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BRIEFLY

Youth found dead under mysterious circumstances in his shop in Kulgam

SRINAGAR, Jul 20 (Agencies): A 20-year-old man was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Baihama village of Devsar area in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Thursday morning, official sources said.

GNS reported that a youth identified as Aquib Ahmad Itoo son of late Ab Rashid Itoo, resident of Baihama Devsar was found dead at his shop in native village this morning.

Soon after the news spread, the residents of Baihama came out on roads to protest against the incident. The residents demanded a thorough probe into the circumstances leading to death of the youth.

When contacted, a police official said that they have registered a case in this regard and taken up the investigations.

Women startups reviving, Promoting Dogri art and culture in Jammu



JAMMU, Jul 20 (Agencies): The Government is prioritizing the promotion of women entrepreneurs and startups in reviving Dogra arts and crafts, officials said.

A women entrepreneurship platform has been launched, granting access to funding, mentorship, and networking opportunities, empowering women entrepreneurs and nurturing business growth, they added.

"Jammu Haat's primary objective is to display and promote Jammu's art and traditional items. We encourage all beneficiaries of startup schemes to exhibit and promote their products", General Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC), Jammu, Virender Kumar Manyal said.

He said that regular exhibitions are conducted for 15 days to

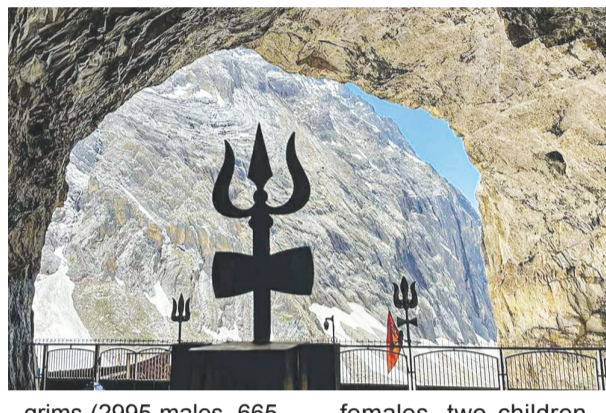
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Amarnath Yatra 2023 | 6,523 Pilgrims leave from Jammu base camp

JAMMU, Jul 20 (Agencies): Chanting 'Bam Bam Bhole' as many as 6523 pilgrims on Thursday left from Bhagwati Nagar Base camp here for Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas.

An official said that a batch of 6523 pilgrims left the base camp in a convoy of 262 vehicles.

A group of 3746 pil-



grims (2995 males, 665 females, two children,

75 sadhus and nine sadhvis) left for Pahalgam in a convoy of 167 vehicles.

For Baltal, 2777 pilgrims comprising 1750 males, 1020 females, one child and six sadhus left in a convoy of 97 vehicles amid tight security arrangements.

The yatra that started on July 1 will conclude on August 31.

Four New High Court Justices appointed



NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): Four judges were on Wednesday elevated as high court chief justices.

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal tweeted that Justice Alok Aradhe of the Karnataka High Court has been elevated

as chief justice of the Telangana High Court. Similarly, Justice Subhasis Talapatra of the Orissa High Court has been made the chief justice in the same high court with effect from September 8 after the incumbent chief justice

demits office. Justice Sunita Agarwal of the Allahabad High Court has been appointed as chief justice of the Gujarat High Court. Justice Ashish J Desai of the Gujarat High Court has been elevated as chief justice of the Kerala High Court.

Braj Raj Sharma takes oath as State Election Commissioner of J&K

SRINAGAR, Jul 20 (Agencies): Braj Raj Sharma was sworn in as the State Election Commissioner (SEC) for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday.

The oath of office was administered by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at a ceremony held at Raj Bhawan here.

Sharma a 1984 batch IAS officer has served as the chief secretary of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir from 2015 to 2017. Sharma has served as



the Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India.

Sharma's predecessor K K Sharma completed his term as SEC on February 1, 2023.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor

had issued appointment orders of Sharma as the State Election Commissioner July 15.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by provision to sub-section (3) of section 36 of the Jammu and Kashmir

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J&K Police recovered prosecutrix from New Delhi, Abductors arrested



SRINAGAR, Jul 20 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir police said on Thursday that they had recovered the prosecutrix and also arrested her two abductees from New Delhi.

Police said a written complaint was lodged

with Police post-Palhallan in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on July 1, 2023, from one person (name withheld) stating therein that his 19-year-old daughter (name withheld) had been missing from home since June 30, 2013.

A case FIR No. 222/2023 u/s 366 IPC was registered at Police Station Pattan, and investigations were started, during which it came to light that the missing girl had been abducted by some unknown persons.

Further investigation, with the help of technical evidence, revealed that the accused persons and prosecutrix have left Jammu and Kashmir for New Delhi.

Police swung into action, and consequently, a team was constituted that proceeded

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Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha see adjournments on first day of Monsoon Session



NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): Lok Sabha was adjourned till 2 pm and Rajya Sabha till 12 noon on Thursday morning on the first day

of monsoon session of Parliament following obituary references.

In Lok Sabha AAP leader Sushil Kumar Rinku took oath as a

member of the House. Rinku, who was elected from Jalandhar in Punjab, took oath in Punjabi.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla read the obituary references to members who had passed in the inter-session period - two sitting members and 11 former members. The House also observed silence in memory of its late members.

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Jammu-Srinagar National Highway reopens for Traffic

JAMMU, Jul 20 (Agencies): Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway resumed on Thursday after a day-long closure due to landslides and mudslides in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, officials said.

Heavy rains had triggered landslides and mudslides at multiple places blocking the highway in Ramban and Udhampur districts.

The highway is through for two-way traffic and all stranded vehicles have been cleared, they



said. Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta took stock of the the situation at the highway and underscored the need for taking strict action against slow moving vehicles and overloaded

trucks. He asked executing agencies to handover the second tube of the Ramban flyover by August 15 and the Banihal bypass by the end of this year.

Crime Branch chargesheets three for encroaching State Land

SRINAGAR, Jul 20 (Agencies): The Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir produced the chargesheet against three accused persons for illegally encroaching state land in Kunzer area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Crime Branch in a statement said that the chargesheet was filed in case FIR No. 28/2018 u/ Ss 420, 447-A & 120-B RPC of P/S Crime Branch Kashmir before the court of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Tangmarg against three

individuals for their alleged involvement in the illegal encroachment of state land in Dhobiwan area of Kunzer.

The statement further reads that, "Brief facts of the case are that Crime Branch Kashmir received a complaint alleging therein that Mohammad Najeeb Goni, S/o Abdul Ghani Goni, R/o Baghat-Barzulla, Srinagar in connivance with some local land brokers, viz., Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, S/o Abdul Aziz Bhat, R/o Ussan Bangil, Karhama, Dist.

Baramulla and Mohammad Ashraf Wani, S/o Mohammad Munawar Wani, R/o Utikoo, Karhama, Dist. Baramulla had unlawfully trespassed and encroached upon State land measuring approximately 25 kanals situated at village Dhobiwan and had also erected signboards and stone blocks on land."

"The complaint prima facie disclosed the commission of criminal acts by the accused persons. Accordingly, the instant case was registered in Police Station Crime

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10th DAY KRIYA AND SHANTI PAATH

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Mrs Mohni Raina** W/o Mr. Makhan Lal Raina who left for heavenly abode on 12-07-2023 originally from Dalpatian, Jammu / Ganderbal, Kashmir presently residing at Flat no 702, Tower B-10, RPS SAVANA, Sector 88, Faridabad - 121002. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 21-07-2023 at MURADNAGAR GHAT from 7:00 am to 10:30 am followed by a Shanti Paath which will be held at GREEN HOUSE CLUB, RPS SAVANA, SECTOR 88, FARIDABAD from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



MRS MOHNI RAINA

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Mr. Makhan Lal Raina (Husband) +91-9711475660
Mrs. Bharti & MR B.L Raina (Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law): +91-7006595252
Mrs. Basanti & Mr Nana Jee Jalali (Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law): +91-9818774493
Mrs. Usha & Mr. Mohan Jee Raina (Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law): +91-8803689723
Mrs. Shama Jee Mathu (Sister-in-Law): +91-9797426525
Mrs. Ratna Kaul (Sister-in-Law): +91-9796439968
Mrs. Renu & Mr Sundeep Kashkari (Daughter & Son-in-Law) : +91-9818646281, +91-9868121170
Mrs. Meenakshi & Mr. Ashish Kak (Daughter and Son-in-Law) : +1-7039533120
Rakesh (9899385660), Neeraj (9650944455), Munish (9871387219)
Aparna, Shivani, Artil, Neetu, Neeraj, Esha, Ritika, Malvika, And All Grandchildren & ENTIRE RAINA & TRAKROO PARIVAAR FROM MALUN SIDE (GANDERBAL / NUNAR)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Virander Mattoo** S/o Sh. Damodhar Nath Mattoo R/o H.No. 11, Hello Kids Lane, Butta Nagar, Paloura Jammu who breathed his last on 15-07-2023.



SH .VIRANDER MATTOO

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on Monday, 24th July 2023 (8:30 AM)
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Kiran Mattoo - Wife
Samuksha Mattoo - Daughter
Romil Mattoo - Son
Smt. & Sh. Shibani Jee Mattoo - Brother
Sh. J.L. Tukra - Brother-in-law
Sh. C.M. Ganjoo - Brother-in-law
PH: 7006381286, 7006089390, 7780847353

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you that the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Mohan Lal Magotra** (Master Ji) Ramban wale who left for heavenly abode on 12-07-2023.

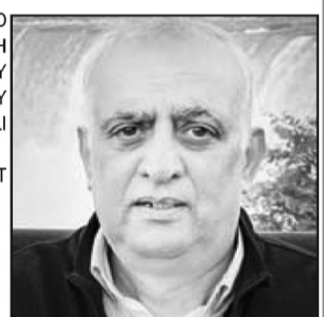


Sh. Mohan Lal Magotra (Master Ji)

10TH DAY will be performed on 21-07-2023 at Ram Mandir Shastrri Nagar 11:30 AM.
KRIYA on 22-7-2023 at residence 5/1 Sanjay Nagar Jammu 11 AM and **UTHALA** at Ram Mandir 4 PM on 22-7-2023.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Shashi Prabha - Wife
Smt. Chanchala Devi- Sister-in-law
Sister-in-law & Brother
Smt. Kanta Devi & Sh. Bansil Lal Magotra
Daughters-in-laws & Sons
Smt. Veena & Sh. Ravi Magotra
Smt. Vanita & Sh. Gopal Magotra
Smt Pooja & Sh. Sumit Magotra
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Nisha Sharma & Sh. Amit Dubey
Mobile : 9419166552, 9797631853

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MR. SUBASH CHANDER KAUL S/O LATE SRI DWARIKA NATH KAUL ORIGINALLY FROM SHEILTENG, HABBAKADAL SRINAGAR, CURRENTLY RESIDING AT C-1005 EXPRESS GREEN SECTOR 1 VAISHALI GHAZIABAD ON 15TH JULY 2023.



Mr. Subash Chander Kaul

10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 24TH JULY 2023 AT MURADNAGAR, UP (CHOTTA HARIDWAR) AT 7:30 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
BIMLA KAUL (WIFE)
RAHUL & MEGHA (SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW)
BHUSHAN LAL KAUL (BROTHER)
RATANA KAUL (SISTER IN LAW)
SURINDER AND INDU KAUL (BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW)
KRISHNA TIKU AND B.K TIKU (SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW)
RENAVA KAUL (GRAND DAUGHTER)
IN LAWS
M.L SAPRU & SHANTA SAPRU (FATHER-IN-LAW AND MOTHER-IN-LAW)
A.K SAPRU & GIRJA SAPRU (BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER-IN-LAW)
P.L SAPRU & REETA SAPRU (BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER-IN-LAW)
PINKY RAINA & SURINDER RAINA (SISTER-IN-LAW AND BROTHER-IN-LAW)
SUSHMA BHAN AND SATISH BHAN (SISTER-IN-LAW AND BROTHER-IN-LAW)
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-
KAULS, SAPRUS, TIKUS, RAINAS, BHANS & FOTEDARS
CONTACT: 9711998739, 9322001376, 9810374554, 9811897689

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform you about the sad demise of **Sh. Chaman Lal Gupta** S/o Lt. Sh. Poonchi Ram, R/o QTR No. 155 Rehari colony Jammu.



Sh. Chaman Lal Gupta

FIFTH DAY will be performed on Friday 21-Jul-23 from 10 to 11 AM at Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Smt. Mohni Gupta (Wife)
Brother-in law & Sister-in law
Lt. Sh. Rajinder Mohan Gupta & Smt. Nirmala Gupta (Nowgran wale)
Sh. Joginder Mohan Gupta & Lt. Smt. Krishna Gupta
Sh. Jatinder Mohan Gupta & Smt. Shobha Gupta.
MOB: 9419170168, 9797456114
Sai Mobiles Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Sham Lal Gupta** H/o Smt Asha Gupta on 18/07/2023.



Sh Sham Lal Gupta

Fifth day will be performed on 21st July 2023 (Friday) at Kameshwar Mandir Akhnoor at 11:00 AM
GRIEF STRICKEN
Brothers-in-Law & Sisters-in-Law
Sh Ashok Gupta & Smt Sushma Gupta
Sh Jugal Kishore Gupta & Smt Sulekha Gupta
Late Sh Anoop Gupta & Smt Sarita Gupta
Sh Pawan Gupta & Late Smt Saloni Gupta
Late Sh Anil Gupta & Smt Kavita Gupta
Sh Parmod Gupta & Smt Neeru Gupta
Sisters-in-Law & Brothers-in-Law
Smt Vaishno Gupta & Sh Sant Ram Langer
Late Smt Shukla Gupta & Late Sh Pawan Gupta
M/S RAM LAL & SONS
8492000176, 9419260701, 8492000499, 9622151580

ARDAAS SAMAGAM



S Ranbir Singh Bali (Director Finance, J&K Govt) Sdn Parminder Kaur S Irwanjyot Singh

Words of sympathy feel inadequate in expressing grief and sorrow for a loss so great.

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **S Ranbir Singh Bali (Director Finance, J&K Govt), Sdn Parminder Kaur and S Irwanjyot Singh** in a tragic road accident on 9th July 2023. **In their Loving Memory Remembrance/Ardaas Samagam** will be held on 21st July 2023 (Friday) at Gurudwara Baba Fateh Singh Ji Gandhi Nagar Jammu from **5.00 pm to 6.30 pm.** to pay homage to departed souls.
From: All Jammu & Kashmir Officers Forum

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our young and beloved **Sandeep Misri** S/o Smt. Veena and J.K.Misri originally from Shakti Nagar, Jammu presently at Centurion Park low rise, Greater Noida west on wednesday 12th July 2023.



Sandeep Misri

10th Day shall be observed on Friday 21st. July 2023 at Murad Nagar. (UP)
Assembly is planned at our present address at 10 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt.Veena & Sh. J.K. Misri - Parents
Aarti Misri - Wife
Arjun Misri - Son
Sumit Misri - Brother
Smt. Anuradha & Sh. Ashok Kaul - Parents in Law
Smt. Anuranjani & Sandeep Tikoo - Sister in law & Co Brother in law
Smt. Ambika & Sh. Rohit Tiku - Sister in law & Co Brother in law
Contact- +91 99106 79292

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Son Rajat Bhat** (S/o Kuldeep Kumar Bhat) Originally resident of Danow Bogound (Kulgam) presently at House No. 66 D, Lane 2, Sector 1, Durga Nagar, Jammu left for his heavenly abode on 12-07-2023.

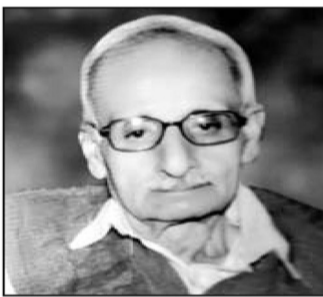


RAJAT BHAT

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 21-07-2023 at Muthi Ghat at 7:00 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
RAZDAN'S DANOW
PH: 8803794772, 9419908395

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform about sad demise of our father **Shri Chaman Lal Fotedar** S/o Lt Shri Kanya Lal Fotedar originally R/o Bul-Bul Lanker/Rawal Pora Srinagar presently at House No. 64 near Samsung Plaza Marble Market Road Trikuta Nagar Extn on Thursday 13-07-2023.



