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## BRIEFLY

### Amid forecast for mainly dry weather, temp rises at most places in J&K

JAMMU, Jul 11 (Agencies): Amid forecast for mainly dry weather, minimum temperature increased at most places in J&K on Tuesday.

A meteorological department official here told that mainly dry weather is expected till July 14. However, he said, brief spell of rain and thunderstorm at isolated places "can't be ruled out (>70% chance)". Intermittent light to moderate rain has been predicted at many places of J&K with chances upto 70% from July 15-24.

### NHAI works overnight to make alternate bypass to restore traffic on NH-44

JAMMU, Jul 11 (Agencies): Work to construct an alternate bypass for restoring traffic on National Highway-44 at Chabba Seri was on in full swing overnight, said an official on Tuesday.

Work on restoring the portion of a road, which was washed in the heavy rains, was also underway simultaneously on Monday, the official informed further. Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, said, "Work at Seri, Ramban, by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is underway to construct an emergency bypass to restore traffic on National Highway-44."

### Body of teenage girl retrieved from river after four days

SRINAGAR, Jul 11 (Agencies): The body of a 13-year-old girl who drowned on Saturday last week was retrieved on Tuesday after strenuous efforts of the last four days.

Additional deputy commissioner Handwara, Nazir Ahmad said that the body was retrieved from the river Pohru by a joint rescue team.

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## SC to conduct Day-To-Day hearing from August 2 on pleas challenging abrogation of Article 370

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it will commence day-to-day hearing from August 2 on a batch of petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution that bestowed special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, which passed several procedural directions, fixed July 27 as deadline for filing of written submissions and convenience compila-



tion by different parties. The bench also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant said hearing on the batch of petitions will be held on a day-to-day basis except on

Mondays and Fridays, which are days for hearing miscellaneous matters in the apex court. It appointed two lawyers — one from the petitioner's side and the government side — to prepare convenience compilation and file it

before July 27 and made it clear that after the said date no documents will be accepted.

The five-judge bench said that Centre's affidavit filed on Monday with regard to conditions prevailing post August 5, 2019 notification in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir have no bearing on the constitutional issue to be adjudicated by the five-judge Constitution bench. Senior advocate Raju Ramachandran, who is leading the petitioners challenging the constitutional validity of abrogation of Article

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## Amarnath Yatra resumes from Jammu after 3-day suspension



JAMMU, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Amarnath Yatra resumed from the Jammu base camp on Tuesday afternoon after remaining suspended for three days in view of the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway for repairs in

the Ramban section.

A fresh batch of pilgrims was allowed to move towards Kashmir for their onward journey to the Amarnath cave shrine as the highway, which had been damaged at several places due to incessant rainfall,

was opened, they said.

Amarnath pilgrims usually leave Jammu between 3.45 am and 4.30 am every day. The suspension of the yatra had left around 15,000 pilgrims stranded in Jammu and at other places.

Those stranded at Qazigund were also allowed to move towards Jammu, the officials said.

In view of the suspension of the yatra, around 8,000 pilgrims were stranded in Jammu, particularly the Bhagwanagar base camp.

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## No shortage of petrol, other essentials in Kashmir: Govt

SRINAGAR, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Government on Tuesday said that there was no shortage of essential commodities including petrol in the Valley and that the adequate supply will be received tomorrow once the Srinagar-Jammu highway will reopen for vehicular movement.

"There was no need to panic. We have an adequate supply of essential commodities here," Divi-



sional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri said.

He added that the Srinagar-Jammu national highway will reopen tomorrow for vehicular

movement and adequate supply of essential commodities will arrive here on priority.

Earlier, a huge rush has been witnessed at fuel stations in several parts of Kashmir where the people were seen buying petrol.

Reports reaching that the petrol was not available at several fuel stations in South Kashmir including Anantnag and Kulgam.

## Ex MLC Surinder Choudhary quits BJP, joins NC



JAMMU, Jul 11 (Agencies): Former Member of Legislative Council of erstwhile state of Jammu

and Kashmir, Surinder Choudhary on Tuesday resigned from the BJP and joined the National Conference.

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## Man dies after being hit by train

SRINAGAR, Jul 11 (Agencies): A non-local person was killed after being hit by a moving train along Anantnag to Sadura railway section this morning, officials said.

Officials said that the deceased received fatal injuries after getting hit by the train plying from Baramulla to Banihal, leading to his instant death.

The name of the deceased is being ascertained, they said further.

## NIA again cracks down on newly floated outfits of banned organisations in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jul 11 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday cracked down once again on the newly-floated offshoots of proscribed Pakistan-backed militant outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir and conducted raids at five locations in south Kashmir, officials said.

The raids were conducted in the three districts of Anantnag, Shopian and Pulwama in the Kashmir valley, and the agency seized several digital devices contain-

ing massive incriminating data.

A spokesperson of NIA said the locations raided on Tuesday were residential premises of hybrid militants and Overground Workers (OGWs) linked with the newly-formed offshoots and affiliates of several banned Kashmiri terrorist outfits. Premises of sympathisers and cadres of these organisations were also raided.

"All these cadres and workers are being investigated for activities

relating to terror, violence and subversion in J&K," the spokesperson said.

NIA suspects their involvement in the collection and distribution of sticky bombs, magnetic bombs, IEDs, funds, narcotic substances and arms or ammunition.

The J&K terror conspiracy case was registered suo moto by NIA on June 21, 2022 at its Jammu police station.

The case related to a physical and online conspiracy by the banned

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## Political parties welcome SC's decision to hear petitions on Article 370 on daily basis



SRINAGAR, Jul 11 (Agencies): Political parties in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to hear a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution on a day-to-day basis.

The apex court on

Tuesday said it will commence day-to-day hearing from August 2 on the petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 that bestowed a special status on the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah said he is

confident that there is a strong case in favour of the restoration of Article 370. "It took four years for the case to get to the Supreme Court. It shows how strong our case is. Had it been weak, believe me, they (Centre) would have started the hearing within weeks. It took so long because the Constitution was blown to pieces on August 5, 2019," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister told reporters after paying homage to his grandmother Begum Akbar Jahan, the wife of NC founder

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## Houses of four terrorists raided in Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday carried out raids at the houses of four terrorists, who are operating from across the border and making efforts to revive militancy in Kishtwar

district, a senior police officer said. The raids are underway at Mughal Maiden, Chatroo and Singhpora areas and are aimed at eliminating the militant ecosystem in the district by identifying various over-ground workers and supporters of terrorism, Senior

Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmad Poswal said.

