# TOP NEWS OF J&K



### BRIEFLY

#### **Active Covid** cases in **Country rise** to 1,455

NEW DELHI, Jul 7 (Agencies): India has logged 45 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases have increased slightly to 1,455 from 1,452. according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday.

The death toll has increased to 5,31,912 with one death each reported from Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,94,494). The national COVID-

19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,61,127 and the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent. According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

#### MeT issues

**leave Jammu for Amarnath Shrine** JAMMU, Jul 7 (Agencies): A fresh batch of over 7,000 pilgrims left the base camp here early Friday for the Amarnath cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said. The pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here for the valley in a convoy of 247 vehicles amid tight security.

The officials said 4.600 pilgrims headed for Pahalgam left in a convoy of 153 vehicles, while another convoy of 94 vehicles carrying 2,410 pilgrims was the first to leave for the Baltal base camp at 3.45

am. With this, a total of 43,833 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 30, the day the yatra started.

The pilgrim footfall at the shrine has crossed the 84,000-mark, they said.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,888-metre-high cave



Amarnath Yatra 2023 | Another batch of pilgrims

shrine in the south

Kashmir Himalayas

commenced from the

twin tracks of Pahalgam

in Anantnag district and

Baltal in Ganderbal dis-

The vatra is scheduled

to conclude on August

The entire yatra is

being monitored from

Integrated command

and control centre

(ICCC). All departments

monitor and send com-

munication to their staff

in field from here to cater

to the requirements of

court summons Brij Bhushan on July 18

trict on July 1.

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pilgrims.

#### Amarnath Yatra temporarily halted due to bad weather

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Jul 7 (Agencies): The Amarnath Yatra was suspended on Friday due to bad weather as rain lashed many parts of Kashmir, officials said. The yatra was suspended along both the Baltal and the Pahalgam routes, they said.

"The yatra has been suspended and no pilgrim is being allowed to move towards the holy cave shrine this morn-

assistant secretary of

the Wrestling Federation

The city police had

filed a chargesheet

against Brij Bhushan,

a six-time MP, on June

15 under Sections 354

(assault or criminal force

to woman with intent to

outrage her modesty),

354A (sexual harass-

ment), 354D (stalk-

ing) and 506 (criminal

intimidation) of the IPC.

Tomar was charged with

offences under Sections

109 (abetment of any

offence, if the act abet-

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sequence, and where no **Turn to page 9** 

**Old Mortar** 

recovered in

Shells

of India.

ing," the officials said. According to Senior Superintendent of Police (Ramban) Mohita Sharma, the yatra has been halted in the district's Chanderkote area. "The yatra has been suspended due to inclement weather in the Pahalgam belt," Sharma

said. Heavy showers, which started early on Friday, forced the temporary **Turn to page 9** 

### Homes to Homeless: LG Manoj Sinha hits out at regional parties for opposing decision

#### **Top News Report**

SRINAGAR, Jul 7: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday lashed out at the regional parties who have opposed the recent decision of giving homes to homeless, stating that 'gone are the days when some people were acting as the "owners of government property and funds."

Addressing the National Tribal Festival at SKICC here, the LG said that the recent announcement of giving land to 2711 landless families and homes to those who are homeless has pinched some people who have started to oppose the move.

"I want to tell them that gone are the days when they were treating themselves as the owners of government property and funds. Gone are

the days when they were taking decisions that suit their political interests. They grabbed State tioned who were the homeless in J&K, PDP chief Mehbooba had stated that the move was aimed to convert J&K into a slum by bringing outsiders to settle here. The LG said that Prime Minister's Awas Yojna was implemented across the country except J&K. "Now that the scheme is being implemented in J&K too, some people feel the pain. This is PM (Narendera Modi's) dream and will be fulfilled," he said. "Each

While Omar had ques-

#### Govt orders transfers, postings Wrestlers' sexual harassment case | Delhi in Civil Administration

JAMMU, Jul 7: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Friday ordered transfer of seventeen officers in the civil administration. As per three separate orders issued by GAD, Deep Novel Kour, Jr. JKAS, Tehsildar, Consolidation, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department. Sugandhi Banotra, Jr. JKAS, Tehsildar, Relief Organization (Migrants), Jammu, is transferred and her services are placed at the disposal of Tourism Department. Syed Farhana Asgar, Jr. JKAS, CDPO, Budgam, is transferred and her services are placed at the disposal of Transport Department.

Deodrants/

Amit Singh Manhas, Jr. JKAS, Tehsildar in the office of Regional Director. Survey and Land

Jawan shoots self ferred and posted as Under Secretary to the dead in Government, Floricul-Samba ture, Parks and Garden JAMMU, Jul 7 (Agencies): An Army jawan on Friday allegedly shot himself dead at a camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said. The incident took place at the Mehashwar army camp, they said. The soldier has been identified as Dombal Mayur of Maharashstra, they said, adding the body has been sent for postmortem. On Thursday, a BSF jawan had shot himself dead at the Chillavari border post along the International Border (IB) in Samba district.

land constructed huge houses for themselves and left poor suffer. The same people are now misleading the common people," the LG said in an obvious reference to National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and other regional politicians who had opposed the administration's decision.

homeless Turn to page 9

Army

#### advisory for widespread moderate to heavy rains in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jul 7 (Agencies): Weather department here on Friday issued advisory for widespread moderate to heavy rain with thundershower and lightning till July 9.

"Under the influence of monsoon winds and western disturbance, widespread moderate to heavy rain with thundershower/lightning is expected in Jammu & Kashmir during 7-9th July with main activity on July 8-9th," Director MeT office here Sonam Lotus said in an advisory to Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, and shared with media houses here.

"Some places in Jammu Division very likely to receive heavy to very heavy rain whereas heavy rain is also likely at some places of Kashmir Division during the period and decrease thereafter gradually," the advisory reads.

Regarding probable impacts, he said, the weather system was likely to affect ongoing Sri Amarnathji Yatra and that there could be sharp rise in water Turn to page 9

जिला-गोण NEW DELHI, Jul 7 accused.

(Agencies): A Delhi court Taking cognisance of on Friday summoned BJP MP and outgoing

the chargesheet, Additional Chief Metropoli-WFI chief Brij Bhushan tan Magistrate (ACMM) Sharan Singh in a Harjeet Singh Jaspal case of alleged sexual directed Brij Bhushan to appear before the court harassment of women wrestlers and said there on July 18. The court was sufficient evidence also summoned Vinod Tomar, suspended to proceed against the

### Man dies in lightning strike in Kulgam

KULGAM, Jul 7 (Agencies): A 55-year-old man died in a lightning strike in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday, officials said. Abdul Hamid Khan of Gudder in the south

Kashmir district was they said.

### Mega Job fair in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Jul 7 (Agencies): Department of Labour and Employment is organising a mega job fair in Kashmir Haat, Srinagar. The event will take place on July 15, 2023.

There are 130 companies taking part in the fair with more than 30 being national level companies. The hiring struck by lightning during a cloud burst episode around 10.40 am, Senior administration officers have reached

the spot, they added.

is for more than 3000

The jobs are offered

in the following sec-

tors- health, marketing,

hospitality, pharmaceu-

tical, skill development,

banking, manufacturing,

BPO, educational tech-

nology, IT sector, and

education. The eligibility

varies for different posts.

vacancies.

Samba, Police rule out sabotage angle

SAMBA, Jul 7: Police on Friday recovered six old mortar shells in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said.

A bomb disposal squad has been called to defuse the shells, they said.

The police also ruled out any possibility of sabotage. The shells were found in the bushes on one side of the Jammu-Pathankot Highway.

"These are old shells. There is no sabotage angle to it. These may

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Records (exofficio Settlement Officer), Udhampur, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary to the Government, Information Department. Ms. Tanvi Gupta, Jr. JKAS, Under Secretary to the Government, Information Department, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department. Mehnaz Chisti, Jr. JKAS, BDO, B.K. Pora, is transferred and her Department.

Body Mists!

#### services are placed at the disposal of Transport Sat Paul, Under Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department, is trans-

Department.

Neeria Pandita, Under Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary to the Government, Culture Department.

Anuradha, Jr. JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the Directorate of Rural Development, Jammu, is transferred and her services are placed at the disposal of office of Mission Youth. Sunil Sharma, Jr.

JKAS, Tehsildar in the office of Commissioner, Survey and Land Records,

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### 4TH DAY/10TH DAY

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

SH. JANAK SINGH MANHAS

Grief Stricken By:-Nidhi, Gourav, Vidhyut, Virat, Shanaya, Shaurya, Lavit, Vilohit (Nephew & Niece) Sandeep Singh Manhas, Pardeep Singh Manhas, Radha Devi, Pooja Devi, Anil Singh Manhas, Arti Manhas, Anit Singh Manhas

### **TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief & sarrow we inform the sad demise 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 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

Smt Sunita & Lt Sh Kamal Singh



#### **BHOG & ANTIM ARDAAS**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **S. PARAMJIT SINGH TITHH (PUMMY)** S/O LT. S. MOTI SINGH TITHH AND SDR. SUSHIL KOUR TITHH OF VILLAGE RARU MUZAF-FARABAD, PRESENTLY RESIDING AT HOUSE NO. 263, SECTOR-13, LANE NO. 1, GURU NANAK NAGAR JAMMU (J&K) NEAR BAL BHARTI SCHOOL.

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 7TH JULY 2023 (FRIDAY) AT 9.00 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE HOUSE NO. 263 SECTOR-13, LANE NO. 1, GURU NANAK NAGAR JAMMU. BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 9TH JULY 2023

### **OBITUARIES**

#### **TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

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

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform

the sad demise of our beloved Sh.

Bhagwan Dass Verma Ji as per schedule

program performed at their residence R/o -149-A Gurha Bakshi Nagar Jammu.

10TH DAY (TENTH DAY) on 06-07-2023

KRIYA will be performed on 08-07-2023

UTHALA will be performed on 08-07-2023

(Saturday) at Rajput Sabha Opp Shiv

Mandir Gurha Chabbilian, Bakshi Nagar

Smt Damyanti Devi W/o Late Sh. Rakesh Verma

**UTHALA** 

Brahman Sabha, Parade Ground Jammu

**BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS** 

"Today the Earth is poorer by a soul, the Sky richer by a star."

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **S. Pritam Singh Reen (Retd** 

CTO, Jammu Municipality) R/o H No 100 St No 5

Sector 7 Nanak Nagar S/o Late S. Kalyan Singh Reen, who left for his heavenly abode on the 2nd of

Bhog and Antim Ardas shall be performed as per the following program. Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib: 9:00 AM , 7th July 2023

Kirtan and Antim Ardas: 11:00 AM- 12:30 PM at Gurudwara

Sdn. Jasbir Kour - Wife S. Gurdev Singh Reen & Sdn. Satinder Kour Reen - Brother & Bhabi Sdn Harjit Kour Reen W/o Late Dr. Mohinder Singh Reen - Bhabi S. Paramjeet Singh Reen & Sdn. Satwant Kour Reen - Brother & Bhabi Sdn. Gunwant Kour Reen & S. Harbahajan Singh Reen - Sister & Brother-In Law Dr. Inderpal Singh Reen & Sdn. Amarpreet Kour Reen - Son and Daughter-In law Sdn. Anet Kour & S. Gurdeep Singh - Daughter and Son- In law Sdn. Amit Kour & Sh. Bharat Sharma- Daughter & Son-In law Nenhews & Nieces: Deeena Babii Dolly Juoti Pintu Sherry Boney, Sonny, Mona

Nephews & Nieces: Deepa, Babli, Dolly, Jyoti, Pintu, Sherry, Boney, Sonny, Mona, Aisha, Meetu

Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib: 10: 00 AM, 9th July 2023

ingh Sabha , Nanak Nagar followed by Guru Ka Langar

Grand Children: Richa & Ankush Arora, Surbhi & Ashish Arora,

M/s Beli Ram Sat Pal

Uphar Kendra Pacca Danga Mob.: 9419890999, 9419186967, 9419700007

Arvan Arora, Archit Arora

Smt Vijay Verma W/o Sh. Joginder Kumar

Smt Punam Verma W/o Sh. Anil Verma

(Thursday) at 10. AM.

(Saturday) at 10. AM onwards.

Jammu at 4 PM to 5 PM.

Smt Sudershan Verma (Wife)

Daughter in Law & Son

Daughter & Son in Law

Jammu on 5-7-2023.

from 4 pm to 5 pm.

Java & Ashwani Arora

Sushma & Anil Gupta

Pankaj & Rajesh Gupta

& Great Grand Children

Daughters-in-Law & Sons

Daughters & Sons-in-Law

Varsha & Kulbhushan Arora

Anita & Bharat Bhushan Arora

**Grief Stricken** 

July 2023.

Grief Stricken: dn. Jasbir Kour - Wife

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 



Smt. Mohni Bhan

SH. BHAGWAN DASS **VERMA JI** 



AND WHOLE SHARMA FAMILY MOBILE: 9419189583, 6005877132

#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief we wish to inform the sac demise of our beloved Sh. Bansi Lal Dhar origi nally from Motivar, Rainawari, Srinagar, Kashmi currently residing at 314-A, Gaur Valerio Indrapuram Ghaziabad on 30-06-2023 TENTH-DAY KRIYA will be held on Sunday, 9th July 2023 at Gang Nahar, Murad Nagar Ghaziabad at 9.00 AM. Shanti Paath shall be held on the same day at 4.00 PM at Community Hall, Gaur Valerio, Ahinsa



Khand-2, Indirapuram, opposite DPS School, SH. BANSI LAL DHAR Ghaziabad, UP. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

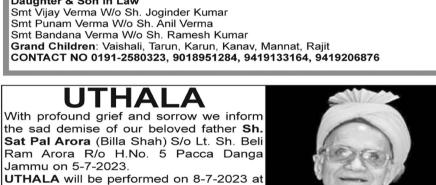
Kuldeep & Anjana Dhar -Son & Daughter in law (9899105077, 9810200288) Kalpana & Opender Kaul - Daughter & Son in law (88266 85609, 88475 61186)

#### 10TH DAY/ KRIYA/ RASAM PAGRI

Mith profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demis of our beloved **Smt Satya Devi** W/o Late Sh. Beli Rar Sharma R/o Sampuranpur Kullain, Satwari, Jammu Oth Day will be performed on Friday 7th of July 2023 at our Residence at 11:00 AM. Kriya will be performed on Saturday 8th of July 2023. Rasam Pagri will be held on Friday 14th of July, 2023 3 00 PM DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY: (Son & Daughter-in-law) Sh. Joginder Sharma & Smt. Anju Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-law) Mrs. Ashu & Mr. Deshbandhu Sharma Mrs Neeru (Daughter) (Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-law)

SMT SATYA DEVI OWNER OF M/S SATYA TRADERS



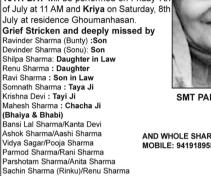


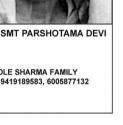
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(Billa Shah)

Sheela Dhar -Wife











(Retd CTO, Jammu

Municipality)

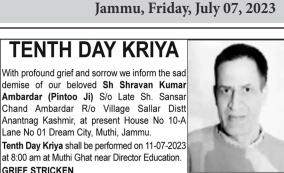
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Sons & Daughter-in-Laws

Joginder & Shammi Gupta

Daughters & Son-in-Laws Suman & Narinder Gupta

Varinder & Asha Gupta



Sh Shravan Kumar

Ambardar (Pintoo Ji)

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Lane No 01 Dream City, Muthi, Jammu.

**10TH DAY/KRIYA** With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt** 

Sheela Tickoo W/o Lt. Kashi Nath Tickoo

originally from Bijbehara, Kashmir and A/I Flat:-3, Block No:-8, Lane No:-2 Jagti, who left for heavenly abode on 30/06/2023

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Ambardar Parivar

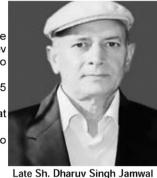
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Ghoumanhasan Jammu



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

 (SUNDAY) AT 9.00 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE AND ANTIM

 ARDAAS AT 10.30 AM TO 12.00 NOON AT GURUDWARA

 BALA PRITAM TRIKUTA NAGAR JAMMU.

