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BRIEFLY

Amarnath Yatra resumes from Baltal Base Camp as weather improves

SRINAGAR, Jul 10 (Agencies): The annual Amarnath Yatra resumed from the Baltal base camp on Monday morning following weather improvement in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. As per an official, the administration also resumed Chopper services for the convenience of the pilgrims. The Yatra resumed from the Pahalgam base camp on Sunday afternoon.

The yatra was suspended on Friday following widespread rain and landslides, particularly along the twin tracks — the traditional 48-kilometre Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-kilometre Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

Covid Cases in India at All-Time low since 2020

NEW DELHI, Jul 10 (Agencies): India has recorded 24 new coronavirus infections, the lowest since January 2020 when the first case of the virus was reported in Kerala, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Monday.

The count of active cases was 1,431 while the death toll was recorded as 5,31,913, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The Covid case tally has been recorded at 4.49 crore (4,49,94,599).

The national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,44,61,255 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.

Houses develop cracks as two earthquakes jolt Doda, Kishtwar

SRINAGAR, Jul 10 (Agencies): Cracks have emerged in houses in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir following twin earthquakes that struck early

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Amarnath Yatra remains suspended from Jammu for 3rd consecutive day

JAMMU, Jul 10 (Agencies): The Amarnath Yatra remained suspended from Jammu for the third consecutive day on Monday due to extensive damage caused to a section of the Jammu-Srinagar Highway in Ramban, officials said. More than 6,000 pilgrims are stranded in Jammu, particularly at the Bhagwatinagar base camp while over 5,000 are stranded at the Chanderkot base camp in Ramban district.

"The yatra remains suspended from Jammu due to bad condition of the highway. No fresh batch has been allowed to move towards Kashmir from Jammu base camp today," a senior officer said.

"More pilgrims are arriving in Jammu on their onward journey to Amarnath. But most of them



are being accommodated in various lodging centres," he added.

Some of the pilgrims have been accommodated at the camps in Lakhanpur and Chichi Mata in Kathua and Samba districts to avoid the rush in Jammu, they said.

More than 90,000 pilgrims paid

obseisance at the cave shrine of Amarnath, while over 40,000 devotees left Jammu for Kashmir in seven batches before the suspension of the yatra on Saturday.

Authorities said incessant rains on Saturday and Sunday caused unprecedented damage

to the highway, especially a stretch in Ramban district, forcing its closure.

In view of the ongoing restoration works, especially at Panthyal and Seri, no vehicular movement shall be allowed on the highway on Monday, a traffic police official said.

Efforts are being made to restore the movement of traffic at the earliest. An update will be shared in the evening, he said.

The yatrīs will only be asked to resume their pilgrimage once vehicular traffic between Jammu and Kashmir divisions is restored, they added.

"The traffic shall remain suspended on Monday. People are advised to avoid travelling on the highway till the time confirmation is issued by the administration."

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Jammu-Srinagar National Highway closed for 3rd consecutive day; restoration work in progress

JAMMU, Jul 10 (Agencies): The 270-km Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained closed for the third consecutive day on Monday with agencies making efforts to ensure early restoration of the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, officials said.

The highway was closed for vehicular traffic on Saturday following incessant rains that triggered multiple landslides and also severely



damaged a portion of the road near Panthyal Tunnel and Chamba-Seeri in Ramban district, leaving thousands of vehicles stranded.

"Barring the Chamba-

Seeri stretch where a 60-metre strip of road was washed away, the highway is almost clear of all hurdles and is traffic-worthy," a traffic department official said.

He said the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is working round-the-clock at Chamba-Seeri and is working on an alternate alignment to ensure early restoration of the road.

"The restoration work will take some time. The stranded vehicles will be cleared on priority once the road is made motorable," the official said.

However, no fresh traffic will be allowed either from Jammu or

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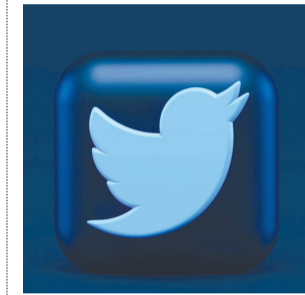
SDRF team rescues four people from flash flood in Kathua

JAMMU, Jul 10 (Agencies): A team of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) on Monday morning rescued four more people trapped in a flash flood in the River Ravi in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir.

An official said that after getting information about the trapped persons, the SDRF

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Twitter relocates Gilgit-Baltistan users to J&K, shocks Pakistan



GILGIT-BALTISTAN, Jul 10 (Agencies): Twitter reportedly blocked Pakistan's official Twitter account in Gilgit-Baltistan and is showing the location of the region in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Dawn reported.

As per the Pakistani English-language newspaper, even after the users turn the location feature on the app, tweets sent from the region are marked as originating from J&K.

The locals explicitly showed changes in Twitter location and blocked access to Pakistan Government's official account.

The issue came to light when several Twitter users in Gilgit-Baltistan complained that they were unable to access the government's official account from the region.

When users tried to access the account, a message was displayed stating the "account has been withheld in India in response to a legal demand".

The newspaper reported that Pakistani offi-

cial denied any such changes and termed the claim 'baseless' despite dozens of reports to the contrary. "There are no restrictions on the freedom of the internet, media and expression in the entire Gilgit Baltistan," officials said.

The government's official account has been banned in India since March 2023. In 2022, the account was withheld twice over "legal complaints".

"I am in #GilgitBaltistan & @Twitter can't show tweets from @GovtofPakistan, saying that account has been withheld in India in response to a legal demand! Hello @TwitterSupport, I'm in Pakistan why can't I see tweets from various accounts I follow including the one mentioned?," tweeted Yasir Hussain, a resident of the Rahimabad area of Gilgit, according to Dawn.

While talking with Dawn, Hussain said that when he tried to add the location to his tweets, he found that the app located him in the Union Territory of J-K, rather than GB.

He further stated that the officials in Pakistan should take "serious cognisance" of this matter as India "might have influenced Twitter to change GB's

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Ladakh | 450-year-old-building collapses in Leh as heavy rainfall lashes region

LEH (Ladakh), Jul 10 (Agencies): A 450-year-old building collapsed in the Kharyouk area of Leh city in the union territory of Ladakh due to incessant rainfall in the region on Sunday evening.

"This building is about 450 years old. The building has collapsed mainly due to the heavy rainfall

in the region," Haider, a local said.

He further said that a few old houses have also been damaged in the area due to heavy rains.

Leh recorded 14.5 mm of rainfall during the last 9 hours on Sunday, as per IMD.

"This time it rained a bit longer resulting in

damage to the old buildings. Water started to leak into rooms," Haider said.

He said that there was a cloud burst in 2010, "But the damage was not so much. However, this time a lot of damage has been done to the old buildings".

Metrological Centre

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Soldier injured in landmine blast near LoC in Poonch

JAMMU, Jul 10 (Agencies): An Army personnel was injured in a landmine explosion near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Monday. The soldier suffered injuries when the landmine got activated after he

accidentally stepped over it during patrolling in a forward village in Kerni sector late Sunday night, the officials said.

They said the injured was shifted to a military hospital and his condition was stated to be "stable".

As part of an anti-infil-

tration obstacle system, the forward areas are dotted with landmines which sometimes get washed away by rains resulting in such types of accidents, the officials said. Poonch along with other parts of Jammu and Kashmir were lashed by heavy

rains between Friday and Sunday, also claiming the lives of two Army personnel who were swept away while crossing a stream in Poshana area of Surankote on Saturday.

In view of the inclement weather, the vigil along the Line of Control

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Vehicle transporting tomatoes to market robbed in Bengaluru



BENGALURU, July 10 (Agencies): A vehicle transporting 2,000 kg of tomatoes to a market was robbed by unidentified miscreants in Bengaluru, police said.

The incident took place on July 8 in the limits of the RMC Yard police station near Chikkajala.

According to the police, the farmer was transporting his produce from

Hiriyr town in Chitradurga to the Kolar market. The three miscreants followed the tomato vehicle in their car.

They then waylaid the vehicle and assaulted the farmer and driver alleging that their vehicle had been hit.

They also demanded money from them and later got the amount transferred to their mobile online.

The miscreants then boarded the vehicle with the tomatoes and drove away, leaving the farmer and the driver on the road.

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TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow 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 heavenly abode on Monday 26 June 2023.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Wednesday 05 July 2023 at our residence at 10:30 AM.

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN.

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

Daughters & Son in laws

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

Smt Shashi & Sh Keshav Singh
Smt Sunita & Lt Sh Kamal Singh

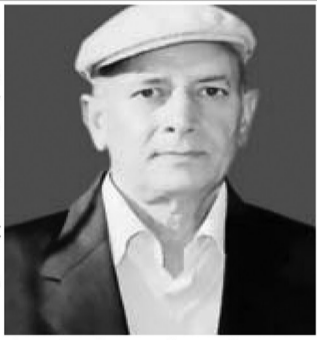
Smt Sarita & Sh Romesh Singh.

Sister & Brother in laws

Smt Krishna & Dr Jagdeep Singh Sambyal
Lt Smt Bimla & Sub Taranter Singh Jamwal.

Grand Son & Daughter

Anupam Jamwal, Mahi Jamwal, Apama Singh.
7051225719 7889932841 959667928



Late Sh. Dharuv Singh Jamwal
DOB 12-07-1943 DOE 26-06-2023

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 Ashdeep Apartment 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)

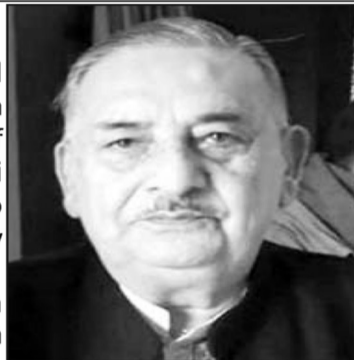
ANIL KAUL (Son) 8447360006

RENU KAUL (Daughter-in-Law) 9818683303

ANIRUDH KAUL (Grandson)

AAYUSH KAUL (Grandson)

And Samast Dulloo/Kaul Parivaar & Grand Children



Shri Amar Nath Kaul (Dulloo)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Mrs Veena Chakoo W/o Mr Bharat Bhushan Chakoo** on 2nd July (Sunday). Original resident of Pampore Kashmir.

Tenth Day Kriya will be observed at Murad Nagar Ghat (Ghaziabad) on Tuesday 11th July at 8 am.

SHANTI PAATH will be observed at Shree Sanatam Dharm Mandir, F Block, Vikasपुरी Delhi on Tuesday 11th July from 5 pm to 6 pm.

Present Address: 167 Samaj Kalyan Appts F Block Vikasपुरी New-Delhi-18.

MOB: 9198919 15014, 916005788076.

GRIEF STRICKEN.

CHAKOOS, KALOOS, HANDOOS, WANGNOOS PARIVARS.



MRS VEENA CHAKOO

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

(68TH BIRTHDAY)

Today 10th July is your birthday and we can't say. Many many happy returns of the day as you are not with us. Your absence is unbelievable. Destiny has already snatched you from us. But you will remain in our hearts and your birthday will be celebrated in our bleeding hearts till our last breath. May your soul rest in peace in heaven.

Fondly Missed & Remembered By:-

Smt. Prabha Sharma - **Wife**

Smt. Deepika & Sh. Vijay Sharma - **Daughter & Son-in-law**

Sh. Deepain & Smt. Rashmi Sharma - **Son & Daughter-in-law**

Rijul, Rabhav, Ritanya & Rushank - **Grand children**

Smt. & Sh. Vidhya Prakash - **Bhabhi & Brother**

Smt. Shashi Bala - **Bhabhi**

Add:- H.No-121, Lane No-3, Rani Talab, Digiana, Jammu

Ph-9419122784, 9419206384



Sh. Dinesh Kumar Sharma
(10 July 1955 - 27 June 2009)

KIRTAN / ANTIM ARDAAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Sdrn. Jaswant Kour W/o Late Sdr Narinder Singh** on 8-07-2023.

Kirtan and Antim Ardaas will take place on 11-07-2023, Tuesday from 12.00 pm to 01.00 pm at Gurudwara Talli Sahib Talab Tillo - Jammu.

Followed by Guru Ka Langar

Grief Stricken

Son & Daughter-in-law

Sdr. Baljit Singh & Sdrn Arvinder Kour

Sdr. Inderjeet Singh & Sdrn. Surinder Kour

Daughters & Son-in-law

Sdrn. Kulvinder Kour & Sdr. Narinder Singh

Sdrn. Ravinder Kour & Sdr. Harpal Singh

Sdrn. Kamal Jeet Kour & Manjit Singh

Grand Son

Sdr. Harpreet Singh

Grand Daughters & Grand Son-in-law

Simran Kour & Ishan Mansotra



Sdrn. Jaswant Kour

10TH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved mother **Reeta Bhat W/o Late Makhan Lal Bhat** of Khanpura Bandipura Kashmir at present Block 83 Flat 4 Lane 17 Jagti Colony.

10th Day will be performed at Muthi Gath on 14-7-2023 (7 AM) and Assembly at Lane No. 23 Jagti (Community Hall).

Grief Stricken

Sons & Daughters-in-law

Late Sh Anil Koul & Veena Koul

Sh Arun Bhat & Urmila Bhat

Sh Amit Bhat & Anita Bhat

Daughter & Son-in-law

Late Smt Archana Bhat & Dleep Bhat

Grand Sons & Daughters

Sidhart Koul, Deeksha Koul, Nilesh Bhat, Yatin Bhat

Grand Daughters

Senhal Koul & Stuti Koul

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Reeta Bhat

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we would like to inform you all about the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rattan Lal Tickoo S/O Lt Sh. Laxmi Nath Tickoo** Resident of Martand, Mattan Anantnag, Kashmir on 05-07-2023.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 14-07-2023 (Friday) at 9.00 AM at Patoli Brahmana, Near Shiv Temple Barnai Jammu

GRIEF STRICKEN

Tickoo Family

H. No 49 Lane 6 Patoli Brahmana, New Sharda Colony Barnai Jammu
6005053900, 7006269819



Sh. Rattan Lal Tickoo

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Surinder Kadlabju S/O Late Sh Behari Lal Kadlabju** who left for his heavenly abode on 04 July 2023.

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 13 July 2023 (Thursday) 09:00am at Devika Ghat, Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sunita Kadlabju (Wife)

Abhishek and Tishya (Son and Daughter-in-law)

Sisters and Brother-in-law

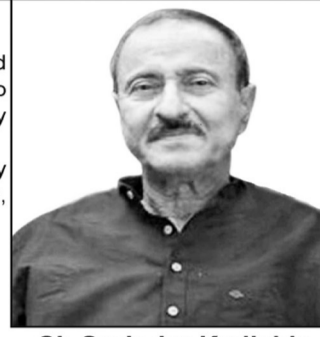
Sushma Raina and Ravinder Raina

Sunita Koul and Surinder Koul

Anita Tickoo and Sanjay Tickoo

Neena Wali and Col. Sushil Wali

Phone numbers- 9622233666, 9622277888



Sh Surinder Kadlabju

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Archana Khanna W/o Sh. Subhash Khanna.**

TENTH DAY will be performed at Pracheen Shiv Mandir, Pandoka Colony Paloura Jammu on 10th of July, 2023 (Monday) at 9.30 am.

KRIYA will be performed at our residence 1/130 Indira Vihar Old Janipur Jammu on 13th July 2023 (Thursday) from 11.00 am onwards.

UTHALA will be performed at Hari Mandir, Rehari on 14th of July (Friday) 2023 from 5.00 pm to 6 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Subhash Khanna- **Husband**

Smt. Kamlesh Khanna- **Bhabhi**

Daughter-in-Law & Son

Smt. Nidha & Sh. Amit Khanna

Ms. Preeti Khanna- **Daughter**

Sister-in-Law & Jija Jee

Smt. Chandher Kanta & Des Raj Anand

Smt. Seema & Sh. Kunj Lal- **Daughter-in-Law & Son**

Smt. Seema Khanna & Sh. Rajesh Khanna- **Daughter-in-Law & Nephew**

Sh. B.L. Nayyar- **Jija Jee**

Smt. Neelam & Sh. D.P. Bhatia- **Sister & Jija Jee**

Smt. Savita & Deepak Betab- **Sister-in-Law & Brother**

Smt. Meenu & Alok Betab- **Sister-in-Law & Brother**

Smt. Sandhana Nagpal- **Sister**

Ph.: 9419136373, 9419137716, 9419104395



Smt. Archana Khanna

ANTIM ARDAS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED

S.MANMOHAN SINGH S/O LT. S. GURBAKSH SINGH R/O HOUSE NUMBER 133, SECTOR 13, GURU NANAK NAGAR, JAMMU, WHO EXPIRED ON 07/07/2023.

ANTIM ARDAS SHALL BE PERFORMED AS PER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME:

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB : 10/07/2023 (MONDAY) AT 9 A.M. (AT OUR RESIDENCE).

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB: 12/07/2023 (WEDNESDAY) AT 9.30 A.M. (AT OUR RESIDENCE).

KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS: 10.30 A.M TO 12 NOON AT GURUDWARA SAHIB YADGAAR SANT THAKUR BHAI ROCHA SINGH JI, SECTOR 14, NANAK NAGAR, JAMMU FOLLOWED BY GURU KA LANGAR.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

SDN. ROMINDER KOUR (WIFE)

AND ALL FAMILY MEMBERS.



S. MANMOHAN SINGH

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

WITH PROFOUND AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SDN. NARINDER KAUR W/O SATNAM SINGH R/O 481/C DIGIANA PULLI, JAMMU** WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 2ND OF JULY.

KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS: AT GURUDWARA SAHIB RANI TALAB DIGIANA JAMMU ON 11/07/2023 FROM 10 AM TO 12 PM. FOLLOWED BY GURU KA LANGAR

GRIEF STRICKEN:

SATNAM SINGH RANDHAWA (HUSBAND)

S. JANAK SINGH RANDHAWA (RETD.BSNL) - FATHER IN LAW

AVTAR KOUR - MOTHER-IN-LAW

GURDEEP KOUR (RETD.SUPERVISOR POLICE HOSPITAL JAMMU) - MASSI

PUPINDER SINGH - BROTHER-IN-LAW

AMANDEEP KOUR- SISTER-IN-LAW

AMANDEEP SINGH- BROTHER-IN-LAW



SDN. NARINDER KAUR

BARKHI

An entire year has passed since you left for your eternal journey but we still feel your painful absence. Your unforgettable sweet memories and Nobel qualities will always remain with us.

Barkhi of our beloved Mother Karamyogi Late **Smt. Reva Kumari W/o Sh. Devki Nandan Sharma** will be performed on 11/7/2023 (Tuesday) at H.No 8 Hazuri Bagh, Lane No. 2, Talab Tillo, Bohri, Jammu.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY SHARMA FAMILY GAJANSOO

MOB.: 9906086923, 9796249459



Late Smt. Reva Kumari

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Shravan Kumar Ambaradar (Pintoo Ji) S/O Late Sh. Sansar Chand Ambaradar R/o Village Sallar Distt Anantnag Kashmir**, at present House No 10-A Lane No 01 Dream City, Muthi, Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on 11-07-2023 at 8:00 am at Muthi Ghat near Director Education.

GRIEF STRICKEN

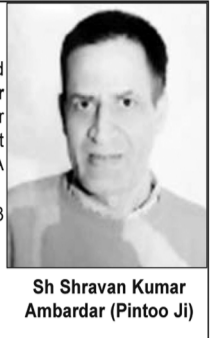
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Sh Shravan Kumar Ambaradar (Pintoo Ji)

10TH DAY/ KRIYA/ RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Satya Devi W/o Late Sh. Beli Ram Sharma R/o Sampuranpur Kullain, Satarwi, Jammu**

10th 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 at 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)

Mr. Shubam Sharma & Mrs. Aditi Sharma

Mr. Nitin Sharma (Grand son)

Miss. Amayra Sharma (Great Grand Daughter)

Sharma Family

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SMT SATYA DEVI

OWNER OF M/S SATYA TRADERS

R.S. PURA

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. 384, 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 JULY 2023 (TUESDAY) AT KHACHWA ROAD GHAT, ACROSS KHACHWA BRIDGE, KARNAL AT 8:30 A.M.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SMT PRANAJI GAGROO (WIFE)

ARUN GAGROO (SON)

AVINASH GAGROO & SUNIANA GAGROO (SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)

MOB NO. 98977 02741

BROTHERS & BHABHI'S

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.

Centre paying focused attention to J&K, strengthen PM's hands for its equitable development: Kavinder

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, July 10: Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader has asserted that the Government at the Centre is paying focussed attention towards Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to ensure equitable development besides welfare and prosperity of the people of this traumatized region.

He expressed this after starting a development work of boundary wall, laying of tiles and drain coverage at Radha Soami Satsang Hall Ward 47, Jammu today. Vinay Gupta, Corporator Sharda Devi, Karuna Chhetri, Purshotam Lal accompanied the former deputy Chief Minister.

In his address, Kavinder Gupta said that Bharatiya Janata Party stands fully committed to equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. "The Union Govt is paying focussed attention to



Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and is determined to carry out developmental activities in every nook and corner of this sensitive region," he asserted.

The senior BJP leader said that Modi led Govt at the Centre has prioritized the overall development of all the areas without any rural-urban or other discrimination with main focus on roads and sanitation as roads ensure the smooth supply of basic essentials as well

as other commodities for the ease of living of the people while good sanitation ensures good health. He said that the government stands fully committed to ensure the improvement of roads, lanes and drains infrastructure in all the areas.

Later, the former Deputy Chief Minister also interacted with the people of the area and took stock of their problems and issues on the occasion. After giving them a patient hearing, he assured to get their

grievances addressed at the earliest by taking up the same with the concerned authorities. He appealed to the people to further strengthen the hands of PM Narendra Modi for equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Others who were present include Karishan Lal, Vivek Patiyal, Sunny Sangotra, Surinder Kumar, Ajay Sharma, Sunny Sangotra, Gulshan Patyal and Subhash Sawallia.

JCMS's Langar for Amarnath Yatris enters day 12

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 10: Considering that service to Yatris is service to Bhole Nath, the Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha have organized a well managed Langar to serve the pilgrims of the ongoing Annual Yatra of Shri Amarnathji.

On 12th day of the Langar, the Yatris coming daily in the Mahajan Bhawan at Shalamar Road Jammu get regularly breakfast in the morning followed by lunch Prashad throughout the day till they get Yatra Cards from the Government Registering Agency established in the main Hall of the Sabha and proceed to Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas (Base Camp) for undertaking further journey to Holy Cave of Shri Amarnathji under the management of the Government.

For this purpose, the Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha have deputed a team of members headed by Romesh Chander Gupta Presi-



dent of the Sabha assisted by Shiv Partap Gupta Senior Vice President and Sanjay Mahajan General Secretary.

Today's Langar was inaugurated by Romesh Chandra Gupta, President of the Sabha and Arun Gupta President of CCI were also present on the occasion.

C.P Gupta (Vice President) and Mukesh Mahajan (Press Secretary) have been looking after the press related matters and protocol arrangements in the Campus. Balbir Gupta and Yash Paul Gupta are Incharge of the Langar.

Today's Langer was sponsored by Surinder Gupta Vice President JCMS, Akshay Kumar, Kamal Kishore Gupta

and Ishan Gupta.

Surinder Gupta and Subash Gupta (both Vice Presidents) have been closely monitoring the daily activities from security point of view. Dr Mohan Lal Gupta (Cashier) closely monitors the daily financial transactions.

The members of the team who performed the arduous duty at the Langer Counter include Vijay Gupta, Satish Gupta and Darshan Gupta of the Marriage Bureau, Suresh Gupta, Rejneesh Gupta, Rajan Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Pawan Gupta, Balraj Gupta, Raj Kumar Gupta (Raju) & others.

More than 1100 Yatris came today at Mahajan Bhawan.

Langars serving as lifeline for pilgrims: Partap

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 10: Shri Amarnath Yatra Society Jammu contribute to the act of humanity, providing free Langars to pilgrims during the two-month-long Amarnath Yatra.

Partap Singh Jamwal (State Spokesperson AAP) alongwith Bhanu Partap Gorla, Surinder Singh, Nikhil Sharma, Kapil Dev, Vicky and Dixit honoured Raj Kumar Goyal and office bear of SAYWS for their contribution in the Langar Sewa to Yatris.



Raj Kumar Goyal said that he was honoured to serve the devotees of Lord Shiva and that providing meals and beverages is the Langar's

contribution to the sacred pilgrimage. To ensure there are no barriers for anyone, whether they be religious or dietary, all Langar is vegetarian.

Partap said that to ensure that no devotee goes hungry, this type of Langars are serving as the lifeline for the pilgrims.

Sunny elected as president of BVP's Adhishankaracharya Branch Talab Tillo

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 10: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVK) JK Prant inaugurated new Adhishankaracharya Branch Talab Tillo on the eve of 61st Sthapana Diwas of Bharat Vikas Parishad.

Sunny Gupta elected as President, O.P Sharma as Secretary Seema Sehgal as Treasurer whereas Rani Sharma as Patron.

Team of J&K Prant includes President Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Secretary General Shiv Ram, Coordinator Vijay Sharma. Joint General Secretary Arun Sharma was present. Tehsildar



Baru anchored the whole programme. Forty one members of

Jammu west Branch of Talab Tillo enrolled.

DPAP holds protest against JKPDCL over prepaid system for electricity



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 10: On the direction of Gulam Nabi Azad, DPAP District Committee Jammu (Urban) held a peaceful protest at Janipur, Jammu against JKPDCL (PDD) regarding Prepaid System for electricity consumption.

Large number of people from various colonies of Jammu North Assembly constituitions including women takes part in the protest.

Speaking on the occasion, Gourav Chopra, District President, Jammu Urban, DPAP lambasted on the JKPDCL (PDD) for starting of Prepaid Electricity System and disconnecting of connections of people in this scorching heat.

The costumers, who are paying their bills in time, JKPDCL is forcing them to adopt Prepaid Electricity System. He said that this system is totally failure.

The people of the JK UT are dejected over the power bills which are contrary to their monthly consumption.

People are already getting hefty bills after installations of smart meters and they don't know whom to complain as toll free numbers given by the JKPDCL are not picked by the any one neither any officer take the responsibility to solve the issues.

Anil Kohli, Vice President Jammu urban also showed his resentment over the

irrational bills issued by the the JKPDCL/PDD. It is a gross injustice and harassment for the people of Jammu. People are already getting controversial bills and now JKPDCL is forcing the consumers to adopt Prepaid System which is not acceptable.

Democratic Progressive Azad Party strongly opposed the Prepaid Electricity System by JKPDCL and demanded that such system be stopped immediately in interest of the poor people and also demanded to waive off the bills of poor people.

Later the protesters, in shape of Rally marched to Sub District Magistrate, Jammu North and submitted him a Memorandum for LG to revoke the order regarding Prepaid Electricity System and immediately stop discontenting the electric connections and to give relief to the J&K UT people.

The others who take part in the protest were Bharat Bhushan Sonu, General Secretary, Anil Nargotra, Jodh Singh, Parkash Chand Dagra (all Secretaries), Manik Sharma, Vice President, DPAP Student Union, Rattan Lal Sharma, Chand Khanna, Rajinder Puri, Vicky Gupta, Sanjay Chargoira, Aseem Gandotra, Shaluu Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Rajgopal Sharma and others.

Gaurav urges Govt to prioritize assistance for stranded Amarnath pilgrims in Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 10: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, urged the government to make adequate arrangements for the Amarnath pilgrims who have been stranded in Jammu due to the closure of the Jammu Srinagar National Highway for the past three days.

With the Yatra to the sacred Amarnath cave shrine yet to resume from Jammu, Gaurav Gupta emphasizes the importance of ensuring that no pilgrim faces inconvenience during their stay. Recognizing the significance of these pilgrims as ambassadors of goodwill, he urged the government to prioritize their well-being by making elaborate arrangements for their food and accommodation.

Gaurav commended the efforts of the Tourism Department for initiating the Jammu Darshan bus service, which has provided much-needed support to the stranded pilgrims. This service has not only assisted in showcasing local tourism spots but has also showcased the commendable spirit of the local authorities and their commitment to ensuring the comfort of the pilgrims.

The former General Secretary called upon the government to build on



this positive initiative and extend comprehensive support to the pilgrims until the resumption of the Amarnath Yatra. It is essential to guarantee that not a single pilgrim encounters any inconvenience during their stay in Jammu, he added.

Gaurav emphasized the significance of these pilgrims, not only as devotees but also as representatives of their respective communities. Their experience in Jammu will shape their perceptions and influence their interactions, thus impacting the region's tourism potential and overall goodwill. Gaurav Gupta implores the government to demonstrate its commitment to the well-being of the stranded pilgrims by providing them with adequate arrangements for food, lodging, and other essential facilities. The government's concerted efforts in this regard will not only alleviate the difficulties faced by the pilgrims but also showcase their dedication to maintaining the sanctity of the Amarnath Yatra, he added.

Congress should thank Modi for removing Article 370: Dr Jitendra

SRINAGAR, Jul 10 (Agencies): The Congress should thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fulfilling their promise by removing Article 370, which was a temporary provision of the Constitution, Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Monday.

He also said the Modi government brought grassroots democracy to Jammu and Kashmir "for the first time".

"When Syama Prasad Mookerjee suggested in the Constituent Assembly that there should be a rethink on it (Article 370), the biggest advocates of the provision including Jawahar Lal Nehru responded by saying 'this will erode over time'. However, Congress could not erode it due to their own political interests. Modiji has done what Congress governments should have done much earlier," Singh told reporters here.

"I think Congress should thank Modiji for fulfilling their promise and removing what was temporary," he added.

The Union minister inaugurated a seven-day exhibition highlighting the achievements of the Modi government in the past nine years.

Responding to a question on Article 370 petitions coming up for hearing in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, he said, "Whether the hearing takes place or not, Article 370 was written in the Constitution and in the same Constitution, it was written that it is a temporary provision."

Asked about opposition parties here claiming lack of democracy in the Union Territory, Singh said Modi had brought grassroots democracy to Jammu and Kashmir for the first time.

"The democratic set up is already there, panch, sarpanches are there. We have BDCs and DDCs also. This credit also goes to Modiji that for the first time, district councils have been set up here. The issue is that there was no democracy earlier. The grassroots democracy has come due to Modiji," he added.

About the poll violence in West Bengal, Singh said it was condemnable



and cannot be tolerated in a democracy. "The unfortunate incidents in Bengal are condemnable on three counts. It exposes the political hypocrisy. Those who said democracy has been murdered in Maharashtra, see how they are murdering it in Bengal. Law and order and governance has failed, and unleashing of state terrorism. The government is itself involved in this bloodshed. Such situation cannot be tolerated in a democratic country. The concerned departments and authorities will take appropriate action," he added.

On the exhibition, he said it has been organised on the completion of nine years of Narendra Modi as the prime minister.

"The way the standing of India has increased in the global community and the way Modi has emerged as the most towering leader in the world. The world leaders are eager to know what India's stand will be on some key issues. This exhibition is about the progress made in every field and every sector," the minister said.

"Chandrayaan is being launched on 14th of this month and when it will land successfully, India will become fourth country in the world to land on the moon. The success of the effort can be gauged from the fact that other countries had started their space programmes much before India did, but Modi government has given a new atmosphere which has boosted the morale of the scientists. The way public-private partnership in space sector has been encouraged has meant that India is able to stand shoulder to shoulder with agencies like NASA," he added.

EDITORIAL

WORSEN FLOOD SITUATION

Floods occur when excessive rainfall in a particular dry area increases the amount of water flowing over the land. It can also happen due to overflow of water from water bodies like river, ocean and lake. Floods are known to cause mass destruction. In some areas the destruction caused is so severe that it takes years to repair the damage.

Flood situation may be due to poor drainage system. Sometimes heavy rains of a short duration can also cause floods, while on the other hand, light rains lasting for several days can also create flood-like conditions.

The mountains which are covered with snow during the winter season start melting as the temperature rises. The sudden melting of snow is due to the rise in temperature and as a result the amount of water in the plains increases. In areas where there is excessive amount of water, due to lack of proper drainage system, the condition of flood is created. This is often referred to as a snowmelt flood.

Dams are made to allow water to flow from a height. Propellers are used to make electricity from water. Many times dams break because they cannot hold a large amount of water, resulting in floods in the surrounding areas. Sometimes excessive water is intentionally released from a dam to prevent it from breaching. It can also result in flood.

Frequent overflow of water from water bodies like rivers etc. can create flood-like situation in the surrounding areas. Low-lying areas near rivers are most affected during this time as water flows downstream from the river.

Strong winds and storms have the potential to drive sea water into dry coastal areas, causing flooding. This can cause serious damage to coastal areas. Hurricanes and tsunamis are known to cause great devastation in coastal lands.

The frequency of floods has increased in recent times. Global warming is said to have significantly increased mean ocean temperatures and increased the frequency and severity of tropical storms in the Caribbean. These storms cause heavy rain in the countries in their path.

Global warming, which is causing a rise in the temperature of the atmosphere, is also a reason for the melting of glaciers and snow which is again the cause of floods in many areas. It is said that in the coming time, there will be a bad effect on the polar ice again, due to which the situation is likely to worsen.

There has been a major change in the overall climatic conditions on the earth and global warming is believed to be the reason for this change. While some areas experience extreme floods, others experience drought.

Though we cannot stop the rain or melting of glaciers, we can certainly build good drainage system to deal with the flood water. Many countries receive heavy rainfall throughout the year, such as most parts of Singapore, but have good drainage systems.

There is no problem there even on days of heavy rain. The Government of India should also build a good drainage system to avoid the problem of floods and damage to the affected areas.

Shinzo Abe's role was key in normalisation of Japan

By: Sanjaya Baru

Over the weekend Japan and much of the world commemorated the first anniversary of the tragic assassination of Shinzo Abe, the longest-serving Prime Minister in Japan's history and the most consequential leader of post-war Japan. Shinzo Abe was not just a great son of Japan but also a highly regarded Asian leader and an internationally respected statesman. Above all, for us, he was a true friend of India.

He re-energised a nation that had begun to stagnate through the 1990s, shaped the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific region and laid the economic, social, political and security foundations for the emergence of a "New Japan" in the twenty-first century.

Not surprisingly, therefore, Shinzo Abe's shocking assassination on July 8, 2022 has been widely mourned in Japan, in India and around the world. To recall and record his singular contribution to what I call the "normalisation" of Japan, I invited a few Japanese and Indian scholars to contribute essays for a volume that has just been published. This collection of essays, *The Importance of Shinzo Abe: India, Japan and the Indo-Pacific* (HarperCollins, 2023) is a record of Abe's historic legacy.

Abe's special equation with India has many dimensions. His grandfather, Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, was welcomed in New Delhi by Jawaharlal Nehru with great fanfare that deeply touched the psyche of post-war Japan. India was among the first free nations to establish diplomatic relations with post-war Japan.

China, South Korea and many

Southeast Asian nations had initially poor relations with post-war Japan, given the history of Japanese imperialism in the region. India stood out as a friend.

While Japan's citizens became avowedly pacifist after the experience of being the only nation to have suffered a nuclear attack, there was a brief period in the 1980s when Japanese elite sought to reassert their presence and personality. It was at this time that Shintaro Ishihara and Akio Morita co-authored the famous polemical tract, *The Japan That Can Say No* (1989), in response to Western bullying and attempts to put a lid on resurgent Japan. The United States had imposed draconian trade restrictions on Japanese imports and the European Union cited competition from Japan as the reason for creating a "single market". Yet, Japan remained a subdued geopolitical power, content with being the world's second biggest economy.

