship and ideals of Sampath Prakash, mourns the loss of this

exceptional leader. As a mentor, Sampath Prakash played a pivotal role in shaping Aijaz Kazmi's journey and fortifying his commitment to the trade union cause. Aijaz Kazmi's dedication and relentless pursuit of workers' rights stand as a testament to the enduring impact of Sampath Prakash's teachings.

The loss of Sampath Prakash is not only felt by Aijaz Kazmi but also by the entire trade union community, which has been enriched by his remarkable contributions.

Aijaz Kazmi extended his heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Sampath Prakash during this difficult time. The trade union movement has lost a true icon, and his legacy will continue to resonate in the pursuit of a fair and just society.

Sampath "Мау Prakash rest in power and his ideals continue to guide future generations," he prayed.

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figure of 103 locomotives of FY 2022-23. The achievement has

An actress dancing in a chiffon saree amid snow—does it invoke romance or fear of hypothermia? Actresses give their take on Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani song

The song Tum Kya Mile from Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani transports us back to the times when the saree-nsnow spectacle ruled Bollywood and our hearts too. It was the ultimate definition of romance! While the director, Karan Johar, has candidly admitted to being sick out of empathy for making Alia Bhatt shoot in harsh cold weather in a saree, the song is his tribute to Yash Chopra, who gave many a girl the dream of dancing in chiffon sarees with her beloved.

Chiffons-in-snow and chiffons-in-rain have long been the leit-motif of romantic love in Bolly-wood in the bygone era. Does it still hold true in today's world, both reel and real? We ask the actresses...

Time for fresh perspectives I appreciate the evolution of Bollywood music and how it reflects the changing trends and tastes of audiences. A chiffon saree number in Bollywood has become an iconic representation of the industry's romantic aesthetics. However, it's important to acknowledge the changing preferences of audiences and embrace a more diverse range of storytelling approach. Exploring new styles and creating songs and sequences that are both visually stunning and engaging can bring a fresh perspective to Bollywood romance.



As an actor, my priority is to bring honesty and depth to the characters I portray. It's crucial for filmmakers and production teams to prioritise the well-being and comfort of actors during shoots, particularly in challenging conditions. —Sumbul Tougeer

Realistic romance works too Lappreciate the rich history and charm of the beautiful numbers that have been a part of Bollywood for a long time. While the industry has evolved, as actors, part of our job is to bring stories and characters to life, which often includes portraying various romantic scenarios. While the idea of being in snowclad locales in a chiffon saree is undoubtedly appealing and dreamy, my focus is more on delivering a compelling performance. It's important to strike a balance between creating visually stunning moments in films and ensuring the well-being of the actors involved. As much as I appreciate the beauty of such numbers, I also believe in prioritising the comfort and safety of everyone involved in the filmmaking process. Realistic romance and songs that are comfortable to shoot can evoke similar emotions and captivate the audience without

Jain
All for the eye candies
Chiffon saree numbers in
Bollywood have been a huge
influence on me. My all-time

compromising the well-being of

the actors. Bollywood has the

ability to adapt and evolve, and

I believe there's room for both

classic nostalgia and fresh,

realistic approaches to romance

and song sequences. —Sneha

favourites are Gerua from Dilwale and Teri Ore from Singh is Kinng. Yash Chopra is known for films like Silsila, Chandani, and Lamhe, and we have seen some mesmerising numbers. When one goes into the theatre to have a larger-than-life experience, such romantic numbers are the eye candy. Alia Bhatt is a performer who shot in the cold. After the scenes, one surely has options to wear woollen clothes. So, it's pretty fine. —Rishina Kandhari

Like a dream

I love chiffon saree songs picturised on actresses. Yashraj Films has been a pioneer in that. Sridevi in Chandni and Lamhe looked beautiful and evergreen. I would love to do such numbers. Even Rekha in Silsila looked so good. Alia Bhatt looks superb. The song in the picture-perfect location looks like a dream. It's a Bollywood tradition that should be continued. —Adaa Khan

In support of equality
I find it rather sexist that the

hero stays comfortable in layers of warm clothes and the hero-ine freezes. One can actually get hypothermia draped in just a chiffon saree. I would have to agree with Karan Johar here and commend him for being empathetic. Why can't they both be dressed accordingly? We are living in 2023, and it's time for equality in all facets. —Somy Ali

Fast & Furious actress Jordana Brewster recounts how she did her own stunts



Fast & Furious actress
Jordana Brewster
revealed that she did
her own stunts in the
action-thriller-racing
franchise, opposing
Hollywood's beauty
standards in the face of

great pressure.

The Panamanian-American actress, who portrays Dominic Torreto's younger sister Mia Torreto and the wife of Brian 'O Conner, credited her multicultural upbringing for helping her overcome that pressure. She added, "I've always loved being strong."

She also said that strength and mindset are what has allowed her to push herself in the Fast & Furious films for more than two decades. "When you're working with a stunt team, it's almost like working with a dance troupe." She continued, "It's so meticulously choreographed and planned.... To be able to be healthy enough to land the choreography and to do it myself versus having someone do it for me, it's like a badge of honor in a way. I want to keep doing that."

Talking about her growth and the growth of her fellow cast members ever since her debut with The Fast & The Furious back in 2001, she said, "When I see, like, the OG Fast and Furious. I'm like, 'Oh, my gosh, we do look very different.' But in a really cool way, you know, because we're evolving."

Afreen Alvi talks about what fashion means to her

Afreen Alvi says that fashion, to her, means clothes that help you become more confident. She says that she loves styling herself well and keeping up with the trends.

"Fashion is an every-day experiment with looks that gives you immense satisfaction and confidence. Following fashion trends is not actually exhausting for me because I am a shopaholic and I love styling. For me, it's like my hobby, and I feel good when I do it," she says.

On being asked if she is comfortable picking up a character whose fashion sense is completely opposite to how she looks, she says, "Yes, actually, I'll be comfortable because I'll be portraying that



character, not Afreen Alvi. And yes, when it comes to acting, trying new dressing styles and trying new characters is always something very adventurous." She adds, "I would actually love to dress up like the character I'm playing only for events related to my show. But I wouldn't mind a change once in a while."

Trailer of Original Tamil series, Sweet Kaaram Coffee, launched

Created by Reshma Ghatala and produced by Lion Tooth Studios Pvt Ltd, Sweet Kaaram Coffee is directed by Bejoy Nambiar, Krishna Marimuthu and Swati Raghuraaman and stars Lakshmi, Madhooand Santhy.

"It is the first time that I am directing a show with two other directors and a show-runner. Despite having three different directors directing different sets of episodes, we were all completely aligned with how the story journeys along with the characters through the series," says director of episodes one and eight, Bejoy Nambiar.

Directing episodes five, six, and seven, Krishna Marimuthu says, "The story was everything for me. Right from the start to the very end, writer and showrunner Reshma Ghatala's five-minute phone narration about a grandmother of a household on a road trip with her daughter-in-law and granddaughter just



made me want to be a part of this journey."

"Sweet Kaaram Coffee is about a family encountering big changes in their lives. As people evolve, relationships and the family too must evolve. Some dive into change with gusto, some drum up the courage for it slowly, while some others go in screaming and fighting," says

Swathi Raghuraaman, director of episodes two, three, and four. Making her streaming debut, Lakshmi says, "I have had a long and illustrious career that spans many decades, but making my streaming debut with Sweet Kaaram Coffee will definitely be special. Free-spirited, free-willed, and free to speak your mind is how we all must

live our lives, and my character, Sundari, represents all of that in the best possible form."

Playing the role of the locus that binds the story, the characters, and the home together, Madhoo said, "Kaveri is a responsible homemaker who loves her family more than anything and takes care of everyone, but somewhere along the way she loses herself."

"Sweet Kaaram Coffee invites the audience to join three unique, interesting characters a young woman, her mother, and her grandmother—as they embark on a trip across the country. Each woman is on a journey of self-discovery, and in the process of finding themselves over the course of their adventures, they also establish a camaraderie that promises a lifetime of solace and support," says Santhy, who plays Niveditha, the youngest of the three protagonists.

Complaint filed against 'Carry On Jatta 3' director, actors for alleged derogatory content

A written complaint was lodged against the director amd actors of the film 'Carry on Jatta 3' at the Jalandhar police station by the president of the Youth committee president of Shiv Sena Hind, Ishant Sharma and the Chairman of Punjab Shiv Sena (Taksali) Sunil Kumar Bunty.

Chairman of Punjab Shiv Sena (Taksali), Sunil Kumar Bunty told agency, "We filed a complaint on behalf of Shiv Sena Hind. In the film 'Carry on Jatta 3,' which is aimed at Hindus, a Brahmin who is seen performing Havan rituals is humiliated in a scene. Gippy Grewal, Binnu Dhillon and Gurpreet Ghuggi have violated the faith of millions of Hindus by throwing water on the 'Havan Kund.' Because in Hindu religion if any ritual has to be done, then 'Havan' is performed first.

He added, "So, today, we have filed a complaint against all of them and demanded that section 295 be imposed on them for hurting religious sentiments. And if an attempt is made by them to spoil the atmosphere in Punjab. For that



Section 153 should be imposed."

"These individuals attempt to increase their TRP by targeting on the Hindu religion. They would have destroyed or set the theatre on fire if this had happened to another caste. Hinduism is a very soft religion. That's why we went to the government first. If they won't act within 24 hours, then the director Kang and Gurpreet Ghuggi's house is in Jalandhar only. We will be protesting outside their

homes.", Sunil said.

Youth committee president of Shiv Sena Hind, Ishant Sharma told ANI, "We saw the full film after people sent us the clip, and we came forward today. Our hearts are hurt that's why we came here to complain. If they believe this is inappropriate content, the scene is automatically deleted."

Directed by Smeep Kang, 'Carry on Jatta 3' was released on June

'72 Hoorain makes serious statement about terrorism', says director Sanjay Puran Director Sanjay Puran Singh "I want people to comprel

Chauhan spoke about the controversy surrounding his upcoming film '72 Hoorain'.

The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) on Thursday issued a statement denying reports that it had refused to issue a censor certificate to the trailer of '72 Hoorain' by National Award-winning director Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan.

Reports on the alleged denial of a censor certificate for the film's trailer sparked debates over cre-

ative freedom and censorship.
However, the CBFC denied the reports in a statement saying, "Misleading reports are being circulated in certain sections of media that a film and its trailer titled "Bahattar Hoorain (72 Hoorain)" has been refused certification by Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)."

Talking exclusively to ANI, Sanjay said, "When you produce a movie for the big screen, you want the movie trailer to be shown in theatres. The film trailer is not certified by the censor board. The censor board instructed you to make changes to the trailer on July 27 before it is released on August 28. How can someone expect the modifications to be made in such a



short period of time when it is kind of a last-minute change?"

He added, "Why is there an issue in the trailer? It is improper for a censor to ask for a last-minute change in the trailer. To make the movie, we have to overcome several obstacles." "Look, one thing that unites all conflicts is that the subject has been left hanging someplace. This film is making a serious statement. There is a lot of internal terrorism that has to be discussed." Sanjay said.

