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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 in Tuesday.

A meteorological department official here told that mainly dry weather is expected till July14. 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 Amarnath Yatra resumes from 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-



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-

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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# 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 Bhagwatinagar base camp.

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

to-day basis except on

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

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

vehicular movement.



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.

## 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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### 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

## **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, 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 ■Turn to page 9

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

SRINAGAR, 11 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday cracked down once again on the newlyfloated 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 containing 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

"All these cadres and workers are being investigated for activities

raided.

and cadres of these

organisations were also

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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### **TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief & sarrow we inform the sad demise of Lt Sh Dharuv Singh Jamwal S/O Lt Sh Hardev Singh Jamwal R/o Suchani Teh Vijaypur, Samba who left for havenly abode on Monday 26 June 2023. TENTH DAY will be performed on Wednesday 05

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

our residence at 10:00 AM.

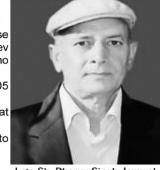
Uthala will be held on Friday 14 July 2023 from 2 to 4 PM at our residence.

**GRIEF STRICKEN.** Lt Smt Vaishano Jamwal (Wife)

Parmvir & Aruna Jamwal (Son & Daughter in law) Daughters & Son in laws Renu & Simar Singh Sambyal Bandana & Yograj Singh Jasrotia

Ranjana & Jatinder Singh Padwal Babhi & Brothers Smt Shashi & Sh Keshav Singh Smt Sunita & Lt Sh Kamal Singh

Radhu & Balwinder Singh Salathia



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

**Shri Amar Nath Kaul** 

(Dulloo)

Reeta Bhat

Lt. Sdr.Balwant Kaur

Sh. Ram Singh Jamwal

Retd S P (JKP)

Sdn. Niranjan Kour

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

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### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief we inform sad demise of beloved Shri Amar Nath Kaul (Dulloo) original resident of Narsingarh Srinagar/ 75 Bhagwati Nagar Jammu, At present Ashadeep Appartment Sector-2, Dwarka, New Delhi on 4th July 2023.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Thursday the 13th July 2023 at 8:30am at Chota Haridwar, Murad Nagar.

GRIEF STRICKEN RATNA KAUL (Wife)

ANIL KAUL (Son) 8447360006

RENU KAUL (Daughter-In-Law) 9818683303

ANIRUDH KAUL (Grandson) AAYUSH KAUL (Grandson)

And Samast Dulloo/Kaul Parivaar & Grand Children

### **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 Jacti (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

**BHOG & ANTIM ARDASS** 

With profound grief & deep sorrow, we inform the sad

demise of our beloved Lt. Sdr.Balwant Kaur,who

passed away peacefully at home on 4.7.2023. To pay

homage to the departed soul following programme has

Aramb Sri Akhand Path Sahib.9.30 AM at residence

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib.13.07.2023(Thursday )at

Sahib, Udhampur from 10.30 AM 12 Noon followed by

Janamjit Singh (J&K Bank) And Sdr.Parkash Kaur

**TENTH DAY / KRIYA** 

With profound grief and sorrow, we

regret to inform the sad demise of our

beloved Shri Ram Singh Jamwal

S/o Sh S S Jamwal R/o H No. 205,

Lane No. 01, Naseeb Nagar Janipur,

10th Day will be performed on 11th

Kriva will be performed on 14th of

JAMWAL AND PATHANIA FAMILY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad

demise of our beloved Sdn. Niranian Kour W/o Late S. Himmat Singh, H.No.421, behind Digiana Ashram, Jammu on 05.07.2023.

Aramb Sri Akhand Path Sahib at residence on 10.07.2023 (Monday) at 9.00 a.m.

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib at residence on 12.07.2023

Kirtan & Antim Ardas will be performed at Gurdwara Sahib Digiana Ashram on 12.07.2023 (Wednesday) from 10.30. a.m. to 12.00 Noon.

Sdn. Daleep Kour & S. Niranjan Singh Sdn. Paramjeet Kour & S. Mohan Singh (Joginder Nagar, H.P.)

Antim Ardas will be held as per the programme

Sdr.Kanwaljit Kaur And S.Surinder Singh.(Daughter And Son-In-law)

Sdr. Karamjeet Kaur And S. Virinder Singh (Daughter And Son -In-law).

Uthala will be performed on 14th of July from 4-5 PM at

S.Darshan Singh Sassan (Husband)

Mobile 9419796577,9149432482

(Son and Daughter-In-law)

of July at 10.30 AM.

July at 12.00 Noon.

Grief Stricken:

Wednesday) at 9.00 a.m.

Sons and Daughter-in-Laws

Sisters & Brothers-in-Law

S. Surinder Singh and Sdn. Satwant Kour

Col. I.P. Singh and Sdn. Sarabjeet Kour Daughters and Son-in-Laws

Sdn. Surjeet Kour and S. Gajan Singh

Sdn. Gurjeet Kour and S. Kirtan Singh Brother: Capt. S. Puran Singh of Poonch

Sdn. Balvinder Kour and S. Pritam Singh

All Grand Children and all Relatives & Friends Mob.:7006653588, 7889795562

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

residence.

Mobile:

**Ardas** at Gurudwara Singh Sabha

**Grand Daughters** 

Senhal Koul & Stuti Koul 8492842931

been decided.

Guru Ka Langar

IN GRIEF:

10 AM.

Antim

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

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

**Tickoo Family** 

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



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.

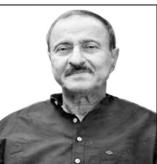
The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 13 July 2023 (Thursday) 09:00am at Devika Ghat,

GRIEF STRICKEN:

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

Sushma Raina and Ravinder Raina

Phone numbers- 9622233666, 9622277888



Sh Surinder Kadlabju

Smt. Archana Khanna

### 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.

Mandir, Pandoka Colony Paloura Jammu on 10th of July, 2023 (Monday) at 9.30 am.

(Thursday) from 11.00 am onwards.

on 14th of July (Friday) 2023 from 5.00 pm to 6 pm Sh. Subhash Khanna- Husband

Smt. Kamlesh Khanna- Bhabhi

Smt. Nidha & Sh. Amit Khanna Ms. Preeti Khanna- Daughter Sister-in-Law & Jija Jee

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

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

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

### **ANTIM ARDAS**

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

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB

10/07/2023 (MONDAY) AT 9 A.M (AT OUR

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.

WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. BANSI LAL GUPTA S/O LATE SH. SHIV RAM GUPTA (NOUGRAH WALLE) WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 09-07.2023. UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 12-07 2023 AT 5.00 PM AT SHIV MANDIR, SECTOR 1. MAIN ROAD NANAK NAGAR. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

PUSHPA GUPTA (WIFE)

SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

ANU GUPTA & RAVINDER GUPTA (8899797699) ANJANA GUPTA & ROMI GUPTA (6005502136)

DANISH, ANMOL, MAHI

### 9469762626, 9797620301 TENTH DAY / KRIYA **ANTIM ARDAS**

demise of our beloved Er. Gianeshwer Sharma S/o Late (Prof) Jai Dev Baru( Purmandal Wale) on 3rd July 2023.

Kriya will be performed at our residence 41-B

Grief Stricken: -

Anuradha Sharma(Wife)

Vijay Lakshmi & Prof (Dr.) Ashutosh Sharma

Dr. Roshy & Anshuman (Nephew)Jyotsna & Dr. Manik

Daughter & Son in law

Dr. Chinmei & Er. Vikas Ph.9070002777, 9419144550



With profound grief and sorrow, we would 05-07-2023.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 



Sh. Rattan Lal Tickoo

Udhampur

Sunita Kadlabju (Wife)

Sisters and Brother-in-law

Sunita Koul and Surinder Koul Anita Tickoo and Sanjay Tickoo Neena Wali and Col. Sushil Wali



TENTH DAY will be performed at Pracheen Shiv

KRIYA will be performed at our resdience 1/130 Indira Vihar Old Janipur Jammu on 13th July 2023

UTHALA will be performed at Hari Mandir, Rehari GRIEF STRIČKEN

Daughter-in-Law & Son

Smt. Chander Kanta & Des Raj Anand Smt. Seema & Sh. Kunj Lal- Daughter-in-Law & Son

Sh. B.L. Nayyar- Jija Jee

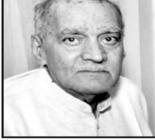
Smt. Savita & Deepak Betab- Sister-in-Law & Brother

Smt. Sandhana Nagpal- **Sister Ph.:** 9419136373, 9419137716, 9419104395

ANTIM ARDAS SHALL BE PERFORMED AS PER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME:

### UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW



SH. BANSI LAL GUPTA

DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW

SEEMA GUPTA & SURESH KUMAR GUPTA (9419188691) SAVITA GUPTA & RAJESH GUPTA (9419108037)

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad

Tenth Day will be performed on 12th July 2023 (Wednesday), 10.00am at Trikuta Yatri Nivas Near Ved Mandir Amphalla, Jammu.

Karan Nagar Extn on 13th July 2023(Thursday) from 10.am onwards. Er. Gianeshwer Sharma

Sister & Brother in Law

Padmashree Lt. Padma Sachdev & Padma Shree Surinder Singh Brother & Bhabhi

Daughter in law & Son

Kusha & Dr. Vivek

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Satya Devi** W/o Late Sh. Beli Ran Sharma R/o Sampuranpur Kullain, Satwari, Jammu 10th Day will be performed on Friday 7th of July 2023 a 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 a 3.00 PM.

10TH DAY/ KRIYA/ RASAM PAGRI

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY: (Son & Daughter-in-law) Sh. Joginder Sharma & Smt. Anju Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-law)

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)

R.S. PURA Sharma Family 9419100574, 8492880574, 7051110574, 8493059830, 9682328780.

### **ANTIM ARDASS** Antim Ardass of **Late S. Pritam Singh Bali** (MES Contractor) Ex. Member Gurudwara Prabandhak Board J&K State will be performed at Kanth Bagh Residence as per programme. Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 10-07-2023 at 9.00AM

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 10-07-2023 at 9.00AM. Bhabad Kirtan upto 12.30 PM. Grief Stricken Smr. Balif Kour (Wife) S. Mamneel Singh Bali (Bon) S. Mamneel Singh Bali (Bon) S. Mamneel Singh Bali (Bon) S. Gurperel Singh (Son in Law), Dr. Supreet Kour (Daughter) S. Gurperel Singh (Dunol) Policy S. Gurperel Singh (Monle) Red LE. Engineer S. Sulinder Singh Bali (Brother) Red. Agri. Officer Smr. Sanutok (xour (Bhabil)

Santosh Kour (Bhabi)
anbir Singh (Brother in Law) Retd. AE, Smt. Kanchan Kour (Sister)

BALI (MES CONTRACTOR)

**SMT SATYA DEVI** 

OWNER OF M/S SATYA TRADERS

### **ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sdn. Niranjan Kour** W/o Late S. Himmat Singh, H.No.421, behind Digiana Ashram, Jammu on 05.07.2023. Antim Ardas will be held as per the programme. PROGRAMME

Aramb Sri Akhand Path Sahib at residence on 10.07.2023 (Monday) at 9.00 a.m.