Shri Chaman Lal Fotedar

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 22-07-2023 Saturday at 9.30 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Son & Daughter-in-law
Satish Fotedar & Sunita
Sons-in-law & Daughters
T.K Koul (Boni) & Veena
Dr I.K Koul (Dembi) & Ragni
H.N Fotedar -Brother
M.L Fotedar -Brother
B.N Fotedar -Brother
H.L Fotedar & Santosh -Brother & Bhabi
Grand Children: Vanshu, Himanshu, Nikhil & Aakshi, Tanvi & Himanshu, Vatsala & Arun, Nripinder & Deeksha
Samast Fotedar & Tikoo Parivar
Mob: 7006656264/ 9419144618

10th Day/Kriya

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Vineet Wali**, S/o Sh. Vijay Kumar Wali, Dal Hassanyar, Habba Kadal, currently residing at Indirapuram, Delhi NCR.



Sh. Vineet Wali

10TH DAY KRIYA shall take place on **25/07/23 (Tuesday)** at 9:00 A.M., Ganga Nahar, Muradnagar.
Grief Stricken:-
Near and dear ones
Mobile: 9643510052

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Sunita Sawhney** W/o Sh. Vishnu Pal Sawhney R/o H.No. 255, Last Morh, Sarwal, Jammu. **Tenth Day** will be performed at Shiv Mandir Sarwal, Last Morh on 21/07/2023 (Friday) from 10.00 am.
Uthala will be performed at Dewan Jhanj Ghar Mandir Morh, Sarwal on 24/7/2023 (Monday) from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
GRIEF STRICKEN :
Sawhney Family
Mob.: 9906362615, 9906087187, 9419641090



Smt. Sunita Sawhney

10TH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved mother **Rajrani** W/o Lt. Sh. Gopi Nath Pandit of Tulmulla, Ganderbal at present house no. 44, Main Road, Durga Nagar, Sector No. 1, Jammu.



RAJRANI

10th Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat 21-7-23 at 8:30 AM & **Assembly** will be performed at above present address.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. & Sh. Kuldeep Pandit - 9796271710
Smt. & Sh. Sanjay Pandit - 9796052522
Smt. & Sh. Vinod Pandit - 9906109108
Smt. & Sh. Susheel Ganjoo - 9469193321

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Ravinder Kumar Bhan** S/o Late Sh. Nath Ji Bhan & Late Smt. Arandhathi Bhan originally resident of Malapora, HabbaKadal, Srinagar presently residing at H No.101, B/2, Vikas Nagar, Sarwal, Jammu on 17/07/2023 at Mumbai.

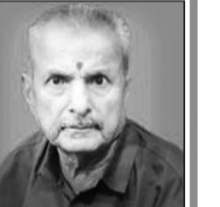


SH. RAVINDER KUMAR BHAN (GASHA JI)

10th Day Kriya shall be performed on 26/07/2023 at 08:30 AM at Mumbai.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Mrs. Girja Bhan (Wife)
(Daughter & Son-in-law)
Mrs. Priyanka & Mr. Ankul Bagati
Mrs. Shah Jee & Mr. B. M. Bhan (Sister-in-law & Brother)
Mrs. Lalita & Dr. S.K. Raina (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Mrs. Anita & Mr. B. S. Bhan (Sister-in-law & Brother)
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY: Ashutosh, Amrita, Esha, Anisha, Anoop, Neetu, Shivanker, Tashwik, Takshvi and Samast
Bazaz, Bagati, Ambaradar, Raina, Koul, Bhat & Machama Parivaar.
Contact nos. 6006024873, 9906063670, 9004166590, 9419205002

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Dharam Pal Sharma** S/o Lt. Sh. Amar Nath Sharma R/o H.No. 305, Lane No. 13 Talab Tillo, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 11 July 2023.



Sh Dharam Pal Sharma

10th Day will be performed on 20 July, 2023 (Thursday) at Mahajan Hall, Lane No.7, Talab Tillo, Jammu at 11:00 am-12:00 Noon.
Kriya will be performed on 21 July, 2023 at our residence.
Uthala will be performed on 22 July, 2023 (Saturday) at Mahajan Hall, Lane No.7, Talab Tillo, Jammu at 5:00-6:00 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Nimal Sharma -Wife
Daughter-in-law & Sons
Mrs. Suresh Sharma & Mr. Dhinder Sharma (Babu, Block President N.C.)
Mrs. Jyoti Sharma & Mr. Vinay Sharma (LIC Agent, Jammu-1)
Mrs. Suraksha Sharma & Mr. Vipin Sharma
Grand Children: Shweta, Vinay, Harsh, Jayati, Anvi & Saruchi
M/s Jawala Dry Fruit
Lower Raghunath Bazar, Jammu.
Mob.No. 9419192191, 7889796459, 9906118668

TENTH DAY KRIYA

Tenth Day Kriya of our beloved mother **Smt Sheela Rawal (Raniji)** W/o Late Sh. Mohan Lal Rawal R/o House No. 502, Lane No. 1 Sarwal Morh New Plot Jammu and originally from House No. 525/526 Govt HSG Colony Chanapora Srinagar Kashmir, who left heavenly abode on 12th July 2023 will be performed on Friday 21st July 2023 at 08:30 am at Muthi Ghat Jammu.



Smt Sheela Rawal (Raniji)

Grief Stricken :
Son & Daughter-in-Law
Sh. Ashok Rawal & Smt Nancy Rawal
Smt Asha Rawal W/o Late Sh. Romesh Rawal- Daughter-in-law
Sh Prashant Kaul & Smt Reeta Kaul- Son-in-law & Daughter
Sh Suresh Rawal & Smt Sunita Rawal - Son & Daughter-in-Law
Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law
Sh. Robin Pandita & Smt Shalini Pandita Rawal
Grand Children
Khushboo, Rohit, Tushi, Ayushi, Sarthak, Mehul
SAPROO'S, BAKSHI'S, KAK'S, KAUL'S (NAZ), KAULS, WALI'S, MATTOO'S, DASI'S & SAMAST RAWAL PARIVAR
Mobile No. 9796850999, 9419132710, 9086322377

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief we wish to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Bimla Razdan (Hashia)** W/o Sh. J.L. Razdan (Hashia) originally from Shelteng, Habakadal, Srinagar, Currently residing at H. No 170 Sector 1, Chiranjeev Vihar, Ghaziabad on 16th July 2023.



Smt Bimla Razdan (Hashia)

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on 25th July 2023 (Tuesday) at Gang Nahar, Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad at 9 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Jawahar Lal Razdan (Hashia) Husband
Kanta Razdan - Sister-in-Law
Rakhi Razdan & Anjali - Son & Daughter-in-Law
Rahul Razdan & Vandana - Son & Daughter-in-Law
Dr. Seema Bhargava - Daughter
Rajender Razdan & Pamposh - Son & Daughter-in-Law & Grand Children
Raina's Tickoo's MOBILE NO: +91- 9899851153, +91- 9899348896

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. BISHAMBER DASS** JI S/O PARAS RAM JI WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON WEDNESDAY 12-07-2023



BISHAMBER DASS JI

TENTH DAY : WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE AKHNOOR, NARDI BALA (NALI) ON FRIDAY 21-7-2023.
KRIYA : WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE AKHNOOR, NARDI BALA (NALI) ON SATURDAY 22-07-2023
GRIEF STRICKEN
PARKASHO DEVI (WIFE)
(SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW)
SURINDER KUMAR & NEETU DEVI
MOHINDER PAUL & ASHA BHAGAT
MULKH RAJ & POOJA DEVI
VIJAY KUMAR & REETA BHAGAT
HANS RAJ & TOSHI DEVI (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
ABHINAV NAGYAL, AYUSHMAN BISHWAL & SAKSHAM BHAGAT (GRAND SONS)
(GRAND DAUGHTERS)
SUHANI NAGYAL, NIHARIKA BISHWAL, SUDIKSHA, RUHANIKA AND DEEPANSHI
CONTACT : 6006643044, 8082329257, 9596865734, 9906609464

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **'Karam Yogi' Sh Dwarka Nath Razdan (Gasha Ji)** originally from Razdan Mohalla, Nai Basti, Anantnag on 17 July 2023, at present Flat 15, Himvarsha Apartment Plot No 103 IP Extension Delhi 110092.



'Karam Yogi' Sh Dwarka Nath Razdan (Gasha Ji)

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Chota Haridwar, Muradnagar, Ghaziabad on 25 July 2023 at 8AM, subsequent gathering will be held at our residence Flat 15, Himvarsha Apartment Plot No 103 IP Extension Delhi 110092.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Kuldeep Ki Razdan & Nirmala Razdan - Son and Daughter in Law
Vinod Krishna Razdan & Varsha Razdan - Son and Daughter in Law
Vaidhva Razdan - Grand Son
Vandila Razdan - Grand Daughter
Pandi Parivar of Kalkan, Kulgam
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TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you that the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Mohan Lal Magotra** (Master Ji) Ramban wale who left for heavenly abode on 12-07-2023.



Sh. Mohan Lal Magotra (Master Ji)

10TH DAY will be performed on 21-07-2023 at Ram Mandir Shastrri Nagar 11:30 AM.
KRIYA on 22-7-2023 at residence 5/1 Sanjay Nagar Jammu 11 AM and **UTHALA** at Ram Mandir 4 PM on 22-7-2023.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Shashi Prabha - Wife
Smt. Chanchala Devi- Sister-in-law
Sister-in-law & Brother
Smt. Kanta Devi & Sh. Bansil Lal Magotra
Daughters-in-laws & Sons
Smt. Veena & Sh. Ravi Magotra
Smt. Vanita & Sh. Gopal Magotra
Smt Pooja & Sh. Sumit Magotra
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Nisha Sharma & Sh. Amit Dubey
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Crime Branch charge-sheeted nine PETs for Fake Degrees



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Crime Branch Jammu charge sheeted nine Physical Education Teachers (PETs) in District Rajouri in case FIR No. 19/2018 U/S 420,465,467,468,471 201 120-B RPC P/S EOW Crime Branch Jammu for arranging Fake Degrees and using them for securing higher grades in the Department.

A 489 page Challan has been produced against eight teachers and the agent through whom they procured Fake Bachelors Degrees in Physical Education in the Name

of Global Open University Nagaland.

The accused Physical Education Teachers and the agent include Shaيدا Akhter, daughter of Ghulam Qadar, resident of Chowkian Darhal, Distt Rajouri; Gulzar Hussain, son of Mohd Iqbal, resident of Darhal Chowkian, Distt Rajouri; Parveen Akhter, daughter of Noor Hussain, resident of W.No 1 Kheora Rajouri; Kuldeep Singh, son of Suroop Singh, resident of Nowshera; Jamil Hussain, son of Lal Din, resident of Dodsan Bala Tehsil and District Rajouri; Attamjeet Singh, son of Ram Singh, resident of Nowshera Rajouri; Raghubir Chander, son

of Kundan Lal, resident of Patra Tehsi and District Rajouri; Neelam Kumari Sharma, daughter of Raj Ram Sharma, resident of Thandapani Teshil Sundarbani District Rajouri and the agent; Mohd Shabir, son of Mohd Sadeeq, resident of Samsamit Tehsil Thanamandi Distt. Rajouri at present House No 181 Balwal Jammu (Agent).

The case owes its origin to a written complaint lodged by the unemployed Physical Trained Youth of District Rajouri which inter-alia alleged that during the year 2010 about 130 appointments were made in District Rajouri by Secretary SSRB Sri-

nagar and most of the candidates were having C.P.ED i.e. Certificate in Physical Education.

The B.P.ED Certificates were managed by the teachers from the Global Open University Nagaland, whereas they never physically joined the University for attending the classes for BP Ed.

Likewise there are many other physical education teachers who managed B.P.ED degrees, through Agents and produced the same before District Youth Services and Sports Officer at the time joining their duties and succeeded in getting grade pay of Rs. 2800 instead of Rs 2400 grade pay.

During the course of investigation, statements of complainants were recorded, obtained record from the concerned Department, Fake BP. Ed Degrees were seized in the case and it is found that the accused candidates were appointed as Physical Education Teachers in Rajouri District on the CP. Ed basis, however they later produced BP. Ed Certificates before the competent authority and succeeded in getting the higher grade pay of Rs 2800 to which they were not entitled to.

The seized record reveals that 08 accused as mentioned above have managed fake BP Ed certificates with the help of the agent.

TMF condemns attack on two forest employees in Pulwama

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: Team Mask Force (TMF) Chairman Vijay Sharma condemned terrorist attack on two forest employees injuring the duo one of which has succumbed to injury.

Tall claims are being made by Government for improvement in situation after Abrogation



of Article 370&35-A but

target killings have continued.

Statements are being made of peace prevailing in the valley but terrorists does their jobs without fear resulting into loss of life to minorities and Kashmiri Muslim employee who have been working on official duty at the time of firing.

Dr Abid calls on youth to preserve timeless Art of Calligraphy

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 20: Secretary Culture and Tourism, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah emphasized the vital role of the young generation in keeping the art of calligraphy alive during a valedictory function of a ten-day calligraphy workshop on Thursday.

The workshop, which focused on Arabic, Urdu, and English calligraphy, was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) and saw enthusiastic participation from students representing various colleges in Srinagar. The event took place at JKAACL's Divisional Office in Lal



Mandi.

Dr. Abid Rasheed, acknowledged calligraphy as a form of art of utmost elegance and beauty and urged the young and talented students to shoulder the responsibility of preserving and promoting this timeless art form. He also extended his appreciation

to the calligraphy art teachers, encouraging them to continue their efforts in keeping this cherished heritage alive.

Commending the JKAACL for organizing such a workshop, Dr. Abid Rasheed highlighted the academy's efforts to restore its lost glory, for which it was renowned in

the past. He encouraged the students to persist in their passion for calligraphy, as their dedication and skill could serve as a remarkable representation of their talent to the world.

As a gesture of recognition, Secretary Culture, Dr. Abid Rasheed, presented certificates of

appreciation to the participants and teachers involved in the workshop. He also announced that such enriching workshops would now become a regular affair, fostering the love for calligraphy among the youth. A simultaneous workshop was conducted in Jammu, focusing on Devanagari, Gurmukhi, and English calligraphy, in which college students actively participated, showcasing the widespread interest in this unique art form.

During the concluding ceremony, Additional Secretary JKAACL, Sanjeev Rana, Divisional head of JKAACL, Dr. Farooq Anwar Mirza, and other concerned officers were present.

Corporator Amit alleges failure of Smart City project in Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: Corporator Amit Gupta alleged failure of Smart City project in Jammu.

Talking to reports, he said that recently we have seen how raining for just day show us flood like situation in Jammu and Govt true colours have been



shown.

As Central Govt is giving funds but UT

Govt failed to use them in a right way and due to which common man

suffer recent alert on Tawi river shows alarming situation and areas

around the river suffer the most.

I have informed several times that this situation will come but nobody listen and results are here.

Social activists Charanjit Singh and others were also present in the press conference who also raised their concerns.

NC strongly opposes replacement of Smart Power Meters with Prepaid Meters

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: The J&K National Conference vehemently opposed the decision of J&K Government to replace smart power meters with prepaid meters. The Party believed that switching over from one type of meter to another will not serve the purpose, as the root cause of corruption lies within the system and not with the power meters themselves. The delinquent staff and corrupt consumers are responsible for the bungling, not the meters.

In a statement issued here today, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC, Jammu, said that switching over from one type of meter to another will not serve

the purpose because 'corruption' is deep rooted in the state. The present dispensation is miserably failed to eradicate corruption and now the government has started harassing general public.

He questioned the government's decision, stating, "What is the point of big packages announced by the government if the common people have to pay extra bucks to cover up the losses incurred by the power department?" He believed that the government's approach is adding additional burden to the already struggling population who have lost their livelihoods due to the pandemic and are facing the repercussions of the highest-ever infla-

tion and unemployment in J&K.

Rattan Lal Gupta strongly believed that it is inhumane for the government to enforce advance payment of power bills on the marginalized population. "On one hand, the government is claiming that J&K will become a power surplus Union Territory in the next three to four years, with the completion of hydroelectric projects generating 3099 Mega Watts of power and the other hand the government is forcing common man to pay power bills in advance, which is deemed inhuman," he added.

The senior NC leader called on the government to reconsider its decision and instead

follow the policies implemented by the Delhi and Punjab governments and those consuming power upto 200 units should be exempted from paying bills, as a way to support the already burdened population.

Furthermore, he asked the Jammu Power Development Corporation Ltd (JPDC) authorities to prioritize providing uninterrupted power supply to the people instead of demanding advance payment. The current financial crunch faced by the population

due to the pandemic and its extensive impact makes it an inappropriate time to make such harsh decisions, he said.

The Provincial President sought that the authorities should revisit the proposal to switch over to prepaid meters. He believed that it is not the right time to implement such anti people schemes when people are facing a financial crunch. The government should focus on supporting the population rather than putting further pressure on them.

