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#### BRIEFLY

#### 4.7 magnitude earthquake hits Ladakh's Kargil

LEH, Jul 4 (Agencies): A 4.7 magnitude earthquake hit Ladakh's Kargil district on Tuesday, the National Centre for Seismology said.

The epicentre of the tremor, recorded at 7.38 am, was 401 kilometres north of Kargil, officials at the National Centre for Seismology said. The quake in the earthquake-prone Himalayan region was at a latitude of 38.12 degrees and longitude of 76.82 degrees at a depth of 150 km, the seismology centre added.

However, there were no reports of casualties or damage to property.

#### MeT predicts 'Cooler Day' today, rains till july 8 in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jul 4: Weather department here has predicted a cooler day on Tuesday with possibility of rain at scattered places during next 24 hours in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Generally cloudy weather with light to moderate rain at scattered places is expected in Jammu & Kashmir. Today will be a cooler day." a meteorological department official here said.

He said on July 5, there is possibility of intermittent light to moderate rain and thunderstorm at many places in J&K.

From July 6-8, he said, intermittent light to moderate rain was expected at many places of J&K. "Some places in plains of Jammu region may receive moderate to heavy spells during morning hours," he added.

Regarding the minimum temperature today, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 17.8°C against 19.0°C on the previous night and it was 0.7°C above normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 17.8°C against 17.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.3°C above normal for the gateway town of the Kashmir

Valley. Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 10.3°C against 11.5°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 0.5°C for the

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### **Amarnath Yatra 2023 | More than 6,500 Amarnath pilgrims leave J&K**



JAMMU, Jul 4 (Agencies): The fifth batch of more than 6,500 Amarnath pilgrims left the Jammu city in the early hours of Tuesday for

the twin base camps in Kashmir, officials said.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3.888-metre-high cave shrine in the south

Kashmir Himalayas commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1.

from across the country thronging the base camps to have a glimpse of the naturally formed ice-shivlingam and offer their prayers. A total of 6,597 pilgrims, including 1,429 women, 160 seers and

> in a convoy of 253 Turn to page 9

#### **GMC Jammu Principal booked for 'Age** Tampering' in official documents

JAMMU, Jul 4 (Agencies): Crime Branch Jammu has registered a case against Incharge Principal Government Medical College Jammu Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma for "tampering her age in documents to get undue advantage for getting admission in MBBS course at GMC Jammu."

The case under the Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B RPC r/w 5(1) (d) PC Act Svt. 2006 has been registered at the Police Station Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Crime Branch (CB), Jammu.

In this connection, the case has been entrusted



for an in-depth investigation to DySP Bhagwan Dass Investigation Officer, CB Jammu.

The case was registered on the basis of a written complaint filed by Manu Gupta against Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma, alleging that the latter was "performing her government service on the basis of forged or fabricated Date of Birth.

"As per the guidelines of MCI, she was not eligible for MBBS course admission at the relevant time and in connivance with the then officers/officials of J&K BOSE committed the

offence of forgery and **Turn to page 9** 

#### SC to hear Harsh Dev's petition seeking early **Assembly Elections in J&K on July 6**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Jul 4: The writ petition pertaining to the conduct of early assembly elections in J&K has been listed for hearing by the Supreme Court on Thursday, the 6th of July this month. This was disclosed by Harsh Dev Singh former minister and advocate who has filed the writ petition seeking indulgence of the court for restoration of democratic process in the erstwhile state of J&K.

Harsh Dev said that as per the "cause list" issued by the Supreme Court registry the matter would, be heard by a



Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice of India, Court No.1 of the Apex court of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Harsh Dev Singh said that he was compelled to the move the top court of the country in view of the uneasy disquieting silence maintained by the GOI and ECI over the issue.

Emphasising the need for the early elections to J&K Legislative Assembly in J&K, Singh said that any delay in this regard would not only amount to subversion of democracy but also violate the orders of the Supreme Court.

"The people could not be deprived of their democratic rights in the state only for the political inexpediencies of the ruling party at the centre by taking to trivolous excuses", said Singh.

He said that a full time elected govt was a must to deal with the armed insurgency in the **Turn to page 9** 

#### **Azad welcomes SC decision to hear petitions** challenging abrogation of Article 370

JAMMU, Jul 4: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday welcomed the Supreme Court's recent announcement that it will hear a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution on July 11.

Nearly four years after the government abrogated the provisions of Article 370 that bestowed a special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud will take up a batch of pleas challenging the decision for

JAMMU, Jul 4 (Agen-

cies): Days ahead of a

scheduled hearing of a

batch of pleas related to

the abrogation of Article

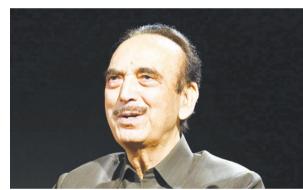
370 before a five-judge

Constitution bench of

the Supreme Court, IAS

officer Shah Faesal on

Tuesday said the con-



hearing on July 11. Azad highlighted the significance of the top court's attention to sising his optimism for a favourable outcome.

"After a long time, the Supreme Court has taken note of the petitions challenging the

Article 370 thing of past, no going

abrogation of Article 370. I am hopeful about a positive outcome as I aspire for the restoration annulled following the abrogation on August 5, 2019," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said.

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#### Free medical camps set up for **Amarnath Yatris in** Ramban

RAMBAN, Jul 4 (Agencies): Ramban district administration has set up free medical camps from Nashri to Banihal for Amarnath Yatris along the National Highway 44.

As many as 19 medical camps have been set up in Langars (a communal free kitchen), Yatri Niwas and other lodgements, Nodal Officer, Health Dr Opinder Singh told ANI Facilities like free medicines, ambulance service and testing facilities are available round the clock to the Yatris.

"Free medical facilities are being provided round the clock to the Yatris. Our medical staff is available in every Langer. Serious patients are being referred to the district hospital Ramban," Dr Singh said.

Security officers, langar managers, workers and tourists are also being provided free medical facilities, he said.

Yatris hailed the administration for making the arrangements.

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#### Two Kashmiri women entrepreneurs raise Rs 75 lakh funding at JKEDI startup event

SRINAGAR. Jul 4 (Agencies): Two Kashmiri women entrepreneurs have raised a funding of Rs 75 lakhs from the India Network at JKEDI startup event.

In a statement, the Institute said that the two women entrepreneurs, Nuzhat Qazi and Insha Mir, have secured funding of Rs. 50 lakhs and Rs. 25 lakhs, respectively, through the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepre-

neurship Development Institute (JKEDI) and Startup India. This milestone serves as a testament to the exceptional potential and entrepreneurial spirit of women in the region.

The "Women for Startups" workshop held under the overall leadership of Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, J&K on 19th and 20th of June in collaboration with Start-

up India, DPIIT, Government of India witnessed a vibrant atmosphere, with a display of tremendous energy and passion from aspiring women entrepreneurs and startups. The entrepreneurial journey of these women has been nothing short of inspiring, and JKEDI is privileged to have played a vital role in nurturing

their aspirations, the **Turn to page 9** 

#### Pak-sponsored narco-terror case | NIA attaches house of two brothers in Punjab

NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has attached Punjab's Amritsar-based house of two brothers accused in a Pakistansponsored narco-terror case being probed by the agency since 2020, the agency said on Tuesday.

The residential property belongs to Bikramjit Singh alias Bikram Singh alias Vicky and Maninder Singh alias

Mani. The property has been attached under section 25(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967 after its designation as 'proceeds of terrorism', said the NIA.

The two brothers were earlier arrested by the NIA in the case, which relates to a conspiracy hatched by a narco terror module to smuggle large quantities of drugs into India from Pakistan.

"The drugs were being

rock salt imported from across the border. The sale proceeds of the smuggled drugs were being used to create movable and immovable properties in Punjab, besides being channelized to fund terrorists of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen in the Kashmir Valley," said the anti-terror agency.

smuggled in the garb of

The NIA had earlier also attached some land, measuring 60 Turn to page 9 stitutional provision is "(Article) 370, for many a thing of the past and



there is no going back.

Kashmiris like me, is a thing of the past. Jhelum and Ganga have merged in the great Indian Ocean for good. There is no going back. There is only marching forward," Faesal wrote on Twitter.

A 2010-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, Faesal was Turn to page 9



#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH INDER KRISHAN KOUL** S/O LATE SHIPREM NATH KOUL R/O RAMNAGRI SHOPIAN KASHMIR, WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 28-06

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 KOUI SMT BHARTI 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 SHALLU & TRISHANT KOUL ARNAV & SUDANSHU

DAUGHTER : SMT REENU LIDHOO

ALSO SAMAST PARIVAAR : KOUL'S, PANDITA'S, RAINA'S, BHAT'S, LIDHOO'S, AMBARDAR'S, KHAZANCHI'S MOBILE: 7006432020, 7889539671, 9149401421



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 & Puja 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

from 10 am to 11 am..

Wednesday 5th July.

(Daughters in law & Sons)

Neelam and Deepak Chander

M/S MAHAMAYA AUTOMOBILES
M/S TVS SHOWROOM

9469366807, 9419168578, 9419158546

Rakhi and Rajesh Gupta

Roma and Rakesh Gupta (Daughter & Son in law)

M/S S. R. Electric World

IN GRIEF: Jankoo Devi -Wife

Sisters: Anara Devi, Achari Devi, Kaushalya Devi Raja Devi, Sudesha Devi

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA** 

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad

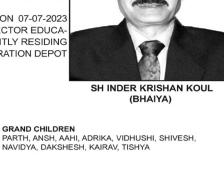
demise of our beloved father LT SH MOOL RAJ

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

Kriya shall be performed at Devika Ghat on



SH. JANAK SINGH MANHAS

Nidhi, Gourav, Vidhyut, Virat, Shanaya,

(Nephew & Niece) Sandeep Singh

Manhas, Pardeep Singh Manhas, Radha

Devi, Pooja Devi, Anil Singh Manhas, Arti

LT SH MOOL RAJ

Grief Stricken By:-

Shaurya, Lavit, Vilohit

Manhas, Anit Singh Manhas



Smt. Maya Devi

Smt. Santosha Devi & Sh. Kartar Singh Sambyal Divyanshi, Daksh and Manju (Grand Children)

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

Contact No.: 9797696949, 9419243525, 7780869258, 7006331869

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) Jammu ,180013

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)

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

(Daughter & Son-in-law)

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



Smt. Mohni Bhan

#### **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

9419692636, 9810330331

Walis, Kothas, Zutshis, Qazis, Parimoos, Smt Chander Mohini Kothidars, Dhars, Kaulis M) 9892146758, 7889865058, 9419113435,

Wali



1936-2023

### 10th Day/Kriya

Abhinandan, Shivansh, Kritika, Gourangi (Grand Children)

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.

Our beloved, the soul of our family passed away peacefully to merge with eternity on 24 June 2023 at Ramnagar.

10th Day of our beloved Sh Upinder Kumar wil 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 main bazar Samba on 4.7.2023 at 11 AM to 12 Noon. Kriya will be performed on 5 July 2023 on Wednesday a our residence in ward No 6 Samba.

Rasam-pagdi will be performed on 5 July 2023 on Wednesday at 5 PM at Kali Mata temple main bazar

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** Neerai Kapoor & Nitika Devi **GRAND SON & GRAND DAUGHTER IN LAW** 

Mukesh Kapoor & Priya



**Smt Krishna Devi** 

Late Sh. Dharuy Singh Jamwal

DOB 12-07-1943 DOE 26-06-2023

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

of Lt Sh Dharuv Singh Jamwal S/O Lt Sh Hardev Singh Jamwal R/o Suchani Teh Vijaypur, Samba who left for havenly abode on Monday 26 June 2023. TENTH DAY will be performed on Wednesday 05

July 2023 at our residence at 10:30 AM. Kriya will be performed on Saturday 08 July 2023 at our residence at 10:00 AM.

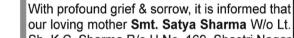
Uthala will be held on Friday 14 July 2023 from 2 to 4 PM at our residence. GRIEF STRICKEN.

Lt Smt Vaishano Jamwal (Wife) Parmvir & Aruna Jamwal (Son & Daughter in law) Daughters & Son in laws

Renu & Simar Singh Sambyal Bandana & Yograj Singh Jasrotia Radhu & Balwinder Singh Salathia Ranjana & Jatinder Singh Padwal Babhi & Brothers Smt Shashi & Sh Keshav Singh

Smt Sunita & Lt Sh Kamal Singh

Smt Sarita & Sh Romesh Singh Sister & Brother in laws Smt Krishna & Dr Jagdeep Singh Sambyal Lt Smt Bimla & Sub Taranter Singh Jamwal **Grand Son & Daughter** Arupam Jamwal, Mahi Jamwal, Aparna Singh 7051225179 7889932841 9596667928



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

#### TRIBUTE

24TH SHAHEEDI DIWAS OF SHAHEED VEER UDHAYMAAN SINGH

(SENA MEDAL)
will come back after hoisting the

or I will come back wrapped in it but I will back surely. The floral tribute will be presented to Shahee Veer Udhaymaan Singh (Sena Medal) on day 5th Wednesday of July, 2023 (11.30 a.m onwards) by Army personals & family members at native vil-lage Shama Chack (Jhiri), Jammu; who laid dowr his life while conquering the Tiger Hill during Operation Vijay in Kargil Sector on 5th July, 1999. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-

SHAHEED VEER Parents
Smt. Kanta Devi & Omkar Singh (9070803333) **UDHAYMAAN SINGH** Sister & Brother-in-law Smt. Vandana & Rajesh Singh (7006647030) Smt. Kanchan & Darshan Singh (9419146841)

Nieces & Nephew
Kundanika Singh, Anmol Rajput and Master Udhay Pratap Singh Staff & Management of Shaheed Udhaymaan Singh (S.M) Gas Agend Mishriwalla, Jammu M. No: 9419136687

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

Vith profound grief we regret to inform untimely demise our beloved Late Mrs. Shivem Thakur Khajuria D/o S our beloved Late Mrs. Shivem Thakur Khajuria D/o Sh. Shakti Singh W/o Sh. Aditya Khajuria, State Awardee, was pursuing LLB second year from Jammu University from Dogra Law College. She topped in all the law colleges in Jammu University, expired on 25-06-2023. She is now in the lap of God Shiva Baba. All the death ceremonies will be performed at our residence H.No. 45 Lane No.6, Karan Nagar Manda, Palace Road, Jammu UT of Jammu & Kashmir & the information will be provided to near and dear ones.

Fifth Day will be on 28th June, 2023 at 10 AM, 10th Day will be on 4-7-2023 at 10 AM & Kriya Karam on 5-7-2023 at 10 AM & Uthala will be on 5-7-2023 at 4 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEM.

SRIEF STRICKEN

Divik Khajuria - Daughter

Smt. Banto Devi - Dadi

Smt. Mitu Rajput (Mother) Wo Late Sh. Shakti Singh

Shawani Thakur - Brother

Lajyogni BK Pallvi Thakur - Sister

Sh. Aditya Khajuria - Husband

Sh. Vijay Thakur - Tahaya

Smt. Chandra Lekha - Tahayi

Smt. Krishna Sambhyai - Bua

Sh. Colonel Kamal Sinoh Sambval - Fufa

LATE MRS. SHIVEM



Tenth Day/Kriya & Rasam Pagri With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad lemise of our beloved Sh Vishwa Rattan Baru (Retired Teacher) S/o Late Sh Shiv Ram Baru R/o W.No. 60, Mohalla Panditan, VPO Paloura, Teh. 8 Distt. Jammu (J&K) on Sunday 25-06-2023. **Tenth Day** will be performed at our resid Tuesday 04-07-2023 at 10.30 am. Kriya will be performed at our resi

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

pm.
Grief Stricken
Grief Stricken
Smt Kapooro Devi -Wife
Sh Shakti Swaroop Khajuria -Brother-in-law
Smt Kapoaro Late Sh Inderjeet Khajuria -Sister
Smt Raj Kumari Wio Late Sh Kailash Rattan Baru -Sister-in-law
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh Kameshwar Baru & Smt Rajni Devi
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
Grand Children:
Sabhyay, Subah, Aagya, Mayank, Palak, Krutika, Tanmay, Shruti, Ananya & Amani

Mob. No. 8283804715, 9055421543, 9419237562

Sh. Ashok Kumar

Smt Sharda Rani

#### **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.

2023 at 02:43 p.m.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed or 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. Babii Ji Smt. Pinki Sharma and Sh. Ashok Sharma Deeply Missed By Grand Children

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 PUNDRIKAKS OF BARI BRAHMANA DEPARTED FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 23RD JUNE 2023. 10TH DAY ON SUNDAY, 02.7.2023 AT 11.00 AM AT ACADEMY, NEAR PHE TUBEWELL, BARI-BRAHMANA

KIRYA FROM 12:00 NOON ON MONDAY, 03:7:2023 AT H.NO 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 & DEVAF** 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" WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF MASTER JAGDISH SINGH

S/O LATE, S. TARA SINGH JI, WHO LEFT FOR PROGRAMME

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

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GRIEF STRICKEN: GRIEF STRUKEN, 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

S.KULWANT SINGH S. 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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MASTER JAGDISH SINGH

#### UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow,

nform 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 Ilthala - 4 pm On Wednesday 05-07-2023 at Jagat

Resort, Near A.G's office, Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN :-Smt. Kamla Devi (Wife) Sons & Daughters-in-Law

Sanjay & Upasna Gandotra Raman & Pooia Gandotra Daughter & Son-in-Law Urmil & Yash Pal Gupta

Amita & Rajesh Suri Grand Children : Gazal, Poorvak, Chahat, Bhavik, Utsav, Yuvan

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### **Use Aadhaar card as valid document for age proof** for release of pensions: JMC Corporators

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 4: While addressing media persons regarding revocation of Order No 156 JK (SWD) of 2022 dated 08-09-2022 and release of pensions in favour of widows, physically challenged (Handicapped) and old age persons, Chander Mohan Gupta former Mayor of Jammu Municipal Corporation said that as per Govt Order No 156 JK (SWD) of 2022 dated 08-09-2022 new rules under Integrated Social Security Scheme have been framed wherein for the purpose of availing financial assistance, PHH/AAY ration cards have been made mandatory for existing beneficiaries.