Officials said the houses of terrorists Jamal Din, Gulzar Ahmad, Shabir Ahmad and Gulabu, who have escaped to Pakistan and are operating from

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## Militant killed, arms seized in Naushera sector: Army

SRINAGAR, Jul 11 (Agencies): Army claimed on Tuesday to have foiled a major infiltration bid along the Line of Control in the Naushera sector by killing a militant and recovering a huge cache of arms and ammunition.

In a statement, a Jammu-based defense spokesperson said that the Indian Army, on the night of July 10, foiled a major infiltration bid along the Line of Control in the Naushera Sector over two nights in a deliberate and massive operation.

The statement reads that on July 10 at midnight, Indian Army troops deployed along the Line of Control in Naushera observed suspicious movement of a group of militants moving suspiciously from across the Line of Control towards Indian side.

"Our alert troops kept the movement of the infiltrators under constant observation, and when they were nearly

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## EDITORIAL

POPULATION  
EXPLOSION

Population generally refers to the total number of people living in a particular area.

However, the term population refers not only to human population but also to wildlife population and the total population of animals and other living organisms that have the ability to reproduce. The irony is that where the human population is increasing rapidly, the animal population is decreasing.

There are many factors which are giving rise to population explosion in different parts of the world since last few decades. One of the major factors is the progress in science and technology. Where earlier there was a balance between the birth rate and the death rate of human beings, the progress in medical science has created an imbalance in it.

Medicines and modern medical equipment have been developed to cure many diseases. With the help of these, the human death rate has come down and this has increased the population.

Apart from this, technological development has also shown the way for industrialization. Though earlier most of the people were involved in agricultural activities and earned their livelihood through the same but now many are moving towards working in different factories. The population of such areas, where these industries are established, is increasing day by day.

While the human population is on the verge of explosion, the wildlife population is decreasing with the passage of time. The population of many species of birds and animals has reduced drastically which can only be attributed to humans. Some of these details are given below:

Wildlife animals live in forests. Deforestation means destroying their habitat. Yet man is mercilessly cutting and destroying forests to meet his needs. Many species of animals have also declined and many others have become extinct due to the declining quality or loss of their habitat.

Increasing air, water and land pollution is another major reason why many animals die at a young age. Many species of animals are not able to cope with the increasing pollution. They have to face many diseases due to this and have to face its fatal consequences.

The climate has changed quite rapidly in different parts of the world. In many areas which used to get moderate rainfall earlier, the situation is now looking like a flood. Similarly, areas that used to be mildly hot during the summer season now experience extremely hot weather. While humans are ready to adapt to such conditions, animals cannot cope with it.

Man has always thought of his own comfort and happiness ignoring the impact on the plants, animals and the overall environment around them. If humans continue to behave like this, the earth will no longer be fit for human existence. It is high time that we should acknowledge the importance of controlling the human population as well as the practices that are ruining our planet.

## The myth of Magna Carta: The struggle still goes on

By: Mohan Guruswamy

We now take our liberties and rights for granted, and the way of life it guarantees us as inherent. But what we now have has come after a long evolution process, and often they flowed out of something else quite unintended. The Magna Carta is a case in point. The English-speaking world recently celebrated over 800 years of the Magna Carta, or Great Charter, that is synonymous with fundamental rights and rule of law that are the cornerstones of modern democracy. Much of the world believes the Magna Carta came out of an eruption of a long-suppressed yearning among ordinary people for protection against the monarch and nobility. But it is not so.

It came out of an intra-elite struggle between 40 barons and their ruler. England's King John had emptied the royal treasuries in a fruitless war with France, and the barons were unwilling to meet his demands for higher taxes. The consequence was the Magna Carta — to protect the barons from the King's demands. The demand to be judged by their peers was another protection. It was not meant for ordinary people, but only for barons. The Magna Carta was thus not a grand demand for equality, basic freedoms or the rule of law, but just a narrow demand for restricting the ruler's powers, to ring-fence the interests of the elite.

But the Magna Carta's myth endured and was invoked whenever and wherever people struggled against injustice and freedom. Mahatma Gandhi invoked it in South Africa when he fought for racial equality, and emancipators and freedom fighters like Nelson

Mandela, Jawaharlal Nehru, Ho Chi Minh, Fidel Castro and Martin Luther King Jr invoked it when they were being tried for sedition by oppressive regimes. Like the English barons, they too were arguing for limiting the oppressive and unjust powers of rulers, but not just for themselves and their peers, but for all their peoples. The story of modern democracy is about the long journey from the rights of a few to the rights of all.

Another myth that endures is that the twin notions democracy and the rule of law somehow originated with the Magna Carta. The fact is that the King rejected the Magna Carta soon after it was presented to him. But John avoided the consequences of the barons' indignation by dying and thereby perpetuating the myth.

The first democracies long preceded the 1215 Magna Carta. As early as sixth century BC several "independent republics" existed in India as sanghas and ganas. Their main characteristics were a raja, elected or hereditary, and a deliberative assembly. These assemblies met regularly and passed laws pertaining to finances, administration and justice. The raja and other officials obeyed the decisions of these assemblies. While these assemblies mostly comprised the nobility and landowners, in some cases they included all free men. But the Brahminical system prevailed, in that the monarch always had to be a Kshatriya. While Licchavis, who held sway over the Kathmandu Valley in today's Nepal and a major part of northern Bihar, were governed by an assembly of about 7,000 rajas, who in turn were the heads of all major families, others like the Shakyas, the clan to which Gautama Buddha belonged, had assemblies open to all people, rich

or poor, and noble or common.

The greatest contribution to the evolution of democracy as a philosophy was in Athens, where great philosophers like Socrates, Plato, Aristotle lit up public discourse with their brilliance and original thinking. Socrates and his pupil, Plato, deliberated and expounded on the role of a citizen within a community and laid down the foundations of the political philosophy that flourished in Athens and spread to most of the world in the next two and a half millennia. Aristotle, who counted among his students Alexander the Great, dwelt more on systems of government and who first qualified liberty as the fundamental principle of democracy.