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ABSTRACT OF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
e-NIT No. MID/J/e-NIT/2023-24/50 Dated: 18-07-2023

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Canal Road, Jammu, on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered and reputed Firms **Repairs to 5 cusec x 15 meter head discharge pump set coupled with 40 hp motor of pumping unit No. II along with allied works at L.S. Beaspur Parlah.** The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 'I' - Tender fee and Earnest Money Deposit, fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance of terms and conditions of the tender and Cover 'II' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No.	Name of Work	Qty.	Earnest Money	Cost of tender document	Period of completion	Validity of Rates	Name of Division
1	Repairs to 5 cusec x 15 meter head discharge pump set coupled with 40 hp motor of pumping unit No. II along with allied works at L.S. Beaspur Parlah.	Complete job as per Scope of Work	2% of the quoted value	Rs200.00	10 Days	180 Days from date of opening of price bid	Mechanical Irrigation Division, Jammu.

- The tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from the website <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> from: **18-07-2023 (06:00PM)**
- Submission of online bids: **19-07-2023 (10:00AM) to 08-08-2023 (02:00 P.M.)**
- Opening of Cover I online bids: **09-08-2023 (2:00 PM)**

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Executive Engineer
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Subject: - Notice.

Whereas vide Govt. Order No.:366-JK(HME) of 2023 dated 29.04.2023, you were transferred and posted at CHC Bani, where you did not join till date, as reported by Chief Medical Officer, Kathua vide letter No.CMO/K/3619 dated 17.07.2023; and

Whereas, your unauthorised absence has caused a great inconvenience to the Public of the area as well as to the Administration; and;

Whereas, under Art. 128 of J&K CSR Vol. I absence without leave or after the end of leave involves loss of appointment.

Now, therefore, a notice is hereby served upon you to join your duty immediately at your respective place of posting i.e. CHC Bani, otherwise, disciplinary action will be initiated against you as warranted under rules.

Sd/-
(Dr. Rajeev Kr. Sharma)
Director Health Services
Jammu.

DIP/J-5318/23

No.: ES-3/4927/1713-16 Dated: 17.07.2023

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

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Short e-NIT No. CD-I/59 of 2023-24 Dated 18-07-2023

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 :-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of document (in `)	Earnest Money (in `)	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Establishment of "Virus Indexing Lab" at Mega Fruit Plant Nursery, Chakrol, R.S.Pura, Jammu (Under Capex Budget 2023-24)	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I Jammu	47.36	600	94720 (2% of the Advertised Cost)	02 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 27-07-2023	"A" & "B" Class

Position of AAA :- Accorded vide order No. 151-Horti of 2023 dated 15-06-2023
Position of TS :- Sanctioned vide order No. 218 of July 2023
Major Head of Account :- Under Capex Budget 2023-24

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 :

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18-07-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 18-07-2023 to 26-07-2023, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	22-07-2023 at 1400 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I Jammu
4	Bid submission Start Date	18-07-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	26-07-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	27-07-2023 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I 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 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I 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. I 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 LI be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I Jammu at the time of allotment.p

.. Sd ..
(Er. K.K Atri)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. I
Jammu

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EDITORIAL

SOIL EROSION-
A CONCERN

The soil of our country is the most fertile as compared to other countries. The farmer of our country works hard and grows food grains, fruits, vegetables, flowers etc. on this soil for us. The soldiers of our country are born in this soil and get martyred in this soil while protecting the country. Despite this, our country is facing the problem of soil pollution.

Even after various government and non-governmental organizations run awareness campaigns to prevent pollution and publicize the problem of pollution and its effects to people through different means of mass communication, the problem of pollution or soil pollution is a matter of concern. subject is.

There is no one definite reason for soil pollution, but there are many different reasons for its occurrence. When some waste materials get accumulated on our land, they give rise to soil pollution. The causes of soil pollution or the sources of soil pollution are- Domestic Waste, industrial and mining waste, municipal waste, agricultural waste, excessive use of fertilizers, excessive salt and water.

Apart from these reasons, there are many other reasons that cause soil pollution, such as plastic items used in homes, hospitals, schools and markets, fast cutting of trees and forests, broken glasses thrown from homes. Plastic, furniture and polythene, chemicals coming out of industries and factories, etc. When it rains, along with it some such contaminants get mixed in the ground, which causes land pollution.

Soil pollution badly affects humans as well as plants, animals and nature. Small children are most affected by soil pollution because they are more sensitive and tender. When children play or roam in the plains, they come in contact with more soil.

That is why children are more at risk from soil pollution than adults. By the way, humans of all ages can be affected by soil pollution.

Soil pollution also affects the balance of nature. Due to soil pollution, many types of bacteria get mixed in the soil, which destroys the fertile power of the soil.

Toxic chemicals found in the soil can slow down the fertility or productivity of the soil, which can also lead to complete loss of soil yield. If a farmer uses polluted and degraded soil to cultivate, his crop may contain less nutrients and contain toxic substances.

In the modern era, the problem of soil pollution is increasing day by day and it is gradually taking a terrible form. If this time is not taken care of today, then it will take a more formidable form in the coming tomorrow and then it will be impossible to get rid of it. If we start making small changes in our daily life, then it is expected that the problem of soil pollution will end soon.

To control soil pollution, we can take some measures at our own level, such as- Stop throwing garbage here and there; Do not throw factory waste in the soil; Plant more and more trees; Use limited chemicals; Use biodegradable products instead of non-biodegradable products; Avoid using poly bags; Do not use plastic utensils and other plastic items; Use paper or cloth bags; Do not waste paper but limit its use; and Spread awareness about these ideas.

If determined, then it is not impossible to achieve any goal. The biggest goal before us today is to win over the problem of pollution. Today we have many suggestions and ways to reduce pollution or other types of pollution like soil pollution. All that is needed is the right effort at the right time and a strong will. Then no goal is far away.

The aunt and the nephew: BJP's problem in Raj, MP

By: Sunil Gatade

As the "jugalbandi" between the old uncle and the brash nephew is being played out in Maharashtra, the BJP is perplexed about how to handle an aunt and her nephew in poll-bound Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh respectively.

It is a touchy issue and if handled in a haphazard way, the ruling party realises that it will be in the soup. It is dreading any defeat after the one in Karnataka two months back which has rattled it completely. A setback in the North, which is considered its backyard, is the last thing it wants. In both the states, however, the BJP is a divided house.

Former chief minister Vasundhara Raje, 70, known as "Maharani" in political circles wants the prime spot in the desert state and to be declared the CM candidate. In MP, meanwhile, Jyotiraditya Scindia, 52, erstwhile Maharaja of Gwalior, is at sea and needs help to understand where he stands in the BJP scheme of things in the coming elections where it is facing an uphill task.

Both can make or mar the party's prospects in their respective states. The BJP came to power in Madhya Pradesh through the backdoor when Mr Scindia and 22 MLAs supporting him parted ways with the Congress, which led to the collapse of the Kamal Nath ministry in March 2020.

At one time, the Scindias had so much influence in MP's Madhya Bharat region that the Congress had drawn blank some half a century ago in the area when veteran Congress leader D.P. Mishra had dubbed the late Vijayaraje as "naraj mata".

Much water has flown down

the Chambal since then. In the last Lok Sabha polls, Jyotiraditya was himself defeated in his pocket borough of Guna by a local BJP leader. In the 1984 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress shifted Madhavrao Scindia to Gwalior at the last minute, resulting in the defeat of Atal Behari Vajpayee.

Vasundhara is the daughter of late Vijayaraje Scindia, known as Rajmata and one of the BJP's founders. She is the tallest woman leader in the BJP, having been Rajasthan's chief minister twice and raring for a third term. Jyotiraditya is the son of her elder brother Madhavrao, who was a minister in several Congress governments.

Both have their reasons to worry. Vasundhara, long sidelined in state politics since she ceased to be CM five years back, was given a prime place next to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he launched the party's "Mahajansampark Abhiyan" at Ajmer over a month back. It was a good signal for her.

But the party has not said a word about projecting her as its CM candidate. Her detractors like RLP chief Hanuman Beniwal insist that Prime Minister Modi has to repeatedly come to Rajasthan as it has failed to decide under whose leadership the Assembly polls will be fought.

Reports had it that last year BJP president J.P. Nadda had made a categorical announcement that nobody would be projected as the chief ministerial face in the Assembly election. Mr Nadda is aware of the fact that the state unit is faction-ridden and there are many aspirants for the chief minister's post and any move to project a single person as CM face would harm the party's electoral prospects.

But there is no denying the fact that Vasundhara Raje is the tallest leader of the state with a massive support base. Ms Raje is also the BJP's tallest woman leader at the national level. While one section is pushing for Ms Raje's candidacy as CM, there is a group that believes having Mr Modi as the face of the election will serve the party better as it would nip the problem of factions and groups working at cross purposes.

A section believes that Arvind Kejriwal's AAP could damage the BJP more than it would damage the Congress.

Another worrying feature for the BJP in Rajasthan is that the Congress has been able to get its act together by smoking the peace pipe between chief minister Ashok Gehlot and his well-known detractor Sachin Pilot in the nick of time. The "forgive and forget" policy adopted by the two Congress leaders at the behest of the high command is the best thing that has happened to the grand old party when it is attempting to break the

jinx in recent decades that saw the desert state not giving a second term to the incumbent. Mr Gehlot wants to do what Mr Kejriwal did in Delhi through a host of popular schemes that caught the people's imagination.

In the faction-ridden Madhya Pradesh BJP, Mr Scindia is being looked down on as an outsider who is seeking his pound of flesh for "Operation Kamala" which toppled the Congress government and brought the BJP back to power. But there has been much resistance from other factions as also the loyalists in the BJP who feel that Mr Scindia's entry has created problems in the "unified" BJP as seen in civic poll results

sometime back.

Rahul Gandhi's remark over a year back that Jyotiraditya could have become chief minister if he had stayed with the Congress had a ring of truth in it. Now several Scindia supporters have started returning to the Congress amid the growing impression that the grass is greener on the other side.

Mr Scindia's departure has strengthened the position of MPCC chief Kamal Nath, who is backed by senior leader Digvijaya Singh amid a sense of revival among ordinary workers in the wake of the Karnataka victory. Both Mr Nath and Mr Singh want to promote their sons to the next line of leadership. They have vowed to focus more on areas under the influence of Mr Scindia to make deep inroads by the Congress.

After dithering for much time, the BJP high command made it clear that the polls in MP would be fought under the leadership of chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. This has also made Mr Scindia quite uneasy.

Whatever might be the reason, the BJP has so far failed to put its best foot forward either in Madhya Pradesh or Rajasthan. The Assembly polls are both a crisis and an opportunity for the aunt and the nephew who could be made scapegoats by rival party factions if it fails to get desired results. Only time will tell whether the BJP is its own enemy in the two election-going states, like in Karnataka. One thing is extremely clear: that a fierce fight is on the horizon.

J'khand officer in a fix for touching up govt note on Eklavya schools

By: Dilip Cherian

The recent case involving K. Srinivasan, a 2005-batch IAS officer, in Jharkhand, has evoked a lot of interest in babu circles. The state government has issued four show-cause notices to Mr Srinivasan for "tampering with the contents" of a Cabinet note twice, which is a serious breach of protocol. Sources have informed DKB that the said approved Cabinet note outlined the extension of operations for six Eklavya schools. However, Mr Srinivasan allegedly added two additional sentences without proper authorisation, potentially impacting the outflow of funds and raising suspicions of misuse. Further, sources say that by not responding to the show-cause notices, Mr Srinivasan was removed from the post and is currently awaiting his posting.

Senior babus say that government decision-making adheres to established procedures and protocols, ensuring checks and balances to prevent unauthorised modifications. In this case, the addition of two sentences twice without the requisite approval is a serious deviation from governance practices.

Tampering with the Cabinet note is a serious issue and, though it was immediately noticed and the issue raised at various levels, clearly, the

incident is a wake-up call for the Jharkhand government to review its processes to prevent similar instances in the future.

What's the next chapter in the ED story?

Termining the third extension to Enforcement Directorate (ED) director Sanjay Mishra as illegal and fixing his tenure up to the last day of this month was a difficult decision for the Supreme Court. The court not only upheld the Parliament's decision on the CVC Act and DSPA but also contradicted its previous ruling regarding Mr Mishra's removal. This outcome seems to have satisfied both the petitioners and the government, although it may not have been the court's original intention.

Mishra, who had comfortably settled into his role as the ED chief following his third extension, had elevated the ED's influence, surpassing event that of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), and positioned it as a strategic player in the government's power play. Now, looking ahead, his future remains uncertain. Sources have informed DKB that there have been discussions about entrusting him with a key responsibility, such as becoming the governor of a state in the Northeast or South, serving as the high commissioner of India to the UK, or even being appointed as a union minister! Such conjecture

underscores the consensus on Mishra's competence and his indispensability to the Modi sarkar.

As for Mr Mishra's successor, several names are being considered. Pravin Kumar, recently appointed as a Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) member, is reportedly a frontrunner for the coveted post. Pankaj Kumar Mishra, former director of the Financial Intelligence Unit and an empanelled secretary-level officer is also a strong contender, while Seemanchala Dash, a former principal special director in the ED, has also emerged as a potential candidate. Another probable is a highly trusted lady officer who is currently with the SSB.

While an IAS officer may be appointed as the next ED chief, it seems improbable given the ED's current momentum, especially in the lead-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Regardless of who succeeds Mr Mishra, senior babus concur that filling his shoes will be daunting.

A new dilemma for retired babus

The recent introduction of stringent measures by the department of personnel and training (DoPT) to prevent retired babus from disclosing classified information has raised the question of the delicate balance between national security and democratic principles.

Undoubtedly, there have

been instances where retired IAS, IPS and IFS babus have made sensational disclosures in their books, revealing information that should have remained under wraps, either because of its confidential nature or because of its potential to embarrass the government by exposing its flaws or misgovernance. While the need to curb such practices is instinctive for those in power, how can we ensure that the regulations implemented do not become tools to stifle dissent and limit the public's access to information?

The All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement-Benefits) Amendment Rules, 2023, raises serious concerns about the government's intentions. The amended rules link pension entitlement to maintaining good conduct and empower the Central government to suspend the pension of those convicted of serious offences or found guilty of post-retirement misconduct. Additionally, retired officers who have served in intelligence departments now have to seek permission before disclosing any information.

The big question here, for which there is no easy answer, is how the government proposes to determine the severity of the offence. The new set of rules seems more like a warning to critics to fall in line or pay the price of their dissent.

ABVP holds protest against Public University Bill outside JU

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: ABVP Jammu Kashmir, a prominent student organization, vehemently protest against the Public University Bill-2022 and expresses its strong disapproval of the current educational scenario in the Union Territory. The controversial bill, which has been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs by the Administration of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, undermines the autonomy of public universities and imposes unnecessary bureaucratic interference.

ABVP firmly demands the immediate repeal of the Jammu and Kashmir Public University Bill-2022, as it infringes upon the autonomy of public institutions. While the National Education Policy supports granting financial, administrative, and educational autonomy to universities, this bill aims to eliminate the independence of public universities in the Union Territories.

It has come to our attention that bureaucrats are replicating the model bill from various states, including Kar-



nataka, where it has sparked controversy. The Public University Model of the State of Orissa faced legal challenges in the Supreme Court, and we believe the Public University Bill - 2022 in Jammu and Kashmir will suffer a similar fate. Therefore, ABVP urges the administration to avoid conflicting with the stance of the University Grants Commission (UGC) by implementing this disputed bill.

Furthermore, we express deep concerns over recent reports suggesting a potential trade-off between an increase in the retirement age and the support of the teaching community for the bill. Such actions are alarming and undermine academic values.

Initially, teachers' organizations in Jammu and Kashmir opposed this bill. However, in a calculated move to influence their stance, the administration, shortly after introducing the Public University Bill - 2022, increased the retirement age of teachers from 62 years to 65 years. The conditional nature of this enhancement may pave the way for favoritism and nepotism on a large scale in the future.

The high unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir further inflame the situation. Whenever vacancies are announced, colleges and universities receive an influx of applications from highly educated individuals, including those with doctorates. By rising the retirement

age, the opportunities for highly qualified youth to become teachers at prestigious universities are further diminished.

We call upon the Jammu and Kashmir Government to reconsider its decision to raise the retirement age for university professors and to immediately repeal the Public University Bill. ABVP also forewarns of widespread opposition should the bill be tabled in the Parliament. If the bill is put into effect, we will inform the UGC about the situation. We grant the UT administration a period of ten days to address this matter. But we didn't get satisfactory response, today we stage a demonstration protest until the government is compelled to reverse its decision. But

if still Government didn't withdraw the Public University Bill ABVP hold a massive protest throughout the UT.

ABVP Jammu Kashmir is committed to safeguarding the autonomy and academic excellence of public universities in Jammu and Kashmir. We firmly believe that any decision that compromises the educational integrity and opportunities for the youth must be reconsidered for the betterment of the region's future.