They have to apply online for re-sanctioning of pension cases. More than 90% beneficiaries in Jammu city are having NPHH ration cards and they will be debarred from these benefits because CAPD has stopped bifurcation of ration cards and slow process of preparation of



PHH ration cards.

He further informed that there are about one lakh and six thousand pension cases in Jammu district. Out of 1.06 lakh only 65000 persons have applied and out of 65000 only 44000 have complete forms.

He further said that income slab for beneficiaries of Delhi UT is one lack per annum and amount of pension is Rs 2500/PM.

While briefing the media persons Sham Lal Basson Corporator and member Social Justice Standing Committee said that we feel ashamed when we ask

widow lady of 75 years or more to produce widow non re-marriage certificate. Physically challenged, widows and old age persons are suffering badly to produce age certificate.

They have to visit hospitals for age proof when Aadhaar card is a valid document for age proof, then what is a fun of any other age proof from hospital, he said.

Social Justice Standing Committee of JMC organised many meetings under the chairmanship of Subash Sharma and submitted memorandum Prime Minister, LG JK UT and Commissioner Secy to Social

cards were considered as age proof. These elderly and disabled persons are suffering to great extent for visiting hospitals, revenue offices. Some elderly persons don't have domicile certificates. He further informed that deputation of Social Justice Committee also met twice to Sh Ram Dass Athawle-Union minister of state for Social Justice and Empowerment and submitted memorandum to him but nothing seems

ity concerned Tehsildars have issued income

certificates and Aadhar

We request to Union Minister For Social Justice and Empowerment, LG JKUT and chief secretary JKUT that Govt Order No 156 JK (SWD) of 2022 dated 08-09-2022 may please be revocated so that existing beneficiaries may not be debarred from pension benefits because it is not easy for them to produce PHH/AAY ration cards We hope that justice will be delivered to these poor beneficiaries.

to be done in this regard.

### Khatana appreciates J&K administration for providing land to landless families

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 4: BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er Gulam Ali Khatana on Friday appreciated the Jammu and Kashmir administration for framing a policy to provide 150 square vard plots to landless poor families here for the construction of their houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY).

Hailing the policy of providing plots to the landless as a path breaking initiative under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, MP Khatana said that during past 70 years of successive governments, nobody thought of providing houses and land to the poor.

In a statement issued here, MP Khatana said that when he raised the question of how many Housing colonies have been established by Housing Department, JK Housing Board, Srinagar Development Authority, Jammu **Development Authority** 

administration of J&K

has made the students

intensely exasperated

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for SCs, STs, OBCs, EWS, poor in J&K, the answer was a dismal no. But PM Narendra Modi recently sanctioned an additional 1.90 Lakh houses under PMAY and now the policy of allotting 5 marla plot to landless will bring a transformation change in the lives of llandless and houseless poor.

He further said that the government has already given plots to 2,711 landless families across Jammu and Kashmir and will be providing land as per the list govt has and hope to complete the existing backlog by March the LG Manoj Sinha.

MP Gulam Ali said that PM Narendra Modi led govt believes in Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas and doesnot discriminate on the basis of region, religion or caste and the developmental strides witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370 can be seen on ground.

He said that after abrogation of Article 370 more than 800 central laws have been extended to the UT which are immensely beneficial for the poor and backwards.

### Congress workers hold meeting, discuss students' issues



**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 4: A meeting of prominent Congress workers was held at Roop Nagar under the chairmanship of Satish Sharma Member AICC.

The participants of Khour and Akhnoor constituencies attended the meeting where

burning issues were discussed at large such as students issues like CUET exams, JKSSB recruitment issues, reexamination of JKSSB, unemployment of youth, shortage of ration, shortage of electricity, widow

pension and others. The members of the

Congress who attended the meeting Kuldeep Raj Verma ex Vice Chairman, Prem Singh PCC member, Prabhu Singh Senior Congress leader, Uttam Singh PCC member, Capt Sham Singh Senior Congress Leader, Ashok Sharma

Retired DYsP, Naseeb

panch, Madan Lal Congress Leader, Rattan Bhau Congress leader and newly elected Youth Assembly President Akhnoor Constituency namely Ganga Sagar Singh Manhas also attended the meeting. All the members congratulated newly Constituency Youth President Akhnoor.

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this regards.

It was decided that a great reception will be organized on the 7th of July 2023 at Khour at 11 AM in favour of newly elected youth office bearers/members of Khour and Akhnoor constituency.

### **ABVP** condemns enhancement in retirement age from 62 to 65 years of University Teachers

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 4: Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (AVBP) condemned the enhancement of retirement age of University Teachers in which Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha made a major announcement pertaining to faculty of all Universities in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. As per the order. the retirement age will be enhanced by three years from 62 to 65.

He made the announcement of fulfilling the long pending demand of the faculty of Universities during his address last year after inaugurating Annual Youth Festival `Sonzal-2022' at the University

of Kashmir in Srinagar. This move of LG administration is against the Youth of Jammu & Kashmir who are facing unemployment. It is heartbreaking move adopted by LG Manoi Sinha which is against

#### Billowria said, UT turn will lead to increase charge of the depart-

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inverse in J and K as L.G administration has failed to appoint full-fledged Principal Secretary to Higher Education. It is pertinent to mention that the present incumbent Principal Secretary is holding additional

**Boulevard Road Stretch from** 

ment of Higher Education who is already holding charge of many other departments. This shows total non

seriousness of L.G such a prestigious department of Higher Education. ABVP appealed to

LG administration and requests LG Manoj Sinha to revoke this order so that the interest of the youths could not get suffered in the Union Territory of J and K.

### Dimple welcomes hearing of abrogation of Art 370 in SC on July 11

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 4: Addressing a press conference today Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood welcomed the Supreme Court five judges bench hearing on the abrogation Article 370, 35-A Dimple said since 5th August,

2019 "Mission Statehood" is fighting and has started a struggle for the restoration of J&K state,



implementation of instrument of accession. He expressed full faith in the Supreme Court and said the Jammu and Kashmir people will

get full justice from SC.

Dimple appealed to all political parties, leaders of NC, Congress, PDP, Apni Party, Jammu organizations and Kashmir organizations, to unite and fight unitedly in SC supreme court the petitions on abrogation of Article 370, 35-a. J&K statehood and assembly elections. The senior leaders Nitin Saini and Raju Dogra were also present during the press conference.

### **Badyari Chowk to Nehru Park** declared as 'No Halt Zone'

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

SRINAGAR Jul 4: In order to ensure smooth traffic flow on the Boulevard Road axis the District Administration Srinagar has declared Badvari Chowk to Nehru Park segment of Boulevard Road as "No Halt Zone" for vehicles to implement the Decongestion Framework.

In this regard, an order has been issued by Chairman Regional Transport Authority (District Magistrate, Srinagar) Mohammad Aijaz Asad here stating that Boulevard road as a whole is thronged by large number of locals and tourists, especially during the current season and frequent congestion is observed and traffic jam has become a norm around this road due to the unauthorized halt of vehicles which in turn create a blockage for the smooth vehicular

that "a number of vendors also gather on the said road stretch of the Badyari Chowk to Nehru Park as it is interspersed with a high density of houseboats, business establishments, hotel and restaurants on both



sides, besides autos, taxis and private car owners park their vehicles on the main road that often leads to traffic congestion and inconvenience to the commuters and tourists.

The order further stated that the traffic congestion around this area has been a constant maneuverability glitch for the inhabitants along the Boulevard road in Nishat, Shalimar, Harwan and surrounding wards/villages and numerous representations have been received from the locals to mitigate this perpetual problem.

Accordingly, the issue has been broached at length in the Regional Transport Authority(RTA) meeting and it was unanimously agreed that necessary steps need to be taken to ensure smooth traffic flow on the boulevard road as a whole.

Now, therefore, in

the interest of general public, Badyari Chowk to Nehru Park road segment on the Boulevard Road is, hereby, declared as "No Halt Zone" for vehicles of all types and with the directions that Traffic Police and Enforcement agencies including the District Police shall ensure that no vehicles are parked on roadside and no linear stops are allowed on mentioned segment of the Boulevard road.

As per the order, any breach of the instruction shall attract imposition of fine under the norms in vogue.

Similarly, Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City and concerned Executive Engineer of Public Works Department respectively shall ensure that signage boards are displayed at appropriate prominent places on both sides of the road to that effect.

While the Owners of the Local Business Establishments are advised to help their clients in parking the vehicles within their respective Parking of business premises and keep dedicated personnel to regulate the same.

### Jammu region grappling with severe shortage of Doctors in healthcare services: Rattan Lal

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 4: The healthcare services across the Jammu region have reached an alarming state, casting a dark shadow over the well-being of the people and left the healthcare system in shambles.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of J&K National Conference, Jammu in a statement issued here today.

The senior NC leader strongly criticized the LG-led administration for its failure to provide adequate healthcare facilities to the people of the Jammu region. He said Primary Health Centers (PHCs) are operating in a dire state, with no available

doctors and insufficient medical infrastructure. He maintained that over 165 PHCs are operating without qualified doctors, despite the issue being raised consistently by the Party over the last one year. The reliance on paramedical staff to run these PHCs poses significant risks to the healthcare of the local population, he added.

Rattan Lal Gupta said the rural and far flung areas of Jammu region are particularly affected by this healthcare crisis. The LG administration has shown a lack of serious concern towards the hardships faced by the general public residing in these areas, he said. "The Primary Health Centres



in Mougri, Latti, Thial and several other areas suffer from inadequate healthcare facilities. Shockingly, more than 1000 vacancies of doctors and 5000 vacancies of paramedicos are lying vacant across the Union Territory. This shortage exacerbates the strain on the already struggling healthcare system," he said.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that the situation at

highlights the grim reality of the healthcare scenario in Jammu. More than one pregnant woman being compelled to share a single bed in the gynecology ward and almost same condition is prevailing in children wards where three patient children sharing single bed of SMGS Hospital Jammu are stark reminders of the dire conditions faced by patients, showing the bleak state of healthcare facilities in the Jammu city, he said.

SMGS Hospital Jammu

The Provincial President asserted that the LG led administration boasts about unprecedented development in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir but

the ground reality tells a different story.

Gupta called upon the government to take immediate and adequate steps to address the healthcare crisis in Jammu. It is crucial to ensure that people no longer feel compelled to seek better healthcare facilities in neighboring states, he added. "The LG administration

should prioritize health-

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care as a fundamental right and allocate the passage. necessary resources to The order further reads improve the healthcare infrastructure in Jammu. The well-being and lives of the people should be the utmost priority, and immediate action is required to address this pressing issue," he con-

### **EDITORIAL**

#### REVOLUTIONARY TOOL

omputer is a revolutionary tool of the present era with unlimited capabilities. This is such a Yantra-Purusha, in which morphological and coordinative sum and qualitative density of mechanical brains is found. As a result, it performs error-free calculations at high speed in the shortest possible time.

Initially, computers were invented only to perform complex mathematical calculations. Charles Babbage (1792-1871 AD), the first theorist of the modern computer, had prepared a plan for a grand computer only to prepare micro tables of mathematics and astronomy.

In the last decade of the nineteenth century, American engineer Herman Hollerith used a computer based on punch cards to analyze census data. For the first time, electricity-powered computers were made during the Second World War. They were also used only for calculations.

Today's computers are not limited to doing calculations only, but are able to accept letters, words, shapes and statements or even more so do many other things. Today it has become possible to use computers in more and more areas of human life. Now computers have also become powerful means of communication and control.

Microprocessor was invented in the year 1971. This invention made computers smaller, cheaper and many times more powerful. After the invention of the microprocessor, it became possible to use the computer for many tasks. Word-Processors (Word Processors) with the addition of screen and printer to computers, their utility has expanded a lot.

First of all an article is edited and stored in the computer. The typed matter can be viewed on the computer screen and can also be amended after this printing is done by machines. Nowadays, in the big newspapers in highly developed countries (Britain etc.), matter is fed in the computers at one end in the editorial department and on the other end electronic printers print the newspapers at a high speed.

Computers have started being used in banks. Many nationalized banks have also issued check books with magnetic numbers. Computers are also being installed in banks to keep track of accounts and transactions. Today, services like ATM (Automated Teller Machine) have become possible for 24-hour money transactions in banks only through computers.

Computer is also very useful in prevention of crimes. In many western countries, records of all authorized vehicle owners, drivers, criminals are preserved in a huge police computer. Required information is available through the computer within a moment, which proves helpful in catching criminals.

Not only this, the computer finds out new facts by analyzing many facts related to any crime and with the help of any picture of a criminal, it can present the picture of any age and appearance of the criminal.

### The Need For A Common And Secular Civil Code

**By: Mohan Guruswamy** 

rime Minister Narendra Modi came to power nine years ago. The BJP manifesto promised a Uniform Civil Code. He slept for this entire duration without a word of a move towards a common or uniform civil code. He even ignored a Supreme Court directive to wake up and act on enacting it. But now that another Lok Sabha election soon looms, given his dismal track record of inept and corrupt governance, Mr Modi needs an incendiary issue to arouse his army of "bhakts" to have a "Hindus vs Others" issue, such as the uniform civil code. He will now traipse around the country abusing and insulting Muslims over their anti-women personal laws such as multiple wives and easy divorces still endemic despite of a law against the triple talaq.

I have no doubt that the Muslim leadership, by and large, will also take the bait and describe it as an assault on secularism. All personal laws in India are misogynistic and medieval. But that will not be discussed. Mr Modi and his cohort will turn it into a Muslimbashing fest.

The Supreme Court in October 2015 gave the Union government three weeks to come up with a proposal to amend the Christian divorce law while asking it to take a quick decision on a uniform civil code to end the confusion over personal laws.

"If you want to have a uniform civil code, have it. If you want to follow the uniform civil code, follow it. But you must take a decision soon," a bench headed by Justice Vikramjit Sen told then solicitor-general Ranjit Kumar.

With the National Democratic Alliance government, and with the BJP alone having a majority in the Lok Sabha with 282 seats, the excuse for shelving the discussion for a common civil code had evaporated. But, did the Narendra Modi government even think it was time for a debate once again? That it was time that we are no longer separated by law? Now that 2024 is around the corner, he has found utility in the proposition.

The cornerstone of a democratic society is equality. Without equality, there can be no justice, just as without justice there can be no equality. True justice cannot be based on unjust laws, though it is possible to have a law-abiding society with the most unjust laws in place.

Just laws are a pre-requisite for a democratic society and, therefore, a just and orderly society. The concept of justice also changes with the dynamics of the times. Laws evolved and deemed sacred in more primitive times cannot continue to be considered so, if they do not satisfy the conditionalities of the doctrine of equality.

In his celebrated work A Theory of Justice, John Rawls said that every person possesses an inviolability founded on justice that even the welfare of society as a whole cannot override. As such, justice denies that this loss of freedom for a few is made right by the greater good shared by others.