The economic stagnation of the 1990s and China's rise after 2000, overtaking Japan to become the second biggest economy, woke Japan up to the reality of a new power play in Asia. This writer was part of a high-level delegation sent to Tokyo by the government of Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee to explain to a miffed Japan why India had conducted nuclear tests in 1998. By 2006, when Prime Minister Manmohan Singh signed the nuclear deal with the United States, Japan had come around to accepting and sharing India's security concerns.

It was Prime Ministers Manmohan Singh and Junichiro Koizumi who in 2005 first initialled a strategic partnership between Asia's two great democracies. However,

it was Prime Minister Abe's 2007 visit to India, and his historic address to the Indian Parliament on what he termed the "Confluence of the Two Seas -- Pacific and Indian Oceans", quoting Dara Shikoh, that defined the new phase in the bilateral relationship.

At present, Japan is among the few countries with which India has a virtually problem-free and productive bilateral relationship. Abe is to be credited for this.

He was not only the architect of a new Japan-India relationship but also the principal visionary behind two major geopolitical ideas of our time in Asia -- the "Indo-Pacific" and the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue -- otherwise known as the "Quad". India's external affairs minister S. Jaishankar -- who knew Abe well -- notes in his preface to my book that: "If there is a single individual who can be associated with the emergence of the Indo-Pacific as a strategic reality and the Quad as a cooperative platform, that is unquestionably Prime Minister Abe."

Tomohiko Taniguchi, a former special aide to Prime Minister Abe and one of the authors in my volume, says that Abe regarded Dr Singh as his "mentor" and Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "close friend and partner". Taken together all these are adequate reasons for the initiative I chose to take in editing this volume paying tribute to Shinzo Abe.

But there is another reason as well. In the standard international relations literature in both countries, heavily influenced by Western scholarship, there is an overwhelming tendency to view the India-Japan relationship merely through the prism of Big Power rivalry in Asia, that is the China-

US rivalry. While both Japan and India have shared concerns about China and share a friendship with the United States, there is a far more important historical factor defining India's view of Japan.

From Swami Vivekananda and Rabindranath Tagore, to Mokshagundam

Viswesvarayya and Jawaharlal Nehru, the intellectual leaders of India's national movement were inspired by Japan's example of being the first industrial nation in Asia that also successfully defeated a European power, namely Russia, in 1905. All four of them wrote eloquently about the need for India to learn from Japan. It is not surprising at all that by the 1940s Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose chose to go to Japan in search of support for the cause of India's liberation.

Post-War Japan turned excessively pacifist, and came to accept Western dominance in world affairs far too easily and sought security in a US nuclear umbrella. The brief moment in the 1980s when there was a "Japan that could say no" passed too quickly. Funked by China's rise Japan was beginning to keep its sights low. Shinzo Abe changed that, seeking the normalisation of Japan's status as an Asian nation, campaigning for a change in the country's Constitution to enable the re-arming of Japan.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's new security and defence policy initiatives have been made politically possible in Japan thanks to the groundwork that had been laid by Abe. Hopefully, Japan's new leadership will reinforce Japan's independent personality, as Shinzo Abe sought to, and not retreat into the comfort of remaining an occupied nation.

Costly makeover at 75th b'day for NHS?

By: Kishwar Desai

If it's raining then it must be the season for tennis at Wimbledon, and cricket at the Lords. It is as though the rain gods declare: "Let the Games Begin!"

So at Wimbledon you have long queues from early morning to get tickets, agony at the rare English hope struggling to justify the enthusiasm of the spectators but plenty of strawberry and champagne to provide solace against the triumph of the foreigners. So far we have seen the English drop off one by one. But we are hoping against hope one or two may make it to centre court.

We are also in the life and death (for cricket fanatics) Ashes series. England have invented something called Bazball which requires them to play Test cricket like an IPL match. So at least, there is speed and action. So far Australia have won. We are currently in the third encounter and if Australia win this one, there will be general mourning across the land. As it is, when Bairstow was stumped for being out of his crease (he thought the over had finished) at the Lord's, it looked like a war may break out between the two countries let alone the

two teams. England lost that one, but as many said they also lost the plot and the spirit of the game. When an Umpire says Out, you just walk back to the pavilion. Never complain. That is cricket.

We need these diversions because the situation is otherwise dire. We have continuing inflation and strikes and now resignations from Parliament which bring by-elections which the poor Conservative Party does not want. The politics is more noisy than Bazball and Wimbledon put together.

This week happens to be the 75th anniversary of the National Health Service -- our beloved NHS. But everyone is agreed that it is old and decrepit and needs rejuvenation. This is going to be costly. It is like your grandfather having to be got treatment which gives him a new body plus a lively mind and then plenty of nourishing food so he can feel young again and run the marathon. It is an occasion mixed with sadness, since we know in our hearts that much as we may love our NHS, it is not going to be easy to revive. But then we say that NHS is the only religion the British have. We have empty churches, but overcrowded hospitals.

Luckily, anniversaries do

not come singly. We have another 75th anniversary to celebrate. Back then in 1948, a large ship load of 500 African origin people arrived from the Caribbean. They were, of course, subjects of the King Emperor, and had every right to come to the heart of the Empire. They also came with hopes of getting a better life for themselves and their children. But then they had a much rougher welcome than what they had hoped for. The local population proved hostile, racist and ignorant. At a debate to celebrate the anniversary someone from a Windrush family described how his father was a trained dentist yet his mother was asked on the high street by a woman, "Did you live in a tree before you came here?" The mother gently said no. They lived in houses like those in England. The son, meanwhile, has risen to be a famous educationist and sits in the House of Lords.

This group came in a steamer called Windrush. So we have a Windrush generation of Afro-Caribbean citizens who have contributed to arts, music, sports and of course Parliament. London has become a multi racial City with the wonderful Notting Hill Carnival and soon will have a Windrush Museum.

There is a link between the two anniversaries. Many of the people coming on the Windrush joined the NHS as nurses and doctors and made it the great service it is. They suffered discrimination when they came as well as bad housing and a hard life, but now they are a valuable part of the community.

Of course, people also came from India and Pakistan, some directly and many via Uganda and Kenya. The first generation mostly came from both parts of Punjab and Bengal -- Indian and Pakistani. Then came the refugees from Uganda. They revolutionised the grocery shops and spread the taste for Indian cuisine. But they were also doctors and pharmacists helping the NHS. After all, we have a Prime Minister of Indian origin, whose parents have medical connections. His ancestors came from India via Africa to England. But he has a big problem. How to prevent more people migrating to England illegally in boats supplied by people smugglers.

May be they should let in anyone who can win at Wimbledon or score a century at Lords'. This may be a crowded country but we need more success stories.

Ensuring remarkable growth, PM Modi added sheen to India's glory: Dr Parneesh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 10: Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convener, Department of Training, BJP, J&K, on Sunday asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accomplished so much to make India a global power and that is the reason that world leaders today are listening to the country with utter seriousness.

In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP functionary said that the measures taken by Modi Government to give a boost to economy are known to all and the same have strengthened the coun-



try's potential on the world stage. He said that PM Modi by ensuring the remarkable growth in the country has added sheen to India's glory and the journey is ongoing with no looking back. He said that India is not an emerging but a

resurgent power which is regaining its place on the global economic map under the leadership of PM Modi.

He said that the time when the global economy is still struggling to recover from the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the Indian economy under the dynamic guidance of PM Modi continues to break new ground. He said that the Prime Minister has transformed the country in a big way by ensuring in the last nine years that poor and marginalized could avail maximum benefits of welfare schemes, farm-

ers get their due, women empowerment remains on the top, best health-care opportunities realized and so many other things including digital India and revamped foreign policy.

He said that the Indian economy has seen a remarkable transformation in the last nine years, and its impact can be seen in the improved quality of life of all Indians across various sections of society. He said every Indian should strive for ensuring that BJP emerges victorious in all the upcoming political contests including Lok Sabha polls in 2024.

Flood rescue, relief operation launched by troops of Western Command

TOP NEWS REPORT

CHANDIMANDIR, Jul 10: A requisition was received from the civil administration of Punjab and Haryana, to assist the civil administration in rescue and evacuation efforts in the flood affected areas.

Immediately on receipt of the requisition the flood relief reconnaissance party of Western Command were mobilised for provision of rescue and relief measures, to the affected areas of Rupnagar, Mohali (Punjab) and Panchkula (Haryana) followed by flood relief columns.

After assessing the



situation on ground, the rescue team along with the Army Engineer detachments worked throughout the night to evacuate the stranded people and helped to prevent breaching of

canals by the flood waters. Approximately 50 civilians and 910 students of Chitkara University stranded by the flood waters were evacuated to safe locations and 44 persons,

including women and children were evacuated from Araji Sabran village of Ferozepur District (Punjab) to safe locations. In a major effort, the troops of Army engineers helped in preventing the breach of Sirhind Canal by repairing the embankment, thereby preventing the flooding of Doraha village and nearby areas. The Army is closely monitoring the situation in coordination with the civil administration and all the stakeholders. It is continuing to provide all assistance to help mitigate the hardship being faced by the citizens in affected areas.

JKBS members visit paralytic patient, donate air cooler

TOP NEWS REPORT

R.S PURA, Jul 10: Members of Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha today went to Village Gegan today where they paid a visit to a paralytic patient lying silently on her bed. From her face, members guessed her pathetic plight. She seemed to be disgusted with her disease but the behaviour of all in her family was worthy of commendation. They were acting most wisely and ably while handling her problems. The plight of patient



and seriousness of the prevailing atmosphere touched members

deeply. Members prayed for the patient to God to

have mercy upon her and grant her strength and hope to envision

new days ahead and a spirit of faith to take the risk of living fully once again.

Besides, the members donated Air Cooler to the patient to get rid of scorching summer heat.

JKBS members who visited the patient included General Secretary R L. Kaith, Sarpanch Captain Hans Raj Nandan (Sena Medal), Sub Inspector (Retired) Darshan Kumar Bassa, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu, Subedar Darshan Lal, Havildar Des Raj Kaith and Hans Raj Loria.

Rohingya infiltrators are biggest threat to country: Chandel

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 10: Hinduist Sanatani BJP leader Raju Chandel has called infiltrators the biggest threat to the country and said that Bangladeshi infiltrators and Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar are licking the country like termites.

He said that thousands of these infiltrators are entering India through different routes and their number will increase so much that we will be forced to



demand another East Pakistan inside India and we will have to face another partition of the country. Talking to reporters, Chandel said that due

to the ambition of various political parties for the sake of vote bank, infiltrators from neighboring countries are determined to destroy the country and these infiltrators are not getting all the facilities provided by them.

Chandel said that infiltrators have created so much havoc in India's friendly country France.

We should take a lesson from this and throw the infiltrators out of India's border as soon as possible, he said.

Jamsheed denounces blasphemous act of desecration of Quran in Sweden

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 10: Global scandalization and Diplomatic relations intensified after The Holy Quran burning in Sweden.

This discourteous act held in Sweden has sparked intense incensed and denunciation from various countries and organizations around the world.

Meanwhile, Social and Peace Activist of Kashmir Sheikh Jamsheed strongly expressed resentment over the blasphemous act of disrespecting the Holy Quran. Sheikh Jamsheed overwhelmingly added "Freedom of

speech and Freedom of expressions is the part of the democracy but it should never be used to despise the sentiments of others".

Sheikh added further "desecration of the Holy Quran is an attack on our ideological frontiers and respecting each other's religion or faith is a sovereign remedy for peaceful coexistence in the world. Sheikh called the act "Deeply disrespectful and disgusting" He said Islam teaches tranquility and harmony, but what an irony it is that acts of anti-Muslim prejudices have become an usual matter in the Western

World, which needs to be condemned and stopped because continuation of such inhuman act's will harm the worldwide peace, prosperity, tranquility, integrity and stability.

Sheikh called upon the Islamic world to raise a strong voice against the desecration of the Holy Quran as this blasphemous act has hurt the sentiments of over 1.5 billion Muslims throughout the World.

Sheikh said lastly, "Islam is our identity and the Holy Quran is our guide and we will not let anyone hurt and disgrace our sentiments at any cost".

Javid grieved over death of Ranbir Bali, his wife, son in Mughal Road accident

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 10: Apni Party's Chief Spokesperson and former legislator, Javid Hassan Baigh, expressed profound grief and sorrow over the tragic accident on Mughal Road that claimed the lives of Ranbir Singh Bali, Director of Finance in the Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department, his wife Parvinder Kour, and son Irvan Singh, and injured Ranbir Singh Bali's daughter, as the family was travelling from Kashmir to Surankote in their swift car when it plunged into a deep gorge near

Pannar bridge along Mughal Road. The accident occurred late Sunday evening.

In his statement, Javid Hassan Baigh expressed shock and profound grief over the tragedy.

He said, "The news of the accident that claimed the lives of Singh Bali, his wife, and his son has left me in a state of shock and profound grief. It is particularly heartbreaking for me as the family resided in my neighbourhood, and I had the privilege of personally knowing Bali. Words cannot adequately convey the depth of my emotions in the face of this tragic occurrence."

Baigh expressed his solidarity with the kith and kin of the deceased and prayed for the departed souls. He said, "During this time of immense grief, I stand in solidarity with the grieving relatives of the deceased. May the Almighty grant them the much-needed patience to bear the pain caused by this irreparable and inconsolable loss. I also pray to God for the swift recovery of Bali's daughter, who sustained injuries in this horrific accident. I wish her a speedy return to health and the strength to cope with the devastating loss of her parents and brother."

Police foil suicide attempt by woman in Kishtwar

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jul 10 (Agencies): Police on Monday stopped a woman from jumping from a bridge into Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said.

An alert police team saw a woman attempt suicide by trying to jump into the river from Chattar bridge in Hasti area, they said. They rushed to spot and rescued her by preventing her from jumping, they added.

Enquiry into the matter is going on to

ascertain facts behind the suicide bid, a police spokesman said.

SSP Kishtwar Khail Poswal expressed serious concern over the rising number of suicide attempts in Kishtwar, most of which are by women.

He appealed to the public to come forward with matters related to domestic violence, adding that they could send their grievances to women help desk functioning 24x7 at each police station in Kishtwar district.

Ajeet demands electricity royalty of J&K Hydroelectric Power Projects

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jul 10: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Sr. leader Ajeet Bhagat demanded electricity royalty of Jammu and Kashmir hydroelectric power projects awarded to other states.

Bhagat alleged that the amnesty scheme announced by the Jammu and Kashmir government for household electricity consumers is a punishment and not an amnesty scheme for poor families.

Ajeet Bhagat said that huge amount of electricity power development department's tariff bills are passed on to traders, poor families are unable to afford it after installation of smart meters.

Bhagat criticized and said that the amnesty meant complete waiver of electricity bills. But the government is stran-



gling the poor families to pay the huge bills and if they don't pay they will be punished and jailed, then how can we say that this scheme is an amnesty scheme?

Bhagat said that Jammu and Kashmir is backward and a poor state, poor people cannot afford privatization and now the Jammu and Kashmir government has come up with a new scheme to suck the blood of poor families to collect money, from which people earlier They are unsuccessful. Payment after termi-

nation of Article 370.

Bhagat demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi to roll back our hydroelectric power projects and provide free electricity to people.

Bhagat said that poor families are getting huge bills of, Fourtey, Sixtey, Eightey thousands and if not deposited on time, interest and compound interest will be charged which is unjustified.

Bhagat said that poor daily bread earners, box workers, conductors of tea stalls, hotels, auto rickshaws, matadors, women working at home are unable to earn money to feed their families.

Bhagat demanded royalty of electricity from Jammu and Kashmir Hydro Electric Power projects, which is going from our Jammu and Kashmir to other states.

Bhagat said that if we receive royalty from

Jammu and Kashmir electricity exported from Jammu and Kashmir and we get royalty from electricity generated in Jammu and Kashmir, then we can provide free electricity to our people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Bhagat alleged that after the privatization of the electricity department and installation of smart meters, the poor families and businessmen of the Chenab Valley Zone of Jammu and Kashmir are now getting huge electricity bills.

Bhagat alleged that there is no equality in Chenab valley Zone of Jammu and Kashmir smart meters have been installed in few places, not even a single smart meter is allowed in Chenab Valley Zone. Bhagat alleged that where there are no smart meters.

Army, Cultural Trust organize Mehfil-e-Mushaira at GDC Kupwara



TOP NEWS REPORT

KUPWARA, Jul 10: In an initiative to promote Kashmiryat and boost the culture of Poetry in Kashmir, Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers and Cultural Trust Kupwara organised Mehfil-e- Mushaira at Govt Degree College Kupwara.

The aim of the event was to minimise the gap between Army and Awaam in Kupwara and to give exposure to the talented poets of Cultural Trust Kupwara. The Mushaira was echoed by the poetry of 15 poets from Cultural Trust Kupwara and amazing and

interesting poetry from Prem Sagar Kalia, a retired Police officer.

It was a historical day for Kupwara Cultural Trust as their website has been launched on the occasion. Cultural Trust Kupwara was established in 1973 by a group of learned scholars lead by Zahid Sogami who was the first personality from Kupwara Dist to have Ph. D degree. This trust is one of the oldest trust in Kashmir valley that has been serving the society in academic, educational and social awareness initiatives.

On the occasion

besides Conduct of Mushaira and launch of website by Prem Sagar Kalia, a ret police officer for Kupwara Cultural Trust a Book titled as "Ven Kar Samkho" was also released to the public by Major General Girish Kalia, VSM General Officer Commanding Headquarter 28 Infantry Division.

The event was presided by Maj Gen Girish Kalia, VSM ,GOC 28 Infantry Division along with his father Shri Prem Sagar Kalia and other senior officers of Vajra Div and officials from Civil administration. Besides the above

the Mushaira was also attended by over 300 locals including men and women.

The attendees and poets from Cultural Trust Kupwara Highly appreciated Indian Army for conducting such an event which will boost the Kashmiriyat and Kashmiri culture and they wished for the same kind of events in future also.

Army is committed to keep Jawaan and Awaam relations strong and engage people of Kupwara in constructive activities and to keep them away from any anti-national activities.