State Secretary, Akshi Billowria said "The Public University Bill - 2022 is an unwelcome intrusion that threatens the autonomy of our esteemed public universities in Jammu and Kashmir. ABVP stands united in its opposition to this bill and calls for its immediate repeal. We will not hesitate to raise our voices and take to the streets if necessary, to protect the rights and aspirations of our students and academic community. The government must listen to the concerns of the people and uphold the principles of educational excellence and autonomy."

Abida War calls on LG Sinha



TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 20: The JKSEWWA Chairperson/President JKICDSSU/ Vice President JKECC Abida War met Lt. Governor J&K Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan Srinagar.

During meeting she put forth various important confronting issues especially the Removal of long pending stagnation file of Poshan Supervisors and streamlining of monthly salary as well. Besides this, number of female employee issues at work places, concept

of Common Women Empowerment Hub Centres at block levels was also discussed.

Furthermore, the issues of Anganwadi Workers/ Anganwadi Helpers, one-time retirement incentive of AWWs & AWHs fixed Honorarium to Asha workers, current developments regarding Empowerment of women, employment of youth and reformations in social welfare programmes regarding different social security schemes for senior citizens/widows and schol-

arships of students at different levels were discussed. Era of Development witnessed at large scale in J&K UT under the LG Administration was also discussed.

Meanwhile, separate Women and child Development department seems to be dire need in J&K UT, Abida war said.

LG gave patient hearing to Abida war and assured redressal regarding the various issues of Supervisors and Social welfare in General.

Kaiths pray at Peer Ibrahim Sabri's Dargah

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: Members of Jammu Kaith Biradari prayed at the dargah of Peer Ibrahim Sabri at Gandhi Nagar Gole Market, here today for the wellbeing of all.

It was told that Peer Baba Ibrahim Sabri 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.

"Devotees of all faiths come here and seek the blessing of the Peer Baba with ardent devotion. There is no distinction made among Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims. No matter who belongs to which religion and caste, everyone gets an equal treatment in

the house of Peer Baba Ibrahim Sabri," said one sitting in the Dargah.

It is believed that the Dargah of Peer Ibrahim Sabri protects the people of the city from any evil spirits or unfortunate incidents, while offering flowers or Chaddar at this holy place is believed to bring about the fulfillment of any desires that a person may have.

Independence Day celebrations matter of National pride: Dr. Abid Rasheed Shah

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 20: Secretary Culture and Tourism, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah on Thursday held a comprehensive review of the preparations and arrangements made by the department for the upcoming Independence Day celebrations at Civil Secretariat here.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, Dr. Abid highlighted the this day is a matter of national pride for all of us and holds a special place in the hearts of every citizen, symbolizing the unyielding spirit and unity that have defined our great nation.

During the review meeting, the Secretary underscored on the importance of creating an inclusive and memorable event that would resonate with people of all ages and backgrounds. He impressed upon the officers to meticulously focus on all the aspects of these celebrations well in advance.

Emphasising on the patriotic importance of this day, Dr. Abid impressed upon the officers that the performances of cultural academy as well

as their artists should portray patriotic fervor and the level of these performances should commensurate with the standard of this National day. He asked the officers to shortlist the artists well in advance for the celebrations besides line departmental requisitions for various purposes should also be addressed beforehand.

The Secretary expressed his appreciation for the meticulous planning and dedication of the department and emphasized on the need for seamless coordination among all stakeholders involved for smooth organisation of this grand event. Dr. Abid further expressed confidence that the 2023 Independence Day celebrations would be a remarkable occasion that celebrates the country's achievements with patriotic fervor.

The meeting among others was attended by Secretary JKAACL, Director Finance, Culture Department, Special Secretary, Culture Department, Additional Secretary, JKAACL and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing.

City sees 73% surge in NMAT applications, Pb & Hr by 26%

TOP NEWS REPORT

CHANDIGARH, Jul 20: There is a significant growth in National Management Aptitude Test (NMAT), applications from Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana over the last few years, said Dr. Sharad Mhaikar, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) while addressing a press conference here on Thursday.

Dr. Mhaikar further said that Chandigarh has experienced an impressive surge of 73% in the number of applications and Himachal Pradesh has seen a substantial growth of 61%. While in Haryana and Punjab the number of applications grew by 26%.

The numbers reflect the increasing awareness and aspirations of the youth from the region to participate in the corporate world, he maintained.

Dr. Mhaikar also spoke about the NMIMS focus

on developing a talent pool that excels in the rapidly evolving corporate environment.

He said that institution takes pride in nurturing individuals who are nimble, digitally disruptive, and responsible to society, following the environmental, social and govt (ESG) norms.

We continue to inspire and empower the youth, preparing them to tackle the complexities of the corporate world with integrity and excellence, he opined.

With accreditation from renowned bodies like AACSB and being ranked amongst the top 100 global business schools NMIMS has solidified its position as a leader in the education industry. The university's consistent ranking in the top 25 of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2023 reflects its commitment to academic excellence.

CII delegation calls on Director I&C Jammu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: Archit Puri, Chairman, CII J&K, along with Members, CII J&K UT Council, called on Kishore Singh Chib, Director, Industries & Commerce, Jammu, on Thursday and discussed various issues related to industrial development and ease of Doing Business in UT of J&K.

Some of the key and significant issues discussed were the

Extensions of Provisional Registration to Industrial Units under the New Policy and the Problem faced by the industry regarding court fees/stamp duty as per SRO 241 on the collateral offered to the bank by the industrial units. Director Industries also agreed that the issues should be resolved, and the department will do its best to help industries resolve the issues

Industries face.

In the meeting, Kishor also asked CII J&K to submit detailed representations related to the highlighted issues of Provisional Registration and Stamp Duty.

Archit Puri assured him that the renewed and detailed representations of the problems should be submitted to the Department of Industries and Commerce.

Corporator Ritu inaugurates renovation work at Ward 7

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Corporator Ritu Choudhary inaugurated Gurudwara Community Hall Renovation Work Patter Maholla Residency Road in Ward-07 at the cost of Rs 5 lakh which are in dilapidated condition since long.

The Community Hall Renovation work are in dilapidated condition since long and the residents especially old persons were facing lot of problems while passing through these Work Corporator Ritu Choudhary appealed the general public to come forward and cooperate with Jammu Municipal Corporation



in various development works undertaken by the department within the Jammu city..

She urged upon the residents to avoid using single used plastics,

polythene in their routine work, don't throw debris, garbage filth etc in the public tiles and lanes drain and Nallahs.

Ritu Choudhary

appealed people to adopt the habit of segregation of dry and wet garbage at their own level so that Jammu can be made neat, clean, green and beautiful city.

Govt in deep slumber, not providing any relief to torrential rain victims: Ajeet

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jul 20: National Conference Senior Leader Ajeet Bhagat has strongly castigated the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Administration for not showing any concern for the people having suffered huge losses during the latest spell of incessant rains across the Jammu region He has demanded relief/ interim relief for the sufferers besides ex-gratia next of the kin of those killed in flash floods.

The senior National Conference leader said that the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha led UT Administration has failed miserably to rise to the situation arising out of the weather vagary despite the fact that there has

been extensive damage of properties and crops in Jammu and Kashmir due to flash foods and torrential rains.

Bhagat said that even Jammu and Kashmir has been severely affected with areas having got inundated with rain water and entering the ground floor of the houses situated in these areas.

Bhagat said that despite the incessant rains resulting in deaths of people the Administration seems to be in deep slumber as no relief or interim relief has been provided to the victims of weather vagary.

Bhagat said that roads, culverts, bridges, houses, etc have been extensively damaged so much so that road connectivity has been lost

in many areas besides majority of roads lying in absolutely dilapidated condition.

He said that tall claims made by the Govt about its ace Disaster Management preparedness have fallen flat after the recent rains in the Jammu and Kashmir.

Asserting that huge damages due to incessant rains and flash floods have become a permanent feature of rainy season every year and this clearly proves that Govt has failed to address this significant issue permanently till date.

He said that the J&K Administration must come up with a specially formulated plan to address this problem once for all.

Lamenting that no relief or interim relief has been provided to the affected people till date, he appealed to the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha to direct the District heads across Jammu and Kashmir to constitute special teams and depute these to assess the losses suffered by the people in every area and provide immediate succour to these affected families in this hour of crisis. He sought immediate interim relief to the affected people and adjusted the same against the final relief decided by the administration for these victims.

Bhagat also demanded sanctioning of ex-gratia relief to the kin of those killed due to flash floods across Jammu and Kashmir.

Country singer Luke Combs' cover of Tracy Chapman's 1988 song Fast Car is making us nostalgic and Chapman richer by \$500,000. Here's putting the spotlight on great cover songs over the years...

Like it or not, for a new artist singing cover songs of an original is one of the best ways to get noticed. Take for instance Luke Combs, who is creating a buzz with his version of Tracy Chapman's 1988 song Fast Car, which is a part of his album, Getting' Old. The song quickly climbed to number two position on the Billboard Hot 100, higher than Chapman's original version, and number three on the Canadian Hot 100.

While we have debated enough on whether artists should be allowed to make cover version, remake, or simply cover, call whatever you may; it's time to accept well-made covers and the artists behind them with open arms because radios, streaming platforms and Billboard are vouching for them...

How many are too many? Tracy Chapman's debut album's lead song Fast Car became a hit after her chance performance (as Stevie Wonder backed out in the last minute) at Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute. Tracy's performance helped Fast Car reach number six position on the Billboard Hot 100.

Luke is not the first singer to sing a cover of the song. In 2011, Fast Car reached one spot higher than the original in UK Top 10, at number four when Michael Collins performed it on Britain's Got Talent. More covers followed from Swedish record producer Tobtok to Brit-



ish record producer Jonas Blue trying to bring their versions of the original in 2015.

But Luke's take on Fast Car has earned the country singer praise from the legendary singer herself. Luke has admitted of listening to Tracy's incredibly written song for the first time with his father when he was young and it has stayed with him ever since. Meanwhile, Tracy is happy as new listeners have embraced and become fans of the song.

Endless list To make an official cover for a song, one needs to pay royalties to the copyright owners. Like a Prayer, which is considered one of the best songs of Madonna, was first covered by folk singer-

songwriter John Wesley Harding, for his 1989 extended play, God Made Me Do It: The Christmas EP. It was an acoustic version. In 2007 came mashup titled Feels Like A Prayer by DJs Meck and Dino. A decade later, Patrick Leonard released a piano ballad version of the track, with vocals from singer Dana Williams. In the same month, Brazilian singer Luiza Possi covered it. Cut to 2023, musical band King Hannah released its version of Like A Prayer, which is being appreciated by many.

From Santana's 1970 cover of the 1968 Fleetwood Mac's single Black Magic Woman, Gary Jules's 2003 version of Tears for Fears to Rihanna's

version of New Person, Same Old Mistakes by Tame Impala in her eight LP, Anti, the list of famous covers is endless. One of the best examples of famous covers would be Whitney Houston covering Dolly Parton's country success I Will Always Love You for her debut film, The Bodyguard. The 1990s saw the release of Lenny Kravitz's 1999 cover of the band The Guess Who's single American Woman and Nirvana's live version of David Bowie's The Man Who Sold the World.

No definite hit code On YouTube and other streaming platforms such as SoundCloud or Spotify, artists have started monetizing their cover songs. To name a few, Becky G, Justin Bieber, Austin Mahone and Conan Gray, all started their career by singing covers on YouTube.

While many have done it, there's not a formula to deliver a hit cover. It all depends on what listeners and social media reels pick up and start hitting the buttons of like, share and subscribe to.

Fun fact Tracy Chapman, who is the sole writer of Fast Car, also owns its publishing rights. According to Billboard, she earned around \$500,000 in global publishing royalties since Combs cover's release in March this year. So, the best way to earn would still be to stay original and keeping the copyrights. Isn't it?

IFFM set to celebrate Karan Johar's 25 years in film industry



The year 2023 holds a special significance for Karan Johar as he celebrates 25 remarkable years in the Indian film industry. To make it grand, The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) is all set to pay tribute to the filmmaker by celebrating his visionary storytelling, and his unwavering passion for cinema.

The festival, taking place from August 11 to 20, will showcase

Karan Johar's exceptional contribution to Indian cinema by hosting a series of events and special screenings in his honour.

Karan Johar, who made his directorial debut in 1998 with the iconic film Kuch Kuch Hota Hain, has captivated audiences with his unique vision and ability to tell larger-than-life stories.

Commenting on his attendance at the fes-

tival, Karan said in a statement, "I am deeply honoured to be a part of the 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne. This year holds a special significance for me as I celebrate 25 years as a filmmaker, and I can't think of a better platform than this festival to commemorate this milestone in my career. Returning for the third time at the festival, I am overwhelmed by the love and support I have received from the Australian audience.

The festival's curation of a special experience and celebrations to mark this momentous landmark in my journey fills me with a sense of joy and gratitude. It is an opportunity for me to reflect upon the last 25 years as a filmmaker, the challenges, the triumphs, and the learnings that have shaped my artistic vision. I look forward to engaging in a special talk at the festival, where I will share insights and anecdotes from my journey, hoping to inspire and connect with fellow filmmakers and cinema enthusiasts."

Prabhas' first look from 'Project K' released

The makers of "Project K" shared the first look of actor Prabhas from the big-budget film, describing his character as the hero who "changes the game".

Directed by Nag Ashwin, the upcoming sci-fi movie also stars Deepika Padukone, Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, and Disha Patani.

Vijayanthi Movies, the banner behind "Project K", shared the poster on its official Twitter page.

"The Hero rises. From now, the Game changes. This is Rebel Star #Prabhas from #ProjectK," the production house captioned Prabhas' first look from the multilingual film.

The actor is currently in the US along with Haasan to unveil the film's official title, trailer, and release date on the first day of San Diego Comic-Con (SDCC) on July 20.

At the event, the "Project K" showcase will host conversations and performances, providing audiences with a glimpse into "India's vibrant culture and awe-inspiring world of science fiction".



According to the makers, "Project K" will be the first-ever Indian film to debut at the Comic-Con.

Akshay Kumar tweets 'shaken, disgusted' over Manipur video; users troll him, say 'wish you had spoken before'

Actor Akshay Kumar on Thursday reacted to a viral video that allegedly showed two women in Manipur being sexually assaulted on a road by a mob.

Akshay tweeted: "Shaken, disgusted to see the video of violence against women in Manipur. I hope the culprits get such a harsh punishment that no one ever thinks of doing a horrifying thing like this again."

However, Akshay was brutally trolled over his tweet.

One wrote: "I wish you had spoken before! All this is a result of a pervasive silence practiced



by those who matter. Nevertheless, it's heart-

ening to see people from all walks of life come

out and speak against this terrible incident. Regards"

Another wrote: "Finally every celebrity is given permission to tweet on the incident."

"Sir Aap Aam chus ke khate ho yah cut kar?? Agar hamare hindustan ke logo ke liye thoda bhi Sacha pyaar h to Modi ji se puchiye tweet karke ,itne dinse #Manipur_ Violence pe chup kiu h???" wrote one.

A press note said: "As regards the video of 2 women paraded naked by unknown armed miscreants on 4th May 2023, a case of abduction, gangrape and murder was registered at

Nongpok Sekmai Police Station (Thoubal district) against unknown armed miscreants. Investigation has started and the state police is making an all-out effort to arrest the culprits at the earliest."

The government has issued an order to Twitter and other social media platforms, instructing them not to share the viral video of the two Manipuri women being paraded nude.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in his tweet has questioned the Centre, claiming that the Prime Minister's silence has pushed the state into anarchy.

Amouranth returns to Twitch after hot tub ban, PewDiePie remains suspended

Controversial Twitch streamer Amouranth has been unbanned after her seventh suspension.

Kaitlyn "Amouranth" Siragusa, one of the biggest and most controversial streamers on Twitch, has been unbanned by the platform on July 19.

This comes after her seventh temporary suspension from the service in seven years.

Amouranth has amassed over 6.4 million followers on Twitch, making her one of the top 20 streamers on the Amazon-owned platform as of July 2023. She is also known for her hot tub streams that often got her into trouble with Twitch's community guidelines. However, none of her previous bans lasted more than three days, and this time was no different.

According to Stream-

erBans, a website that tracks Twitch account suspensions, the erotic streamer's latest ban was lifted after only a day.

Neither Twitch nor Amouranth have commented on the reason for her ban, which remains unknown. During her Twitch ban, she streamed on Kick, a rival platform that she joined in June after jokingly asking for a \$100 million partnership deal similar to xQc's.

Many of Amouranth's fans celebrated her return to Twitch on social media, while others criticized the platform for being lenient with its biggest streamers who repeatedly break its rules.

Amouranth was not the only popular streamer who faced a Twitch ban in July. A day before her suspension, PewDiePie also got banned from



Twitch for the second time in his career. However, unlike Amouranth, PewDiePie's Twitch account is still not active.