 GRIEF STRICKEN

 Sdr. Narinder Kour Tithh -Wife

 S. Angad Preet Singh Tithh -Daughter-in-law

 S. Armaan Preet Singh Tithh -Grand Son

 Brothers & Sisters-in-law (Canada)

 S. Kultar Singh Tithh -Brother

 S. Rajbir Singh Tithh -Sister-in-law

 S. Rajbir Singh Tithh -Brother

 S. Rajbir Singh Tithh -Sister-in-law

 S. Kutara Tithh -Sister-in-law

 S. Rajbir Singh Tithh -Sister-in-law

 S. Katara Tithh -Sister-in-law

 Sister & Brother-in-law(Canada)

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 Sister & Brother-in-law (Canada) Sdr. Parvinder Kour Dhillon -Sister S. Manjit Singh Dhillon **-Brother-in-law** Contact: 9419795640, 9419235037

S. PARAMJIT SINGH TITHH (PUMMY) Nephews (Canada) Er. Amanpreet Singh Tithh Jaspreet Singh Dhillon Jaspreet Singh Dhillon Navjot Singh Dhillon **Niece (Canada)** Dr. Kimpreet Kaur Tithh Roshini Kour Tithh Chandni Kour Tithh CA Kamani Kour Trehan Paramvir Singh Trehan -Son-in-law

#### **MOURNING/TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Sh** Sampat Prakash Kundu originally resident of Kralyar Rainawari Srinagar at present H.No. 240, Sector-2 Upper Roop Nagar, Jammu. The **Mourning** will be held at H.No. 240, Sector-2 Upper Roop Nagar Jammu. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be held at Muthi Ghat or 10-07-2023 at 9.00 am. Grief Stricken Smt. Dura Kundu- Wife Sons & Daughter-in-Laws Er. Lenin Kundu & Shivarchana Kundu Er. Ravinder Krundu & Sandhya Krundu Smt. Superna & Sh. Sanjay Pandita Brothers & Bhabhis Sh. S.P. Kundu & Smt. Asha Ji Kundu Sh. Kamlesh Krundu Sh. Vijay Kundu & Smt. Usha Ji Kundu Smt. Asha Kundu Sisters & Brother-in-Laws Smt. Raj Dulari Wali Smt. Bimla & Sh. Manmohan Koul Smt. Darly & Sh. Raja Ji Munshi Grand Children: Bhaghirati, Raviant & Tejashri, Samantha 9419191102, 9419149720, 9419287429

**KRIYA/UTHALA** 

08/07/2023 at 3 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

3 PM.



Kundu

(Samasth Krundu Pariwar)

#### Grand Children: Gaina, Akash, Ayesha, Rajdeep, Jaspreet, Harshdeep, Unnati, Udita Great Granddaughter: Adheera **MASVAR & VAHARVAR** Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever□ Life has never been the same again ever since you left us, but your legacy goes on deep

in our hearts.

Ginny, Swapan, Gauray

One year has passed since you left us for eternal journey. We feel your presence every moment, since your heavenly abode on 18th of July 2022. Masvar & Vaharvar of our beloved

father Avtar Krishan Kachru original- Avtar Krishan Kachru

ly from Batyar, Ali Kadal, Srinagar will be performed on 7th & 8th of July 2023 at Kashmiri Hindu Sabha Pune. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY Rajesh Kachru & Anjali Kachru- Son & Daughter-in-law Rahul Kachru - Grandson All Family Members/ Relatives and friends Mob No: 7006459811, 9419242277, 7889783806

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief we inform sad demise of beloved Shri Amar Nath Kaul (Dulloo) original resident of Narsingarh Srinagar/ 75 Bhagwati Nagar Jammu, At present Ashadeep Appartment Sector-2, Dwarka, New Delhi on 4th July 2023. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Thursday the 13th July 2023 at 8:30am at Chota Haridwar, Murad Nagar. **GRIEF STRICKEN** RATNA KAUL (Wife) ANIL KAUL (Son) 8447360006 RENU KAUL (Daughter-In-Law) 9818683303 ANIRUDH KAUL (Grandson) AAYUSH KAUL (Grandson) And Samast Dulloo/Kaul Parivaar & Grand Children



Shri Amar Nath Kaul (Dulloo)

R.S. PURA Miss. Amayra Sharma (Great Grand Daughter) Sharma Family 9419100574, 8492880574, 7051110574, 8493059830, 9682328780.



With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Mangat Ram Gupta (Mangu Shah) S/o Late Sh. Ganga Ram Gupta R/o H.No. 41, Bhawani Nagar, Gol Pulli, Jammu. Uthala will be performed on Saturday 8-7-2023 from 3-4 pm at Tahli Sahib Gurudwara Pacca Gharat, Talab Tillo, Jammu Grief Stricken



Sh. Mangat Ram Gupta (Mangu Shah)

Sarika & Munish Dogra Pulkesh & Chahhat Mahajan- Grandson & Grand Daughter-in-Law Grand Children: Pulkit, Harsh, Tanish, Pranav, Nivaan Maha Shakti General Store (9419359494) Jai Shree Trading Co. (9419194546)

#### TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE ARE SADDENED TO INFORM UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. ASHOK KUMAR GAGROO (PNB) S/O LATE SH. BRIJ NATH GAGROO R/O JAWAHAR NAGAR, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR AT PRESENT H. NO. 364, SECTOR-8, URBAN ESTATE, KARNAL, HARYANA - 132001 (NEAR RAM MANDIR), WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 2ND JULY 2023. TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 11TH JUL 2023 (TUESDAY) AT KHACHWA ROAD GHAT, ACROS KHACHWA BRIDGE, KARNAL AT 8:30 A.M.



GAGROO (PNB)

GRIEF STRICKEN GARGOO (WIFE) GAG SMT PRANAJI GAGROO (WIFE) GAG ARUN GAGROO (SON) AVINASH GAGROO & SUNIANA GAGROO (SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW) MOB NO. 99677 02741

INDE NOU SOUT OF THE BROTHER'S & BHABIS SH. RAVINDER KUMAR GAGROO & SMT. GIRJA GAGROO MOB. NO. 99719 17098 SH. JATINDER KUMAR GAGROO & SMT. RAJNI GAGROO MOB. NO. 94691 60371 **GRAND-DAUGHTER: CHAHANA** 

SAMAST PARIVAR OF GAGROO'S, DHAR'S, MATTOO'S, HAKOO'S, KOUL'S, PANDITA'S, WAZA'S.

#### **BHOG/ANTIM ARDAS**

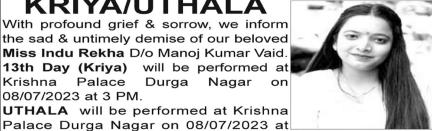
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Capt. Omkar Singh** S/o Late S. Nand Singh R/o Kothi Morh, Bishnah Road Jammu expired on 3-7-2023. Programme:



Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib a their residence on 7-7-2023 at 9.00 am. Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 9-7-2023 at 9.00 am at residence. Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Singh Saba Kalu Chack, Santhok Vihar Jammu from 10



am to 12.30 pm on 9-7-2023 followed by Guru Ka Langar. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Sdn. Manjit Kour- Wife S. Rajinder Singh- Son (9596557826) Triloke Singh- Brother-in-law & Deedar Singh- Brother



**Miss Indu Rekha** 

Smt Nishu Bala & Sh Manoj Kumar Vaid (Mother & Father) Smt Neerja Vaid & Sh Sandeep Kumar Vaid (Chachi & Chachuji) Smt Meena Koul & Sh Deepak Koul (Bua & Fufaji) Smt Budwanti & Sh Shiv Darshan Sawhney (Nani & Nanuji) Smt Mamta Sawhney & Sh Lucky Sawhney (Mami & Mamuji) Smt Sonika Sawhney & Sh Yogesh Sawhney (Mami & Mamuji) Vipan Verma & Bharti Verma- Masi & Masad Ji Gourang, Rajat, Vishakha, Laksh & Vassu - Brothers & Sister Mob No. 9419229903, 9419133025, 7006121214, 9419141911

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#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Friday, July 07, 2023

### LOCAL/ ADVT

## Congress workers holds protest against Central Govt

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jul 7: Shortly after Gujarat High Court rejected Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea seeking stay on conviction in connection with the Modi surname defamation case, on Friday, a large number of Congress workers assembled at PCC HQ Shahidi Chowk Jammu, and held a peaceful protest.

The peaceful protestors raised slogans "Lok Tantar pe Hamla Band Karo, Rahul Gandhi Age Bharo Ham Tumare Sath Hain" besides in favour of Sonia Gandhi , Congress President Kharge Sahib, Priyanka Gandhi and others and declared that they shall not allow the Constitution and the democracy to be weakened.

Speaking on the occasion Senior Congress leader Thakur Balwan Singh (ex-MLA) lashed out at the Modi Govt. for its vendetta politics and the BJP for serious assault on the constitution and the democracy during its regime. The disqualification of Rahul



Gandhi is an attempt to gag the voice of the opposition in the parliament but the BJP should know that the voice of people and the voice of Congress party and Rahul Gandhi cannot be suppressed and it will be raised more vociferously in the streets of the country, the "judgement only redoubles party's resolve to pursue the matter further, he added.

> He launched a scathing attack on the Modi Govt for its anti democratic mind set and its

empt continuous attempts to f the intimidate and threaten arlia- the opposition leaders ould especially the Congress re of party. oice He said that Rahul

Gandhi has been disqualified in view of his direct questions to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Adani issue.

He further said that the assets of the country are on sale and the money of common man is being misused for promotion of crony capitalism and the voice of opposition is being crushed through various arm twisting methods. He said congress cadres shall not rest till the BJP is totally exposed for its anti people, anti poor, anti youth and anti farmers policies and routed out in their respective areas. The protest was attended by Th. Balwan

attended by Th. Balwan Singh (Ex-MLA), Tirlok Singh Bajwa (Ex-MP), Bushan Dogra (Ex-MOS), Ved Mahajan (Ex-MLC), Vinod Sharma I/C HQ, Th. Manmohan Singh,

Pranav Shagotra, Kapil Sinah Chib (Spokesman), Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Narinder Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Rajvir Singh, Yogesh Verma, S. Gurmeet Singh, Thomas Khokhar, David Babloo, Varinder Manhas, Vijay Shastri, Jatin Raina, Jugal Sharma, Sat Pal Spolia, Vijay Singh Chib, Master Ram Prakash, Rakesh Sharma, Keval Krishan Jogi, Anil Kumar, Surinder Dogra and

# HSS stages protest against JMC against harassment to Rehriwalas

#### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 7: Jammu Unit of Hindustan Shiv Sena (HSS) staged a protest against Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) against their harassment to the poor Rehriwalas.

City President Appurav Gupta, Vice president Rohan Malwal, Secretary Rohit under the leadership of J&K UT President Vikrant Kapoor in the presence of other senior leaders, protested against the policies being used against poor Rehriwalas.



they may freely and securely earn to survive themselves and their families.

others.

He further added that these poor people are neither a threat to the nation nor they are indulged any sort of anti-national or criminal activities. So they must be given the opportunity to live freely.

Gupta said that JMC workers demolish their Reharies and take away their commodities for

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### Advertisement Notice CORRINGENDUM Notice for inviting applications from the unemployed youth of the district

unject: - Notice for inviting applications from the unemployed youth of the district Udhampur to undergo 3 months(232 hours) skill development course namely:-ASSISTANT PLUMBER GENERAL at ITI COLLEGE UDHAMPUR.

ITI/UDH/2023/838-40 dated: 03/07/2023

In addition to this office Advertisement Notice No. DDEU/Skill Trg/2023-24/356-359 dated 22-06-2023, applications as per the format given below are invited from interested unemployed youth of the district having qualification 5<sup>th</sup> pass with 6 months of experience as a plumber helper/ 10<sup>th</sup> with ITI diploma or 10+2 and above to undergo (three months) 232 hours skill development course namely Assistant Plumber General (PSC/Q0102) to be conducted by District Employment & Counselling Centre Udhampur in collaboration with ITI College Udhampur. The course will be free of cost. Monthly stipend of Rs 1000/- PM will be given to the selected candidates through DBT mode.

The applications should reach the office of Deputy Director, District Employment & Counselling Centre Udhampur by or before 15th of July 2023 (4.00 pm) along-with selfattested photocopy of Date of birth/Educational qualification and domicile certificates.

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#### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR JAL SHAKTI (I&FC) DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION KATHUA

#### NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM e- TENDER

e-NITNo: 07 of07/ 2023-24

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e- Bids are invited by the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kathua, by e-tendering mode on Percentage Bases from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt./ CPWD/ MES and Railways for the following works.

Appurav Gupta said that JMC is harassing

the poor people who are trying to earn their bread and butter by daring extreme weather conditions, weather it may be above 43 degrees or it

are may be rainy. He said that though, ng JMC is charging these idi- Rehriwalas but even be then they are harrassed r it by JMC. He urged upon JMC and LG Government to please take necessary steps so as to provide some space or some kind of policy so that almost no fault. Rather they should be

Rather they should be dealt in a better way or may be provided timings or some space to carry on their business activities.

# Harsh Dev appeals General V.K Singh to ensure early completion of Udhampur–Ghordi road

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said road. Around 1000

vehicles ply every day

on the said road catering

unfit for traffic.

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU / NEW DELHI, Jul 7: Former Minister and State President JKNPP, Harsh Dev Singh submitted a memorandum to General V.K Singh Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways at New Delhi today seeking early double laning of Udhampur–Ghordi road in District Udhampur in consonance with the assurance given by Nitin Gadkari during his visit to Ghordi during elections in 2014.

He apprised the Union MoS about the public commitment made by Gadkari for double laning of the 38 km road from Udhampur to Ghordi. He had assured immediate commencement of work on the said project and its early completion while addressing a gathering of thousands of people assembled on the occasion, divulged Singh.

Harsh Dev said that though Gadkari had issued instructions in this regard for execution



of the said road project under CRF and the work was also started but regretfully abandoned merely after straightening a few curves. The result is that out of 38 kms of single road, it is only about 8-9 kms that has been doublelaned leaving the rest around 30 kms of road in shabby condition. On public agitating over the issue, it was said that funds under CRF had been stopped by the centre and that around 18 kms of single lane stretch would be blacktopped under PMGSY to a population of over 1.50 lakh. In the absence of a

bridge, all the said vehicles are using an aqueduct to cross over the river. The said aqueduct constructed by PDC has been declared unsafe for traffic around 20 years back. The use of the said road however has been discontinued thereby creating huge inconvenience for several thousands of people commuting on the said road every day. Strange however that despite the matter being in the notice of authorities concerned has failed to elicit

appropriate response. Sad that even the central Minister's commitments and directions have been taken non-seriously resulting in public uproar and resentment", regretted Harsh.

Harsh Dev appealed to the Union Minister of State that double lane from Udhampur to Ghordi alongwith the Bridge on its alignment at Salmay be constructed as assured and committed in the public rally held in 2014 so that the public of the area could heave a sigh of relief.

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### OP-ED

### EDITORIAL

### **SOLAR ENERGY**

ncreasing global warming and pollution day by day has forced people to think about the alternatives of nonrenewable sources of energy like petrol diesel and electricity. The government has recently prepared a plan till 2070, in which the use of solar energy and other renewable energy sources has been emphasized.

With a population of close to 1.4 billion and a fast-growing economy with huge potential for growth, India's energy mix in future years will be critical to the world's and India's climate action goals. India is already the third largest energy consuming economy after China and the United States.

In this situation, supplying energy to such a huge population is nothing less than a huge challenge. No country can supply uninterrupted power supply to 1.4 billion people, in this situation the need for solar energy becomes essential.

India is facing many problems in meeting its energy demand, solar energy can play an important role in providing energy security. The pollution-free nature of solar power, along with its virtually inexhaustible supply and global distribution, make it a very attractive energy resource.

Now the world is getting ready to deal with the increasing climate change day by day, and our weapon to deal with climate change will be; solar energy. The Government of India is also committed to the development of solar energy, that is why the government is aiming to increase the installed renewable energy capacity to 500 GW (gigawatts) by 2030.

India, located in the tropical belt, receives high amounts of solar energy for 300 days of the year, which amounts to more than 5,000 trillion kWh for 2300–3,000 hours of sunshine.

Solar energy venture in India is a fast growing industry as part of renewable energy in India. The country's solar power installed capacity as of 31 August 2021 was 44.3 GW.

India has established about 42 solar parks to provide land to the promoters of solar plants. India has the 5th largest installed capacity of solar power in the world. India's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) commitment includes 100 GW of solar power out of 175 GW of renewable energy by 2022. There is immense potential for creating new jobs in this sector; The 1 GW solar manufacturing facility creates around 4000 direct and indirect jobs. In addition solar deployment, operation and maintenance creates additional recurring employment in this sector. Progress is being made for storage, which has the potential to revolutionize this sector globally, until then the dependence on fossils can be reduced by gradually increasing the share of renewable energy. India is expected to have 8% of global solar capacity by 2035. With a potential future capacity of 363 gigawatts (GW), India can be a global leader in reaping the benefits of the energy sector. According to a report prepared by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India's reservoirs with a cumulative surface area of 18000 sq km have the potential to generate 280 GW of solar power through floating solar PV. The National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) estimates that India will have a solar power potential of about 750 GW, with Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir (before bifurcation), Maharashtra being the top states with the highest solar potential.

### Diversity vs homogeneity, as Pawar play rocks Maha

#### By: Shikha Mukerjee

The difference between the Dada Saheb, that is Sharad Pawar, and Ajit Dada Pawar is the difference between the original and a smudgy copy. Malefactor Ajit Pawar, along with other malcontents like Chhagan Bhujbal, Sunil Tatkare, Praful Patel and some others, may have split the Nationalist Congress Party, but the mutineers dare not discard Sharad Pawar, who looms large over Maharashtra politics.

The stage of the rebels' muchawaited meeting to demonstrate their command over the majority of 53 NCP MLAs in the Maharashtra Assembly was dominated by a huge banner with Sharad Pawar's image presiding over the event. Clearly, the mutineers don't dare to forswear their allegiance to the legendary leader, because that would probably be politically suicidal.

The bottom line seems to be regardless of how many MLAs Ajit Pawar can parade at his meeting, he cannot afford to supplant Sharad Pawar. That is the admission of a loser. So too is the justification that their "robbery", as Sharad Pawar termed it, or "treachery", as other leaders have done, the mutiny is not a betrayal, but in line with the undivided NCP's actions in joining forces with the Congress and then forming an alliance with the Shiv Sena. In other words, the mutineers need Sharad Pawar to wash away the stigma of betraying the legendary leader.