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib at residence on 12.07.2023 (Wednesday) at 9.00 a.m. **Kirtan & Antim Ardas** will be performed at Gurdwara Sahib

Digiana Ashram on 12.07.2023 (Wednesday) from 10.30. a.m. to 12.00 Noon. GRIEF STRICKEN Sons and Daughter-in-Laws S. Surinder Singh and Sdn. Satwant Kour Col. I.P. Singh and Sdn. Sarabjeet Kour

Sdn. Surjeet Kour and S. Gajan Singh Sdn. Balvinder Kour and S. Pritam Singh Sdn. Gurjeet Kour and S. Kirtan Singh Brother: Capt. S. Puran Singh of Poonch Sisters & Brothers-in-Law Sdn. Daleep Singh & S. Niranjan Singh

Daughters and Son-in-Laws

Mob.:7006653588, 7889795562

Mr. Rohit Raina- Son

Master Areen Kale- Grandson Mob: +917276877612



Sdn. Niranjan Kour

TENTH DAY POOJA

With profound grief we inform sad demise of **Shri Ashok Raina** S/o Late Janki Prasad Raina original resident of Narsingh Garh (Bal Garden) Srinagar, at present H.No. 301-A, Prime Heights, Opp Abhinav College, Pashan Sus Road, Pune on 6th July 2023. TENTH DAY POOJA will be performed or Saturday, 15th July 2023 at 11.00 am at pres **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Sister-in-law Mrs. Nalini Raina W/o Lt. Sh. H.L.Raina (USA) Sister & Brother-in-law frs. Shakuntala & Mr. Surinder Peer (USA) Ms. Rima Raina- Daughter

Shri Ashok Raina

**UTHALA** With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Puran Chand Anand R/o Kotli Shah Doula, R.S. Pura, Jammu on 30/6/2023. Uthala will be performed at Shiv Mandir Kotli Shah Doula on 12/7/2023 at 4.00

p.m. GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Sureshta Anand (Wife) Daughter-in-laws & Sons Smt. Suman & Sanjeev Anand Smt. Ritu & Rajeev Anand Smt. Nisha & Rajnish Anand

Grand Children: Miss Sukriti Anand, Chetan Anand, Shivam Anand, Anshh Anand & Shreya Anand

### Mob.: 9070447463, 9419907677, 9419020140, 7006963151 THIRTEENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Sashi Katoch S/o Late Hans Raj Katoch R/o Swarn Vihar Muthi Wednesday 28-06-2023. THIRTEENTH DAY will be performed a Sharda Mata Trust, Rajinder Nagar, Police Colony Jammu on Wednesday at 9.00 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Usha Katoch - Mother
Smt Poonam Katoch- Wife Brothers and Sisters in Law Pawan Katoch (Sarpanch) & Sheetal Katoch Amit Katoch & Meenakshi Katoch Banti Katoch & Sugandha Katoch Son & Daughter



Sh. Puran Chand

**Anand** 

Son & Daughter Bhumi Katoch Rajveer Katoch Children: Ranveer, Maira, Arayanveer, Avni All Family Members Katoch Family & Manhas Family BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAAS With Profound grief and sorrow, we info the sad demise of our beloved Harinder Pal Singh (H.P. Singh) S/o Late Dalip Singh (Granthi) originally from village Singhpora

Kalan who left for heavenly abode o **PROGRAMME** Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji o (12/07/2023) Wednesday at 9 am at our resdence Singhpora Kalan Baramulla. Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji on 14/07/2023) Friday at 9 am at our residence. Bhog and Antim Ardaas From 10.00 am to

12 Noon at Gurudwara Singh Sabha

Followed

Kalan

GURU KA LANGAR. GRIEF STRICKEN Late MAJ Sant Singh- Father-in-law Late, Sdn. Kuldeep Kour- Mother-in-law Ravinder Kour- Wife Harsh Pal Singh- Son Nirbhay Pal Singh- Son Gurleen Kour- Daughter



Singh

### **TENTH DAY**

With profound grief, we regret to inform the demise of Smt. ShantaTakoo W/o Sh. H.L. Takoo former resident of Babapora, Habbakadal, Srinagar, presently at Ludhiana, Punjab, who peacefully left for heavenly abode on 6th July, 2023.

The Tenth Day will be held at Phalahi Sahab Gurudwara Dehlon, Ludhiana on 15th July 9.00 AM.

Mob: +91 9530864512, +91 9814330479 DEEPLY MOURNED BY: TAKOO & MUNSHI PARIVAR



DOD: 06-07-2023

DOB: 19-04-1938

so that they can speak

to the transporters, and

accordingly, make plans

of development by con-

sidering it under Jammu

Smart City Project, and

issues on the highway

confronted by the trans-

porters enroute to their

respective destinations

across Jammu, Kash-

mir, and Ladakh," he

He expressed surprise

as to why the authorities

avoid providing facilities

to the stranded truckers

on Jammu-Srinagar,

and Jammu Pathankot

highway whenever the

highways are closed

due to various reasons.

"The trucks can be pro-

vided ration, fruits, and

clean drinking water

supply at Mansar Morh

in Samba, Nagrota in

Jammu, Dhar Road

and adjoining areas in

Udhampur, and other

places wherever the

added.

## Apni Party holds protest against JMC for not developing **Transport Nagar under Smart City Project**

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 11: Apni Party today staged a protest demonstration against Jammu Municipal Corporation here at Transport Nagar near Narwal demanding development of Transport Nagar under Smart City Project.

The protest was led by Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh. The protest was organized by Women Wing Provincial President, Jammu, Pavneet Kour, and Tirath Singh, a transporter's leader.

While shouting slogans against the JMC, the Apni Party leaders staged a sit-in at the yard number 6 in Transport Nagar and highlighted the concerns and difficulties faced by the transporters, business men, and truckers in Narwal

Speaking on the occasion, S. Manjit Singh extended full support to the transporters, businessmen community, and truckers in Transport Nagar for their genuine concern about the underdevelopment and deliberate ignorance of the prime economic hub of Jammu.

"The JMC should have developed Transport Nagar under the Smart City Project. The

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 11: The

Akhil Bharatiya Vidy-

arthi Parishad (ABVP)

Jammu University team celebrated the

75th Foundation Day of ABVP at University of

Prof. Rajni Kant, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu was

the Chief Guest of the occasion and Dr. Lokind-

er, State Vice President,

ABVP Jammu and

Kashmir was the Guest

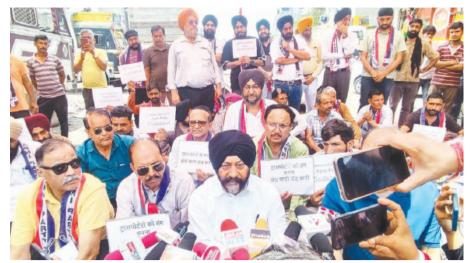
of Honour. Prof. Virender Koundal, Director,

Department of Strategic

and Regional Studies

Jammu.

sion.



roads, lanes, shops, workshops, and parking slots have no cleanliness, no black topping of the road, no drainage system, drinking water facility or rest house for the transporters," he said. He said that the JMC has completely collapsed and the flagship Smart City Project has grounded before its take up in Jammu City.

"There is no footpath, no medical center, no patrolling of the police despite repeated theft incidents in Transport Nagar and dozens of complaints from the shopkeepers, and vehicle owners," he said.

He said that the Transport Nagar should not be ignored but the Govt should consider it under the Smart City Project and develop by providing all the basic amenities including

75th Foundation Day

black topped and wellmaintained roads, and footpaths.

"These truckers are the major link as a lifeline between Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh and rest of the county yet they are forced to face problems with no arrangement of drinking water, medical care, and subsidized ration enroute to the Jammu Srinagar, and Jammu Pathankot Highway," he said.

He said that the transport industry was a lucrative business which is now being abandoned by the transporters due to financial losses, and no support from the Govt. "The transporters have come under debits, but the Govt has not planned any plan to address their issues. We believe that the J&K Govt should constitute a team of senior officers

**ABVP Jammu University team celebrates** 

truckers are stopped by the traffic police till the opening of the highway," he said.

He demanded a comprehensive policy from the Govt for the welfare of the transporters.

"If their demands are not accepted, we will be compelled to hold a protest demonstration in front of the Divisional Commissioner Jammu's office," he added.

Senior Provincial Vice President, Jammu, Ex-MLA Fagir Nath, Vice President, Sheikh Mohammed Shafi, Additional General Secretary, Arun Chibber, State President SC Wing, Bodh Raj Bhagat, State President OBC Wing, Bhagat Ram, State President, Apni Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi, State General Secretary Youth Wing, Abhay Bakaya, Provincial President Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, Provincial Secretary, Vishal Jotshi, District President Women Jammu, Ritu Pandita, District General Secretary, Deepak Bradoo, Media Coordinator, Sandeep Vaid, District Vice President Youth Wing, Abhinav Gupta, Shivani Koul, Shakkha Bhardwaj, Yash Choudhary, Manoj Kumar, Davinder Singh Gill and others participated in the protest demonstration.

## Sidhra, Tawi Vihar residents' deputation calls on Vijay Bakaya

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 11: A deputation of Sidhra and Tawi Vihar residents today called on Apni Party State General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya to express their shock at the pathetic position of power supply to their colony. The deputation said the position was much better in the city.

In a statement to the press, Vijay Bakaya said that the residents expressed their frustration to the electricity scenario in their localities and complained that no senior level officer was ever readily available to inform the residents about why there were unannounced interruptions or other so-called shut down. Bakaya lamented the irony that people believed Sidhra and Tawi Vihar were VVIP areas, but there was so much mismanagement the residents had begun to regret having come to live in Tawi Vihar.

Meanwhile, Bakaya demanded immediate redress of this chronic problem of erratic supply and bad management.

### JALSHAKTIDEPARTMENT JAMMU

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### **NOTICEINVITINGE-TENDER** E-NITNo.JS/PHECD-I/41 of 2023-24 Fresh of E-NIT No.JS/PHECD-I/32 of 2023-24

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

comprising of technical bid and cover 2 comprising of financial bid for the following work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender (InRs)	Cost of Tender document Fees (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Day to Day maintenance of Jal Shakti (PHE) Complex BC Road Jammu (Head Qtr. Section)		Rs.500	Rs.16000	A to D	Upto 31-03- 2024

Position of funds: Provision as per Annual Repair Statement 2023-24

- Date of publishing:-08-07-2023 (1600Hrs)
- Bid documents can be seen and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 08-07-2023(1600Hrs)onwards.
- The bids shall be uploaded on the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 08-07-2023 (1600Hrs) to
- 15-07-2023 upto (1200Hrs). The complete bidding process shall be online.