The Amazon-owned platform has also faced backlash from streamers and viewers for trying to change its advertising policy in June. The platform announced some new restrictions on the type and amount of sponsored content that streamers could show during their streams. One of the most unpopular changes was a ban on full-screen video ads, which many streamers used as a common advertising format.

Many streamers expressed their frustration and confusion at the new policy and threatened to stop streaming on Twitch in protest. Twitch eventually scrapped the new rules shortly after revealing them in early June.

Best web series award included to International Film Festival of India: Anurag Thakur



Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur has announced the addition of a new award category to the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) that will be presented to a show for its "artistic merit, storytelling excellence, technical prowess and overall impact".

The Best Web Series Award will be given to an original web series on an OTT platform,

originally shot and available in an Indian language, Thakur said on Twitter.

"Delighted to announce the BEST WEB SERIES AWARD @IFFIIndia to be presented to an exceptional web series for its artistic merit, storytelling excellence, technical prowess and overall impact.

"India is filled with exceptional talent; I encourage you to tell

the story of a rising and aspirational New India - ready to lead the world, with a billion dreams and a billion untold stories," the Union minister tweeted.

Thakur also said the award aims to "incentivise and create investment opportunities in India's OTT sector, encourage content in Indian languages, recognise exceptional talent and foster growth and innovation of the OTT industry".

The Best Web Series Award will be incorporated in the festival, starting from this year's 54th edition set to be held in Goa from November 20 to November 28.

The festival previously awarded talents across seven major categories -- Golden Peacock for Best Film, Silver Peacock for Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Debut Feature Film of a Director, Special Jury Award and Special Mention by the Jury.

Manipur viral video: 'Guilty won't be spared', says PM Modi

"My heart is full of pain and anger," he told reporters in his remarks ahead of Parliament's Monsoon Session, amid his criticism by opposition parties for not speaking on the ethnic violence.

NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the incident of women being paraded naked in Manipur has shamed 140 crore Indians, asserting that law will act with its full might and no guilty will be spared.

"Today, when I am standing by this temple of democracy my heart is full of pain and anger," he told reporters in his remarks at Parliament complex before the start of Monsoon session and amid his criticism by opposition parties for not speaking on the ethnic violence in the BJP-ruled north east state.

"I want to assure the countrymen that no guilty will be spared. Law will act with its full might and firmness...What has happened to these daughters of Manipur can never be forgiven," he said.

The incident in the state will shame any decent society, and



it has insulted the entire country and the 140 crore countrymen are feeling ashamed, he said.

Tension mounted in the hills of Manipur after a May 4 video surfaced on Wednesday showing two women from one of the warring communities in Manipur being paraded naked by a mob from the other side.

The prime minister requested

all chief ministers to further strengthen law and order mechanism in their respective states and take most stringent action, especially in the cases of crimes against women.

He also mentioned states like Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh while calling for boosting law and order, and protecting women.

People should rise above political debates to prioritise law and order, and respect for women, he added.

The BJP has been highlighting cases of crimes against women in Congress-ruled states like Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh while targeting the opposition party.

Modi also asked parliamentarians to make full use of the session for extensive discussion on a host of bills which, he added, are in people's interest.

The prime minister referred to the bills on digital personal data protection, national research foundation, mediation, repealing and amending and 'jan wishwas' to assert that are many such proposed laws which are in the interest of the nation and different sections of society.

"I am confident that there will be serious discussions in Parliament," he said.

Spoke to CM, was assured of strict action: Smriti Irani on Manipur video

Terms the incident 'condemnable and downright inhuman'



NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani has said that she has spoken to Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh over the May 4 video showing two women being paraded naked by some men in the state.

She termed the incident "condemnable and downright inhuman".

In a tweet on Thursday night, the Union minister said, "The horrific video of sexual assault of two women emanating from Manipur is condemnable and downright inhuman. Spoke to CM N Biren Singh ji who has informed me that investigation is currently under way

and assured that no effort will be spared to bring perpetrators to justice."

Tension mounted in the hills of Manipur after a May 4 video surfaced on Wednesday showing two women from one of the warring communities being paraded naked by a few men from the other side.

The video was doing the rounds on the eve of a planned protest march announced by the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) on Thursday to highlight their plight.

Police said a case of abduction, gang rape and murder has been registered at Nongpok Sekmai police station in Thoubal district against unidentified armed miscreants.

In a statement, they said an all-out effort is on to arrest the culprits at the earliest.

According to a spokesperson of ITLF, the "despicable scene, which happened on May 4 in Kangpokpi district, shows men constantly molesting the helpless women, who cry and plead with their captors.

5 die following landslide in Maharashtra's Raigad

While 75 people have been rescued, many still feared trapped

MUMBAI, Jul 20 (Agencies): Five people died after a massive landslide at a village in Maharashtra's Raigad district, an official said on Thursday.

While 75 people have been rescued, many are still feared trapped, the official said. Four NDRF teams are engaged in rescue work, he added.

The village has around 50 houses, of which 17 were buried under the landslide, the official said. The landslide followed torrential rains in the area.

NDRF personnel recovered one body from the landslide spot, while four bodies were recovered by the rescue teams earlier.

The village is 6km from Morbe dam, which



supplies water to Navi Mumbai.

Minister Uday Samant said those rescued had been admitted to a hospital in Navi Mumbai.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde reached the site and spoke to personnel engaged in rescue operations. "This village was not in the list of landslide-prone vil-

lages," he told reporters there.

"Our priority now is to rescue those still trapped beneath the rubble," he said.

The landslide occurred around 11 pm on Wednesday at Irshalwadi village in Khalapur tehsil, around 80 km from Mumbai, the official said.

9 killed, 10 injured as speeding Jaguar ploughs into crowd at accident site in Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, Jul 20 (Agencies): Nine people were killed and 10 injured when a speeding car ploughed into a crowd gathered at an accident site on a bridge in Gujarat's Ahmedabad city on Thursday, police said.

A constable and a Home Guard jawan, who reached the spot after the first accident of a collision involving two vehicles, were among those killed in the incident, they said.

The accident took place at around 1 am at ISKCON bridge on the Sarkhej-Gandhinagar highway in Satellite area of the city when the Jaguar car moving at a very high speed ploughed into a crowd gathered there, the police said.

"At around 1 am, a Thar (SUV) collided with a truck at ISKCON



Bridge on SG Highway. After receiving information about the accident, local traffic police and a Home Guard jawan reached the spot to manage the traffic and handle the situation. Out of curiosity, several bystanders also gathered at the spot to check what had happened," Satellite police station inspector KY Vyas said.

"When they were on the bridge, a speeding Jaguar car rammed into the crowd, killing

five people on the spot, while four people died during treatment. The deceased included a constable and a Home Guard jawan. Ten people who received injuries were admitted to different hospitals," he said.

The car driver, Tathya Patel, was also admitted to a private hospital as he also received injuries, the official said.

According to sources, the angry bystanders thrashed the car driver

and a video of it was captured by a person standing below the bridge.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Neeta Desai, said an FIR had been registered in this connection and the police would try their best to ensure the kin of the victims got justice.

"Nine people were killed and 10 to 11 people were injured in the accident. It does not appear to be a case of drunk driving. But our primary investigation has revealed the speed of the Jaguar car was extremely high. Since (car driver) Tathya Patel is under treatment, we will arrest him once doctors give the go-ahead," Desai said at the Sola Civil Hospital.

Most of the deceased and injured youth belonged to other cities

and were living here as paying guests, as per sources.

After learning about the first accident, they went to the bridge out of curiosity. Minutes later, the speeding car came from Kamavati Club side and ran over the crowd, they said.

The parents and other family members of the deceased reached the Sola Civil Hospital and demanded harshest punishment for the accused.

The crossroads under the ISKCON bridge is a popular hangout spot for the youth during night hours, as they gather there to have tea and snacks.

Many people wanting to travel to other towns and cities also gather at the ISKCON crossroads to catch buses or private vehicles.

Centre may act against Twitter over Manipur video, asks social media to take down clip



NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): The Centre on Thursday asked Twitter and other social media to take down the video of two Manipuri women being paraded naked as the matter is under investigation.

According to sources, the government has told social media platforms operating in India that it is imperative for them to adhere to Indian laws. The order was given after a video of the incident went viral on social media triggering shock and outrage.

According to the sour-

ces, "The government has issued an order to Twitter and other social media platforms, instructing them not to share the viral video of the two Manipuri women being paraded naked. It is imperative for the social media platforms to adhere to Indian laws as the matter is currently under investigation."

According to a senior police official, the incident took place on May 4 in Manipur's Thoubal district and a case of abduction, gang rape and murder has been registered.

Mumbai schools closed amid heavy rains, alerts issued across states

MUMBAI, Jul 20 (Agencies): All schools will remain closed in the city on Thursday, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), Mumbai's civic body, announced. The announcement came after heavy rains battered Mumbai amid an orange alert on Wednesday, prompting the state government to order an early shutdown of government offices in the city.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert in Mumbai for July 20 and 21.

TRAFFIC, TRAINS AFFECTED

The heavy rains affected the vehicular movement and local train services on central and harbour lines.

Heavy showers also pounded Thane and Palghar districts, causing water-logging in many localities. More than 250 families from low-lying areas in Thane were shifted to safer places, officials told news agency agency.

Parts of Maharashtra have been witnessing floods triggered by heavy rain.

HEAVY RAIN ALERT Meanwhile, the IMD has forecast heavy to very heavy rain over Uttarakhand, Himachal, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Odisha. IMD has issued a 'yellow' alert for Uttarakhand on July 20 and 22, and 'an orange' alert for the entire state for July 21. According to the weather department, heavy to very heavy rain is likely in Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Rudrapur, Bageshwar and Pithoragarh districts on July 20.

A yellow alert has been sounded for all districts, except Udhampur, Jammu and Haridwar, on July 21.

Meanwhile, in Himachal Pradesh, some districts are expected to receive heavy rainfall as a 'yellow' alert has been issued till July 22.

For central India, the IMD has issued heavy rain alerts for Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh till July 22. "Isolated very heavy rainfall is also likely over Madhya Pradesh on 18th & 22nd, Vidarbha during 18th-20th and over Chhattisgarh during 18th-22nd July," the Met office said,

while issuing 'yellow' and 'orange' alerts.

Heavy to very heavy rain is also expected over Maharashtra during the next five days and over Gujarat during the next three days.

Meanwhile, in the southern region, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh are likely to receive heavy showers till July 22. The weather office has issued a yellow alert for some districts of Kerala, and orange and yellow alerts for Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.

The Telangana government has declared a holiday for educational institutions on Thursday and Friday, in view of the heavy rain alert.

Heavy to very heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places across many districts, including Manjerial, Kamareddy, Medak, Sangareddy, Komaram Bheem, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Nizamabad, Jagityal, Rajanna Sirsilla, Karimnagar, Peddapally, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem and Siddipet.

Class 5 student dies after being hit by classmates over seating in Maharashtra's Aurangabad



AURANGABAD, Jul 20 (Agencies): An 11-year-old student of Class V in a school in Aurangabad in Maharashtra has died allegedly after a beating from classmates, a police official said on Thursday.

The child, identified as

Kartik Gaikwad, had a quarrel with classmate over a trivial seating issue on July 6 and was allegedly hit by four others, during which he sustained stomach injuries, the Daulatabad police station official said.

"He narrated the inci-

dent to his parents on July 10, who took him to a doctor in nearby Abdimandi village the next day. He died on July 13 while undergoing treatment in the Government Medical College and Hospital here," the official said.

A case was registered on Wednesday under Indian Penal Code sections for causing death by negligence and other offences, he said, adding that further probe into the matter was underway.

100 kg drug-laced chocolates seized in Mangaluru, 2 shopkeepers held

MANGALURU, Jul 20 (Agencies): Police have seized 100 kilograms of chocolates laced with narcotic drugs from two shops in the city, police said on Thursday.

The intoxicant chocolates were seized in a raid conducted on Wednesday from a shop owned by one Manohar Shet at Car Street and another shop at Falnir owned by Bechan Sonar of Uttar Pradesh in the city, police said.

The operation was launched by the Man-



galuru South police following a tip-off.

The drug-laced sweets were being sold in the name of 'Bang' chocolates.

Both the shopkeepers have been arrested and the seized chocolates sent to the forensic laboratory for testing, police further said.

Gunman in New Zealand kills 2 on eve of Women's Soccer World Cup

PM Hipkins says no political or ideological motivation identified

AUCKLAND, Jul 20 (Agencies): At least two people and an armed attacker were killed and five others wounded in a shooting in New Zealand's largest city of Auckland on Thursday, hours ahead of the opening match of the Women's soccer World Cup in the city.

Prime Minister Chris Hipkins said the soccer tournament would proceed as planned, adding the shooting appeared to be the actions of an individual and that police were not seeking anyone else in relation to the incident.

"There was no identified political or ideological motivation for the shooting and therefore no national security risk," Hipkins said during a televised media briefing.

There would be no change to New Zealand's security threat level although there would be an increased police presence in the city, he said.

Auckland has welcomed thousands of international players and tourists for the ninth Women's World Cup which is being co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand.

"Obviously we would prefer it not to have started in this way," Hipkins told journalists later in the day.

"It will be acknowledged what happened today at the opening ceremony. And I will be going, it is safe to go and we continue to encourage the whole community to get behind this," he said.

The gunman has not been formally identified but is believed to be a 24-year-old male who was employed at the construction site where the shooting occurred, Police Commissioner



Andrew Coster said at a news conference.

He was armed with a pump-action shot gun and moved through a building site shooting. After reaching the upper levels he contained himself within an elevator shaft and fired more shots before being found dead a short time later.

An officer was injured in the shooting, as well as four members of the public.

The gunman was the subject of a sentence of home detention but had an exemption to work at the site.

"The individual is known for primarily family violence history. There is nothing to suggest that he has presented a higher-level risk than was indicated by that history," Coster said.

Soccer teams from New Zealand, Norway, Italy, the US, Vietnam and Portugal were known to be in the city when the shooting occurred.

"FIFA has been informed that this was an isolated incident that was not related to football operations and the opening match tonight at Eden Park will proceed as planned," FIFA said in a statement to agency.

"The participating teams in close proximity to this incident are being supported in relation to any impact that may have taken place." In the two opening World Cup matches on Thursday, Norway plays New Zealand in Auckland while Australia faces Ireland in Sydney.

SECURITY STEPPED UP

The shooting took place near the Norwegian team hotel in downtown Auckland, and several players took to social media to report they were safe.

"All seems calm, and we are preparing as normal for the match tonight," Norway captain Maren Mjelde told Norwegian newspaper Verdens Gang during the police operation.

Italy and the US team's training was delayed as players could not get out of their hotel.

Douglas Emhoff, the husband of US Vice President Kamala Harris who is leading the presidential delegation to New Zealand for the opening ceremony of the World Cup, is safe, the US embassy said.

A US Soccer spokesman said that the US players were just getting up for breakfast inside the hotel when the incident

occurred.

"Our security sort of immediately liaised with the local authorities and Department of State. We determined immediately that everybody was safe and accounted for and from then on we just had to wait it out," Aaron Heifetz told reporters.

US forward Lynn Williams said the incident was something she and her compatriots had dealt with "far too many times" in the United States, where gun violence is common.

"There was definitely a sense of, 'Let's come together.' We still have a job to do. But also recognising that there was lives lost and that is very real and very devastating," said Williams.

Several streets in Auckland were cordoned off, all ferry services into the city were cancelled, and buses were asked to detour some areas of the city.

Maurane Mifort-Paon, a 18-year-old tourist from France, said: "At first I was kind of worried but when I saw how the police were everywhere, it was very reassuring."

A FIFA Fan Festival event just a few blocks from the shooting was delayed.

Auckland Mayor Wayne Brown said the shooting was not in any way related to the World Cup.

Gun violence is rare in New Zealand, which tightened its gun laws after a gunman killed 51 Muslim worshippers in Christchurch in 2019 in the country's worst peace-time mass shooting.

The government has banned all military style semi-automatics and other deadly guns.

Swedish embassy in Iraq's Baghdad stormed, set afire over Koran burning

BAGHDAD/STOCKHOLM, Jul 20 (Agencies): Hundreds of protesters stormed the Swedish embassy in central Baghdad in the early hours of Thursday morning, scaling its walls and setting it on fire in protest against the expected burning of a Koran in Sweden.

All Baghdad embassy staff were safe, the Swedish foreign ministry press office said in a statement, condemning the attack and highlighting the need for Iraqi authorities to protect diplomatic missions.

Thursday's demonstration was called by supporters of Shi'ite cleric Muqtada Sadr to protest the second planned Koran burning in Sweden in weeks, according to posts in a popular Telegram group linked the influential cleric and other pro-Sadr media.