Aristotle wrote in Politics: "Now a fundamental principle of the democratic form of constitution is liberty — that is what is usually asserted, implying that only under this constitution do men participate in liberty, for they assert this as the aim of every democracy. But one factor of liberty is to govern and be governed in turn; for the popular principle of justice is to have equality according to number, not worth, and if this is the principle of justice prevailing, the multitude must of necessity be sovereign and the decision of the majority must be final and must constitute justice, for they say that each citizen must have an equal share; so it results that in democracies the poor are more powerful than the rich, because there are more of them, and whatever is decided by the majority is sovereign."

This principle that "whatever is decided by the majority is sovereign" has always had to contend with the rights of individuals. In the US, created after a great debate

among the founding fathers as a democracy, it was by majority will that slavery flourished till the Civil War. It took another century before equal rights for black people became the majority will. This constant struggle for individual rights against the will of the collective has been the central story of the evolution of the modern democratic state. Free India, by contrast, provided for all these rights and liberties from the beginning in its Constitution. The Magna Carta, because it sought to limit the powers of the ruler, perhaps still has a place in our hearts and minds. To most citizens in democratic states, our life is also a constant struggle against the assertion of collective will to trample individual liberties or the rights of smaller groups.

The rise of democratic, elected Parliaments in England and Scotland just 50 years after the Magna Carta is not a coincidence but a consequence of that demand to share power. It is from the Magna Carta that the English writ of habeas corpus evolved, safeguarding individuals and their freedoms against unjust and unlawful imprisonment with the right to appeal. It is from this emergence of petitioning for the production of the body that Parliaments in due course became to be increasingly used as a forum to address all the concerns and grievances of ordinary people.

Thus, whatever be Magna Carta's first intent, its consequences greatly expanded over centuries into a charter, which guarantees individual liberties, equality and justice to all, irrespective of race, religion and class. But that struggle is far from over. It goes on, and only its forms change as human values and means change.

## 'Amritkaal' now upon us, but eco targets are far from being met!

By: Aakar Patel

Since we have entered the phase of Kartavyakaal it may be instructive to see what happened in Amritkaal. In 2017, the Niti Aayog began putting together a five-year plan based on a call given by the Prime Minister. In August that year, Narendra Modi had pledged and asked others to pledge to creating a "new India" by 2022. The Niti Aayog consulted the ministries and states and a host of other individuals and institutions before coming up with a 200-page document of what would be achieved.

A total of 1,400 "stakeholders" was consulted and the strategy signed off by Mr Modi, who wrote: "Let us combine our energies to achieve the targets outlined in the strategy, fulfilling the aspirations of our citizens."

The targets, on the economic side, were: Take GDP growth to 8%; raise investment rates to 36%; raise tax-to-GDP to 22%; take female labour participation rates to 30%; improve data collection on employment; double the rate of growth of manufacturing through Make in India; double farmers' income.

What has happened on these fronts is now known, and was reported and commented upon several times over, but it's necessary to summarise. The rate of GDP growth began to fall in almost sequential fashion quarterly starting January 2018. For 13 quarters before the Covid-19 pandemic it plummeted, before arriving at 3.1% in the last quar-

ter of 2019-20. Some sleight of hand was suggested here and the former chief economic adviser said the numbers were inflated by two per cent or so. After that, the pandemic arrived and economic activity was hit. If we grow at eight per cent this year, we will have lost two years of growth.

The investment rate remains where it was: under 30%. The tax-to-GDP ratio fell from 11% in 2019 to about 10% in 2020 and has gone back to about 11%, though taxes on fuel have increased significantly. It is unclear how the Niti Aayog assumed that 22% was possible, especially after the cut in rate of direct taxes for India's corporate sector in 2019. The story of labour participation has been documented at length by the Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy. The Economic Survey's figures are similar and India is at a labour force participation rate of 40%, the lowest in South Asia, and about half that of China and Vietnam, both of which are over 70%. The government's own data also suggests the same, and the worrying thing is the rate has seen long-term and secular decline (explained by Santosh Mehrotra and others) which this government has not acknowledged and therefore not sought to correct.

Of course, one part of the problem is the very poor rate of female participation, but even the male participation is anaemic as the jobs aren't there. On data collection, again this paper has recorded the issues with the Consumer Expenditure Survey, which wasn't released despite

a plea from the earlier CEA. On unemployment data, the Niti Aayog itself discredited a National Sample Survey report showing unemployment has hit a record 6%. Released after the election results were out, the data were validated, and unemployment has remained over 6%. On December 29, 2019, PTI reported that "the statistics ministry has constituted a 28-member Standing Committee on Statistics chaired by former chief statistician Pronab Sen to improve quality of data amid criticism of the government over political interference", and quoted Sen saying "the first meeting of the SCES is scheduled on January 6, 2020. The agenda would be very broad-based. We will come to know about that only in the first meeting next month." No further news or mention is found of this committee.

Manufacturing didn't grow and instead manufacturing's share of GDP actually fell from 16% before Make in India to about 13% today. Jobs in manufacturing have also fallen. The automobile sector, which is half of all manufacturing, has been flat for a decade. India produced (for domestic and export markets combined) a total of 3.4 million passenger vehicles in 2014-15 and 3.4 million in 2019-20, before the pandemic. The average of the last three years, discounting the supply chain problems and catching up of demand lag, produces similar numbers. The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers sent out an SOS in 2021 after assessing its growth rates for three years till

March 2020 (before the pandemic). It concluded that "there is a slowdown in the Indian automobile industry that is long-term, structural and deep" and "more research needs to be done on this slowdown". But research is only done on those problems that we acknowledge the existence of, and there is no slowdown in India, according to the government.

The income of farmers did not double, of course. The RBI's Consumer Confidence Survey tracking current perceptions compared to a year ago on the economic situation, employment and inflation has been trending negative for seven straight years (except for March-April 2019).