By taking on Maharashtra's tallest leader and NCP's founder, who is also India's eldest statesman, the BJP may have got more than it bargained for. Sharad Pawar is a cancer survivor who is pushing 83. But he is neither down nor is he out. Launching a grudge match against the Shiv Sena's Uddhav Thacekery for abandoning the National Democratic Alliance in 2019 by seducing Eknath Shinde and a majority of Shiv Sena MLAs is entirely different from splitting the NCP.

While there are noises emanating from Bihar via Sushil Kumar Modi to indicate that Nitish Kumar and the Janata Dal (United) could be the next location for version 2.0 of Operation Lotus and in Karnataka, B.S. Yediyurappa and H.D. Kumaraswami are predicting that there will be a split in the Congress and the downfall of the party, the BJP needs to do a rethink. Is it politically wise to surrender the high moral ground for the dubious pleasure of winning a grudge match against Sharad Pawar? The way Sharad Pawar had responded to the crisis within his party suggests that he has chosen to identify the BJP as the unprincipled attacker, by keeping the doors of his establishment open for rebels to return as prodigals.

If as the noises made by Sushil Modi from Bihar and B.S. Yediyurappa and H.D. Kumaraswami in Karnataka are portents of the BJP's plans to extend its domain by splitting and toppling the ruling parties in the two states, it may be Nitish Kumar's and Mallikarjun Kharge's best counter strategy to claim the high moral ground and brand the BJP as vengeful aggressors. That would put the BJP in the uncomfortable position of explaining why it has an insatiable appetite for promoting the agenda of one leader-one party-one nation and its concomitant double/triple engine sarkar, months before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Pollsters and pundits have confirmed that Narendra Modi is India's most popular leader and the most recognisable face not only within the country but is large parts of the world. As the

Therefore, one should

leader with the highest popularity ratings, why does he and the BJP need to engage in unsavoury split-and-topple politics, less than 300 days away from a general election where the expectation is that Mr Modi will win a third term?

The targeting of Sharad Pawar, Nitish Kumar and Mallikarjun Kharge, who is not only the Congress president but also Karnataka's best-known politician, indicates that the BJP is uneasy about the power of the collective leadership of the Opposition, which is intent on forming an alliance to fight and defeat the Sangh Parivar. The BJP has been tarred for unleashing a series of raids and investigations by the investigative "agencies" --ED, CBI, NIA, I-T, DRI, CBDT -- against ruling parties in West Bengal, National Capital Territory of Delhi, Telangana and Tamil Nadu, where Mamata Banerjee, Arvind Kejriwal, K. Chandrashekhar Rao and M.K. Stalin are powerful and influential leaders.

Politics is a dynamic process. By giving itself a single-point agenda of cobbling together higher vote shares in Opposition-ruled states by splitting regional parties and encouraging defections ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP is revealing its need to exercise abundant caution by creating new equations to guarantee its victory. The BJP's topplingdefections game then becomes a sort of Ponzi scheme, to invent ways of maintaining the high returns it has grown accustomed to after the first Narendra Modi victory in 2014. Before venturing into Bihar or Karnataka or splitting the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh in preparation for the 2024 Lok Sabha election, it may be wise politics to find out what voters think in states like Madhya Pradesh, which goes to the polls later this year.

Voters in Karnataka rejected the BJP and delivered an emphatic mandate to the Congress in the Assembly. Voters in Madhya Pradesh may do the same, because they may feel the Kamal Nath government was ousted in 2020 after the BJP engineered defections. To believe that voters across India, from Maharashtra to Bihar and Tamil Nadu, will choose Mr Modi and the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections, even if they reject the party and its leader in the state polls, is a risky generalisation. The masterminds of 6A Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg in New Delhi should not assume that the politics of split-defection-topple has unconditional voter support everywhere.

The events in Maharashtra throw up several questions and not a few challenges, not for the anti-BJP Opposition, comprising mostly regional and small parties, but for the BJP. Is there an alternative to Sharad Pawar in Maharashtra politics? There is no one, not in the BJP, not in the Congress, not in the BJP, not in the Congress, not in the Shiv Sena, who comes even close. The NCP split has lifted his political significance, in national politics, to an entirely different level, making him a formidable challenger.

After the news broke, Sharad Pawar 's response was masterly. He travelled to Karad and then Satara to pay his respects to his mentors Y.B. Chavan and Appasaheb Bhaurao Patil, a reformer and political heavyweight. In doing so he demonstrated his extraordinary connect with the masses. Corny as this may sound, Sharad Pawar's actions spoke louder than words; the politics of manipulation and gas lighting has to be certified by voters to gain legitimacy. As an Opposition leader, Sharad Pawar has it.

With solar energy of about 5000 trillion kWh per year, India has the potential to generate 35 MW/sq km using solar PV and solar thermal energy.

#### By: Vijay Garg

ome is a child's **T**first school, from **I I**where the child's learning process begins. The relationship between parents plays an important role in the overall development of the child because the character and future of the child originates from home. Children's innocent childhood is devoid of enmity and jealousy, beyond the shadow of conflict, only then it is said, 'Children are true in heart!' A profound effect on the psyche Often at home, family members keep talking about domestic matters in front of children. Sometimes such things happen They go, which have a deep impact on the psyche of the child knowingly or unknowingly.

Lead the Children with Ease

refrain from talking about domestic matters in front of the child because the mental level of the child is still developing completely. Children live alone In recent times, joint families are breaking up and the era of small families has started. The affection of family members has decreased and families are getting smaller keeping needs in mind, but this period has a greater impact on child rearing. Children alone in small families Lives in this because often the parents are busy with their work and the child is not brought up properly. Due to living in solitude, the child becomes an introvert. On the other hand, if the child stays in a joint family, he will become sociable and he will

get a sense of relationships. In this way, he will understand the importance of relationships from childhood. Moral responsibility In order to make the child a good and noble hearted person, it is the duty of the parents to keep the child away from negative qualities like enmity, jealousy and the mind of the child.Colors of love for all should be filled in it. Due to hostility, the child will become a master of retrograde thinking. By having a feeling of love towards everyone, self-confidence will develop in the child's mind. Influence of home environment It is said that 'Jaisa Anna Vaisa Man'. In the same way, the nature of the child will be the same as the atmosphere in the house.

If the home environment is negative then the child's nature will be stubborn and if the home environment is positive then the child's nature will be cheerful and sociable. The role of parents The children Parents play an important role in parenting. The attitude of the parents has a major impact on the child's mentality. If there is sourness in the relationship between the parents, then it will have a deep impact on the child's future and if the relationship between the parents is bound in the bond of love, then the child's attitude towards life will also be positive.

(Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab)

### **LOCAL**

### **Principal PTTI inaugurates training courses**

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

VIJAYPUR, Jul 7: 30-days "SSG/SSF Refresher Course" and Five weeks "Disaster Management Course" commenced at PTTI Vijaypur in which 15 and 32 Police personnel respectively of various units of Police Department are participating. The objective of these courses is to enhance the capabilities and tactics of Police officials.

Both the courses were formally inaugurated by Shiv Kumar, SSP Principal, PTTI Vijaypur who in his inaugural address, briefed the participating officers/officials about the basic concepts of



these courses.

Principal laid stress on the emerging challenges while performing Security duties and emphasized to adopt professionalism and innovative methods for preparedness and response at all levels during natural calamities, accidents and other untoward incidents.

Besides, one month "PSO Refresher Course" organized by Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur was concluded in which 22 police personnel of various units of Police Department participated. The objective of this

course was to enhance the capabilities and tac-

tics of police officials to protect VIPs/protected persons. On this occasion a Valedictory function was organized which was graced by Shiv Kumar who emphasized the importance of PSO Course keeping in view the present security scenario.

Principal PTTI Vijaypur said that this course would definitely help Police personnel in performing their field duties with VIPs/Protected persons as these trainees have been taught Crises management, Reaction Drill, Evacuation, Anti ambush techniques, Tactical position taking and medical contingency besides all

required Do's & Don'ts including precautionary measures to be adopted while performing PSO duties.

Among others Zia-UI-Haq Dy.SP (Admn/ Outdoor), Devinder Gupta, Dy.SP (R&D), Kuldeep Raj, Dy.SP (Tech.), Inspr. Surinder Paul, Inspr. Vishal Kumar (RI/CDI), Inspr. Pawan Kumar, Inspr. Vivek Kalsotra, Inspr. Ram Lal, Inspr. Bhopinder Singh, Inspr. Javed Ahmed, Inspr. Kanwal Raina, Inspr. Mulkh Raj, Inspr. Himanshu Dutta, Inspr. Ashish Dharmat, SI Shehbaz Ahmed, Narinder Kumar and others were present on these occasions.

### Shia Muslims celebrate Eid-al-Gadeer in Kargil, Ladakh

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

KARGIL, Jul 7: Eid-al-Gadeer was celebrated at Kargil on Friday with religious gaiety.

Eid al-Ghadir, held on the 18th day of the month of Dhu al-Hijjah on the lunar calendar, is among the most significant feasts of Shia Muslims. On this occasion, over 1400 years ago, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) appointed Imam Ali (AS) as his successor

At Kargil, the largest gathering were witnessed Imam Khomenie Memoral Trust, Kargil & Anjuman-E-Jamiyatul ebrated at various Tehsil ulama Houziya Elmiya



Isnia Ashriya Kargil. Thousand of believer's participated from different parts of Kargil. Speaking at the event

scholars threw lights on Eid-al-Gadeer and elaborated on the importance and philosophy of Gadir. Gadeer were also cel& sub division of Kargil include Sankoo, Drass, Shargole, Shakar Chiktan. The celebration of Eid-al- Gadeer held TSG Block Trespone, Saliskote, Anjuman-E-Sahib Zaman Sankoo, Markaz-E-Tabligah Imam Reza Sankoo, Suru, Parkachik, Tangole.

### **Dimple holds protest against** rising prices of tomato



**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 7: President, Mission Statehood Jammu and Kashmir, Sunil Dimple today visited the Sabzi Mandi Jammu to check rising prices. He registered strong protest against

rising prices of tomato 160 Rs kg. Dimple alleged the Govt has imposed 5 per cent increase of GST on the food grains and the poor families are unable to feed their families. He demanded the Govt to roll back this 5% increase of the GST on edibles.

### **Corporator Pritam takes stock of development works**

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jul 7: A number of roads in the Jammu city are dilapidated in absence of macadamisation or repair. If this is condition of roads, and the attitude of government officials in the capital city, what can be the situation in towns and villages.

JMC Corporator Pritam Singh visited Shanti Nagar area of Jammu City and take stock of dilapidated conditions of roads and other problems that people face especially during monsoon season. While talking to media



he raised the concern that the poor performance of development project is raising concerns.

He further said that Shanti Nagar area have around 20 feet wide road but have not fully

macadamised even PWD have sanctioned it to be maintained it on time many complaints have raised from locals but no one responded. People at Apna Vihar area alleged similar problems.

The list of such complaints is long with no-one coming to the rescue of the affected people. There should be an end to such official callousness. The people in several areas suffer he added.

Sometimes accidents also occur. During rains, the water logging and traffic jamming occurs on these roads. It is a big problem. The concerned authorities must listen to the people and repair and macadamise the roads without any further delay.

Any complacency on part of the government officials must be taken seriously he added.

He concluded with that the concerned authorities should stop ignoring or taking lightly the demands of people in several areas of Jammu city for macadamisation or repairing of roads.

### Large number of tourists prayed at Sai Baba Mandir in Talab Tilloo

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jul 7: A large number of tourists visited Sai Baba Mandir Tirath Nagar Talab Tillo here Friday and paid obeisance over there.

R.L.Kaith who joined the tourists mentioned that Sain Baba was basically a Fakir, who was held in regard and honor by Hindus and Muslims alike. He went to temples as well as mosques and believed in both 'Bhagwan' and 'Allah'. Infact, Sai Baba preached others to forget communal differences and live in harmony with each other. He helped everyone who came to him in dis-



### LFO-BHF announces provincial body for 2023-24

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jul 7: Live For Other Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF), a prominent non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to uplifting communities and making a positive impact, is pleased to announce the appointment of various provincial positions for the year 2023-2024 in both Jammu and Kashmir provinces.

Following a rigorous internal election process for provincial



tress. Infact, he could never ever see any of his devotees in trouble and whenever people called him with true devotion, he came to their rescue and took their pain on himself.

Kaith and tourists prayed to Sai Baba to create an atmosphere of peace and keep the brotherhood between different communities here for the times to

posts named President, Vice President and General Secretary, LFO-BHF introduced the newly appointed officials who will spread the organization's initiatives in their respective provinces where as the elected officials appointed secretaries & media incharges for their respective provinces. In Jammu Province, Shubam

Kumar has been elected as the

President, Sahil Choudhary as the Vice President, and Stuti Abrol as the General Secretary, Ritik & Abhishek Raina as the Secretaries & Navya Verma as Social media Incharge.

For Kashmir Province, LFO-BHF is delighted to appoint Afreen Barkat as the President, Urfee as the Vice President, and Rizwana as the General Secretary, Saqib Rehman and Sheikh Shahid as Secretaries and Maroofa Shah as Social media Incharge. Vivek Parihar, Director & CEO

said that Live For Other Being Helpful Foundation is confident that under their leadership, the organization will achieve greater heights in Jammu and Kashmir provinces, positively impacting the lives of countless individu-

### **DAK calls for public awareness** on generic drugs

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

SRINAGAR, Jul 7: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Friday called for public awareness on generic drugs.

"We need to create awareness among people about the fact that generic drugs are equal to their branded counterparts in terms of strength, quality, efficacy and safety. And, they cost 80 to 90 percent less than the branded medicines as manufactures do not have to spend on the development and promotion of the drug," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said negative perception has been created that because generic drugs are cheaper, they will be less effective.

As a result people buy only costly branded medicines leading to heavy healthcare costs

among the public. "We need to raise awareness among people that would change their perception towards generic drugs," he said adding "more education for both doctors and patients would

increase the prescriptions and use of generic

drugs." The DAK President said research has shown that out-of-pocket costs were lowered significantly among patients who were prescribed generic medicines compared with patients who had been given branded

Additionally, patients

drugs.

who had been prescribed generic drugs for chronic medical conditions, like diabetes, hypertension and other cardiovascular ailments were more likely

to follow medication therapies.

"Studies have found that generic drugs significantly reduce deaths among cancer patients," he said. "It was because of

come.

generic drugs that saved millions of lives of patients with AIDS,' he added.

Dr Nisar said while generic drug use has increased over time, in JK doctors continue to dole out expensive therapies when equally effective and cheaper versions are available. This is in violation to the recommendations of National Medical Council (NMC) which mandates prescribing

of generic drugs. "Unless a legal framework is put in place, the push for generic medicines will remain an idea without implementation," he said.

### Paras Health, Panchkula perform **DBS surgery in Parkinson's patients**

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU / CHANDI-GARH, Jul 7: Parkinson's disease is the second most common neuro degenerative disease in the whole world. Its symptoms are often missed or misdiagnosed with old age and many elderly patients are left untreated. Common symptoms of Parkinson's disease include slowness in daily activities, stiffness in body, shaking or trembling of hands, legs, and jaw, difficulty in walking or losing balance while walking.

Paras Health, Panchkula is now first in the region to do this advanced treatment -Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery in Parkinson's patients with North India's first formally trained Parkinson's specialist neurologist - Dr



Jaslovleen Sidhu, who is trained at London and Singapore for DBS programme.

Patients now can avail such special services and do not have to travel to far off places for this advanced surgery for Parkinson's disease. Dr. Jaslovleen Kaur Sidhu. Head-Parkinson's Disease & Move-

ment Disorders and Dr. Aman Batish, Neurosurgeon at Paras Health, Panchkula have recently performed DBS Surgery

at Paras Health, Panchkula on a 64 year old male with Parkinson's disease.

The patient had symptoms since last 10 years and was taking multiple medications. The patient was screened for the procedure by Parkinson's disease specialist Dr Jaslovleen Sidhu and after detailed evaluation he was cleared for surgery. Subthalamic nucleus of brain was the planned target by Dr Sidhu. Patient responded well to surgery, and after surgery his medications were reduced to 50%. Patient is now able to do most of his activities, for which he needed support previously.

According to Dr Jaslovleen Sidhu this is like a pacemaker surgery for the brain which can control the symptoms by changing the electrical signals of the electrodes placed in the brain. "Patients who need DBS surgery have to be screened by a Parkinson's specialist neurologist and have to undergo UPDRS on & off testing before they can be declared fit for surgery. Also, since this is an awake surgery, Parkinson's specialists have to monitor the patient during the whole surgery to confirm if the electrodes are put in

Dr Aman Batish said that patients need detailed evaluation of all such symptoms and treatment is planned according to their age, symptoms and tolerance. Since Parkinson's disease is a progressive disease, the medications will not give good effect for long and brain surgery needs to be planned in such cases. Deep Brain

the exact location in the

brain, she added.

Stimulation surgery is done for Parkinson's disease patients when they develop fluctuations after a few years of medications. As a patient quoted to

Dr Sidhu on his followup, "I can tie my own turban now, after a gap of almost 4 years", as previously he couldn't tie his turban due to hand tremors and stiffness.'

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

### Ali Fazal, Richa Chadha return to voice characters in audio series 'Virus 2062'

#### The series is the Hindi adaptation of the Chilean audio series 'Caso 63'

Stars Ali Fazal and Richa Chadha will return to voice their characters for Season 2 of the audio sci-fi thriller series 'Virus 2062', with this season returning with the mysteries of time, space, and reality.