Director-producer Suparn Varma is not worried about comparisons as he feels *The Trial: Pyaar Kaanoon Dhokha* is rooted in Indian ethos, though the idea comes from *The Good Wife*

She laughs easily, and he talks with equal fluidity and ease. Together, director-producer Suparn Varma of *The Family Man* fame and actor Sheeba Chaddha are out to create magic in the upcoming series *The Trial: Pyaar Kaanoon Dhokha*.

In an exclusive zoom interview as both the director and actor share their thoughts about the Disney+Hotstar web series starring Kajol in the lead, they are delightful insightful and a perfect example of how actor and director feed off each other.

"Sheeba," gushes Suparn, "is a director's delight more than a director's actor." For someone who has worked with one of India's finest actors, Manoj Bajpayee, in *The Family Man* and lately in *Sirf Ek Banda Kaafi Hai*, which Suparn produced, he admits, "Actors bring their soul into a role. Only actors make a great script come alive. I just placed the camera." Sheeba vouches for his non-interfering approach and says, "His interventions are very subtle. I felt completely unfettered."

"To let actors be" is a lesson he learnt early in life when he was making his debut film with actor Kay Kay Menon. As he narrated the scene to him for over 30 minutes with backstory and complete backgrounders, Menon interrupted him, "Just tell me what my scene is". And Suparn realised that these are great actors who know exactly what they have to do.

Of course, to ensure they give their best, casting is very important for him. "If I have a power-



ful actor like Sheeba, I have to ensure that other actors, even those who have to just utter one dialogue, are good enough."

While creating a part for someone like Sheeba, who has been there and done it all, was it difficult to conceive a suitable part for her? Well, in *Trial*... Sheeba once again plays to her strengths as a tough-as-nails corporate woman who is soft and vulnerable from the inside. But the real unravelling of her character, especially the dynamics of her relationship with Noyonika Sengupta, played

by Kajol, will truly unfold in the next season. Like the original, *The Good Wife*, on which *Trial*... is based, there will be many seasons.

For someone who is associated with the original work, what makes Suparn opt for an adaptation? He says, In an adaptation, you just take the kernel of the idea and run with it. Since in India there is no jury system, the legal drama is all ours, and all the cases are contemporary. Besides, let's take Kajol's character. We know that in India, even if an atrocity happens to a

woman, she is censured. Indian women are more victimised than any other, and that changes her reaction and trajectory. Besides, an Indian mother is unlike an American one. So, all this had to be ingenious and rooted in our ethos. It's a very Indian show."

Is adapting foreign series to an Indian milieu the toughest part of working on an adaptation? Suparn reasons, "Nothing in life is easy. Making a show itself is tough." Yes, comparisons with the original are only expected, even though *The Good Wife*'s last season dropped somewhere in 2015. But the confident director says, "I am always on trial. That is the nature of my job; that is what I signed up for."

Indeed, in his uphill journey, nothing has opened doors like *The Family Man*, which he co-directed with the famous Raj and DK duo. "I had been knocking for a long time. When the door opened, I put my foot and body in it, put a doorstopper on it, and intended to keep the door open for a long time."

We wonder if different OTT platforms demand different types of content. He agrees, "Yes, you could say that, though what will go where depends upon the budget and storyline, and at times a particular platform is looking for specific content."

Besides, he chuckles, "Movies are more like one-night stands, while OTT is a long-term relationship." From *Trial*, which premieres on July 14, you can expect "lots of complex emotions and issues that you see around but have not addressed."

Sandra Oh open to reprising her role in *The Princess Diaries 3*



Award-winning actor Sandra Oh says she would love to return as Geraldine Gupta in the third chapter of *The Princess Diaries* film franchise.

The actress, known for popular shows such

as *The Grey's Anatomy* and *Killing Eve*, played the role of Gupta, vice-principal of the school Anne Hathaway's character Mia Thermopolis attended, in the 2001 Garry Marshall-directed film.

"I am ready for the Queen. Call me! I'm dying to see how Gupta has moved up in the world," Oh said in an interview. Disney, the studio behind *The Princess Diaries*, confirmed in November 2022 that Aadrita Mukerji and Debra Martin Chase were working on a third installment of the coming-of-age comedy film franchise. Earlier this year, Hathaway asked fans to be patient about the development of the film.

Based on the popular Meg Cabot novel series, the first installment of *The Princess Diaries* followed Mia (Hathaway), a teenager from San Francisco who discovers that she is the heir apparent to the throne of Genovia, then governed by her grandmother and Queen Clarisse Renaldi, played by Julie Andrews.

The success of the movie spawned a second chapter, titled *The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement*. Also starring Chris Pine, the follow-up revolved around Mia's struggles in taking over the throne and seeking a worthy prince consort.

Shraddha Kapoor heads to MP's Chanderi for shoot of 'Stree 2'

Shraddha Kapoor is all set to start the shooting for *Stree 2*, which also stars Rajkumar Rao and Aparshakti Khurana. On Saturday, she was spotted at the Mumbai airport before taking a flight to Chanderi, Madhya Pradesh.

She exuded elegance and comfort in a simple yet stylish salwar suit. Shraddha was also seen clicking pictures with fans.

Makers of the upcoming horror comedy officially announced their film at a grand event in Mumbai in April where the team enacted a skit to announce the release date of the sequel. Pankaj Tripathi and Abhishek Banerjee also feature in the film.

The *Stree 2* cast recently met for the script reading sessions. The team revealed that *Stree 2* will be released



in August 2024. Helmed by Amar Kaushik, *Stree* was released in 2018 and was a huge hit.

Rajkumar and Aparshakti also had a cameo in Varun Dha-

wan's horror comedy film *Bhediya*, which was released in November last year. The makers of *Bhediya* have also announced the sequel of the film.

Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor's 'Bawaal' trailer tells of war in love, with sprinkle of history

It was a grand affair when the trailer of Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor's upcoming film *Bawaal* was unveiled at the Dubai's iconic floating ship Queen Elizabeth 2.

With laughter, romance and drama the over a two minute long trailer shows a well-rounded story about war between a couple in love.

"The way we look at life or relationships. Everything is governed by your values of life partly moral and immoral. Our values have changed in the last 10 years. *Bawaal* is all about life and life changes," said director Nitesh Tiwari at the event.

The trailer begins with Varun, playing Aju bhैया, a history teacher who falls in love with a chirpy girl named Nisha essayed by Janhvi.

His entry is marked with the whistle worthy dialogue: "Mahaul aesa banao ki logon ko mahaul yaad rahe."

The trailer slowly pans to a date between the two characters and they are seen doing a rapid fire with each other.



Varun says Virat Kohli, Janhvi replies with Rahul Dravid. The actor then says Ferrari to which Janhvi says scooty.

Then Varun says: "Humaare beech main kuch common nahi hai."

"Kuch common hona zaroori hai?" Janhvi's character replies. The trailer then shows glimpses of their marriage and Varun wanting to take his wife to a honeymoon to Europe. However, the marriage goes

wrong and Varun is heard saying: "Life partner mili tumhare jaise defected piece."

The trailer has shown glimpses of concentration camps and World War 2.

Amid the argument in the trailer between the newly married couple, Janhvi is seen saying: "Hum sab bhi thode Hitler jaise hai, jo humaare paas hai woh nahi chahiye but doosro ke paas hai woh achi lagti hai."

On working with Nitesh, Varun said: "It was on my bucket list to work with Nitesh Tiwari. I always asked him if I can come and see you. And after 6-7 months he called... I loved this... because my character has an arc. This film will teach a lot of people. This film is important because it is closest to the truth of life."

Produced by Sajid Nadiadwala's Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment in collaboration with Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari and Nitesh Tiwari's Earthsky Pictures, *Bawaal* will have its global premiere on Prime Video on July 21.

Salman Khan announces two weeks' extension for 'Bigg Boss OTT 2'

In a good news for fans, *'Bigg Boss OTT 2'* has received an extension by Salman Khan for two weeks following the barrage of drama that unfolded over 'Weekend Ka Vaar' special.

While initially, the show was planned for a six-week run, given the positive reception and the show's immense popularity, Salman Khan decided to extend the reality show by another two weeks, which will showcase more drama and thrills from its contestants. This will push the new finale date to August 13.

Now given the unexpected development, contestants are likely to unleash some special wildcards as they con-

quer the jungle that is the world of 'Bigg Boss'. Salman Khan will also likely bring in something special given this new development.

Whatever happens, greater theatrics are sure to follow as this extension will surely spice things up.

So far, over 13 celebrities have participated in the show. These include Abhishek Malhan, Puneet Kumar, Falaq Naaz, Jiya Shankar, Akanksha Puri, Palak Purswani, Cyrus Broacha, Pooja Bhatt, Manisha Rani, Jad Hadid, Aaliya Siddiqui, Avinash Sachdev and Bebika Dhurve.

Bigg Boss OTT 2 is streaming on JioCinema.



Sisters Neha Sharma, Aisha Sharma give fans a sneak peek into their outing

Actor Neha Sharma dropped pictures with her sister Aisha Sharma and gave major sibling goals.

Neha took to Instagram to post a string of pictures from their recent outings. She captioned the post, "I hit the bff jackpot... @aishasharma25."

In the first picture, Neha and Aisha twinned in short yellow dresses.

In other pictures, Both can be seen posing in a washroom together. Neha wore a backless top with a pair of trousers, whereas Aisha wore a white dress.

To this, Aisha replied, "I love us."

As soon as the actor dropped the pictures, fans complimented the duo in the comments



section. A fan commented, "Hottest sisters from

India." Another wrote, "This two hotties oo my god." "2 stunner in one

picture.", a social media user wrote.

Neha and Aisha are quite active on social media. They never fail to impress their fans with their workout videos and pictures. For those unaware, Neha and Aisha are actors. Neha is best known for her roles in 'Crook', 'Yamla Pagla Deewana 2', and 'Illegal' among others.

Aisha made her Bollywood debut in 2018 with *Satyamev Jayate*, in which she co-starred with John Abraham.

Neha, on the other hand, was most recently seen in *Nawazuddin Siddiqui's Jogira Sara Ra Ra*. Sanjay Mishra and Mahaakshay Chakraborty also played important roles in the film.

Torrential rain: PM Modi speaks with senior ministers, officials to take stock of situation

Local administrations, NDRF and SDRF teams are working to ensure the well-being of those affected, the PMO says

NEW DELHI, Jul 10 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with senior ministers and officials and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rain in parts of the country, his office said on Monday.

Local administrations, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams are working to ensure the well-being of those affected, the Prime Minister's Office said.

"PM @narendramodi spoke to senior ministers and officials,



and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall in parts of India. Local administrations, NDRF and SDRF teams are working to ensure the well-being of those affected," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a tweet.

Several rivers in north India, including the Yamuna in Delhi, are in spate. In cities and towns across the region, many roads and residential areas are submerged in knee-deep water, with the civic system unable to hold on in the face of record rains on Sunday.

Manipur violence: Policeman killed, 10 injured in west Kangpokpi



IMPHAL, Jul 10 (Agencies): One policeman was killed and at least 10 people were injured on Monday following violent overnight clashes in Manipur's west Kangpokpi area, officials said.

There was a brief lull between about 3 am and 6 am but the sound of indiscriminate firing from Phayeng and

Singda villages could be heard after that. The firing was aimed at villages and hills in Kangchup area of Kangpokpi district, the officials said.

Assam Rifles manages a buffer zone between the two villages. Officials did not rule out the possibility of more casualties from both sides and said the exact picture

could be ascertained only after the firing came to an end.

At least 150 people have been killed and several hundred injured since ethnic violence broke out in the state on May 3, when a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley. Tribal Nagas and Kukis constitute another 40 per cent of the population and reside in the hill districts.

14-Year-Old Sexually Assaulted In Visakhapatnam, Arts Teacher Accused

A case has been registered under POCSO Act and the teacher is being questioned

VISAKHAPATNAM, Jul 10 (Agencies): A 14-year-old girl in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam was sexually assaulted, allegedly by her arts teacher. According to police, the teenaged girl was in shock following the incident and had stopped eating. She has now been hospitalised and is undergoing counselling.

A case has been registered against the arts teacher, identified as Satya Rao. He has been charged under sections of rape in the Indian Penal Code and stringent provisions under The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO).



He is now being questioned.

The investigation is being conducted by Disha police, Andhra Pradesh police's special wing to look into crimes against women. Senior police officer Vivekanand told NDTV that the girl had been skipping meals for about 10 days.

Noticing a change in her behaviour, her

mother spoke to her and she narrated the horrific incident.

The accused, police said, also works as peon at the school the girl went to and lived near her home. He teaches arts to several other children, police said. The police suspect that the accused had threatened the girl and asked her not to speak about the assault to anyone.

External Affairs Minister Jaishankar files nomination papers for Rajya Sabha polls from Gujarat

GANDHINAGAR, Jul 10 (Agencies): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday filed his nomination papers for elections to the Rajya Sabha from Gujarat.

After filing the nomination form, Jaishankar thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP leadership and the people of Gujarat for giving him another chance to represent the state in the upper house of Parliament.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and BJP's Gujarat unit president C R Paatil accompanied Jaishankar to the state Assembly complex in Gandhinagar where he submitted the nomination papers to Returning Officer Rita Mehta.

Jaishankar also said a neighbouring country has posed a challenge of terrorism but the government is dealing with it strongly and that the Modi government will keep the country safe and secure.

"I got the chance to be part of the changes seen in the last four years, especially in foreign policy, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



I hope and expect to contribute to the development of the country under Modi's leadership," he told reporters after filing the form.

Jaishankar said he was fortunate to represent Gujarat, considered a model state not just in India but also globally for its schemes and developmental projects.

"I would express gratitude for another chance. I am also thankful for the support and enthusiasm of legislators," he said.

Queried on India's relations with neighbouring countries, the external affairs minister said that overall there has been

great progress with countries like Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in the last nine years of the Modi government.

"We have increased trade and connectivity, our relationship has improved, and even from the perspective of the security, there has been an improvement," he said.

"There is a neighbouring country which has posed a challenge of terrorism, but we are dealing with the challenge strongly, and I am confident the Modi government will be able to keep the country safe and secure," Jaishankar said without taking names.

The last date for filing nomina-

tions to RS polls is July 13 and the deadline for the withdrawal is July 17. Polling will be held on July 24 if required.

Four years ago, Jaishankar had filed his nomination for the first time from Gujarat for the Rajya Sabha. Of the 11 Rajya Sabha seats from Gujarat, eight are currently held by the Bharatiya Janata Party and the rest by the Congress.

The terms of S Jaishankar, Jugalji Thakor and Dinesh Anavadiya, all MPs from BJP will end on August 18. Polls will be held for these three seats. BJP is yet to announce the names of the other two candidates.

The Congress on Friday said it would not field candidates for polls to the three Rajya Sabha seats from Gujarat as it did not have enough MLAs in the 182-member state Assembly.

The BJP won a record 156 seats in the Gujarat Assembly polls held late last year, while the Congress saw its worst performance since the state was formed by managing to get just 17 seats.

Gurugram Teen Stabbed To Death By Ex-Fiance, Days After Wedding Called Off

GURUGRAM, Jul 10 (Agencies): A 23-year-old man stabbed his 19-year-old former fiance to death, days after their engagement was called off, in broad daylight at Gurgaon this morning.

Shocking visuals caught

on a CCTV camera show the man walking up to the woman, accompanied by another woman.

They talk and the man stabs her repeatedly soon after as the other woman struggles to protect her.

The victim then falls to the ground. Several people are seen in the video, but they flee as soon as the attack begins. The man, seen covered in the woman's blood in the shocking visuals, has been arrested.

According to police, both the

man and the woman are from Badaun in Uttar Pradesh.

The woman worked as a domestic help. The two were engaged four months back, but the engagement was called off days back. The man, police said, was upset over this.

Yamuna crosses warning mark in Delhi, likely to cross danger mark on Tuesday



NEW DELHI, Jul 10 (Agencies): The Yamuna river crossed the warning mark of 204.5 metres in Delhi as Haryana released more water into the river from the Hathnikund barrage amid persistent rains in the upper catchment areas.

According to a flood bulletin, the water level at the Old Railway Bridge increased 204.63 metres at 1 pm on Monday.

The water level is anticipated to rise to 205.5 metres between 10 am and 12 noon on Tuesday, crossing the danger mark of 205.33 metres.

Addressing a press conference, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said flood-like situation is unlikely in Delhi but the government is prepared to tackle any eventualities.

The irrigation and flood control department said the flow rate at the Hathnikund barrage gradually increased to 3,05,768 cusecs at 5 am on Monday. It dropped to 1,90,837 cusecs at 1 am.

Normally, the flow rate at the barrage is 352 cusecs, but heavy rainfall in the catchment

areas increases the discharge. The water from the barrage takes around two to three days to reach Delhi.

The Delhi government issued a flood warning on Sunday and is creating awareness among people living close to the river banks.

Kejriwal said evacuation of people in low-lying areas will start once the river breaches the 206-metre mark.

Authorities have been instructed to stay vigilant and take necessary action in vulnerable areas. Quick response teams and boats have been deployed.

The Delhi government has set up 16 control rooms, including a central control room, to monitor the flood-prone areas and the water level of the Yamuna.

Northwest India has seen incessant rainfall over the last three days, with many areas in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan recording "heavy to extremely heavy" precipitation.

This has resulted in overflowing rivers, creeks and drains that have massively dam-

aged infrastructure and disrupted essential services in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab.

Delhi witnessed its highest rainfall (153 mm) in a single day in July since 1982 in the 24-hour period ending at 8:30 am on Sunday. The city received an additional 107 mm rainfall in the subsequent 24 hours, exacerbating the situation.

The heavy rain transformed roads into gushing streams, parks into watery labyrinths and marketplaces into submerged realms.

In response to the torrential rain, the Delhi government announced a closure of all schools on Monday and cancelled the Sunday leave of government officials, instructing them to be in the field.

The Yamuna river system's catchment covers parts of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi.

The low-lying areas near the river in Delhi are considered prone to flooding and are inhabited by around 37,000 people.