No:PHECD-I/2404-2409 DIP/J-4684/23

Sd/-

Dated:-08-07-2023

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

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

### SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. 92 of 2023-2024/Div-2 Dated 06-07-2023

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

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S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Adverti sed Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)		Time Allowed for comple te-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contract or
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Construction of covered parking and allied works at Accounts and Treasury Building Muthi, Jammu	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	27.30	600	2% of Advertised Cost	02 Month	15-07-2023 (1.00Pm)	"A & B" Class
5	Laying of RCC slab on nallah at Vivek Vihar Paloura Opposite the House of Sh. Rajinder Khajuria. (2nd call) (under Non - Plan)	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	6.80	600	Bid security declarati on on notarized affidavit	01 month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 15-07-2023	A, B, C, & D

### Position of AAA: Accorded.

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

	to per total					
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06-07-2023				
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 07-07-2023 to 14-07-2023 upto 1800 Hrs				
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	XXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive				
		Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu				
4	Bid submission Start Date	07-07-2023				
5	Bid Submission End Date	14-07-2023 upto 1800 Hrs				
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	15-07-2023 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu				
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed				

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu and upload the same i.e treasury challan / receipt, Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. **Divn. No. II Jammu** at the time of allotment.
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential-submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu. The date for same shall be intimated separately. No:-19058-81

Dated :- 06-07-2023

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

the host of the occasion welcomed and introduced the guests. Manisha Rajput (second JUABVP)presented Prof Rajni Kant with the bouquet whereas Manav presented bouquet to

also graced the occa-Sunil Singh Roudhan (President ABVP JU) gave the welcome Pawan started off the speech and emphasized event with the Parion the contribution of shad Geet following which Taruni who was Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi

Dr. Lokinder.

Parishad to the national cause and how the organization has made contribution in making the student life successful.

This was followed by cultural performances in which Pratham melodiously sang a patriotic song and Kuldeep recited a Dogri poem. Following this a video documentary was presented containing the

Jammu University Unit. Dr. Lokinder Singh the next speaker, concentrated on the organization's historical perspective, noting that since its founding in 1949, ABVP has been actively working and raising voice for both the students' and nation's cause, substantially contributing to the success and advancement of the nation.

activities of the ABVP

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Subsequent to him, the Chief Guest of the event, Prof. Rajni Kant expressed his delight amongst the students and shared his personal experiences. He also praised the organization and congratulated the University team.

Manisha Rajput Secretary of ABVP Jammu University Unit presented the formal vote of thanks.

## Dr Ganesh alleges sheer mismanagement in Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 23: As the Govt. Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor is facing serious lack of proper staff particular Medical Officers, an Advertisement Notice No.06-GAMC of 2021 Dated: 08.11.2021 for filling up 08 posts of Medical Officers were advertised and interviews for all these posts were conducted on 02.12.2022.

"Despite the lapse of more than one year in conducting Interview for these crucial posts, no prompt and timely action was taken by the College administration to fill these posts, as a result of which this college has become almost defunct, not functioning as per the guidelines of Nation Commission for



cines (NCISM), Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, New Delhi," said Dr Ganesh told reporters. Even the aspirants who have applied for

appointment to the posts of Medical Officers in Govt. Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor, approached the concerned Principal, Director (AYUSH),

Administrative Secretary (H&ME) and other higher authorities, but all these authorities kept mum over this issue, which has resulted into sufferings of patients and bringing bad names to this Govt. establishment, he added.

When NCISM conducted inspection of this Govt. College on May 11 and 12, 2023, all the above mentioned shortcomings were revealed in the report No. 26-112/ MARB/2023-Ay. Dt. 09.06.2023, wherein it has been clarified that the College is lacking proper staff, Medical Officers. Such a situation and inaction on the part of administration is also causing crusade upon the career of aspirants/Medical Offi-

cer who are on front to perform their duties in this college and utilize their services for the sake of ailing humanity, he added. To hide their short-

comings, the College administration in a hush -hush manner floated another Notice No. Dir-Ayush/Estt./10206-11 Dated 28.06.2023 thereby ordering the already appointed Medical Officers in different Ayush Dispensaries to perform additional duties as Medical Officers in Govt. Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor, thereby hampering and depriving the rights of appointment of aspirants who have appeared in the Interviews for the posts of Medical Officers, he alleged.

## **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

Te 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 longsuppressed 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

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

ince 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 Medical camp held at Karnah to meet Bukhari

### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

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

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

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

catastrophic event.

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.

# under Civic Action Programme

### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

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



### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

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 Drugmul

la constituency. Ex. Engineer R&B Kupwara Farooq Ah Purzgae, AEE R&B Imran Ah Bacha, JE Yasir Ali Qureshi, Works Supervisor Faroog 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-

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

## LFO-BHF organizes dental camp in Jammu

### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

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

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

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

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.

their teeth regularly.

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 Illyar, Dr. Meghna Nagpal, Dr. Anish Dubey, Sandeep Sharma, and Anjali

## **President Nat Manch calls Rohnigyas** infiltrators biggest threat to country

### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jul 11: Actor, Director, President Nat Manch & Japan Shotokan Karate-Do Kanninjuku 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 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. 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

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

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 Nutnusaa inaugurates** water supply scheme under JJM



**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

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

The DDC was accompanied by XEN Jal Shakti department

AEE Ramhal Zahoor Ah Lone, JE Concerned Mohd Ashraf, local PRIs and general public of the area. It is supposed that

Handwara Bilal Ahmad,

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

the water requirement of Check Nutnusaa B.

The source of the WSS is production well near Check Nutnusaa. 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"

### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

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 checkup camp for medical

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 Cardiol-

ogy, 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

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

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

award-winning Tamil actor Vijay

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 Srikant 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 Rajkummar 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 medi-

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

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

ping 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

'Ghoomer' will be the opening film at IFFM. This is a film very very close to my heart. Playing a sport on screen was always my dream, I have been manifesting it since I started acting. I'm so 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'.

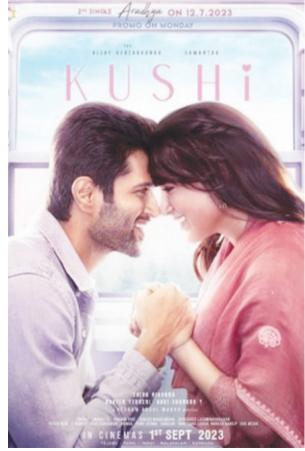
Jayaram, Sachin Khe-

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 MTV's 'Dating in

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. hiphop 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 cojudge 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.

## 7 die in Andhra Pradesh as bus carrying wedding party falls into canal

The CM expresses grief over the incident

DARSI, Jul 11 (Agencies): Seven people died and several others were injured when a bus carrying a marriage party fell into a canal in the early hours of Tuesday in Prakasam district, police said.

The accident occurred near Darsi when the APSRTC bus in which nearly 45 people were travelling fell into the NSP canal, resulting in the death of five women, a six-year old girl and a man, police said.

The mishap took place on the outskirts of Darsi when the driver of the bus carrying the marriage party plunged into the canal while trying to avoid a private bus coming from the opposite direction, Prakasam district superintendent of police Mallika Garg told news agency.

The bus also hit a pole before falling into the canal, Garg said. The driver, who survived the accident, said the steering



stopped working and the brakes had also failed, the police official added

Police said the driver of the RTC bus lost control of the vehicle after crossing the first of the two bridges when the private bus veered into its lane.

She said as per initial reports, the reason for the deaths was suffocation as people who were seated in the front portion got crushed due to the weight of

However, the driver and his assistant managed to survive. The survivors broke windows

others from the rear portion fall-

ing on them.

to free themselves.

As many as 18 people suffered injuries, police said, adding five of them had been referred to a hospital in Ongole and were said to be stable.

A crane was deployed at the accident site to rescue the injured.

Incidentally, a family from Podili had hired the APSRTC bus to go to Kakinada to attend a reception. They boarded the bus at 12.35 am and some 15 minutes later when they had reached the outskirts of Darsi the accident occurred.

Following an initial probe, police ruled out drunk driving as a cause of the mishap.

Police have booked a case under Section 304 of the IPC and are investigating.

Meanwhile, an official release from Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's office said the CM had expressed grief over the incident.

The CM ordered officials to ensure better medical care to

### Video shows school bus coming from wrong direction colliding with SUV on Delhi-Meerut Expressway; 6 die



GHAZIABAD, Jul 11 (Agencies): Six members of a family died and two people were severely injured on Tuesday morning when their SUV collided headon with a school bus moving on the wrong

side of an expressway here, a senior police official said.

The accident took place around 6 am on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic (Ghaziabad), Ramanand Kushwaha, said.

The bus had gone to Delhi and was plying on the wrong side of the expressway after refilling CNG near Ghazipur border, he added.

The family was travelling in the SUV, which was headed for Gurugram from Meerut, Kushwaha said.

Two people are undergoing treatment for severe injuries, he said, adding that there were eight people in the SUV.

"The bus driver has been arrested. He was at complete fault as he was moving on the wrong side," Kushwaha

## Yamuna swells further in Delhi, evacuation begins

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Yamuna in Delhi has exceeded the evacuation mark of 206 metres, prompting the relocation of people residing in flood-prone areas to safer locations, officials said on Tuesday.

The river crossed the danger mark of 205.33 metres in Delhi on Monday evening, much earlier than anticipated.

According to the Central Water Commission's (CWC) flood-monitoring portal, the water level at the Old Railway Bridge rose to 206.28 metres by 6 am on Tuesday with Haryana releasing more water into the river from the Hathnikund barrage in Yamunanagar.

It is expected that the river will rise to 206.65 metres by Tuesday afternoon, before gradually subsiding.

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



He had said the evacuation of people from low-lying areas will start once the river breaches the 206-metre mark.

An official from East Delhi district said the evacuation process began on Monday night after floodwaters entered some areas.

"Only those living in the affected areas have been shifted to camps on higher grounds," he said.

According to the irrigation and flood control department, the flow rate at the Hathnikund barrage had shot up to the 3 lakh cusec mark on Monday.

## Over 40 killed in Bengal, where's Rahul's Mohabbat ki dukaan, asks BJP

### Assam CM says 133 Bengalis fearing for their lives had sought refuge in state

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): As the ruling Trinamool Congress marched towards victory in the panchayat elections on Tuesday the opposition BJP questioned Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for silence over 40 killings reported since the declaration of elections a month ago.

"This is nirmamata (cruelty) not Mamata," BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said at a press conference on Tuesday amid counting of votes and allegations of rigging and violence.

Taking a dig on Rahul Gandhi, Patra also asked where is the Congress leader's Mohabbat ki dukaan now. "Where



is your Mobahhat ki dukaan when your own party workers are being killed in Bengal? Or is this dukaan meant only for BJP ruled states?" asked Patra,

saying Rahul's sole objective is to attain power at the centre "by hook or crook."

"It is fine by Rahul Gandhi if a like minded party perpetrates

murders," Patra alleged. Taking swipes at the grand alliance of the opposition parties, he said "Where is the thagbandhan today? Where is the so called pro democracy brigade?"

Patra said a BJP delegation was on the ground to take stock of the grim situation in Bengal. Meanwhile, Assam Chief Min-

ister Himanta Biswa Sarma said "Yesterday, 133 individuals who feared for their lives due to violence in the panchayat election in West Bengal sought refuge in Dhubri District of Assam. We have provided them with shelter in a relief camp, as well as food and medical assistance."

### Chhattisgarh: Father traps snake that bit 3-year-old son, searches for tantrik to revive boy

SURAJPUR, Jul 11 (Agencies): When you are desperate, you will do whatever it takes to get what you want.

Three-year-old, Ashish, died after a snake bit him while he was sleeping inside his home in Chhattisgarh's Surajpur district. When the family learned about the snakebite, they immediately captured the reptile inside a bottle.

Ashish was rushed to

during treatment. Devasted by his son's death. Ashish's father, Lal Bahadur, was unable to accept his son's death and uttered only this -"My son is alive."

Driven by superstition, Lal Bahadur, in search of a cure, carried the snake (which bit his son) in a bottle and wandered around, hoping to find a tantrik.