Even exports, seen as a success story last year, climbed after being negative for most part since 2014. India had topped \$300 billion in merchandise exports in 2014. A 23% boom in global trade after Covid-19 lifted all boats in 2021-22. That boom is over and merchandise exports are again registering negative growth. This then is the record of New India@75. Halfway into 2023, there is no further reference to this five-year plan. The Niti Aayog has not said what the reasons were for having achieved or not having achieved what was sought to be achieved, or what lessons can be learned for the future.

Instead, the Prime Minister has renamed our time. Amritkaal, the eternal era, was apparently not eternal and the era of duty is now upon us.

# Riyaz Aatash leads delegation from Poonch to meet Bukhari

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SRINAGAR, Jul 11: Apni Party's Provincial Secretary, Jammu, Riyaz Aatash, led a party delegation from the Mandi area of Poonch district to meet the party chief, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, at the party headquarters in Srinagar on Tuesday.

In addition to discussing certain party affairs, the delegation members apprised Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari about pressing public issues and grievances faced by the residents of the Poonch district. These public issues are primarily caused by the infrastructure deficit and official negligence, a party press release said.

"The visiting delegation



brought to the attention of the Apni Party chief that the local residents have identified a piece of land in Rajpora, Poonch, as a suitable location for the construction of a Degree College. Despite the official approval of the proposal, the government has thus far failed

to execute it, despite being aware of the prolonged demand from the people for the establishment of a degree college in the region," the press note said.

Also, Riyaz Aatash and his accompanying delegation informed Syed Mohammad Altaf

Bukhari about the existing infrastructure deficit concerning medical facilities in Poonch. They emphasised the pressing need for genuine initiatives to enhance and strengthen the medical infrastructure in the area.

Furthermore, the del-

egation highlighted the aftermath of recent floods in Poonch, which resulted in landslides affecting multiple areas. Consequently, numerous residents lost their homes and shops in this catastrophic event.

The delegation expressed the pressing demand from the affected individuals for adequate compensation for their losses, the press note said.

Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari gave a patient hearing to the visiting delegation and assured them that the issues and grievances they raised would be promptly conveyed to the relevant officials for necessary action and resolution, the press note said.

# Medical camp held at Karnah under Civic Action Programme

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KUPWARA, Jul 11: Medical Camp at Teetwal Kupwara organized by Range Police Headquarters Baramulla under the aegis of Civic Action Programme 2023-24 in which more than 300 locals including elderly, young and childrens availed the free medical facilities.

DIG (P) NKR Baramulla, Vivek Gupta-IPS was the Chief Guest of the event. The event was witnessed by galaxy of officers from Police, CAPF, and Health Department of Block Tangdhar which included BMO Tangdhar, Doctors and Paramedical Staff. The aim of the event was to provide basic health care facilities to the old aged and down trodden

people residing in the far flung areas of District Kupwara.

Doctors from Medical Department were deputed for examining the patients, during the camp quality medicines were distributed to locals free of cost. Importantly Medical camp touched all segments of General Medicine, besides most important tests i.e highly infective tests (HIV), Serology rapid tests, Blood Sugar Tests, and Covid Tests were done and result of these tests were provided on spot to the concerned. Moreover, doctors present at medical camp effectively resolved various queries raised by patients besides doctors present shared some health tips and emphasized

upon the importance of Hygiene and other preventive Health Care Measures in one's life that can help the person in maintaining a healthy life style.

While addressing, DIG (P) NKR Baramulla lauded the efforts of Medical Department for making the event successful. Besides conversed the aim of conducting such events is to provide basic health facilities to people residing in far flung and to inculcate importance of maintain hygiene in them. Worthy DIG (P) NKR Baramulla further ensured that such free medical camps for the General Public of far flung areas shall be organized by Police Department in future also.

# Adv Aamina starts road macadamization work



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KUPWARA, Jul 11: District Development Member Drugmulla (DDC), Advocate Aamina Malik today inaugurated macadamization work on Bramri Main Road.

On the occasion, the DDC Member expressed gratitude towards LG Administration and District Administration Kupwara for ensuring equitable development of far flung areas. She also appreciated the efforts of R&B department including Chief Engineer, SE, Ex Executive

Engineer, New XEN, AEE, JE and supporting staff for expediting the macadamization work before the onset of winter.

DDC Drugmulla stressed upon the officers to ensure complete macadamization of roads by 25th of this month which shall provide a great relief to the commuters of Drugmulla constituency.

Ex. Engineer R&B Kupwara Farooq Ah Purzgae, AEE R&B Imran Ah Bacha, JE Yasir Ali Qureshi, Works Supervisor Farooq Ah Chopan, National Infra

Construction Agency headed by Site Incharge Er Waseem Aijaz Khan and Er Lateef Ah Lone other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

Locals, PRIs also expressed gratitude towards DDC Drugmulla Advocate Aamina Malik who works day & Night for the betterment of Constituency.

The works include blacktopping of 700 Mtr Main road National Highway to Bramri Pan-chayat.

The total cost of works is estimated at Rs 35 lakh approximately.

# LFO-BHF organizes dental camp in Jammu

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JAMMU, Jul 11: LFO-BHF organised a dental checkup at Balgran, Channi Rama, Jammu to promote oral health and prevent related diseases, under the guidance of Vivek Parihar Director & C.E.O. of the organisation.

LFO-BHF organised this activity in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi Govt. Dental College, and with the support of Kashish Gupta, CEO of Talla Jewellers in this camp 120 children living in the charitable home for destitute children were examined and made referrals to Dental College AmphalLa where



treatment was required.

The aim of the initiative was to provide a basic checkup of their teeth under the supervision of the dental team of Dr. Iqbal Singh (HOD) and Dr. Anu

Gandral.

An awareness session was also conducted by Dr. Anu Gandral in which basic dental routines were presented along with model representations.

Shubam Kumar President Jammu Province said, LFO-BHF also distributed Tooth brushes and tooth paste among the children and motivated them to take care of their teeth and brush

their teeth regularly.

Abhishek Raina Secretary Jammu Province said, we are heartily thankful to all the doctors, management of Balgran and Talla Jewellers for their support in organising such activities for the betterment of children.