Encroachments on the river floodplain have occurred over the years, despite the land belonging to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), revenue department and private individuals.

The river breached the danger mark twice in September last year.

Three die while cleaning well in Madhya Pradesh; police suspect asphyxiation

RAJGARH, Jul 10 (Agencies): Three men died while cleaning a well at a village in Madhya Pradesh's Rajgarh district on Monday morning, police said.

Prima facie, it appears they died of asphyxia-

tion, Kurawar police station inspector R S Shaktawat told PTI over phone.

The victims, in the age group of 30 to 35, descended into the 30-feet-deep well in Mana village, located about 80 km from the

district headquarters, to clean it, he said.

Prima facie, it appears they died of asphyxiation and then fell into the water while cleaning the well, the official said, adding the exact cause of the death will be known after the autopsy.

The police rushed to the spot after being alerted. The bodies were later fished out and sent for postmortem, he said.

The deceased have been identified as Om Prakash Verma, Kanta Prasad Verma and Vishnu Verma, the

police said.

"We are investigating the deaths," Shaktawat said.

The official said according to locals, the deceased were members of a family and belonged to Dalit community.

Unable to repay loan, Thane pani puri seller abducted and thrashed, 4 booked



THANE, Jul 10 (Agencies): A 33-year-old street food vendor was allegedly abducted by four people and held captive at a house in Maharashtra's Thane district after he failed to repay a loan he had taken from one of the accused, police said on Monday.

The victim, who used to sell 'pani puri' (a spicy snack) at a stall in Kalyan town, had taken a loan of Rs 1 lakh at five per cent interest from a person about one-and-a-half years back, an official from Mahatma Fule Chowk (MFC) police station in Kalyan said.

However, the lender later increased the interest to 10 per cent. The victim had made a payment of Rs 20,000 to him, but could not repay the remaining sum due to some problems, the official said.

3 men beat another man to death after his bike grazed theirs in Palghar

PALGHAR, Jul 10 (Agencies): A 20-year-old man was killed allegedly by three unidentified persons after his motorcycle brushed against another two-wheeler in Maharashtra's Palghar district, police said on Monday.

The incident took place on a flyover in the Nallasopara area on Sunday evening when the victim was going on a motorbike along with a friend, senior police inspector Vilas Tupe said.

A side mirror of the victim's vehicle accidentally brushed against the motorbike on which



three people were travelling, he said.

The three persons then stopped the victim, identified as Rohit Yadav, who had an argument with him and allegedly beat him and his friend severely, the official said.

The injured duo was taken to a private hospital where Yadav succumbed to his injuries, the official said.

The body was sent to a government hospital for postmortem, he said.

A case was registered against the unidentified culprits under Indian Penal Code Section 302 (murder), he said.

No one has been arrested so far, the official said, adding the police were checking the CCTV footage of the area to identify the culprits.

Biden visits Britain ahead of NATO summit

Ahead of the visit, the White House said Biden would seek to "further strengthen the close relationship" with Britain.

LONDON, Jul 10 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden was in Britain on Monday for a brief visit to his key ally during which he will meet King Charles III and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak before going on to a NATO summit in Lithuania.

Ahead of the visit, the White House said Biden would seek to "further strengthen the close relationship" with Britain.

The king will host Biden at Windsor Castle, a royal residence west of London, where they are due to discuss climate issues, long a subject close to Charles' heart.

It will be their first meeting since the monarch's coronation in early May.

The president did not attend, sending First Lady Jill Biden instead, but the Bidens were at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II in September.

Earlier in the day, Biden will meet Sunak for their fifth meeting in recent months.

Downing Street has said the president's visit "reflects the strong relationship" between the two countries.

Sunak travelled to the United States last month for a two-day visit where the leaders discussed Ukraine, AI regulation



and post-Brexit ties.

They also agreed to a new economic partnership, the "Atlantic Declaration".

Biden said the United States has "no closer ally" than Britain.

But Sunak came away empty-handed on the UK's ambitions for a post-Brexit free-trade agreement with Washington.

The two countries are key allies of Ukraine and Russia's invasion of its pro-Western neighbour is likely to top the agenda on Monday, after Biden pledged to supply Kyiv with controversial cluster munitions.

'Compare notes' on Ukraine

The move raised concerns from rights groups due to the danger unexploded bomblets

pose to the civilian population and caused unease among US allies.

Biden said the decision to send the weapons was "very difficult" but Ukrainian forces conducting a counteroffensive against invading Russian troops were "running out of ammunition".

More than 120 countries have signed an agreement banning the production, storage, sale and use of cluster munitions and Sunak on Saturday highlighted that Britain was among them.

Sunak stressed, however, that Britain -- which has supplied Kyiv with heavy battle tanks and long-range weapons -- will continue to support Ukraine.

The talks will be an opportunity

for Biden and Sunak to "compare notes" on Ukraine ahead of a meeting with fellow NATO leaders in Lithuania, Amanda Sloat, National Security Council senior director for Europe, said in a briefing on Friday.

NATO allies meet in the capital, Vilnius, on Tuesday and Wednesday for a summit where Ukraine is hoping for a clear signal that it could one day join the US-led alliance.

From Lithuania, Biden will travel to Finland, NATO's newest member, for a US-Nordic Leaders Summit.

Northern Ireland may also be on the agenda for Sunak and Biden as it is "certainly an issue that the president regularly talks about with his British counterpart", Sloat said.

Biden briefly visited Northern Ireland in April to mark 25 years since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, which ended three decades of violence in the UK province, under US mediation.

Biden, proud of his Irish roots, has criticised the UK for its stance on post-Brexit trading rules in Northern Ireland, warning it could undermine the hard-fought peace.

Six killed in China kindergarten attack

BEIJING, Jul 10 (Agencies): Six people were killed and one wounded in an attack at a kindergarten in southern China's Guangdong province on Monday, a spokeswoman for the city government said.

"The victims include one teacher, two parents and three students," she said.

She did not offer details about the identities or ages of the victims, nor the weapon used in the attack, which took place in the city of Lianjiang.

"One suspect has been arrested," she said, adding that a police investigation was underway.

The suspect was a 25-year-old male named Wu, local police said in a statement.

The incident took place around 7:40 am (2340 GMT on Sunday), the state-backed China News Network reported.

Videos shot by passersby claiming to show the crime scene were

removed from video-sharing platform Douyin and Twitter-like Weibo.

While guns are strictly controlled, China has been struggling with a spate of mass stabbings.

Violent crime has been on the rise as the economy has grown in recent decades and the gap between rich and poor has widened rapidly.

Spate of attacks

Fatal attacks targeting students and schools have occurred nationwide in recent years.

The attacks have forced authorities to step up security and prompted calls for more research into the root causes of such violent acts.

Last August, three people were killed and six others wounded in a knife attack at a kindergarten in southeast China's Jiangxi province.

In April 2021, two children were killed and 16 others wounded when a knife-wielding man entered a kindergarten

in southern China.

In June of the previous year, 37 students and two adults were wounded by a knife-wielding attacker at a primary school in southern China.

And in November 2019, a man climbed a kindergarten wall in southwest Yunnan province and sprayed people with a corrosive liquid, wounding 51 of them, mostly students.

The same year, eight schoolchildren died and two others were wounded in a "school-related criminal case" in the central Hubei province, with a 40-year-old man arrested.

And in April 2018, a 28-year-old man killed nine college students and injured 12 others outside their school in the northern province of Shaanxi.

The attacker later said he acted out of revenge after being harassed by a student at the same school.

1 killed, 3 missing as heavy rain triggers landslides in southwest Japan

TOKYO, Jul 10 (Agencies): Torrential rain over southwest Japan triggered landslides that killed at least one person, while three were missing, as authorities urged tens of thousands to leave their homes because of the danger of more landslides and floods.

Japan is the latest country to be hit by unusually heavy rain in various parts of the world in recent days that has raised new fears of the pace of climate change.

"The rain is becoming so heavy unlike anything seen before," Satoshi Sugimoto, director of forecast division at the Japan Meteorological Agency, told a press conference.

A woman in her 70s was killed when a landslide hit her house in the Fukuoka prefecture, while three people were missing after a landslide hit two homes in Saga prefecture, public broadcaster NHK reported.

The highest-level heavy rain warning was issued in parts of the Fukuoka and Oita prefectures, on Kyushu island.

At least eight rivers had flooded their banks and dozens of mudslides had occurred, the land ministry said, in a region hit by rain that killed dozens of people in July 2017.

Authorities urged tens of thousands of residents to move out of areas in danger of more landslides and flood-



ing, media reported.

Some parts of Fukuoka had received more than 500 mm of rain since Friday, more than usually falls in the whole of July, media reported, and another 200 mm is expected up to early Tuesday, Sugimoto said.

Toyota Motor Corp said it would suspend night-shift operations on Monday at three factories in Fukuoka due to the rain.

However, the weather had not affected production lines of Sony Group, Renesas Technology and Nissan Motor, the companies told Reuters.

Government spokesperson Hirokazu Matsuno told at a regular press conference that 6,740 households were without power while 80 homes had no water, as of early Monday.

The Shinkansen bullet train service was suspended between Hiroshima and Fukuoka's Hakata stations but resumed serviced by mid-morning.

North Korea warns it may shoot down US spy planes violating its airspace

SEOUL, Jul 10 (Agencies): North Korea accused the United States on Monday of violating its airspace by conducting surveillance flights and warned that, while Pyongyang was exercising restraint, such flights may be shot down.

Provocative military actions by the United States were bringing the Korean peninsula closer to a nuclear conflict, said an unnamed spokesperson of North Korea's Ministry of National Defence in a statement carried by the official KCNA news agency.

The report also cited the use of U.S. reconnaissance planes and drones and said Washington was escalating tensions by sending a nuclear submarine near the peninsula.

"There is no guarantee that such a shocking accident as the downing of the U.S. Air Force strategic recon-



naissance plane will not happen" in waters east of Korea, the spokesperson said.

The statement cited past incidents of the North shooting down or intercepting U.S. aircraft at the border with South Korea and off the coast. North Korea has often complained about U.S. surveillance flights near the peninsula.

There was no immediate response from the U.S. military stationed in South Korea to a request for comment.

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The moves by the United States to introduce strategic nuclear assets to the Korean peninsula is "the most undisguised nuclear blackmail" against North Korea and regional countries and presents a grave threat to peace, KCNA said.

"Whether the extreme situation, desired by nobody, is created or not on the Korean peninsula depends on the future action of the U.S., and if any sudden situation happens ... the U.S. will

be held totally accountable for it," it said.

U.S. and South Korean forces have been conducting air and navy drills this year that involved a U.S. aircraft carrier and heavy bombers. A U.S. nuclear-powered cruise missile submarine also made a port call at Busan in South Korea last month.

The North's statement denounced what it called a U.S. move to deploy a strategic nuclear submarine carrying nuclear warheads to the Korean peninsula for the first time since 1981.

In April, the leaders of South Korea and the United States agreed a U.S. Navy nuclear-armed ballistic missile submarine will visit South Korea for the first time since the 1980s but no timetable has been given for such a visit.

It was part of a plan to boost the deployment of American strategic assets aimed at a more effective response to

North Korea's threats and weapons tests in defence of its ally South Korea.

In June, a U.S. B-52 strategic bomber took part in air military drills with South Korea in a show of force following North Korea's failed launch of a spy satellite at the end of May.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said it was time to show "the international community's determination to deter North Korea's nuclear weapons program is stronger than North Korea's desire to develop nuclear weapons," in written comments to the Associated Press published on Monday.

Yoon is scheduled to attend the NATO summit in Lithuania this week where he is expected to seek greater cooperation with NATO members over North Korea's nuclear and missile threats, his office has said.

Russian shelling kills four at Ukraine aid point: governor Yuriy Malashko



KYIV, Jul 10 (Agencies): Russian shelling on an aid hub in the town of Orikhiv in southern Ukraine has killed four people, the regional governor said on Monday, calling it a "war crime".

"They hit a humanitarian aid delivery spot in a residential area... Four people died on the spot: women aged 43, 45 and 47 and a 47-year-old man," governor Yuriy Malashko said on social media.

Orikhiv, with a pre-war population of around 14,000 people, is in the frontline Zaporizhzhia region, which Russian leader Vladimir Putin claimed to have annexed last year despite not having full military control over it.

Ukraine's Prosecutor General said in a statement the strike had occurred one day earlier, at 1.20 pm local time (1020 GMT) and that 13 people were injured, in addition to those killed.

It released images showing a red-brick two-storey building partially collapsed and surrounded by debris and snapped roof beams.

Orikhiv is near the frontline where Ukrainian forces last month were pushing to recapture heavily fortified positions from Russian forces.

Russia's Top General Shown In A Video, First Time Since Wagner Mutiny

MOSCOW, Jul 10 (Agencies): Russia's most senior general, Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov, was shown ordering subordinates to destroy Ukrainian missile sites in a video released on Monday, his first appearance in public since a failed June 24 mercenary mutiny.

Sitting in a military command room on a white leather seat chairing a meeting with a top general, some on a video call, Gerasimov, 67, was shown giving orders, including to Russia's powerful military intelligence service (GRU).

Gerasimov was told that a Ukrainian missile attack on Crimea, which Moscow annexed from Ukraine in 2014, and on the Rostov and Kaluga regions had been thwarted on Sunday and discussing how Russia should respond.

The defence ministry said the footage showed



Gerasimov at a meeting on Sunday. It described him as chief of the general staff of Russia's armed forces and commander of Moscow's forces in Ukraine, the positions he held before the mutiny.

The footage shows that President Vladimir Putin has kept his two most powerful military men, Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Gerasimov, in their posts despite demands from mercenary leader Yevgeny Prigozhin to sack them.

Prigozhin's June 24 mutiny was aimed at set-

tling scores with Shoigu and Gerasimov, whom he said were incompetent traitors who had pulled the Kremlin chief into a failing war that has laid bare the corruption and rot in Russia's military.

In the video, Gerasimov was shown asking for and listening to a report by Viktor Afzalov, deputy to General Sergei Surovikin in the aerospace forces, who has not been since in public since the mutiny.

It was unclear where Surovikin, who before the rebellion was deputy commander of Russia's

forces in Ukraine and who was repeatedly praised by Prigozhin, was.

Nicknamed "General Armageddon" by the Russian media for his reputed ruthlessness, Surovikin is formally commander in chief of the aerospace forces.

"We note that the aerospace forces have coped with the task," Gerasimov was shown as saying.

He then asked the aerospace forces and GRU military intelligence to identify "the storage sites and launch positions of missiles and other enemy strike weapons to plan a pre-emptive strike".

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The footage released by the defence ministry showed the participants of the video call blurred out, though explicitly showed Surovikin's deputy, Afzalov.

UK's Largest Water Supplier Gets Financially Rescued

LONDON, Jul 10 (Agencies): Thames Water on Monday announced a significant financial injection from shareholders that keeps Britain's biggest supplier of the commodity afloat. The company, reported to have been at risk of renationalisation ahead of the latest news, said shareholders agreed to provide further funding worth £750 million (\$960 million).

However, it falls short of the £1 billion it sought on top of £500 million secured from shareholders in March.

Thames Water on Monday also noted that it would need a further £2.5 billion of support between 2025 and 2030, according to a statement. "The additional investment announced today is the largest equity support package ever seen in the UK water sector and underscores our shareholders' commitment to delivering Thames' turnaround," added its chairman Ian Marchant. Canadian pension fund Ontario Municipal is its biggest shareholder with almost one-third of the group.

Thames Water, which supplies 15 million homes and businesses in London and elsewhere in southern England, has debts of almost £14 billion.

Sarah Bentley resigned as chief executive last month. The utility has yet to appoint a permanent replacement.

Adding to its difficulties, a UK court last week fined Thames Water £3.3 million for polluting rivers. It had pleaded guilty to pumping millions of litres of undiluted sewage into rivers near London's Gatwick Airport in 2017, killing wildlife.

Britain's privatised water companies recently pledged to make massive investments to stop raw sewage being pumped into waterways.

Reports said water bills could surge 40 percent by 2030 to fund the works amid mounting concerns over water quality and laxer environmental protections post Brexit.

DGP J&K condoles demise of Director Finance, his wife, son in road mishap

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 10: The Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, Dilbag Singh has condoled and expressed grief over the sad and untimely demise of Ranbir Singh Bali, Director of Finance, Forest, Ecology and Environ-

ment Department, his wife and son who died in a tragic road accident yesterday.

DGP has conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and relatives of the deceased and prayed for the departed souls.

He also prayed for the speedy recovery of the

injured daughter of the deceased officer who was also traveling with them.

Pertinent to mention that Ranbir Singh Bali, his wife and son died and his daughter was injured after a vehicle they were travelling in fell into gorge near Pannar bridge along Mughal road on Sunday.

Vijay Mohan expresses concern over loss due to incessant rainfall

TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Jul 10: District President Bharatiya Janata Party Doda Sh. Vijay Mohan Thakur expressed his concerns over the loss due to natural calamity Heavy Rainfall in District Doda.

He said that the heavy rainfall has left a trail of destruction in whole Chenab Valley due to which two people lost their lives and one



injured in Gandoh area. He also expressed concern over the key Sum-

mer-sown crops which has been damaged due to heavy rainfall.

District President Bharatiya Janata Party Doda appealed the administration to compensate the victims of natural calamity provide tents to those who's house is damaged and compensate those farmers who have been effected. Also clear the roads connectivity, water facility and electricity in priority basis.

Class 11 results declared: 53 percent qualify exams

JAMMU, Jul 10 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) Monday announced annual regular results of 11th standard with an overall pass percentage of 53

percent. The girl students yet again have outshined boys in the exams.

According to BOSE, the total pass percentage includes 49 percent in boys and 57 percent among girl students.

NHM Chhattisgarh on six-day visit to UT of J&K for studying best practices in healthcare

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 10: A high level team of officers from State Health Society, National Health Mission, Chhattisgarh headed by Joint Director, Finance accompanied by State Programme Manager and other Senior Officers from Planning visited the Office of State Health Society, National Health Mission, J&K Old Secretariat Srinagar.