He added, "There is a difference between 'a certificate we want to give' and 'a certificate we actually gave.' It takes a lot of days to understand what cut you want while doing a movie and when next day the trailer is about to be released they want the changes." "I want people to comprehend the seriousness of the things that have been attempted to be shown in the movie. One of the major issues facing the globe is terrorism. It must be addressed and talked about.

As you can see, individuals are making statements without having viewed the film. I want people to watch the movie first before deciding if it is right or wrong. The movie defines terrorism." Sanjay said.

Earlier, the makers of the film digitally unveiled the official trailer of the film. Taking to Instagram, trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared the trailer and captioned it, "'72 HOORAIN' TRAILER OUT NOW... Team #72Hoorain - directed by #NationalAward winner #Sanjay-PuranSinghChauhan- launches the trailer of the film, which arrives in *cinemas* on 7 July 2023.'

Helmed by two-time National Award winner Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan, it is slated to release on July 7. The film is produced by Gulab Singh Tanwar, Kiran Dagar, and Anirudh Tanwar and is co-produced by Ashoke Pandit. Earlier, the makers unveiled the teaser of the film in 10 languages. '72 Hoorain' stars Pavan Malhotra and Ameer Bashir in the lead roles.

Police alerted about 'unidentified flying object' over PM's residence

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): An "unidentified flying object" was reportedly seen over the prime minister's residence here in central Delhi on Monday morning, police said.

However, police have not found anything suspicious.

A PCR call was received around 5 am that a drone-like object was seen flying over the prime minister's residence, police said.

However, police and other security agencies did not find anything suspicious, a senior officer said, adding that the Air Traffic Control



(ATC) also did not find anything.

An information was received at NDD control room with respect to unidentified flying objet near PM residence. Thorough searches were made in nearby

areas but no such object was detected. Air traffic control room was also contacted, they also did not detect any such flying object near PM residence," the Delhi Police said in a statement.

Pawar, 8 other MLAs MUMBAI, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) has moved a petition

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) has moved a petition before Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar, seeking disqualification of Ajit Pawar and eight other MLAs who have taken oath as ministers in the Eknath Shinde-led government.

Jitendra Awhad, whom the NCP has appointed leader of opposition in the Maharashtra Assembly after Ajit Pawar joined the ruling alliance, delivered the petition at Narwekar's residence on Sunday night, as per sources.

When contacted, Narwekar's office confirmed the petition had been received

The NCP's disciplinary committee has also passed a resolution to disqualify the nine legislators



The committee chief, Jaiprakash Dandegaonkar, submitted a report to NCP president Sharad Pawar on Sunday evening after passing the resolution.

"These actions of the nine MLAs call for immediate disqualification as not only are such defections ipso facto seriously damaging to the party but also that if allowed to continue as members, there is a very real likelihood that they will continue to try and undermine the interests of the party," the resolution said

NCP moves disqualification petition against Ajit

The fact that these defections were done in such a secretive manner, "without the knowledge or consent of the party president", amounts to desertion of the party which in turn invites disqualification, it said.

"We take cognisance of the same and direct appropriate steps may be taken in accordance with the party constitution and rules as also the tenth schedule of the Constitution of India. As per the procedure, party president Sharad Pawar has been informed and consulted for the same," the resolution said

Maharashtra NCP president Jayant Patil on Sunday said his party has moved the disqualification petition against Ajit Pawar and eight others.

He said an e-mail has also been sent to the Election Commission of India informing that the rank and file of the NCP is with party chief Sharad Pawar.

The party founded by Sharad Pawar in 1999 suffered a vertical split on Sunday after his nephew Ajit Pawar broke ranks and joined the Shiv Sena-BJP government as deputy chief minister.

Eight other NCP MLAs, including staunch Sharad Pawar loyalists like Chhagan Bhujbal and Dilip Walse Patil, were made ministers.

Patil said these MLAs "cannot be called traitors as their betrayal has not yet been proved".

"Many are in touch with us," he added.

Manipur violence: Supreme Court asks state govt to file updated status report; hearing on next Monday

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): Amid allegations of escalation in ethnic violence in Manipur, the Supreme Court on Monday directed the state government to file a detailed updated status report on relief, rehabilitation and recovery of arms from armed groups even as the state government asserted the situation was improving slowly.

On behalf of the tribal groups, senior counsel Colin Gonsalves told a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud that he had filed a status report giving details of killings per village and alleged that violence had accelerated. Despite two assurances given by the government, killings had gone up from 10-20 to 110 and it's escalating and one beheading had also taken place, he alleged

Gonsalves said some people were giving TV interviews that they would annihilate the Kukis. "As long as these armed groups are not disbanded, it will escalate. Last night, three tribal people were killed and one beheaded... first beheading," he alleged.

As Gonsalves alleged that the Meiteis were killing the Kukis, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta requested him not to give it a communal angle. "My learned friend may not give this a communal angle...like Christians or something. Real human beings are being dealt with," the Solicitor General said.

On behalf of the government, Mehta said the situation was improving slowly and curfew had now been reduced to only five hours. Apart from civil police and Manipur Rifles, 114 companies of CAPF, 114 columns of Army had been deployed, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the Bench.

A counsel representing the International Meitei Organisation requested the top court to direct the Centre to have a headcount of militants who have entered into a ceasefire agreement with the government. "Otherwise how will we explain those assault weapons? This is one aspect the Union of India has to address," he submitted.

As the Bench asked Mehta to take instructions on this aspect as well, the Solicitor General said there could not be a head-count of militants.

Asking the Manipur government to file a detailed updated status report on relief, rehabilitation and recovery of arms from armed groups, the top

court posted the matter for July

On May 17, the top court had directed the Manipur government to take necessary measures to instil confidence among people of the ethnic violence-hit state and to ensure "peace and tranquillity".

While hearing petitions on ethnic violence on the issue of Scheduled Tribe status to the Meitei community, it had asserted that the highest court of the land would ensure that the political executive didn't turn

a blind eye to the situation.

Last month, the Manipur Tribal
Forum had moved the top court,
accusing the Centre and the
state chief minister of pursuing
a communal agenda aimed at
"ethnic cleansing" of Kukis in

Modi government can break parties but has no time for security forces: Congress



NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): Claiming that there are two lakh vacancies in the security forces, Congress on Monday said while the Narendra Modi-led government has all the time to break political parties, it has no time to fill in important vacancies in the security forces.

"Those who trumpet 'Nationalism' on a daily basis, have betrayed our Armed Forces like no other!" Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a tweet.

"Currently, there are more than two lakh vacancies in the armed forces and central armed police forces", Kharge said.

Agnipath Scheme is the explicit admission that the Modi government does not have funds for our soldiers, he added.

The Congress chief alleged that the Modi government has betrayed the Defence community on OROP implementation and created a divide among the "brave jawans" by inducing large scale anomalies in OROP-2.

"For Modi Govt & the BJP, National Security is not a National priority. Only betraying the mandate of the people is their priority", Kharge said.

Afraid of being caught, woman flushes Rs 50 lakh diamond ring down the toilet

HYDERABAD, Jul 3 (Agencies): Afraid of being caught for stealing a diamond ring worth Rs 50 lakh, a woman working at a dental and skin clinic in Hyderabad flushed it down a toilet.

The incident came to light after police in Hyderabad took up investigation into the theft of the ring at a dental clinic in posh Jubilee Hills.

According to police, the daughter-in-law of one Narendra Kumar Agarwal had visited the clinic for a check-up on June 27.

During the check-up, the woman took out her diamond ring from finger and kept it on the side table. She, however, forgot to take it after the check-up and left the clinic.

After returning home, the woman realised that she forgot to take her ring back and rushed to the clinic.

However, she could not find the ring and the inquiries with the staff at the clinic yielded no result

Narendra Kumar subsequently lodged a complaint with the Jubilee Hills police station.

As part of the investigation, police examined a CCTV footage and began questioning the staff. One of the women working at the clinic told the investigators that someone had put the ring wrapped in a tissue paper in her purse and she flushed it down the commode.

Police with the help of a plumber recovered the ring from the pipeline connecting the commode.

Police have detained the woman and are questioning her.

It is suspected that she picked up the ring from the table but panicked when police started the investigation. Afraid of being caught, she threw it in the toilet and flushed it down.

Toddler's arm amputated at Chennai hospital, parents blame doctors

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): An 18-month-old toddler's arm was amputated five days after doctors in Chennai's Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital replaced a VP shunt. The child, who hails from Ramanathapuram in Tamil Nadu, had earlier undergone Ventriculoperitoneal (VP) shunt procedure to drain excess cerebrospinal fluid.

The toddler was rushed to the government hospital in Chennai a few days ago after developing severe hydrocephalus, a condition resulting from intraventricular hemorrhage. Weighing just 1.5 kilograms at birth, the toddler continues to grapple with complications, including malnutrition and delayed developmental milestones

In an intervention to address an extension of the VP shunt, which had been placed through the anus, the surgical team removed the shunt tube and replaced it with a new one five days ago.

During the subsequent observation period, the child's mother noticed alarming changes in his right arm. The fingertips had turned black, indicating acute thrombosis, a condition in which a clot obstructs blood flow.

To avert a life-threatening situation, doctors made the difficult decision to amputate the child's right arm due to the rapid progression

of thrombosis.

However, the parents assert that medical negligence on the part of nurses and doctors is to blame for the amputation.

The mother, Ajisha, recounted that the child was admitted on a Sunday and received pain relief and epilepsy prevention injections on Thursday. Soon after the injections, the child began crying inconsolably, but the duty nurses failed to respond despite repeated attempts for assistance. When Ajisha voiced concerns about discolouration in the arm where the needle line had been inserted, a nurse dismissed her worries. Determined to address the issue, Ajisha insisted on removing the needle line as the child's distress persisted, rendering the arm immobile.

The following day, when the doctor was informed of the child's crying and the arm's redness, he attributed it to discomfort from the needle line's removal. Prescribing an ointment, he hoped to alleviate the symptoms

However, the ointment proved ineffective, prompting Ajisha to inform the medical team for two consecutive days that her child was unable to use the arm. Only on the third day did the doctor order a scan after Ajisha insisted that the child's condition was worsening.

Subsequently, the medical team deliberated for 30 minutes before delivering the devastating news that the child's arm had severely deteriorated and necessitated immediate amputation. Ajisha contends that the doctor mentioned various possible reasons for the amputation, including the child's pre-existing medical condition or the potential development of bacterial sepsis during the needle insertion. However, she firmly believes that negligence on the part of the duty nurse led to her baby losing its arm.

Responding to the serious allegations, an inquiry committee has been established under the instructions of Health Minister Ma Subramanian. Meanwhile, the baby remains under close monitoring in the Paediatric ICU as investigations continue into the distressing incident.

AIADMK's General Secretary Edappadi Palaniswami, reacting to the issue, said that there's a question mark over the child's future because of the doctor's negligence. "Everyone knows how much a child will suffer after losing a hand. We all know the difficulties differently-abled people go through," he said. Palaniswami further demanded the government should advise doctors to be careful with their treatment.