It does not allow that the sacrifice imposed on a few is outweighed by the larger sum of advantages enjoyed by the many. Therefore, it follows that in a just society, the liberties of equal citizenship are taken as settled. The rights secured by justice are not subject to political bargaining or to the

calculus of social interest.

Much of the legal argument by those still in favour of the existing system of separate personal laws on the basis of religion and custom derive from the premise that personal laws are a part and parcel of the freedom of religion guaranteed by Article 25 of the Constitution of India. This is despite the fact that Clause 2 of the same article specifically saves secular activities associated with religious practices from the guarantee of religious freedom.

The task of modernisation entails the destabilisation of a large number of institutions. Our founding fathers, Hindus, Muslims and Christians alike, in the process of seeking to modernise India, had destabilised and uprooted many traditional institutions. They destabilised the manner in which much of Hindu society was organised. They destabilised the hierarchy of castes. They also outlawed many discriminatory practices, apparently ordained by Hindu religion and custom.

The traditional objections of a uniform civil code hark back to the argument posed when the matter was debated in the Constituent Assembly. The two main objections then were that it would infringe on the fundamental right to freedom of religion guaranteed by Article 25, and that it would constitute tyranny of the majority.

The second objection would be valid, if the laws of one community were made incumbent on the rest. However, if a common set of laws for inheritance, marriage, divorce, custody, adoption and guardianship were to be framed with a special emphasis on gender equality, which neither resembled any existing personal

law nor sought to impose any one personal law on the rest, it would simply be a common and secular civil code.

Such a common and secular civil code, while not interfering with any of the rituals and many practices of the various religious and caste groups, would seek to merely legitimise the larger precepts of law that are being made secular. Under a common and secular civil code, the validity of a marriage would begin with the age of consent and end with a legitimate registration or certification by any authorised person or body such as a priest or locally elected officials or even traditional village elders.

By applying the doctrine of equality, all grounds of divorce, like adultery, desertion and cruelty, will be equally available to husband and wife. Thus, if a concealed pregnancy by another man before marriage is a ground, so will the concealed pregnancy of another woman by the man. If bigamy is to be a ground for divorce, so will polyandry. Naturally, divorce by mutual consent will be allowed to the husband and the wife jointly. A common and secular civil code will also then address the issues that make marriages void or voidable in a uniform manner.

When the equality doctrine prevails, it will entail that in matters of maintenance and alimony, it will become the duty of the spouse with the greater or only income to maintain the other. A similar application of the doctrine on the questions of inheritance, maintenance of children, custody and guardianship and adoption will result in a dramatically different and more egalitarian social scenario.

### What's our actual national security doctrine? Can Doval spell it out?

By: Aakar Pate

ational security has been described as the "ability of a State to cater for the protection and defence of its citizenry" and of a "country's ability to protect itself from the threat of violence or attack".

To understand New India's national security doctrine, one has to look at what is called the "Doval Doctrine", named after the national security adviser. This is not a written text and has never been articulated in a book. Its contents I will briefly describe at the end, but it has been expressed in a video. In a video because India doesn't have an intellectual national security adviser of the Henry Kissinger school, who thinks, but a man of action and the field. Ajit Doval did not waste his time on thesis and dissertation; he got down to it.

In a profile which lampooned him, A.G. Noorani wrote: "Doval does not hesitate to roll up his sleeves and get into action. He went to Iraq on a rescue mission for Indians taken hostage by the Islamic State; organised the Indian Army's 'hot pursuit' into Myanmar and then went over to smoothen ruffled feathers; phoned Pakistan's high commissioner in New Delhi and instructed the Indian high commissioner in Islamabad to berate Pakistan for the firings at the Line of Control; supervised, astonishingly, the arrangements for crowd control at the funeral of Yakub Memon in Mumbai; questioned the Delhi police on the Uber cab rape case; and much else. This is a real man of action, the kind of whom we have never seen before."

This piece was published in November 2015. In the seven years since then, Mr Doval has been on other adventures, including personally evacuating the Tablighi Jamaat in Nizamuddin, which was shamefully and wrongly accused by the government of being the culprit for Covid-19 in India. He also chose to be photographed having biryani on the streets of Kashmir to signal normalcy in 2019. Like others in the government, he likes to be seen in the media as being effective. He has not been to Manipur yet, though one is not sure if that is the case because he also famously claims to be a master of disguise. The broad point is this: When the boss takes all the credit, why should the minions rush to take the blame when a disaster unfolds? If this is not "catering for the protection and defence of citizenry", then nothing is.

Another aspect to this is: Where all decisions are taken in a centralised fashion and then announced as unprecedented and historic occasions, why should their fallout accrue to juniors? That is likely why the great spymaster of our times has no contribution to make to one of the most serious threats as it plays out.

Recent reports of his activities include the headline: "Days after Wagner mutiny, Russian Security Council secretary calls national security adviser Ajit Doval" from June 29, and "NSA Ajit Doval meets top leadership of Oman, discusses way to boost security ties" from June 26. On June 17, at a meeting he revealed his vast knowledge as a historian to proclaim, as a headline put it, that "'India would not have been partitioned if Netaji Subhash Bose was there': NSA chief Ajit Doval".

Happily for him, there are no headlines about his absence from more pressing matters as there is no accountability for failure in our parts and especially in this administration. He can carry on as if Manipur were not part of his responsibility to deliver, as the corporates put it, key result areas.

This dereliction of duty may be seen elsewhere. In 2018, the national security adviser was put in charge of the Defence Planning Committee. This was to be chaired by Mr Doval and include the foreign secretary, defence secretary, the Chief of Defence Staff, the three service chiefs and the secretaries of the ministry of finance. It had the enormous tasks of looking after "national defence and security priorities, foreign policy imperatives, operational directives and associated requirements, relevant strategic and security-related doctrines, defence acquisition and infrastructure

development plans, national security strategy, strategic defence review and doctrines, international defence engagement strategy", and so on. It met once, on May 3, 2018, and does not appear to have met after that, and it now been five years. The lack of interest may have been intensified after Ladakh, because it is Pakistan and Muslims that is the primary obsession of Mr Doval. If there is a thread of continuity to his actions, as Mr Noorani described them, it can be understood through this prism.

The "Doval Doctrine" says that terrorism is the national security threat and Pakistan is the primary enemy. The government accepted this to be untrue after the events of 2020. Before the Galwan clashes, of the Army's 38 divisions, 12 faced China, while 25 divisions were deployed on the India-Pakistan border, with one division kept in reserve. After the reassignment, 16 divisions now face China. What is the reason for the previous position and what was the reason for the change? We do not know, though we might if Mr Doval were to write up the new doctrine. Or even talk about it.

It is when one looks away from the immediate song and dance and at the granular detail of what has been going on since 2014 that one realises what the quality and competence of thinking and execution is in this project that we call New India.

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Singh said, to get the

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### Dr Jitendra asks States, UTs to facilitate **Central deputation of IAS officers**



#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU / NEW DELHI. Jul 4: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also Minister Incharge DoPT (Department of Personnel & Training), has asked the State and UT Governments to facilitate Central Deputation of IAS and other All India Services officers. He called for following the practice of cooperative federalism in true letter and spirit.

Addressing the Annual Conference of Principal Secretaries of States/ UTs looking after Personnel, General Administration and Administrative Reforms, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is both the responsibility of both the Central Government as well as the StateGovernments to maintain the All India character of the service and it is also in the interest of the officers to get exposure to wide range

of experiences at the Central level, which in turn also has a bearing on their future empanelment or promotion in the

The Minister also asked Director LBSNAA Mussoorie to sensitise, encourage and guide young officers to serve both at the state and central level as IAS officers are the shared resource between the Centre and the States. Dr Jitendra Singh said,

under Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, the officers get ample support to experiment with new ideas for policy formulation and added that some of the best innovative pro-people and pro-poor schemes like Swachh Bharat, JAM Trinity, Jal Jeevan, PM Kisan have been formulated since 2014 having wider socio-economic impact. He said, with increased use of technology, transparency in administration has set in and that has led to abolition of nepotism and vested interests.

The Minister said, Central Deputation is part of

the federal structure in our country and urged the State Governments to cooperate with the Central Government to address the concerns in this regard. He said, an All-India Service officer is an important interface of the Government, both

within the State as well

as the Centre. Dr Jitendra Singh said, there is already a laid down structure for Cadre Management of All India Services and the same needs to be followed in letter and spirit. A particular aspect in this regard is the deployment of the All-India Service officers at Centre, the Minister added.

Dr Jitendra Singh underlined that the Central Government, with the sole objective of weeding out the deadwood in order to maintain a high standard of efficiency and initiative in the State/Centre, carries out intensive review of service records of Members of the Services which has been provided under Rule 16(3) of AIS (DCRB) Rules, 1958. The Minister solic-

policies and programs He said, there is a need to have a platform where interaction at regular intervals between this Department and other stakeholders continues to take place

The Government of India and the Government of States are the biggest employers of the country. A Government job is the dream job for every citizen, cutting across all sections of the society.

The people look up to the Government job not only because it provides the best facilities, salary package and job security but also because the selection process is open to all and is merit based.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, "I am happy to inform vou that the Central Government has taken initiative to fill all the vacant posts under it in a mission mode and expressed hope that the State Governments too would be undertaking similar exercise. While getting a government job remains a dream for every aspirant, the aspect of doing the job with integrity and devotion and living up to the expectations of the public attains equal significance, particularly in today's scenario.

Dr Jitendra Singh congratulated Secretary, DoPT and her team for their effort to make this interactive meeting a regular event and added that he would support such continued interaction with the representatives of the State Government by DoPT.

### Army praised for swift response in extinguishing fire in Mohura Village



#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

BONIYAR, Jul 4: The Army stationed in Boniyar Tehsil has earned widespread praise for their prompt action in extinguishing a fire that erupted in Mohura Village, Baramulla District.

On Monday, the army swiftly responded to an emergency distress call and successfully controlled the blaze, preventing further damage and ensuring the safety of the local community.

At approximately 4:00 PM, a wooden house in Mohura Village caught fire, posing a grave threat to nearby homes and residents.

The Indian Army, equipped with water bowsers and fire extinguishers, reached the location within minutes, showcasing commendable coordination and efficiency.

With their swift response, the army personnel immediately initiated firefighting operations, utilizing water bowsers to douse the flames and fire extinguishers to contain its spread. The

residents of Mohura Village expressed deep gratitude for the timely assistance provided by the Indian Army, praising their bravery and selflessness.

Local authorities, community leaders, and residents have wholeheartedly appreciated the tireless efforts of the Indian Army, which averted a potential disaster. This incident once again highlights the vital role played by the army in ensuring peace and harmony in the region.

#### Shardanjali Park to be inaugurated on Aug 5

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

LEH, Jul 4: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv Tashi Gyalson convened a meeting regarding the inauguration of Shardanjali Park near KBR Airport, Leh with the concerned stakeholders and officers/officials at Council Secretariat today. It was decided that the Shardanjali Park would be inaugurated on the occasion of the UT Declaration Day on 5th August 2023. In this regard, CEC Gyalson enquired about the status of completion of the park and directed the concerned authorities to execute the pending work well in time.

To oversee the progress, CEC Gyal-

son decided to conduct an on-site visit of the Shardanjali Park with the concerned stakeholders, officials and agencies. Executive Councillor, Ghulam Mehdi; Executive Councillor, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Executive Councillor, Stanzin Chosphel; ADC Leh/ CEO, Leh Development Authority; Deputy Secretary, LAACL Leh; Xen PDD; Xen LDA; Xen PHE; Xen Construction Division; Assistant Director, Tourism; Umzad Spituk Monastery, Ven Thupstan Tundup; Chakzot Spituk Monastery, Member, Bakula Memorial Society, Ishey Tundup

and Nambardar Spituk village attended

the meeting.

### GDC Kathua organizes lecture on life of Girdhari Lal Dogra

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

KATHUA, Jul 4: As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Campaign under the theme 'Unity' NSS Units GDC Kathua organized an introductory lecture on life and contributions of Girdhari Lal Dogra, in order to highlight his contributions to national freedom struggle.

The aim of organising this lecture was highlighting the substantial contribution to national freedom struggle by the leaders of Jammu and Kashmir.

The lecture was delivered by NSS program officer Dr. Suresh Sharma in which he apprised volunteers about the education, political career and



contributions of Girdhari Lal Dogra.

He said that Girdhari Lal Dogra came into political life with an inspiration of patriotism. He had cordial relations with people and political personalities at his time. He continuously remained the state's finance minister for over two decades and a Member of Parliament from Udham-

pur-Doda and Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha constituencies. He raised the voice of common people and worked day and night for the welfare of farmers. He was an epitome of simplicity and dedication, stood for secular values throughout his life.

He served the people of the state for a long time in a various capacities and always worked

for poor and downtrodden sections of society. The veteran Congress leader was also the father-in-law of Arun Jaitley.

He never lost an election and presented 26 budgets as the then finance minister, indicated his acceptability in politics; and expertise and dedication to the task at hand. He was a man of high

He also groomed many political leaders. He was a freedom fighter who later became a prominent political figure in the state. He said that Present day politicians need to get inspiration from this proud son of Jammu and Kashmir. The event ended with vote of thanks by Prof. Manmohan Singh.

The whole event was organised under the patronage of Principal of college Prof. Seema Mir and under the supervision of NSS program officers Prof. Manmohan Singh, Dr. Suresh Sharma and Dr. Neha Bandral.

### **DDC Ramhal inaugurates Water Supply Scheme** Chermundi under JJM

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

HANDWARA, Jul 4: District Development Council Member Ramhal Adv Ulfat Mushtag, on Tuesday inaugurated the work on Chermundi Pazalpora Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The DDC was accompanied by XEn Jal Shakti Department Handwara Bilal Ahmad, AEE Ramhal Zahoor Ah Lone, JE Concerned Syed Iftikhar, local PRIs and general public of the

the said Water Supply Scheme Chermundi Pazalpora is bieng constructed/Established at an estimated cost of Rs 132.00 lakh and shall cater the water requirement of Chermundi, Pazalpora and Ganie Mohalla, hamlets of Chermundi Pazalpora. The source of the WSS is Borwell near Chermundi.

It is supposed that

The water supply scheme has different house, chain link fencing, Sluice chamber, 0.3 lakh G service reservoirs.) and laving and fitting of the pipes for gravity main and distribution system which shall provide 266 FHTCs.

The WSS is expected to be completed during the current financial year 2023-24 and on its accomplishment water shall be provided quantitatively and qualitatively to the public under scope.

### Shaheen visits residence of Sampat Prakash to offer condolence

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

SRINAGAR, Jul 4: Janata Dal United President G M Shaheen, Secretary General Sajad Mirza, State General Secretary Vivek Bali, General Secretary S M Bukhari & other leaders visited the residence of the late Sampat Prakash to pay her heartfelt condolences.

G M Shaheen said Sampat Prakash, a Trade Leader known for his unwavering dedication to his people passed away, due to heart attack. Thousands of people from different walks of life participated in the condolence at Srinagar,



Shaheen expressed her deep sense of personal loss due to the demise of a trusted colleague and a known public figure of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sajad Mirza said Sampat Prakash's contributions to the region's betterment, peace, and stability will be remembered for generations to come, and his dedication to the welfare of employees and tireless efforts for positive change will be sorely missed. His untimely demise has left a void that cannot be filled,

added Sajad . Vivek Bali said, throughout his career, Sampat Prakash demonstrated remarkable

leadership skills and fearlessly advocated for the rights of marginalized sections of society and fought for the political rights of Jammu and Kashmir. His unwavering commitment to his principles earned him great admiration and respect across regions, religions, and all sections of society. Other leaders said, at

this moment of grief, i extend my prayers for the departed soul of Sampat Prakash and pray for peace and solace for his family and loved ones, who are undoubtedly grappling with the pain of this immense loss.

### **Nazakat receives 'Anti Corruption** Foundation of India' Award women empowerment.

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 4: Nazakat Choudhary, a prominent figure in the social sector, was honored with the prestigious Global Pride Award in a grand ceremony held in Karnal, Haryana.

The award was presented to Choudhary by renowned Bollywood actress Amisha Patel, on behalf of the esteemed Anti Corruption Foundation of India. in presence of Narendra Arora National president 'Anti-Corruption foundation of india'

The event witnessed the convergence of distinguished personalities, notable dignitaries, and influential individuals from various sectors. ACFI is the country larg-



est organization working for awareness of eradicating corruption across India.

The Global Pride Award is a testament to Nazakat Choudhary's commendable dedication and unwavering commitment to transforming society through his exemplary work in the social sector. His outstanding contributions have significantly

impacted communities and have brought about positive change on a national scale.