Sadr, one of Iraq's most powerful figures, commands hundreds of thousands of followers whom he has at times called to the streets, including last summer when they occupied Baghdad's heavily-fortified Green Zone and engaged in deadly clashes.

Swedish news agency TT reported on Wednesday that Swedish police granted an application for a public meeting out-

side the Iraqi embassy in Stockholm on Thursday.

The application says the applicant seeks to burn the Koran and the Iraqi flag, TT reported.

A series of videos posted to the Telegram group, One Baghdad, showed people gathering around the embassy around 1 a.m. on Thursday (2200 GMT on Wednesday) chanting pro-Sadr slogans and storming the embassy complex around an hour later.

"Yes, yes to the Koran," protesters chanted.

Videos later showed smoke rising from a building in the embassy complex and protesters standing on its roof. Reuters could not independently verify the authenticity of the videos.

KORAN PROTESTS Iraq's foreign ministry also condemned the incident and said in a statement the Iraqi government had instructed security forces to carry out a swift investigation, identify perpetrators and hold them to account.

By dawn on Thursday, security forces had deployed inside the embassy and smoke rose from the building as fire-fighters extinguished stubborn embers, according to agency witnesses.

Most protesters had withdrawn, with a few

dozen milling around outside the embassy.

Late last month, Sadr called for protests against Sweden and the expulsion of the Swedish ambassador after the Koran burning in Stockholm by an Iraqi man.

Swedish police charged the man with agitation against an ethnic or national group. In a newspaper interview, he described himself as an Iraqi refugee seeking to ban the Koran, the central religious text of Islam, believed by Muslims to be a revelation from God.

Two major protests took place outside of the Swedish embassy in Baghdad in the aftermath of that Koran burning, with protesters breaching the embassy grounds on one occasion.

The governments of several Muslim countries, including Iraq, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and Morocco issued protests about the incident, with Iraq seeking the man's extradition to face trial in the country.

The United States also condemned it, but added that Sweden's issuing of the permit supported freedom of expression and was not an endorsement of the action.

Rishi Sunak's Party Set For Defeat In Three By-Elections

LONDON, Jul 20 (Agencies): Voters head to the polls on Thursday in three by-elections across England, with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's ruling Conservatives braced for defeat in each as inflation-battered Britain's economic woes bite.

The Tories are defending hefty majorities in the seats in London, Yorkshire in northern England and Somerset in the southwest, but appear to be haemorrhaging support as the scandals of recent years and dire economic picture take their toll.

The contests come ahead of a general election due next year, with the main opposition Labour party enjoying poll leads of around 20 percent and poised to retake power for the first time in over a decade.

Labour, under its leader Keir Starmer, won local council elections in early May across swathes of England, with Sunak's Conservatives suffering steep losses in his first major electoral test since taking power last October.

The opposition has won five by-elections since March last year, but only one of those seats -- Wakefield, in Yorkshire -- was snatched from the Tories.

Labour is now aiming to emulate that June 2022 feat in nearby Selby and Ainsty, where Nigel Adams quit as Conservative MP last month after failing to be nominated for a peerage by ex-prime minister Boris Johnson.

Labour is also eyeing victory in Johnson's northwest London constituency of Uxbridge and South Ruislip,



after the scandal-tarred former leader himself resigned as an MP last month and triggered the ballot.

He quit after learning a cross-party parliamentary committee had concluded he deliberately lied to lawmakers about lockdown-breaking parties during the Covid pandemic and had recommended a 90-day suspension.

The Liberal Democrats are intent on overturning a 20,000-strong Tory majority in Somerton and Frome, after its Tory MP David Warburton stood down following an admission of cocaine use.

"Difficult" - Sunak, who became prime minister following the disastrous 44-day tenure of predecessor Liz Truss, initially succeeded in stabilising financial markets panicked by her radical tax-slashing agenda.

But the 43-year-old former finance minister has struggled to reverse his party's declining fortunes, which first set in during the so-called "Partygate" scandal under Johnson.

Sunak's turnaround efforts have in part been hobbled by persistently high inflation, which in recent months has spooked the markets once again.

With interest rates at their highest in 15 years,

pushing mortgage and other borrowing costs ever higher, the worst cost-of-living crisis in a generation is showing few signs of abating.

Sunak kicked off the year by making five key vows to voters, including halving inflation, growing the economy and cutting waiting times within the overstretched National Health Service (NHS).

He has made little headway on most of the pledges, and there are persistent fears the UK will tip into recession this year as the high interest rates constrain spending.

Sunak's net favourability has fallen to its lowest level (-40) since he entered Downing Street, with two-thirds of Britons saying they have an unfavourable view of him, according to YouGov.

His allies were downplaying the party's prospects on Thursday, while insisting there was still time for a Tory revival before the next national contest.

"As you've heard before, by-elections for incumbent governments are very difficult," Sunak's press secretary told reporters on the eve of the by-elections, adding that the Conservative Party was "most focused" on the general election.

Xi Jinping Meets Ex US Secretary Of State Henry Kissinger In Beijing

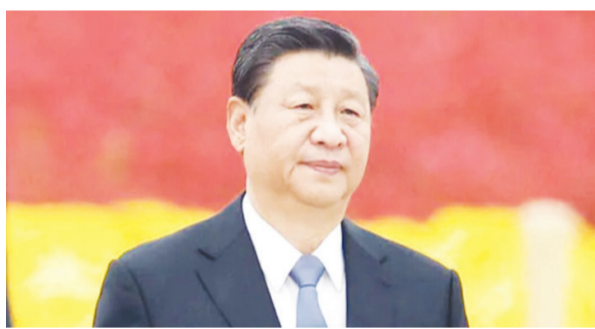
BEIJING, Jul 20 (Agencies): Chinese leader Xi Jinping met former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger in Beijing on Thursday, state media reported.

"On July 20, President Xi Jinping met former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse," state broadcaster CCTV said, hailing the 100-year-old statesman's central role in opening up relations

between China and the United States in the 1970s.

Kissinger, then US national security advisor, secretly flew to Beijing in July 1971 on a mission to establish relations with communist China.

That trip set the stage for a landmark visit by president Richard Nixon, who sought both to shake up the Cold War and enlist help in ending America's war in



Vietnam.

Washington's overtures to an isolated Beijing contributed to China's rise to become a manufacturing power-

house and the world's largest economy after the United States.

Since leaving office, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kissinger has

grown wealthy advising businesses on China -- and has warned against a hawkish turn in US policy.

"Since 1971, Dr. Kissinger has visited China more than 100 times," CCTV said.

"On May 27 this year, the legendary diplomat celebrated his 100th birthday, and this visit is also his first trip to China since turning 100," it added.

At least 21 injured in third night of Russian air attacks against southern Ukraine

KYIV, Jul 20 (Agencies): A third night of Russian air attacks targeted Ukraine's southern cities, including the port city of Odesa, and wounded at least 21 people, Ukrainian officials said Thursday.

At least 19 people were injured in Mykolaiv, a southern city close to the Black Sea, the region's Governor Vitalii Kim said in a statement on Telegram. Russian strikes destroyed several floors of a three-story



building and caused a fire that affected an area of 450 square meters (4,800 square feet) and burned for hours.

Kim said two people were hospitalized,

including a child.

In the port city of Odesa, at least two were injured following a Russian air attack that damaged buildings in the city center and caused a fire

affecting an area of 300 square meters (3200 square feet), said Odesa Governor Oleh Kiper.

The attacks come one day after an intense Russian bombardment using drones and missiles damaged critical port infrastructure in Odesa, including grain and oil terminals. The attack destroyed at least 60,000 tons of grain.

Russia's attacks on southern Ukraine have become more intense this week, after Presi-

dent Vladimir Putin pulled Russia out of a wartime deal that allowed Ukraine to send grain to countries facing the threat of hunger.

In the Russian-annexed territory of Crimea, "an enemy drone" attacked a settlement in the peninsula's northwest, damaging several administrative buildings and killing a teenage girl, the region's Moscow-appointed governor Sergei Aksyonov reported Thursday.

"Dangerous" World War 2 Bomb Found In Pacific Island Of Nauru, Disarmed

KOKOPO, Jul 20 (Agencies): An "armed and dangerous" World War II bomb was dug up and defused Thursday on the small Pacific island of Nauru, the country's police force said.

Schools were closed and Nauru's 12,000 residents were urged to stay at home as Australian military specialists worked on the 500-pound (227-kilogram) explosive, which was

first discovered almost two weeks ago.

Nauru's government declared a state of emergency across the island on Thursday morning, evacuating all houses within two kilometres (1.2 miles) of the bomb.

Police later said the device had been "disarmed and moved to a safe location for disposal".

A team of Australian bomb disposal experts



were dispatched to Nauru to help, digging deep trenches and filling hulking containers with sand to absorb any explosion.

"The item is extremely dangerous so our key

concern has been the safety of the people of Nauru as well as the vital infrastructure that supplies water and power that is in the immediate vicinity," Australian lieutenant Jordan Bell said

ahead of the operation. The island microstate is one of the world's smallest countries and lies about 4,000 kilometres (2,500 miles) north-east of Sydney.

It was occupied by Japanese troops between 1942 and 1945.

The Pacific remains littered with unexploded ordnance decades after the end of World War II -- the legacy of brutal combat between Japan and the United States.

Health and Anaemia check up camp carried out by RBSK Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Jul 20: Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) teams of Block Kishtwar organized Health checkup cum Anaemia Camps in Nagseni and Kishtwar.

On the directions of Chief Medical Officer Kishtwar, Dr Mohd Yaqoob Mir, and Under the guidance and supervision of Block Medical Officer Kishtwar, Dr Sat Lal Manhas, Deptt of health and family welfare in Collaboration with ICDS Department organised several anemia camps wherein children



were screened by Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) Teams of Block Kishtwar.

Besides awareness programmes, Hemoglobin (HB) testing was also done. Free medicines, Iron, folic acid, syrup/Tablets albendazole etc also distributed among the children and Pregnant women.

Anaemia Camps were held under "Anaemia Mukht Bharat" at the ward/Panchayat level in poshan Project for the identification of anaemic beneficiaries in Collaboration with ICDS Department.

Staff members of ICDS Anganwadi Centers (AWC) and the general public of the areas

thanked the whole RBSK team for Medical /Anaemia Camps in their respective areas.

It is pertinent to mention here that Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) scheme is a sub Scheme under National Health Mission (NHM) in which children in age group 0-18 years are screened for detection of 4 Ds and then are referred to District Early Intervention Center (DEIC) District Hospital for further treatment and management.

All treatment and medicines are given free of cost.

Dilawar Mir expresses concern over delay in clearing Compassionate Appointments covered under SRO-43

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jul 20: Apni Party's Senior Leader and its Parliamentary Affairs Committee Chairman, Mohammad Dilawar Mir, on Thursday, expressed deep concern over the lingering Compassionate Appointments under SRO-43 in various departments including J&K Police Department in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that hundreds of SRO-43 cases have been pending for more than a couple of years, and the aspirants are suffering due to the long delay in the disposal of their applications.

In his statement issued here today, Mohammad Dilawar Mir said, "It is deeply concerning that numerous

SRO-43 cases in various departments have been languishing, awaiting the issuance of the Government order for compensatory appointments. The applicants are suffering as their cases remain unprocessed, leaving them in uncertainty regarding the fate of their applications." He urged the administration to promptly undertake the necessary initiatives to expedite the processing of these cases, thereby enabling the aspirants to rightfully obtain their entitlements.

He said, "I request the LG administration to look into the matter and ensure swift disposal of pending SRO-43 cases so that the concerned individuals and their families do not suffer any further."

Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan undertakes Amarnath Yatra

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jul 20 (Agencies): Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan undertook Amarnath Yatra in Kashmir Himalayas on Thursday.

A video on social media showing Sara Ali Khan along with some friends and escorted by the security forces coming down the stairs at the Cave shrine of Amarnath.

The actress was wearing a grey trek suit and a "chunari" hanging with her neck, carrying a long stick in her right hand and left hand held by her friend coming



down the stairs somewhere near the Amarnath route.

Sara Ali Khan often visits Kashmir valley and last time she was seen along with her brother Ibrahim Ali Khan at Gulmarg during the winters.

Sara Ali Khan also

recently travelled to Pahalgam in south Kashmir where the actress enjoyed every bit of the trekking.

Last week India's top Badminton player Saina Nehwal alongwith her mother also undertook the Amarnath yatra in Kashmir valley.

CSIR-IIIM conducts IPR Awareness Workshop at GCW Parade

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 20: To celebrate National Intellectual Property Festival, IPR Awareness Workshop for the students, scholars & faculty members of Government College for Women (GCW), Parade Ground, Jammu was conducted on 19th July, 2023 by CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu.

On 17th July, 2023, CSIR-IIIM Jammu inaugurated the 5 days long National Intellectual Property Festival-NIPF (Rastriya Boudhik Sampada Mahotshav).

The third day programme aims to educate participants about the key provisions and benefits of Intellectual Property Rights.

Dr Kancherla Prasad, Senior Scientist from CSIR-IIIM,



Jammu while delivering the key note address, has shed light on the importance on various types of IPRs including Patents, Trade Marks, Trade Secrets, Copy Rights, Design Rights & Geographical Indication (G.I). He explained how Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) play a crucial role in protecting and incentivizing innovation and creativity in various fields. He discussed the significant con-

tribution of IPRs to economic growth by fostering innovation and attracting investment. He briefed how IPRs safeguard the rights of innovators/creators, allowing them to have control over the use, reproduction, and distribution of their inventions/creations. The IP protection ensures that creators receive fair compensation for their work and can commercialize their inventions.

Er. Ankush Varma, Coordinator, Technology Business Incubator throw light on how IPRs are important for startups and entrepreneurs to safeguard their business ideas. He also briefed the large gathering about the role of CSIR-IIIM Incubators in building a startup movement in Jammu & Kashmir and beyond.

It was informed that around 170 participants inclusive of students & faculty members participated. Dr. Vikas Dogra, Assistant Professor has conducted the proceedings and later presented the vote of thanks.

Earlier Prof S P Saraswat Principal, Govt College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu in his welcome address, has given a brief overview on the importance of IPRs in the business world.

JKTJAC calls on Girdhari Lal, welcomes him as ZEO Ramnagar

Top News Report

RAMNAGAR, Jul 20: A delegation of Jammu Kashmir Teacher's Joint Action committee Zone Ramnagar headed by its Tehsil President Amit Sharma and Zonal President Ramnagar Maan Chand Khajuria accompanied by executive members visited the office chamber of the ZEO Ramnagar to welcome him for assuming the charge. The ZEO Ramnagar have a detailed discussion about the education Zone during a meet with the JKTJAC members. Amit Sharma assures full cooperation on behalf of teachers to ZEO Ramnagar for the smooth functioning of Zone. While extending support and cooperation to newly joined ZEO, Zonal president Maan Chand stressed upon the issues pertaining to students and teaching Community.

Zonal Education Officer Ramnagar Girdhari Lal while expressing gratitude to JKTJAC for their warm welcome and support, also sought cooperation from the teachers and assured to minimize the problems being faced by the teachers while performing their duties. Other who were present - Mohd Sabir Bandey & Sahil Sambyal (Vice Presidents JKTJAC), Ashok Sharma (Master), Dilawar Singh, Shiv Prasad, Raj Kumar, Som Raj, Kuldeep Sharma, Vicky Sharma, Rakesh Singh, Inderjeet Singh, Romal Singh, Jeet Kumar, Puran Chand, Mohan Lal, Jagdish Kumar, Ajay Sharma and Gian Chand.

Give more districts to Jammu region for better development and welfare of people: SSP

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 20: Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP) JKUT urged honourable Lt Governor and Union Government to give more districts to Jammu region, to ensure good governance, over all Development and enhanced welfare of people.

He said that Kashmir division having an area of 15000 sq kilometres has been given 10 districts, whereas Jammu region having an area of 26000 kilometres, also has 10 districts.

This discrimination was brought in by Kash-



mir centric politicians, who always believed in subjugation, oppression and exploitation of people of Jammu region as a part of their strategy.

A small district will not only ensure better governance, effective administration, accelerated growth in education, health, mainte-

nance of law and order, growth in industrial, agricultural and horticulture sectors, but also result in improved welfare, social justice and redressal of grievances mechanism.

Tehsil Akhnoor is the classical example and inspite of having a huge area and thick population has been denied the status of a district, resulting in extreme inconveniences to the people, who have to traverse over long distances to come to DC office/other departmental offices for various personal, official and redressal of grievances

issues.

UT of Ladakh is showing the way by demanding two additional districts of Nubra and Jhanskar by raising a voice in unison and they are likely to get it, in all probability.

Pathania requested that a committee be formed by the government, at the earliest to recommend the creation of additional districts in Jammu region based on the area, population, terrain and connectivity factors, on the fast track and give long denied justice to people of Jammu region.