The team is on a week's visit to the UT of J&K with an objective to study and understand the best practices in UT of J&K like IPHS based District Gap Analysis,

ASHA Model, Skill Lab and DNB Programme which have been appreciated at the National Level.

The State of Chhattisgarh intends to replicate these best. The team had an in-depth discussion with senior officers from NHM, J&K. A detailed presentation was made by the NHM, J&K and NIPPI officials to provide the implementation framework of the best practices adopted by the UT of J&K. During the meeting officials from Chhattisgarh interacted with divisions of NHM, J&K viz. Maternal & Child

Health, CP&ASHA, CPHC, DNB, Quality & Patient Safety, Skill Lab divisions.

The team from Chhattisgarh was highly influenced by the concepts that the Health Department of UT of J&K has adopted in developing the Health Care Sector of J&K and expressed their gratitude towards the Health Department of UT of J&K particularly NHM, J&K for organising such knowledge sharing platform.

The NHM, J&K offered any kind of support in future to the State of Chhattisgarh as and when required.

Cancellation/ Diversion/ Short Termination / Origination of trains due to a water logging over Ambala division

TOP NEWS REPORT

NEW DELHI, Jul 10: It is notified for the information of the general public that due to heavy rain and water logging on Sirhind- Nangal

Dam, Chandigarh-Sanehwal & Saharanpur-Ambala Cantt section over Ambala division Northern Railway the following trains shall be temporarily cancelled /diverted/short terminated/originated as under:

Cancellation of trains:-

- 14711 Haridwar-Shri Ganga Nagar Express JCO-10/07/23
- 12053 Haridwar-Amritsar Express JCO-10/07/23
- 04523 Saharanpur-Nangal Dam Special JCO-10/07/23
- 14605 Yog Nagari Rhikesh-Jammu Tawi JCO-10/07/23
- 14609 Rhkesh-Shri Mata Vahno Devi Express JCO-10/07/23
- 04577 Ambala cantt-Nangal Dam Special JCO-10/07/23
- 04580 Nangal Dam-Ambala cantt Special JCO-10/07/23
- 04524 Nangal Dam-Ambala cantt Special JCO-10/07/23
- 15012 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express-JCO-10/07/23
- 12528 Chandigarh-Ramnagar Express JCO-10/07/23
- 04501 Saharanpur-Una Himanchal Special JCO-10/07/23 & 11/07/2023
- 04502 Una Himanchal -Saharanpur Special JCO-10/07/23
- 04578 Ambala cantt-Saharanpur Special JCO-10/07/23
- 12238 Jammu Tawi- Varanasi Express JCO-10/07/23
- 12232 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express JCO-10/07/23
- 13308 Firozpur Cantt-Dhanbad Express JCO-10/07/23
- 13006 Amritsar- Haridwar Express JCO-10/07/23
- 12237 Varanasi- Jammu Tawi Express JCO -10/07/23
- 22317 Sealdah- Jammu Tawi Express JCO- 10/07/23
- 14631 Dehradun Amritsar Express JCO -10/07/23
- 04141/04142 Subedarganj-Udhampur-Subedarganj Superfast Special JCO -10/07/23
- 13307 Dhanbad -Firozpur Cantt Ganga Sutlej Express JCO - 10/07/23
- 22445 Kanpur Central -Amritsar Superfast JCO - 10/07/23
- 12587 Gorakhpur-Jammu Tawi Amarnath Express JCO - 10/07/23
- 04147 Saharanpur-Ambala Cantt Special JCO - 10/07/23 & 11/07/2023
- 12231 Lucknow -Chandigarh Express JCO - 10/07/23
- 15011 Lucknow-Saharanpur Express JCO 10/07/23.
- 14521 Delhi -Ambala Express JCO 10/07/23.
- 14681 New Delhi- Jalandhar city Intercity Express JCO 10/07/23.
- 14609 Rishikesh- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra hemkunt Express JCO 10/07/23.
- 14661 Barmer-Jammu Tawi exp JCO-10/07/23.
- 14645 Jaisalmer- Jammu Tawi Shalimar Express JCO-10/07/23.
- 14217 Prayagraj-Chandigarh Unchahar Express JCO-10/07/23.
- 14331 Delhi -kalka Express JCO JCO-10/07/23.
- 12012 Kalka-New Delhi JCO-11/07/23
- 12011 New delhi- Kalka JCO-11/07/23
- 12005 New delhi- Kalka JCO-10/07/23, 11/07/23
- 12006 Kalka-New Delhi JCO-11/07/23

- 12312 Kalka-Howrah JCO- 10/07/23 and 11/07/23.
- 14795Bhiwani- Kalka JCO-11/07/23
- 14796 Kalka-Bhiwani JCO-11/07/23
- 22448Amb Andaura-New delhi JCO-10/07/23 and 11/07/23
- 22447 New Delhi-Amb Andaura JCO-11/07/23 .
- 12984 Chandigarh-Aligarh JCO-10/07/23
- 14610 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra -Rishikesh JCO-10/07/23 and 11/07/23
- 14609 Rishikesh-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra JCO-10/07/23 and 11/07/23
- 14011 Delhi-Hoshiarpur JCO-10/07/23 and 11/07/23
- 14012 Hoshiarpur-Delhi JCO-10/07/23 and 11/07/23
- 14632 Amritsar-Dehradun JCO-10/07/23 and 11/07/23
- 14631 Dehradun-Amritsar JCO-10/07/23 and 11/07/23
- 12528 Chandigarh-Ramnagar JCO-10/07/23
- 04593 Ambala Cantt-Amb Andaura JCO-11/07/23
- 04594Amb Andaura-Ambala cantt JCO-11/07/23
- 06997 Ambala cantt Daulatpur Chowk JCO-11/07/23
- 06998 Daulatpur Chowk- Ambala canttJCO-11/07/23
- 04569 Ambala cantt- Kalka JCO-11/07/23
- 04570 Kalka- Ambala cantt JCO-11/07/23
- 04568 Nagal Dam- Ambala cantt JCO-11/07/23
- 19412 Daulatpur Chowk-Sabarmati BG JCO-11/07/23
- 22356 Chandigarh-Patliputra JCO-10/07/23
- 12013 New Delhi -Amritsar Shatabdi Express JCO-10/07/23
- 14011 Delhi- Hoshiarpur Express JCO-10/07/23
- 22461 New Delhi- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra JCO-10/07/23
- 12045 New Delhi -Chandigarh Shatabdi Express JCO-10/07/23
- 14033 Delhi- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Jammu Mail JCO-10/07/23
- 12425 New Delhi- Jammu Tawi Rajdhani Express JCO-10/07/23
- 12445 New Delhi- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra JCO-10/07/23
- 12413 New Delhi- Jammu Tawi Pooja Express JCO-10/07/23
- 22401 Delhi Sarai Rohilla -Udhampur Express JCO-10/07/23
- 14553 Delhi Daulatpur Chowk JCO-10/07/23
- 22445 Kanpur Central -Amritsar Express JCO-10/07/23
- 22423 Gorakhpur-Amritsar Jansadharan Express JCO-10/07/23
- 12241 Chandigarh -Amritsar Express JCO-10/07/23
- 05733 Amritsar -katihar Special Express JCO-10/07/23
- 12412 Amritsar - Chandigarh Express JCO-10/07/23
- 14630 Firozpur Cantt- Chandigarh Express JCO-10/07/23

Diversion of trains:-

- 15904 Chandigarh -Dibrugarh JCO-09/07/23 via Ambala Cantt-Panipat-Delhi-Moradabad
 - 12688 Chandigarh -Madurai JCO-10/07/23 via Ambala Cantt-Panipat-Delhi-Meerut City
 - 12903 Mumbai Central-Amritsar JCO-09/07/23 Via Hazrat Nizamuddin-Jakhal-Dhuri Gill-Ludhiana
 - 13151 Kolkata-Jammu Tawi JCO-08/07/23 via Moradabad-Ghaziabad-Delhi-Panipat-Ambala cantt
 - 12332 Jammu Tawi- Haridwar JCO-09/07/23 via Ambala Cantt-Panipat-Delhi-Moradabad
 - 14650 Amritsar-Jaynagar JCO-10/07/23 via Ambala Panipat-Delhi-Moradabad
 - 18238 Amritsar-Bilaspur JCO-10/07/23 via Ludhiana-Gill-Dhuri- Jakhal-Dhuri
 - 18102 Jammu Tawi-Tatanagar JCO-10/07/23 diverted via Ludhiana-Sirhind-Ambala cantt .
- Short Termination & Short Origination of trains:-**
- 22355 Patliputra- Chandigarh exp JCO-09/07/23 shall be Short Terminated at Saharanpur and partially cancelled between Saharanpur-Chandigarh
 - 22356 Chandigarh - Patliputra exp JCO-10/07/23 will Short originate from Saharanpur and partially cancelled between Chandigarh-Saharanpur
 - 14661 Barmer-Jammu Tawi exp JCO-10/07/23 shall be Short Terminate at Delhi and remain partially cancelled Between Delhi -Jammu Tawi
 - 15211 Darbhanga-Amritsar exp JCO-09/07/23 will be Short Terminate at Saharanpur
 - 15212 Amritsar- Darbhanga exp JCO-10/07/23 will short originate from Saharanpur.
 - 22423 Gorakhpur-Amritsar Superfast Exp 10/07/23 will short originate from Moradabad.
 - 14523 Barauni- Ambala Cantt Harihar Express will be Short Terminate at Bareilly.
 - 14673 Jaynagar-Amritsar Shaheed Express will be Short Terminate at Bareilly.
 - 14617 Banmakhhi-Amritsar Jansewa Express will be Short Terminate at Laksar.
 - 12527 Ramnagar-chandigarh Superfast Express will be Short Terminate at Roor-kee
 - 14887 Rishikesh- Barmer Express JCO-10/07/23. will be Short Terminate at Bathinda
 - 13151 Kolkata-Jammu Tawi JCO-10/07/23 will be Short Terminate at Pt. DD Upadhyaya.
 - 13308 Firozpur Cantt. -Dhanbad Express will be Short Terminate at Laksar.
 - 12238 Jammu Tawi- Varanasi Express will be Short Terminate at Moradabad.
 - 14218 CDG-PYGS JCO-10/07/23 and 11/07/23 will short originated from ambala cantt
 - 19412 DLPC-SBIB JCO-10/07/23 will short originated from ambala cantt
 - 14796 Kalka-BNW JCO-10/07/23 will short originated from ambala cantt
 - 12012 Kalka-New Delhi JCO-10/07/23 short originate from Ambala cantt

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Amarnath Yatra remains suspended from Jammu for 3rd consecutive day

a traffic official said. Heavy motor vehicles are advised to take the Mughal Road for the journey from Jammu to Srinagar and vice-versa, he said. Meanwhile, Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar along with the deputy commissioners are monitoring the situation, officials said, adding all possible steps are being taken to ensure that those stranded do not face any hassles. On Sunday, the Amarnath yatra resumed from Panjtarni and Sheshnag base camps after remaining suspended for three days due to inclement weather in Kashmir, officials said.

Twitter relocates Gilgit-Baltistan users to J&K, shocks Pakistan

geotagging". Another Twitter user, Karim Shah Nizari also reported that he can't add Pakistan's location to his tweets. "The only option we are getting is Jammu and Kashmir." Mr Nizari told Dawn that he was based in the Yasin Valley of Ghizer district, but the Twitter algorithm was showing him tweets from India on his feed. The GB government said those making such claims on social media should stop spreading fake news. Users in GB said the social media platform has "disrespected the status of Gilgit-

Baltistan" and called it an attack on the region's identity, Dawn reported.

Jammu-Srinagar National Highway closed for 3rd consecutive day; restoration work in progress

Srinagar till the clearance of the stranded vehicles, he added. A police spokesperson advised people to avoid travelling on the highway till the time confirmation is issued by the administration. "Incessant rains, over the last few days, in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir, have caused unprecedented damage to NH-44, especially the stretch in Ramban district, forcing its closure for traffic," the spokesperson said.

He said drivers of heavy motor vehicles are advised to take Mughal Road for the journey from Jammu to Srinagar and vice-versa.

"The administration is making its best possible efforts to ensure the restoration of traffic on the national highway at the earliest," the spokesperson said.

According to traffic officials, the Mughal Road — an alternate link connecting the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu with the south Kashmir Shopian district — was through for both-way traffic. Mughal Road was also hit by several landslides on Saturday and Sunday following heavy rains but the road was cleared by the concerned agencies, providing relief to the commuters. The traffic was moving smoothly on

Mughal road when the last reports were received, officials said.

SDRF team rescues four people from flash flood in Kathua

team headed by DySP Sarabjeet Singh and SDRF Kathua swung into action and rushed to the spot. "Four persons have been trapped while fishing since Sunday evening in the River Ravi at Maghar near the Paper Mill at Lakanpur," he said. The official said that with the help of ropes and boats, they were safely rescued. On Sunday, he said that 59 people were rescued from various flash flood-hit water bodies across the district.

Ladakh | 450-year-old-building collapses in Leh as heavy rainfall lashes region

Ladakh on Sunday said that the widespread rainfall and snow are likely to continue over higher reaches of the region. "IMD issued Red color Warning for Ladakh for nxt 24 hrs. Snowfall in Summer Peak.. Widespread Rain/Snow (over higher reaches) likely to continue for nxt 24 hrs in Ladakh. Stay Alert," it tweeted on Sunday. Meanwhile, Jammu and Srinagar National Highway remained closed on Monday after a portion of a road collapsed in Ramban district due to heavy rainfall in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mohammed Jahangir, a local on his way to the area, said roads were being washed away in the downpour in the region and there are no adequate arrangements made by the administration for the visitors.

"We are facing a lot of problems. We have to walk a lot. Recently a road was washed away. We had to walk around 1-2 kms in Makarkot and now we have walked another 3-4 kms. As we reached Ramban, another road was washed away. There is no arrangement for the public. The administration should stop people from coming to Ramban stretch or else make necessary arrangements for them to proceed further," he said.

Soldier injured in land-mine blast near LoC in Poonch

and International Border was intensified to thwart any attempt of infiltration by terrorists from across the border. Meanwhile, the Army along with police launched a joint search operation in Gursai top, Shahshidhar and adjoining areas in Mendhar sector Monday morning. Searches were also carried out at village Noorkote and Nakerkote ahead of border fence in the jurisdiction of Poonch police station late Sunday night. However, no one was arrested during the operation which continued for several hours, the officials said.

Vehicle transporting tomatoes to market robbed in Bengaluru

RMC Yard Police are collecting CCTV footage to get clues about the miscreants.

The price of tomatoes has touched Rs 120 to Rs 150 per kg in Karnataka.

The farmers have been forced to erect tents and guard the tomato crop as miscreants are invading farms and committing thefts to make quick money.

Houses develop cracks as two earthquakes jolt Doda, Kishtwar

Monday morning. While there have been no reports of casualties or injuries, several houses have suffered structural damage due to the seismic activity.

The twin earthquakes, occurring consecutively, sent shockwaves through the region, causing panic among residents. The tremors were felt across Kishtwar and its surrounding areas, leaving a visible impact on numerous houses. Cracks appeared on walls, ceilings, and foundations, raising concerns about the safety and stability of affected structures.

Officials said that an earthquake measuring 4.7 on the Richter scale struck 12 kms from Kishtwar at 05:38 am. Another earthquake measuring 4.9 struck 12 kms from Doda at the same time.

Preliminary reports indicate that while the cracks in the houses are concerning, there have been no reports of collapsed structures or injuries.

The region was struck by several low and high intensity earthquakes last month, damaging residential buildings and government offices, including schools and hospitals.

Markets climb in early trade on heavy buying in Reliance Industries

Bouncing back from Friday's decline, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbs 252.87 points to 65,533.32 in early trade

MUMBAI, Jul 10 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices rebounded in early trade on Monday amid unabated foreign fund inflows and buying in index major Reliance Industries and HDFC twins.

Bouncing back from Friday's decline, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 252.87 points to 65,533.32 in early trade. The NSE Nifty advanced 76.1 points to 19,407.90.

From the Sensex pack, Reliance Industries quoted with over 3 per cent gains. HDFC, Tata Motors, State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, Axis



Bank, UltraTech Cement and Mahindra & Mahindra were the biggest gainers.

HCL Technologies, Titan, Power Grid, Bajaj Finance, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Wipro and Bajaj Finserv were among the laggards.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) contin-

ued their buying activity as they bought equities worth Rs 790.4 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

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

The US markets ended in the negative territory on Friday.

SC rejects plea against exchange of Rs 2,000 notes without ID proof



NEW DELHI, Jul 10 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain an appeal challenging the Delhi High Court verdict dismissing a PIL against the RBI notification permitting the exchange of Rs 2,000 currency notes without any requisition slip and ID proof, saying it is an executive policy decision.

A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha dismissed the appeal filed by lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay in his personal capacity.

"This is the matter of executive policy decision", the bench said while dismissing the appeal.

On May 29, the Delhi High Court dismissed the PIL challenging the notifications enabling the exchange of Rs 2,000 denomination currency notes without any requisition slip and ID proof.

The high court had said the decision was taken to avoid inconvenience to citizens, and that it cannot sit as an appellate authority on a policy decision.

The high court had maintained it cannot be said that the government's decision is perverse or arbitrary or it encourages black money, money laundering, profiteering or abets corruption. An appeal was filed against the decision.

Upadhyay said the Rs 2,000 banknotes are being exchanged without any requisition slip and ID proof like Aadhaar card by criminals and terrorists also.

Adani raises \$1.4 billion from stake sale in 3 companies; \$9 billion raised in 4 years

Adani Enterprises Ltd, the group's flagship firm, plans to raise Rs 12,500 crore through share sale to investors while electricity transmission company Adani Transmission another Rs 8,500 crore

NEW DELHI, Jul 10 (Agencies): Billionaire Gautam Adani has raised USD 1.38 billion (Rs 11,330 crore) through stake sale in three group companies, taking the total capital raised over four years to USD 9 billion as the conglomerate draws interest from a cross-section of investors.