Lal Bahadur lost all hope after he failed to 'find a tantrik to revive a hospital where he died



his son'. Eventually, doctors performed the autopsy and handed over Ashish's body to his family.

The family then set the venomous snake free.

Reacting to the incident. Chief Medical and Health Officer, Suraipur, RS Singh, appealed to people to not hold superstitious beliefs, which ultimately risk their lives.

He also said that the health department procines that are available in all health centers and sub-health centers in the district.

In cases of snakebites, people should seek proper medical treatment rather than relying on unproven remedies. Not all snakes are venomous, and timely treatment can save lives, he added.

### 2 dead, many injured after bus collides with a tractor-trolley in **Madhya Pradesh**



BHIND, Jul 11 (Agencies): Two people died, and several others were injured after a bus collided with a tractor-trolley in Bhind, Madhya Pradesh.

The collision occurred near Tukeda village on National Highway 719. The bus was carrying passengers who were

dent took place. The authorities were alerted promptly, and the police swiftly arrived at the

en route to visit a temple when the acci-

The injured people were immediately taken to hospitals in Gohad and Gwalior for treatment.

Meanwhile, Bhind Collector Sateesh Kumar and SP Manish Khatri rushed to the hospital in Gohad to check on the condition of the injured and gather information about the incident.

## Bihar man stabbed to death by wife, ex-wife; both arrested







CHHAPRA, Jul 11 (Agencies): A 45-year-old man was stabbed to death by his wife and ex-wife in Bihar's Chhapra following an argument between the three of them.

Alamgir Ansari, the man killed, used to work in Delhi and had recently returned home to Bihar. His former wife Salma and current wife Amina also stayed in Delhi and had returned to Bihar a few days ago. There, Alamgir, Amina and Salma got into an argument following which the two women stabbed the man with a knife.

Alamgir was rushed to a local primary health centre, where he was referred to Patna Medical College. However, Alamgir died on the way to the Patna hospital.

The police took his body for post-mortem examination and later handed over the mortal remains to his family.

Alamgir married Salma ten years back. However, since there was a dispute between the two, Salma started living somewhere else. Six months ago, Alamgir married Amina, a resident of

According to Alamgir's family, both his current and former wives had ended up meeting in Delhi and were staying together in the city. They came to Bihar on July 9 after they got to know that Alamgir had returned home to celebrate

The police have arrested both the women and an investigation is under-

### Jhabua SDM suspended, booked on charge of sexual harassment of tribal girls

BHOPAL, Jul 11 (Agencies): A sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) in Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua district has been suspended and a case registered against him for alleged sexual harassment of minor tribal girls at a government-run hostel, officials said on Tuesday.

The incident took place on Sunday when SDM Sunil Kumar Jha went to inspect the hostel for tribal girls, as per a complaint filed against him.

The accused allegedly committed obscene acts with the minor students during the inspection, Superintendent of Police Agam Jain said quoting the complaint by the hostel's superintendent.

Based on the complaint, a case was registered on Tuesday against Jha under Indian Penal Code section 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354A (sexual harassment), and relevant provisions of the Protection of Children from of Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atroci-

ties) Act, Jain said According to the FIR, the accused allegedly touched and kissed the girls, aged 11 to 13, who were staying in the hostel and asked questions about their menstruation cycle.

Meanwhile, on the basis of a report submitted by the Jhabua district collector, Indore divisional commissioner Pawan Kumar Sharma has suspended Jha, a deputy collector rank officer, under the MP government's Civil Services (Service Conduct) Rules, 1965, citing carelessness and gross negligence in performing official duties.

## 18 complain of vision loss after surgery at Rajasthan government hospital

JAIPUR, Jul 11 (Agencies): As many as 18 people allegedly lost vision in one of their eyes after being operated at the Sawai Man Singh (SMS) hospital, the biggest government hospital in Rajasthan.

The affected patients were admitted to the SMS hospital last month and underwent a cataract operation.

Most of them were operated under the Chiranjeevi health scheme, one of the pet projects of the Ashok Gehlot-led Rajasthan government.

However, after some patients complained of severe eye pain, they were asked to get themselves readmitted to the hospital.

Despite the patients being made to undergo surgery again, in some cases, three times in more than two weeks,



they were not able to

regain their lost vision. "Cannot see at all from one eye. Suffering from pain and watery eyes. The doctor said it's an infection and will be fine slowly," Chanda Devi, a patient, told news

Talking to news agency, several of the patients' relatives accused the medical staff of a lackadaisical attitude, of not being kept in the loop about their patient's condition, and being told to take their patients home

despite them being in

agency.

"Operation happened on June 23. Was able to see but not clearly. But, now, I cannot see anything," Ram Bhajan, a patient, said.

Meanwhile, the hospital authorities denied the accusations

"There was no lapse on the doctor's part. The microbiology investigation is going on right

When it comes to the fore, then they will tell," said Dr Pankaj Sharma, HOD, Opthalmology Department, SMS Hos-

# Helicopter with 6 people on board crashes near Mount Everest in Nepal

A Manang Air helicopter, with six people on board, crashed near Mount Everest in Nepal on Tuesday. The debris of the chopper was found in Lamjura in Solukhumbu district.

KATHMANDU, Jul 11 (Agencies): A helicopter carrying six people, including five Mexicans, crashed at Lamjura near Mount Everest in Nepal on Tuesday. The chopper, which lost contact 15 minutes into the flight, was coming from Surke in Solukhunvhu district, home to Mount Everest and other high mountain peaks.

The private commercial helicopter, carrying foreign tourists on a sightseeing tour to Mount Everest, was returning to Kathmandu when it lost contact with the control tower at 10:15 am,



The Kathmandu Post reported. The Manang Air helicop-

ter, with a call sign of 9N-AMV was piloted by Captain Chet

Gurung.

Hours later, the debris of the chopper was found at Chihandanda in Lamjura of Bhakanje

Raju Neupane, operation and safety manager of Manang Air, told The Kathmandu Post that an Altitude Air chopper along with security officials, had reached the incident site.

Nepal has a history of deadly air crashes, where several airlines fly to small airports in remote hills and mountains shrouded in clouds and cut off from roads.

## 6 Dead, 3 Missing Due To Heavy Rain In Japan



TOKYO, Jul 11 (Agencies): Torrential rain over Japan's southwestern island of Kyushu triggered floods and land-slides that left up to six people dead and rescuers searching for three missing, officials said on Tuesday.

The Japan Meteorological Agency downgraded the special warnings for

heavy rains, issued on Monday for northern parts of the island, to lowerlevel warnings and advisories, but urged residents to stay alert for further landslides.

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.

"Municipalities are still making checks on casualties, ... but we were informed of three deaths, another three deaths potentially related to the disaster, three missing and two lightly injured," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno told a regular news conference.

The rain forced tire maker Bridgestone to suspend operations at four factories on Kyushu on Monday, but the plants resumed operation by Tuesday morning, a company spokesperson said.

## Hours Before NATO Summit, Air Attack On Kyiv By Russia

KYIV, Jul 11 (Agencies): Russia launched an overnight air strike on Kyiv in early hours on Tuesday, Ukraine's military said, just hours before the start of the NATO summit in Lithuania that is to tackle security threats from Moscow.

"The enemy attacked Kyiv from the air for the second time this month," Serhiy Popko, a head of Kyiv's military administration, said in a post on the Telegram channel.

According to preliminary information, Ukraine's air defence systems shot down all the Iranian-made Shahed drones Russia launched before they reached their targets, Popko said. There was no immediate information about damage or casualties.

Air raid alerts blasted over Kyiv for an hour



and longer in other parts of Ukraine's east, according to Ukraine's Air Force.

Reuters' witnesses in Kyiv heard blasts resembling the sound of air defence systems intercepting targets during the air raid.

The summit in Vilnius, which starts on Tuesday, will be dominated by the repercussions of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with leaders set to approve NATO's first comprehensive plans since the end of the Cold War to defend against any attack from

Moscow

Russia berated the alliance and its leading power, the United States, over their support for Ukraine and has warned that Kyiv's potential membership of NATO would be met with a "clear and firm" reaction.

The Russian invasion on its neighbour, now in its 503rd day and with no end in sight, has killed thousands of people, displaced millions and turned many cities in Ukraine's east and south into piles of

## Israel parliament approves bill that limits Supreme Court power

JERUSALEM, Jul 11 (Agencies): Israel's parliament gave preliminary approval to a bill that limits some Supreme Court power, part of a rebooted judicial overhaul by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that has set off a deep political crisis.

The drive to change the justice system by Netanyahu's ruling coalition of nationalist and religious parties has sparked unprecedented protests, stirred concern for Israel's democratic health among its Western allies and bruised the economy.

Commanding 64 of the Knesset's 120 seats, Netanyahu's coalition won the first of three required votes for the new bill to be written into law, with protests expected to intensify.

The new bill seeks a curb on the Supreme Court's power to void decisions made by the



government, ministers and elected officials by ruling them unreasonable. It now returns to committee for discussion and could be altered before being brought for the final votes.

Critics argue that this judicial oversight helps prevent corruption and abuses of power. Proponents say the change will facilitate effective governance by curbing court intervention.

"It is not the end of democracy, it strengthens democracy," Netanyahu said in a video statement released at sundown as the Knesset debated the bill.

"Even after the amendment, court independence and civil rights in Israel will not be harmed in any way. The court will continue to oversee the legality of government action and appointments," Netanyahu said. His statement did little

to calm his opponents.

The sound of protesters rallying outside the Supreme Court before marching to parliament

could be heard loud and clear at the nearby Bank of Israel, after governor Amir Yaron urged the government to seek broad agreement over legislation for judicial reforms that would safeguard institutional inde-

"Continued uncertainty is liable to have notable economic costs," Yaron told reporters, citing an excess depreciation of the shekel and underperformance of Israel's stock market.

pendence.

Netanyahu - who is

on trial on graft charges he denies - has played down economic fallout from the campaign. On Sunday he signalled impatience with the demonstrations that have flared anew, while protesters promised nationwide disruptions on Tuesday.

Divisions over his overhaul have cut deep through Israeli society. Netanyahu had paused it for compromise talks with the opposition hosted by Israel's president, Isaac Herzog, but that collapsed in June and the coalition restarted legislation.

Herzog called on the sides to resume talks in order to resolve "the fundamental issues that are tearing us apart."

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## Rescuers brace for more rain as relentless storms flood Northeast, Vermont hit hard

ANDOVER, Jul 11 (Agencies): Swift water rescue teams and local officials across Vermont braced for more precipitation and flooding Tuesday after persistent heavy rains drenched the state and other parts of the Northeast, unleashing fast-moving waters that washed out roads, trapped residents in their homes and disrupted travel.

One person was killed in New York as she tried to leave her inundated house.

There have been no reports of injuries or deaths related to the flooding in Vermont, according to emergency officials. But dozens of roads were closed, including many along the spine of the Green Mountains. And the National Weather Service issued flash flood warnings and advisories for much of the state from the Massachusetts line north to the Canadian border.

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers said late Monday they expected two dams to release water overnight, causing "severe flooding" downstream likely to affect multiple towns.

Rescue crews from North Carolina, Michigan and Connecticut were among those helping to get to Vermont towns on Monday that had been unreachable since torrents of rain began belting the state, according to Mike Cannon of Vermont Urban Search and Rescue.

Swift water rescue teams in Vermont have done more than 50 rescues, mainly in the southern and central areas of the state, Vermont Emergency Management said Monday night.