Election Commission sets up online portal for parties to file financial statements

Portal to facilitate online filing of Contribution Report, Audited Annual Account and Election Expenditure Statement by political parties

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Election Commission on Monday announced an online portal to allow registered political parties file their financial statements, including contribution reports, audited annual account and poll expenditure statement, a move seen as an effort to bring in more transparency in disclosures made by political entities

political entities.

The 'Integrated Election Expenditure Monitoring System' is part of the poll panel's "3C strategy" comprising clean up, crackdown and compliance to strengthen transparency and accountability in the political funding and expenditure on which it had been working for a

year now under Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, sources said.

Political parties not intending to file the financial report through online mode will have to convey the reasons for not doing so in writing and may continue to file reports in hard copy format along with CDs or pen drive in the prescribed formats.

"The Commission will, in turn, publish all such reports online, along with a letter of justification sent by the party for not filing financial statements online," the EC said in a statement.

In a letter to the political parties, the Commission said the step has been taken with twin objectives – to over-

come difficulties in filing physical reports, and to ensure timely filing in a standardised format.

The portal will facilitate the online filing of Contribution Report, Audited Annual Account and Election Expenditure Statement by political parties.

These financial state-

ments are required to be submitted by political parties to the Election Commission/Chief Electoral Officers of States/ Union Territories, as per the Representation of People's Act, 1951 and transparency guidelines issued by the Commission, from time to time, over the last many years,

the poll panel said.
"The online availability of data is expected to enhance the level of

compliance and transparency. In the letter, the EC pointed to the pivotal position of political parties, and stressed that it is incumbent on them to adhere to the principles of democratic functioning and transparency in electoral processes, particularly in financial disclosures," the statement said.

The EC said a comprehensive guiding manual with graphical representations and FAQs has also been sent to the political parties explaining the online module and the process of filing reports online.

To give further guidance on the online filing, the EC would also organise a hands-on training programme for the designated person(s) from various political parties.
Sources said various instances had come to notice where number of political parties had either not filed one or more requisite financial statements or had filed delayed, inadequate or incomplete details, that too in a non-standardised manner.

With the twin objectives of facilitating political parties to overcome the difficulties in physical filing of reports and to ensure timely filing of financial statements in the prescribed formats, the EC has developed IT modules for online submission of financial statements.

The tech-based system is also enabled to receive statements only from the authorised

representative of the party, send reminders on the registered mobile number and emails and progressively keep digital records.

Through the online

Through the online portal, the EC plans to facilitate vigil on misuse of enabling statutory provisions and tax frauds and evasions by parties.

The EC believes that through the latest initiative, it will ensure timely financial disclosures by parties, making voters informed and aware of the financial affairs of the parties.

Amid poor compliance with regulatory financial reporting and certain instances of serious financial impropriety that Commission came

across in cases of few Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs), in May, 2022 it undertook a drive for enforcing compliance adherence in RUPPs.

As a result, 284 RUPPs were delisted and 253 others were declared inactive -- action was taken against a total 537 RUPPs.

After the Commission expressed concern over misuse of income tax provisions for exemption and non-compliance, the Income Tax Department launched investigation into the affairs of certain RUPPs and conducted nationwide search and seizure operation in September 2022, which led to disclosure of thousands of crores of bogus

donations, layering of funds through fictitious entities and other such illegal activities.

To fill certain regulatory gaps, the Commission had proposed reform measures to the Law Ministry through amendments in the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

These proposals include, reducing the reporting limit for cash contributions from Rs 20,000 to Rs 2000, limiting exemption on donation received in cash to lesser of 20 crore or 20 per cent of the total donation received, inserting provision in RP Act for mandatory audit and its filing before the EC, and updating definition of 'foreign sources'.

3 Palestinians killed as Israel launches large-scale raid in West Bank stronghold of militants

Israeli forces raid what the military describes as a 'unified command centre' for militants in the Jenin refugee camp

JERUSALEM, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Israeli military launched a large-scale raid in a stronghold of militants in the occupied West Bank early on Monday, and local health officials said at least three Palestinians were killed.

Israeli forces raided what the military described as a "unified command centre" for militants in the Jenin refugee camp, but did not immediately provide further

Israeli media said the military also conducted airstrikes, reviving a tactic it had largely halted during the past two decades, after a Palestinian uprising



against Israel's open-ended occupation slowly fizzled.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said three Palestinians were killed and 13 injured early on Monday, three of them critically. In a separate incident, a 21-year-old Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire near the West Bank city of Ramallah, the ministry said.

The Jenin camp and an adjacent town of the same name have been a flashpoint as Israeli-Palestinian violence escalated since the spring of 2022. Monday's raid came two weeks after another violent confrontation in

In workaholic Japan, 'job leaving agents' help people escape the awkwardness of quitting

TOKYO, Jul 3 (Agencies): In Japan, a nation reputed for loyalty to companies and lifetime employment, people who job-hop are often viewed as quitters. And that's considered shameful.

Enter "taishoku daiko," or "job-leaving agents." Dozens of such services have sprung up in the last several years to help people who simply want out.

"Imagine a messy divorce," says Yoshihito Hasegawa, who heads Tokyo-based TRK, whose Guardian service last year advised 13,000 people on how to resign from their jobs with minimal hassles.

People often stick with jobs even when they're unhappy, feeling as if they are "kamikaze" sacrificing their lives for the greater good, he said, comparing his clients to pilots sent on suicide missions in the closing days of World War II.

"It's the way things are done, the same way younger people are taught to honour older people," he said. "Quitting would be a betray-

Founded in 2020, Guardian, a taishoku daiko service, has helped various people, mostly in their 20s and 30s, escape less painfully from jobs they want to quit. That includes people who worked in a Shinto shrine, a dentist's office and law firm to convenience store and restaurant staff.

Nearly half of Guardian's clients are women. Some work for a day or two and then discover promises of pay or work hours were false.

Guardian charges 29,800 yen (US\$ 208) for its service, which includes a three-month membership in a union that will represent an employee in what can quickly turn into a delicate and awkward negotiation process in Japan.

Generally, Guardian's

clients have worked for

the small and mediumsized businesses that employ most Japanese. Sometimes people working for major companies seek help. In many cases, bosses have a huge say over how things are run and sometimes simply refuse to agree to let a worker leave, especially since many places are shorthanded to begin with, given Japan's chronic labour shortage.

guarantees people the right to quit, but some employers used to an old-style hierarchy just can't accept that someone they have trained would want to walk away. Those tackling the quitting battle who were interviewed for this story used terms like "fanatics," "bullies" and "mini-Hitlers" to describe such bosses.

Japanese law basically

Conformist "workaholic" pressures in Japanese culture are painfully heavy. Workers don't want to be seen as troublemakers,

are reluctant to question authority and may be afraid to speak up. They may fear harassment after they quit. Some worry about the opinions of their families or friends.

Although most of Guardian's clients prefer to be anonymous, a young man who goes by the online name of Twichan sought help after he was criticised for his sales performance and became so depressed he thought about killing himself. With Guardian's help he was able to quit in 45 minutes.

Taku Yamazaki, who went to a different taishoku daiko, said his former employer was a subsidiary of a major IT vendor and he knew his departure would be complicated and timeconsuming because he was doing well there.

"I felt a certain amount of gratitude toward the place I was leaving, but I wanted to switch gears mentally and move forward as soon as possible," he said.

When people fill out taishoku daiko online forms, an automated reply comes within minutes, with a more personal reply promised within one working day. Lawyer Akiko Ozawa,

whose law firm advises job-leavers although usually it represents companies, acknowledged it may be hard to believe people can't just pick up and leave.

"But switching jobs

is a major challenge in Japan that requires tremendous courage," said Ozawa, who has written a book on taishoku

daiko. Given the shortage of workers in Japan, finding and training replacements is tough and bosses sometimes erupt in outrage when someone resigns.

"As long as this Japanese mindset exists, the need for my job isn't going away," said Ozawa, who charges 65,000 yen (US\$ 450) for her service. "If you are so unhappy that you're starting to feel ill, then you should make that choice to take control over your own life."

Another quitting service, Albatross, offers a "MoMuri," or "can't stand it anymore" service, charges a 22,000 yen (US\$150) fee for full-time workers, and a bargain 12,000 yen (US\$ 80) fee for parttime workers.

Workplace problems have existed all along, but people now realise they can get help online, said its founder, Shinji Tanimoto.

"They tell us they couldn't sleep at all before, but they can finally sleep all they want," he said of MoMuri's customers. "Users thank us all the time. Some cry tears of

One person wanted to quit working at a pet salon where workers were secretly kicking the animals. Another wanted to quit job in a dental office where the staff weren't using new gloves for each patient.

Many are women working as nurses or caretakers who are asked to stay until a replacement is found, but end up still working in the jobs a year later, he said.

Toshiyuki Niino founded Exit Inc., a frontrunner in the taishoku daiko sector, in 2018, after encountering a boss who constantly yelled at him. Another threatened to kill him.

He quit both jobs, and saw an opportunity.

"I am proud I started this genre of work," he said.

Exit charges 20,000 yen (US\$ 140). Now that employers understand what taishoku daiko is, it can be over in 15 minutes, once resignation papers are on their way. Niino, who says he

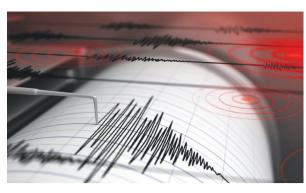
never once expressed an opinion in school, blames the Japanese educational system for turning out obedient workers who are unable to assert themselves.

He's thinking about branching out to include mental health counseling, job referrals and perhaps an overseas expansion.

Niino laughs, recounting how one of his own employees used a rival agency to resign and then went on to set up his own taishoku daiko company.

"It's best if you yourself can say you want to quit," he said.

Magnitude 6.2 earthquake hits Indonesia's Papua



JAKARTA, Jul 3 (Agencies): An earthquake with a 6.2 magnitude struck off Indonesia's Papua province, the national geophysics agency said, adding there was no tsunami potential.

The epicenter of the quake was at a depth of 33 km on land

Canada's first turbaned police officer Baltej Singh Dhillon appointed Chair of WorkSafeBC Board of Directors

TORONTO, Jul 3 (Agencies): Baltej Singh Dhillon, the first turbaned Sikh officer in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), has been appointed Chair of WorkSafeBC's Board of Directors, making him the first South Asian to hold the top post.

Dhillon, a member of the Board since 2017, was appointed for a threeyear term effective June 30 after an announcement by Minister of Labour, Harry Bains, last week.

"Baltej was a veteran police officer who brings expertise in law enforcement and six years of experience as a director at WorkSafeBC. He will be committed to WorkSafeBC's role in investigating serious workplace incidents to prevent similar incidents from happening again," Bains said in his announcement.

The WorkSafeBC is a provincial agency dedicated to promoting safe and healthy workplaces across British Columbia.

Dhillon retired from the police force in 2019 after a three-decade-long career working in intelligence, special enforcement, protection services, and in investigations for the 1985 Air India bombing task force and the Pickton case.

He made history by being the first RCMP member to wear a turban as part of the uniform, and also received Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals for community service.