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Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha see adjournments on first day of Monsoon Session

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Singh Dhankar read the obituary reference to a sitting member Hardwar Dubey.

The House observed silence in memory of departed leader and other former members who had passed in the inter-session period.

Opposition members had given adjournment motion notices in both Houses of Parliament over their demands including a discussion on the situation in Manipur.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed confidence that MPs will use the monsoon session of Parliament to discuss issues of public welfare and said that more sharp the discussion the better outcome it generates for public good.

"Today, when we are meeting in the holy month of Sawan in this temple of democracy... I am confident that all the MPs, together, will use this for the maximum welfare of people and carry out their responsibilities as MPs," he said in his remarks ahead of the commencement of the monsoon session.

"I believe that all the honourable Members of Parliament together will make maximum use of this session in public interest. Dis-

ussion plays a significant role; the sharper the discussion, the better the decisions are made that give far-reaching results in the public interest," he added.

PM Modi also talked about significance of various bills including personal data protection bill.

Speaking about the about the ethnic violence in Manipur and video that showed two women being paraded naked in the state, the Prime Minister said he was filled with pain.

"I am filled with pain and the incident is shameful for any civil society. No accused will be spared, we will never forgive those who are behind this," he said.

"This is a shameful incident for any society... who did this and who is responsible is another issue but this has put our nation to shame. I appeal to all chief ministers to tighten law and order. Whether it is Rajasthan, Chattisgarh or Manipur... the issue of a woman's honour is above all politics.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlad Joshi had said on Wednesday that 31 bills are on the agenda of the government.

Braj Raj Sharma takes oath as State Election Commissioner of J&K

Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, the Lieutenant Governor is pleased to appoint Braj Raj Sharma, IAS(Retd) as State Election Commissioner for Jammu and Kashmir,"

the order reads.

It said Sharma shall hold the position of the State Election Commissioner till he attains the age of 65.

J&K Police recovered prosecutrix from New Delhi, Abductors arrested

towards New Delhi, where the prosecutrix's file was recovered and the accused were also arrested.

The accused have been identified as Ashiq Ali Mangral, a resident of Tuli Reasi, and Deep Kumar of Chalabeni Kathua.

The girl was handed over to her legal heirs after completing the legal formalities, the police said, adding that further investigation of the case is going on.

Tree falls on truck on J&K Highway, Two army personnel injured

district on Thursday, official said.

The truck was part of an Army convoy, they said, adding the two have been hospitalised.

Crime Branch chargesheets three for encroaching State Land

Branch Kashmir in the year 2018 and the investigation started," it said.

It added that evidence collected during the investigation of the case has established that the accused persons hatched a criminal conspiracy and unlawfully encroached upon the land.

Women startups reviving, Promoting Dogri art and culture in Jammu

a month, showcasing products from various departments, including Handicrafts, handlooms, and the ministry of textiles.

"We have dedicated space for each district to showcase their unique products", DIC GM said.

Jammu Haat is a platform where women entrepreneurs can sell their products and services, providing them with a market to grow their businesses. It serves as a one-stop shop, allowing women entrepreneurs to showcase and sell their products, expand their visibility, and access a broader market.

"There's a massive influx of visitors due to the Amarnath Yatra. We've placed billboards at the railway station and Bhagwanagar base camp to promote Jammu Haat nationwide", he said.

He said that DIC offers loans up to Rs 50 lakh to support unemployed individuals with their startups. Jammu Haat aims to

provide comprehensive support to women entrepreneurs, he added.

Women-led startups hold immense potential for the economy, society, and the startup ecosystem.

Gayatri Kotwal, a middle-aged woman entrepreneur said "I practice dot art, focusing on meditative creations. I craft mirrors, landscapes, and various other pieces. It originated in France but has now reached this part of our country," Gayatri said.

Like her Usha Anand, an elderly woman entrepreneur and former educationist, chose to embark on a new path in the world of art. Her goal is to promote Dogra's traditional craft and connect women to village arts. Usha Anand's startup now thrives, with five hundred women producing various traditional craft items.

In a world where innovation transcends boundaries, women entrepreneurs are shattering barriers and leaving their mark on the startup ecosystem. They are contributing to both the economy and society.

Priya Gupta, a 54-year-old housewife from Jammu, has found a remarkable way to combine her love for art with her commitment to sustainability by transforming waste materials into beautiful home decor pieces. Like her, Sita Devi, who took a loan from Khadi village to establish her startup.

"Thanks to the loan from Khadi village, I now create traditional local-designed suits, pheras, kurtas, and jute products to promote Dogra culture," she said.

Sensex, Nifty open flat amid special session to set Jio Financial Services price

As of 9:15 am, the Nifty 50 index fell by 0.01 per cent to 19,831.50, while the S&P BSE Sensex lost 0.03 per cent to 67,074.40. Broader market indices also lost momentum in early trade.

NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market indices opened with little change on Thursday as the market turned its attention to a special trading session to determine the price for Reliance Industries' financial services business, Jio Financial Services.

The session comes ahead of the earnings reports from top Nifty 50 companies.

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toral indices were either trading flat or in negative territory in early trade as the market focused on the special trading session to determine Jio Financial's price.

The top five gainers on the Nifty 50 were Dr Reddy's, SBI, Indusind Bank, Sun Pharma and NTPC. On the other hand, the biggest losers in early trade were Info-

sys, UltraTech Cement, Hero MotoCorp, Eicher Motors and M&M.

Besides the demerger of Jio Financial Services, investors will also focus on the first-quarter results of companies today. At least 15 companies are expected to report Q1FY24 results today, including India's second-largest IT company, Infosys.

Govt cuts price of subsidised tomato to Rs 70 per kg

All-India average retail prices of tomatoes is ruling at nearly 120 per kg

NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): The Union government has reduced prices of subsidised tomatoes to Rs 70 per kg now to provide relief to common man from high retail prices.

The Centre is selling tomatoes to people at a subsidised rate of Rs 80 a kg in Delhi-NCR and some other key cities through the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).

The all-India average retail prices of tomatoes is ruling at nearly 120 per kg, although the key kitchen item is selling as high as Rs 245 per kg at some places. In the national capital, the rate has come down to Rs 120 per kg.

"The Department of Consumer Affairs has directed NCCF and NAFED to sell tomatoes at retail price of Rs 70 per kg rate from July 20, 2023 in view of the declining trend in tomato prices,"



an official statement said.

The tomatoes procured by NCCF and NAFED had been retailed, initially, at Rs 90 per kg and then reduced to Rs 80 per kg from July 16 2023, it added.

"The reduction to Rs 70 per kg will further benefit the consumers," the statement said.

On the government's direction, NCCF and NAFED had commenced the procurement of tomato from mandis in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maha-

rashtara for simultaneous disposal in major consumption centres where retail prices have recorded maximum increase in last one month.

"The retail sale of tomatoes in Delhi-NCR had started from July 14, 2023. Till July 18, 2023, a total of 391 tonnes of tomato had been procured by the two agencies which are being continuously disposed of to the retail consumers in major consumption centres of Delhi-NCR,

Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar," the statement said.

As per the data compiled by the Department of Consumer Affairs, the all-India average retail price of tomato is Rs 119.29 per kg on Wednesday.

The maximum retail price is Rs 245 per kg, while the minimum retail price is Rs 40 per kg and the modal price is Rs 120 per kg.

Tomato prices in the retail markets of the national capital have declined to an average Rs 120 per kg on Thursday from Rs 178 per kg on Sunday.

Among other metros, tomatoes were selling at Rs 155 per kg in Mumbai, Rs 132 per kg in Chennai and Rs 143 per kg in Kolkata.

Tomato prices normally shoot up during July-August and October-November periods, which are generally lean production months.

Supply disruption caused due to the monsoon has led to a sharp rise in the rates of tomatoes.

Netflix's subscriber growth surges in a sign that crackdown on password sharing is paying off

SAN FRANCISCO, Jul 20 (Agencies): Netflix enjoyed its biggest springtime spurt in subscribers since the early days of the pandemic three years ago, providing the latest sign that a recent crackdown on password sharing and the rollout of a cheaper subscription option are paying off.

The video streaming service added 5.9 million subscribers during the April-June period, according to numbers released Wednesday along with its latest quarterly financial results.

The gains easily surpassed the roughly 2.2 million additional subscribers that analysts surveyed by FactSet Research had anticipated.

Netflix ended June with 238.4 million worldwide subscribers.

Investors seemed unsatisfied, perhaps rattled by management commentary in a shareholder letter warning that "quite a competitive battle" continues to unfold against the backdrop of ongoing strikes by both the writers and actors union in the US that threaten to clog the pipelines feeding entertainment to streaming services.

Netflix's stock price fell 8 per cent in Wednesday's extended trading.

The drop could also reflect some investors locking in profits that have accrued while the shares have climbed by more than 50% so far this year.

Money manager Louis Navellier said Netflix now appears "locked and loaded" again after going through a turbulent stretch that included losing 1.2 million subscribers during the first half of last year.

Even though Netflix has bounced back this year, Investing.com analyst Jesse Cohen believes another slowdown may be coming.

"It will be a challenge for Netflix to sustain this pace of subscriber growth in the future," Cohen said.

Netflix predicted its subscriber growth during the July-September period will be similar to the numbers posted from April through June.

The second-quarter performance marked Netflix's biggest spring — traditionally the company's slowest stretch of growth — since gaining 10 million subscribers during the same period in 2020 under dramatically different market conditions.

In 2020, people were still largely stuck at home and looking for ways to keep themselves entertained while governments around the world



struggled to find a way to contain the spread of pandemic.

Now, Netflix finds itself trying to bounce back from a growth slowdown amid stiff video streaming competition and inflationary pressures that have caused many households to clamp down on spending, especially on discretionary items such as entertainment.

As an antidote, Netflix last year introduced a low-priced option that includes commercials and then began to block the rampant sharing of passwords that has enabled an estimated 100 million people worldwide to watch its TV series and films for free.

Freeloading viewers are now being required to open their own accounts unless a subscriber with a standard or premium plan agrees to pay an USD 8 monthly surcharge to allow more people living in different households to watch.

In its shareholder letter, management said the crackdown on password sharing is resulting

in a "healthy conversion of borrower households into full paying Netflix memberships."

And Netflix still isn't done tinkering.

As part of Wednesday's earnings release, Netflix also revealed it's phasing out its cheapest ad-free plan — a service that costs USD 10 in the US.

Existing subscribers already paying for this basic plan will be allowed to keep it.

The shift appears designed to get more people to switch to the USD 7 monthly plan that includes commercials in hopes of boosting ad revenue or sign up for its USD 15.50 monthly standard plan or USD 20 monthly premium plan.

"There is just tons of work ahead of us, tons of opportunity," Netflix Co-CEO Greg Peters said during a Wednesday conference call.

The pricing changes that have already been made helped Netflix boost its second-quarter revenue by 3 per cent from the same time last year to USD 8.2 billion, falling below analyst

forecasts. Netflix earned USD 1.49 billion during the period, compared with USD 1.44 billion last year. But earnings per share came in at USD 3.29 per share, eclipsing the average analyst estimate of USD 2.85 per share, according to FactSet.

Netflix didn't delve into the potential fallout from the current walkout in the US by writers and actors.

The dispute revolves largely around the payment system used in video streaming and the rise of artificial intelligence technology threatening to exploit the work of humans and eventually replace them.

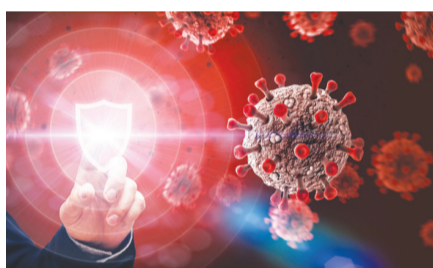
Unlike traditional movie and TV studios in the US, Netflix has been able to keep feeding its entertainment pipeline with shows that it has been able to use to keep luring in and retaining subscribers.

Netflix co-CEO Ted Sarandos deflected a question about how long Netflix could keep releasing new series and films if the strike drags on past Labor Day.

"It's beside the point," Sarandos said during the conference call.

"The real point is we need to get this strike to a conclusion so we can continue to move forward."

Genetic variant in immune system could be behind asymptomatic Covid infection, finds study



NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): Variation in genes encoding proteins involved in immune responses could be behind why some people remain asymptomatic following SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Human leukocyte antigen (HLA) genes encode these proteins used by the immune system in identifying and distinguishing healthy cells in the body from infected ones.

Research has shown at least 20 per cent of the Covid-infected do not develop symptoms, or remain asymptomatic.

Critical to one's immunity and highly varied among individuals, the HLA system might have specific variants rendering them more protected against or vulnerable to Covid, the researchers in this US-Australia collaborative study wondered.

Studying asymptomatic infection may improve our understanding of the features of the immune system that promote rapid clearance of the virus, the study published in the journal Nature said.

To understand if an HLA variation might predispose some people to asymptomatic Covid infection, the researchers enrolled 29,947 individuals to participate in a smartphone-based study designed to track COVID-19 symptoms and outcomes. All of them were DNA sequenced for their HLA genetic profiling.

A total of 1,428 unvaccinated individuals reported a positive test for infection with SARS-CoV-2 and 136 of them reported having no symptoms.

One in five individuals who remained asymptomatic after infection were found to carry a common variant of HLA called HLA-B*15:01. People carrying two copies of this variant were more than eight times likely to remain asymptomatic than those carrying other versions of HLA, the study found.

"We hypothesised that their immune system could react so fast and powerfully that the virus was eliminated before causing any symptoms. It's like having an army that already knows what to look for and can tell by the uniform that these are the bad guys," according to Jill Holtenbach, professor at the University of California San Francisco, US.

In a separate arm of the study, the researchers found that individuals carrying HLA-B*15:01 with no prior exposure to SARS-CoV-2 had T cells (a type of immune cell) that were reactive to SARS-CoV-2 protein fragments sharing some genetic sequences with other seasonal coronaviruses.

This finding indicated that people carrying HLA-B*15:01 and previously exposed to seasonal cold viruses had pre-existing immunity to SARS-CoV-2 and could rapidly eliminate the virus before symptoms could present.

The researchers analysed this to be because the T cells from pre-pandemic individuals, that could identify viral particles from past coronaviruses, created an immunological memory from the previous coronaviruses.

These memory T cells recognise SARS-CoV-2, owing to its high similarities with those coronaviruses, and kill it very quickly.

"So, even if the bad guys changed the uniform, the army would still be able to identify them by their boots or maybe a tattoo on their arms. That is how our immunological memory works to keep us healthy," said Danilo Augusto, assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, US.

2 days of intense exercise has same heart benefits as regular workout: Study

The finding is particularly relevant for individuals with time constraints, as it suggests shorter timeframes for physical activity may still yield positive results

NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): People who engage in intense physical activity for 1-2 days reduce their risk of heart attack and stroke as much as those who do moderate physical activity for several days, a study suggests.

Current guidelines from the World Health Organization and American Heart Association recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) per week for overall health benefits.

However, the impact of concentrated versus evenly distributed activity has remained unclear.

The study, published in the journal JAMA, investigate the associa-

tions of cardiovascular event risk between a "weekend warrior" pattern of physical activity, where the majority of MVPA is achieved over 1-2 days, and a pattern of more evenly distributed MVPA across multiple days.

The researchers analysed data from the UK Biobank cohort study, focusing on participants who provided a full week of accelerometer-based physical activity data between June 8, 2013, and December 30, 2015.

With this data, the researchers compared 3 MVPA patterns. In the active weekend warrior group, participants achieved at least 150 minutes of MVPA with 50 per cent

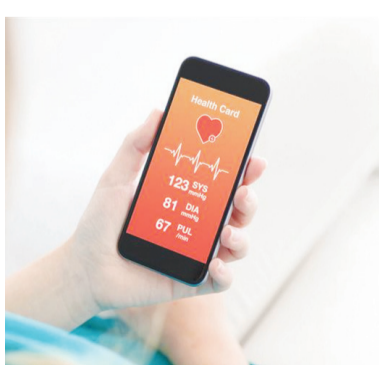
of the total activity completed in 1-2 days.

Participants in the active regular group achieved at least 150 minutes of MVPA but did not meet active WW criteria. In the inactive group, participants completed less than 150 minutes of MVPA.

They also assessed the same patterns using a median threshold of 230.4 minutes or more of MVPA per week.

Associations between these activity patterns and incident atrial fibrillation, myocardial infarction, heart failure, and stroke were analysed.

The analysis included 89,573 individuals with a mean age of 62



years, of whom 56 per cent were women, who underwent accelerometry.

Results showed that both concentrated and evenly distributed activity patterns were associated with similarly lower risks of all

four cardiovascular events, the researchers said.

The study found that interventions targeting cardiovascular health through physical activity may be effective even if concentrated within 1-2 days per week, they said.