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The series is the Hindi adaptation of the Chilean audio series 'Caso 63'

Speaking about his role in the audio series, Ali Fazal said: "In season two of 'Virus 2062', my character of Peter Pereira returns. stranded in a lost future. It has been both exciting and enriching to return to this show and continue to expand my creativity voicing this extraordinary world, in a podcast, and I hope the audience enjoys listening to this season as much as we enjoyed making it."

Richa Chadha, who returns as Dr. Gayatri Rajput in the series, said, "Following the success of season one, reprising my role as Dr. Gayatri Rajput for the



second season of 'Virus 2062' has been an exciting challenge. In season two, we emerge in a new timeline, where Gayatri has to grapple with a reversal of roles and a new reality."

She added, "It continues to be an insightful and interesting experience to explore this form of storytelling as a voice actor with Spotify and Mantra, and we are excited to see how

listeners receive this season of 'Virus 2062'."

The sci-fi thriller audio series focuses on the character of Peter Perera (Ali Fazal) who tells Dr. Gavatri (Richa Chadha) that he is a time traveler from the year 2062 who has come back to the past to save the world from getting destroyed by a deadly pandemic. While season one focused on the interactions between Dr. Gayatri and Peter, in this season, Dr. Gayatri wakes up in a timeline to find that roles have been reversed, and she is now both the time traveler and the enigmatic patient of a psychiatrist. Produced by MnM talkies, season 2 of 'Virus 2062' will span over 10 episodes and is available to stream on Spotify. The series also has an English version which features Hollywood stars Julianne Moore and Oscar Isaac.

### **Tom Cruise wants to** continue making Mission: **Impossible films**



Hollywood star Tom Cruise recently celebrated his 61st birthday and the Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One star opened up about his future in acting. With the seventh film in the Mission: Impossible film series dropping on July 12, Cruise is not ready to slow down and is looking at Harrison Ford for inspiration.

"Harrison Ford is a legend; I hope to be still going; I've got 20 years to catch up with him," Cruise said. "I hope to keep making Mission: Impossible films until I'm his age."

Ford recently returned to theatres playing Dr. Henry Walton Jones for the last time in Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny.

The actor shot the movie when he was 80 years old and although he's done playing Indy on the big screen, he's not done acting. "I don't do well when I don't have work," Ford said in a recent interview. "I love to work... I love to feel useful. It's my Jones, I want to be helpful," he had said.

### Elnaaz Norouzi to star in second season of 'Made In Heaven'

Actress Elnaaz Norouzi, who is known for her work in 'Sacred Games' and 'Tehran', will be soon seen in the upcoming season of the streaming series 'Made In Heaven', the actress shared ahead of her birthday on July 9.

The news of the actress featuring in the second season is a special gift from the actress to her fans. When asked about her birthday plans this year and what makes it so special, Elnaaz shared, "I love birthdays, I think they are so special and I always try and make my friends birthdays special for them - for me the greatest gift I could get is success and I feel being part of 'Made in Heaven season 2' this year (which by the way I totally manifested) I have all reasons to celebrate."

Looking back at her



my dream right now. All I can say is I am happy

dahar' alongside Gerard Butler and Ali Fazal, has 'Sangeen' with Nawa-

### Zoya Akhtar unveils 'Made in Heaven' season 2; here's the first poster

Director and producer Zoya Akhtar, unveiled the first poster of the second season of the show 'Made In Heaven'. Taking to Instagram. Zoya shared the show's first poster and captioned it.

"The weddings, the drama & the chaos are about to get 2X grander. #MadeIn-HeavenS2OnPrime coming soon!" Created by Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti, the official release date of the second season is still awaited.

The show will stream on the OTT platform Amazon Prime Video. 'Made In Heaven' is

a story of two wedding planners in Delhi, where tradition jostles with modern aspirations against the backdrop of big fat Indian weddings revealing many secrets and lies. Produced by Excel Entertainment, the



show is created by Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kaqti and is written along with Alankrita Shrivastava. Akhtar, Shrivastava, Nitya Mehra, and Prashant Nair were directors for the first season's nine episodes. Soon after the makers unveiled the show's first poster, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire

emoticons. Shibani Dandekar commented, "can't wait!!" A user wrote, "Waiting with bated breath" "OMG IT IS HAPPENING!!!," a fan commented. Meanwhile

Gauri Khan's daughter Suhana, Boney Kapoor and late Sridevi's daughter Khushi Kapoor and megastar Amitabh Bachchan's grandson Agastya.

The over one-minute teaser reveals that the film is set in 1964 in Riverdale, described on a railway sign as a "hill station," a term dating back to colonial times that refers to a town located at a higher elevation than the nearby plain. One of the transport

links servicing the hill stations are small mountain railway trains running on narrow gauge tracks, known affectionately in India as "toy trains" and the teaser opens with a shot of the top train puffing into Riverdale station.

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

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

journey ahead of her special day, she said, "Looking at where I came from and what I have today, seemed like a distant dream and now

and I am content and very excited for this new vear." Meanwhile, on the film

front, the actress, who was last seen in 'Kan-

zuddin Siddiqui in the pipeline. She will also be seen in Telugu special number from the movie 'Devil' with Nandamuri Kalvanram.

recently unveiled the teaser of her upcoming film 'The Archies' which marks the acting debut of Shah Rukh Khan and

### Prabhas, Prithviraj Sukumaran's action thriller 'Salaar' official teaser delivers glimpses of trilling action

Makers of the upcoming pan-India action thriller film 'Salaar' unveiled the official teaser.

Taking to Instagram, Prabhas shared a post which he captioned, "The #SalaarCease-Fire teaser has arrived. Have you seen it yet?"

Titled 'Salaar Part-1: Ceasefire' the film stars Prabhas, Prithviraj Sukumaran, and Shruti Haasan in the lead roles and is all set to hit the theatres on September 28, in 5 languages including Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil, and Hindi.

The film is helmed by the 'KGF' director Prashanth Neel.

The teaser delivers glimpses of the thrilling action from the extensive universe created by Neel.

Well-studded with massive scale and ensemble cast, the makers have treated the viewers to some eyecapturing glimpses in the violent teaser, while they have held back all

of the major content only for the main theatrical trailer, which will be out soon.

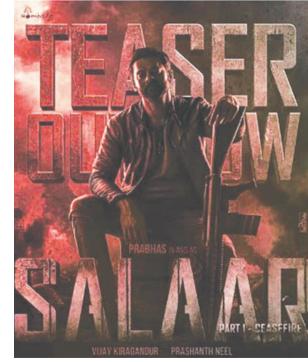
In the less than 2-minute teaser, veteran actor Tinnu Anand can be seen in a fearless avatar surrounded by several armed men who point their guns at him and are ready to fire and it further goes on to introduce Prabhas, as if hinting that he is the king of the jungle.

The teaser also shows a glimpse of actor Prithviraj Sukumaran, although Shruti Haasan is missing.

Soon after the makers unveiled the official teaser, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons.

"Will rule Indian Box office again," a fan commented.

Another fan wrote, "King of Indian Cinema." "King is back to Conquer his World," a user wrote. The movie is touted as an out-and-out mass action and adventure film which is shot



in India, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Actors Jagapathi Babu, Easwari Rao, and Sriya Reddy will be also seen in pivotal roles. Meanwhile, Prabhas was recently seen in the mythological pan-India film 'Adipurush' opposite actors Kriti Sanon, Sunny Singh and Saif Ali Khan.

Helmed by Om Raut, the film was released in the theatres on June 16. He will also be seen in the action thriller film 'Project K' which also features Kamal Haasan, Deepika Padukone and Amitabh Bachchan in the lead roles. The film is all set to hit the theatres on January 12, 2024.

### Vikrant Massey's next '12th Fail' gets a release date

Makers of the upcoming movie '12th Fail', announced the film's official release date. Starring actor Vikrant Massey in the lead role, the film is all set to hit the theatres on October 27.

Taking to Twitter, production house Zee Studios tweeted, "Inspired by a true story and the real stories of millions of Indians, '12th Fail' is based on the best-selling book of the same name. For the first time, Zee Studios and producer-director Vidhu Vinod Chopra have come together to present this film worldwide. "Transformative", "hard-hitting" and "deeply moving" -- '12th Fail' is being described as one of the most important films ever made in India. An absolute must watch! '12th Fail' releases in cinemas worldwide on 27th October.' The film is helmed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra. After making cinemat-

ic gems like 'Parinda', '1942: A Love Story', 'Mission Kashmir', the 'Munnabhai' franchise, '3 Idiots', and 'PK,' the



producer-director is is a portrait of the power directing and producof one - how one man ing '12th Fail', which or a woman with integhas been adapted from rity can create seismic Anurag Pathak's bestchange. selling novel of the same

name. The film is inspired by the real-life story of IPS Officer Manoj Kumar Sharma and IRS Officer Shraddha Joshi But '12th Fail' isn't a biography as much as it filming '12th Fail', I had no idea I would end up enjoying it this much, that it would perhaps turn out to be one of my best films. Also, everyone in the crew was so young... I got to boss around kids half my age, while making a film about students. What else do I want in life?" Vikrant Massey earlier

Vidhu Vinod Chopra

earlier said, "I have a

feeling that this could be

my best-performed film

till date. When I started

said, "My experience on this film was phenomenal... probably the best experience I ever had. It is one of the most special stories that I am a part of ... and also one of the most challenging parts that I had to play. I'm really, really excited. Working with VVC was literally coming-of-age for me. Him, the actors, the whole crew... everyone was phenomenal. One thing that I want to say is that the entire journey of the character was very personal for me... in the last 2 months of filming I have

Talking about the film,

Hindi medium UPSC

preparations.

The film has been the talk of the town for many reasons, mainly for being the first film to be shot in Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar, the hub of

lived 6 to 8 months of my life."

### **NATIONAL**

### "The One Who Gets Scared Cannot Be Modi," PM's **Jibe At Congress**

Addressing a Vijay Sankalp Rally in Chhattisgarh, PM Modi in clear reference to Congress said those who are stained in corruption are trying to stitch an Opposition Unity.

RAIPUR, Jul 7 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking in the poll-bound Chhattisgarh, on Friday sharpened his attack against the Congress party.

Addressing a Vijay Sankalp Rally in Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur, PM Modi in clear reference to Congress said those who are stained in corruption are trying to stitch an Opposition Unity.

"Those stained are trying to come together today. Those who used to curse each other, they have now started finding excuses to come together," PM Modi said.

In the same breath, he went on to say that if Congress is the guarantee of corruption, then PM Modi is the guarantee of action against corruption.

"Every corrupt person in this country should listen to one thing with open ears. If they Congress is the guarantee of corruption, then Modi is the guarantee of action on corruption.

"These people will follow me, threaten to dig my grave, hatch conspiracies against me. But they do not know, the one who gets scared cannot be Modi."

He added there is corruption in the core of the Congress party. "Without corruption, Congress cannot even breathe. Corrup-

tion is the biggest ideology of



Congress.'

Chhattisgarh, where BJP is at present in the Opposition, is among the states who are scheduled to go to Assembly polls later this year. The other four states are Rajasthan, Telangana, Mizoram, and Madhya Pradesh.

Speaking particularly about Chhattisgarh, he equated the Congress party with an ATM. "Chhattisgarh is like an ATM

for the Congress party," he said. In an apparent reference to the Congress party's symbol as a "big claw", PM Modi said it has stood like a wall in front of the development of Chhattisgarh.

"This is the claw of Congress, which is snatching your rights from you. This claw has decided that it will loot and ruin Chhattisgarh."

"Chhattisgarh is the state in whose formation BJP has played a major role. Only BJP understands the people of Chhattisgarh, knows their needs. Today, the foundation stone and inauguration of projects worth more than 7,000 crore have taken place here.'

Speaking at the rally, he expressed condolences to the three people who lost their lives while coming to the event this morning.

This morning, three Chhattisgarh residents, who were coming for a rally in Raipur, died in an unfortunate bus accident, leaving behind some injured

"I pay tribute to those who have passed away and all possible help is being provided for the treatment of those who have been injured," PM Modi said.

Earlier in the day, PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of eight projects over 7,000 crore in Chhattisgarh's Raipur.

The Prime Minister dedicated and laid the foundation stone for five National Highway projects worth around 6,400 crores. The projects that were dedicated include the 33 km long 4-laning of Raipur to Kodebod section on the Jabalpur-Jagdalpur National Highway.

Prime Minister dedicated to the nation the 53 km long 4-lane Bilaspur-Pathrapali stretch of Bilaspur to Ambikapur section of NH-130.

Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for three National Highway projects for the Chhattisgarh Section of the 6-lane Greenfield Raipur -Visakhapatnam corridor. These include development of 43 km long six lane Jhanki-Sargi section on NH 130 CD; 57 km long six lane Sargi-Basanwahi section on NH 130 CD; and 25 km long six lane Basanwahi-Marangpuri section of NH-130 CD.

PM Modi distributed 75 lakh cards to beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. The PM said that 40,000 crore assistance has been given to youths of Chhattisgarh under Mudra Yojna

### **Rahul Gandhi super serial** offender, must face the law: **BJP welcomes Guj HC order**

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two year sentence avail-

able under defamation,

Prasad said, "The Con-

gress asks why such

a harsh sentence was

awarded. We ask why

such a harsh offence

Gandhi was sentenced

for his remarks "why are

all Modis thieves" made

in Karnataka on the eve

of 2019 Lok Sabha elec-

The sentencing was

was committed?"



NEW DELHI, Jul 7 sentenced him for two (Agencies): The BJP years, gave him the on Friday welcomed the opportunity to say sorry. Guiarat high court ver-But what did he do? He dict rejecting a stay on said he won't say sorry Congress leader Rahul because he is not VD Gandhi's conviction in a Savarkar. He defamed 2019 defamation case legendary freedom involving the Modi surfighter Savarkar also name and said "Gandhi, and his grandson has the super serial offendalso sued Gandhi," said er on defamations, must Prasad. face the law."

Addressing a press BJP conference. spokesperson Ravi Prasad Shankar accused Gandhi of "irresponsible arrogance" and noted that the HC rejected his plea after taking a comprehensive view of his behaviour and after noting that he is facing "ten criminal cases already.'

Prasad asked the Congress why it can't train Gandhi to speak with decorum. "The Surat trial court, which followed by his disqualification as Lok Sabha MP

While the Congress is heating to move the apex court for stav of Surat trial court sentence, the BJP today said he had already lost across three layers of judicial hierarchy at Surat trial court level, at Surat sections court level and now at Gujarat HC level.

"Rahul Gandhi if you consider insulting people your right, the law will catch up with you. You heaped direct insults on Modis who are OBCs in Bihar. UP and many states. You have no control over your tongue and suffer from irresponsible arrogance," said Prasad adding that the conviction of Gandhi, as held by HC, is "just and proper.'

If he fails to get relief from SC, Gandhi will not be able to contest the next Lok Sabha elections.

As of now he will continue to remain disqualified as MP and will miss the

Monsoon session unless he Apex court grants any relief as and when he moves it.

### Setback for Rahul Gandhi as **Gujarat HC upholds defamation** conviction in Modi surname case

AHMEDABAD, Jul 7 (Agencies): Gujarat High Court on Friday dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea seeking a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark.

While dismissing the plea, Justice Hemant Prachchhak noted that Gandhi is already facing 10 cases across India, adding the order of the lower court was "just,



A stay to the conviction would have paved the way for Gandhi's reinstatement as a Member of Parliament. A metropolitan mag-

defamation) in a 2019 case filed by BJP Gujarat MLA Purnesh Modi. The MLA had filed a criminal defamation case against Gandhi

#### DIG found dead with bullet wound at his house in Tamil Nadu

COIMBATORE, Jul 7 (Agencies): An IPS officer posted as Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) here allegedly died by suicide after he shot himself early on Friday, police said.

Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi, Chief Minister M K Stalin and Leader of Opposition K Palaniswami among others condoled the death of C Vijayakumar, DIG, Coimbatore range. Palaniswami, the AIADMK general secretary, demanded a CBI probe into the official's death. Vijayakumar shot himself with his service pistol at his residence at Red Fields in the city, a senior police officer said and added the cause for the extreme measure was being ascertained. The 2009 batch IPS official, said to be in his mid-40s, had assumed charge as DIG in January this year. He had served as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Anna Nagar, Chennai earlier. Previously, he had served

as Superintendent of Police in Kancheepuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam and Tiruvarur districts. A native of Tamil Nadu's Theni district, his final rites are likely to be held there, official sources said.

Following post-mortem, TN Minister M P Saminathan and senior police officials among other paid floral tributes to the mortal remains of the deceased. This is the second such incident in recent years of a senior official allegedly dying by suicide in Tamil Nadu. Then Tiruchengode Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Vishnupriya allegedly died of suicide at her residence in Namakkal district in 2015. She was found hanging. Governor Ravi and others condoled Vijayakumar's death. "It is painful for me to learn of

tions

the loss of a young and brilliant police officer, C Vijayakumar. My deepest condolences to his bereaved family. Om Shanti!," the Raj Bhavan's official Twitter handle said

In a tweet. Chief Minister Stalin said he was shocked and saddened to hear the sad news of the untimely death of Vijayakumar today. "Vijayakumar had served Tamil Nadu police force well in various responsibilities including district SP during his tenure." "His death is a huge loss to the Tamil Nadu Police department. My deepest con-

ranks and hailed his service in the force.