"We have not seen rainfall like this since Irene," Vermont Gov. Phil said, referring to Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011. That storm killed six in the state, washed homes off their foundations and damaged or destroyed more than 200 bridges and 500 miles (805 kilometers) of highway.

What's different is that Irene lasted just about 24 hours, Scott said.

"This is going on. We're getting just as much rain, if not more. It's going on for days. That's my concern. It's not just the initial damage. It's the wave, the second wave, and the third wave," he said.

Flooding hit Vermont's state capital,

with Montpelier Town Manager Bill Fraser estimating Monday night that knee-high waters had reached much of downtown and were expected to rise a couple more feet during the night.

Some people canoed to the Cavendish

Baptist Church in Vermont, which had turned into a shelter while volunteers made cookies for firefighters working on rescues.

"People are doing OK. It's just stressful," shelter volunteer Amanda Gross said.

Vermont Rep. Kelly Pajala said she and about a half dozen others evacuated early Monday from a four-unit apartment building on the West River in Londonderry.

"The river was at our doorstep," said Pajala. "We threw some dry clothes and our cats into the car and drove to higher ground."

The slow-moving storm reached New England after hitting parts of New York and Connecticut on Sunday. Rainfall in certain parts of Vermont exceeded 8 inches (20 centimeters) by late Monday, and the National Weather Service in Burlington said more rain was forecast for Tuesday.

One of the worst-hit places was New York's Hudson Valley, where a woman identified by police as Pamela Nugent, 43, died as she tried to escape her flooded home in the hamlet of Fort Montgomery.

The flash flooding dislodged boulders that rammed into the woman's house and damaged part of its wall, Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus told The Associated Press. Two other people escaped.

"She was trying to get through (the flooding) with her dog," Neuhaus said, "and she was overwhelmed by tidal wave-type waves."

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point was pounded with more than 8 inches (20.32 centimeters) of rain that sent debris sliding onto some roads and washed others out.

Officials say the storm has already wrought tens of millions of dollars in damage.

"Nine inches of rain in this community," New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said during a briefing on a muddy street in Highland Falls. "They're calling this a '1,000 year event."

As of Monday evening, several

washed-out streets in Highland Falls remained impassable, leaving some residents stuck in their homes, according to Police Chief Frank Basile. The village police station itself was full of mud and leaves after being flooded with about 5 inches (13 centimeters) of water, Basile said.

Atmospheric scientists say destructive flooding events are spurred by storms forming in a warmer atmosphere, making extreme rainfall a reality. The additional warming that scientists predict is coming will only make it worse.

The storm also interrupted travel. There were hundreds of flight cancellations at Kennedy, LaGuardia, and Newark airports and more than 200 canceled at Boston's Logan Airport, according to the FlightAware website. Amtrak temporarily suspended service between Albany and New York.

Troy Caruso, who owns a golf course, five restaurants and a motel in Ludlow, Vermont, said he's been checking the damage to his properties and in the town of about 800 people. A supermarket and shopping center were "wiped out," he said, as was a steakhouse and possibly a burger joint he owned.

"It's flooded beyond belief," Caruso said of the town, noting that the 10th hole of his golf course was underwater.

"We just got done cleaning up these properties, flowers planted, the whole nine yards," he said. "We are going to have to start all over again."

### Kim Jong Un's Sister Accuses US Spy Plane Of Entering N Korean Air Space



SEOUL, Jul 11 (Agencies): North Korea's Kim Yo Jong, the powerful sister of leader Kim Jong Un, on Tuesday accused a US military spy plane of entering the country's Exclusive Economic Zone eight times, state media KCNA reported.

Kim warned that the US forces will face a "very critical flight" if they continue what it called "illegal intrusion," repeating an accusation it made on Monday that the US had violated its airspace by conducting surveillance flights. It also warned such flights may be shot down.

The Pentagon earlier brushed aside Pyongyang's accusations of airspace violations and said the US military had adhered to international law.

"So those accusations are just accusations," Pentagon spokesperson Sabrina Singh told reporters.

Kim accused the US Air Force of intruding into the North's "economic water zone" on Monday off the east coast of the Korean peninsula in the sky above the sea 435 km (270 miles) east of Tongchon of Gangwon Province and 276 km southeast of Uljin of North Gyeongsang Province.

A country's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- which extends 200 nautical miles from the 12 nautical-mile territorial zone around the coast - is a right to exploit marine resources within but does not confer sovereignty over the water's surface or the airspace above it.

US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller urged North Korea "to refrain from escalatory actions" and reiterated a call for it "to engage in serious and sustained diplomacy" when asked about the North Korean statements at a regular news briefing on Monday.

Calling the issue "one between the Korean People's Army and the US forces," she told South Korea to refrain from getting involved in a statement carried by KCNA.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said Pyongyang was escalating tensions by using threats over what it said was "normal flight activity" by the South Korea-US alliance in a statement Monday night.

## NATO To "Lay Path" For Ukraine Reforms But Without Timetable: White House

VILNIUS, Jul 11 (Agencies): NATO will lay out a path of reforms for Ukraine so that it can eventually join the alliance, but without giving a "timetable," White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said today.

A "reform path for Ukraine" will be drawn up but "I can't put a timetable on it," Mr Sullivan told reporters at the NATO summit in Vilnius, also announcing that President Joe Biden will meet

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday.

Mr Sullivan ruled out any immediate entry for Western-backed Ukraine, given its ongoing war against Russian invasion, saying this would "bring NATO into a war with Russia."

Citing "a lot of good will" for Ukraine's ambition at the summit in Vilnius, Mr Sullivan said "the question is what's the pathway?" "I think we can come to a



NATO countries are discussing concrete interim security measures to offer Ukraine, beyond the current aid pouring in to help Kyiv's military push back the

good understanding," he said.

Zelensky.

Russians.

Mr Sullivan said this would be discussed during a meeting Wednesday between President Biden and President

Separate to the issue of membership,

## "Islam Occupies Unique 'Position Of Pride' In India": NSA Ajit Doval

In his remarks, Mr Doval said India as the world's largest democracy and the mother of democracies is a land of incredible diversity.

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Tuesday said India has been a melting pot of cultures and religions that have co-existed in harmony for centuries, and Islam occupies a unique and significant "position of pride" amongst the religious groups in the country.

Mr Doval's remarks came during an event here at the India Islamic Cultural Centre where Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Dr Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Allssa, who is on an India visit, also addressed the gathering.

Mr Doval hailed Al-Issa as an authentic global voice of moderate Islam and a profound scholar with a deep understanding of Islam.

Hailing the "excellent" relations between India and Saudi



Arabia, Mr Doval said the ties were rooted in shared cultural heritage, common values and economic ties.

"Our leaders share a common vision for the future and have been closely interacting with each other," the National Security Advisor said.

In his remarks, Mr Doval said India as the world's largest democracy and the mother of democracies is a land of incredible diversity.

"In your (Al-Issa) talk you elaborately mentioned diversity as a fundamental trait of our existence. It (India) has been a

melting pot of cultures, religions, languages and ethnicities that have co-existed in harmony for centuries.

As an inclusive democracy, India has successfully managed to provide space for all its citizens regardless of their religious, ethnic and cultural identities," he said.

"Amongst its numerous religious groups, Islam occupies a unique and significant position of pride with India being home to the second largest Muslim population in the world," he said.

To give an idea of the scale we are talking about, India's Muslim population is almost equal to the combined population of over 33 member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Mr Doval added.

### Delhi Minister Atishi Attacks Centre Over Latest GST Move



NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): Delhi minister Atishi today said that the linking of Goods and Services Tax (GST) with the Enforcement Directorate (ED), could even lead to the arrest of law-

abiding taxpayers.

Atishi said the move could result in small businesses being investigated by the ED, and that it's "dangerous" for the country's economy.

"Bringing GST under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) means that those who pay GST can now be prosecuted by the probe agency," she said.

"We have seen how the ED is used to harass people. We demanded a discussion over this at the GST council meeting, but the Centre is not ready to discuss the matter," she said. Atishi said several other state ministers, who attended the 50th GST Council chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, also raised concerns over the inclusion of GST under the country's money laundering act.

The Centre earlier this month had brought Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) under PMLA. Officials say the move would help in the recovery of the GST evaded by the traders through money laundering.

GSTN handles the technology backbone of the indirect-tax regime and is the repository of all GST-related information, including return, tax filing and other compliances.

### Rs 200 cr extortion case: Delhi HC rejects bail plea of Leena Maria Paulose

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Tuesday dismissed the bail application of Malayalam actress Leena Maria Paulose, wife of incarcerated conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar, in connection with a Rs 200 crore extortion case registered by Delhi Police against her.

Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma also rejected the bail pleas of co-accused Kamlesh Kothari and B. Mohan Raj in the case, noting the case's very 'sensitive nature'.

The high court said prima facie the petitioner is involved in extortion. This is a criminal offence under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA).

"This court does not find any infirmity in the order of the trial

court, accordingly, the bail application is dismissed", Justice Sharma said.

In the previous hearing, advocate Paul John Edison, appearing for Leena, argued that most of the offences for which she has been booked by the police are bailable and claimed that she has no direct connection with the main accused, that is, her husband Sukesh Chandrashekar.

He submitted that the bail applicant is a quali-

fied dentist, an Indian actor, paying income tax, and a resident of

Delhi. He added that

"Paulose has strong

roots in the society."

Advocate Edison also submitted that his client is a lady in her forties. She is willing to have a baby and have motherhood. The argument was placed forth to emphasize the right to life.

The cops, on the other hand, opposed her bail. They said the case is of serious nature. They alleged that Sukesh has been accused of making calls from jail impersonating high officials. Leena and her husband conspired together, they claimed.

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police had earlier registered an FIR against Sukesh for allegedly duping the spouses of former promoters of Ranbaxy, Shivinder Singh, and Malvinder Singh, of Rs 200 crore besides ongoing investigations against him in several cases across the country.

Sukesh Chandrasekhar and Leena Paulose, who are also facing proceedings in a money laundering case registered by the Enforcement Directorate, were earlier arrested by Delhi Police, along with others.

### Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing celebrates World Population Day 2023

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JAMMU, Jul 11: Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing organized a seminar on world population day 2023 under the theme "Unleashing the power of gender equality: uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities".

World Population Day serves as a call to action to address the issues and work toward a better world for everyone. Diksha Sharma, Lecturer RGCN, Department of Community Health Nursing organized the programme.

Irem, Clinical Instructor RGCN started the programme by welcoming all the dignitaries and explained about the significance of world population day. She focused on the major



problems connected with the worldwide population and how the exponential rise in population worsens poverty and economic crises.

Sonia Nanda, Associate Professor RGCN laid the emphasis on gender equality. She added that women and girls need to be fully supported and empowered to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. And concluded that communities and societies will be stron-

ger and healthier when women and girls will be empowered in all possible ways.

Nawsheen, Clinical Instructor RGCN presented a statistical date about exploding demography in India. MS Katoch Chairman RGCN Jammu encouraged the staff and students for organizing such event. He further added that exploding population weakens all areas of society and how the nurses can play

a vital role in educating the society.

Anjana Bavouria Director RGCN applauded all the faculty members and students for their participation and provided the valuable information about health data.