"I am excited to begin working as chair with my fellow board members and WorkSafeBC staff to continue making progress in improving the workers' com-



pensation system to meet the needs of workers, employers and others throughout the province," Dhillon said.

Born and raised in Malaysia, Dhillon immigrated to British Columbia in 1983 at the age of 16.

Dhillon studied criminology and applied to the RCMP in 1988 where he refused to abide by the dress code of the time, which banned turbans and required clean-shaven faces

In March 1990, after months of protests, the Progressive Conservative government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced several changes to the RCMP dress code, which included freedom to keep beards and wear turbans for Sikhs.

The WorkSafeBC board of directors is appointed by the British Columbia minister of labour. The board members serve as stewards of WorkSafeBC and the workers' compensation system.

Grandmother of teen killed by police officer in France pleads for halt to rioting

PARIS, Jul 3 (Agencies): The grandmother of a teenager shot dead during a police traffic stop in a Paris suburb pleaded for the rioting to stop on the sixth straight night of unrest, while authorities expressed outrage over the targeting of a mayor's home with a burning car as his family was sleeping.

The grandmother of the 17-yearold, known publicly by his first name, Nahel, said in a telephone interview with French news broadcaster BFM TV. "Don't break windows, buses ... schools. We want to calm things down."

"I'm telling them [the rioters] to stop," said the grandmother, who was identified only as Nadia and spoke a day after the teen's funeral, CBC News reported. "Nahel is dead. My daughter is lost ... she doesn't have a life anymore."

Flooding displaces 10,000 around

of north African descent, was shot on Tuesday in the chest while driving away from a traffic stop in Nanterre, a working-class suburb 15 km from central Paris, CBC News reported. Nahel's grandmother said she was

Protests have erupted across France

since the teen, who was reportedly

angry at the officer who killed her grandson, but not at police in general, and expressed faith in the justice system as France faces its worst social upheaval in years. The officer accused of killing Nahel was given a preliminary charge of voluntary homicide.

Thirteen people who didn't comply with traffic stops were fatally shot by French police last year, and three this year, prompting demands for more accountability.

No need for new mobilisation to replace Wagner: Russian defence official

MOSCOW, Jul 3 (Agencies): There is no need for further mobilisation in Russia to replace Wagner troops who have left the battlefield in Ukraine after a short-lived mutiny, state media said on Monday, quoting a defence official.

Last month the head of the Wagner mercenary group, Yevgeny Prigozhin, led his forces in a rebellion against Russia's top military brass in a huge embarrassment for the Kremlin

Prigozhin later abandoned his advance on Moscow and struck a deal with the Kremlin under which he accepted exile in neighbouring Belarus

"There is no threat at all regarding a drop in the combat potential,



both in the mid-term and long-term perspective," Andrey Kartapolov, head of the State Duma Defence Committee, was quoted as saying by the state-backed TASS news agency.

"At the time of the (attempted) rebellion, there were no Wagner PMC employees at the forefront, they were all in camps," he added.

"As for replacing them (Wagner PMC) in the reserve, there is something and someone to replace them with.



to Ukraine in February, 2022, President Vladimir Putin in September ordered a "partial" military call-up to boost regular forces in the first military mobilisation in Russia since World War II. Hundreds of thousands of men have been drafted, while tens of thousands more have fled abroad.

On June 13, before the Wagner rebellion, Putin told reporters there was "no such need" for any additional mobilisation.

The Wagner group played a key role in the capture of several eastern Ukrainian towns, including Bakhmut, after a mass recruitment drive in Russia. Putin has insisted that

the mutineers did not galvanise support during their rebellion. He initially condemned

the rebelling Wagner fighters as traitors and vowed tough punishment but after the mutiny was halted, Putin allowed the fighters to go back to their homes, join the regular army or go into exile in Belarus. A top Russian pro-

pagandist on Sunday accused the Wagner boss of going "off the rails" after receiving billions in public funds, as Moscow's new narrative takes shape in the wake of the brief mutiny.

China as Beijing gets a slight respite from an extreme heat wave BEIJING, Jul 3 (Agen-

cies): Heavy flooding has displaced thousands of people around China as the capital had a brief respite from the sweltering heat.

Beijing reported 9.8 straight days when the temperature exceeded 35 C (95 F), the National Climate Center said Monday.

Such a streak was last recorded in 1961 decades before most Beijing residents had air conditioning or even fans. A lack of rainfall may be contributing to the heat, with the typically dry capital receiving even less than usual this year.

While temperatures have since moderated Monday's tempera-



ture at midday was 33 C (91 F) — they are expected to rise again this week to as high as 39.6 Celsius (103 Fahrenheit) in Beijing and other parts of the country, authorities said. Meanwhile, more

than 10,000 people were urgently moved to safety due to flooding in the central province of Hunan, the Xiang'xi Emergency Management Bureau on Sunday.

Around 70 houses collapsed, 2,283 were damaged and farm fields were flooded. Losses so far have been estimated at least 575 million yuan (\$79 million).

To the north in Shaanxi province's Zhenba county, authorities reported the worst flooding in 50 years had washed out roads and damaged homes.

No deaths have been reported from the floods thus far.

The heat this year has been unusual, although China has regular summer flooding. Eleven provinces - around half of China's land area - were expected to receive heavy rains in the coming days, mainly in the humid south.

In 2021, more than 300 people died in the central province of Henan. Record rainfall inundated the provincial capital of Zhengzhou on July 20 that year, turning streets into rushing rivers and flooding at least part of a subway line.

China's worst floods in recent history were in 1998, when 4,150 people died, most of them along the Yangtze River.

Madhu Paramhans delivers religious sermons on Guru Purnima

TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, Jul 3: Sadguru of Sahib Bandgi, Madhu Paramhans Ji Maharaj, showering the visiting devotees with the nectar rain of his discourses at Ranjri today on Guru Purnima, said that Festivals in our country make us aware of our duties.

Raksha Bandhan signifies the love of brother and sister. Thus Guru Purnima indicates us for one thing. I don't want anything from you. Then you will say that we take what we offer. I say that I do not take it for my personal use. I use that in the service of the company. I work as a servant. I am doing the work assigned by Gurudev. Guru's service is the greatest. The service of the Guru is the service of that Supreme

Guru is worshiped on Guru Purnima.



Sahib ji says that five are worshiped in this world. Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh, Niranjan and Adya Shakti. Ram ji had worshiped Adya Shakti to kill Ravana. He had invoked Adya Shakti in Rameshwaram. Those 9 days were 9 festivals. Then Ravana was killed on the 10th day. Ravana had amazing powers. So far the people of the world have not been able to decide who is the Almighty. This man is so intelligent. Even now the world is wandering. Ram ji knew that Ravana is a devotee of Lord Shiva. It has amazing powers. That's why we worshiped Adya Shakti for 9 days.

Vishnu ji had spoken the truth to Adya Shakti, so he was given the kingdom of three worlds. Shivii did not go anywhere in search of God. He remained in the service of the mother. Brahma ji went towards the sky to find his father and Vishnu ji went to the underworld. No one got access. But Vishnu ji told the truth to Mother Adya Shakti. But Brahma ji did not speak the truth. That's why cursed that no one will worship you. That's why the temple of Lord Brahma alone will not be seen anywhere. There is only one - in Pushkar. Shivji did not go anywhere. He remained in the service of Mother Adya Shakti. So the mother was

pleased and asked that tell, what do you want. Shivii said that my body should never perish. Then Adya Shakti said that O son, no one else has become immortal. That is, there is no other immortal except the Supreme Person. But you should do this by doing Pawan Yoga. As long as the universe exists, your body will

When there is a deluge, the earth gets immersed in water. Fire absorbs water. Air destroys fire. The sky turns the wind upside down. The whole universe ends. One remains formless. Scientists are also accepting this thing. They are saying that black hole is the basis of this creation. He is the one who destroys. It has such power that it destroys the gross form of all things and just takes the energy. He goes on

Manik Batra highlights importance of Cooperative **Movement at 17th Indian Cooperative Congress**

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: Manik Batra, Director Batra Group & Chairman ASSOCHAM J&K Council stressed upon the importance of Cooperative movement in the country during 17th Indian Cooperative Congress held at New Delhi. Manik Batra was speaking during the technical session of the 17th Indian Cooperative

Congress, on Saturday. "Cooperative can play a vital role in empowering youth of the country, it can not only provide jobs, but also can provide a platform to showcase their creativity, talent and entrepreneurship skills," said Manik Batra, during his address at 17th Indian Cooperative Congress.



"The cooperative movement has immense potential for promoting economic growth, social welfare, environmental sustainability, and cultural diversity. By embracing cross-sectoral collaborations that involve the participation, leadership, and creativity of youth, cooperatives can overcome the challenges facing them and realize their full potential," Batra said.

Earlier, PM Modi also launched e-commerce platform 'NCUI Haat'. The platform will help the Cooperatives to sell their products across geographies without any intermediaries. The platform will also provide complete training and capacity building support to the members for onboarding on the portal and in areas of packaging, branding, and accessing the government.

During the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised the importance of harnessing technology to uplift millions of Cooperative Societies across India. This new platform seeks to bridge the digital divide and offer an accessible, user-friendly, and secure space for businesses to thrive in the ever-evolving online marketplace.

"The aim is also to eliminate the dependency on cash transactions. India's dominance in Digital Transactions has become our identity in the world. This needs to be incorporated in our Cooperative sector as well," PM said during his address.

Bombay Stock Exchange organizes Skill training programme at GDC Mahanpur



TOP NEWS REPORT

MAHANPUR, Jul 3: Bombay Stock Exchange organized 50 hours B.Sc. Skill training programme at Government Degree College (GDC) Mahanpur. The programme was organized under the supervision and guidance of Principal of the College,

Dr. Sangeeta Sudan. Welcome note was presented by district coordinate Jasbir Vedha and program trainee Kamal Sharma highlighted the importance and value of this programme.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Sapna Devi . A large number of students and staff members of the College participated in the inaugural ceremony. Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, in her address to the students, highlighted significance of finance

literacy programme. Other faculty members including Dr. Balbinder Singh, Prof. Arvind Kumar, Saurabh Dutta Prof. Meena Devi were also present on this occasion.

SMVDU faculty Dr. Rasool bags Award in **International Conference** at Coimbatore-India

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATRA, Jul 3: Dr. Shafaq Rasool, Faculty, School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), presented a paper titled "Bioprospecting Endophytic Microbes for Bioactive Molecules to Tackle the Challenge of Antibiotic Resistance" in 2nd International Conference on Advancements in Science, Management & Engineering (ICSME) 2023 held on 24th and 25th June 2023 at Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, India.

The paper presented in an online mode on **Endophytic Microbes** explained how these bacteria can serve a role in natural product drug discovery like novel anti-infectives to combat the coming



pandemic of antimicrobial resistance. The findings discussed in the presentation were highly appreciated by the experts who awarded her the best presenter award.

Dr. Rasool thanked the conference organisers for appreciating the efforts done by the research group at SMVDU on Endophytic Microbes and all the team members for contributing to this research area.

JKCA mourns death of veteran cricketer

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: Gianeshwar Sharma, a veteran cricketer of JKCA breathed his last at Jammu on the intervening night of July 2 and 3.