In a statement, the ports-to-energy conglomerate said it "is committed to raising capital to fulfill its 10-year roadmap of the transformative capital management program, which was formulated in 2016 to execute the plans for various portfolio companies."

"In the most recent instance, Adani family has raised USD 1.38 billion (Rs 11,330 crore) through stake sale in the three portfolio companies - Adani Enterprises Ltd, Adani Green Energy Ltd and Adani Transmission Ltd," it said.

"This ensures higher capital availability at the group level, for growth as well as near-term commitments of both debt and equity for the portfolio companies over the next 12-18 months." In addition, the three portfolio companies have also received board approval for primary issuances through a share sale to investors as the group continues to build on a comeback strategy to emerge from allegations of fraud levelled by a US short-seller.

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This comes five months after Adani Enterprises was forced to abort a Rs 20,000 crore follow-on public offering (FPO) in the wake of the Hindenburg report.

The offer was fully subscribed but the company returned the money to subscribers.



US short-seller Hindenburg Research in January released a damning report alleging accounting fraud and stock price manipulation at Adani Group, triggering a stock market rout that had erased about USD 145 billion in the conglomerate's market value at its lowest point. Adani Group has denied all allegations by Hindenburg and is plotting a comeback strategy that includes recasting its ambitions, scrapping acquisitions, pre-paying debt to address concerns about its cash flows and borrowings, and scaling back its pace of spending on new projects.

Promoters in two tranches have sold shares since May to leading US-based global equity investment boutique GQG Partners. The latest was earlier this month where USD 1.38 billion was raised.

"A similar stake-sale by the family in March 2023 aggregating to USD 1.87 billion (Rs 15,446 crore), resulted in full prepayment of margin-linked, share-backed financing and created flexibility in a rising rate environment to equitize debt capital as and when due," the statement said.

The group has been trying to win back market confidence with a series of investor roadshows, early debt repayments, and plans to scale back its pace of spending on new projects.

"Adani Group, which started

the capital transformation journey for its core infrastructure portfolio in 2019, has raised over USD 9 billion in a short span of four years," it said. "The programme paved the way for long-only global investors to participate in the world's largest and fastest-growing infrastructure development where Adani portfolio offers a one-stop play through its portfolio companies spread across the infrastructure spectrum from energy and utility to transport and logistics."

It has attracted investments across various listed entities - Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ), Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL), Adani Transmission Limited (ATL), Adani Total Gas Limited (ATGL) and Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL).

"In line with the group's capital management philosophy of enabling participation of strategic long term investors, Adani has attracted large-scale investments from the likes of Qatar Investment Authority (QIA), TotalEnergies (TTE), International Holding Company (IHC), as well as GQG Partners (GQG) along with its co-investors Australia Super, Goldman Sachs, University of Texas, Delaware Public Employees Retirement System, Master Trust Bank of Japan, Missouri Education Pension Trust, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Universal Investment Luxembourg, New

York State Common Retirement Fund and Employees Retirement System of Texas," it said.

QIA invested USD 452 million in ATL in February 2020 while TTE invested USD 3.3 billion in a joint venture with APSEZ, ATGL and AGEL in April 2019. IHC invested USD 2 billion AEL, ATL and AGEL in May last year and GQG invested USD 3.19 billion in AEL, ATL, AGEL and APSEZ this year.

"The faith and confidence shown by these large global investors are proof of the underlying strength of the group's businesses and the Adani Group's commitment to the highest level of governance. Moreover, the success of the investment program also demonstrates the group's ability to raise funds across companies at each stage and achieve the stated goals," the statement said.

AEL is among the world's largest business incubators, with focus on building infrastructure businesses. Its strategic priorities include the airport and green hydrogen business. Green Hydrogen will enable decarbonization of industrial and mobility sectors, and support India's push towards self-sufficiency in primary energy.

AGEL is the largest and the fastest-growing renewable power company in India with an operational portfolio of 8.1 GW. It envisions commissioning 45 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030, while being the lowest cost generator of renewable power.

ATL is the largest private energy solutions player in India with presence in power transmission and distribution and an increasing focus on smart metering. Smart meters will enable electricity distribution companies to efficiently integrate and plan renewable energy into power grids and are essential tools for the decarbonisation of the energy sector.

Prisoners in India 5 times more at risk of TB: Lancet study

NEW DELHI, Jul 10 (Agencies): Prisoners in India are five times more at risk of developing tuberculosis (TB) than the general population, according to a global study published in the Lancet Public Health journal.

Analysing data from 193 out of 195 countries between 2000 and 2019, an international team of researchers estimated the rate of TB in incarcerated persons for the first time.

The study, published in the July edition of the journal, found that the incidence of TB in India was 1,076 cases per 1,00,000 (one lakh) persons in prisons. The country's TB incidence for the year 2021 is 210 per 1 lakh population, according to the Global TB Report released by World Health Organisation (WHO) last year.

Globally, people in prison are nearly 10 times more at risk of developing tuberculosis than the general population, the researchers found.

Approximately, 125,105 (1.2 lakh) of the 11 million people in prisons globally developed TB in 2019 - a rate of 1,148 cases per 100,000 people per year. This is significantly higher than the global incidence rate among all persons - 127 cases per 100,000 people per year, they said.

However, the case detection rate was very low—just 53 per cent of



all TB cases in prisons globally, according to the study.

The researchers found a strong relationship between country-level tuberculosis incidence rates and overcrowding in prisons.

"This connection between TB and overcrowding suggests that efforts to limit the number of people who are detained may be one potential public health tool to combat the TB epidemic in prisons," study lead Leonardo Martinez from Boston University in the US said in a statement.

The greatest incidence rate in the African region -- 2,242 cases per 100,000 people per year—is almost double the global estimate for this population, the researchers said.

The Americas region, largely driven by Central and South America, had the largest estimated absolute number of TB cases among incarcerated persons - 30,509, they said.

"These findings give us a much clearer picture of

tuberculosis in prisons than we've ever had before," said Anthony D Harries, senior advisor at the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease.

"The high rate of tuberculosis and low rate of detection indicates that current control measures are insufficient for preventing the spread of the disease in prisons globally. Therefore, further research is vital to identify and implement the most effective interventions," Harries said.

The high incidence rate globally and across regions, low case detection rates, and consistency over time indicate that this population represents an important, under-prioritised group, he added.

The researchers noted that continued failure to detect, treat, and prevent tuberculosis in prisons will result in the unnecessary disease and deaths of many incarcerated persons.

When incarcerated persons are released from prison they can take this infectious dis-

ease back into the communities in which they live, further contributing to the spread of tuberculosis globally, they noted.

"Greater focus and resources for addressing the tuberculosis epidemic in prisons are needed to protect the health of incarcerated people and their communities," said Harries.

The team is currently working with several health organisations to attempt to update global guidelines on how to manage and reduce TB in prisons, as the most recent guidelines were written in the year 2000.

"One of the reasons this population is so neglected is because of the lack of data," Martinez said.

"Our hope is that these results can help stakeholders understand the urgency of the issue and the amount of people in prisons that develop tuberculosis and remain undiagnosed for long periods of time and can spur them to take action," he added.

TB is an infectious disease that most often affects the lungs and is caused by a type of bacteria. It spreads through the air when infected people cough, sneeze or spit.

The disease is preventable and curable. In 2021, an estimated 10.6 million people fell ill with TB worldwide while 1.6 million people died from the disease, according to WHO.

Study gives new insight into gastric cancer

TEXAS, Jul 10 (Agencies): A new study done by experts at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre provides a deeper understanding of the development of the tumour microenvironment throughout the progression of gastric cancer. Two of the study's notable discoveries include a potential therapeutic target and a link between multicellular communities and clinical outcomes, which were published in Cancer Cell.

Gastric adenocarcinoma is one of the most lethal cancers in the world due to its inherent resistance to therapy, yet little is understood about the cellular and molecular pathways that lead from early precancer to tumour growth and dissemination. This research explains how distinct immune and stromal cell subsets alter as stomach cancer progresses.

The study was conducted by Linghua Wang, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of Genomic Medicine, in collaboration with Jaffer Ajani, M.D., professor of Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology, and Ruiping Wang, Ph.D., postdoctoral fellow in the Wang Lab. "Gastric adenocarcinoma exhibits a high degree of heterogeneity with respect to both its phenotypes and molecular characteristics, but research around it has lagged behind other cancer types," Wang said.

"Most studies have concentrated on tumor



cells and largely overlooked the immune and stromal cells within the tumour microenvironment, which are very dynamic and play critical roles in cancer progression. This study represents the largest single-cell RNA sequencing cohort of gastric adenocarcinoma to date and brings important new insights into how these cell populations impact disease progression." By obtaining single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq) data from 68 gastric adenocarcinoma samples encompassing various disease stages -- including precancerous lesions, localized tumours and distant metastases -- along with normal tissue and peripheral blood samples, the team characterized the diverse immune and stromal cell populations within the tumour microenvironment and discovered exploitable targets to modulate the tumour microenvironment.

A novel approach allows researchers to dissect the complex tumour microenvironment. Various immune and stromal cell subsets formed multicellular communities, or collections of cell states,

present in the tumour microenvironment of an individual tumour sample. The research team termed these groups "ecotypes" and identified six unique ecotypes, with each dominated by specific immune and stromal cell states. "While many published single-cell studies have focused on characterizing the heterogeneity of each individual cell compartment, our study utilized a novel approach and concept of integrating various components of the tumour microenvironment to define ecotypes and investigated their clinical significance," Wang said. "This approach can readily be applied to studies in other cancer types." A notable discovery is that two ecotypes (EC3 and EC6) correlated with different histological, genomic and clinical features of primary gastric adenocarcinomas. Tumours categorized as EC3 were composed mainly of immune cell subsets, whereas EC6 tumours predominantly included stromal cell subsets. Patients with EC6 tumours had a more aggressive disease and significantly shorter survival compared to those

with EC3 tumours.

Findings point to SDC2 as potential therapeutic target in stromal cells. While stromal components within the tumour microenvironment play crucial roles in tumour initiation, progression and metastases, cancer treatment strategies have thus far rarely focused on modulating stromal components, especially in patients with gastric adenocarcinoma.

This study identified SDC2 as a potential target worthy of further investigation. Researchers found SDC2 overexpression in stromal cells, especially in cancer-associated fibroblasts, was correlated with aggressive disease and advanced stages, and strongly associated with unfavorable survival outcomes. In addition, SDC2 expression was consistently elevated in stromal cells across various other cancer types, including pancreatic cancer, colorectal cancer, bladder cancer, breast cancer and clear cell renal cell carcinoma.

"There are unmet needs for patients with gastric adenocarcinoma every step of the way in their clinical journey," Ajani said. "Our team strives to use novel interrogations to discover new therapeutic targets to improve the outcomes of these patients. While there are many questions left to answer, targeting SDC2 in cancer-associated fibroblasts represents a potentially exciting avenue that warrants further investigation."

Lakshya Sen beats reigning All England champion Lo Shi Feng in the final to clinch Canada Open 2023 title

Lakshya Sen won the men's singles title at the Canada Open 2023 after defeating reigning All England champion Li Shi Feng in the final on Monday.

CALGARY, Jul 10 (Agencies): Commonwealth Games Lakshya Sen delivered an outstanding performance to secure his second BWF Super 500 title by defeating Li Shi Feng from China in straight games during the Canada Open final. The 21-year-old player from Almorá showcased a remarkable display of badminton skills, combining exceptional speed and power to outclass the reigning All England champion Feng in an exhilarating summit clash.

With a score of 21-18, and 22-20, Sen demonstrated his exceptional skill and unwavering determination, emerging victorious and adding another prestigious title to his growing list of accomplishments. Lakshya's victory in the tournament marks his second BWF World Tour title, following his previous win at the



India Open in January 2022. Ranked 19th at the moment, Lakshya defeated Kunlavut Vitidsarn, the fourth-ranked player in the world, in the Round of 32.

In the semifinals, he achieved a dominant victory over Kento Nishimoto of Japan, who is cur-

rently ranked 11th in the world. This win allowed Lakshya to advance to his second Super 500 final and his first BWF summit clash in over a year. He won the match with a score of 21-17, 21-14.

"Coming into the Olympic qualification year, it was tough as things didn't go my way. So this win will be a big boost to my confidence," Sen told agency after the win. "I had to dig deep in some matches, the conditions were different and getting used to it was important," the ace shuttler said.

After undergoing nose surgery for a deviated septum following the World Championships in August last year, Lakshya required significant time to recover from the treatment. His most recent appearance in a final was at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in August last year.

Following a series of early exits from tournaments, Lakshya displayed signs of improvement when he reached the semifinals of the Thailand Open.

India vs West Indies: Three-way fight for fifth bowler's slot



ROSEAU (DOMINICA), Jul 10 (Agencies): The Indian team management will be fretting over its bowling combination, with Jaydev Unadkat, Mukesh Kumar and Navdeep Saini locked in a three-way fight for the third pacer's slot in the upcoming two-Test series starting here on Wednesday.

The Windsor Park in the Dominican capital has hosted only five Tests, of which the hosts have won only one. The last Test here was held in 2017 when Pakistan won by 101 runs after leg-spinner Yasir Shah picked up a

match-haul of eight wickets. It is understandable that India will pick both Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, while Shardul Thakur will be playing alongside pace spearhead Mohammed Siraj.

However, the choice for the fifth bowler isn't going to be easy. Saini has pace and is like a workhorse who can bowl long spells. Left-arm pacer Unadkat, having toiled hard for more than a decade on an unresponsive Rajkot track, has a few tricks up his sleeve. Mukesh is probably the most potent new-ball bowler among the three, with his ability to move the ball both ways.

Lara expects players to come good. West Indies' performance mentor Brian Lara believes his players are moving in the "right direction" and hoped some of them will grab the opportunity and produce the goods against India. "India are one of the top teams in the world," said Lara. "I think the guys are moving in the right direction, in terms of where we started the camp and where we are. It's a young group, ably led by Kraigg Brathwaite. But I feel that some of the guys can come into their own in this series," he added.

Ashes Third Test: In full flow, Harry Brook sinks Australia

LEEDS, Jul 10 (Agencies): A superb 75 from Harry Brook and some big hitting from tailender Mark Wood earned England a pulsating three-wicket victory in the third Ashes Test, dragging the hosts back into contention in the series in breathless fashion.

The omens were good for England as they looked to resurrect their Ashes campaign, given that the last five Test matches at Headingley had all been won by the team fielding first, with three of those spectacular fourth-innings run chases.

Needing 224 more runs at the start of Day 4 therefore seemed like a more than gettable total to secure the win to stop Australia retaining the Ashes with two matches to spare. After Joe Root departed prior to lunch, followed by captain Ben Stokes early in the afternoon session, the writing appeared to be on the wall, but Brook's brave innings got England within touching distance.

Wood's 16 from eight balls and the steadying head of Chris Woakes saw the hosts home, sparking dramatic scenes of celebration after a match where the pendulum swung hour by hour.

Each Test in this series has been gripping in its own right, with Day 4 at Headingley no different. England are still up against it in their attempts to win the Ashes, with no side coming back to win the series after being 2-0 down since 1936-37.

The fact that they are back in with a shout is mission accomplished, for now. "Not good for the old age stuff is it?" Stokes said. "It's completely differ-



ent when it's out of your control. I just sat up there thinking about what would I be doing if I was out there. Brook controlled the game very, very well," he added.

Brook reached his half-century off 57 balls — his ninth score of 50 or more for England in just 10 Tests. Scoring at a rapid rate has been Brook's calling card since he came into the England side. He passed 1,000 Test runs in 1,058 balls during his innings — faster than any other batter in Test history.

"There were a few moments that went back and forth and that was each day really," Cummins said. "On the first day we lost six for 20-odd and yesterday the sun was out and we probably missed an opportunity. It was just a couple of key moments. It seems like a series where one session swings in one team's favour and then the next session the other team picks it up. I wouldn't mind a stress-free one!"

Brief scores: Australia 263 & 224; England 237 & 254/7 (Brook 75; Starc 5/78).

Wonderkid: Russian teen Mirra Andreieva uses Rafa Nadal as role model, reaches Round 4

LONDON, Jul 10 (Agencies): Schoolgirl and tennis prodigy Mirra Andreieva is modelling herself on Rafa Nadal for mental toughness and resilience.

The 16-year-old Russian, who beat compatriot and 22nd seed Anastasia Potapova to reach the Wimbledon fourth round today, said she had been working on the psychological side of her game and the 22-time Grand Slam winner was an example to follow.

"After Nadal, he won the French Open in 2022. I was really impressed because after an injury, he came back, he won the Australian Open, he won the French Open," she said. "After that, I can say that now mental-wise I just try sometimes to copy him."

Andreieva handled her press conference just as she handled former junior champion Potapova in her 6-2 7-5 victory — with confidence and an apparent maturity beyond her years.

The teenager, who is now based in Cannes in the south of France with her older sister Erika, also a tennis professional, sidestepped questions about support from Russia that might verge on the political or controversial.

She diverted the answer into talking of support she received from her family and local people in her hometown of Krasnoyarsk



who were posting stories about her success on social media.

Andreieva reached the third round at the French Open last month in her first main draw appearance at a Grand Slam before losing in three sets to former teenage prodigy Coco Gauff. After that she said she had a long talk with herself, reflecting on her approach to the game. "Just in my head I realised some things. I took some decisions that I think are now important for me. I think I did a good job because now everything is working so far," she said.

Andreieva, who meets American 25th seed Madison Keys in the next round, said she separates her work on court from life away from it.

"Actually I think I'm just a normal teenager, like normal girl. I do, I think, everything that the girls my age do ... I have to do my school. I have no choice. I have to suffer for two more years..." she said.

"On the court I try to think only about tennis, about the game, about the next point. But outside the court I'm different."