Rafiqa Bashir Principal RGCN praised the faculty of RGCN for organizing such events. She further added that we should celebrate health days to raise awareness about the ongoing health issues that concern people across the world. These days are also used as an opportunity to spread awareness about the overall health and well-being of people.

Diksha Sharma, Lecturer RGCN concluded the seminar with a vote of thanks. The overall session was valuable and informative.

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

370, said two petitioners — IAS officer Shah Faesal and Shehla Rashid Shora — have filed an application for withdrawal of their names from the list of petitioners. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appear-

ing for the Centre, said he has no difficulty if anyone wishes to withdraw his or her name from the list of petitioners.

The bench then allowed Shah and activist Shora to delete their names from the list of the petitioners.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir of special status and bifurcate it into two union territories.

Several petitions challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split J-K into two union territories – Jammu and Kashmir, and and Ladakh were referred to a Constitution bench in 2019.

By abrogating Article 370, the Central government had revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

# Amarnath Yatra resumes from Jammu after 3-day suspension

Similarly, around 6,000 pilgrims were stranded at the Chanderkot base camp in Ramban district. Nearly 2,000 pilgrims were stranded at Kathua and Samba camps.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave shrine located at an altitude of 3,888 metres in the south Kashmir Himalayas began on July 1.

Since June 30, a total of 43,833 pilgrims have departed for the cave shrine from the Jammu base camp in seven batches. The pilgrimage is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

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

Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

Abdullah said the abrogation of Article 370 may be linked to tourism and G20 events, but the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status was wrong.

"You may package it as you may wish. Link it to tourism or G20 as much as you like, but legally and constitutionally, whatever happened with Jammu and Kashmir was wrong," he added.

The former Union minister also claimed that the government's case is weak.

"The government did not even try to get it listed. There are ways.... If the government was interested, it could have requested the Supreme Court for an early hearing. Had its case been strong, it would have requested the chief justice for a hearing. It did not.

"Thankfully, the chief justice and other Supreme Court judges came here, probably saw the situation and after going back, it was listed. Better late than never," Abdullah said.

People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti said the top court's decision not to rely on the Centre's affidavit on the abrogation of Article 370 vindicates her stand that the BJP-led Union government's move did not have a logical explanation.

Mufti, however, said there are genuine apprehensions regarding why the apex court has taken up the petitions with such alacrity after remaining silent for four years.

"Hon'ble SC's decision to not rely on GOI's affidavit vindicates that it doesn't have a logical explanation to justify illegal abrogation of Article 370.

"Having said that there are legitimate apprehensions about why SC has taken up the Article 370 with such alacrity after their visit to Kashmir. After remaining silent for four years the decision to hear the case on a daily basis does evoke misgivings. Hope the Constitution of this country by

which judiciary swears is not sacrificed at the altar of power to satisfy collective conscience of people who know little about the matter," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister wrote on Twitter.

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NC's chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq said the development instills hope among the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"It is a welcome development that the CJI will hear the petitions on a daily basis from August 2. It instills a lot of hope in the minds and hearts of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Sadig told PTI here.

He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been waiting for this day for the

"Now that the CJI has taken interest in this case, it definitely gives us hope. We we would request that the petitions are heard thoroughly and a verdict is given in our favour because we feel our case is very strong," Sadiq said.

To a query on the top court's observation that the Centre's fresh affidavit will have no bearing on the hearing, the NC leader said the affidavit should not matter much as it is more about the developmental aspect.

"The fact that the extra affidavit of the government had more about development and the fact that the court did not agree to it is also a welcome step, because you need to understand that in spite of Article 370, there was development here before 1989. In spite of Article 370, you had a record number of tourists coming to Jammu and

"A record number of one crore pilgrims visited Jammu and Kashmir when Omar Abdullah was the chief minister. So the affidavit should not matter much, because the CJI has said the matter should be decided on the basis of the Constitution," Sadiq said.

Senior Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader M Y Tarigami also welcomed the apex court's decision.

"This is a positive intervention. We welcome it. Though it is late as it has taken four years, nevertheless, it has sent a positive message to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh," he said.

"We expect that justice will be delivered," the Left leader added.

The Centre abrogated the provisions of Article 370 on August 5, 2019 and bifurcated the erstwhile state into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

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

300 meters inside our side of the Line of Control, they were challenged and a fire-fight ensued. Heavy and accurate fire was brought down on the terrorists; one militant was seen falling to the side, while two others who were injured were seen taking cover into the jungle," it reads. It added that the area of operation, being broken ground with thick jungle and foliage, and having inclement weather, made it difficult to locate militants. "Additional troops were moved in, and the area was cordoned off."

## Houses of four terrorists raided in Kishtwar

there, were targeted in the latest round of raids in connection with a case registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The special NIA court in Jammu had on April 26 issued non-bailable warrants against 23 terrorists from Kishtwar operating from across the border. Earlier, non-bailable warrants were issued against 13 terrorists in the district. The 36 individuals from Kishtwar went to Pakistan after joining the terror ranks over a period of time. Subsequently, two FIRs were registered against them after their involvement in terror activities surfaced during investigations, the SSP said.

### Ex MLC Surinder Choudhary quits BJP, joins NC

Soon after quit the party, Choudhary tweeted, "Gud bye BJP. Ravinder Raina (J&K BJP chief) enjoy with your "parivharbad" and corruption."

Choudhary, who earlier was in PDP,

had lost the Assembly seat from Naushera constituency to BJP candidate Ravinder Raina in 2014 elections. He joined the BJP last year.

Choudhary however, in the presence of former chief minister and National Conference Vice President Omar Abdhullah joined the party at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here.

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

terror organisations to launch a series of violent terrorist attacks in J&K with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms etc. The Pakistan-backed outfits are also engaged in radicalizing local youth and mobilizing overground workers, to disturb peace and communal harmony in J&K.

As per NIA investigations, Pak-based operatives behind the conspiracy were using various social media platforms to spread terror among the people. They were also using drones to deliver arms/ammunition, explosives, narcotics etc. to their agents and cadres in the Kashmir valley.

The newly floated terror outfits under investigation include The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwatul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF and others. These outfits are affiliated to major banned terrorist organisations like Laskhar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaishe-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr, Al-Qaeda, etc.

# Body of teenage girl retrieved from river after four days

He said that a search and rescue operation was going on for the last four days to trace the body of the teenage girl.

He said that after strenuous efforts the body has been recovered from the river.

## **Markets climb in early** trade on firm global trends, foreign fund inflows

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumps 356.13 points to 65,700.30 in early trade

MUMBAI, Jul 11 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices rallied in early trade on Tuesday tracking a positive trend in the global markets and unabated foreign fund inflows.

Buying in index major Reliance Industries also added to the positive momentum in the equity

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 356.13 points to 65,700.30 in early trade. The NSE Nifty climbed 102.45 points to 19,458.35.

From the Sensex pack, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Fin-



serv, Maruti, Mahindra & Mahindra, IndusInd Bank, Larsen & Toubro, Reliance Industries and Titan were the major gainers.

Wipro emerged as the only laggard from the 30-share pack.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong were

trading in the green. The US markets ended in the positive territory on Monday. According to Santanu

## India to overtake US as world's second largest economy by 2075: Report NEW DELHI, Jul 11

(Agencies): India is projected to become the second largest economy in the world by 2075, surpassing Japan, Germany and the United States, investment bank Goldman Sachs said in a report. India is currently the 5th largest economy in the world.

As per the Goldman Sachs report, the factors driving this forecast are favourable demographics, innovation and technology, higher capital investment and rising worker productiv-

"Over the next two decades, the dependency ratio of India will be one of the lowest among regional economies," the report said.

Sengupta, Goldman Sachs Research's India economist, innovation, increasing worker productivity and capital investment is also going to be a significant driver of growth going forward.

"Yes, the country has demographics on its economy," he said. side, but that's not going to be the only driver of

GDP. Innovation and increasing worker productivity are going to be important for the world's fifth-biggest economy. In technical terms, that means greater output for each unit of labor and capital in India's

"India's savings rate is likely to increase with falling dependency ratios, rising incomes, and deeper financial sector development, which is likely to make the pool of capital available to drive further

The report said the government placed a priority on infrastructure creation, especially in

investment," he added.

the setting up of roads and railways. Goldman Sachs believes that this is an appropriate time for the private sector to scale up on creating capacity in manufacturing and services in order to generate more jobs and absorb the large labor force.

DOWNSIDE RISKS

The report mentioned that the main downside risk for India's economic growth would be if the labour force participation rate does not increase.

"The labor force participation rate in India has declined over the last 15 years," the report noted, underlining that women's participation rate in the labor force is significantly lower than

## After junking Vedanta, Foxconn plans to apply separately for chip manufacturing unit in India

TAIPEI. Jul 11 (Agencies): A day after announcing withdrawal from its chip-making JV with Indian conglomerate Vedanta, Foxconn on Tuesday said it is working on plans to apply for incentives under the semiconductor and display fab programme, as the contract manufacturer pledged its commitment to India

The Taiwanese electronics manufacturing giant said it has been actively reviewing the landscape for optimal partners. The comment assumes significance as Foxconn has pulled out from the USD 19.5 billion semiconductor JV with Vedanta.

"We welcome a diverse set of stakeholders, both inside India and abroad, who also want to see India get to the next level and can complement Foxconn's world-class supply chain management and manufacturing efficiency," Foxconn said in a statement on Tuesday.

Pledging its commitment to India, Foxconn said it "is working toward submitting an application related to Modified Programme for Semiconductors and Display Fab Ecosystem.

Foxconn said it sees the country successfully establishing a robust semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem. "It will take time. Foxconn first entered



India in 2006 and we are still here. The group looks forward to growing alongside India's nascent semiconductor industry," it said.

"Foxconn has sound channels of communications with government stakeholders across India. and we have been consistent and clear with them at all levels about our continued commitment to invest in India," it said.

On its decision to pull out of the JV with Vedanta, Foxconn said both parties mutually agreed to part ways. "This is not a negative. There was recognition from both sides that the project was not moving fast enough, there were challenging gaps we were not able to smoothly overcome, as well as external issues related to the project," it said.

On reports citing the withdrawal as a negative example of the group's investment integrity, Foxconn asserted "that is absolutely not the case."

"When Foxconn course corrects, it is done only after heavy consideration of the near-term impact on our stakeholders, and on the long-term corporate health of the group and our shareholders. Building fabs from scratch in a new geography is a challenge, but Foxconn is com-

said Foxconn said it has been working on challenges like this since the 1980s.

mitted to investing in India," it

"Foxconn has no intention to do anything but continue to strongly support Government's Make in India ambitions and establish a diversity of local partnerships that meet the needs of stakeholders," the company said.

On whether Foxconn has to write down losses related to the JV with Vedanta, Foxconn said it has not injected capital or fixed assets into the JV.

"We understand there is a lot of interest in Foxconn's plans

and India's information ecosystem is porous. However, due to competitive and sensitive issues involved in negotiating largescale investments, Foxconn is unable to disclose more infor-

mation at this time," it added. It is pertinent to mention that the Vedanta Foxconn JV had announced the setting up of India's first electronic chip manufacturing unit in Gujarat.

Union Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw had on Monday evening said both Foxconn and Vedanta are committed to the semiconductor mission and the Make-in-India programme of the country.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar had claimed that Foxconn's decision to pull out of the Vedanta joint venture has no impact on India's semiconductor fabrication plant goal as both the companies had no prior semiconductor experience or technology and were expected to source fabrication tech from a tech partner.