Members of LFO-BHF present were Shubam Verma, Sachin Jandyal, Abhishek Gupta, Stuti Abrol, and others. The members of the dental college team who present were Dr. Anu Gandral, Dr. Aashna Mahajan, Dr. Insha Ilyar, Dr. Meghna Nagpal, Dr. Anish Dubey, Sandeep Sharma, and Anjali Raina.

# President Nat Manch calls Rohnigyas infiltrators biggest threat to country

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JAMMU, Jul 11: Actor, Director, President Nat Manch & Japan Shotokan Karate-Do Kaninjuku Organization J&K, Dr. Tarun Sharma has called infiltrators the biggest threat to the country and said that Bangladeshi infiltrators and Rohingya Muslims

from Myanmar are linking 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.

Dr. Tarun Sharma 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.

# JKESTW Society condoles death of Director Finance

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JAMMU, Jul 11: A condolence meeting was convened digitally by executive body Members of Jammu and Kashmir Excise State Taxes Employees Welfare Society (JKESTW) which was presided over by Its President Vijay Sharma Retd DC to mourn the tragic and untimely demise of Ranbir Singh Bali, Director Finance, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department along with his wife & son. During the condolence meeting President of Society expressed deep sorrow over the loss of precious lives in a fatal accident near Pannar on Mughal Road the previous evening. He termed that the death of Bali is loss to entire fraternity as well.

# DDC Nutnusa inaugurates water supply scheme under JJM



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HANDWARA, Jul 11: District Development Council Member Nutnusa Adv Zahoor Ah Magray inaugurated the work on Check Nutnusa Water Supply Scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The DDC was accompanied by XEN Jal Shakti department

Handwara Bilal Ahmad, AEE Ramhal Zahoor Ah Lone, JE Concerned Mohd Ashraf, local PRIs and general public of the area.

It is supposed that the said Water supply scheme Check Nutnusa is bieng constructed/Established at an estimated cost of Rs 311 lakh and shall cater

the water requirement of Check Nutnusa B.

The source of the WSS is production well near Check Nutnusa.

The water supply scheme has different components civil (Pump house, chain link fencing, Sluice chambere, 0.5 lac G service reservoirs, ) and laying and fitting of the pipes

for gravity main and distribution system which shall provide 3000 Souls.

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

# Artemis Hospitals Gurgaon's Cardiology Team aims to provide Vital Support and Treatment for Children & Adults with Heart Conditions"

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JAMMU, Jul 11: Artemis Hospitals Gurgaon is pleased to announce the launch of its free Cardiology camp for Adults & Pediatric patients in Jammu. The camp aims to provide a free check-up camp for medical care.

With the rising cost of medical care, many families are unable to afford the treatment necessary to save their child's life. Through this program, Artemis Hospital hopes to alleviate some of the financial burden and provide quality medical care to those in need. The Pediatric Cardiac Care OPD organized today by our team of expert doctors including Dr. Nidhi Rawal, Head Paediatric Cardiology, Dr. Annie Arvind, Associate Consultant - Pediatric Cardiology, Dr. Neeraj Gupta, Consultant Cardiology, Dr. Varun Gupta, Con-



sultant Cardiology, Dr. Karan Dang, Consultant Cardiology, from Ascoms Artemis Heart Centre, Jammu.

"We believe that every person deserves access to quality medical care, regardless of their financial situation. With our free Pediatric Cardiac Camp, we hope to save the lives of children who otherwise would not have had access to this critical care. Every patient is unique and requires a personalized approach to their surgical management. Our team works tirelessly to

ensure that each patient receives the appropriate treatment plan that maximizes their chances for a successful outcome."

said Dr. Nidhi Rawal, Head Pediatric Cardiology, Artemis Hospitals According to Dr. Annie Arvind, Head - Associate Consultant, Pediatric Cardiology from Artemis Hospital "As pediatric cardiologists, our goal is to provide the best possible care for children with heart conditions, while also focusing on preventative measures to ensure a healthy heart in the future. With

advanced technology and a multidisciplinary approach, we are able to diagnose and treat a wide range of congenital and acquired heart defects in children of all ages. Hence it is very important to diagnose well on time."

We invite everyone to take advantage of this incredible opportunity for a free heart checkup at our camp. Your health and well-being are our utmost priority, and we believe that early detection and prevention are key to a healthy heart. Don't miss this chance to receive a comprehensive assessment from our team of experienced medical professionals.

Remember, a healthy heart leads to a fulfilling life. Join us at the heart checkup camp and take charge of your cardiovascular health today. Together, let's pave the way for a future filled with vitality and happiness.

## As Farzi takes the prestigious second spot at OTT favourites of 2023 so far, we take a look at its creators Raj & DK's web world

The world of OTT saw its favourites of 2023 recently, and Indian series Farzi took the second spot at the Global Top Rated Series of 2023 by IMDb. The reigning favourite The Last of Us undoubtedly took to the top spot, while Jury Duty, Beef and Cunk on Earth were placed in the third, fourth and fifth positions, respectively. Silo, Daisy Jones & the Six, Shrinking, The Diplomat and Poker Face made it to the top 10 of 2023 list so far.

Farzi is the only Indian and Hindi web series on the list. "Worldwide number 2. Ab toh second season banana hi padega..." shared an ecstatic Shahid Kapoor, who debuted on OTT with this web series. The series also marked National award-winning Tamil actor Vijay Sethupathi's Hindi OTT debut.

Raj & DK directed Farzi, the eight-episode series dropped on February 10, 2023, on Amazon Prime Video. Receiving favourable reviews, it became one of the most-watched Indian series.

Looks like Raj & DK — Raj Nidimoru and Krishna D. K. — the two Andhra Pradesh engineers, who gave up their careers as software engineers in America to pursue their passion of filmmaking, have hit upon the formula to win the audience. Not just their films — Go Goa Gone



and Stree — got acceptance despite being different from the usual Bollywood fare, but they made waves in the OTT world with the show The Family Man, and Farzi.

Here is quick look at their OTT world:

**The Family Man**

This espionage thriller, created and written by Raj & DK made Srikanth Tiwari, brilliantly played by Manoj Bajpayee, a household name. An Amazon series that has seen two successful seasons in 2019 and 2021, starred Priyamani, Sharib Hashmi, Neeraj Madhav, Pawan Chopra and Samantha Ruth Prabhu. It made to the most viewed web series on Amazon Prime Video soon after release. Enjoying a robust rating of 8.7

on IMDb, the fans are eagerly awaiting its third outing that reportedly has Covid pandemic as its backdrop.