It has saddened the entire cricket fraternity of Jammu & Kashmir. A floral wreath was laid

on behalf of JKCA and condolence meetings were held at Jammu and Srinagar offices. The contribution of

Gianeshwar Sharma to cricket in Jammu & Kashmir was highlighted by those present in the meetings and the prayers were offered for granting peace to the departed soul.

Gianeshwar Sharma played 15 first class matches between 1965-66 to 1966-67 for Jammu & Kashmir Apart from being a proficient cricketer, he was also admired for his

gentlemanly qualities.

He had also played for Regional Engineering College, Srinagar in early 70's.

He was also a popular figure among the players with whom he shared his experiences and accompanied many JKCA teams as Manager and Coach of various age groups.

He played cricket with lot of humility and grace for which he would be remembered by the Cricket fraternity of Jammu & Kashmir and those who were either associated with him or knew him.

His son Anshuman Sharma and elder brother Ashutosh Sharma have also played first class cricket for JKCA. A resolution was passed in the condolence meetings to express solidarity with the members of the family and also for giving them courage to bear the huge loss.

Amarnath Yatra 2023 **Fourth batch of pilgrims** leave for Amarnath **Shrine**

left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 30 when Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu, Mukesh Singh on Sunday visited Ramban district along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and took stock of security at the transit camp in Banihal and en route the shrine, a police spokes-

During the security review, the spokesman said threadbare discussions were held on various elements of security at different places of deployment to secure community kitchens and lodgment centres.

The ADGP asked the officers of police, Army, CAPF, intelligence agencies and civil administration to work in close coordination to ensure a smooth yatra.

J&K Govt Approves Land to Landless Poor

aspirations," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor said the poor section of the society is at the centre of government policies and a substantial population that was devoid of basic facilities and rights even after seven decades of Independence is being brought to the mainstream

of development. "Jammu Kashmir government is committed to Inclusive development. This move will open up endless opportunities to the poor and downtrodden and with this landmark decision the administration is acknowledging their immense contribution in the task of nation building," the Lt Governor observed. **BACKGROUND**

*Ministry of Rural Development, Gol has on 30th May2023, allocated an additional target of 199550 Houses to UT of J&K for the FY 2023-24 for saturation of the Awaas + list (PWL 2018-19).

*It has been desired by the Ministry to sanction these houses by 30th June, 2023 and ensure completion by 31st March,

*In order to complete the exercise expeditiously, Block Level Camps were organized across the UT from 4th to 10th June, 2023, for obtaining the requisite documents of Households enlisted in AwaasPlus PWL, namely bank details, Aadhaar card, MGN-REGA job card, ration card, revenue documents, phone number and a declaration that they have not constructed the house already and they are otherwise eligible under the guidelines of the scheme. These documents are needed, to ensure registration and sanctioning of houses as per assigned targets on AwaasSoft portal.

*As on date 144385 houses have been registered and 141371 houses have been sanctioned to eligible households enlisted in Awaas + PWL against the aforementioned target.

*During the field verification of beneficiaries in the aforesaid period of Block Level Camps, it has been reported by the field functionaries that 2711 households enlisted in Awaas + PWL are landless. There are many more, who could not otherwise submit their documents due to various reasons like seasonal migration. If the Government of India extends the timeline, this number is expected to go up by a couple of thousands. Else they will be considered in the next phase of the scheme.

*PMAY(G) guidelines of Ministry of Rural Development provide for providing land of

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25sgmt (Approx one marla) to the landless beneficiaries for construction of PMAY house. But in order to ensure sufficient land availability with them to support their basic living, it has been decided to allot five (05) marlas of land to following categories of persons, who are part of Awaas plus Permanent waiting list (PWL) 2018-19:-

*Occupying state/forest or any other land, where construction is not permitted.

J&K Police deny "Totally Fabricated" allegations of lathicharge on **Amarnath Yatris**

The annual Amarnath Yatra with the first batch of pilgrims began on Saturday from the Baltal base camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district. The 62-day pilgrimage will undertake a 12-km journey from the base camp to the holy cave shrine located at an altitude of about 13,000 feet.

Driver dies after oil tanker falls into gorge in Ramban

oil tanker rolled down and fell into a deep gorge near Shaitani Nallah.

He said that soon after a rescue operation was launched, however, driver had

The deceased has been identified as Ajay Kumar son of Thoru Ram of Akhnoor. Meanwhile, Police have taken cognizance of the incident.

Next meeting of

opposition parties to be held in Bengaluru on **July 17-18: Congress**

said, "After a hugely successful all-opposition meeting in Patna, we will be holding the next meeting in Bengaluru on 17 and 18 July. 2023. We are steadfast in our unwavering resolve to defeat the fascist and undemocratic forces and present a bold vision to take the country forward."

Earlier, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar had said the next opposition meet will be held in Bengaluru on July 13-14. Those dates were said to be clashing with the Assembly sessions in a few states.

The first such meeting of opposition parties was held in Bihar's Patna on June 23.

Govt calls off strategic sale of Pawan Hans as winning bidder disqualified

alternative mechanism ...the government has decided that successful bidding consortium M/s Star 9 Mobility Pvt Ltd is disqualified from the process of strategic disinvestment of Pawan Hans Ltd... Further, the current EoI process for strategic disinvestment stands annulled," the DIPAM

Alternative Mechanism comprises Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Minister of Finance and Minister of Civil Aviation.

BSF man absolved of charges in killing of three soldiers

Dahiya. The patrol party was en route to a forward post when they approached a BSF bunker. Ith was alleged that the BSF personnel on duty fired upon the patrol party, resulting in the tragic death of three army personnel and severe injuries to another

Initially, the incident was considered to be an accidental death. However, the situation took a different turn when the injured soldier, Sepoy Keshav Singh, came forward with a shocking revelation. During his testimony, Sepoy Singh claimed that the patrol party had attempted to signal the BSF bunker using a flashlight, but received no response.

MeT says hot, humid weather to continue as night temperatures rise in J&K

normal by 1.2°C for the north Kashmir

Kokernag recorded a low of 16.7°C against 16.1°C on the previous night and it was 1.8°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 13.4°C against 11.2°C on previous night and it was 2.5°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 28.1°C against 26.8°C on the previous night and it was 2.5°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 19.1°C (2.8°C above normal), Batote 20.2°C (2.7°C above normal), Katra 24.2°C(above normal by 2.2°C) and Bhaderwah 19.5° (3.5°C above normal). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of 9.8°C and 13.3°C respectively, the official added.

Sensex breaches 65,000 mark for first time ever

Nifty also reaches new all-time high

MUMBAI, Jul 3 (Agencies): Benchmark equity indices continued their rally on Monday, with the BSE Sensex breaching the 65,000 mark for the first time ever, propelled by bullish global market trends and foreign fund inflows.

Rallying for the fourth straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 449.46 points to hit its all-time peak of 65,168.02 in early trade. The NSE Nifty climbed 128.95 points to reach its lifetime high of 19,318.

From the Sensex pack, HDFC, HDFC Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, UltraTech Cement, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance,



State Bank of India, Reliance Industries, Bajaj Finserv and ICICI Bank were the major

Power Grid, Maruti, Tech Mahindra, IndusInd Bank, HCL Technologies and Axis Bank were among the laggards.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong were trading in the green.
The US markets ended significantly higher on Friday

Global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.01 per cent to USD 75.41 a barrel

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 6,397.13 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

White-collar hiring in India sees 3 per cent decline in June: Report

As per the report, IT industry hiring continued to remain an area of concern, with a 31 per cent decline in new jobs created

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): White-collar hiring in India witnessed 3 per cent decline in June as sectors such as IT, Retail, BPO, Education, FMCG and Insurance also showed cautious hiring sentiments, a report said on Monday.

According to the Naukri Job-Speak Index, on a year-on-year basis, June witnessed a 3 per cent decline with 2,795 job postings compared to 2,878 in June 2022. On a month-on-month basis, the job postings fell by 2 per cent.

The Naukri JobSpeak is a monthly Index representing the state of the Indian job market & hiring activity based on new job listings and job-related searches by recruiters on the resume database of Naukri.com.

"The white collar job market of

India is witnessing a structural shift. For a long time, jobs in the tech sector and in top metros were the key drivers of white collar job growth.

"Of late, jobs in the emerging sectors such as real estate, oil and gas, pharma and BFSI have emerged as significant contributors to job growth," Naukri.com Chief Business Officer Pawan Goyal added.

As per the report, the IT industry hiring continued to remain an area of concern, with a 31 per cent decline in new jobs created compared to June last year.

The decline in hiring was prominent across all types of IT companies, including global tech giants, large IT services companies, tech-focused startups and unicorns, the report noted.

While traditional roles such as Software Developers and System Analysts continued to witness a downturn, niche roles such as Cybersecurity Analysts and Al Specialists showed positive hiring trends, bucking the negative trend across most other tech roles, said the report. Besides IT, sectors such as Retail, BPO, Education, FMCG

However, the report revealed that the Oil and Gas sector continued its bull run with 40 per cent growth in new jobs compared to June last year in line with the rapid refinery expansion and supporting roles to meet the increased domestic and export demand.

and Insurance also showed cau-

tious hiring sentiments.

Similarly, the Pharma sector surged with a 14 per cent growth

in new jobs compared to June last year.

Automobile, Hospitality, and Banking were some of the other sectors witnessing positive hiring sentiments.

The Naukri JobSpeak Index also found that diversification of white-collar jobs to non-metro cities continued apace.

Ahmedabad topped the list with an unprecedented 23 per cent growth in employment compared to June last year, followed by Vadodara with 14 per cent growth, while Jaipur continued to hold steady.

On the other hand, it said, hiring activity continued to dip across large IT-driven metros, except Mumbai, which held steady compared to June 2022, primarily driven by the Oil and Gas and Hospitality sector.

Centre to soon notify rules for setting up GST appellate tribunals

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Centre will soon notify rules for setting up GST appellate tribunals and appoint members after approval from the GST Council, a senior CBIC official said on Monday.

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) member (GST) Shashank Priya said the department is working to expand the taxpayer base and doing data triangulation with the corporate taxpayers in income tax regime.

As per data, currently, only 40 per cent of the corporate income taxpayer base is registered under GST.

As many as 1.39 crore businesses are registered under GST, almost double the number when GST was launched six years ago on July 1, 2017.

Goods and Services Tax

(GST) revenue buoyancy, which was 1.25 after introduction of the indirect tax regime in 2017, has risen to 1.40 in the last two

Average monthly GST revenue increased from Rs 89,885 crore in 2017-18 to Rs 1.50 lakh crore in 2022-23. In 2023-24, the average revenue stands at Rs 1.69 lakh crore per month.

"We are not following a Big Bang approach, we are working in a calibrated manner. We are in the process of taking more trade-friendly steps," Priya said.

"We are in the process of notifying the rules after approval of the Council. We will have to set the manpower, institutions in place. We are hopeful it will be done sooner," Priya said addressing Ficci's GST conclave.