He said that Vedanta through the JV has recently submitted a 40 nm fab proposal backed by a technology licensing agreement from a Global Semicon major - which is currently being evaluated by the government's Semicon India Tech Advisory group.

### Due to the rise in water-borne diseases, the risk of developing infections, especially among kids, also increases

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The onset of monsoons is not just a respite from the hot months of May and June, it

can also give rise to various infections. The high level of humidity in the air increases mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria, cholera, typhoid and diarrhoea.

Due to the rise in these water-borne diseases, the risk of developing infections, especially among kids, also increases. To protect children from such diseases, it is important to keep your surroundings clean and give heed to some preventive measures.

"By ensuring that there is no stagnant water around, we can prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. Leptospirosis, another waterborne bacterial disease common during monsoon, can be prevented by removing stagnant water," says Dr Jayant Khandare, Consultant Pediatrics and Neonatology, Surya Mother and Child Super Speciality Hospital, Pune.

Dr Jayant Khandare tells IndiaToday. in that mosquito repellants and nets should be installed at home to shield children from mosquito bites.

Dressing them in long-sleeved shirts, pants, and socks can provide an extra layer of protection.

"One key aspect is ensuring that children are dressed appropriately encouraging them to wear full sleeves clothes, socks, and shoes can help minimize their exposure to mosquitoes. Further, it is important for children to carry and apply mosquito repellents to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases," says Dr Khandare.

Maintaining personal hygiene is imperative, suggests the expert. Parents should encourage children to wash their hands frequently and take a shower immediately after getting wet in the rain to minimise the risk of diseases.

"It is also essential to equip them with

the necessary rain protection, including an umbrella and raincoat. Prolonged exposure to rainwater and dampness can weaken their immune system, making them more susceptible to illnesses," advised the health expert.

Additionally, having the right kinds of foods helps build immunity to reduce susceptibility to infections.

"Ensure that children consume nutritious foods such as citrus fruits, leafy vegetables, yogurt with probiotics, mushrooms, berries and lean meats to boost immunity," says Dr Khandare, adding that keeping kids hydrated with an adequate intake of filtered fluids should be of top priority.

If a child is experiencing symptoms such as fever, cold, or cough, it is important for them to stay at home, instead of heading to school. This not only helps in their own recovery but also prevents the spread of infections to other students and teachers

unsteadiness.

bladder control.

Abnormal heartbeat or blood

Problems with digestion or

While there is no known cure

for GBS, treatments are avail-

able that can reduce the sever-

ity of the illness and speed up

recovery. The most commonly

used treatment is intravenous

immunoglobulin (IVIG), which

is made from donated blood

that contains healthy antibod-

ies. This helps calm down the

immune system's attack on the

Another treatment option is

plasma exchange, a procedure

that filters the liquid part of your

blood, removing the harmful

antibodies attacking the nerves.

Most patients recover over

## Why you need to start doing strength training for your overall health

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The basic essentials of a healthy lifestyle are a combination of diet and exercise. Both, working simultaneously, are needed in adequate amounts for the body to function optimally.

One of the main aspects of exercise is increasing strength, which has several health benefits

Strength training, also known as resistance training or weightlifting, is a combination of various exercises, many of which involve using weights or resistance bands. Then there are others that simply use your body weight to push its limit and increase strength, reducing fat and increasing muscle mass

According to the study published in the journal Applied Physiology, resistance training led to a significant increase in muscle strength and mass across various populations, including older adults and individuals who have chronic con-

Some forms of resistance training include squats, weight lifting, glute bridge and push-ups.

Another study published in Bone and Mineral Research suggested that it significantly increased bone density at various skeletal sites.

A randomised controlled trial published in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that a one-year resistance training program increased bone mineral density in older men and

Strength training like even doing basic kettle bells, wall push-ups, calf raises and mountain climbing can boost metabolism and increase the number of calories burned at rest.

Research suggests that regular resistance training, combined with a balanced diet, can help with weight management by increasing lean muscle mass and promoting fat loss.

Other benefits of strength training

Increased insulin sensitivity: Strength training improves insulin sensitivity, which is crucial for maintaining stable blood sugar levels. This can be beneficial for individuals with diabetes or those at risk of developing diabetes.

Cardiovascular health improvements: While aerobic exercise is often associated with cardiovascular health, research shows that strength training can help lower blood pressure, improve cholesterol levels and reduce the risk of heart disease. Research published in the American Heart Journal showed that resistance training reduced blood pressure in individuals with hyperten-

Enhanced mental well-being: Engaging in regular strength training has been linked to improved mental health and well-being. It can reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety, enhance selfesteem, and improve cognitive function.

It is important to note that the specific benefits of strength training may vary depending on various factors. One should consult a healthcare professional or certified strength training expert for personalised guidance.

## What is Guillain-Barre syndrome? The rare neurological disorder declared as health emergency in Peru

The illness, which leads the body's immune system to attack the nerves, can sometimes also cause paralysis.

LIMA, Jul 11 (Agencies): Peru has declared a 90-day national state of emergency after there was a spike in cases of a rare neurological disorder called Guillain-Barre syndrome in the country. The illness, which leads the

body's immune system to attack the nerves, can sometimes also cause paralysis, reported agency Xinhua.

Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) is a rare, autoimmune disorder where the body's immune system mistakenly attacks the peripheral nerves. This attack on the nerves can lead to symptoms such as muscle weakness, numbness, and tingling, which usually start in the legs and spread upwards.

In severe cases, this can progress to paralysis. The syndrome is more common in adults and males, but it can affect people of all ages

Although the exact cause of GBS is unknown, it is often triggered by infections, most commonly by a bacterium called Campylobacter jejuni.

Other triggers include influenza virus, cytomegalovirus, Epstein-Barr virus, and even the COVID-19 virus. Recent surgery or vaccination can also trigger



GBS, although these instances are rare

Diagnosis of GBS is based on a patient's symptoms and their neurologic examination. Tests such as spinal tap and electromyography may be ordered to rule out other diseases with similar symptoms and confirm the diagnosis of GBS.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF GUILLAIN-BARRE SYN-DROME?

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the most common symptom of GBS is weakness. One can first notice weakness when climbing up the stairs or while walking.

Muscles controlling breathing can weaken to the point that you might need a machine to

help you breathe. Most people experience the greatest stage of weakness within the first two weeks after symptoms appear. Since nerves are damaged in

GBS, the brain could receive abnormal sensory signals from the rest of the body. This condition is called paresthesias, and you may feel tingling, a sense of insects crawling under the skin (called formications), and pain.

Other symptoms may include: Difficulty with eye muscles and vision.

Difficulty swallowing, speaking, or chewing.

Pricking or pins and needles sensations in the hands and

Body pain can be severe, particularly at night.

Coordination problems and

several months, but some may continue to experience symptoms such as muscle weakness, difficulty walking, or numbness and tingling. In severe cases, patients may require a walker or wheelchair. IS THERE A VACCINE

AGAINST GBS?

No, there isn't. Since vaccines have an effect on the immune system, immunisations may be associated with subsequent

# ODI World Cup 2023: CAB announces ticket price for league matches and semi-final at Eden Gardens

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): In a recent announcement by the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), ticket prices for the upcoming World Cupmatches at Eden Gardens have been revealed. The CAB, responsible for organizing the matches, held its first Apex Committee meeting on Monday to discuss various aspects of the upcoming tournament.

CAB President Snehashis Ganguly acknowledged the increased prices and attributed them to the rising costs of organizing such a prestigious event. Fans of the Indian cricket team, in particular, will have to shell out a significant amount of money to watch their favorite players in action, including the much-anticipated clash against South Africa.

Eden Gardens will host a total of five matches during the tournament.



For India's matches and the semi-final, the maximum ticket price has been set at Rs 3000. The minimum ticket price for the World Cup opener between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh on October 28 is Rs 650 for the upper tier seats. D and H block tickets will be priced at Rs 1000, while B, C, K, and L block tickets will cost Rs 1500.

The ticket prices for matches



between England and Pakistan, as well as Bangladesh and Pakistan, have seen an increase of Rs 800 for the upper tiers. D and H block tickets will be available for Rs 1200, C and K block tickets for Rs 2000, and B and L block tickets for a maximum price of Rs 2200.

The highly anticipated clash between India and South Africa at Eden Gardens will have a minimum ticket price of Rs 900 for the upper tiers. D and H block tickets will cost Rs 1500, C and K block tickets Rs 2500, while B and L block tickets will be priced at Rs 3000 for the most sought-after seats.

CAB officials have stated that the increased costs are necessary to cover the expenses associated with organizing a World Cup and ensuring a topnotch experience for spectators.

While ticket prices have been finalized, there are still pending decisions regarding the formation of various committees to oversee the World Cup. No decision has been made about the ongoing talk to invite Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the tournament. Similarly, the involvement of former BCCI chief Sourav Ganguly in the World Cup committee is yet to be determined as well.

# Coaches forced to sign new contracts to get arrears

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The exit of trap coach Russell Mark and shotgun team's high performance manager Lauryn Mark continues to make news. The two have already assumed duties with the Qatar shooting team. However, now they have to sign new contracts with India to get their arrears.

The Australians left after they were put off by the contract negotiations with the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). Despite their contracts ending on March 31 — with negotiations ongoing — the two worked with the team during the Cairo and Almaty World Cups in April-May besides holding a training camp in New Delhi. After quitting, the husband-wife duo sent an invoice for the same period.

However, after waiting for over a month for a reply, Russell today spoke with Sports Authority of India (SAI) director general Sandip Pradhan. A meeting was fixed between Russell, NRAI secretary general K Sultan Singh and TOPS CEO PK Garg. As per the agreement, the NRAI needs to send a fresh contract to the duo.

"They (NRAI) never reverted after we raised the invoices," Russell told The Tribune over phone from Lonato, Italy.

"It was only after I got in touch with the top boss in the SAI that a quick meeting was arranged over a WhatsApp call to solve this issue. It is sad that I had to go over their head to resolve this issue. I think that both Sultan and Rajeev (Bhatia) purposely sat on the invoices and after I spoke with the SAI official I got a mail within minutes from the NRAI on the same matter. This is nothing but incompetence.

They could have informed of this process earlier as well but they didn't as it was clear they never wanted us to continue," he added.

The NRAI secretary hit back at Russell, saying he did not respect the contractual obligation that he had with the NRAI. "We sent him a contract which he did not sign.

He agreed with his terms but sought an increase in Lauryn's contract and then he gave us a two-day notice," Sultan said. "We are not trying to stop anyone's payment but you have to realise that I have to justify payments as we get audited. Today he agreed with the SAI to send a signed contract but when we asked him he refused. We had told him that we get audited and we cannot just dole out money," he added.

### Gary Stead Reappointed As New Zealand Men's Head Coach Till Mid-2025

WELLINGTON, Jul 11 (Agencies): Gary Stead will continue as New Zealand's head coach till mid-2025, with the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 and ICC World Test Championship in focus. announced New Zealand Cricket (NZC) on Tuesday. "First appointed for a two-year term in late 2018, Stead had his contract renewed in 2020 until the end of the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup in India, and will now stay on until the conclusion of the current World Test Championship cycle, in June 2025," said a statement from NZC

The decision follows a long and thorough consultative process during which Stead, arguably New Zealand's most successful men's coach, received unanimous support for continuing in the role.