In a tweet, he said Vijayakumar's alleged suicide "raises many doubts." "Therefore, a CBI probe should be held into the suicide of Vijayakumar IPS and ascertain the truth behind it," he urged the Tamil Nadu government. BJP state chief K Annamalai expressed shock over the incident. Tagging the office of TN CM Stalin in a tweet, he asked what were the steps taken to address the work burden and fill up the 10,000 vacancies in the police department.

"One cannot so easily brush aside the suicide of a senior police official. The state government should conduct a serious probe into the matter and take action," Annamalai, a former IPS officer, said in the tweet. Various other leaders, including MDMK chief Vaiko, PMK founder Dr S Ramadoss and AMMK's T T V Dhinakaran condoled the death of the officer.

proper and legal" in convicting the Congress leader.

The HC noted that there is no reasonable ground to stay the conviction.

istrate's court in Surat on March 23 sentenced Gandhi to two years in jail after convicting him under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 499 and 500 (criminal

over his "how come all thieves have Modi as the common surname?" remark made during an election rally at Kolar in Karnataka on April 13, 2019.

Bilaspur, he said.

Four other injured

were admitted to Chhat-

tisgarh Institute of Medi-

cal Sciences (CIMS)

Bilspur, he said. Inves-

tigation into the incident

is underway, Singh said.

scheduled to be held at

Science College ground

Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel expressed grief

over the incident and

announced an ex-gratia

of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of

each victim, an official

"I announce an assis-

tance of Rs 4 lakh to the

kin members of each

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Prime Minister," Baghel

"Instructions have

been given to the

administration to pro-

vide better treatment

to the injured. We all

stand with their families

during this difficult time,"

in Raipur.

said.

tweeted

he added.

The PM's rally is

dolences and sympathies to his family, friends and police force," the CM tweeted.

Palaniswami expressed anguish over the death of the police officer. He recalled Vijayakumar's growth through the

### Three killed, six injured as bus on way to PM Modi's rally in Raipur hits truck



BILASPUR, Jul 7 (Agencies): Three persons were killed and six others injured when a bus ferrying people to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public rally in Raipur, rammed into a stationary truck in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district on Friday, police said.

The accident occurred near Beltara village when the bus with around 40 people on board was heading to Raipur from Ambikapur, Bilaspur Superintendent of Police Santosh Singh said.

Prima facie, the bus driver could not clearly see the stationary truck parked on the roadside due to heavy rainfall, as a result of which the bus rammed into it from the rear side, he said.

"Three people died in the accident while six others sustained injuries, two of them critically," he said.

The deceased were identified as Sajan (30), Rukdev (45), both natives of Surajpur district, and bus driver Akram Raza (28), a resident of Balrampur district, he said. Of the injured, the condition of two - Lilu Gupta, who is BJP's

Latori unit mandal president in Surajpur and Vishambhar Yadav, the party's mandal general secretary in Surajpur, is said to be critical and they have been shifted to a private hospital in

Karnataka shocker: Boys aged 12 to 14 years gang-rape 9-year-old girl, 4 detained

KALABURGI, Jul 7 (Agencies): In a shocking case, a group of minor boys gang-raped a nine-year-old girl in Kalaburgi district of Karnataka, police said on Friday, adding that four have been detained.

The child has been admitted to a hospital after the brutal assault and the police have detained four boys aged between 12 years and 14 years in this connection. The juveniles have been sent to a remand home, while a hunt has been launched by the police for the fifth accused.

The incident took place in the limits of Kalaburgi Women's police station on Wednesday noon.

According to police the accused gang of five minor boys lured the victim, who was sitting in front of her house, to an isolated place on the pretext of buying her a chocolate.

The mother of the victim in her complaint stated that the

accused gang took the girl upstairs of a nearby house and gang-raped her.

The victim had gone to school earlier in the day and after returning was trying to break almonds when the boys took her away. After committing the crime, the accused threatened the victim not to reveal anything and that if she told anyone, they would kill her. However, the girl, who somehow reached her home, narrated the incident to her mother. The girl was rushed to the hospital and a complaint was lodged in the

police station. The police swung into action and took four accused into custody. The police have lodged IPC Section 366A (procuration of minor girl for committing sexual offence), 376 (G) (gang-rape), 506 (criminal intimidation) against the accused persons. The police have also slapped POCSO case against them.

#### **Tribal woman gangraped in** Maharashtra's Satara; one held

PALGHAR, Jul 7 (Agencies): A tribal woman from Maharashtra's Raigad district was allegedly raped by her employer and a few other men in Satara, police said on Friday. The Faltan police in Satara are in the process of registering an offence and have taken the main accused into custody for the crime that took place last month, an official said. The 26-year-old woman, who hails from Sudagadh in Raigad district, belonged to a family of labourers who travelled for work, he said.

The woman and her husband went to work in the accused man's farm in Satara with their children.

The accused allegedly confiscated the couple's phones, Aadhaar cards and even held their children captive, the official said. On June 19, the accused entered the victim's hut when she was alone and allegedly raped her.

The woman was also raped by two to three other men, he said, adding that the couple managed to escape with one of their children after the ordeal

#### Day before Bengal panchayat polls, Congress worker killed, 4 BJP workers shot at

KOLKATA, Jul 7 (Agencies): A day before the panchayat polls in West Bengal, a Congress worker was killed in Murshidabad district on Friday while four Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers were injured after being shot at in Cooch Behar district.

In Murshidabad, Congress worker, Aravind Mandal, was killed in Ranninagar area. He was the brother of Hriday Mandal, the party candidate for the panchayat polls. The incident came as Governor CV Ananda Bose is scheduled to visit violence-hit areas of the district today.

The Congress alleged that Trinamool Congress (TMC) workers killed Aravind Mandal by beating him to death. TMC refuted the allegations

With this latest fatality, five people have died in Murshidabad alone in the run-up to the panchayat polls. So far, 18 people were killed since the nomination process began.

On the other hand, four BJP workers were shot at in Dinhata area in Cooch

Behar last night when their TMC counterparts allegedly threw crude bombs and opened fire at them.

The injured were identified as Milan Barman, Chandra Barman, Arjun Barman and Hero Barman. All of them were admitted to a nearby hospital.

Meanwhile, the governor will visit some areas in Murshidabad, which has been affected by political violence. He has previously visited Bhangar, Canning and Basanti in South 24 Parganas, and Cooch Behar where clashes broke out between political parties.

The high-stakes panchayat polls are scheduled to be held on July 8 (Saturday). Campaigning ended on Thursday.

Around 5.67 crore people are eligible to exercise their franchise in the threetier panchayat system, comprising zilla parishad, panchayat samiti and gram panchayat.

Nearly 65,000 active central police personnel and 70,000 state police personnel will be deployed for the rural polls, officials said

### **INTERNATIONAL**

### West clashes with Russia and Iran at UN over Tehran's uranium enrichment and drones for Russia

The sharp exchanges came at the council's semi-annual meeting on implementation of its resolution endorsing the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and six major countries

UNITED NATIONS, Jul 7 (Agencies): The United States and its Western allies clashed with Russia and Iran at the U.N. Security Council over Tehran's advancing uranium enrichment and its reported supply of combat drones to Moscow being used to attack Ukraine.

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The sharp exchanges came at the council's semi-annual meeting on implementation of its resolution endorsing the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and six major countries known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, which the U.S. under then-President Donald Trump left in 2018.

At the start of the meeting, Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia accused Britain, which hold the council presidency, of seeking to hold "an openly politicized show" by inviting Ukraine to take part in the meeting when it is not part of the JCPOA. He demanded a procedural vote on its participation.

deputy ambassador U.S. Robert Wood countered, accusing both Iran and Russia of participating in the transfer of drones used in Ukraine without prior Security Council approval in violation of the 2015 resolution

"This is a matter of life or death for the Ukrainian people," Wood said. "It would be unconscionable to deny Ukraine the opportunity to speak at this meeting when it is experiencing the devastating effects of Iran's violation of resolution 2231 firsthand.'

Britain's U.N. Ambassador Barbara Woodward, who was chairing the council meeting, then called for a vote on whether Ukraine could partici-



pate. Twelve members voted "ves," while China and Russia voted "no" and Mozambique abstained.

The United States, Britain, France and Ukraine have urged U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to send investigators to Ukraine to examine debris from drones used in Russia's attacks, insisting that resolution 2231 gives him a mandate to open an investigation.

Russia insists he has no such authority and Nebenzia warned the U.N. Secretariat against taking any such action.

Iran's U.N. Ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani added that any U.N. findings "based on such illegal activities is null and void."

U.N. political chief Rosemary DiCarlo said in her briefing to the council that France, Germany, Ukraine, the U.K. and U.S. had written letters concerning alleged transfers of drones from Iran to Russia and had provided photographs and their analyses of the recovered drones.

"The Secretariat continues to examine the available information," DiCarlo said, giving no indication of when or if a U.N. investigation would take place. Ukraine's U.N. Ambassador

drawal, Tehran escalated its nuclear program and has been producing uranium enriched to 60% purity — a level for which nonproliferation experts already say Tehran has no civilian use. Iran informed the IAEA that "unintended fluctuations" in enrichment levels may have occurred accounting for the particles enriched to 83.7%, and Iravani, the Iranian ambassador, and Russia's Nebenzia both said the issue has been resolved. Sergiy Kyslytsya told the coun-France, Germany and the cil that more than 1,000 drone UK said Iran also "continues to launches over Ukraine had been recorded and that analysis by

Ukrainian and international

experts confirmed their Iranian

Russia's Nebenzia accused

Ukraine and the West of foment-

ing misinformation and dis-

missed the evidence as comical.

France. Germany and the UK.

which are parties to the JCPOA,

said in a joint statement that Iran

has also been in violation of its

nuclear commitments under the

They pointed to the Interna-

tional Atomic Energy Agency's

reports that Iran's total stock-

piles of enriched uranium are

now 21 times the amount per-

mitted under the 2015 nuclear

deal — and the IAEA's detection

in January of uranium particles

enriched to 83.7%, which is

almost at weapons-grade levels

Any stockpile of uranium at

that level could be quickly used

to produce an atomic bomb if

The 2015 nuclear deal limited

Tehran's uranium stockpile to

300 kilograms (661 pounds) and

enrichment to 3.67% — enough

2015 deal for four years.

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Iran chooses.

develop and improve ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons," pointing to a May 25 test of a missile they said is capable of delivering a warhead to a range of 2,000 kilometers (1,240 miles).

to fuel a nuclear power plant.

But following the U.S. with-

U.S. ambassador Wood said "Iran's ballistic missile activity - especially in light of Tehran's nuclear ambitions and its threatening rhetoric – is an enduring threat to regional and international peace and security."

Iravani countered that "Iran is fully determined to vigorously pursue its peaceful nuclear activities including enrichment." Negotiations on the U.S. rejoining the deal and Iran returning to its commitments broke down last August.

European Union Ambassador Olof Skoog told the council the EU compromise text is still on the table "as a potential point of departure for any renewed effort to bring the JCPOA back on track."

Iravani said: "We are still prepared for the resumption of negotiations should the other side be ready to do the same."

### **Russian cruise missile attack** on Ukraine city of Lviv kills 6 people and injures dozens

LVIV, Jul 7 (Agencies): Russia fired cruise missiles Thursday at a western Ukraine city far from the front line of the war, killing at least six people in an apartment building in what officials said was the heaviest attack on civilian areas of Lviv since the Kremlin's forces invaded the country last year.

Emergency crews with search dogs went through the rubble of the building after the nighttime attack destroyed the roof and the top two floors. At least 36 people were injured, according to authorities.

The youngest of the people who died was 21 years old and the oldest was a woman of 95, Lviv province governor Maksym Kozytskyi said. "This woman survived the Second World War, but unfortunately she didn't survive" Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Kozytskyi said.

Debris and wrecked parked cars lined the street outside the building, which overlooks a small neighborhood park with swings and other playground equipment.

Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovyi said the body of a woman was pulled from the rubble late Thursday, bringing the death toll to six. Kozytskyi said seven survivors were rescued from wreckage and a total of 14 people hospitalized. Sadovyi said around 60 apartments and 50 cars in the area of the strike were damaged. He announced two days of official mourning.

U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink described the attack as "vicious." "Russia's repeated attacks on civilians

are absolutely horrifying," she tweeted. Ukraine's air force reported it intercepted seven of the 10 Kalibr cruise missiles that Russia fired from the Black Sea toward the Lviv region and its namesake city - more than 800 kilometers (500 miles) away - around 1 a.m. Thursday.

The Kremlin's forces have repeatedly hit civilian areas during the war, though Russian officials say they choose only targets of military value.

Lviv is near the western border with Poland and is more than 500 kilometers (300 miles) from Kyiv and 700 kilome-

ters (425 miles) from the frontline southern Ukraine region of Kherson; Kyiv's counteroffensive to dislodge Russian forces in southern and eastern Ukraine is in its early stages.

Sadovyi, the mayor, addressed residents in a video message, saying the attack was the largest on Lviv's civilian infrastructure since the beginning of last year's invasion.

Lviv resident Ganna Fedorenko suffered injuries to her face, where an adhesive plaster on her cheek had turned red with blood. She held her hands crossed on her chest as she reacted to the attack.

"Russians are hitting us. That's how they love us. I'm sorry for those people who were killed. They were young. So sorry for them," she said. "This is terrible. They hit civilians."

The Ministry of Internal Affairs said 64 people had to leave their homes.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy promised "a response to the enemy. A tangible one."

He went later Thursday on an official trip to Bulgaria at the invitation of its new pro-Western government, with talks about weapon supplies and Ukraine's NATO membership on the agenda.

Ukrainian air force updates about the missiles' course during the night showed they flew to the Kyiv region first, then turned west toward Lviv. Russia often changes the route of their missiles and drones to find weak spots in Ukraine's air defenses.

In the early days of the war, Lviv served as a main transit point for millions of refugees from different parts of the country that crossed the border to Europe. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians from the east and south remained in the calmer and safer Lviv.

Like the rest of the country, Lviv suffered power outages when Russia fired hundreds missiles over the winter, aiming to destroy Ukraine's energy system. However, the attacks in the city were not as frequent as in the capital Kyiv, and Thursday's strike was a deep shock for many in the city.

Ukrainians shared messages of support on social media for Lviv residents.

### **Fire In Retirement Home Kills 6 People In Italy**

MILAN, Jul 7 (Agencies): A fire at a retirement home in the early hours of Friday in Milan killed six people, firefighters said, with "numerous" residents hospitalised



### **Competition fine, not cheating: Twitter threatens** to sue Meta over 'copycat' Threads platform

SAN FRANCISCO, Jul 7 (Agencies): Alarmed at Instagram Threads' steep rise, Elon Musk-run Twitter has threatened to sue Meta for allegedly using its trade secrets

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former Twitter employees who "had and continue to have access to Twitter's trade secrets and other highly confidential information." Andy Stone, Meta's

ter community to stay together.

She said that on Twitter, everyone's voice matters. "Whether you're here

to watch history unfold,

discover real-time infor-

mation all over the world,

"Six people killed, numerous suffering from smoke inhalation hospitalised. Dozens of people saved by firefighters who immediately evacuated the building," the fire brigade said on Twitter.

An agency photographer saw the bodies of two of the victims being removed from the threestorey building which reportedly houses 210 people in the south of



the Italian city. The cause of the blaze was not yet known, the fire brigade said. Five of the victims were women aged between 69 and 87 years old, while the sixth was a 73-year-old man, AGI news agency said. Milan Mayor Giuseppe Sala said the fire



two female residents, both of whom were killed by the flames, according to ANSA news agency. While the fire did not spread beyond that room, the smoke killed four other residents and left a further two fighting for their lives, he said.

and poaching its former employees to build the new "copycat" platform that saw over 30 million users in just 24 hours. Twitter lawyer Alex Spiro sent a letter to Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, accusing the company of engaging in "systematic, willful, and unlawful misappropriation of Twitter's trade secrets and other intellectual property",



reports Semafor. "Twitter intends to strictly enforce its intellectual property rights, and demands that Meta take immediate steps to stop using any Twitter trade secrets or other highly confidential information," Spiro wrote in a letter.

"Twitter reserves all

rights, including, but not limited to, the right to seek both civil remedies and injunctive relief without further notice to prevent any further retention, disclosure, or use of its intellectual property by Meta," the Twitter lawyer added.

Spiro also accused Meta of hiring dozens of tor, told Semafor that Twitter's accusations are "baseless".

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"No one on the Threads engineering team is a former Twitter employee - that's just not a thing," he was quoted as saying. Musk said in a tweet on Friday: "Competition is fine, cheating is not."

Twitter CEO Linda Yaccarino on Thursday appealed to the Twitshare your opinions, or learn about others -- on Twitter you can be real," Yaccarino posted. "You built the Twitter

community. And that's irreplaceable. This is your public square," she added.

Yaccarino said that "we are often imitated but the Twitter community can never be duplicated".

### Six killed in clashes in Rohingya camps in **Bangladesh after ICC prosecutor visit**

BANGLADESH, Jul 7 (Agencies): Six Rohingya people were killed in Bangladesh refugee camp clashes that broke out hours after an International Criminal Court prosecutor visited the settlements to gather testimony, police said Friday.

Bangladesh is home to around a million ethnic Rohingya people, most of whom fled a 2017 military crackdown in neighbouring Myanmar that is now subject to a genocide probe at the UN court.