The council will also approve



the work experience and qualifications of members of the tri-

In March, Parliament had cleared changes in the Finance Bill to pave the way for setting up appellate tribunals for resolution of disputes under GST.

As per the plan, benches of the tribunal would be set up in every state while there will be a Principal Bench in Delhi which will hear appeals related to 'place of supply'.

Currently, taxpayers aggrieved with ruling of tax authorities are required to move the respective High Courts.

The resolution process takes longer time as High Courts are already burdened with backlog of cases and do not have a specialised bench to deal with GST cases. Setting up of state and national-level benches would pave the way for faster dispute resolution.

Priya said there are some businesses who have misused the registration process and now the CBIC is working to tighten the registration process and use information technology to catch fraudsters. He said 45,000 fake GST registration involving evasion of Rs 13,900 crore is under scanner in the ongoing two month long drive by central and state tax officers to catch fake registration.

The officers have also blocked wrongful availment of ITC worth Rs 1 430 crore

RBI says 76 per cent of Rs 2,000 notes returned to banks



MUMBAI, Jul 3 (Agencies): As much as 76 per cent of the Rs 2,000 notes in circulation have been returned to banks, mostly through deposits, the Reserve Bank of India said on Monday.

On May 19, RBI announced withdrawal of Rs 2,000 notes in circulation and gave public time till September 30 to

Intermittent fasting could help protect the brain

either deposit the currency notes in their bank accounts or get them exchanged.

"According to the data received from the banks, the total value of Rs 2,000 bank notes received back from circulation after the announcement on May 19 is Rs 2.72 lakh crore up to June 30, 2023.

"Consequently, Rs 2,000 bank notes in circulation as at the close of business on June 30 stood at Rs 0.84 lakh crore," the central bank said in statement.

Now, 76 per cent of the Rs 2,000 banknotes in circulation as on May 19, 2023 have since been returned.

Data collected from major banks indicates that out of the total bank notes in Rs 2000 denomination received back from circulation, about 87 per cent is in the form of deposits and the remaining around 13 per cent has been exchanged into other denomination bank notes.

Hormone therapy may cause heartburn and chest pain, reveals study

OHIO (US), Jul 3 (Agencies): For years, scientists have debated whether hormone therapy (HT) is linked to an increased risk of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). A recent comprehensive study and meta-analysis attempt to settle the controversy, revealing a strong correlation between HT use in the past and GERD.

The results of the analysis were published online in Menopause, the journal of The North American Menopause Society (NAMS).

GERD is one of the most frequent gastrointestinal disorders. Its worldwide frequency is estimated to be around 14 per cent. Heartburn, dysphagia (difficulty swallowing), and chest discomfort are common symptoms. Risk factors have been identified as anatomical anomalies such as hiatal hernia and obesity. Several medicines, including antidepressants, antiinflammatory drugs, and HT, have also been related to GERD in several studies, with mixed results, particularly with regard to HT.

Estrogen increases stomach acid production and is associated with higher levels of plasma nitric oxide, which is a key neurotransmitter for the relaxation of the lower esophageal sphincter

(LES). Progesterone relaxes the esophageal muscles and the LES, allowing stomach acid to flow back into the esophagus, causing GERD symptoms. Previous research linked female sex hormones with GERD symptoms during pregnancy and with oral contraceptive use. However, the association between HT and GERD in postmenopausal women had remained unclear. A new systematic review and meta-analysis, however, provides clarity by confirming a significant association between

ever or current HT use

and GERD.

Researchers conducted an online search of published randomized, controlled trials and observational studies investigating the association between HT and GERD. Although a total of 84 studies were originally identified, most were eliminated because of irrelevancy or because they were duplicates or associated with conference abstracts. What remained for analysis were five full-length studies that covered more than one million participants. No participants with a prior GERD diagnosis were included. All five studies reported a significant association between estrogen use and GERD, as well as

between GERD and HT

containing a combination of estrogen plus a progestogen. Women who received combined estrogen-progestogen therapies had a lower risk of GERD symptoms compared with HT containing estrogen alone or progestogen alone.

Additional research is suggested because of the small number of included studies. Hormone therapy has proven effective in treating many menopause symptoms. GERD risk factors should be considered when evaluating women with menopause symptoms.

Review results are published in the article "The association between menopausal hormone therapy and gastroesophageal reflux disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis." "Although additional research is needed, this study highlights the potential for the development of GERD symptoms with HT use. A review of risk factors for GERD and implementation of lifestyle strategies for prevention, such as smoking cessation, maintaining a healthy weight, and not lying down after a heavy meal, may be helpful to avoid GERD symptoms in menopausal women considering HT use," said Dr. Stephanie Faubion, NAMS medical

director.

FRICA), Jul 3 (Agencies): As between brain cells. This ultimately contributes to cognitive recycles damaged or unnecessary cellular components, such brain cells is a with increase

BLOEMFONTEIN (SOUTH AFRICA), Jul 3 (Agencies): As the world population has grown older, Alzheimer's disease has become increasingly common. Alzheimer's disease is the most prevalent form of dementia.

Dementia is a term used to describe a range of symptoms linked to the decline in brain function with age. Symptoms include memory loss, communication difficulties, problem-solving struggles, and personality or behavioural changes.

Alzheimer's disease is an increasingly urgent global issue. The World Health Organisation predicts that the number of people with the condition will triple by 2050.

Despite this growing problem, Alzheimer's disease remains a relatively understudied condition. This is particularly the case in sub-Saharan countries such as South Africa. One major challenge is that Alzheimer's is a complex condition with no known cure. However, researchers have identified several key risk factors associated with the disease. These include age, genetics, lifestyle factors and underlying medical conditions.

In recent years, one of the most promising areas of research on age-related diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease, has been the accumulation of harmful proteins in the brain; especifically, amyloid-ß.

Amyloid-ß has remained a prominent area of research in Alzheimer's disease as its build-up is a classic feature in the development of the condition. Understanding its involvement in the disease process is crucial for advancing our knowledge and developing effective strategies to diagnose, prevent and treat the disease.

The accumulation of amyloidß can lead to the formation of plaques. These plaques can interfere with communication between brain cells. This ultimately contributes to cognitive decline and other symptoms associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Amyloid-ß is a large membrane protein that is essential in neural growth and repair. But its corrupted form in later life can destroy nerve cells. This triggers the loss of thought and memory that is associated with Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's.

We, therefore, sought to find out if dietary interventions, particularly intermittent fasting, would counteract the accumulation of amyloid-ß in the brain and potentially safeguard against age-related brain cell

death.

In a paper published in 2021, my colleague and I showed that in experiments conducted in mice we found that intermittent fasting counteracted amyloid-ß accumulation in the brain. These findings were further confirmed in a paper published in May of 2022.

Our findings are an important contribution to the search for the potential role of dietary interventions and are consistent with previous studies supporting the idea that intermittent fasting may help counteract amyloid-ß accumulation in the brain and protect against age-related brain cell death. To my knowledge, the most recent study using a variation of intermittent fasting, was published in September 2022. The clinical branch of this study remains ongoing.

Research into the causes of Alzheimer's has gathered pace in recent years with new ground being broken on a regular basis as scientists search for treatments.

Our study's findings suggest that intermittent fasting may be an effective way to increase the efficiency of autophagy – the process that breaks down and

recycles damaged or unnecessary cellular components, such as organelles and toxic proteins. This process can, therefore, reduce the risk of amyloid-ß build-up and associated brain cell death

These findings are particularly significant because they shed light on the relationship between autophagy and the death of brain cells with age, and the potential therapeutic benefits of interventions that target this process.

How it works

Intermittent fasting is a dietary approach that involves regulating food intake by alternating periods of fasting and eating. This dietary regimen comprises periods of restricted food consumption, followed by periods of normal eating.

There are different types of intermittent fasting. One is time-restricted eating, where food is consumed within a specific time window each day. Alternate-day fasting is where food is restricted every other day.

Intermittent fasting has been shown to have various health benefits. Some of the benefits relate to the promotion of brain health.

Our study's findings suggest that intermittent fasting may be an effective way to increase the efficiency of autophagy, an essential process for removing toxic or misfolded proteins that can build up in cells.

Sometimes, autophagy doesn't work properly to remove harmful proteins or other cellular components from cells. This has been strongly implicated in the development and progression of various age-related diseases, and is a target of research for potential therapies.

What we did

In our study we investigated the effects of intermittent fasting on brain cells in mice, and brain cells isolated from mice with increased amyloid-ß toxicity. Mice cells are frequently used as a model for human cells in scientific research. This is because of the significant genetic similarity between mice and humans. This use of animal models allows researchers to gain valuable insights and test hypotheses. It is generally considered ethically preferable before potentially conducting human studies.

We found that 24 to 48 hours of intermittent fasting by mice provided protection against cell death in specific regions of their brain. We noted increased autophagy levels in cells of fasted mice. Even in the presence of a high amyloid-ß protein load in brain cells, intermittent fasting maintained autophagy activity. And the process remained effective over a 21-day treatment intervention period.

By increasing the efficiency of autophagy, it is possible to maintain the removal of harmful proteins in cells, even as we

The findings of this study suggest that interventions such as intermittent fasting could potentially protect against the development of age-related diseases. This has important implications for public health.

Intermittent fasting is a relatively simple dietary intervention: it's easy to do. It has the potential to be widely adopted as a preventive measure against the onset of age-related diseases. These findings also provide a basis for future research into the mechanisms by which intermittent fasting protects against brain cell death, exploring the potential for additional therapeutic interventions that target autophagy, and examining the effects of different fasting regimens on brain health.

Man on a mission: Novak Djokovic bids for 8th Wimbledon title and 24th Grand Slam trophy

LONDON, Jul 3 (Agencies): Listen to Novak Djokovic's opponents explain why he is as successful as he is why he will begin his pursuit of a fifth consecutive and eighth overall Wimbledon championship tomorrow; why he also will be attempting to claim an Open erarecord 24th Grand Slam trophy over the coming fortnight on the All England Club's grass courts — and they'll offer plenty of answers.

His best-in-the-game return of serve. His dangerous two-handed backhand. His elasticity. His stamina. His defence. His ability to read someone else's intentions, get to where a ball is headed and send it back with force, a combination Casper Ruud described this way after losing to Djokovic in the French Open final: "He sort of just goes into this mode where he just becomes, like, a wall."

Listen to Novak Djokovic explain why he's done what he's done and why, at age 36, he's still doing it, and he'll offer a reason far less tangible and far less observable, something he mentioned during his victory speech at Roland Garros a few weeks ago.

"I try to visualise every single thing in my life and not only believe it, but really feel it with every cell in my body. And I just want to send a message out there to every young person: Be in the present moment; forget about what happened in the past; the future is something that is just going to happen," Djokovic said. "But if you want a better future, you create it. Take the means in your hands. Believe it. Create it."