**Farzi**

Standing tall in the 2023 top favourite list so far, Farzi enjoys an 8.4 rating at IMDb. This black comedy crime thriller, created, written and directed by Raj & DK, follows a disillusioned artiste, Sunny, who, frustrated with unequal income in the country, gets into counterfeit currency. Gripping, thrilling, a story with superb execution made Raj & DK repeat their OTT success. Its season two is reportedly around the corner

**Up next**

Guns & Gulaabs

Raj & DK again turn creators, writers and directors for another

crime thriller Guns & Gulaabs. Unlike their previous two, the platform for this Rajkumar Rao, Dulquer Salmaan, Adarsh Gourav, Gulshan Devaiah and Pooja Gor-starrer is Netflix. The makers call it 'deliciously wicked tale of crime, love and innocence that blends romance of the 90s with a fast-paced crime thriller'.

**Citadel: INDIA**

This duo gets more ambitious as it joins Amazon's global spy franchise led by Priyanka Chopra and Richard Madden. Citadel's Indian spin off, Citadel: India, stars Varun Dhawan, marking his OTT debut, and Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who is collaborating with the directors second time around after The Family Man. The shoot for the series has almost been completed and it's due for a release towards the end of 2023.

**Gulkanda Tales**

Touted as their first comedy series, for Gulkanda Tales Raj & DK roped in Pankaj Tripathi, Kunal Kemmu and Abhishek Bannerjee in the lead roles. Shot in the scenic Leh and Ladakh, this show too is expected towards the end of the 2023. As we look forward to more, the director duo remain humble and grounded. "Each new series is a new test," they echo.

## Rashmika Mandanna 'craves' Korean fried chicken; tripping on 'Obsessed'



Actress Rashmika Mandanna shares great chemistry with her fans and always makes sure she is checking up on them and engaging with them via different mediums.

While her fans always look forward to interacting with the actress,

on Monday she came live from her Instagram account to have a fun chat-session with her fans. Her live session witnessed a huge crowd, with fans dropping their questions.

In the ask me anything (AMA) session, one of the fans asked her to

mention her happy place, to which she responded: "My Happy Place is home, which is Coorg."

The other fan asked about her favourite food, to which she replied: "I love desserts. But right now I have a major craving for Korean fried chicken."

One user also asked her to reveal her favourite song, and Rashmika said she is currently tripping on 'Obsessed' by Abhijay Sharma and Riar Saab, adding "courtesy Vicky Kaushal".

The 27-year-old actress was also asked about the best book she has ever read and she replied it is "Tuesdays with Morrie. I love that book."

Rashmika further revealed that she can speak six languages, and has also promised to drop her skincare routine.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Rashmika has some big projects in her upcoming lineup, which include the much-awaited 'Pushpa 2' opposite Allu Arjun, and 'Animal' opposite Ranbir Kapoor.

## Ex-contestant Aarti Singh talks about Bigg Boss OTT 2

In a recent episode, Cyrus Broacha said that he couldn't deal with the pressure of being inside Bigg Boss OTT 2 house and urged Bigg Boss as well as host Salman Khan to allow him to make an exit from the ongoing reality show. Salman Khan told him that he didn't have that option until the time the audience voted him out.

Ex-Bigg Boss contestant Arti Singh talks about Cyrus. She says, "It can be draining for people who are not used to politics and lack patience. They may feel stuck and want to leave. However, that is where their strength lies — in not giving up. They don't have to prove anything to anyone; it's their own journey. Even I had experienced panic attacks. But one has to be stronger than any given situation. I'm sure he will fight it."



## Abhishek Bachchan, Saiyami Kher's 'Ghoomer' to be screened at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

Abhishek Bachchan and Saiyami Kher-starrer 'Ghoomer' is going to be the opening film at the 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne. Director R Balki and Abhishek expressed their excitement and said that it's an honour for them.

With Abhishek Bachchan, Saiyami Kher, Angad Bedi, and Shabana Azmi in the lead roles, 'Ghoomer' portrays the inspiring tale of a paraplegic sportsperson, played by Saiyami Kher, who excels as a cricketer under the guidance of her coach, played by Abhishek Bachchan.

"It's indeed an honour and pleasure for us that 'Ghoomer' will be the opening film at the IFFM," said Bachchan and R Balki in a joint statement, adding, "'Ghoomer' is a story of turning adversity into advantage. A story of innovation when faced with extermination. It is a tribute to the sport and the reservoir of human resilience. It's only fitting for a film that believes that 'Sport makes life worth living' to be launched in



the sport capital of the world, Australia, the land of the MCG. Welcome to the first preview of 'Ghoomer'."

Saiyami added, "I am thrilled and extremely honoured that

glad it's finally come true. For me this film is much beyond the sport. It's a story of triumph in extreme adversity. It has been the most physically and emotionally demanding film I have done. Feels extra special that people will be watching this film at IFFM for the first time. Couldn't have asked for anything better coming to the land of the great Shane Warne to showcase our film".

The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) is returning for its 14th edition. Taking place from August 11 to 20, 2023, its opening night on August 12 is expected to be a spectacular occasion with participation from the film's illustrious cast and creators.

This year, the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne is presenting a lineup of several events at venues across Melbourne. From the renowned Hammer Hamer Hall to the prestigious National Gallery of Victoria, these iconic locations will serve as the backdrop for a series of exhilarating festival events.

## Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Vijay Deverkonda's 'Kushi' from 'Aradhya' promo out

Makers of the upcoming romantic film 'Kushi' on Monday unveiled the promo of the second song 'Aradhya'.

Taking to Instagram, actor Vijay Deverkonda shared the promo and captioned it, "#Kushi 2nd song Promo #Aradhya."

Composed by Hesham Abdul Wahab, the full song will be out on July 12.

Starring Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Vijay Deverkonda in the lead roles 'Kushi' is all set to hit the theatres on September 1 in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam.