This week's violence was the latest in a series of deadly clashes between the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) and the Rohingya Solidarity Organisation (RSO), two rival insurgent groups operating in the

camps.

Faruq Ahmed, a spokesman for the Armed Police Battalion that looks after security in the refugee camps, told AFP that five people had been shot dead in a gunfight before dawn on Friday.

"All five who were killed in the gunfight are members of ARSA including a commander," he said, adding that security had been stepped up in the camps as a result.

Ahmed said that the violence came hours after the murder of Ebadullah, a refugee community leader, apparently at the hands

of ARSA members. Local daily Prothom Alo said Ebadullah, 27, had been marshalling refugees to meet with ICC prosecutor Karim A.A. Khan, who



visited the camps on Thursday afternoon to record statements from witnesses to the 2017 crackdown in Myanmar. The insurgent group did not immediately comment on the killings, but its members have been accused of targeting Rohingya civic leaders who challenge its authority.

Its leader, Ataullah Abu Ammar Jununi, was last year charged in absen-

tia with the murder of popular peace activist Mohib Ullah in 2021. Mohib Ullah had regularly spoken out against ARSA's activities in the camps.

Jununi and other key ARSA leaders are also accused of murdering a senior Bangladeshi intelligence officer last November.

The murder prompted security forces in January to evict a makeshift settlement on the Myanmar border that ARSA had allegedly used as a staging post for methamphetamine trafficking to fund its operations. Dozens have been killed in Rohingya camp clashes so far this year, including women and children. Funding cuts forced

the United Nations food agency to cut rations to refugee settlements twice in recent months, with aid workers warning that the move would likely worsen the already precarious security situation in the camps. Bangladesh and Myanmar have renewed efforts to begin repatriating Rohingya refugees to their homeland, where the stateless minority have been subject to decades of persecution and are denied citizenship.

### Having 'tough conversations' with China better than no talks: **New Zealand PM**



WELLINGTON, Jul 7 (Agencies): Prime Minister Chris Hipkins said on Friday (local time) that New Zealand will require continued engagement with China, its largest trading partner, but would disagree with Beijing in areas where it challenges New Zealand's national interests.

New Zealand has long been seen as a moderate or even absent voice on China in the Five Eyes intelligencesharing alliance, which includes the US and allies, and is carefully managing its relationship with China amid the strategic rivalry between Beijing and Washington.

"A strong, mature and complex relationship (with China) means we will have those tough conversations... but I think it's better to be talking than not,'

Hipkins said in a speech at the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs. New Zealand will continue to disagree with China on several issues, including human rights, but the path of engagement will be "open and honest", he said.

The speech comes about a week after Hipkins' six-day visit to China, which included meetings with Xi Jinping, where the Chinese President said Beijing had always treated New Zealand as a "friend and partner".

Hipkins said New Zealand must ensure greater economic resilience across its trade markets in a time of global uncertainty, adding its independent foreign policy did not mean a neutral stance.

"As a country, we may be small, but we are not bystanders. We chart our own course, with decisions that are in our national interest," Hipkins said, though he said any decision will not be "a radical departure" in the country's foreign policy.

Hipkins said the US has been pivotal to maintain the system of international rules that helps keep New Zealand's interests safe, and he will continue to work closely with Washington.

#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Friday, July 07, 2023

### LOCAL/CONTD....

### **Rajnath Singh launches single window NCC Integrated Software for Cadets**

NCC signs MoU with SBI to open zero balance accounts of all Cadets Uniform Allowance of Cadets to go directly to their bank accounts

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU / NEW DELHI, Jul 7: In a major step towards promoting digitisation and in sync with Digital India mission, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched an NCC Integrated Software in New Delhi.

The NCC Integrated Software, developed in partnership with Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo Informatics (BISAG), is a single window interactive software for Cadets, designed on the 'Entry to Exit Model'.

The NCC Integrated Software is based on the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Once a Cadet always a cadet", and will digitalize the entire process from the stage of enrolment as a cadet in NCC till exit registration as alumni. This will enable seamless issue of certificates, creation of an all India database of NCC cadets at the time of their employment.

During this event, the NCC and State Bank of India (SBI) also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of Raksha Mantri to open zero balance accounts of all NCC Cadets with debit card. chequebook & passbook facility under SBI's "Pahli Udaan" scheme. About 5 lakh cadets will be benefitted by this MoU every year.

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not only introduce the cadets to the national banking system but also provide them with a ready platform to avail benefit of other govt schemes through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) of funds into their accounts. Under the DBT initiative of the Government, the Ministry of Defence has reformed the phys-

The account will remain func-

seamless, allowing direct bank transfer of uniform allowance in the bank accounts of the NCC cadets. It will replace the existing central procurement and distribution process. Uniform allowance towards provisioning of NCC uniforms will now be transferred into these bank accounts of cadets covering the remotest parts of the country.

Speaking on this occasion, Raksha Mantri complimented Officials of NCC, BISAG & SBI for their efforts in digitization of NCC by introducing NIC and DBT. He further asserted that these steps will certainly provide quick access to information related to NCC across the country and benefit both present and future determined cadets.

Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane, DGNCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh AVSM VSM along with senior officials of the ministry, NCC, BISAG and SBI were present during the event.

### NC finalizes programme to **Commemorate 23rd Death Anniversary of Madr-e-Meharban**

mir Bhavan, Jammu

on 11th July, 2023. All

the other districts of

Jammu Province shall

commemorate the day

at their respective head-

Those who par-

ticipated in the meet-

ing included Sheikh

Bashir Ahmed Provin-

cial Secretary, Babu

Rampaul former min-

ister and Central Zone

President, BImla Luthra

Ex-MLA, Bushan Lal

Bhat Ex-MLC, Vijay

Lochan P.P SC Cell,

Pardeep Bali Provincial

Secretary, Jugal Maha-

quarters as usual.



quarter Sher-e- Kash-**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jul 7: In a meeting held at Shere- Kashmir Bhavan, Jammu of senior leaders and party functionaries of Districts Jammu Urban, Jammu Rural A, Jammu Rural B and Samba participated in strength, under the Chairmanship of Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province the other day.

It was decided that Madr-e-Meharban's 23rd death anniversary shall be commemorated at Party head-

jan Treasurer, Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing, Vijay Lakhsmi Datta, Shahmim Begum DDC Dansal, Suriya Begum DDC Bari Brahmana, Sudagar Gupta District President Samba, D.S Chouhan President Legal Cell, Th. Yashvardhan Singh Additional Spokesperson, Ravi Dogra, Harshvardhan Singh President NCSU, Kuldeep Sharma, Pinky Khalsa District President Jammu Urban Women Wing, Tejinder Singh District President YNC Jammu Urban, Shanaz Akther, Madan Lal, Dr Gafoor, S. Parvinder Singh, Balvinder Singh, Surjeet Singh Sasan, Waris Gill President Christian Cell, Gurnam Singh, Jatin Bhat, Nirmal Singh, Som Raj Taroch, Ajay Sharma, Swaran Singh, Joginder Kumar and others.

### Lt Col Suneel Bartwal takes over as Defence PRO Jammu

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Jul 7: Lt Col Suneel Bartwal took over as Public Relations Officer (Defence) in Jammu. The post was previously held by Lt Col Devender Anand who relinguished the appointment after a successful tenure of more than five years in Jammu region.

The Public Relations Office, MoD, Jammu is a regional office under Directorate of Public Relations, Ministry of Defence, Govt of India which provides media coverage for all armed forces activities including BRO, NCC, DRDO, PCDA and other defence establishment in entire Jammu region. The region includes White Knight Corps zone under HQ Northern Command and Rising Star Corps zone of HQ Western Command including part of Himachal Pradesh and part of Punjab. The outgoing PRO Lt



Col Devender Anand extended his heartfelt gratitude to all the staff members of the office and shared his experiences about team spirit and support by office staff during difficult times and important coverages.

fraternity specially

"I am honoured to assume this vital responsibility and contribute to the public understanding of our organisation's defence activities through media and continue to strive further from where Col Anand is leaving" said He also mentioned Lt Col Suneel Bartwal on assuming charge, the enormous positive support of media who is having a robust

#### Polls must to end political uncertainty in J&K: Rajesh

**Top News Report** 

ical uniform distribution process

to make it more transparent and

JAMMU, Jul 7: National Democratic Party Indian President (NDPI) J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta on Friday alleged that the people are fed up with the center's administration in Jammu and Kashmir and called for an assembly election soon to end the "political uncertainty" in the region.

"There was no change on the ground. We were hopeful that the situation would improve but it did not," Gupta said at a party meeting here.

"Instead, confusion has increased. We are living in a vacuum because no assembly elections have been held in more than nine years," he said. NDPI President said



election dates. "I have not heard if the next step will take place or not after the completion of the ongoing special summary revision of electoral rolls...they need to end this uncertainty and tell us when the elections are going to take place," he said.

"The common man is fed up with the governor's rule. I am seeing this for the first time. Otherwise, my experience tells me that people are satisfied with such a rule because they feel there is no political intervention in administrative decisions."But today, the people of both divisions, of Kashmir and Jammu, cannot wait for an election," he said.

### 3 killed in accident in Ramban

**Top News Report** 

RAMBAN, Jul 7 (Agencies): Three people were killed in a road accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Friday, officials said. The deceased were identified as Bharat Singh S/o Tej Ram R/o

Teli Majra Seri Ramban

age 52 yrs, Vikram

Singh S/o Bharat Singh R/o Teli maira Seri Ramban age 30 yrs approx, Rohit katoch S/o Surjit katoch R/o Gali bas Ramban age 17 yrs.

### In Kalyug, liberation from sins is possible only by service of Mother Cow: Braham Jyot

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Jul 7: Braham Jyot Satti (Senior leader and incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) held cleanliness drive at Goushala, Shakti Nagar Jammu and donated fodder, vegetables for cattle.

Parveen Badyal (District Vice President), Sanjay Verma (Mandal President Bakshi



defence beat journalists of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Akhnor, Nowshera, Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar, Doda, Reasi, Ramban, Kashmir valley and Ladakh region during his long tenure in J&K.

ground. "By prioritizing transparency and effective military-media communication I aim to build stronger relationship with the public and foster a climate of confidence and cooperation" he added.

defence media back-

that the central government had promised to hold the assembly elections after the completion of the delimitation exercise but even after the commission submitted its report long back, it is yet to announce the

Nagar), Raj Kumar Raju, were present on the occasion and serve humanity.

Program was supported by Ghansham Sharma (Pola Mandi Wala).

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They cleaned whole Goushala and fed cows with fodder.

Braham Jyot said cow is not just a animal for us it is our emotions and mother cow

a lot of our sentiments are vested in cow and in Kalyug, liberation from sins is possible only by the service of the

#### **Amarnath Yatra** temporarily halted due to bad weather

suspension of the pilgrimage, the officials added.

The pilgrims have been stopped at the Baltal and the Nunwan base camps. According to officials in Jammu, while a batch of 4,600 pilgrims on its way to the

Pahalgam base camp have been stopped in Chanderkote, another group of 2,410 devotees travelling to the Baltal camp has been allowed to proceed.

The yatra will resume once the weather improves, the officials said.

On Thursday, 17,202 pilgrims paid obeisance at the holy cave shrine, taking the cumulative total of devotees who have had 'darshan' of the natural ice lingam formation in the south Kashmir Himalayas to 84.768 so far.

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. The yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

#### Homes to Homeless: LG Manoi Sinha hits out at regional parties for opposing decision

family will get 5 malras so that they can build their dream house.' Praising the Tribal Community for their

contribution for the peaceful and developed J&K, the LG said that a series of steps have been for the welfare of Tribal people that include training tools, buyer/seller meets, and that there is a proposal to conduct buver seller meets for them as well.

"Efforts are on to train the tribal youth for prestigious exams and ensure free coaching for them," the LG said as per KNO. He said that ancestors of Tribal community have paid huge sacrifices for J&K even after suffering a lot. "August 5, 2019 was a historic day for Tribal community as the day ended disparity for them," the LG said. He said not just the Tribal Affairs Department but other departments of the administration will work with close synergy for the welfare of Tribals.

He said that a fresh web portal will have a data base of all 4 lakh Tribal in J&K that will be help track them anytime. "There will be free transport the Tribals during their migration period so that they can reach their destinations within two days instead of a month. Free ambulance services will also be provided to them. Primary Health Services will also be set up to cater to the health needs of Tribals," the LG said. He also announced that Tribal Affairs Institute (TAI) will be further upgraded and youth will be trained to extract herbs in forests.

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express provision is made for its punishment), 354, 354A and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC.

#### FROM PAGE 1 **Govt orders transfers**, postings in Civil

Administration

J&K, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Production Department.

Mohammad Ashraf Choudhary Jr. JKAS, Project Manager, DIC, Jammu, is transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of J&K Medical Supplies Corporation.

Akshi Gupta, Jr. JKAS, Tehsildar in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, is transferred and her services are placed at the disposal of Industries and Commerce Department.

Gourav Gupta, Jr. JKAS, presently posted in the office of Mission Youth, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the office of Chief Secretary.

Saba Noor, Jr. JKAS, presently posted in the J&K Medical Supplies Corporation, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the office of Chief Secretary.

Mir Tajamul, Jr. JKAS, Under Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Production Department, is transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the office of Chief Secretary.

Muzamil Maqbool Beigh, JKAS, Collector Land Acquisition, Special Army (Budgam and Srinagar), holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Budgam, is transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chadoora. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Chadoora, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Afroza Bano, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Budgam, shall hold

the charge of the posts of Collector Land Acquisition, Special Army (Budgam and Srinagar) and Sub-Registrar, Budgam, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

Mr. Prince Noorul Hamid, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chadoora, holding additional charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Chadoora, is transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department.

#### **Old Mortar Shells** recovered in Samba. **Police rule out** sabotage angle

have been part of the scrap being ferried by scrap dealers. To avoid a police post, they may have thrown out these rusted old shells here," a police officer said.

An investigation is underway to ascertain the details, he said.

#### MeT issues advisory for widespread moderate to heavy rains in J&K

levels of rivers, local Nallahs leading to flash floods, water logging; may cause landslides, shooting stones and mudslides at vulnerable places and may lead to disruption of surface transportation mainly on Jammu-Srinagar Highway, Zojila Pass, and other major hilly roads. The advisory also cautioned that there could be sharp Dip in day temperature. Earlier in the day, the weather department had forecast rains and thunderstorm but ruled out possibility

of major rainfall.

Regarding the minimum temperature today, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 16.8°C against 17.8°C on the previous night and it was 0.9°C below normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 15.6°C against 16.0°C on the previous night and it was 0.5°C below normal for the gateway town of the Kashmir Valley.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 10.1°C against 12.8°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.7°C for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 15.3°C against 15.6°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 0.8°C for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 14.7°C against 15.6°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 10.2°C against 10.8°C on previous night and it was 1.6°C below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 24.3°C against 24.5°C on the previous night and it was 1.4°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 17.9°C (0.8°C above normal), Batote 18.5°C (0.8°C above normal), Katra 21.5°C(below normal by 0.6°C) and Bhaderwah 15.8°C (0.7°C below normal), the official said.

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil, he said, recorded a low of 7.8°C and 13.4°C respectively, he added.

### **BUSINESS / HEALTH**

### Sensex, Nifty trade flat amid weak global trends

#### In global markets, stocks in Hong Kong, Japan and Australia declined following overnight losses in US equities

MUMBAI, Jul 7 (Agencies): Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty traded flat in early trade on Friday due to profit-taking in financials and IT shares amid weak global cues.

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The 30-share BSE Sensex opened lower and fell further by 294 points to hit a low of 65,785.64 in early trade.

The BSE barometer was trading at 65,767.85, down by 17.79 points or 0.03 per cent over the last close, at 9.40 AM. The broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange was marginally up 1.25 points or 0.01 per cent at 19,498.55. It moved between 19,499.55 and

19,421.60 in early trade. Among Sensex stocks, Nestle, IndusInd Bank, PowerGrid, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance, Kotak bank, HCL Tech, HDFC Bank, Infosys and Tech Mahindra declined due to profit-taking after a record rally.

Titan, M&M, Maruti, Reliance, Sun Pharma, NTPC and Tata Steel were among major gainers, providing support to the benchmark index.

In global markets, stocks in Hong Kong, Japan and Australia declined following overnight losses in US equities as reports suggested the US job market remains much more resilient than expected.

As a sturdy labour market keeps the economy out of a long-feared recession, it could also push the US Federal Reserve to keep interest rates higher for longer in its campaign to defeat high inflation.

"It would be difficult for this rally to sustain since the global market construct is turning unfavourable with major weakness in the developed markets and rising bond yields," V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services said. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.25 per cent to USD 76.70 a barrel.

Defying a weak trend in the global markets, the Sensex climbed 339.60 points or 0.52 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 65,785.64 on Thursday. The NSE Nifty rallied 98.80 points or 0.51 per cent to end at a record high of 19,497.30.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) continued their buying activity as they bought equities worth Rs 2,641.05 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data.