DAY 7: HIGHLIGHTS

Bad day for Indians

The Indian doubles pair of Yuki Bhambhani and Saketh Myneni put up a valiant fight before going down 4-6 6-4 4-6 to Alejandro Davidovich Fokina of Spain and Adrian Mannarino of France in the first round. The Indian challenge ended in the mixed doubles after sixth seeds Rohan Bopanna and Gabriela

Dabrowski lost 7-6(5) 3-6 4-6 to the 2019 champions Ivan Dodig and Latisha Chan.

Dhamne in 2nd round

Manas Dhamne moved into the second round of the boys' singles with a straight-set victory over 47th-ranked Hayden Jones. Dhamne, 15, defeated the 16-year-old from Australia 6-2 6-4.

SINNER IN QUARTERS

Italian eighth seed Jannik Sinner claimed a 7-6(4) 6-4 6-3 win over Colombia's Daniel Elahi Galan to reach the quarterfinals for the second year in a row.

RUBLEV MADE TO FIGHT

Russian seventh seed Andrey Rublev worked overtime to reach the quarterfinals with a 7-5 6-3 6-7(6) 6-4 victory over Kazakh 23rd seed Alexander Bublik.

SHAPOVALOV STUNNED

Russian Roman Safiullin rallied from a set down to claim a stunning 3-6 6-3 6-1 6-3 win over Canada's 26th seed Denis Shapovalov and reach the quarterfinals.

PEGULA SAILS

Fourth-seeded American Jessica Pegula beat Ukraine's Lesia Tsurenko 6-1 6-3 in the fourth round to set up a quarterfinal clash against Marketa Vondrousova, who beat Marie Bouzkova 2-6 6-4 6-3.

Sunil Gavaskar Turns 74: A Look At Accomplishments, Memorable Moments Of Legendary Indian Batter

NEW DELHI, Jul 10 (Agencies): Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar, also known by the nicknames 'Sunny' and 'Little Master', is doubtlessly among the greatest Indian cricketers to have graced the gentleman's game. The diminutive opener, who burst into the cricketing spotlight in his debut Test series overseas against the mighty West Indies, fronting up to the fiery Caribbean quicks, broke numerous batting records while setting new ones over the course of a spectacular career, turned 74 on Monday. Several of his historic and heroic innings in cricket's longest and, arguably, the toughest format, came between 1971 and 1987.

Through his many memorable knocks, which came on some of the least hospitable surfaces, got him among the pantheon of legends.

Having learned his first lessons with the willow in the dustbowls of Mumbai, the city he was born, Sunny was as much at home playing on some of the bounciest strips in the Caribbean as he was on rank turners of the Indian sub-continent.

A distinguished member of India's maiden World Cup winning squad of 1983, Gavaskar once held the record for scoring the most centuries in Tests. The Mumbaier, who scored more than 10,000 runs in red-ball cricket, brought curtains to



his career with 45 half-centuries and 34 centuries against his name.

There is no better way to celebrate the 74th birthday of this cricketing colossus than relive some of his best knocks and records, some of which have stood the test of time.

In March 1987, Gavaskar became the first cricketer to reach 10,000 Test runs, a milestone that nobody dared imagine, far less aspire to, at the time. By the time the legend made his curtain call and strode into the cricketing sunset, the 'Little Master' had a staggering 10,122 runs against him.

The number is dizzying in cricketing parlance, even more so when one considers that they were made on some of the most hostile of surfaces against the likes of Michael Holding, Andy Roberts, Joel Garner, Jeff

Thompson and Denis Lillee, to name a few.

Sunny held onto to his record for the most number of Test hundreds for a fairly long time. Representing India in 125 Test matches, Gavaskar scored 34 centuries. To many, the record seemed insurmountable till 'Master Blaster' Sachin Tendulkar dwarfed it in 2005.

The 'Little Master' smashed 13 centuries in 27 Tests he featured in against the West Indies. As history would bear witness, the Caribbean were a formidable red-ball team in the 70s and 80s but where most batters seem to fail or come unstuck, Gavaskar triumphed and thrived on, crossing batting milestones against some of the world's most feared quicks.

After a breakthrough debut series against the West Indies in 1971, Gavaskar failed to cross

the three-figure mark in his next eight Tests against England. But the opener put all the doubts at rest as he struck a splendid 101 in India's first innings of the Test tour of England in 1974. He followed that up with a half-century in the second innings as well, but his heroics with the bat could not help India avoid defeat in the encounter.

Gavaskar was seldom unfazed or intimidated even by the West Indian pace pack of Holding, Marshall, Roberts and Garner. He aggregated 774 runs in his debut series against the West Indies in 1971 and also had a double-century against his name.

He struck a century and a double century in the final Test. He made 220 in India's total of 427 in the second innings in which only one other batsman registered a 50-plus score. The match ended in a draw, sealing India's historic Test first series win in the Caribbean.

While his exploits with the willow is the stuff of legends, he was shrewd fielder and a leader too.

Not counting wicketkeepers, he was the first Indian fielder to have achieved a milestone of a century of catches in Test cricket.

For the record, he took an incredible 108 catches in his Test career.

19-year-old archer Salunkhe becomes first Indian to win Youth World Championship in recurve category



LIMERICK, Jul 10 (Agencies): Parth Salunkhe became the first male archer to win a gold in the recurve category at the Youth World Championships as India finished with their highest-ever tally of 11 medals.

The 19-year-old from Satara in Maharashtra provided the perfect icing on the cake by defeating a Korean in the Under-21 men's recurve individual final.

Salunkhe, who topped the rankings round, prevailed over seventh-seed Song Injun 7-3 (26-26, 25-28, 28-26, 29-26, 28-26) in a hard-fought five-setter.

India also clinched a bronze medal in the Under-21 women's recurve individual section when Bhaja Kaur defeated Su Hsin-Yu of Chinese Taipei 7-1 (28-25, 27-27, 29-25, 30-26).

India finished with six gold, one silver and four bronze medals, which was highest in the standings in terms of total number of medals.

But in terms of rankings, they finished second behind Korea who took the pole position with six gold and four silver medals.

Salunkhe trailed 1-3 after Injun hitting two perfect 10s and three 9s from first six arrows.

Just when it seemed a familiar Korean dominance over India, the former senior national champion Salunkhe fought back clinching the third set by two points, drilling one arrow closer to the centre (X) and made it three-all.

Pressure was writ large on Injun, as Salunkhe went on to hit two 10s and one 9 to snatch a 5-3 lead before finishing off in style with two Xs.

Son of a teacher, Salunkhe, whose talent was first tapped by coach Praveen Sawant during the post-pandemic phase in 2021, became the first male archer to become a youth world champion.

After Sawant discovered his talent, Salunkhe trained under Ram Avdesh at the SAI centre in Sonapat.

In women's recurve section, Deepika Kumari had become cadet and youth world champions in 2009 and 2011, a feat that was emulated by her Jharkhand state mate Komalika Bari in 2019 and 2021.

Overall, Salunkhe is the sixth Indian archer to become world champion in the youth showcase.

Compound archers Palton Hansda (2006) and the duo of Aditi Swami and Priyanshu who won here are the other youth world champions.

Salunkhe has previously won a silver in the Singapore Asia Cup Leg 3 in June this year, and two bronze medals in the same event in Sulaymaniyah and Sharjah last year.

With the World Championships and Asian Games in the pipeline, it remains to be seen whether Salunkhe manages to make the cut.

All scamster politicians joining BJP made CMs, Dy CMs & Ministers: AAP Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 10: Reacting to the chest thumping guarantee of PM Modi, at Bhopal, regarding taking stringent action against corrupt politician in the country, the BJP government at the centre instead, is admitting all the scamsters & fraudsters into his Party and shamelessly claiming to give a guarantee to the countrymen to take strict action, is now fully exposed the countrymen as also the world that whatever BJP leaders assert is a JUMLAS & nothing short of it, this was stated by the Sr. AAP leaders S. Deep Singh, Founder & National Council Member, Major General Retd, R.S. Jamwal, Farooq Ahmed Bandy, Ram Singh Chauhan, Nirmal Mahna, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, S. Ravinder Singh, Sarpanch, Amit Langer, Agya Kour, Ram Pal Khajuria, Sandeep

Parihar, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, Ashni Mattoo, S. Ranjodh Singh & Sukhdev Kumar Sangral, while referring to the height of hypocrisy in the part of BJP in general & PM Modi in particular where, Modi in his open speech in Bhopal, MP, on 27 June, 2023, he thumped his own chest and gave a guarantee to the country that will soon take action against the corrupt persons but to the astonishment of one & all, he inducted 9 cabinet Ministers in Maharashtra government by breaking NCP including Ajit Pawar against whom ED & CBI have registered cases in 70,000 crores most infamous Irrigation scam, Chhagan Bhubal, Dhananjay Mudey, Hassan Mushrif etc against whom several cases are underway.

Modi crossing all limits of shamelessness gives guar-

antee of taking action, what a height of hypocrisy, they claimed & added that BJP has now openly declared that all the corrupt should come to its fold & get cleaned off their sin in BJP's washing machine, they said.

They added that on one hand BJP is arresting political opponents while they themselves are on an MLA purchasing spree. Hard-earned public money is being misused to quench BJP's thirst for power, the release alleged.

The release further said that the BJP & Prime Minister Modi cannot talk about fighting corruption now; the tainted leaders under the scanner of ED & CBI for corruption have been put into "washing machine" & BJP's detergent washing powder cleans all spots in seconds.

Strange, the Modi washing powder failed to take effect in

case of Manish Sisodia, Satinder Jain, and AAP Councilors in MCD & also in Council of Ministers & MLAs in Delhi & Punjab governments.

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

Dimple leads protest with auto drivers, meets Div Com



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 10: Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood led protest along with thousands of black auto rickshaws drivers, highlighted problems.

Sunil Dimple addressing the protesters alleged the j&k govt has created problems for the black auto unions & owners, after launching 4000 four thousand new e-rickshaw in Jammu city which has badly affected the auto transport industry, of black autos and matadors of Jammu city which is 45 years old transport system in Jammu city.

Sunil Dimple alleged the govt is collecting more money revenue and selling the new permits and are hand in

gloves with the e-rickshaw manufacturing companies but not thinking that the matador and autos transporters. They are at the verge of starvation.

Dimple said that the autos, matadors are unable to pay bank installments, token fees, unable to feed families after the Govt is allowing unlimited e-rickshaws in small Jammu city adjoining routes.

Dimple demanded the J&K Govt to stop issuing more matadors, black autos, and e-rickshaws permits in Jammu city, as the Jammu is a small city and facing a lot of traffic problems.

The prominent leaders are Haneef Chowdhury, Tarun Deep Singh, Sanjay Sethi, Satish Manhas, Ranjeet

and many others, also address the Rally.

Later Sunil Dimple held meeting with the Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar in his office, discussed issues of transporters, recharge smart metering, property tax, and rising prices of vegetables.

Ramesh Kumar along with ADC Harvinder Singh and RTO Jammu gave patients hearing and assured them to set price control teams, the transporter issue will be resolved.

Ramesh Kumar Div Com directed DC Jammu and RTO Jammu to resolve the transporters black autos issues without wasting time and save the black auto transport industries problems immediately.

Kathua Campus organizes Academic Excellence webinar

Top News Report

KATHUA, Jul 10: Under the newly launched Expert Lecture Series, University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus (JU) organized an Academic Excellence Webinar (4th in the series) on the topic "Demystifying Machine Learning: Unveiling the Power of Intelligent Algorithms" by Dr. Archana Pandita, Associate Professor, Westford University College, Dubai (UAE).

Dr. Pandita, in her talk, explored the concepts and applications

resource person for presenting an informative lecture to the students of the campus. She said that machine learning has emerged as a game-changing technology and that it is crucial for individuals and organisations to understand its potential and harness its power effectively.

She further added that rather than being explicitly programmed to perform specific tasks, machine learning systems learn and improve from experience. She also said that through these lecture series, the Campus aims to bridge



of machine learning and shed light on its potential to revolutionise the future.

She said that machine learning is a subfield of artificial intelligence (AI) that focuses on developing algorithms and models capable of learning from data and making predictions or decisions without explicit programming.

She emphasised that machine learning has rapidly emerged as a powerful technology and is driving innovations across various industries.

She further added that in this era of technological advancement, machine learning has emerged as a transformative force, shaping various aspects of our lives. We all have the opportunity to delve into this fascinating field and explore the incredible potential of intelligent algorithms.

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus (JU) expressed gratitude towards the

the knowledge gap and inspire attendees to explore the endless possibilities of contemporary times.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/C Coordinator, UIET, Kathua Campus (JU) introduced and welcomed the eminent speaker and thanked her for providing the attendees with valuable insights into the fascinating world of machine learning.

Dr. Nisha Choudhary coordinated the whole programme and Er. Sushant Galgal delivered the vote of thanks.

Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Sandeep Raj, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Er. Komal Khadotra, Dr. Rubby Mahajan, Er. Archana Salaria, Er. Himani Khajuria, Er. Palvi Verma, Er. Vishavjeet Singh, Er. Shivani Sharma, Er. Sourav Gupta, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Pranav Ratta, Ritika Goyal, Dr. Zahin Ansari, and other teaching faculty of the Campus attended the webinar.

SMVDU students visit Kashmir Steel Rolling Mills



Top News Report

KATRA, Jul 10: For imparting practical knowledge and understanding of mechanical engineering concepts, School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVD University in association with Training and Placement Cell organized an industrial visit to a M/s Kashmir Steel Rolling Mill, Bari Brahamana, Jammu for the students of B.Tech. and M.Tech.

The Kashmir Steel Rolling Mills is ISO 9001 & 14000 certified company producing the largest manufactures of TMT Bars in J&K State. Under the guidance of Dr. Balbir Singh, and Dr. Sanjay Mohan, faculty members, students were given a rare opportunity to witness the complete rolling process from Steel ingots to TMT bars including packaging, maintenance and testing section.

Staff members Arjun Kotwal, Sudesh Kumar and Ankil Kumar also accompanied students for the visit.

Dr. Eswarmorthy M, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering thanked BK Bhatia, Training & Placement Officer, and M/s Kashmir Steel rolling Milling for arranging useful visit for the students, faculty and staff members of Mechanical Engineering.

Shiv Sena, SSP demand to make 24x7 Jammu Doordarshan channel functional



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 10: Jammu and Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sainik Samaj Party has demanded the central government and LG administration to set up 24/7 Duggar /Jammu Doordarshan Kendra in Jammu.

According to a joint press release issued by Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena UBT and Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party,

these leaders expressed deep anguish and concern over the denial of 24/7 channel to the people of Jammu region for the last 75 years.

They said that despite the construction of building, employees accommodation, expensive equipment, cameras and staff at the cost of crores, is not functional, which is a deep conspiracy to attack Dogra culture, identity and it is a waste of public tax money.

By being functional Jammu doordarshan, thousands of local artistes would get employment and it would be a better platform to promote our local art and culture.

These leaders allege that this is a series of discrimination against the Jammu division which has been going on for decades and continues even after the formation of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

ABVP Jammu Mahanagar celebrates 75th Foundation Day



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 10: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), India's premier student organization, proudly marked its 75th Foundation Day as National Students Day in an extravagant celebration held at the prestigious Trikuta Yatri Niwas in Amphalla Jammu.

The event witnessed the convergence of students, dignitaries, and well-wishers from all walks of life. ABVP Jammu Mahanagar took this momentous occasion to unveil its dynamic new team for the highly anticipated 2023-24 session.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Purshottam Dadichi Ji, a distinguished social activist and revered member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), who adorned the evening as the chief guest.

Adding to the grandeur of the occasion, Vijay Pratap, the eminent North Zone Organizing Secretary of ABVP, made a special appearance, captivating the audience with his insightful perspective on the future of student activism.

Dr. A.P Singh, President of ABVP Jammu Kashmir, graced the event as the guest of honor, embodying the unwavering commitment of ABVP towards student empowerment.

The Foundation Day celebrations served as a testament to ABVP's unwavering dedica-

tion to nurturing young minds and championing the cause of academic excellence. Throughout its illustrious journey, ABVP has been at the forefront of shaping the educational landscape of the nation, advocating for student rights, fostering a culture of nationalism, and encouraging holistic development among the youth.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the vibrant new team that will lead ABVP Jammu Mahanagar's initiatives and campaigns for the much-anticipated 2023-24 session. This talented and passionate team comprises individuals who possess an indomitable spirit, driven by the vision of a progressive and inclusive education system that empowers students to realize their full potential.

Addressing the captivated audience, Purshottam Dadichi lauded ABVP's tireless efforts in nurturing future leaders and stressed the pivotal role of an enlightened student community in driving the growth and progress of the nation. Vijay Pratap passionately emphasized the vital role that ABVP plays in instilling a sense of national pride and fostering a deep sense of responsibility among students.

Dr. A.P Singh expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated members, tireless volunteers, and unwavering well-wishers who have been

instrumental in ABVP's journey thus far.

He reiterated ABVP Jammu Kashmir's steadfast commitment to providing a powerful platform for students to voice their concerns, realize their aspirations, and actively contribute to their holistic development.

The grandeur and splendor of the 75th Foundation Day celebrations, coupled with the announcement of the new team, mark an extraordinary milestone for ABVP Jammu Mahanagar. This landmark occasion ignites renewed enthusiasm, determination, and a profound sense of responsibility to continue serving the student community with unwavering dedication.

In the Team Rajesh Bardhwaj was announced as President and Arman Khajuria Mahanagar secretary. Whereas Rohit Gupta, Mandeep Singh, Neetu Kumari were announced as Vice Presidents. Piyush Gupta, Manik Goswami, Radhika Sharma, Harish Sharma were announced as Joint Secretaries. Anit Singh Manhas and Arunanshu as Media convener and co co-convenors. Fasiel Malik as SFD incharge Rajat Khajuria as SFD Co-incharge. Pallavi and Deepali Sharma as RKM Incharge and co incharge. Akash and Varun as college working and co working incharge. And many others are also announced on their respective responsibilities.