After 'Mahanati', this will be Samantha and Vijay's second project together and also it is Samantha's second collaboration with filmmaker Shiva Nirvana, who previously collaborated with her on 'Majili'. Jayaram, Sachin Khe-

dakar, Murali Sharma, Lakshmi, Ali, Rohini, Vennela Kishore, Rahul Ramakrishna, Srikanth Iyengar, and Saranya are among the cast members of the film.

The film is anticipated to be an inter-faith love story. For Samantha, 'Kushi' is important as her last release 'Shaakuntalam' did not work at the box office. Vijay's Hindi debut 'Liger' was promoted on a large scale but tanked at the box office. However, the fans of these two superstars are excited to see them together on the screen.

Meanwhile, Vijay will also be seen sharing screen space with Sreeleela in Gowtam Tinnanuri's new film, which is tentatively titled 'VD 12'.

Samantha, on the other hand, will also be seen in the Indian adaptation of the action



series 'Citadel' opposite Varun Dhawan. Created by Raj and DK, the

series will stream on the OTT platform Amazon Prime Video.

## Nora Fatehi is excited to join Remo D'souza as co-judge on 'Hip-Hop India'

Actor and dancer Nora Fatehi has joined choreographer Remo D'souza as a co-judge on the hip-hop-based dance reality show, 'Hip-Hop India'.

She shared her excitement and said, "Hip-Hop India are literally the words that I like to shout out loud whenever I see anyone grooving and dancing. hip-hop is one of the coolest and most fun styles of dance that exists. To be a judge on this show and the fact that my co-judge is my dear friend, Remo D'Souza is nothing but pure excitement manifested into reality."

Nora made her debut in the film 'Roar: Tigers of the Sundarbans'. She gained popularity for her item songs in films like 'Temper', 'Baahubali: The Beginning' and 'Kick 2' and has also starred in two Malayalam films, 'Double Barrel' and 'Kayamkulam Kochun-



ni'. She also appeared in the reality shows

as a host and judge. Some of them included

MTV's 'Dating in the Dark', 'Dance Deewane Juniors', 'Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 10', among others.

She also participated in 'Bigg Boss 9' and performed on the recreated version of 'Dilbar' in 'Satyameva Jayate'. Later, she collaborated with Tanzanian musician and songwriter Rayvanny to release her first international English debut song 'Pepeta'. She was also selected to feature in 'Light The Sky', a song for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, collaborating with artists, RedOne, Manal, Balqees and Rahma Riad.

Nora will be next seen in director Sajid Khan's upcoming comedy film '100%' alongside John Abraham, Riteish Deshmukh and Shehnaaz Gill.

'Hip-Hop India' will stream from July 21 on Amazon miniTV.













## SKUAST-K conducts National Workshop cum awareness programme



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JAMMU, Jul 11: The Division of Agricultural Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-K, Wadura, conducted a one day National Workshop-cum-Awareness Programme on the application of statistics in Agriculture and allied subjects, on the occasion of 130th (June 29) birth anniversary of Father of Indian Statistics, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, today.

The aim of the programme was to make aware the participants about the importance of statistics and data sciences in research, policy formulation and more particularly in economic planning of the country.

At the beginning, Course Co-ordinator, Prof Tariq Ahmad Raja, Head, Division of Agriculture Economics and

Statistics, spoke on the topic. He briefed the audience about the experiences and contribution of the guests of the event.

G. A. Qureshi, Former DG, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, J&K Govt., who graced the occasion as chief guest, in his address spoke at length about the contribution of Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis, the Father of Indian Statistics, in economic planning, statistical evaluation, policy formulation, and overall human welfare.

He threw light on pre and post-independence scenarios of Indian Statistical Systems, and Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis' contribution in this field. He also suggested that a workshop should be held on the methodologies for computation of GDP at National and State levels, for which he

offered his services for arranging funding and technical facilities from the concerned agencies.

Prof. G. M. Bhat, the former Dean, Central University of Kashmir, deliberated upon the importance of data in state and central policies, and about the progress of three-tier system regarding Sustainable Development Goals, and the contribution of Dr. Mahalanobis in the growth of manufacturing sector in India, among other things.

Prof. Khursheed A. Mir, Controller of Examinations, Cluster University, Srinagar, stressed on the importance of statistics in research, analysis and need for proper interpretation of data. Worthy Dean of the faculty, Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth, in her words of wisdom, laid stress on the need of career plan-

ning and option of statistics and data sciences as career options for students across the disciplines. She hailed the contribution of guests in their respective fields towards the society.

Few video messages on the subject, particularly by Prof. Med Ram Verma of Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi, Prof Parmil Kumar Head Department of Statistics, Jammu University and Altaf Hussain Haji, first Indian Statistical Service qualifier from J&K, and currently the Dy. Director General of NSSO, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, were also displayed during the event. Dr. Imtiyaz from SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, also graced the occasion with his presence.

A felicitation programme was also held during the event in which

students from different schools who had participated in a previous awareness programme by Division of Plant Breeding and Genetics under the mentorship of Prof. Pervaze A. Sofi on the importance of Agriculture and certificates were distributed amongst them on this occasion by the worthy Dean and other guests.

All the participants were enthusiastic to be part of the event.

The organizing committee members Dr Showkat Maqbool, Dr. Sajad Abdullah Saraf, Associate Professors, Dr. Fehim J. Wani, Dr. Farheen, Assistant Professors, co-ordinated the event and shared their valuable inputs on the subject among the participants. Students and non-teaching staff of the Division put it their towards successful culmination of the programme.

Aiman, B.Sc. Agriculture student of the faculty did the proceedings of the event.

At the end, Dr. Fehim J. Wani, Assistant Professor presented the formal vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and participants.

## Gurupurab celebrations at Param Pilan Gurudwara



### TOP NEWS REPORT

BARAMULLA, Jul 11: The joyous and spiritually uplifting celebrations of Gurupurab with assistance from the esteemed Indian Army at Param Pilan Gurudwara concluded on 09th July with resounding success.

The event witnessed an outpouring of devotion and unity as Sikh community came together to celebrate the sacred occasion of Gurupurab. The event was organized by the Gurudwara management with the support of the Indian Army, the Gurupurab celebrations at Param Pilan Gurudwara promoted unity, service, and devotion in accordance with the teachings of Guru Har-gobind Sahib Ji.