Throughout his career, Choudhary has worked relentlessly to address societal challenges and uplift the marginalized sections of society. He has been instrumental in implementing various initiatives that focus on education, healthcare, poverty alleviation, and

ship and innovative approach have played a pivotal role in transforming lives and creating sustainable change. Bollywood actress Amisha Patel praised his exceptional dedication to making a posi-

His visionary leader-

tive impact and hailed his contributions as an inspiration for others to follow. Expressing his grati-

tude upon receiving the Global Pride Award, Nazakat Choudhary extended his heartfelt appreciation to the Anti Corruption Foundation of India, Bollywood actress Amisha Patel, and the esteemed jury panel for acknowledging his efforts.

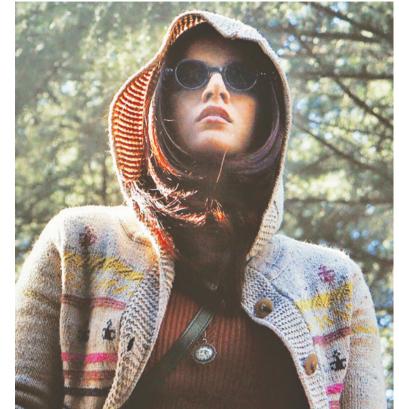
### **Agatha Christie's The Sittaford Mystery gets a new twist in** celebrated filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj's adapted version, 'Charlie Chopra & The Mystery Of Solang Valley'

The Queen of Crime's fans are in for a real treat, as filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj picks up Agatha Christie's celebrated novel, The Sittaford Mystery, and adapts it into a web series, tentatively titled, Charlie Chopra & The Mystery Of Solang Valley. The pilot, set in the snow-capped mountains of Himachal Pradesh, has already been dropped on Sony LIV, offering its subscribers a unique opportunity to co-create the title of this detective thriller. Wait... it gets better... after watching the episode, users can help the protagonist Charlie solve the mystery by finding clues!

Well, when it comes to the Agatha Christie, there have been numerous adaptations on screen, even if 'she never cared much for the cinema, or for wireless and television'. But her ardent fans wouldn't stop anytime soon. Bhardwaj, who has earlier adapted William Shakespeare's tragedies Macbeth to Maqbool, Othello to Omkara and Hamlet to Haider, shared, "I grew up devouring all the mysterious tales of Agatha Christie. Her plots, characters and settings remain unparalleled in the genre and continue to excite storytellers even today.'

With National Award-winner Bhardwaj at the helm, the series boasts of an impressive cast, including Wamiqa Gabbi, Priyanshu Painyuli, Naseeruddin Shah, Neena Gupta and Ratna Pathak Shah. Bhardwaj is the director and co-writer, along with Anjum Rajabali and Jyotsna Hariharan. He is also the producer, along with Priti Shahani's Tusk Tale Films in association with Agatha Christie Limited.

World's Favourite Christie And Then There Were None



(1939) was named the 'World's Favourite Christie'. It also remains the most adapted work of Christie. It got a big screen outing in English as And Then There Were None in 1945, Ten Little Indians in1965 and again as And Then There Were None in 1974.

Its 1989 British version Ten Little Indians was set on safari in the African savannah. It got a Bollywood outing, replete with comedy, song and dance sequences, in Gumnaam (1965), starring Manoj Kumar, Nanda, Pran, Helen and Mehmood. The film had memorable songs, including Gumnaam Hai Koi and Hum Kaale Hain Toh. The story was also adapted into many Indian regional films, including Iravil (Tamil, 1970),

Booked for screen Death On The Nile, Christie's 1937 novel has seen two film adaptations, one in 1978, and another in 2022, with the same

Aduthathu (Tamil, 2012) and

Aatagara (Kannada, 2015).

Murder On The Orient Express (2017) takes from Christie's 1934 novel by the same name. BR Chopra's Dhund (1973) was inspired by Agatha Christie's 1958 play The Unexpected

Bengali films Chupi Chupi Aashey (1960), Shubho Mahurat (2003) and Chorabali (2016) are said to be inspired from The Mousetrap, The Crack'd From Side To Side and Cards On The Table, respectively. Malayalam movie Grandmaster (2012)

takes after The A.B.C. Murders. Movie Adapted from The Sittaford Mystery

The Sittaford Mystery, around which Charlie Chopra is based, has been adapted many times. It was adapted to television in Agatha Christie's Marple series in 2006. It was also adapted as an episode in French series Les Petits Meurtres d'Agatha Christie in 2018.

The winning combination

Veteran screenwriter Anjum Rajabali and acclaimed filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj have been wanting to work together for many years. As Agatha Christie Limited approached Bhardwaj for an adaptation, the duo grabbed the opportunity to collaborate. They are joined by Jyotsna Hariharan in writing the screenplay for Charlie Chopra & The Mystery Of Solang Valley.

Rajabali, who has to his credit Drohkaal, Ghulam, The Legend of Bhagat Singh and Raajneeti, shares that an Agatha Christie adaptation on his resume brings him much joy. Even though he had read most of Christie's works, but not The Sittaford Mystery. "Agatha Christie's plots are inherently intriguing. Add to that the moral ambiguity that her characters have, and the fact that there is more than one suspect made it a very interesting and challenging screenplay to write," he says.

As the pilot episode introduces the element of supernatural dimension, it pushes the envelope further. Rajabali, all praise for Bhardwaj's interesting take on adaptations and Hariharan's sharp sense of screenwriting, vouches, "I can assure you that even those who have read the novel will be taken by surprise."

### Taylor Swift breaks her silence over fleeing the stage amid performance



Singer Taylor Swift has broken her silence in the most hilarious way after fleeing the stage during a show in Cincinnati after a trap door malfunctioned. The 33-year-old American hitmaker is currently touring the US with

'The Eras Tour'. The 'Anti-Hero' songstress was performing two nights in Ohio, reports Mirror.co.uk.

Fans went wild though when Taylor was seen fleeing the stage unexpectedly when the set seemingly malfunctioned, leaving the singer in a rush to get backstage for her outfit change.

After her 'Reputation' set, Taylor could be

seen standing still on the catwalk as her dancers departed the stage and headed behindthe-scenes. As per Mirror.co.uk, the singer - who will release the rerecord, also known as Taylor's Version, of her third album 'Speak Now' this week - then looked confused when the trap door below her didn't open.

Usually Taylor will stand still as the dancers depart, with the trap door opening so that Taylor can be lowered backstage for a quick outfit change before heading into the next

One clip of the incident, uploaded by a fan on TikTok, saw Taylor finishing her performance of 'Look What You Made Me Do' before standing still and looking down. The singer could then be seen running fast across the stage to exit in the same way as the dancers. Much to the TikTok user's surprise, Taylor herself commented on the video, with her addressing the situation. The Karma singer made light of the stage malfunction and her brisk running skills when she said: "Still swift af boi."

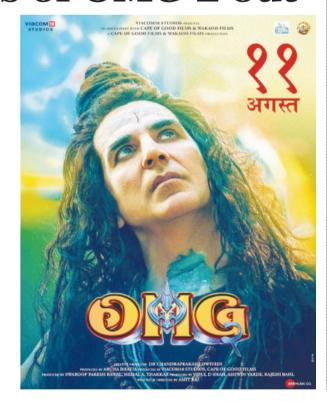
Fans were stunned that Taylor had replied, with one in disbelief that she said "boi" and another branding it as "the funniest thing that has ever happened."

### Posters of OMG 2 out

Actor Akshay Kumar has shared new posters of OMG 2, which feature him and Pankaj Tripathi. OMG 2, directed and written by Amit Rai, is the sequel to the 2012 blockbuster hit Oh My

One of the posters introduce Pankaj Tripathi's character, depicted with folded hands amidst a crowd.

Fans are eagerly awaiting the release of the film's teaser, expected to drop soon. Akshay Kumar wrote: "Bas kuch dino mein (coming in a few days) OMG 2 in theatres on August 11. Teaser drops soon."

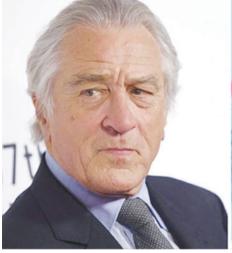


### Robert De Niro's grandson dies at 19; Leandro had acted in movie 'A Star Is Born'

Legendary actor Robert De Niro's grandson Leandro De Niro has passed away. He was 19.

In a statement to Variety, Robert De Niro confirmed the demise of his grandson. "I'm deeply distressed by the passing of my beloved grandson Leo. We're greatly appreciative of the condolences from everyone. We ask that we please be given privacy to grieve our loss of Leo," he said in the statement.

Leandro had acted in 'A Star Is Born'. Leandro's mother Drena De Niro also mourned the



demise of his son. Taking to Instagram, she wrote, "My beautiful sweet angel. I have loved you beyond words or description from the



my joy my heart and all that was ever pure and real in my life. I wish I was with you right now.

Reality TV star Khloe

Kardashian, who turned

I wish I was with you. I don't know how to live without you but I'll try to go on and spread the love and light that you so made me feel in getting to be your mama. You were so deeply loved and appreciated and I wish that love alone could have saved you. I'm so sorry my baby. I'm so sorry. Rest in peace and eternal paradise my darling boy."

Naomi Campbell also shared her condolences, writing, "Drena heartbroken for you, such a duo, I can't imagine how you must feel, may the lord cover you and hold you in his arms, at this very sad time and loss ...I love you, always here for you."

The cause of death is not known at the moment.

#### Ramayan is an institution that teaches how to live life, says Arun Govil



As Ramanand Sagar's popular Hindi TV show Ramayan returned to television on Monday, veteran actor Arun Govil, who played the character of Lord Ram in the TV show, went down memory lane and shared how he became a part of it.

Govil said, "From 1977, I started acting with Rajshri Pictures and with Sagar saheb. I also worked in Anand Sagar's directorial Aur Betaal, and only then I came to know that Sagar saheb is making Ramayan, so I approached him, as I wanted to play the character of Lord Ram. However, working in mythology was not a very standard thing at that time, and I was doing a lot of commercial films. My friends and family also did not want me to take

Baadal, and did Vikram

up that role," he said. Still, Govil was keen on portraying Lord Ram on screen. Although destiny was not in his favour initially and he was rejected. "He took my audition and rejected me at first," Govil added.

"His sons Prem Sagar, Moti Sagar, and Anand Sagar asked me to play the character of Bharat and Lakshman, but I said that, 'I want to play the role of Lord Ram and if I was not suitable for it then it was fine with me'. Later, they also selected someone else for the role," Govil added.

However, after a few days, he was called by the makers for the role, and, finally, got the opportunity to be part of the mythological show. Govil said that playing Lord Ram had a deep impact on his mind.

"Ramayan is an institution that teaches how to live life," he shared.

#### Finding the right work opportunity is still quite a task, says Sheeba Akashdeep



Even though the web as a new medium has opened up new doors to actors, finding the right work opportunity is still quite a task. There is huge competition, and often an actor is swamped with offers while others aren't. Sheeba Akashdeep shares her experience.

"There are plenty of opportunities today, and there are many mediums. But yes, there are a lot of actors vying for similar roles. So, an actor's life is hard," she

She believes that references and personal equations do help, besides merit, but she believes opportunities go to those who are deserving.

"Knowing the right people and being at the right place at the right time makes a big difference. But I don't feel that undeserving people get work. Whoever gets whatever, it means they deserve it, they probably fit the part well, and they were there at the right time."

#### Khloe can't wait to be in her 40s

39 last week, has described her 30s as "the worst decade ever." Taking to Instagram Story, The Kardashians star posted a video of some of the gifts she had received for her birthday. She said, "I don't love showing all of my gifts because I think it's sort of obnoxious, but this one was too funny. I hate being

worst decade ever." She then showcased a birthday card from a friend which had the number 39 printed in bold black letters, a plus sign, and a hand holding up the middle finger, and added, "And I cannot wait to be in my 40s. So, this card, Alexa I don't know where you found

in my 30s, like, it's the

this... but it's genius." Kardashian also posted a photo of another cheeky birthday gift a T-shirt printed with her infamous 2007 mugshot



and a parental advisory label added underneath. A camera and some film were also seen placed on top of the piece of

clothing.

Other photos shared showed the star receiving huge bouquets of flowers.

### **SCO** must not hesitate to criticise countries supporting terrorism: PM Modi

With Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif listening, Modi says there is a need for decisive action to deal with terrorism

NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Food, fuel and fertiliser crisis is a big challenge for all the countries in the world surrounded by controversies, tensions and epidemics and there must be united efforts to deal with it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday.

In his opening remarks at the virtual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), Modi said some countries use crossborder terrorism as an instrument of their policy and the grouping must not hesitate to criticise

With Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif listening, Modi said



there is a need for decisive action to deal with terrorism.

The summit was joined by Chinese President Xi Jinping, his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, Sharif and other leaders of the SCO nations.

Terrorism has become a threat to regional and global peace, Modi said, calling for expanding mutual cooperation to deal with terror financing as well.

"We have to fight together against terrorism that may be in any

form and any manifestation," Modi said.

India's concerns and expectations regarding Afghanistan are similar to those of most SCO countries, he said.

The prime minister said the SCO has emerged as a key platform for peace, prosperity and development for Eurasia.

India's thousands of years old cultural and people-to-people ties with this region (Eurasia) are living testimony to our shared heritage, he said.

As chair of the SCO, India has made sustained efforts to take our multifaceted cooperation to new heights, he added.

He also said that India supports the proposal of reform and modernisation of the SCO.

"I am happy that Iran is going to join the SCO family as a new member," he added.

### Six dead as auto-rickshaw collides with car in Agra

Person driving the car is at large but his two friends have been arrested, says police



AGRA, Jul 4 (Agencies): Six people lost their lives when an autorickshaw collided with a speeding car here,

police said on Tuesday. The incident took place around 10.30 pm on Monday in the Kheragarh police station area, they said.

**Deputy Commissioner** of Police (West) Sonam Kumar said two people died on the spot after the crash and four more

succumbed to injuries during treatment at a hospital here.

The deceased were identified as Jayprakash, Sumit, Brajesh Devi, Brajmohan Sharma, Manoj Sharma and auto-rickshaw driver Bhola

Kheragarh police station in-charge Rajeev Kumar said the person driving the car is at large but his two friends, Pinku and Baniya, have been arrested.

Kumar said car driver Bunty was likely under the influence of alcohol and the accident took place when he was returning home after dropping his friends off.

#### Maharashtra: 10 killed, more than 20 injured as truck rams into highway hotel in Dhule

MUMBAI, Jul 4 (Agencies): At least 10 people were killed and more than 20 injured after a container truck hit four vehicles and then rammed into a hotel on a highway in Maharashtra's Dhule district on Tuesday, police said.

The accident took place at around 10.45 am near Palasner village on Mumbai-Agra highway in Dhule, located more than 300 km from the state capital, a police official said.

The brakes of the truck failed, following which its driver lost control over the wheels.

It hit two motorcycles,



a car and another con-

tainer from the rear side. The truck then rammed into a hotel near a bus stop on the highway and overturned, he said.

"At least 10 people were killed and more than 20 injured," the official said.

The truck was going towards Dhule from Madhya Pradesh.

The victims included some of those waiting for a bus at the stop, he

After being alerted, the police rushed to the spot.

The injured persons were rushed to hospitals in Shirpur and Dhule, the police said.

### India leading in spirituality, technology and economy, says PM Modi

AMARAVATHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India was marching ahead in various fields, including technology and economy even as spiritual centres are reviving in the country.

In his virtual address during the inauguration of Sai Hira Global Convention Centre at Prasanthi Nilayam in Puttaparthi in Andhra Pradesh, Modi said 40 per cent of the total real-time online transactions are taking place in India.

He further said that India has the third largest startup ecosystem in the world and was competing with big countries in areas such as digital technology and 5G technology.

"On one hand spiritual centres are reviving in the country and simultaneously India is lead-



ing in economy and technology Today India is among the world's top five economies. India has the world's third-largest startup ecosystem in the world," he

For thousands of years Indian saints have nourished the spirit of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat', Modi reminded.

"I have come to Puttaparthi many times, but this time I could not come. I have been invited to come and give blessings, but I will come to take blessings but not give, he said. Though he may not be with them physically, Modi said with the help of technology 'I am with all of you'. Sri Sathva Sai Central Trust

has built Sai Hira Global Convention Centre at Prasanthi Nilayam in Puttaparthi, funded by philanthropist Ryuko Hira, demonstrating the vision of cultural exchange, spirituality and Global exchange.

The new facility will host conferences, seminars and cultural events, including encouraging dialogue and understanding between individuals from all walks of life.