New Zealand Cricket's GM High-Performance Bryan Stronach said the case for retaining Stead was compelling.

"The support for Gary was overwhelmingly positive - from the players, the Blackcaps support staff, Major Association coaches and support staff, as well as the New Zealand Cricket Players Association and NZC High-Performance Unit staff," said Bryan.

"Gary's results have been very impressive and we are confident that he still has a lot to offer the team. Of course, a big part of this decision came down to whether Gary wanted to continue and he made it clear his appetite to take this team forward was as keen as ever," he added.

Bryan said a formal split-coaching model



was considered for the role and rejected, although there remained flexibility for NZC to co-opt additional coaching staff if desired.

"A split-coaching role was discussed in depth but, with most of our leading Blackcaps playing across all three formats, and the culture of the group so strong and positive, we saw clear benefits in supporting the status quo. Of all the different potential scenarios, we considered this the best option available to us," he said.

Bryan said fresh voices and new ideas would continue to be introduced to players through the "fourth coach" concept, in which Blackcaps touring squads were supported by coaches with a specialist skillset, or knowledge of specific overseas environments or formats. Recent examples of this include Stephen Fleming, Shane Bond, Saqlain Mushtaq, Luke Wright and Thilan

Samaraweera.
Stead's reappointment period will include the ICC T20 World Cup in June/July 2024, the ICC ODI Champions Trophy in February/March 2025 and, if applicable, the ICC World Test Championship Final, in June 2025.

NZC chief executive David White said he was satisfied the process underpinning Stead's reappointment was detailed and robust. "Several months of dis-

cussions and consultation preceded this decision and, as CEO, I am very satisfied all options were well considered," said White.

"I am very pleased for Gary. He is a quality person, he has the support and trust of the players, and he is very good at his job. I am sure all Kiwi cricket fans will join me in wishing him well over the next two years."

Test captain Tim Southee said the players were pleased Stead had been reappointed.

had been reappointed.
"Gary's had great success leading us into finals in all three formats and, of course, that World Test Championship win. It has been great the way that he has come in and built on what was previously achieved," said South-

Southee said the role of the modern-day head coach was as much about managing people as the technical aspects of the role. "The sheer amount of time players and support staff spend away from family and loved ones makes for a challenging environment. With so much cricket being played these days, being able to effectively manage people and their workloads is a huge part of

the job," he concluded.

## People are going overboard with criticism of Rohit's captaincy, says Harbhajan Singh

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): Rohit Sharma needs all the support from the Indian cricket establishment in the coming times as people are going "overboard" with their criticism of his captaincy, feels spin great Harbhajan Singh.

In recent weeks, the Indian captain has received a lot of flak from fans and former cricketers, including the legendary Sunil Gavaskar, who felt that his leadership in the World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia was not up to the mark.

However, Harbhajan, who has seen a lot of Rohit in the Indian as well as the Mumbai Indians dressing room, reminded everyone about the kind of respect he commands from his peers.

"I find that people are going a bit overboard the way Rohit has been criticised. Cricket is a team sport and one individual cannot take you from one place to other," Harbhajan said in an interview ahead of India's next Test assignment against the West Indies.

"Team India didn't do well in WTC final, and yes, you talk about that performance and move on from there. But it is unfair to criticise Rohit alone, that he is not scoring runs, putting on weight, not captaining well. I think he is a brilliant leader," the veteran of 103 Tests said.

For Harbhajan, the need of the hour is to show faith in Rohit's leadership ability.

"I have played with him (Rohit) and watched him closely. He commands a lot of respect not only in MI dressing room but also in the Indian dressing room. So I think it's unfair to judge him on basis of recent results. He will come good and we need to show faith in him and we need to support him rather than pinpointing that you are not doing this or that," he said.

History has been witness to every influential Indian captain getting implicit backing from the BCCI and its most powerful administrator.

For Sourav Ganguly, Jagmohan Dalmiya's support was very vital, while Mahendra Singh Dhoni always enjoyed



firm backing from another BCCI strongman, N Srinivasan, throughout his captaincy tenure.

When Virat Kohli enjoyed his best days on the hot seat, he had former CAG and Committee of Administrator (CoA) head, Vinod Rai, endorsing all his decisions.

Harbhajan hoped that Rohit is getting the kind of backing from the BCCI like his predecessors got.

"If you have the support from BCCI, you can work freely. Not just MS Dhoni or Virat Kohli, if you go back a little further, a lot of captains have got support from BCCI presidents of that time. Rohit must be getting support from BCCI. I don't know how much support he must be getting (though). Having that kind of support will help him take right kind of decision at the right time. He will get that liberty if he has that support. Support must be there for Rohit like BCCI has given it to all its captains," the 'Turbanator' said.

'Pujara did dirty work for team and deserves way more respect'

Cheteshwar Pujara, a doyen at No.3 in India's batting order, has been dropped and Harbhajan feels that Indian cricket hasn't exactly learned to value his contribution. "I have a lot of respect

for Chesteshwar Pujara for what he has achieved. He has been an unsung hero of Indian team for many years now. He has been one of those pillars of strength for India, doing the dirty work of hanging in there, making sure other batters got their comfort," Harbhajan was blunt as ever in his assessment.

Harbhajan has expressed his massive displeasure with the "lack of respect" for the

Saurashtra man and the fact that the yardstick to judge performances hasn't been same for every senior player.

"I believe he needs to be given a bit more respect than what he has been given and the way he was chucked out of the team was a surprise for me. Because he isn't the only one not scoring runs. There are others as well who play in that same team who are scoring runs at same average," Harbha-

jan said.

He didn't name any other player, but it could be a thinly-veiled reference to Virat Kohli's sub-30 average during the same period, the time when Pujara struggled for big scores and paid the price recently.

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"I think rule should be same for everyone not different for different people. Look, if you want to drop a senior guy like him, talk to him and make him understand 'look this what we are looking to do'. Tell him what's the way forward, make him understand. All he needs is a bit more respect," he said.

Harbhajan is also irritated with Pujara's strike-rate and intent being questioned time and again, without people understanding that a Test team requires traditional players, who bring in balance.

"In case of Pujara, we keep hearing about his strike-rate of scoring runs in Tests but because of that strikerate, the wickets remain intact and that's a huge contribution. So you have to see which guy is contributing what. You need to see how much the team needs him. In my opinion, the team still needs him. When you go abroad (SENA countries), you need one

such batter as you can't have everyone playing strokes all the time. You need someone who plays normal Test cricket, just like Chesteshwar

Pujara," said Harbhajan. Harbhajan was all praise for Ajinkya Rahane for the manner in which he made a comeback to the Test arena, with knocks of 89 and 46 against Australia in the WTC final at the Oval.

"The way he made a comeback, he really looked good in that WTC finale. Now he is the vice-captain again. You need to show faith in these players so that they can do well again. A good player is a good player," he noted.

'Has anyone tried telling Sarfaraz why is he not being picked?'

not being picked?'
Harbhajan understands that the current crop of players will get a long rope before a domestic performer like Sarfaraz Khan gets a chance, but Harbhajan wants that the young Mumbaikar is told about the areas that he has to work on, with an assurance that he is there in the mix.

"Sarfaraz will get his opportunity as he has scored heavily in domestic cricket. I want to know if anyone has made an effort to go and talk to him, may be from BCCI or state associations," he asked.

"He is scoring runs, so you need to go and talk to him. Try and make him the player you want him to be. You have to keep him around the group and keep him motivated that he will be selected," he elaborated.

On spin bowling options after Ashwin and Jadeja

The Indian team has been served admirably in home Tests by Ravichandran Ashwin (474 wickets) and Ravindra Jadeja (268 wickets).

However, Ashwin is pushing 37 and Jadeja is nearing 35, and the team will need to explore other options in the near future.

Asked about the spin bowling reserves after the celebrated duo decides to make a move on in two-three years' time, Harbhajan said the decision-makers in and around the Indian team should encourage a lot of domestic spinners and make them understand the importance and incentives of playing Test cricket.

"I think it is something to do with domestic cricket. You talk about Jayant, whatever little Test cricket he played, he has bowled well and is very good with the bat and you have to show faith in them. I want to see Axar Patel more and more as he is the one going forward He is going to replace Jadeja. But Axar is also not too young compared to Jadeja," he said.

Kuldeep Yadav, who got five wickets on Test debut, remains a mystery for Harbhajan.

"Kuldeep was another spinner, when he took those five wickets in Australia, we heard that he will be the guy who will be playing abroad (in SENA) for India, but, after that, he never played abroad. I dont know what happened after that. Maybe he took five wickets and he paid the price for taking those wickets," the spin great said, the sarcasm in his tone quite evident. He also felt that some-

one of Yuzvendra Chahal's calibre needs to be encouraged more to play Ranji Trophy and stake a claim for a Test spot.

"I am not saying we

don't have spinners but, somehow, we need to make them want to play Test cricket. Like Yuzvendra Chahal, who is a top spinner and plays in T20 formats, but then, I get surprised that he doesn't feature in Asia Cup or World Cup. You have to make those spinners believe that you are good enough to play Test cricket. You have to push them to play Ranji Trophy so that they learn the art of bowling longer spells," he added.

## Ministry reminds NSFs of Asiad selection criteria

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Sports Ministry has sent a reminder to all the National Sports Federations (NSFs) regarding the selection guidelines for the Asian Games. It has been done to avoid any selection controversy in the run-up to the Asian Games that starts in Hangzhou, China, from September 23.

The last date for sending entries is July 15 and the Ministry was keen to remind all the NSFs of the criteria that exists since 2015. The Ministry's undersecretary Tarun Pareek wrote a letter marked to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president PT Usha and officials of all NSFs.

วา สมางอาร. "In the individual events during the last twelve months prior to the commencement of the event, the performance of the sports persons should not be less than the performance achieved by 8th position holder of the 2018 Asian Games in measurable sports," the communication reads. "For team events, only those sports which have achieved a ranking up to 8th among participating countries of Asia in the last one year should be considered for participation in Asian Games 2022," the letter added. In non-measurable sports, the criteria states that the athlete should have at least ranked eighth in the last 12

months. If there are no rankings avail-

able, the NSFs are to make new criteria

in consultation with the Ministry.

## **SKUAST-K conducts National Workshop** cum awareness programme



### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

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 quest. 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 planning 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. Imtivaz 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 Magbool, 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 Hargobind Sahib Ji.

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 bat-

talions of Pir Panjal

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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 Hargobind 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 run 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 Ama-

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-



rashtra 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 vatries in rainy season. Large number of yatries came from different states of India take meals and

appreciated the efforts of the Samiti for arranging meals for such a long time for yatries 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 Subash Sharma, Sharma, Anil Kumar, Tarachand and others.

## **Peoples Welfare Civil Society** raises employees' issues

### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

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



and illogical circulars and even amendments in the cadre of Health Department by JKSSB. Recently JKSSB ordered recruitment by decaderization of divisional cadre employees of Health Department to state cadre by clubbing

resulting great disparity with Jammu qualified

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 imme-

administration towards people's grievances immediately.

Besides above committee members are Satish Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, K.C Dubey, Manjoor Ahamad, 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.

There is no distinction

## 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.

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.

## 76 Bn CRPF organizes plantation drive

### **TOP NEWS REPORT**

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

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 participated in the above programme.

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