The collaborative efforts between the Gurudwara management and the Army exemplified the harmonious bond between the Armed Forces and the community. Mr Charanjeet Singh Channi, a local resident told reporter that "Rustam and Mike battalions of Pir Panjal Brigade have made all the arrangements for Gurupurab celebrations. Indian Army has always extended support to this Gurudwara. Moreover, Army provides all medical assistance and other support to any civilian in need". Mr Dalbir Singh, Granthi at Param Pilan Gurudwara quoted "Rustam and Mike battalions of Pir Panjal Brigade have made all arrangements for the

celebration of Gurupurab. I thank Indian Army for their relentless cooperation for the public". Mr Ajeet Singh, another local resident told "Indian Army has extended full support in organising the celebrations of Gurupurab. I thank Indian Army for always standing by the people".

The Gurupurab celebration was a testament to the enduring legacy of Guru Har-gobind Sahib Ji and the universal message of love, equality, and compassion that he imparted to the world. The Param Pilan Gurudwara management extended heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the Gurupurab celebration.

## ABDP Sewa Samiti Amarnath Yatra Bhandara enters day 6

### TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 11: Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti, Jammu and Kashmir has continuously been arranging Bhandara for Baba Amarnathji Yatris since 6th July, 2032 at Railway Station, Jammu with enthusiasm and fervor.

The Samiti has the mission of Public Service accomplishments which forms the core of the organization. The Langar run by the Samiti continuously and provide pure healthy meals to pilgrims and devotees come from across the country and stranded at Railway Station for the Darshan of Baba Amarnath.

Today on 6th day of Bhandara Vinit Bhai of Dharam Prachar Foundation inaugurated Bhandara in the presence of Sunil Sharma, National Coordinator of the ABDPSS.

Vinit Bhai of Maha-



rashtira lauded the efforts of the volunteers of Samiti for arranging meals for the yatris coming from different states of India and Nepal.

The National Coordinator of the Samiti Sunil Sharma informed that volunteers of the Samiti make every effort to take care of the yatris and also aware about health of the yatris in rainy season. Large number of yatris came from different states of India take meals and

appreciated the efforts of the Samiti for arranging meals for such a long time for yatris with fruits and sweets on the directions and teachings of Bhrahmgyani Guruji. The pilgrims shall be served hygienic, delicious, energetic and digestive "Sattvic" Bhojan for all days; besides there shall be special and exclusive arrangement for pilgrims observing "fast" on Ekadashi and other important festival dates, such

arrangement is available nowhere in Jammu Transit Camps.

The Sr. Member of Sampark Pramukh Jyoti Kumar informed that for this purpose, the Samiti under the guidance of Sunil Sharma actively assisted by Parshotam Sharma, Madan Mohan Gupta, Tarachand and Raman Kumar.

Others who attended today's Bhandara namely Parshotam Sharma, Subash Sharma, Anil Kumar, Tarachand and others.

## Peoples Welfare Civil Society raises employees' issues

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JAMMU, Jul 11: To raise voice against the State for the various burning issues confronting common man living in every sector of the society, a civil society is framed under the name and style of "Peoples Welfare Civil Society" with 21 executive members to start with Suresh Sharma, Subash Verma & Pardip Sharma unanimously nominated for drafting bylaws.

Addressing maiden press conference, Suresh Sharma, Subhash Verma and Pardip Sharma severely castigated LG administration for not regularizing daily wagers, irregular power cuts, property Tax, water tax, stoppage of old age & widow pensions, non release of scholarship to the



deserving students, non clearance of pending SRO-43 case and revival of old SRO-43 particularly gagging the voice of working class by bringing unjustified and illogical circulars and even amendments in the cadre of Health Department by JKSSB. Recently JKSSB ordered recruitment by deceleration of divisional cadre employees of Health Department to state cadre by clubbing

posts of both divisions resulting great disparity with Jammu qualified youth.

Advertisements should have been made division-wise against available vacant posts so that there is no disparity with any region.

They demanded to review of this irrational amendment and demand recruitment of Jammu youth against Jammu vacancies. Leaders sought immediate

attention of LG administration towards people's grievances immediately.

Besides above committee members are Satish Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, K.C. Dubey, Manjoor Ahmad, Ram Lubhya, Surjit Singh, Vijay Kumar, Jarnail Singh, K.K. Koushal, B.N. Singh, Tilak Raj Sharma, Mohd Shafi, Ranjit Singh who were present in the press conference.

## 76 Bn CRPF organizes plantation drive

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JAMMU, Jul 11: 76 Bn CRPF organized a plantation programme at Village-Khanair, Dist-Jammu under the leadership of Tarique Hussain Khan Commandant-76 Bn.

On the occasion, Commandant-76 Bn said that the main objective of this programme is to make the local people aware for environmental protection.

Trees and plants are the basis of our life. Trees not only give us shade, fruits and flow-



ers, but also give us vital oxygen. If more trees are around us, the environment will be more pure.

During this programme, Mahendra Singh, Second in Command, Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Second in Com-

mand, Anahita, Asstt: Comdt and Jawans of 76 Bn CRPF are participating in the above programme.

## JKBS members pray at Mazaar of Peer Baba Fateh



### TOP NEWS REPORT

R S PURA, Jul 11: Members of Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha prayed at the Mazaar of Peer Baba Fateh at Village Gegian for the wellbeing of all. Subedar Darshan Lal

living near the Mazaar told the members that Peer Baba Fateh devoted his full life with prayer and meditation. He was a firm believer in the unity and oneness of Allah. He would remain all the time in deep meditation

with Almighty. He had no relation with both of the worlds. He had miracles with good manners and good habits. "Devotees of all faiths come here and seek the blessing of the Peer Baba with ardent devotion.

There is no distinction made among Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims. No matter who belongs to which religion and caste, everyone gets an equal treatment in the house of Peer Baba Fatta," added Subedar Darshan Lal. Sweets offered by the members were distributed among the devotees. Those who prayed at the Mazaar included JKBS General Secretary R.L. Kaith, Sarpanch Captain Hans Raj Nandan, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu, SI Darshan Kumar Bassa, Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Hans Raj Loria and Jagdish Raj Kaith.