It is also equipped with meditation halls, serene gardens and accommodation facilities.

Prasanthi Nilayam is the main ashram of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, located in the eponymous district of Andhra Pradesh

#### Rahul Gandhi Pays Tribute To Swami Vivekananda On His Death Anniversary

NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday paid tribute to Swami Vivekananda on his death anniversary and said that he taught the whole world the lesson of fearlessness.

"He (Swami Vivekananda) taught the whole world the lesson of fearlessness, showed the path of compassion, and taught brotherhood!" Rahul Gandhi tweeted in Hindi.

"Respectful salutations and tributes to the great spiritual master, Swami Vivekananda on his death anniversary,"

he added in the tweet. Congress President

Mallikarjun Kharge also took to Twitter and paid tribute. He said that Swami Vivekananda made Indian civilization and culture famous all over the world. "Millions of salutes to

Swami Vivekananda, the great thinker and source of inspiration for the youth, who made Indian civilization and culture famous all over the world," Mr Kharge tweeted in Hindi. In his tweet, he gave excerpts from Vivekananda's speech at the Parliament of Religions in Chicago, USA, which, he said, is very relevant even today.

"On his death anniversary. Some excerpts from his historic speech given in the year 1893 at the Parliament of Religions in Chicago, USA, which is very relevant even today. 'Communalism, bigotry and its dreadful descendant dogma have long held the earth in its grip. They have filled the earth with violence. How many times has this earth turned red with blood? So many civilizations have been destroyed and don't know how

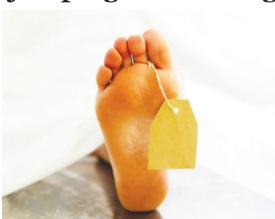
many countries have been destroyed. Had it not been for these terrible demons, today's human society would have been far more advanced, but now their time is over. I sincerely hope that the conch shell of this convention today will destroy all dogmas, all forms of affliction, whether by sword or pen and all ill-will among men," Mr Kharge tweeted.

Swami Vivekananda introduced the Indian philosophies of Vedanta and voga to the Western world. He became popular in the Western world

after his famous speech at the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893. He was also the chief disciple of the 19th-century Indian mystic Ramakrishna and the founder of the Ramakrishna Math and the Ramakrishna Mis-He was considered a

major force in the revival of Hinduism in India and brought it to the status of major world religion in the late 19th century. Swami Vivekananda's birthday on January 12 is also observed as National Youth Day in the country.

#### Delhi: Class-9 student dies after jumping off building in Dwarka



NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): A Class-9 student allegedly killed herself by jumping off a building at Dwarka Sector-16 here, police have said today.

A suicide note found from the 14-year-old girl's room indicated towards her unwillingness to study as a possible reason behind the extreme step, they said,

adding that it also contained details about her suicidal thoughts.

The Dwarka North police station was alerted about a girl jumping off a building at Sector 16 around 5.30 am on Monday, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka) M Harsha Vardhan said.

On reaching the spot, a police team found the girl lying on the ground near the Type-4 quarters, he said.

The body was handed over to the deceased's family members after post-mortem, police said today.

#### Caught on cam: Speeding car comes sliding, crushes kid, 2 women in Telangana



HYDERABAD, Jul 4 (Agencies): A speeding car ran over three people, including a child, while they were walking on the Hydershakot Main Road in Telangana. The entire incident was caught on surveillance cam-

The incident took place on Tuesday morning when the trio went out for a morning walk on the Hydershakot Main Road and left them dead on the spot.

The deceased include a mother and her child, residents of Shanti Nagar Colony, police said.

Police said that the accident took place as the car had exceeded the speed limit and lost control entirely. Narsanigi Police have lodged a case in the matter and further investigation is underway

### Anil Ambani's wife Tina appears before **ED in FEMA case**

The investigation against the couple pertains to the possession of certain alleged undisclosed assets abroad and the linked movement of funds, the sources said.

MUMBAI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Tina Ambani, the wife of Reliance ADA Group Chairman Anil Ambani, on Tuesday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here for questioning and recording her statement in connection with an investigation linked to the alleged contravention of the foreign exchange law, official sources said.

Anil Ambani recorded his statement in the case on Monday under sections of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and he is expected to appear before the fed-



eral agency again later this week for completion of the exercise.

The investigation against the couple pertains to the possession of certain alleged undisclosed assets

abroad and the linked movement of funds, the sources said.

Anil Ambani's alleged links to some offshore companies based in Jersey, the British Virgin Islands and Cyprus are under the probe scanner of the ED.

He had been questioned by the agency in 2020 in a money laundering case against Yes Bank promoter Rana Kapoor and others.

In August last year, the income-tax department issued a notice to Anil Ambani under the anti-black money law for allegedly evading Rs 420 crore in taxes on undisclosed funds of more than Rs 814 crore held in two Swiss bank accounts.

The Bombay High Court in March ordered an interim stay on this I-T show-cause notice and penalty demand.

#### Chhattisgarh man kills goat, goat's eye kills man



SURAJPUR, Jul 4 (Agencies): A man sacrificed a goat, but failed to escape its 'evil eye'.

Bagar Sai, a 50-year-old man from Chhattisgarh's Surajpur district, planned to offer a goat as a sacrifice

at a temple after his wishes came true. Bagar Sai, along with other residents of Madanpur village, reached Khopa Dham on Sunday where he sacrificed the goat.

After performing the sacrificial rituals, the villagers

cooked the goat's meat and sat down to eat. All pumped up, Bagar picked up an eye of the goat from the cooked meat, unaware it would get his goat. He tried to gulp it but the goat's eye got stuck in Bagar's throat, choking him.

As Bagar struggled to breathe, he was rushed to the district hospital, where he died.

### 4 Killed, 2 Children Injured After Mass Shooting In US

Those killed were all males aged between 20 and 59, Philadelphia police commissioner Danielle Outlaw told journalists, while the two children wounded were aged two and 13.

PHILADELPHIA, Jul 4 (Agencies): At least four people were killed and two children wounded in a mass shooting Monday night in the US city of Philadelphia, police said, the latest chapter in the country's gun violence crisis.

Those killed were all males aged between 20 and 59, Philadelphia police commissioner Danielle Outlaw told journalists, while the two children wounded were aged two and 13.

Police apprehended the suspected shooter -- a 40-year-old who was wearing a bulletproof vest and was armed with a rifle and a handgun -- near the scene of the shooting in the city's Kingsessing neighborhood, Outlaw said.

"I don't know if he was firing the rifle at the time we were pursuing or the handgun, but yes he was actively shooting a



firearm at the time our officers were pursuing," she said.

Earlier local media reports said four people had been hurt in the shooting, but Outlaw put the number of wounded at two, both children.

Local media footage showed police had cordoned off an extensive crime scene, which Outlaw said spanned at least eight city blocks.

"We have absolutely no idea why this happened. Like I said we have this person in custody and we are doing what we can to positively identify this person,"

Police said they had also apprehended a second person, who they believe returned fire against the shooter.

"At some point as victims were being shot, we have another person that we believe acquired a gun somehow... and returned fire in the direction of the shooter that we have in custody," said

Monday's shooting was at least the 341st that the United States has seen this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive (GVA), with at least 21,696 people killed -- including 12,144 suicides -- so far this year.

The GVA defines a "mass shooting" as a gun-related incident in which at least four or more people are wounded or

Last year, at least 44,357 people were killed in gun violence in the United States, more than half of which were suicides.

Over the weekend, two people were killed and 28 wounded in a shooting at a block party in the eastern city of Baltimore.

#### **Ukraine Drone Attack Near Moscow** A "Terrorist Attack", Claims Russia

MOSCOW, Jul 4 (Agencies): Russia said on Tuesday it had downed five Ukrainian drones in the Moscow region, calling it a "terrorist act" that disrupted the functioning of the Vnukovo international airport.

"An attempt by the Kyiv regime to attack a zone where civil infrastructure is located, including an airport that receives international flights, is a new terrorist act," foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Telegram.

The Russian military said it had downed all five drones, and that there was no damage or casualties

Four drones were destroyed by antiair defence systems while a fifth was neutralised by "electronic means" before crashing, it said.

Emergency services cited by the RIA Novosti news agency said one of the drones was neutralised at Kubinka, about 40 kilometres (25 miles) from Vnukovo, whose functioning was briefly interrupted by the attack.

Several flights were redirected to other airports and Russia's air transport agency said traffic at Vnukovo resumed at 0500 GMT.

Russia's Federal Air Transport Agency said that other airports in Moscow and

the Moscow region were operating nor-

State-run agency RIA Novosti also reported that two drones had been downed near the village of Valuevo in New Moscow, citing emergency ser-

The drones had fallen into an "open field" and no casualties had been reported, it said. Drone attacks

Moscow mayor Sergei Sobyanin called it "another Ukrainian drone attack attempt."

Drone attacks have hit Russian cities throughout Moscow's offensive in Ukraine, but have intensified in recent

Moscow and its environs, lying some 500 kilometres from the Ukrainian border, have up to now been rarely targeted.

In early May, two drones were shot down above the Kremlin, and later the same month drones hit Moscow high-

Kyiv said early Tuesday that Russia had launched 22 Iranian "Shahed" attack drones at the Sumy, Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia regions.

Its forces had "destroyed" 16 of the

### Putin's vertical of power crumbling: Ukraine Prez **Zelensky after Wagner mutiny**

The Ukrainian President also said that the rebellion by the Wagner Group had cast aspersions on Putin's leadership and his control over the state of affairs in Russia.

KYIV, Jul 4 (Agencies): Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky criticized Russian President Vladimir Putin's handling of the Wagner Group mutiny, describing it as "weak" and suggesting that Putin is gradually losing control over his own citizens.

In his interview with CNN, Volodymyr Zelensky also said that the Russian president is losing control of his own men.

Volodymyr Zelensky, under whom the Ukrainian people have been braving Russian aggression, said that Vladimir Putin does not have any control over the situation in the region as the Wagner group moved deep inside Russian territory. He also said that the

had is crumbling. Earlier, social media were full of videos where Russian people were seen cheering the fighters of the Wagner

Group fighters during

'vertical of power' Putin

the 24-hour-long mutiny. The Russian people cheered at Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin's vehicle as it departed Rostov-on-Don on June 24.

According to Ukraini-



an President Zelensky, intelligence reports from the country's spy agencies highlighted that the Kremlin measured support for Prigozhin, claiming that half of the country supported the revolt of the Wagner Group.

However, Russia escaped a major embarrassment as Wagner's chief called off the revolt just a hundred kilometres before Moscow.

In a video message posted days after the rebellion, the Wagner chief had said that his fighters did not want to overthrow the Russian government.

In the interview, the Ukrainian president also highlighted that the Wagner Group mutiny had cast aspersions on Putin's leadership and his control over the state of affairs in Russia.

On Monday, the Kremlin - the Russian citadel - said that all government agencies, including intelligence services, were working according to their mandate.

However, Dmitry Peskov, the Kremlin's spokesperson, refused to comment on questions about the failure of Russian agencies to control the revolt before it started brewing.

Zelensky's remarks come amid Ukrainian efforts to recapture territory occupied by the Russian forces. Recently, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) chief Bill Burns also visited Ukraine and met the Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelensky, along with intelligence officials.

#### France's Macron weakened by crisis over teen killed by police PARIS, Jul 4 (Agen-Luc Rouban, a senior

cies): Even in normal times Emmanuel Macron needed allies' help governing France. To get some things done he worked with the traditional right. The centerleft helped the French president accomplish others. The challenge was bigger than any a French leader had faced in more than two decades: He had to convince politicians across the country's national assembly to support even a minor domestic project.

Now, governing his already-polarised country has gotten close to impossible for Emmanuel Macron because a suburban police officer stopped a yellow Class A Mercedes and fired one fatal shot into the 17-year-old driver's chest, setting off six days of tumult across

the country. Renaissance party and its close allies had merely 251 seats out of 577 after Macron won his second five-year term last year with 58% of the votes in a runoff with far-right leader

Marine Le Pen. Macron dreamed big despite the close victory. His first big goal was raising the retirement age from 62 to 64, which he had to force through parliament. He then hoped to re-industrialize France, improve



finalize a new immigration bill. Abroad, Macron championed European sovereignty and independence in fields ranging from the economy and energy to defense. But all that has had to

fall by the wayside. Macron shortened a visit to a European summit in Brussels last week for a crisis meeting with his government. This week, he called a last-minute delay in a visit to Germany that had been meant to show the strength of the binational friendship despite disputes on energy, defense and the economy, among other issues.

The changes in his agenda echo another uncomfortable situation for the French leader three months ago, when the planned state visit of King Charles III to France was postponed due to violent protests against the pension changes.

German Chancellor

Olaf Scholz said he was watching France's situation with concern.

"I hope very much, and I am convinced, that the French president will find ways for this situation to improve quickly," he told ARD television. "I don't expect France to become unstable, even if the pictures are of course very depressing."

The US, the UK and China were among those that called on citizens to exercise caution when travelling to France.

Last month, after a climate summit, Kenya's president William Ruto praised Macron's deep involvement. "You have run this like Kenyans do ... like a marathon," he told Macron.

The question now for Macron is whether he can marshal enough endurance to face the political situation at

"The problem is that he still has four more years ahead," said researcher at the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS).

He noted that Macron has faced a succession of protests and street unrest, starting with the yellow vest movement against social injustice that broke out in 2018.

An increasing proportion of the population "rejects institutions" as part of a broader criticism of "a social order that involves inequalities, that is ... basically quite hypocritical, with school in particular not allowing people to succeed as it once did," Rouban said.

Schools, city halls, police stations and other public institutions have been attacked.

Macron "doesn't have much leeway except for distributing subsidies," which is also difficult because of France's heavy debt burden, Rouban said.

Last month, Macron hosted the global summit on climate and finance that brought over 50 heads of state and government and leaders of international organizations in the French capital, highlighting his international leadership.

Macron then travelled to Marseille last week to promote government efforts to inject billions into schools, housing and security and improve lives of residents of lowincome neighbourhoods in France's second largest city. Macron is to meet

Tuesday at the presidential palace with the mayors of over 220 towns and cities that have been concerned by incidents and damages in recent days.

Le Pen appears to the one coming out of the situation in a stronger position, Rouban said. She keeps positioning herself as the main political opposition to Macron, and continues her strategy of scrubbing the image of her far-right National Rally party, he said.

"These appalling events bring our leaders back to reality," Le Pen said last week in a video posted on a social media account. "I intend to stick to our line of conduct, which is to do nothing to prevent or challenge the action of the legitimate authorities in

charge of public order. On Paris' Champs-Elysées Monday, workers were preparing Bastille Day festivities, setting up seating and barriers for crowds expected to attend the traditional military parade on July 14th with guest of honor Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India.

Another major deadline is looming: next year's Olympics in Paris, suburbs and other French cities. Organizers and authorities promise the Games will be safe.

### Russian Journalist In Hospital After Being Attacked In Chechnya: Report

The incident happened early on Tuesday as Milashina and the lawyer Alexander Nemov were travelling from the airport.

MOSCOW, Jul 4 (Agencies): An awardwinning Russian investigative journalist is in hospital after being badly beaten by armed assailants during a trip to Chechnya, the Memorial human rights group said on Tuesday.

"Elena Milashina's fingers have been broken and she is sometimes losing consciousness. She has bruises all over her body," the group said on social media.

The incident happened early on Tuesday as Milashina and the lawyer Alexander Nemov were travelling from the airport.

"They were savagely kicked, including in the face, received death threats and were threatened with a gun to the head. Their equipment was taken away and smashed," Memorial

Milashina's paper Novaya Gazeta, Russia's top independent publication, confirmed the incident.

It said she and Nemov were currently in hospital in the Chechen capi-

tal Grozny. Novaya Gazeta said she was in Grozny to attend the sentencing of Zarema Musayeva, the mother of three



exiles critical of Chechen strongman Ramzan Kadyrov.

Musayeva was detained by Chechen forces in January last year in Nizhny Novgorod -- a city 1,800 kilometres (1,120 miles) north of Chechnya.

Novaya Gazeta in February last year said Milashina had to leave Russia temporarily after receiving death threats from the Chechen leadership.

Milashina has cov-

ered rights abuses in Chechnya for Russia's top independent newspaper Novaya Gazeta for years.

Gazeta, Novaya whose chief editor Dmitry Muratov won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2021, has since 2000 seen six of its journalists and contributors killed, including investigative reporter Anna Politkovskaya.

By focusing on rights abuses in Chechnya, Milashina has followed in the footsteps of Politkovskava, a fierce critic of the Kremlin's policies in Chechnya, who was shot dead in 2006.