Speaking that day about his own hopes and dreams as a 7-yearold kid, Djokovic noted two primary goals: getting to No. 1 and winning Wimbledon. He's already been No. 1 for more weeks than any man or woman in the half-century of computerised rankings. Now he will try to pull even with Roger Federer by earning title No. 8 at the oldest of the four Grand Slams. — AP

Top contenders for men's crown NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SERBIA)

World ranking: 2 Despite turning 36



shown no signs of slowing down after winning a record-extending 23rd Grand Slam title at the French Open. With Roger Federer retired and Rafa Nadal nursing an ageing body, Diokovic is the last of the 'Big Three' keeping the door firmly shut on a new generation of players looking to upset the established order. The Serbian has struggled with hamstring and elbow issues this year but shown that pain thresholds are not insurmountable while his mental resilience shines through when he is backed into a corner. Having won the Wimbledon title at the last four editions to take his tally

wins. I don't feel more relaxed, to be honest. I still feel hungry for success, for more Grand Slams, more achievements in tennis. Novak Djokovic

to seven, Djokovic will

be gunning for Federer's

record of eight men's

CARLOS ALCARAZ (SPAIN)

World ranking: 1

Alcaraz played only one grasscourt tournament last year but his electric performances in the first week of Wimbledon showed the claycourt specialist can adapt quickly to the unfamiliar surface. The Spaniard was the top seed at the Queen's Club Championships and was seen gingerly adapting to the slippery surface before making it his own in his ultimately successful quest for the title and the world No. 1 ranking. For a player who was competing in just his third grass-

20-year-old showed that he has an aggressive net game to thrive on grass. "To know that I'm (capable of) a good level on grass, obviously (to be) champion of every tournament feels special," he said.

I'm coming here to Wimbledon with a lot of confidence. But obviously for me the main favourite is Djokovic. He always make everything seem easy. Carlos Alcaraz

DANIIL MEDVEDEV (RUSSIA)

World ranking: 3

If there was one player who was glad his claycourt season was over despite winning a title in Rome, it was Medvedev who has never come to grips with the slow surface. Medvedev was unable to play at Wimbledon last year due to the ban on Russian and Belarusian players despite being world No. 2 at the time. At the tune-up tournament in Halle, he became the first player to rack up 40 tour-level wins this year, sounding a warning to

the rest of the field. Top contenders for women's crown

SWIATEK IGA(POLAND)

World ranking: 1 There will be a sense of deja vu for Swiatek who arrives at the All England Club as world No. 1 and fresh from her French Open triumph for the second year running, but she will hope to master Wimbledon's slick lawns this time around. Swiatek, who won the Wimbledon junior title in 2018, has dominated the tour but the majority of her suc-

cess has come on hard-

courts and clay. The 22-year-old exited last year's Championships in the third round and is vet to demonstrate her strengths consistently

on grass. ARYNA SABALENKA (BELARUS)

World ranking: 2 The big-hitting Belaru-

sian has polished her game and become less erratic with her shotmaking, which helped her win the Australian Open. The 25-yearold has also reduced what seemed to be an insurmountable gap to top-ranked Swiatek during the claycourt swing, beating her in the Madrid final. A Wimbledon semifinalist in 2021, Sabalenka could not compete at last year's Championships due to the ban on Russian and Belarusian players and will need to block out the noise to win a second Major this year.

PETRA KVITOVA (CZECH REPUBLIC) World ranking: 9

Kvitova won the

second of her two Wimbledon crowns nine years ago but showed rivals she is ready to bid for a third after winning the German Open without dropping a set to claim her sixth grasscourt title and 31st overall. The 33-yearold, who stunned Elena Rybakina to win the Miami Open, has not reached a Wimbledon quarterfinals since her title run in 2014. Kvitova remains one of the biggest threats on grass, however, and has now won 12 of her last 13 matches on the surface.

Twenty-six years after Venus Williams made

Venus going strong at

her Wimbledon debut, the five-time champion will be back on Centre Court once again tomorrow and the 43-year-old American said she could even play until she is 50.

"It's never been done before so if there is anvone who could do it, it would be me," Williams said ahead of her showdown with fellow wildcard Elina Svitolina. Her sister Serena bowed out of the sport at the US Open last year as the greatest female player of the Open era with 23 Grand Slam titles. Venus, however, has soldiered on through injuries despite falling out of the top 1,000 in the rankings at one stage last year, but she has no plans of following her younger sister into retirement any

time soon. Following an appearance in Auckland in January, she took time off for six months to recover from a hamstring injury and has played only three matches on grass, arriving at the All England Club with a rank of

"I haven't played a lot of matches in the last few years," Williams said. "I put my head down and put even more work in and got myself in a much better position."

Of those three matches, her only win came against Camila Giorgi — a former Wimbledon quarterfinalist - in Birmingham. But Williams will take heart in coming out on top despite knee problems after a gruelling battle that lasted over three hours.

4 Serbia's Novak Diokovic has won the Wimbledon title at the last four editions

7 Diokovic has seven titles at Wimbledon, just one short of Roger Federer's record eight

44.7 Million pounds the total prize money this year. The men's and women's singles champions will get £2.35 each Major matches on Day

Men's singles

Novak Djokovic vs Pedro Cachin; Jannik Sinner vs Juan Manuel Cerundolo; David Goffin vs Nick Kyrgios; Laurent Lokoli vs Casper Ruud

Women's singles Iga Swiatek vs Zhu Lin; Venus Williams vs Elina Svitolina; Sofia Kenin vs Coco Gauff; Jessica Pegula vs Lauren Davis

Ashes 2nd Test: Australia defuse Ben Stokes, lead 2-0

Australia survive Stokes assault to win 2nd Test amid boos on spicy last day at Lord's



LONDON, Jul 3 (Agencies): England captain Ben Stokes' swashbuckling 155 was in vain as Australia won the second Ashes Test at Lord's by 43 runs on an extraordinary final day to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

Stokes launched a blistering attack after the controversial dismissal of Jonny Bairstow, smiting nine sixes and nine fours to raise hopes of a repeat of his brilliant match-winning knock against the Australians at Headingley four years ago.

But with 70 runs needed for victory, he skied Josh Hazlewood to wicketkeeper Alex Carey, who had earlier riled him by stumping Bairstow for 10 after the batsman left his crease at the end of an over. The crowd booed loudly by striking three sixes in an over off Cameron Green to reach his century and was unbeaten on 108 at lunch with England needing another 128 to level the series. He continued the assault after the interval by clubbing Hazlewood for six and was dropped by Steve Smith at deep square leg, the crowd roaring with delight when the former Australia captain — usually one of the safest pairs of

as Bairstow trudged off

and Stokes responded

Stokes welcomed Mitchell Starc back into the attack with two more maximums as he and Stuart Broad shared a century partnership for the seventh wicket, the latter contributing 11.

hands — let the ball slip

out of his grasp.

The England fast bowler played a key role as the drama grew, surviving a series of short-pitched deliveries and trying to rile Carey at every opportunity by holding his bat in the crease at the end of the over and staring intently at the stumps.

Stokes dabbed Green for two to pass 150 off 197 balls before attempting to clear the ropes again and giving Carey a simple catch before leaving the arena to a standing ovation.

Australia's relief was palpable and the end came quickly. The Australians celebrated gleefully as they walked off to more boos from the crowd at the home of cricket.

Smith, named Man of the Match for his firstinnings century, paid tribute to Stokes. "It was a bit of deja vu, for sure," he said. "He's an unbelievable player, some of the things he can pull off. He's a freak. I dropped him so I was glad we got him in the end," Smith added.

Brief scores: Australia 416 & 279; England 325 & 327 (Stokes 155, Duckett 88; Cummins 3/69, Starc 3/79, Hazlewood 3/80).

"An Advantage...": Sunil Gavaskar On India Facing Australia, Pakistan At Start Of World Cup 2023

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): The schedule for 2023 ODI World Cup has already been announced by the International Cricket Council (ICC) earlier this week. The mega event is set to kick off with a game between defending champions England and last-edition finalists New Zealand -- on October 05 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in

Meanwhile, the Indian team will begin its campaign against Australia at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on October 8.

Ahmedabad.

The much-awaited clash between archrivals India and Paksitan is scheduled to take place on the 15th of October in Ahmedabad. It is worth noting that India are scheduled to play two of their first

three matches against

strong teams like Australia and Pakistan. Batting legend and former India captain Sunil Gavaskar feels that such a schedule is an advantage for the hosts.

even more difficult if vou were to play Australia in a must-win last match. I feel it is always an advantage to play against the good teams first," Gavaskar told Star Sports.

"If you don't get a good result, you have chances later. If you probably



"It would have been

what you need to do against them and with what margin you need to win," he added.

India will be eyeing to end the 12-year long ICC trophy drought when they start their campaign in the upcoming ODI World Cup. The team has won the ODI World Cup titles in 1983 and 2011. However, an ICC title

has kept eluding the team since the 2013 Champions Trophy.

"Keep An Eye On Him": Sourav **Ganguly Identifies India's Leg Spinner For ODI World Cup**

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has urged the management to keep an eye on veteran leg spinner Yuzvendra Chahal for the ODI World Cup. Chahal was part of the squad for last year's T20 World Cup in Australia but didn't play a single game as India bowed out in the semi-final after losing to England. Ganguly feels while India have other good wrist spinners like Kuldeep Yadav and Ravi Bishnoi at their disposal, Chahal could be key to their chances.

"(Ravi) Bishnoi and Kuldeep (Yadav) are there but (Yuzvendra) Chahal somehow misses big tournaments. He performs extremely consistently in shorter formats, whether it is 20-over or 50-over. It is important to keep an eye on him as well," News 18 quoted Ganguly as saying on Star Sports.

Ganguly also highlighted that fact that SENA countries find it difficult to tackle wrist spinners, especially with the tournament set to be held on home soil.

"When you will play Australia, England or South Africa, a wrist-spinner makes a difference in these conditions. In 2011,

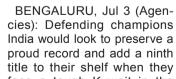


there was Piyush Chawla, who bowled well."

To further back his claim, the former BCCI President also emphaised that India have always done well in tournament when the spinner have fired on

all cylinders. "When we went to South Africa in 2007, there also our wrist-spinners bowled well along with the fast bowlers. Harbhajan Singh was in that team. I feel it will be extremely important to keep a wrist-spinner in Indian conditions," he added.

India will begin their World Cup campaign against Australia in Chennai on October 8.



face a tough Kuwait in the SAFF Championship final here on Tuesday. India were stretched to a penalty shootout by Lebanon in the semifinals before winning

4-2, while Kuwait had to wait till extra time to eke out a 1-0 victory over Bangladesh. In fact, this will be the second

time India will face Kuwait in the tournament. They had played out a 1-1 draw in an acrimonious Group A match last week.

India might just appear to have a slight upper hand in front of a hugely partisan home crowd at the Kanteerava Stadium.

But there is a worrying aspect. Will India be able to give their best in the final after they were made to toil for two matches in succession? India assistant coach Mahesh Gawli sought to allay such concerns.

"I'd like to say that if you get one week, you can't do anything. But when you get one



month or more you work more on fitness," said Gawli

"I think we had almost 50 days. Our strength and conditioning coach, Luka Radman, has done a wonderful job. We have seen our players playing without injuries, and there have been no cramps as well." In the final, India will also be boosted by the return of key defender Sandesh Jhingan. He had missed the semifinal against Lebanon owing to two accumulated yellow cards against Pakistan

and Kuwait Anwar Ali had replaced Jhingan in the line-up against Lebanon in the semifinals, and he did an excellent job in thwarting Lebanese advances.