Enterprises India Ltd, a key player listed on NSE, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Chennai's premier business analytics and generative artificial intelligence (AI) firm, Pathfinder Enterprise Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Utilising the expanding scope of AI, this alliance is set to revolutionise the retail sector in India. A primary focus of this agreement is the integration of RETAILGPT, Pathfinder's proprietary generative AI platform. It will help bridge the gap between physical and digital retail, offering an AI-enabled digital commerce interface at shopping centers, airports and e-commerce

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(Agencies): Spacenet

platforms. By simplifying navigation and providing a personalised shopping experience, RETAIL-GPT is set to redefine retail business strategies and customer engagement. Pathfinder's RETAIL-GPT, powered by a 'Phygital' eco-system, has already made significant strides in digi-

tally enhancing physical stores. It fosters direct engagement with shoppers, thus enabling retailers to establish a prominent digital presence while mitigating excessive commissions from online marketplaces.

Spacenet will also greatly benefit from this union. As a result of this merger, Spacenet

more willing than ever

shareholders will own shares in Pathfinder, empowering them to participate in an exponentially growing market and enjoy enhanced returns on investment. The composite scheme of arrangement between Spacenet's software division and Pathfinder will result in Pathfinder's listing on the NSE, in accordance with applicable laws.

**Retail sector gets AI boost as Spacenet** 

partners with Pathfinder

Utilising the expanding scope of AI, the alliance between Spacenet and Pathfinder is set

to revolutionise the retail sector in India.

This merger, pending regulatory and shareholder approval, presents a unique opportunity for Spacenet shareholders to participate in the generative AI market.

The AI market is set to expand twentyfold by 2030 from its current value of \$100 billion to an estimated \$2 trillion.

and revolutionary technologies. We're setting the stage for a new era of retail, one where AI doesn't replace human touch, but enhances it," said D V S Prakash Rao, Executive Director at Spacenet.

> "Pathfinder's mission has always been to harness the power of AI to transform and improve the retail experience. Joining forces with Spacenet is a strategic step towards achieving this goal on a larger scale. This union allows us to reach new frontiers, integrating our state-of-the-art RETAIL-GPT platform across diverse markets," said Sadique Ahmed, Managing Director at Pathfinder.

#### OYO will add 500 hotels in host cities of upcoming men's cricket world cup NEW DELHI, Jul 7 that cricket fans are

(Agencies): Hospitality technology platform OYO on Friday said it will add 500 new hotels in the next three months in host cities of the upcoming men's cricket world cup in India, to meet the anticipated increase in booking demand.

The new hotels will be strategically located near the stadiums, ensuring ease of access for cricket fans traveling from around the world to witness their favourite teams in action, OYO said in a statement.

Travel demand automatically goes up whenever the dates for a marquee cricket tournament are announced. a company spokesperson said.

"OYO will add 500

hotels in host cities in the next three months to meet demand for the Cricket World Cup. We want to ensure that everyone who is travelling from far away to watch their favourite teams has access to a comfortable and affordable accommodation," the spokesperson added.

Hotel tariffs have already increased due to heightened demand across host cities three months ahead, OYO said, adding it has also witnessed a significant surge in demand for the duration of the tournament.

The ICC ODI men's world cup will begin on October 5, and conclude on November 19. It will be played in



Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Delhi, Dharamsala, Chennai, Lucknow, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Pune. The final will be played

in Ahmedabad. Meanwhile, online

travel services provider MakeMyTrip has also launched a programme asking residents in the host cities to list their property on its platform to explore homestays as an accommodation option," MakeMyTrip Chief Business Officer - Alternate Accommodation & Customer Contact Group Parikshit Choudhury said. MakeMyTrip said it has also developed a new feature reflect-

ing the distance of the accommodation from the cricket stadium in the city to help cricket fans in booking the most suitable accommodation option. "A large proportion of

homestay properties in cricket centres across October and November is still available for cricket lovers at an economical price," Choudhury added.

### McDonald's in Delhi struggles to serve items with tomato amid soaring prices

This surge underlines

the significant potential

for Spacenet share-

holders post-merger,

enabling them to stake

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In addition to the MOU,

Spacenet and Pathfinder

are also contemplating a

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with Pathfinder, we're

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our passions, talents,

geoning AI sector.

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NEW DELHI, Jul 7 (Agencies): Due to an ongoing surge in tomato prices, McDonald's in Delhi has issued a notice explaining the unavailability of tomatoes from their food items.

"Dear Customers, we are ever committed to serving you the best food with the best of ingredients. Despite our best efforts, we are not able to get adequate quantities of tomatoes which pass our worldclass stringent quality checks. Hence for the time being we are forced to serve you products without tomatoes," reads the notice posted outside the McDonald's outlets in the national capital "Rest assured; we are working to get the try. tomato supplies back. We value your patronage and regret the inconvenience caused,"

it added. The price spike can be attributed to multiple factors, such as the ongoing heat wave in crucial tomato-growing regions and heavy rainfall, which has disrupted the supply chains.

Furthermore, the shorter shelf life of tomatoes has also contributed to the rise.

According to recent reports, the price of tomatoes skyrocketed from Rs 15 per kg in the

first week of May to an astonishing Rs 120-150 per kg across the coun-

Wholesalers have claimed that the price of vegetables has doubled in a week and their sales have been reduced by 40 per cent.

"I am selling tomatoes at Rs 120 per kg while bottle gourd is being sold at Rs 60 per kg. The coriander, which we usually gave as complimentary, is now at Rs 300 per kg. Cauliflower is at Rs 160 per kg and ginger is being sold at Rs 400 per kg," said Manoi Kumar. a wholesale dealer in Delhi and Noida.

### How to prevent fungal infections during monsoon?

Fungal and bacterial infections are the most common cases of skin diseases that rise during the monsoon.

NEW DELHI, Jul 7 (Agencies): As much as the monsoon rains provide respite after the hot months, a high humidity levels number of skin diseases

Some of the most common skin diseases are fungal infections. bacterial infections, chickenpox, herpes and eczema. Of these, fungal and bacterial infections are the most common cases.

Dr Vichitra Sharma, a dermatologist at Amrita Hospital, told IndiaToday.in that there are various cases of fungal infections that are treated during the monsoon season and are treated accordingly, depending on the body part where the infection is diagnosed.

Tinea cruris: Also called jock itch or ringworm in the skin of the genitals, inner thighs and buttocks.

Tinea corporis: Fungal infection in the body caused by dermatophytes (a type of fungus).

Tinea pedis: Fungal infection of the foot or Athlete's foot.

The common type of bacterial infection that occurs in the rainy

season is Folliculitis, "Don't apply stewhich is a common skin condition that happens when hair follicles become inflamed. caused by bacteria. HOW TO PREVENT FUNGAL INFEC-TIONS? "Fungus thrives on moisture and humidity is a good medium for it. You should wear

loose clothes made of cotton and linen fabrics and avoid thick fabrics like denim," advised Dr Vichitra Sharma.

said that you should change your clothes frequently as various parts of the body like the armpits, under breasts, inner thighs and behind the knees sweat a lot."If you do have a fungal infection, don't scratch the area. The infection can spread to your nails. You can get onychomycosis, which is a fungal infection in the nails," added Dr Sharma, sharing that you should keep your nails trimmed in the monsoon.

In case you do get a rash or a fungal infection, get yourself checked. Dr Sharma cautioned us about using over-the-top steroid creams.

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Besides this, the expert

ter because most of the ringworm steroid creams worsen fungal infections. If you have an immunosuppressive situation, then you can have a tendency to get an infection. In that case, avoid creams at all costs and consult a doctor," said Dr Sharma. People who have diabetes or have chronic kidney disease or renal disease must go to a dermatologist as many medications consumed as part of their treatment can reduce the efficacy of the antifungal creams. "People who take a

lot of gastritis medicine like antiacid shouldn't also take antifungal creams on their own as it will lower the efficacy. Share this information with your dermatologist who will give you treatment accordingly," said

Dr Sharma. Here are other preventive measures to avoid fungal infections. When you wash your hair, don't tie it immediately. Let them air dry and then tie them.

Wash your towels, caps, bedsheets, and pillowcases frequently.

When you go to a salon or a barber's shop, ask them to sanitise their tools. You can get folliculitis on the scalp.

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"Don't apply hair oil or body oil if you have a tendency of getting infections. You can instead use a moisturising cream," said Dr Sharma.

Sometimes, steroids change the whole clinical picture of the skin disease and modify it. Therefore, avoid overthe-counter medical creams at all. "Even after long treatment, they keep coming back. Conditions like Topical Steroid Damaged/Dependent Face (TSDF) which involves stretch marks, thinning of the skin, sensitivity to the sun can occur," as per the expert.

If you're on antifungal treatment, do not stop it once the infection has gone, suggested Dr Sharma.

"The treatment has a long course. Once you get better, that doesn't mean the infection is treated. Sometimes, the infection is so deep that the infection can come back and the relapsed infection becomes difficult to treat," she said.

### **Russian energy giant Rosneft** appoints first Indian on its board



NEW DELHI, Jul 7 (Agencies): Russian energy giant Rosneft has appointed a former Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) director to its board in signs it may be looking at boosting trade links with India.

G K Satish, who retired as director for business development at IOC in 2021, is one of the three new faces appointed to the 11-strong board of directors of Rosneft, according to a statement issued by the Russian firm.

Satish, 62, is the first Indian to be appointed to the board of Rosneft. Rosneft has partnerships with Satish's former company in oil and

gas fields in Russia. It also sells crude oil to IOC

and other Indian firms and has in recent months started shipping naphtha to Gujarat refiners. His appointment assumes sig-

nificance as Rosneft is now eyeing more deals with Indian firms including the sale of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Satish, who has deep insight into the Indian oil and gas market and has expertise in petroleum product marketing, petrochemicals, LNG

and international trade, is one of the five independent directors on the Rosneft board.

During his stint at the IOC board beginning September 1, 2016, Satish was also chairman of IndianOil Adani Gas Pvt Ltd - the joint venture IOC had formed with Adani Group for retailing CNG and piped cooking gas.

That venture helped Adani Group catapult into city gas and it is now the biggest operator.

Rosneft said its shareholders at the annual general meeting on June 30 elected a new board of directors consisting of 11 members.

Igor I Sechin, a confidant of Russian President Vladimir Putin, continues to be the CEO and chairman of the management board of Rosneft.

Other members appointed include "Govind Kottis Satish, Managing Director, Value Prolific Consulting Services Pvt Ltd (ValPro)," it said.

ValPro is the firm that Satish joined as Managing Director in 2022.

ValPro advises on mergers and acquisitions and investment banking.

Former IOC chairman M A Pathan is on its board of advisor and its top management include former IOC executives.

Russia sells about 2 million barrels per day of crude oil or 100 million tonne on an annualised basis, to Indian firms.

Rosneft has a term deal to sell 6 million tonne a year of crude oil to Satish's former company and is eyeing similar deals with other state-owned refiners including Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL).

Rosneft is also a majority owner of Nayara Energy, which operates a 20 million tonne a year refinery at Vadinar in Gujarat and owns over 6,300 petrol pumps in the country.

IOC alongside Bharat PetroResources Ltd (a unit of BPCL) and Oil India Ltd in 2016 bought a 23.9 per cent stake in Rosneft's Vankor oilfield for USD 2.02 billion.

The consortium also took a 29.9 per cent stake in a separate Taas-Yuryakh oilfield in East Siberia for USD 1.12 billion.

IOC is India's largest importer of Russian oil and the only company with a long-term delivery deal in place with Rosneft.

Rosneft board includes representatives from Qatar and the Philippines. "Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada (chairman of the board of trustees of Dohal University of Science and Technology) has been elected Chairman of Rosneft Oil Company Board of Directors," Rosneft said.

### **SPORTS**

### **MS Dhoni Turns 42: A Look At Career, Accomplishments Of 'Captain Cool'**

#### MS Dhoni, who turned 42 on Friday, has one of the most inspiring journeys in sports history.

NEW DELHI, Jul 7 (Agencies): Legendary Indian wicketkeeper-batter and former Indian skipper MS Dhoni, who led Team India to three major ICC trophies, turned 42 on Friday. Dhoni has one of the most inspiring journeys in sports history. From working as a ticket collector at a railway station, he transformed into India's biggest trophy collector, leading the team to ICC T20 World Cup 2007, ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 and ICC Champions Trophy 2013 as skipper.

He made his international debut in 2004 and made a name for himself as a ferocious hitter of the cricket ball, but mellowed down with time to a finisher who would guide his team to wins with his calculated aggression and amazing tactics.

Coming to his long format career, Dhoni played 90 matches, scoring 4,876 runs at an average of 38.09. He scored six centuries and 33 half-centuries, with the best score of 224. He is the 14th-highest scorer for India in Tests.

As a captain, he led India in 60 Test matches, out of which they won 27 matches, lost 18 and drew 15. With a win percentage of 45.00, he is one of India's most successful skippers across all eras. He led Team India to the number one ranking in ICC Test Rankings. He is also the only Indian skipper to whitewash Australia in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, doing so in the 2010-11 and 2012-13



series.

Dhoni's strongest format was the ODIs. In 350 ODIs, he scored 10,773 runs at an average of 50.57. He scored 10 centuries and 73 fifties for India, with the best score of 183\*. He is India's fifth-highest scorer in ODIs (with Sachin Tendulkar at the top with 18,426 runs). He is also the 11th most successful ODI batter of all time. The fact that he managed to score 10,000-plus runs at an average of over 50 while coming down the order makes his statistics even more astonishing.

He led India in 200 ODI matches, winning 110, losing 74. Five matches were tied while 11 failed to produce a result, he has a win percentage of 55.

With 229 sixes, he is the fifthhighest six-hitter of all time and also has the second-highest sixes by an Indian next to Rohit Sharma (275 sixes). He is also the sixth-fastest player to reach 10,000 ODI runs, doing so in 273 innings

'Mahi', as he is known to the fans, played 98 T20Is for India, scoring 1,617 runs at an average of 37.60, at a strike rate of 126.13. He has two half-centuries in the format, with the best score of 56

He led India in 72 T20Is, winning 41, losing 28, one being tied and two failing to produce results. His win percentage is 56.94.

With the bat, he is the fifthhighest run-getter for India across all formats. In 538 matches, he scored 17,266 runs at an average of 44.96 and a strike rate of over 79. He has scored 16 centuries and 108 fifties across all formats, with the best score of 224.

He has led a team in most matches as a captain in the sport's history. He has led India in 332 matches across all formats, out of which he has won 178, lost 120, six were tied and 15 ended in a draw. His win per-

#### centage is 53.61.

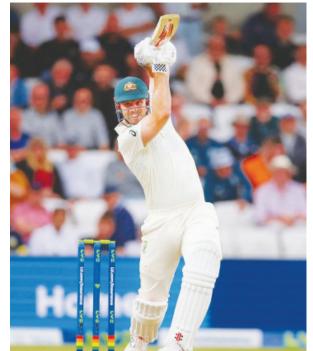
Coming to wicketkeeping, he has the third-highest number of dismissals, with a total of 829, behind Australia's Adam Gilchrist (905) and South Africa's Mark Boucher (998). With 634 catches, he has the third highest number of catches in international cricket history. His grfeatreflexes also earned him a total of 195 stumpings, the highest by a keeper in cricket history.

Besides guiding India to ICC titles, he has also guided Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to franchise glory in the Indian Premier League (IPL) and the Champions League T20. He has led CSK to five IPL titles in 2010, 2011, 2018, 2021 and 2023. Dhoni has also led CSK to two CLT20 titles in 2010 and 2014. With this, he is not only the most successful captain in franchise cricket as well, but cricket in general.

Dhoni has played 250 IPL matches, mostly for CSK, other than a stint with Rising Pune Supergiant in 2016 to 2017. In these matches, he has scored 5,082 runs at an average of 38.79. He has also scored 24 half-centuries in the tournament. He also has 142 catches and 42 stumpings.

With these astonishing statistics as a middle-order batter and his success as a captain, it is unlikely that India and world cricket, in general, will witness a phenomenon like 'Captain Cool' again.

### **Wood leaves mark** on Marsh's day ascendancy in a match



LEEDS, Jul 7 (Agencies): On another sensational day of Ashes action, the pendulum swinging this way and that, it was difficult to call who had the advantage as England finished Day 1 of the pivotal third Test on 68/3, having bowled Australia out for 263 at Headingley. Today's action had

everything. A boisterous crowd keen to let their feelings be known that they still feel wronged from a controversial second Test at Lord's, missed chances, returning heroes, big hitting, a superb century and 13 wickets.

But it remains anyone's game. Forgotten man Mitchell Marsh's hundred had dragged the tourists back into the contest after they had been struggling on 85/4, before a blistering spell of bowling from Mark Wood had the crowd off their seats

Wood's first international five-wicket haul in England, on his first appearance in the format this year, helped the hosts take the final six Australian wickets for 23 runs. At that point, Eng-

land looked to be in the

more. Brief scores: Australia: 263 (Marsh 118; Wood 5/34); England: 68/3 (Root 19\*, Bairstow 1\*).

National coaches, ad hoc panel tussle over one-bout trials, no dates as yet

NEW DELHI, Jul 7 (Agencies): As of now the last date to send final wrestling entries for the Asian Games is July 23 but somehow the ad-hoc committee constituted by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to run the day-today affairs of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) seems unperturbed to hold trials.