### 7 Bodies Found After Family Of 10 Swept Away In **Malaysian River**



KUALA LUMPUR, Jul 4 (Agencies): Ten members of a single family were swept away in a river surge in Malaysia, with seven bodies ganu. found just under 25 kilometres from where they had been swimming, a senior police official

said Tuesday. The tragedy happened last Friday at the Jeram Mawar waterfall located deep in a forest in the district of Chukai in the eastern state of Tereng-

Local police chief Hanyan Ramlan told agency that nine of the victims were related and the other was a fiance.

"I believe they were

swimming in the river on Friday when a sudden surge in water swept them away. It happened very fast and the water level rose up to three metres," Hanyan said.

"They were caught in a deadly surprise."

Hanyan said the victims were aged between four and 40 years old, and the seven bodies were found about 24 kilometres (15 miles) from the scene of the accident.

"We have intensified the search for the remaining three victims. There are 210 officers from the various agencies assisted by tracker dogs covering 32 kilometres," he said.

### Nitin Gadkari announces Rs 5,600 cr worth road projects in poll-bound Rajasthan

#### Ahead of elections, Nitin Gadkari announces several new road and bridge projects in Rajasthan

PRATAPGARH, Jul 4 (Agencies): Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone of 11 NH projects worth Rs 5,600 crore in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan.

These comprise four major national highway projects worth Rs 3,775 crore and seven relatively smaller projects worth Rs 1,850 crore.

The four major projects include the six-laning of NH48 between Kishangarh and Gulbapura, and between Gulabpura and Chittorgarh, and the construction of a four-lane railway overbridge on NH 162A at Fatehnagar.

It also includes the construction of a high level bridge on



Chambal river in Mandrayal under Central Road and Infrastructure Fund. "With the construction of this bridge connectivity will be maintained between Mandrayal, Karauli in Rajasthan and Sabalgarh in Madhya

Pradesh," the government said. The minor projects include those aimed at improving connectivity between religious place Nathdwara and Udaipur

airport, including the Pratapgarh bypass. They also include the construction of a road from Raas to Biaora, and the construction of bypasses in Sangwara and Garhi. These projects also include thirteen animal underpasses in Todgarh Wildlife Sanctuary on the Beawar-Gomti

Separately, the minister also announced the approval of 74 projects under Central Road Fund at a cost of 2,250 crores. The work on these projects will start soon, the minister added.

Rajasthan is scheduled to see elections to the state legistlative assembly towards the end of 2023.

### Ajit Pawar: No other leader like Modi



MUMBAI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Tuesday said there is no leader like PM Narendra Modi.

"The country is marching ahead under his (Modi's) leadership. We have joined the government to support him," Ajit Pawar said, after inaugurating his NCP faction's new office in

south Mumbai. "There is no leader like Modi. There is no alternative to him," he said.

Ajit Pawar indicated that the allocation of portfolios in the state ministry may not be announced immediately. He attributed the delay to CM Eknath Shinde and Dy CM Devendra Fadnavis leaving for Nagpur to welcome President Murmu who is reaching there later in the evening.

"We all have decided to work together. There is no question of disgruntlement," he said, when asked if some members in the Shinde group are unhappy over his inclusion in the min-

#### Kerala man jailed for 45 years for molesting LKG student

ALAPPUZHA, Jul 4 (Agencies): A 26-year-old man from Alappuzha district in Kerala has been sentenced to 45 years of rigorous imprisonment by the Adoor Fast Track Special Court for molesting a kindergarten student who was studying in LKG.

The court's verdict was delivered on Tuesday, and the convict, identified as Sudheesh from Parakode, has also been ordered to pay Rs 2 lakh as compensation to the survivor.

According to reports from Matrubhumi, the unfortunate incident took place in 2019 when the young victim was attending LKG classes. Sudheesh allegedly molested the child during a time when her parents were away.

The court not only convicted Sudheesh for his heinous act but also reprimanded the survivor's mother for



concealing the incident. Additionally, the child's father faced legal consequences as well, receiving a six-month imprisonment sentence for attempting to hide the matter from the authorities. However, he was released on account of the time already served during the pre-trial period.

The court's decision reflects a stern stance against such criminal acts, sending a strong message of deterrence to potential offenders and ensuring justice for the innocent victim and her family.

#### Poll-ready BJP goes for rejig, announces new chiefs for four states

NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and the State polls scheduled for the end of this year, the Bharatiya Janata Party on Tuesday announced new chiefs for four states.

The BJP announced new party presidents for four states besides appointing the former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister as a member of the party national executive committee.

BJP national president JP Nadda appointed Union minister G Kishan Reddy as new chief of



party replacing Sanjay Bundi while former CM and senior BJP leader Babulal Marandi was appointed as chief of the Jharkhand unit.

Similarly, former CM Kiran Kumar Reddy, who has recently joined the BJP, was announced as a member of the **BJP National Executive** Committee.

According to an official statement issued here, the BJP announced Sunil Kumar Jakhar as BJP while former Union minister D Purandeswari has been appointed as the new party chief of Andhra Pradesh.

the new chief of Punjab

Purandeswari is the daughter of Telugu Desam Party founder and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister NT Rama Rao

The party has also appointed a senior OBC leader Etela Rajender as its election management committee chairperson for the poll-bound Telangana. Sources here said that organizational rejig

has been done keeping all the factors of Mission South in mind.

Sunil Jakhar will replace Ashwini Sharma, who recently resigned while Marandi will replace Deepak Prakash. Jakhar had joined the BJP in Punjab after deserting the Congress Party.

And Etela Rajender had also joined the BJP after leaving the Congress and the BRS. D Purandeshwari was earlier also in the Congress and a minister in the UPA government.

#### Cross-border closeness? Pakistani woman illegally enters India with her 4 kids to meet PUBG partner

GREATER NOIDA, Jul 4 (Agencies): Police have arrested a Pakistani woman, who was illegally staying in Greater Noida, with a man who met her through the online game PUBG, officials said on Tuesday.

The Pakistani woman identified as

Seema Ghulam Haider, a resident of Jacobabad, illegally entered India through Nepal along with her four children. The police have also arrested the man, identified as Sachin, and his father, both residents of Greater Noida. for allegedly housing them for about 50

days. The woman's four children have been detained by the police.

Seema and Sachin met through the online gaming platform PUBG in 2019. They started chatting with each other online, and eventually fell in love. After Seema reached India, they started living

together in Greater Noida's Rabupura area. Seema is married to a Pakistani man who works in Dubai. Teams of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and ATS (antiterrorism squad) have also interrogated the Pakistani woman separately in the

### **NOTICE**

I, Rishi Pabha, stated that my son Aathrav Pabha, R/o 206-P, Sector 5, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, 180012 has changed his name from Aathrav Pabha to Athrav Mahajan. He hereby assumes from this date the name/Surname Athrav Mahajan. Objection if any may convey to Passport authorities Jammu within 7 days.

#### **Amarnath Yatra 2023** | **More than 6,500 Amar**nath pilgrims leave J&K

vehicles amid tight security arrangements in the early hours of Tuesday, they said.

The officials said 4,475 pilgrims, headed for Pahalgam, left in a convoy of 160 vehicles for the valley at around 4.10 am, while another convoy of 93 vehicles carrying 2,122 pilgrims was the first to leave for the Baltal base camp at 3.40 am.

With this, a total of 24,162 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 30, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The vatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

#### **GMC Jammu Principal** booked for 'Age Tampering' in official documents

used forged documents as genuine, thereby causing wrongful gain to herself and corresponding wrongful loss to the state exchequer," the complainant had

#### **SC** to hear Harsh Dev's petition seeking early **Assembly Elections in** J&K on July 6

erstwhile state besides coping with the multiple issues confronting the UT. The militancy which had erupted in early 90s in J&K had gradually subsided after the formation of an elected govt in the state. It had almost died down during popular govts but unfortunately got revived during the centre's proxy rule. Any delay therefore in handing over power to the sons of soil through free and fair elections could prove counterproductive and further complicate the already volatile situation in the UT, said

Pointing towards the growing tensions in various parts of the UT and the failure of administration to come up to the peoples'

expectations, Singh said that bureaucratic rule was no answer to the prevalent crisis. The LG administration had lost connect with the masses. The unemployed, semiemployed and contractuals were on the roads with none to even take note of their sufferings and grievances. The people inhabiting the rural areas were suffering badly for basic amenities with no access whatsoever to the corridors of power. With hardly any forum to ventilate their grievances, the people were suffering badly in the absence of a popular govt thereby resulting in growing alienation amongst the masses.

#### Azad welcomes SC decision to hear petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370

Azad further emphasised the inclusive nature of Article 370, saying it benefits the people of all regions in Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

#### Free medical camps set up for **Amarnath Yatris in Ramban**

Balvinder Singh, a Yatri from Punjab, said, "The arrangements have been made up to the mark. I had a medical checkup on one of my ears. Medicines are provided free of cost here. I am satisfied with the treatment."

Camp Director, Dr Sushant Mahajan said, "Many facilities are being provided to the Yatris. Beds have been set up here for patients, and ECG machines have also been installed. Medicines are being provided free of cost".

Vinay Kumar, another Yatri said, "I had a skin cut. It was washed and attended to by a doctor. Besides, I got my sugar test done free of cost. I expressed my gratitude to the doctors".

The annual Amarnath Yatra began on July 1 with the first batch of pilgrims starting their journey from Baltal base camp in Jammu Kashmir's Ganderbal to Amarnath Cave. The 62-day pilgrimage will culminate

#### Two Kashmiri women

### entrepreneurs raise Rs **75 lakh funding at JKEDI** startup event

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Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS), Director JKEDI, shared his heartfelt enthusiasm for the extraordinary accomplishments of the duo. "We take immense pride in their exceptional achievements, which not only highlight their unwavering dedication and innovative ideas but also serve as a tremendous source of inspiration for aspiring entrepreneurs in Jammu and Kashmir," he expressed. He also acknowledged the significant impact their success will have on motivating and empowering future entrepreneurs within the region.

Ashtha Grover, Head Startup India also interacted with the aspiring women entrepreneurs. "The Women for Startups workshops have so far been conducted across 16 states and 18 districts across the country. We are delighted to have received such a tremendous response from Jammu and Kashmir. On behalf of Startup India, I express our gratitude to the JKEDI team for their support in making the initiative a resounding success and wish the entrepreneurs the very best in their journey ahead. We are committed to cultivating an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem that empowers women," she stated.

Rahul Narvekar, Founder and CEO of India Network conducted insightful technical sessions during the workshop, focusing on the art of pitching to investors." I am truly impressed by the remarkable energy and unwavering determination exhibited by these women entrepreneurs. Their passion to achieve their goals is inspiring, and I am more than willing to support them in every way I can. My support goes beyond the financial contribution I have pledged; it also includes providing mentorship to help them navigate their entrepreneurial journeys," he stated.

The funding secured by Nuzhat Qazi and Insha Mir will provide them with the necessary resources to scale their ventures and bring their innovative ideas to fruition. It not only validates their hard work and determination but also highlights the importance of fostering a supportive ecosystem

that empowers women in entrepreneurship. "It feels great to be a part of such an initiative which invites people from outside. Such events provide ample exposure and platform to the new and existing business houses. I got an opportunity to pitch and present our business model to the investors and secured an investment promise by Mr. Narverkar. I am hopeful that such events will happen again in the near future to boost the entrepreneurial and economic growth of our society, said Insha Mir.

Nuzhat Qazi also conveyed her immense satisfaction, highlighting the valuable lessons she gained from the event. She emphasized the significance of understanding various fundraising strategies, networking opportunities, and the essential steps involved in entrepreneurial endeavors. She further emphasized the empowering nature of such events for women entrepreneurs, and expressed her belief that they should be organized more frequently to foster courage and growth in aspiring female business leaders.

#### **Article 370 thing of past,** no going back: IAS Officer Shah Faesal

detained for more than a year after the provisions of Article 370 were abrogated and the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into Union territories in August 2019. He resigned from service and launched the Jammu Kashmir People's Movement, a political entity, in January 2019.

The government, however, did not accept his resignation and Faesal, who is also a doctor, was subsequently posted to the Union Ministry of Culture.

Faesal filed a petition in the Supreme Court in 2019, challenging the Centre's decision to scrap Article 370. In April 2022, the government accepted Faesal's application for withdrawing his resignation from service and reinstated him. The same month, Faesal filed an application in the court seeking the deletion of his name from the list of seven petitioners who had challenged the scrapping of Article 370.

Nearly four years after the government abrogated Article 370 that bestowed a special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu

and Kashmir, a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud will take up a batch of pleas challenging the decision for hearing

According to a notice published on the apex court's website on Monday, the bench will take up the pleas for passing directions.

#### **Pak-sponsored** narco-terror case | NIA attaches house of two brothers in Puniab

Kanal 10 Marla, in the instant case. Six vehicles and Rs 6,35,000 in cash were also seized

The agency, which registered the case on May 8, 2020, has filed four chargesheets (including three supplementary) against 13 accused under the relevant sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Narcotics-Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act, and Indian Penal Code in the case.

#### **MeT predicts 'Cooler** Day' today, rains till july 8 in J&K

famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 16.0°C against 16.7°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.5°C for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 15.2°C against 16.7°C on the previous night and it was 0.3°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 11.8°C against 13.4°C on previous night and it was 0.9°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla dis-

trict, he said. Jammu recorded a low of 26.7°C against 28.1°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C above normal for J&K's winter capi-

tal, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 16.8°C (0.5°C above normal), Batote 18.5°C (1.0°C above normal), Katra 19.6°C(below normal by 2.4°C) and Bhaderwah 17.9°

(1.9°C above normal), the official added.

### Sensex, Nifty hit all-time highs

Buying in Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Consultancy Services and HDFC twins adds to the positive market momentum

MUMBAI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Benchmark equity indices continued their record-shattering spree on Tuesday, with the Sensex and Nifty hitting their fresh all-time high levels in early trade, amid persistent foreign fund inflows.

Also, buying in Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Consultancy Services and HDFC twins added to the positive market momentum.

Rallying for the fifth straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 381.55 points to hit its all-time peak of 65,586.60 in early trade. The NSE Nifty climbed 90.95 points to reach its fresh record high of



19,413.50.
From the Sensex pack,
Bajaj Finance jumped
over 6.56 per cent and
Bajaj Finserv climbed
3.93 per cent. Wipro,
Tata Consultancy Services, Larsen & Toubro,
Tech Mahindra, Nestle,
ICICI Bank, HDFC and
HDFC Bank were the

other lead gainers from

the pack.

Bharti Airtel, Reliance Industries, NTPC, Ultra-Tech Cement, Axis Bank and Tata Steel were among the laggards.

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

The US markets ended in the positive territory on Monday.

### Five more chipmakers get government nod under design-led incentive scheme

Big semiconductor companies from the USA, Europe and SouthEast Asia are showing interest in in the semiconductor scheme.

NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Days after approving US-based Micron Technology for the semiconductor PLI scheme, the government approved five applications under the design-led-Incentive scheme. Minister of Communications, Electronics, and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw while launching Bharat 6G alliances said India is getting enquiry from the big companies about the semiconductor scheme from all over the world.

Big semiconductor companies from the USA, Europe and Southeast Asia are showing interest in the semiconductor scheme. "I am very happy to share that, as a part of the semiconductor scheme, five companies have been selected for the design-led-Incentive scheme. All these five companies have given a very good project proposal for chip design for satellite communication and telecom," said the minister.

Last week, the Gujarat government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Micron for setting up a \$2.75 billion semiconductor assembly and test facility at Sanand in the Ahmedabad district. He said after Micron's announcement of setting up its plant in the country, there is fresh momentum in the semiconductor industry. "We are getting strong responses from companies. I think, soon India will realise its dream of becoming a semiconductor manufacturing hub," said Vaishnaw.

The minister called the deployment of the 5G network in India the fastest rollout in the world and expects the country to become top two 5G ecosystems globally. "Nearly 2.70 lakh sites are there and every minute a new 5G tower is coming up. Soon India will be a part of the top two 5G ecosystems worldwide," said the minister.

Talking about the development of 6G, he said the country has 200 patents for 6G. The government on Monday launched a 6G Alliance— a forum for the development of 6G technology. The minister said India is a technology importer to now has become an exporter of technologies. Many countries like the USA and Europe are now looking to import telecom equipment

from India.

The minister said Indian telecom operators are also evaluating indigenous 4G or 5G equipment. "Many firms have started their work early, and they have prior contracts. But now, Indian telcos are interested in Indianmade equipment," said the minister.