Head coach Igor Stimac will be absent from the India dug out in this match as well after he was slapped with two-match ban by the SAFF disciplinary commit-

Stimac had received his second red card of the tournament during the match against Kuwait. Earlier, he was slapped with a red card in India's tournament opener against Pakistan. However, India, under the talismanic Sunil Chhetri, had shown a streak of determination to rise above obstacles.

After scoring in three successive matches in the group stage, Chhetri was not able to find the

back of the net in the semifinals against Lebanon. Of course, he converted a penalty in the shootout, but the striker would like to make a heftier contribution in the summit clash.

India would also hope that Sahal Abdul Samad, Mahesh Singh and Udanta Singh will continue to be energetic on the field, feeding Chhetri with those dreaded crosses.

Mahesh, who is usually deployed as a winger, was fielded behind Chhetri against Lebanon to add more support to the skipper. Gawli indicated a continuation of that strategy in the final as well.

"We wanted him to play there (in wings) and feed the wingers and Sunil Chhetri. He was doing that. We kept Ashique (Kuruniyan) on the left because of the physicality, and he was doing well. He was running a lot. We did not want to change that,"

Gawli said. But the Indians know that Kuwait are a battle-hardened side, and nothing less than their best would suffice.

President DT visits Sui Simbli Raghunath ji Temple, DLL inaugurates 10-days workshop assesses land assets & properties



TOP NEWS REPORT

AKHNOOR, Jul 3: Brig (Retd) R.S Langeh, President of J&K Dharmarth Trust conducted a tour of revered Sui Simbli Raghunath Temple in Akhnoor and conducted a comprehensive assessment of land assets and other properties belonging to the Trust.

During the visit, the President interacted with the people of the area

and discussed various aspects related to the temple and its surroundings. He also examined the land assets and other properties falling under the ambit of Trust.

It is pertinent to mention that this temple was built by Maharaja Gulab Singh. The temple is also known by the name of Sui Simbli temple. The idols of Lord Ram, Lakshman, Sita and Hanuman ji besides mural paintings from epic Ramayana have been

installed in the temple. Expressing his commitment to upholding the spiritual and cultural significance of the temple, the President reiterated the Trust's dedication to preserving the rich heritage associated with the Sui Simbli Raghunath ji Temple. He emphasized the Trust's responsibility to safeguard and enhance the temple's offerings and services for devotees and visi-

The President said that this temple is part of the rich heritage of J&K State and it is the responsibility of every subject of J&K to upkeep the beauty of this religious destination. He emphasized that the Dharmarth Trust remains unwavering in its mission to cater to the spiritual and religious needs of devotees while upholding the rich cultural heritage of the region.

on Art and Craft at Ved Mandir

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL) in collaboration with Department of Commerce, University of Jammu on Monday inaugurated 10-days workshop on "Promotion of Art and Craft" in the premise of Ved Mandir as per the vision of the Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu.

The workshop was inaugurated by Secretary, Ved Mandir Committee, Nagar Mal Gupta. In his inaugural speech he appreciated the efforts of Department of Lifelong Learning and Department of Commerce, University of Jammu for organising such kinds of skill based workshops for the needy and poor students of the school. The workshop was organized under the guidance of Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, H.O.D Department of Commerce and Director DLL, University of Jammu.

The main objective of the workshop was to enable the students to learn basic skills so that they can become financially independent. The main themes of the workshop were Deco Page, Lipon Art, Waste Material Management, Clay Modeling, Decoration of Diyas and Thalis

The special resource persons of the workshop were Smt. Sanjogita Dogra, founder, Budha Art and Paintings and Rekha Gupta.

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Sanjogita Dogra provided the required counselling to the participants and advised them to become job provider rather than job seekers.

The workshop was financially sponsored by Department of Commerce, University of Jammu. The event was coordinated by Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Dr. Tarsem Lal, Associate Professor and Incharge Extension and Outreach Activities of Department of Commerce, University of Jammu. They assured the management of the Ved Mandir to provide all types of support and guidance in the future

About 15 girls of Balika Bhawan, Ved Mandir very enthusiastically participated in the inaugural function of the workshop.

Army organizes plantation drive



TOP NEWS REPORT

KUPWARA, Jul 3: To increase awareness on protection of the environment, Gushi Army Camp in collaboration with Kamraj Forest Division organised a plantation drive near Parinar Talab.

The event commenced with a speech by Nazir Ahemad Mir, Block Forest Officer, Hathmullah on importance of forest

in everyone's life. Thereafter Children alongwith forest guards went for planting saplings. A total of 25 saplings of Deodar plant were planted which in due course of time will definitely enhance its flora. Thereafter 58 locals including children and 19 Forest Guards took a pledge to inculcate long term environment friendly habits and continuously participate in taking up environmental lifestyle.

Mangala Gauri Vrat to start from tomorrow

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU. Jul 3: The Shravan Lunar month is starting from July 4, as Lord Shiva loves Sawan Mondays. Similarly, Tuesdays of the month of Savan are very dear to Mother Parvati.

In this regard, Mahant Rohit Shastri Jyotishacharya, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan

Trust, told that by worshiping Mangala Gauri Vrat, the good luck of the fast is unbroken.

Every problem of married life is removed

Those girls who are facing delay in marriage or are facing any obstacles, then on Tuesday of the month of Savan, fasting of Mother Mangalagauri, worshiping her in a special way, the obstacles in marriage will be removed soon. Women do this fast for getting children and for their good wishes, especially if Mangal Dosha is giving problems, then it is auspicious to worship

on Tuesday of Sawan. Due to Mal month, this year Shravan month will be of 59 days and Mangala Gauri Vrat will be of 9 days this year.

BJP Govt miserably failed to provide basic amenities to the people: Bimla, Satwant

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: Bimla Luthra State Vice President Women Wing and former MLA J&K National Conference and Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing Jammu addressed workers meeting at Gadi Garh in Jammu South Constituency. The meeting was organized by Mrs Pinky Khalsa District President Jammu Urban Women wing.

Addressing the meeting Mrs Bimla Luthra said that by rising prices on items like Tomatoes. Pules, milk, curd, rice, vegetables etc used daily by the people of all hues, it has been proved that the BJP Govt at the centre is hell bent upon pursuing the anti-people policies thus multiplying the miseries of the common people especially the poor people and middle class

Satwant Kour Dogra said inflation and ushering 'Achhe Din were the major poll planks of the BJP leaders but after attaining power party is protecting interests

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: IEC

University, a prominent

institution committed to

academic excellence,

held its 5th Convoca-

tion, where the Vice

Chancellor emphasized

the university's dedicat-

ed initiatives to foster

research and innova-

tion. The event, graced

by esteemed guests

and dignitaries, marked

a significant milestone in

the academic journey of

the graduating students.

Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram

Shandil- Minister of

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Pradesh- the chief guest

at the convocation,

conveyed his heartfelt

congratulations to all

the degree holders and

imparted invaluable

wisdom for their future

endeavors. He empha-

sized the importance of

utilizing their acquired



inisced that top BJP leadership at the centre held massive protests while in opposition days blaming the then government of failure to control the prices of petrol, diesel and LPG. It was ironical that after their ascendance to power, the very same leaders imposed huge taxes upon the essential com-

Chancellor highlights special efforts

to unprecedented level, she said. National Conference is committed to uphold the traditional secular fabric in J&K, she added.

Those who were present in the meeting included:- Sandeep Singh Zone President YNC Jammu Urban , Davinder Singh Kaka District Vice President,

Tarsem Lal Joint Secretary, S. Parvinder Singh Block President Gandhi Nagar, Rajat Sharma Youth Block President, Santosh Devi District Vice President Women wing, Dally Block President Women wing, Renu Devi Block Secretary Women wing, Joginder Kour, Manjeet kour and

Dogri Sanstha pays tributes to Dogri writer Gyaneshwar

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 3: In an emergency meeting of the office bearers of Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized at Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar Jammu rich tributes were paid to Gyaneshwar, a celebrated Dogri writer who breathed his last today.

On this occasion Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu while recalling long association with him said that he was not only a prolific dogri writer but a nice human also who was always enthusiastic to work for promotion of mother tongue Dogri.

He was always full of positivity and inspired others to pen down their writings in their mother tongue. As a poet and



lyric writer he has carved a niche in literary arena and his contribution for children literature is also outstanding. With his sad demise, a vacuum has been created that will not be possible to fill up.

Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju, General Secretary Dogri Sanstha while paying rich tribute to departed soul said that it was always inspiring to listen to him. He has

enriched dogri literature with class poetry and children literature for which he was awarded prestigious Sahitya Akademi awards also. He also worked a lot for preservation and promotion of mother tongue Dogri and regional cultural traditions through his literary contributions as well as Vice President of Dogri Sanstha Jammu.

It was decided that a condolence meeting will be organized on Wednesday i.e. July 05th' 2023 at5 pm at Dogri Sanstha, Karan Nagar Jammu to pay homage to noble soul. Others also recalled their association with Gyaneshwar on this occasion and paid tributes to departed soul.

knowledge for the betterment of society, stating that education is not only the iewel of prosperous times but also the bulwark during challenging periods.

The convocation commenced with the distinguished presence of the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Special Guests, and Academic Mass, as they inaugurated the ceremony. The university awarded degrees to deserving candidates across various disciplines, including PhD, MPhil, postgraduate, and graduate programs. Exceptional students from different faculties were also honored with

gold medals and certificates of merit, acknowledging their outstanding achievements.

graduates,

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adorned in traditional attire and Pahari caps, proudly received their degrees, symbolizing the culmination of their academic journey. In recognition of their exceptional contributions, honorary degrees were bestowed upon distinguished individuals who have made remarkable strides in their respective fields. These included IPS officer Mr. Mohit Chawla, journalist Balveer Singh, advocate and social worker Mr. Vineet Gautam,

exceptional administrator Shubhlakshan Singh Bindra, and the director of Technical Brooks Laboratories, Mr. Manpreet Singh Naru.

Ram Kumar Choudhary, Chief Parliamentary Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh and guest of honor, urged the degree holders to employ the knowledge and skills they acquired during their time at the university towards the development of the country and the state. He highlighted the immense potential they possess in shaping a brighter future.

Congratulating the graduates, Dr. Naveen Gupta, Chancellor of the University, acknowledged the ever-evolving landscape of social and technological advancements. He emphasized that the university's mission to enrich students with knowledge, skills, research and innovations continues to

inspire all stakeholders. Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Puri, the Vice-Chancellor of IEC University, emphasized the institution's steadfast commitment to promoting research and innovation. Acknowledging the university's role in addressing societal challenges, he highlighted the relentless efforts of over 200 Ph.D. researchers who are actively engaged in pioneering research for social development. The faculty members, through their dedicated work on patents, publication of books, and research papers, exemplify the institution's commitment to highquality research.

As IEC University continues its journey as a leading educational institution, it remains dedicated to nurturing a culture of research and innovation, preparing its students to become catalysts for positive change.

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