Despite a little over a fortnight remaining to



Asiad." said Gian. He as the date for sending final entries is extended also suggested that two to July 23. the ad-hoc names can be sent in panel should announce select weight categothe date of trials as wrestlers need time to change their schedule week However, the national accordingly. This delay will affect every wrestler coaches registered a strong protest against who has been preparing for the Asian Games the idea of one-bout for years," former coach trials. "If that happens Prasad told this daily. then it will be unfair to The ad hoc committee it other wrestlers. We objected to it," said one is understood is waiting for OCA's reply for trials. of the coaches. Even Strong objection Prasad was against it against two-stage trials and claimed two names One of the attendees cannot be sent for final told this daily that a few entries unless there are exceptional circumoptions were discussed stances. "A wrestler in in the meeting depending on the Olympic the final list can only be Council of Asia's reply replaced if there is an to the IOA's request for extraordinary situation. an extension of the last The medical ground is date for submitting the one such situation but final entries. "If the OCA for that, you have to gives us time till August submit the medical cerfirst week then only one tificate of the wrestler trial will be held. But if who is being replaced. it doesn't give enough More importantly, why time then two trials can that wrestler would be organised. agree to be replaced?" One can be held in asked Prasad. Besides, going by the July with a rider that winners in a few weight rule only those wrescategories have to comtlers could be named pete against protesting as replacements whose wrestlers for a place names are included in the long list. The overin the team in August. This means one-bout sight committee, which trials for a few wrestlers was looking after the like Bajrang Punia and WFI affairs before the Vinesh Phogat. Howad-hoc panel, had earever, if other wrestlers lier sent the long list and do not agree then two sources said the names finalists of the first trials of the six protesting and winners between wrestlers were included the two bronze medalin it. While it is learnt that lists can be fielded for the second trial against the panel has decided to wait for a few days the protesting wrestler. In that way, each before deciding on the wrestler will have three dates of the selection trials, no official conbouts in the second trial and those who emerge firmation in this regard winners can go to the could be obtained as

Bajwa remained incommunicado despite repeated attempts. Criteria for shortlisting athletes for Asian Games trials (As set by the ad-hoc

panel) A wrestler will become eligible to take part if he/ she has been a medallist in at least one of the following events and must be of senior age

group. The wrestlers

born in 2005 (18 years)

may participate with a

medical certificate and

### After record-shattering displays, swimmer Aryan Nehra eyes Asiad medal



and 1500m freestyle events at the TYR Pro Swim Series 2023 in April. With the event in Hangzhou two months away, he is looking forward to the challenge. "The real focus is at the Asian Games. I think that is where I am hopeful to make it to the finals. And after that try and sneak onto that podium," Nehra told this daily.

Before heading to the quadrennial event. Nehra will represent India at the World Championship in Japan starting on July 14. "The goal is to swim my personal best in the World event. (It will be) practice race for me at that level, in those

when he is not breaking records in the nationals. "The facilities and resources an athlete need to perform have been there for a long time (In the USA). Now those facilities are being made available even here in the country. It is providing many opportunities to many people closer to home," Nehra insisted.

Banglore-based Inspire Institute of Sport has supported Nehra, and Rushdee Warley, CEO of IIS, believes swimming has the potential to bring more Olympics medals for India in the near future. "If India has to be competitive at the Olympics, we have to be competitive in swimming. And in order to do that, we have to grow the base of swimming," Warley said. "Aryan has done fantastically well this week. He has been a role model for many young kids out there. It's very important that we start developing those young kids. We are committed to that," Warley concluded.

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showed no rustiness in a

hostile first spell, where

he took the wicket of

Usman Khawaja (13)

with a 95 mph ball that

broke the stump. Stuart

Broad already had

David Warner's number

for the 16th time in his

Test career, finding the

opener's edge in the first

over to send him pack-

ing for four runs before

Khawaia and Marnus

Labuschagne (21), who

has struggled to find his

The key wicket of

Steve Smith (22) before

lunch had England

firmly in command but

Marsh, playing in first

Test for Australia since

2019, came in from the

cold to put the tourists

in the driving seat once

best form, fell.

ly-contested series

send the final entries according to the new deadline, the ad-hoc panel in its meeting on Thursday fixed the criteria but not the date of the trials to select the team for the quadrennial event. The meeting was attended by Bhupender Singh Bajwa, an ad-hoc panel member, two wrestling experts ---Gian Singh and Ashok Garg apart from two national coaches Hargobind Singh and Jagminder Singh. Coaches and players are not amused

Mahabir Prasad. Dronacharya awardee and former wrestling chief coach felt that an administrator from wushu might not understand the nuances of wrestling. One of the two members actively involved in WFI functioning is Wushu Association of India chief Bajwa, who is also an IOA executive council member

"The wrestlers while protesting said their sole aim is to protect the sport. Now that goal too is getting defeated as India may lose out on the chance to send wrestlers for the Asian Games if such uncertainty continues. It is not fair for other wrestlers who are waiting for trial dates while at the same time giving protesting wrestlers time to get fit and bout ready. At least the date should be finalised. Now

ries if the extension is not given till August first

parental authorization: 1. Medallists of 2022 Senior Men freestyle, Greco-Roman style and women national wrestling championship at Visakhapatnam (AP) from 21st to 23rd December 2022. 2. Medallists of 2022

National Games (FS, GR & WW) held at Gandhinagar (Gujarat) from 29th September to 2nd October 2022.

3. Medallists of 2022 Senior Open Ranking Wrestling Tournament held at Gonda (UP) from 10th to 12th January 2022.

4. Participants of all senior international/ ranking/Asian/World Championships/Commonwealth Games held in 2022 & 2023.

5. Medallists of World/ Asian U23 & U20 held in 2022 & 2023.

6. Participants of the Tokyo Olympic Games. 7. 1st & 2nd position holder of U20 & U23 **Open National Wrest**ing Selection trials held at RC, Sonepat and NS NIS Patiala in 2023. 8. All wrestlers under

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9. If any affiliated unit of WFI feels that any wrestler who deserves to take part in the abovesaid trials may send his/ her name with justification on letterhead. If the ad-hoc committee thinks that the justification is right they may allow him for trials.

HYDERABAD, Jul 7 (Agencies): After a successful outing at the Senior National Aquatic Championship in Hyderabad, swimmer Aryan Nehra has his eyes set on the Asian Games and World Championships. The 19-year-old broke four records and bagged the best swimmer award in the men's category.

Nehra booked an Asian Games spot in the men's 800m freestyle

arenas and under that pressure. It will help me get ready for the Asiad," he added.

Along with the 800m and 1500m events in Hyderabad, Nehra broke the national record in the 400m medley and 400m freestyle, helping him bag four gold medals most by any player in this edition. Nehra is training with the Flori-

da Gators swimming team of the University of Florida in the USA

### **Grand Chess Tour: Viswanathan** Anand has moderate day; Gukesh shines with twin wins

Anand's compatriot - GM D Gukesh, bounced back from a below par start to win two matches and drew one to climb to the joint second spot

ZAGREB, Jul 7 (Agencies): Indian maestro Viswanathan Anand had a moderate run on day two of the Super-United Rapid and Blitz chess tournament, part of the Grand Chess Tour, winning, drawing and losing a game each. Anand began the day well, beating Ivan Saric in round four before settling for a draw against Fabiano Caruana and ended with a loss to world No.1 Magnus Carlsen. Anand's compatriot -GM D Gukesh, bounced

back from a below par start to win two matches and drew one to climb to the joint second spot. Gukesh had a fine run, beating Constantin Lupulescu and Saric



(Poland), who are on

Nepomniachtchi won

all three games to tie for

the lead going into the

The day started off with

a shock for Carlsen, as

he lost back-to-back

games to Caruana and

Firouzja. However, the

last day of the rapid.

seven points each.

after drawing with Richard Rapport in the day's

first game. A surging Ian Nepomniachtchi and Caruana were able to catch Anand during the second day. All three now have eight points and share the top spot followed by Gukesh and Jan-Krzysztof Duda

former five-time World Chess Champion bounced back in the final round, with a nice technical win against Anand in a rook endgame.

A blitz segment will follow the rapid event in the tournament which features top players including Carlsen, Anand and Nepomniachtchi among others. The time control for the rapid portion is 25+10, with 2 points awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 for a loss. The blitz portion will have a time control of 5+2, using the typical 1, 1/2, 0 scoring system. The Grand Chess Tour is a circuit of international events, featuring the world's best players.

### LOCAL

### **Aaditya Thackeray raises** questions over delay in democratic process in J&K



**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU / MUMBAI, Jul 7: Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena (UBT), J&K, on Friday met Aaditya Thackeray, National President of Yuva Sena in Mumbai and sought guidance on local issues of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sahni revealed that Aaditya Thackeray has given instructions to get ready for upcoming elections in the state.

Aaditya Thackeray, reacting over the prolonged delay in the restoration of democratic system and statehood in Jammu and Kashmir, guestioned the intentions of the Central Government.

He asserted that for

over five years, Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral part of democratic India, has been enduring an undemocratic system, represented by the Governor and Lieutenant Gover-

nor. Meanwhile, the government has failed on various local issues, including the return of Kashmiri Pandits, achieving peace in Kashmir, and providing employment to the youth, he said, adding that the people of J&K are tired of the falsehoods and empty promises of the BJP leaders and are disappointed with the polices of Saffron Party.

**Sculptor Ganesh** Sharma conferred Joint **Honorary Doctorate** Award in USA

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 7: Well known eminent Senior contemporary internationally acclaimed Sculptor Ganesh Kumar Sharma conferred with Joint Honorary Doctorate by The Feather and Extender Humanity Academy Philadelphia USA in Partnership with Good Samaritan Theological Seminary Inc. Honorary Doctorate

presented to Sculptor Ganesh Kumar Sharma due to his pioneering role in spreading the art and culture of peace and love among the people of the world through his art.

In a communiqué to Sculptor Ganesh Kumar Sharma, founder Chancellor Good Samaritan Theological Seminary Inc, and H.E. Amb. Prof.

Dr. Abdul Karim Al Farraji, President and Founder, Feather and Extender Humanity Academy Philadelphia Pennsylvania



USA, congratulated to Ganesh Sharma and hope his wonderful artistic carrier and journey will continue to serve communities with further success and progress.

It is mentioned here that Ganesh Kumar Sharma is working in the field of art and culture from more than forty four years and spreading art and culture in throughout the world with participations in art exhibitions. art events and art symposiums etc by virtually as well as physically, and have recipient of so many States, National and International honours and awards.

### Arvind Kejriwal is principal challenger to BJP: AAP

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU. Jul 7: In a statement AAP Leader & Social Activist Gurmeet Singh Baaghi said that AAP is a national force & Arvind Kejriwal is the principal challenger to BJP. After the Delhi People of Punjab and in MCD election people of Delhi have given chance to Kejriwal Model of Governance and that the Convenor of Aam Aadmi Party Arvind Kejriwal will be the Principal Challenger

of the BJP. Arvind Kejriwal is the hope of crores of people and if people give an opportunity, he will be seen in a bigger role in 2024.

Baaghi said that Arvind Kejriwal want every citizen of the country to grow equally. AAP stands with the rights of every citizen of the country & wants everyone to be happy. Aam Aadmi Party is the only party that respects the people's dreams and commits to turn them into reality with sheer hardwork



& commitment.

Aam Aadmi Party is

only Party who giving

the basic amenities to

live a life of dignity to

the people of the Delhi

and Punjab and saying

that the people of the

country have the basic

rights for these ameni-

ties. Our constitution

says that India is a

Electricity, water,

education, health,

and employment all

these are the welfare

schemes. Aam Aadmi

Party eradicated

corruption in Delhi,

Punjab & only party

which can eliminate

corruption from the

Aam Aadmi Party

system.

welfare state.

try and implement a system of honesty and integrity. Baaghi said that as per the policy of Arvind Kejriwal and the pres-

motto is to eliminate

corruption from the

society and the coun-

ent scenario the only option the people of the country have is Aam Aadmi Party, because the other parties, are only make fake promises to the people's of country. Aam Aadmi Party is the only political alternative in the country & the people of the country are looking to AAP with great hope. People across the world are praising the Kejriwal-model of governance.

AAP government of Delhi & Punjab under the Leadership of Arvind Kejriwal has worked in the availability of power, water, transport, education, and others. The Aam Aadmi Party is committed to continuing to work for the people. The visible improvements in Delhi and Punjab are proof that the AAP model works.

### Army, district administration start Mission Tiranga in Kupwara

ent.

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

KUPWARA, Jul 7: As part of Mission Tiranga & as a special gesture to strengthen the bond between Indian Army and district Administration Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers presented a hand embroidered National Flag to Ayushi Sudan, IAS.

Ayushi Sudan who has been recently appointed as DC Kupwara is the first lady Deputy Commissioner of the district. Indian Army gave a warm welcome to the newly appointed DC in a unique way when they presented a hand embroidered national to the Officer. This National Flag was special as the Ashok Chakra has been



This disappointment

may be the main reason

for the delay in the dem-

ocratic restoration pro-

Sahni informed that

the party high command

has directed to gear up

for upcoming elections

in Jammu and Kashmir,

including the Assem-

bly and Parliamentary

elections. The demand

for the creation of Shri

Mata Vaishno Devi Cir-

cuit was also highlighted

On this occasion, Sunil

Prabhu, leader of party's

Maharashtra Legisla-

tive Assembly, National

Organizing Secretary

Ashok Tiwari and Vinod

Singh were also pres-

through posters.

cess, he observed.

made by using traditional beautiful Kashmiri hand embroidery. The flag was presented by Commanding Officer

Indian Army and district from all for the development of and to make it administration in coma peaceful place to live. bating the various issues relating to security of the She thanked Indian Army for presenting such a

### **TBS, JU ranks among top B-Schools** of the country

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jul 7: The Business School (TBS), University of Jammu (JU) becomes the only B-school from the J&K to bag a prestigious ranking among the top B schools of the country. TBS is placed at rank 11 in Return on Investment (ROI) and 33 among top govt. B-Schools of India by one of the most credible and exhaustive Best B-School ranking by **Business Today -MDRA** released on July 6, 2023. This places TBS in a coveted list of the top Management Institutions of India. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu congratulated all the faculty members of



TBS and appreciated the efforts of other stakeholders from the department and the University for this achievement. He stressed upon the need and relevance of participation in such rankings

excellence. As per Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director, The Business School ranking is the outcome of sincere and dedicated efforts of the faculty; performance of students and alumni in the corporate along with the adoption of best practices focused on industry academia connect. In pursuit of excel-

lence, TBS under the visionary leadership of Vice-chancellor is committed to establish a strong brand in management education through path breaking initiatives such as Executive Education, Management Development Programmes, Consultancy, Incubation and Entrepreneurship development etc.

Kupwara Terriers along with the other officials present there. The officer emphasized the importance of unity between

district and other aspects. This gesture was welcomed by Ayushi Sudan, DC Kupwara and assured her desire for collaborative efforts

priceless memento and hoped for the continuity of strong bond between Army and Awaam in Kupwara.

and emphasized upon the adoption of newer pedagogies and initiatives for strengthening corporate linkages to achieve institutional

#### **CMO Doda reviews functioning Advanced Screening team of Free** of **RBSK** programme Mega Eye Camp flagged-off in Leh

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

DODA, Jul 7: The Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Ab Hamid Zargar convened a virtual meeting of all RBSK staff working in the department, to review the overall functioning of Rashtriya Bal Swastha Karyakaram (RBSK) programme in the Distrct.

Addressing the meeting, the CMO stressed upon all the staff to work with utmost dedication and honesty, adding that the people have direct concern with the health department, being the most sensitive sector.

While reviewing the RBSK programme, the CMO directed all the concerned to activate their teams in each medical block for proper screening of different ailments among the childern for their timely treatment

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In wake of the rising suspected cases of Measles and some confirmed cases in the District among different age group children, the CMO further stressed upon the RBSK teams to visit Schools and Anganwadi Centres to find out the drop out children and submit the data upto 20th of this month besides direction was also given to

them for generating mass awareness in this regard. The CMO said that

Doda district has adequate healthcare infrastructure to manage the universal immunization programme and surveillance activities to achieve the target. He urged upon the Health functionaries of the district to take all possible measures and

give focused attention towards the Measles, Rubella elimination in the District.

The meeting was attended by District Immunization Officer Dr Versha Sharma, Dr Javed Ahmed Parray, Mohd Shafi Attu besides RBSK Team from Assar, Bhaderwah, Gandoh, Ghat and Thathri also attended the meeting through virtual mode.

#### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

LEH, Jul 7: The Advanced Screening team of the Free Mega Eye Camp was flagged-off for their 20 days extensive screening camp in Leh district before the conduct of final Phaco Cataract Surgeries at SNM Hospital, Leh.

The first batch of the team was flagged-off to Sku-Markha and Wanla areas by the President of the Phande Lekchin Welfare Trust, Leh, Ven. Khanpo Konchok Dorjey in the presence of other dignitaries and officials from Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, Nepal. LAHDC Leh and Phande Lekchin Welfare Trust, Leh, in collaboration with the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, Nepal, is organis-

ing the Free Mega Eye



Chairman / CEC further surgery in the LAHDC Leh, Adv Tashi Gyalson, in his message, stated that this charitable initiative will surely help people in farflung areas as we are sending the Screening team to their doorstep. He assured to assist the poor patients to Leh, who would be advised

screening camps. CEC Gyalson shared that the Phaco Cataract Surgery will be performed by the worldrenowned Dr Sanduk Ruit of Tilganga, assisted by our capable doctors and paramedics. The entire process is free of cost, including

the required change of lenses.

"I am thankful to Dr Sanduk Ruit, the Phande Lekchin Welfare Trust, Leh, and the team from Tilganga Hospital and our SNM team headed by Director Health, CMO, doctors and all involved staff", added CEC Gyalson.

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