'Getting enquiry from big firms in various countries'

Minister of Communications, Electronics, and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw while launching Bharat 6G alliances said India is getting an enquiry from big firms about the scheme from all over the world. Big companies from the USA, Europe and Southeast Asia are showing interest in the semiconductor scheme

# Meet the company where the CEO and the worker draw the same salary

NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Imagine a company where everyone is paid the same. Yes, you read it right: a company where everyone, from the CEO to the peon, takes home the exact same amount at the end of the month. Sounds like a pipe-

dream, impractical? You'd be surprised. SafetyWing, a travel

insurance provider, has been doing exactly that for five years. Not only has the idea worked, but has worked fantastically well, going by the considerable increase in salaries seen in the company since it started and its high retention rate.

The startup provides insurance for digital nomads, remote workers, and frequent trav-

ellers and is based in Oslo, Norway, and San Francisco, USA.

It currently has around 70 full-time employees across 60-plus countries, including South East Asia, Latin America, India, and Eastern Europe.

SafetyWing was founded five years ago by Sondre Rasch, who was inspired to go for a 'flat salary system' by similar structures found in his native Norway.

In SafetyWing, there are no appraisal meetings and increment negotiations. Instead, when it reaches a prefixed revenue milestone, all employees have their salary increased by the same amount — and most often, it has been more than 10 per cent, according to employee



reports.

Flat- System hierarchy Safetywing is not the only company to go for a flat salary system. Others include software companies like Help-Scout, Basecamp, Daily. co, and Sourcegraph, e-commerce company Gumroad, and Pennsylvania-based Website Designer Wildbit.

The primary motivation for going for a flat salary structure seems to be to increase harmony and solidarity among employees and get them to focus on the company's overall performance, instead of peripheral things like currying favor with

In such systems, salaries are fixed according to experience and ability levels and promotions are decided by the whole team. Nobody has anything to hide because salaries and promotions are decided impartially, as a team and this builds up trust.

bosses.

However, a complete flat pay hierarchy like SafetyWing's also addresses gender parity issues that most companies have been unable to make progress on. Gender pay equity in almost every country has been depressingly slow and even worse.

According to researchers, a flat salary hierarchy boosts harmony, motivation, and freedom, in a geographical and professional sense. Studies have shown that pay transparency and equity improve employee engagement, motivation, and productivity. It helps to keep employees too, as is proven by SafetyWing's impressive, 97 per cent retention rate over the past five years.

## NCLAT closes insolvency case against Zee Entertainment



MUMBAI, Jul 4 (Agencies): The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) disposed of the appeal filed by ZEE Entertainment Enterprise Ltd (ZEEL) promoters after the media major reached a settlement with IndusInd Bank following payment of all dues to the financial creditor.

The latest develop-

ment comes as a relief for the promoters of Zee Entertainment who are under pressure after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) passed an interim order which barred Punit Goenka and Subhas Chandra from holding any key positions.

ZEEL is merging with rival Culver Max Entertainment Pvt Ltd, for-

merly known as Sony Pictures Networks India, which will create India's biggest media empire. A joint application was moved by Punit Goenka, Managing Director and CEO of ZEEL, and IndusInd Bank bringing on record the settlement agreement dated March 29, 2023 reached between the financial creditor and the leading media & entertainment firm.

Counsel appearing for the parties submitted that as per the settlement agreement, all payments have been made before June 30, 2023. They also requested to close the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process against ZEEL.

### HPE, VVDN Technologies join forces to produce high-end servers in India

NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) and VVDN Technologies have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to manufacture high-end servers in India over the next four years, with a total investment of \$1 billion.

The announcement was made by Union Minister for Communications and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw.

The partnership aligns with the government's vision of boosting local manufacturing and promoting the Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) initiative. It will contribute to job creation, skill development, and technology advancement in the country's IT sector.

Moreover, the production of high-end servers in India will cater to the growing demand for advanced computing solutions in sectors such as e-commerce, telecommunications, banking, health-care, and more



It will also reduce dependence on imports and promote the indigenous manufacturing ecosystem.

This strategic alliance between HPE and VVDN Technologies holds significant potential for India's technology sector, contributing to its growth and competitiveness on the global stage.

The manufacturing of high-end servers within the country will not only boost the economy but also drive innovation and digital transformation across various industries.

# Pawan Hans sale postponed, government disqualifies bidder

NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): The government has postponed the strategic disinvestment of Pawan Hans Ltd, after the member of the successful bidder – Star9 Mobility Pvt Ltd – which is a consortium of three companies, was disqualified, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said.

As per DIPAM, Almas Global Opportunity Fund (AGOF), one of the consortium members, had received adverse orders from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and



the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).

A complaint was made by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) in the special court against it in another case of resolution. In view of this, the Centre has announced the annulment of the expression of interest (EoI) process for the strategic disinvestment of Pawan Hans.

"Government examined the adverse orders of NCLT and NCLAT and took note of the complaint filed by IBBI and considered that the adverse orders against a consortium member would lead to disqualification of the successful

bidder under the provisions of PIM and RFP. The due opportunity was provided to the successful bidder to respond to the disqualification through a show cause notice," DIPAM said in a statement.

"...With the approval of Alternative Mechanism (duly empowered by cabinet committee on economic affairs) comprising Minister of Transport & Highways, Minister of Finance and Minister of Civil Aviation, 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 in terms of provisions of PIM and RFP.

Further, the current EoI process for strategic disinvestment stands annulled," the release stated.

The government on April 29 last year had approved the highest bidder, Star9 Mobility Pvt Ltd, (a consortium of Maharaja Aviation, Big Charter and AGOF) as the successful bidder for sale of 100% equity shareholding of the government in Pawan Hans for Rs 211 crore.

# Fitness influencer Jo Lindner dies of aneurysm: What is this abnormal condition?

#### Jo Lindner, a YouTuber star and fitness influencer, died of aneurysm. He was 30.

BERLIN, Jul 4 (Agencies): German influencer Jo Lindner, known as Joesthetics, died last week due to an aneurysm. The 30-year-old, who had a massive 8.5 million followers on Instagram and over 940k subscribers on You-Tube, used to share tips and tricks on fitness.

The bodybuilder had complained of neck pain three days prior to his death but it was too late, his girlfriend Nicha

said in a post.
"Yesterday his past away by aneurysm. I was there with him in

the room.. he put on the necklace in my neck that he made for me..than ..we was just lay down cuddle..waiting the time to go meet Noel at the gym at 16.00 ..he was in my arms.. than this is just happening too fast.. 3 days ago he kept said that he pain his neck .. we not really realize

Nicha wrote.
WHAT IS ANEU-

itâ€æ until it too late,"

RYSM?
Aneurysm is an abnormal swelling or bulge in the wall of a blood vessel, such as an artery. It occurs when

a part of the artery wall weakens and this allows it to balloon out or widen. Although the cause of

Although the cause of aneurysm is unknown, experts suggest that some people are born with it and can be hereditary.

According to the American Heart Association, a family history of aneurysm may increase its risk. Other factors like high blood pressure, high cholesterol and tobacco use can increase the risk as well.

An angiogram, CT

scan or an ultrasound

test can diagnose it.



Different types of aneurysms include abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA), cerebral aneurysms, common iliac artery aneurysms and femoral and popliteal

artery aneurysms.
SYMPTOMS OF
ANEURYSM

There might not be any symptoms of aneurysms, especially as this condition develops over

the years. The symptoms could vary depending on the location of the aneurysm. Here are the symptoms based on the site of the aneurysms.

Headache.
Pain in abdomen or back.

Pulsating abdominal mass.
Blue coloration (cyano-

sis) of lower extremities
Dizziness.
Vision changes.

Confusion.
Fatigue.
Hoarseness.
Difficulty swallowing.
High-pitched breathing sound.

Swelling in the neck. Chest or upper back pain.

Nausea and vomiting. Sense of impending doom.

Shock (low blood pressure, rapid heart rate, clammy skin, decreased

awareness).
PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR ANEURYSM

If you've been diagnosed with an aneurysm then consult your doctor to monitor any chances to swelling. It can become a medical emergency if you recognise the symptoms of an aneurysm.

Routine ultrasound

procedures should be conducted when symptoms are recognised. Steps such as quitting smoking, controlling blood sugar if you're a diabetic, losing weight if you're obese and controlling dietary fat intake can be useful preventive measures.

In many cases, once an aneurysm is diagnosed, the patient could be surgery - aneurysm open repair and endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR).

### Kuwait stand between India and second title in matter of weeks

It has been a terrific month for Igor Stimac's team as they followed up their Intercontinental Cup triumph with an unbeaten run here

BENGALURU, Jul 4 (Agencies): A second bit of silverware in a matter of weeks is all that will be on India's mind when they take on Kuwait in the final of the SAFF Championships at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Tuesday.

It has been a terrific month for Igor Stimac's team as they followed up their Intercontinental Cup triumph with an unbeaten run here. It is difficult to remember the last time India went on such an impressive run of form. The Blue Tigers haven't lost a match for more than ten months and have registered seven victories in their last ten games.

Even more impressive is the way Stimac has moulded a disciplined defence. The lastminute equaliser that Kuwait scored in the dramatic group game between these two teams remains the only goal India has conceded in this period. With the exception of Lebanon and Kuwait, the opponents may not have been the toughest. But it does require a great deal of



discipline to build such a good defensive record, no matter who the opponents are.

It will be that defense — boosted by the return of Sandesh Jhingan — that will be put to the test when they take on the only team to score past them in 2023. India's defensive record has been aided a great deal by their incessant pressing game. The semifinal against Lebanon saw the hosts fighting for every ball even in extra time, while the body language of their opponents betrayed fatigue. Kuwait,

though, are coming off their own extra-time victory over Bangladesh in the semis, in which they too managed to physically outlast their rivals.

"To be honest, I was pretty confident we would get through," said Jhingan at the pre-match press conference. "I was preparing for the final. Now, the whole focus is on Kuwait. They have been the toughest team to face in the last 8-10 games we've played. It's going to be difficult, and we're looking forward to it." Stimac — who will miss the

match due to a ban that followed a red card against Kuwait — will once again be looking for someone not named Sunil Chhetri to step up in the attack. As the captain grows older, it appears that India's reliance on him for goals is only growing stronger. It is indeed a remarkable stat that Chhetri has accounted for five of the seven goals India has scored in the tournament. It is not that others haven't had the opportunity — Sahal Abdul Samad particularly could have had a few to his name over the last couple of matches. But nobody has displayed the kind of ruthlessness in front of the goal that Chhetri has displayed consistently for years.

Against a Kuwait side that is on their own impressive run of form —they too haven't lost in ten games despite facing the likes of Bahrain and UAE — India will need their attackers to finish off whatever chances they get. A packed Kanteerava will be expecting nothing less than a ninth SAFF title.

#### **Neymar Fined 3.3 Million Dollars** For Building Lake At Mansion



BRASÍLIA, Jul 4 (Agencies): A prosecutor in Brazil fined soccer star Neymar 16 million reais (\$3.3 million) for building a lake at his mansion on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro without an environmental license, authorities said. The town council in Mangaratiba issued four fines for "environmental violations in the construction of an artificial lake at the player's mansion," the council secretariat said in a statement. "The sanctions add up to more than 16 million reais," the statement said, a sum set out by the prosecutor's office in Mangaratiba, a tourist

area around 130 kilometers (80 miles) from Rio where the Paris Saint-Germain star has his mansion.

Among "dozens of infractions" detected, the authorities listed "carrying out work subject to environmental control without authorization," capture and diversion of river water without authorization, and "removal of land and suppression of vegetation without authorization."

Neymar has 20 days to appeal the penalty, the amount of which had initially been set at five million reais, close to one million dollars.

On June 22, after com-

plaints based on social media posts, authorities found several environmental violations at the luxury property, where workers were building an artificial lake and beach.

Authorities cordoned off the site and ordered all activity to cease, but Brazilian media reported that Neymar threw a party there and bathed in the lake.

Neymar's press office in Brazil did not respond to an agency request for comment.

Neymar, 31, is currently recovering from surgery on his right ankle, which he underwent in Doha in March.

The striker has not played since February and doubts have arisen about his staying at

Neymar bought the Mangaratiba mansion in 2016. According to Brazilian media, it sits on 10.000 square meters (107,000 square feet) of land and features a heliport, spa and gym.

### Venus Williams falls early in first match at her 24th Wimbledon; loses to Elina Svitolina

WIMBLEDON, Jul 4 (Agencies): As Venus Williams entered Centre Court for her 24th Wimbledon appearance at age 43, greeted by a standing ovation, she held a green exercise band overhead with both hands and stretched it while striding to her sideline seat.

Once her first-round match against Elina Svitolina began, Williams played like a throwback version of herself. Those big serves. Those crisp strokes. Quickly, she was a point from a 3-0

And then, moving forward to attempt a volley, Williams slipped on the green grass. Her right foot gave way. She collapsed to the ground. She shrieked and clutched at her right knee, which already was covered by a beige sleeve.

Williams twice was treated by a trainer including getting that knee taped up during a medical timeout after the first set — and although the American kept playing, she could not manage to overcome 2019 Wimbledon semifinalist Svitolina in a 6-4, 6-3 defeat.

"I'm not sure what I've done. I'm going to have to investigate it tomorrow. It's late today. But it was quite painful," Williams said

"Grass is inherently going to be slippery; you're going to fall at some point. It was just bad luck for me. I started the match perfectly. I was literally killing it. And then I got killed by the grass.'

Williams, a former No. 1 now ranked outside the Top 500 after a series of injuries that limited her to 22 matches since the start of 2021, was the oldest player in this year's field and the fourth-oldest to compete in the main draw at Wimbledon.

"Right now, I'm kind of in shock. I can't believe this happened. It's bizarre. I'm still processing it at the moment," Williams said at her news conference, more than an hour after the match ended. "What



makes this one hard to process is that I've had so many injuries. ... This is not what I want for myself."

Svitolina was only 2 when Williams made her Wimbledon debut in 1997 and just 5 when Williams won the event for the first time in 2000.

"It's always a pleasure to play against Venus," Svitolina said, calling her opponent a "big legend."

No. 1-ranked Iga Swiatek, who won her opening match 6-1. 6-3 against Zhu Lin. used that same term — "legend" — to describe Williams.

"I admire (how) she still finds motivation to play. I think it's amazing. She really must love the game, like truly," said Swiatek, who has won four major titles but is yet to get past the fourth round at the All England

Something of a surprise arrived at No. 1 Court just before darkness arrived Monday, when Coco Gauff - who burst onto the scene at age 15 by beating Williams in the opening round at Wimbledon was eliminated by Sofia Kenin 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 in a highlight-reel matchup between two Americans.

While Kenin did win the 2020 Australian Open, even knocking off Gauff along the way, she had exited in the first round at each of her past three majors,

is ranked just 128th and

needed to go through

qualifying rounds to get

into the main draw at

Gauff, meanwhile, was

seeded No. 7 and estab-

lished herself as a con-

sistent Week 2 presence

at Slams, including a run

to the French Open final

Williams' other four

titles at the All England

Club arrived in 2001.

2005, 2007 and 2008,

too, along with a pair

of U.S. Open trophies

in singles — plus 14

in women's doubles

with her younger sister,

Serena, who retired

The older Williams

also was the runner-

up at Wimbledon four

times, most recently

during a resurgent 2017,

a season in which she

reached a total of two

finals and another semi-

Since then Williams

- who announced her

diagnosis with Sjögren's

syndrome, an energy-

sapping auto-immune

disease that can cause

joint pain, in 2011 — has

lost in the first round at

10 of her most recent 15

There were some

vintage moments on

Monday. Serves at up to

117 mph. The big cuts

on forehands and two-

handed backhands that

either produced clean

winners or led to forced

There also were 33

unforced errors, 18

errors by Svitolina.

Grand Slam events.

final at majors.

after last season.

Wimbledon.

last year.

"I'm a competitor. That's what I do for a living. I did what I could today," Williams said later. "I've played through a lot of matches and won a lot of matches injured. Its kind of a specialty of mine. I just never figured it out today."

more than Svitolina.

Williams' total in that

category included eight

The tumble that

brought a hush over

the stadium came after

merely 12 minutes of

play and, as she stayed

down on the grass, get-

ting chalk on her left

leg, it appeared as if

she might need to stop.

The chair umpire rushed

over to check on Wil-

liams. So did Svitolina,

carrying a white towel

to tuck under Williams'

double-faults.

Still, the crowd certainly was appreciative of the persistence and effort Williams displayed on Monday, rising to salute her and shower her with applause when she left the court with a quick wave and a slight hitch in her step. During the match, there were too many cries of "Go, Venus!" or "You can do it!" to count.

Truth is, both players are sympathetic figures, and Svitolina, who is 28, heard her own support from the stands. She is from Ukraine — which has been under attack from Russia for nearly 1 1/2 years — and returned to the tour in April after giving birth in October to the first child for her and her husband, tennis player Gael Mon-

Svitolina wound up with more aces than Williams, 6-2, and nearly twice as many total winners. 28-16.

"Grass takes a lot out of the legs and you have to bend your legs to get to all these shots," said Svitolina, who used to be ranked as high as No. 3 but is now No. 76 after the time off and, like Williams, received a wild-card invitation from the All England Club. "Venus plays really quick and I had to really work hard for today's

#### starts: Chopra NEW DELHI, Jul 4 (Agencies): Neeraj Chopra may have made

a victorious return to competition, but it was not all smooth sailing for the Olympics champion. Chopra took the first spot in the javelin throw competition at the Lausanne leg for his second win in this year's Diamond League. It was the

first time in over a month that the Tokyo Olympics gold medallist was seen competing as he was undergoing rehabilitation for a muscle strain. Chopra confessed that he was mindful of the injury in his first few attempts.

After registering a foul throw in his first attempt, Chopra climbed to third with his second attempt of 83.52 metres. He then went one rung up to second with his this third throw of 85.04m. He went top of the podium with his fifth and final attempt of 87.66m.

"I was thinking about the injury," Chopra said. "There was a question mark about whether I could push myself full steam. Before the competition, I only had two full intensity training



Have belief to recover well from bad

sessions. At the tournament, I warmed up after two or three throws. My coach (Dr Klaus Bartoniez) told me that I was slow in my approach run, so I ran faster and that's how I improved. I could have pushed more, I was taking time here," he added.

Chopra said he was feeling the pressure as his competitors, secondplaced Julian Weber and third-placed Jakub Vadlejch, started well in the competition.

"There is always pressure. I will not say I was relaxed. They started well and were throwing better. I felt pressure as I was trying but not executing well enough. But I have the belief now that I can improve midcompetition," he said.

"There is no planning

that I have to start well every time. You can't throw 89m all the time. If it doesn't happen then I have to be ready to throw my best till the last attempt. Now I am able to recover during the competition. Previously, I was inexperienced, but now I have the belief to recover. It is, however, ideal to start with a good throw," he added.

Chopra said he had to be careful about his approach speed so as to not get injured again. "My training was not intense during rehabilitation. So I did not need to take risks. The approach speed can be increased but I needed to control it, otherwise it can injure your blocking leg. A study shows that the blocking leg, which is my left leg, can face up to 10 times of your body weight during that motion," he said.

Focus on fitness

With a busy season ahead, Chopra said he is focusing on remaining injury-free. Chopra will participate at the World Championships next month, the Diamond League Finals in September and the Asian Games in September-October.

"Athletes have no control over injury. Once you get injured, becoming fully fit takes time. I want to stay away from injury as it stalls you and I want to give my 100 per cent at the World Championships," he said.

No medals

Neeral Chopra wants to clarify one thing there are no medals awarded at the Diamond League. "We only get points. The winner gets eight points," Chopra said. "At the Diamond League Finals, the overall winner will get a trophy and the rest will get prize money. So kindly do not write that someone has won a gold medal in those meets." he added.

#### PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen to lead India's challenge at Canada Open 2023

CALGARY, Jul 4 (Agencies): India's star shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen will spearhead India's challenge at the Canada Open 2023 badminton tournament starting Tuesday in Calgary, as per Olympics.com.

After missing the Taipei Open 2023, Sindhu will start afresh in the tournament.

The 12th-ranked Sindhu has failed to make a mark in the past three BWF World Tour events as she did not cross the second rounds. The former world champion was knocked out in the round of 16 of the Indonesia Open after exiting the Singapore Open and the Thailand Open in the first round.

In this season, Sindhu reached the final only

once at the Madrid Masters 2023. Sindhu also made the semi-finals of the Malaysia Masters. The 27-year-old will open her women's singles campaign against Canada's world No. 61 Talia Ng. Apart from Sindhu,

Tasnim Mir and Gadde Ruthvika Shivani are India's others who will participate in the women's singles main draw. Tasnim start her campaign against Thuy Linh Nguyen of Vietnam while Ruthvika Shivani will face Thailand's Supanida Katethong in her opening game.

In the men's singles event, world No. 19 Lakshya Sen will be India's only badminton player in the main draw. Lakshya Sen will play Thailand's world No. 3 Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the round of 32.

Parupalli Kashvap, the 2014 Commonwealth Games champion, will face German Kai Schaefer in the opening round of qualifying. In the qualifications, S Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian and B Sai Praneeth will also start.

HS Prannoy and Kidambi Srikanth have skipped the Canada event. India's top doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, who won the Indonesia Open last month, have also given the tournament a miss.

Meanwhile in the men's doubles, the pair of Krishna Prasad Garaga and Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala will be India's only challenge. The duo will play the French pair of Julien Maio and William Villeger in the opener.

In the women's doubles, the Indian pair Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa will take on the Australian duo of Kaitlyn Ea and Gronya Somerville. The pair of Rutaparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda will also start in the main

B Sumeeth Reddy and Ashwini Ponnappa will play the Japanese duo of Yuki Kaneko and Misaki Matsutomo in the first round of mixed doubles. Sai Pratheek K and Tanisha Crasto will start in the qualifiers.

The Canada Open 2023 is the fourth Super 500 tournament of the 2023 BWF World Tour calendar after Indonesia Masters, Malaysia Masters and the Thailand Open.

### Bike rally to create awareness on GST taken out in Jammu

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 4: A vibrant and impactful bike rally was flagged off from the Ban Toll Plaza towards Domail at 7:30 am by Commissioner State taxes Rashmi Singh.

On the occasion others present were Additional Commissioner State taxes Namrita Dogra, Deputy Commissioner Samba Enforcement, Sanjay Gupta, Assistant Commissioner, Aijaz Qaiser, Assistant Commissioner Mandeep Kour and other officers and officials of the department.

This exciting event was organized by State Tax Department Jammu on Day 3 of GST Week celebration with the primary aim of spreading awareness among the masses about the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

The bike rally served as a unique platform to



engage the public and educate them about the various aspects of GST, its benefits, and its impact on the economy. With the participation of passionate bikers, enthusiasts, and members of the community, the rally aimed to create an environment conducive to learning and understanding the significance of GST in our daily lives.

Starting from the Ban

Toll Plaza, the rally followed a carefully curated route towards Domail, covering several key locations along the way. Participants were encouraged to display banners and placards promoting the benefits of GST.

The Commissioner of State Taxes, Jammu, took the lead in this initiative, highlighting the importance of GST as a transformative taxation system

Speaking at the flag-off ceremony, the Commissioner of State Taxes, Jammu, expressed their gratitude towards all the participants and their commitment to spreading awareness about GST.

They emphasized the positive impact of GST on the economy, simplification of the tax system, and the importance of voluntary compliance.

### **Durand Cup trophy unveiled at Udhampur**

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

UDHAMPUR, Jul 4: The trophy tour for the 132nd edition of the historic Durand Cup Football tournament, reached Udhampur, the HQ Northern Command of the Indian Army in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. The three glittering Durand trophies were received amidst much fervor by the Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta, Chief of Staff, HQ Northern Command as well as Nazeer Andrabi. President of the J&K Football Federation, among other dignitaries.

The three Trophies, unique to the tournament are, the Durand Cup (a rolling trophy and the original prize), the Shimla Trophy (also a rolling trophy and first given by the resident of Shimla in 1904) and the President's Cup (for permanent keep and first presented by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, India's first President, in 1956).

The trophies were jointly flagged-off for a 17-city. Trophy Tour on Friday, 30 Jun, 2023,

in Delhi, by General Manoj Pande, Chief of Army Staff, Indian Army, Air Chief Marshal VK Chaudhary, Chief of Air Staff and Kalyan Chaubey, President, All

Udhampur is the thirdstop in the tour after the Trophies travelled to Dehradun on Sunday.

India Football Federa-

tion (AIFF).

The other cities that the tour will cover include Jaipur, Mumbai, Pune, Karwar, Kochi, Ezhimala, Bengaluru, Willington, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Kokrajhar, Shillong and Aizawl, before flagging-into Kolkata in 01 Aug 2023.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta said, "The legend of Durand originated in the Shimla in 1888. It is an honour and a pleasure to be Udhampur Garrison. receiving the Durand trophies here and a momentous occasion. Football is the most popular sport in the

world for a reason and Indian Army is proud to be associated with a globally renowned tournament like Durand Cup. I wish the all the teams the very best in the tournament including our friendly neighboring Service teams

and Bhutan. The ceremony was

from Nepal, Bangladesh

attended by players of various local football clubs, school children, NCC Cadets, Officers, JCOs and Troops of

The 132nd Durand Cup begins on 03 Aug 2023, in Kolkata, its newest home, with the finals slated for 03 Sep 2023, all at the Yoba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK), in the city.

This time the Durand Cup will have 24 teams, up from 20 last time, including all 12 Indian Super League (ISL) sides. Teams from foreign countries will also be participating in the legacy tournament after a gap of 27 years.

### SSP Sukhdev serves Langar of **Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society**

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 4: Raikumar Goyal, National Working President of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society, while talking to reporters in Jammu today, said that on the fifth day of the bhandara being organized by Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society at Bhagwati Nagar Baba Purna Nath Temple continuous arrangements are being made for the devotees of Shiva who have come on the Amarnath Yatra.

Today, on the fifth day, arrangements have been made for food etc. according to the wishes of thousands of Shiva devotees who reached for langar in the temple premises.



On this occasion, Jammu SSP Sukhdev Bhasin inaugurated the Langar for the service of Shiva devotees. Councilor of Jammu Bhagwati Nagar Ward Sucha Singh also participated in this programme.

director Anchor Matrushakti, Meena Kak and TK Kank were present on the lines of Sanatan culture.

SSP Sukhdev Bhasin and other officers were welcomed by applying Tilak and presenting Chunri. On this occasion, the Langar was inaugurated by cutting the ribbon and SSP Sukhdev Bhasin distributed Langar.

On this occasion, National General Secretary of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society Raju Chandel said that special arrangements have been made for bath, shower and food etc. First thing in the morning, tea, biscuits, bread etc. are offered to Shiva Devotee.

### **Awareness Program on 'Importance** of Organ Donation' held in CSU

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JAMMU, Jul 4: An awareness session on Human Organ Donation was organized by the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) J&K under the aegis of NSS Unit of Central Sanskrit University (CSU), Shri Ranbir Campus Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

Welcoming the guests present in the programme, Dr. Yogendra Dixit, coordinator of the NSS Unit, said that we should donate organs so that if a needy person gets it, it will help him to live life.

Anshu Sharma (IEC & Media Advisor) and Nisha Kumari (Programme Assistant) SOTTO sensitized the faculty, staff and students of the university campus about National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP) and cadaver donation process. She informed about the legal process related to organ donation. Many participants took the pledge to become organ donors. Stories of organ donors were also shared to inspire them. The students were told that someone whose brain was dead in the hospital because of a brain injury, brain hemorrhage or any other reason, his or her organs and tis-

If the family agrees and donate organs, many lives can be saved. While a braindead patient can give the gift of life to at least three to eight

sues are still alive.

people. She pointed out that India is facing an acute shortage of organs for organ transplant and this number is a mismatch between the number of organs required and the organs available for transplant. The reasons for the delay are lack of awareness, spiritual beliefs about life after death and negative attitudes towards organ donation in general.

There are many myths and social taboos associated with organ donation such as the donated organs may disappear after rebirth.

The program Campus Director Prof. Madan Mohan Jha said in the presidential address that due to organ donation, today any needy person in the society gets those organs and is helped to live life. Donating an organ does not reduce it but helps in living the life of a needy person.

Maninder Singh, program officer of the NSS Unit gave a vote of thanks to the guests. Dr.Rishiraj, Dr. Gopal Verma, Dr Rajkumar Mishra, Dr. Ratan Kumar Pandey, Dr. Sarvesh Tripathi, Kamal Kishore, Dr.Snehlata, Dr. Shivashish, Dr.Prasad Bhatt, Dr. Shweta Sood, Dr. Praveen Kumar, Dr. Madan Singh were present on this occa-

Technical cooperation in the program was given by Akhil Sharma and Tirupatibala. The program was conducted by Maninder Singh.

### BSS Panjgrain starts Langar for Amarnath pilgrims

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NAGROTA, Jul 4: Commissioner, State Taxes and Administrative Secretary, Mining Department, J&K, Dr. Rashmi Singh in presence of former Education Minister J&K, Priya Sethi, Vice President Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Yudhvir Sethi. Vice President BJP, former Mayor Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta, Swami Mrinmayananda and Swami Satyamitrananda Ji Maharaj Secretary of Bharat Sevashram Sangha Panjgrain, Nagrota, inaugurated a Langar being organized by Bharat Sevashram Sangha for Amarnath Pilgrims at Panjgrain, Nagrota.

Continuing their commitment towards the service of humanity, Swami Satyamitra and Ji, Secretary Jammu and Kashmir of BSS, said that a Bhandara is being organized by the devotees of the Sangha for



Shri Amarnath pilgrims at Panjgrain, Nagorta every year.

"Bhandara will continue till the end of the Shri Amarnath Yatra," he said adding that the pilgrims will be served breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Langar during the Yatra period. He further said that Sangh also provides free medical services as well and rehabilitation for pilgrims.

While speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rashmi Singh appreciated the social work done by the organization. She said that BSS is engaged in hosting social welfare activities all over the country. BSS is contributing in the spheres of health, education and self-employment, she added. She expressed hope that Yatra will be completed successfully

without any untoward

incidents. Former Minister J&K, Priya Sethi, appreciated the efforts of the BSS and said that every year a large number of social organisations join hands with the administration to ensure smooth conduct of the Yatra.

"The administration is fully geared up for all Yatra-related activities,

but efforts made by different social organisations in providing muchneeded support to the Yatris at different locations are praiseworthy," she added.

Vice President Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Yudhvir Sethi said the administration has made elaborate arrangements for the Yatra, but social organisations also play a substantial role by supplementing efforts in arranging Langars, medical camps and other facilities for the visiting devotees and make the task of the administration somewhat easy. He said thousands of devotees and Sadhus have been availing the facilities made available by the BSS at Nagrota.

Speaking on the occasion, former Mayor Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta highlighted various welfare activities organized by the Sangha for poor and downtrod-Earlier on their arrival,

all the dignitaries along with BSS members performed Puja in traditional style of BSS, followed by unfurling of the Sanstha Flag in presence of prominent members of Sangha and civil society. In the programme, Swami Mrinmayananda and Swami Satyamitrananda Ji Maharaj also honoured the invited guests with mementoes. They also distributed warm clothes and torches among the Shri Amarnathji pilgrims for their safe pilgrimage. Later, all the guests served Prasad of the Bhandara to all the participants.

### **JMC Commissioner visits Apna Vihar colony**

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JAMMU, Jul 4: JMC Commissioner (Health & Sanitation) Kulbhushn Khajuria alongwith Health officer Dr. Vinod and JMC (MVO) Dr Sushil visited Apna Vihar Colony to look after the sanitation drive in the colony.

These were accompanied by Corporator Preetam Singh of ward 55. Welcoming the Joint Commissioner JMC, Vijay Sharma Retd DC expressed hope that with the visit of Commissioner many grievances of colony would be taken care of. He however referred to front gate of colony logging issue and overall sanitation issues

Dr. Vijay Sharma referred to rat menace and its immediate curving of the same to save houses of colony from falling.

Advocate Chandan



said colony though being the best vet required concern of Authorities.

P.S Bali raised issue of timing of vehicle coming to lift garbage on daily

Corporator Pritam hoped that immediate attention is required for Nallah work and street lights which he assured would soon be addressed.

Dr. Sushil explained the law issue in respect of stray dogs and stray cattle and assured that Anti rabies drive would soon be carried out.

Dr Vinod made aware of fogging and anti mosquito measure which needs to be taken up by colony members on daily basis

Kulbhushan directed the sanitary staff to be on the heel for taking up sanitation measures he however expressed hope that people of Jammu Municipal Corporation shouldn't doubt their sincerity of purpose despite of fact that Area has increased manifold whereas staff strength is the same.

Sarpanch Rajesh, Beera Pandit, H.K Pangotra, Sapna, Indu Arora, Purshotam Sharma were also participated. Pritam Jamwal extended vote of thanks.

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