This finding is particularly relevant for individuals with time constraints, as it suggests shorter timeframes for physical activity may still yield positive results, according to the researchers.

"Within nearly 90,000 individuals providing wrist-based activity quantification, physical activity concentrated within 1 to 2 days was associated with similarly

lower risk of cardiovascular outcomes to more regular activity," the authors noted.

"These observations thereby extend prior work reporting improved cardiovascular outcomes with increasing moderate and vigorous activity, as well as reports suggesting that concentrated physical activity is associated with similar reductions in mortality to more regular activity," they said.

These findings suggest that engagement in physical activity, regardless of pattern, may optimise risk across a broad spectrum of cardiovascular diseases, the researchers added.

What's so special about Vinesh? Ruffled Antim questions decision

NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): The ad hoc committee's decision to send Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat to the Asian Games without trials has angered the wrestling community.

One of Vinesh's main challengers in the 53kg category, Antim Panghal, has already announced that she will sit on a dharna in Hisar.

"They are sending Vinesh to the Asian Games directly when she has not fought for months," Antim said in the video posted online.

"On the other hand, I won the gold medal in the Junior World Championships in 2022. In (April) 2023, I won the silver medal in the senior Asian Championships.

She has not practised for a year and I am being told she is injured. It is being said those who will go to the Asian Games will again be sent to the World Championships, which is a quota event (for the Paris Olymp-



pics). Shall I quit wrestling?" she added.

"I just want to know on what basis she is being sent. Ravi Dahiya and Sakshi Malik are not being sent directly, so what is so special about her. I am not claiming that I will beat her, but there are others as well who are capable of beating her. All I want is that a trial should be held," she added.

Sujeet Kalkal, the reigning national champion, wants a

chance to challenge Bajrang for the spot in the men's 65kg category. "I fought Bajrang at the Commonwealth Games trials, which was very close. He got direct entry into the semifinals, while we had to play more bouts," Kalkal said.

"He was selected without trials for the World Championships. He lost 0-10 against a US wrestler (Yianni Diakomihalis) in the World Championships. I beat that same wrestler 8-2 in the

ranking series," Kalkal said.

"I am not saying I will beat him (in the trials), but we have five-six wrestlers who can beat him. We should get a fair chance. We have dreams to win at the Olympics but if people keep on sending wrestlers directly then what will happen to our dreams," he added.

IOA's damage control Meanwhile, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) twice issued a clarification. "In the previous release, 'to maximize the chances of sending the most competitive wrestling team to the Asian Games 2022, the final selection of wrestlers will be made prior to departure of the team for the competition'.

This may be read as 'to maximize the chances of sending the most competitive wrestling team to the Asian Games 2022, the final assessment of the wrestling team will be made prior to departure of the team for competition,' the IOA said.

Ashes 4th test: Woakes gives hosts edge on thrilling day



MANCHESTER, Jul 20 (Agencies): Australia's tailenders put up some late resistance to leave England frustrated on Day 1 of the fourth Ashes Test at Old Trafford, with the tourists on 299/8 at close of play.

With Australia leading 2-1 in the five-match series, England must win in Manchester to stop their old foes retaining the Ashes, and with the weather

forecast not looking favourable for the weekend, a quick success may be required.

As has been the case for much of this series, the momentum swung this way and that with Steve Smith, Marnus Labuschagne, Travis Head and Mitchell Marsh all looking set for a big score before England stemmed their progress.

With Australia seven wickets down with one and a half hours of the day to go, England were hoping to get some runs on the board themselves before the close, but only one more wicket fell.

Stuart Broad took two Australian wickets to move onto 600 in Test cricket, with home favourite James Anderson, on his return to the England side, left frustrated, like the rest of his team.

"Anything with a three in front of it is alright," Labuschagne said. "Given how many guys got themselves in we are slightly disappointed, with nobody getting a big score."

Brief scores: Australia: 299/8 (Labuschagne 51, Marsh 51; Woakes 4/52, Broad 2/68)

How Can India Play Pakistan 3 Times In 15 Days At Asia Cup - Explained

NEW DELHI, Jul 20 (Agencies): The Asia Cup 2023 schedule was officially announced and India are all set to face Pakistan in their Group A match at Kandy in Sri Lanka on September 2. However, that may not be the only time when the two teams come face-to-face in the competition. The top two teams from both groups will move to the Super Fours stage where all teams will play each other once. According to the release shared by Asian Cricket Council (ACC) president Jay Shah, Pakistan will be A1 and India will be A2 irrespective of their positions in the group stages. As a result, if

both teams can qualify from Group A, they will face each other in the Super Fours stage on September 10 in Colombo.

The top two teams in the Super Fours stage will move to the final of the tournament and if India and Pakistan can book their berths in the summit clash, they will meet for the third time in the competition on September 17. The match will take place at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo.

The six-team ODI tournament, which is a precursor to the ICC World Cup will start on August 30 in Multan where hosts Pakistan takes on Nepal.

The Asia Cup is being played in Hybrid Model as four matches will be held in Pakistan while nine other games including the final will be held in Sri Lanka's Kandy and Colombo.

While Pakistan were originally scheduled to host this year's Asia Cup, the Indian cricket board's refusal to send a team across the border. Pakistan will thus host a total of four matches while the remaining nine matches will be played in Sri Lanka.

After facing their arch-rivals in the tournament-opener, the Rohit Sharma-led team will have a one-day break before they face Nepal on September 4 at Kandy.

India look to mop up series in 100th Test against West Indies

PORT OF SPAIN, Jul 20 (Agencies): Ajinkya Rahane will be aiming to pile on the runs to extend his international career and lead India to a series sweep against West Indies when the second and final Test begins here today. The game will mark the 100th Test between the two teams. India's record against West Indies is 23 wins, 30 losses and 46 draws. Though India skipper Rohit Sharma said it will be a big occasion, his team will be expected to dominate the hosts like it did in the series opener.

After the game at the Queen's Park Oval, India play their next Test in South Africa in December-January, leaving the likes of Rahane with one more opportunity to make it extremely hard for the selectors to overlook him for the away series against the Proteas.

There is a strong chance that India will again bat only once and Rahane will need to make it count with Shreyas Iyer, who is undergoing rehab after a back surgery, expected to be available for the South Africa tour.



Yashasvi Jaiswal, who became only the third Indian to score 150 on his debut, will be looking to extend his purple patch. Shubman Gill could only last 11 balls after dropping himself down to No. 3 and he will be looking to get some runs when he goes out in the middle.

Batting coach Vikram Rathour said in the lead-up to the game that India would need an in-form Rahane for the South African sojourn.

"When it comes to technique, you constantly work on that but

what stood out for me that he was calmer in his approach. He was playing late and close to the body. He is still batting the same way in the nets. We hope he will do well. Conditions in South Africa, you will need somebody like him to come good," Rathour had said.

Following an innings and 141-run victory in three days, no major changes are expected in the playing XI but it remains to be seen if left-arm pacer Jaydev Unadkat gets another opportunity.

Rohit has high hopes of Ishan India skipper Rohit Sharma has high expectations from young wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan and indicated the 25-year-old will get more opportunities in Tests to harness his potential. Ishan made his Test debut against West Indies in Dominica. On how he sees Ishan's first Test, especially when Rishabh Pant is not a part of the India squad, Sharma said: "Ishan is a very talented guy. We've seen it in the short career that he's had for India. He recently made 200 runs in limited-overs (ODI against Bangladesh last December). He has the game and the talent and we have to harness that talent." While Ishan got to bat only 20 deliveries as India declared their first innings, Sharma said he was thoroughly impressed with his keeping skills on a difficult track. "He kept really, really well considering he played his first Test and to keep against Ashwin and Jadeja where the ball is turning and bouncing," he said.

Virat Kohli's 500th International Match: A Look At Legendary Batter's Career In Numbers

Star India batter Virat Kohli will be scripting history on Thursday as he takes the field against the West Indies in the second and final Test of the series.

PORT OF SPAIN, Jul 20 (Agencies): Star India batter Virat Kohli will be scripting history on Thursday as he takes the field against the West Indies in the second and final Test of the series. The Indian batting mainstay will be playing his 500th international match of what has been one of the more illustrious careers in the sport in its 300-plus-year history. Ever since his international debut in 2008, Virat has solidified his status as a legend in the game. Though cricket fans knew that this under-19 World Cup-winning skipper was destined for greatness, the way he went on a record-breaking spree in the 2010s is something unprecedented in the sport. Not many in the game can boast of a prime that Virat had in the 2010s, which saw him become the 'ICC Men's Player of the Decade'.

Virat has represented India in 110 Test matches, in which he has scored 8,555 runs at an average of 48.88. He has scored 28 centuries and 29 half-centuries

in his career, with the best score of 254*. He is India's fifth-highest run-scorer in Tests and one of the modern era's greats in the format.

Virat has smashed a total of seven double centuries, which is the highest by an Indian batter. The highest number of double tons are hit by Aussie legend Don Bradman, who has scored 12 of them.

Virat the Test captain is one of India's biggest success stories. He led India in 68 Test matches. Out of these, Virat has won 40 Tests, lost only 17 and drawn 11. With a win percentage of 58.82, he is one of India's best Test captains. His legacy as Test captain is three ICC World Test Championship maces, being the first Indian skipper to win a series against Australia in Australia and building a world-class pace attack.

The 34-year-old has a solid Test record against West Indies. In 15 matches, he has scored 898 runs at an average of 44.90. He has scored two centuries and six fifties, with the best score of 200. He has not had the best



outings of his career in the Windies. In 10 Tests played in the Caribbean, he has scored 539 runs at an average of 38.50. He has scored a century and three fifties in Windies, with the best score of 200.

In 274 ODI matches, Virat has scored 12,898 runs at an average of 57.32. He has scored 46 centuries and 65 half-centuries. He is India's second-highest run-scorer in ODI cricket. Overall, he is the fifth-highest run-scorer in ODI cricket.

Virat is the fastest ODI player in history to score 8,000 runs (175 innings), 9,000 runs (194 innings), 10,000 runs (205 innings), 11,000 runs (222 innings) and 12,000 runs (242

innings). The veteran batter is the highest-run scorer in the T20I format in its history. In 115 matches, he has scored 4,008 runs at an average of 52.73. He has scored one century and 37 fifties in the format, with the best score of 122*. He also has 38 fifty-plus scores, the highest by any player.

Virat turns his 'Beast Mode' on in T20 World Cups. With 1,141 runs in 27 matches at an average of 81.50 and 14 fifties, he is the leading run-scorer ever in the tournament. He won the 'Player of the Tournament' award in 2014 and 2016. He has other-worldly stats while chasing in T20 World Cups. In nine innings, Virat

has scored 518 runs at a batting average of 518.00! This is because he was dismissed only once while chasing. He has scored half-centuries in seven innings while chasing.

In 499 international matches, Virat has scored 25,461 runs at an average of 53.48 in 558 innings. He has scored 75 centuries and 131 fifties, with best score of 254*. He is the sixth-highest run-scorer in the sport's history and has the second-highest number of centuries. Ever since the 2000s, nobody has scored runs and centuries at the rate Virat has done.

Against West Indies, Virat has a strong international record. In 71 matches, he has scored 3,729 runs at an average of 58.26. He has scored 11 centuries and 23 fifties in 74 innings, with the best score of 200. In West Indies, he has played 31 international matches, scoring 1,476 runs at an average of 47.61. He has scored five centuries and seven centuries in 34 innings, with the best score of 200.

Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by four wickets in 1st Test

The tourists started the final day on 48-3 and lost three more wickets, including skipper Babar Azam for 24 off Prabath Jayasuriya, before they achieved the target in the first session.



GALLE, Jul 20 (Agencies): Opening batsman Imam-ul-Haq hit an unbeaten 50 to steer Pakistan home in their tricky chase of 131 against Sri Lanka and win the first Test by four wickets on Thursday. The tourists started the final day on 48-3 and lost three more wickets, including skipper Babar Azam for 24 off Prabath Jayasuriya, before they achieved the target in the first session.

Haq started the day on 25 and remained calm with Azam and

then left-handed partner Saud Shakeel, who made a brisk 30 after his unbeaten 208 in Pakistan's first innings. Left-arm spinner Jayasuriya took four wickets including two on the evening of day four to give the hosts a glimmer of hope, but Haq stood firm.

Azam came out roaring as he hit a boundary off the first ball of the day and looked fluent in his 28-ball stay before being trapped lbw by Jayasuriya.

Shakeel took on the bowlers as well but

off spinner Ramesh Mendis got him caught behind.

Haq reached his eighth Test fifty before falling to Jayasuriya, but Agha Salman came out to hit the winning six.

Shakeel stood out for his maiden Test double century in Pakistan's 461 all out and a handy first-innings lead of 149 in the rain-hit match.

Pakistan spinners Noman Ali and Abrar Ahmed made it count with three wickets each on Wednesday to help bowl out Sri Lanka for 279 despite Dhananjaya de Silva's stubborn 82.

De Silva made 122 in Sri Lanka's first innings of 312 after the hosts elected to bat first but soon Pakistan took control.

Pakistan pace spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi took a match haul of five wickets on his return to Tests since a knee injury put him out of action a year ago at the same venue.

The second match of the two-Test series starts Monday in Colombo.

Toyota Kirloskar Motors delivers fleet of Iconic Hilux to Army

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) is proud to announce the handover of a fleet of Toyota Hilux, marking the company's first-ever delivery of its Hilux to the Indian Army.

The Hilux was put through over 2 months of extensive and rigorous evaluation by the Northern Command of the Indian Army and the globally acclaimed Hilux outperformed in extreme weather and rough terrains – ranging from an altitude of 13000ft to sub-zero temperatures.

The Toyota Hilux is an iconic Utility Vehicle that is globally recognized for its toughness, durability, reliability, and off-roading capabilities.

Sharing his views, V. Wiseline Sigamani, General Manager – Strategic Business Unit (North), said "We are thrilled to deliver the Hilux, marking a significant milestone, fulfilling our first-ever Hilux order to Indian Army.



We are truly honoured and proud with this opportunity. The Hilux that offers unique off-roading characteristics, coupled with enhanced safety features, makes it the most ideal vehicle for the army purposes and cater to their special purposes.

We are sure that the Hilux will be a great addition to the army's fleets and meet the specific needs of our esteemed clientele. This reaffirms our commitment in offering reliable products and we look forward to our continued association with the Indian Army in the future."

The senior leadership

and users of Hilux said, "We are happy to receive the first fleet of Toyota Hilux, which measures up to the requirements of the Indian Army. We acknowledge TKM's support to customise the Hilux, passing through our stringent road tests with its strong off-roading strengths and extreme performance under stringent weather, difficult terrain conditions, which is key to our requirements. We look forward to utilising these fleet of Hilux for the purposes meant."

With its global reputation as a reliable off-roader, the Hilux has proven its worth time

and again, and the Indian Army's procurement post rigorous testing only serves to reinforce its reputation.

Globally, the Hilux sales have surpassed 20 million units winning hearts of many discerning customers from over 180 countries. Through more than five decades and eight generations, the Toyota Hilux has created extraordinary experiences and an unbreakable bond with those who desire awesome drives.

Toyota Hilux is aimed to fulfil the needs of customers seeking an awesome utility vehicle that is best suited, not

only for off-roading adventure drives on tough terrains, but also for everyday city use. Furthermore, this versatile vehicle is perfectly suited for multiple purpose usages that can cater to new emerging business customers, campervan, farming, defense, mining, construction, rescue van, etc. With its powerful powertrain system of 2.8 L Four Cylinder Turbo-Diesel Engine, the Hilux is available in option of 6-Speed Automatic and 6-Speed Manual Transmission. All the variants of Hilux are equipped with 4X4 drive capabilities along with many first-in-segment features such as 8" Infotainment system, Connected features (such as Emergency Call [e-Call], Vehicle Security, Remote Check, Smart Watch enabled, Vehicle Static Location, Geofence & Speed alerts and more), Dual Zone AC, Tire Angle Monitor & Front Parking Sensors for a smooth drive.

DFSS holds protest against J&K Ex Chief Ministers



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of president Ashok Gupta held a protest against the two Ex Chief Ministers as there propaganda is acting as an tool for the terrorist in which they are attacking the migrant

labour force.

At last he stated that if the 2 ex-chief ministers are so clear than I invite them for a debate on this issue of land been giving to locals or outsiders.

The party people who were present at the time of protest were Rajkumari, Ashish, Dinesh, Sham, Gola, Dev Raj, Bantu and various others were present.

JKBS sends memorandum to President Murmu

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha today sent a memorandum to the Hon'ble President of India Smt. Draupadi Murmu, urging her to confer the prestigious 'Padamshri' award upon Lal Chand Yamla, recognising his

immense contribution to Punjabi music.

In the memorandum, the JKBS members highlighted Lal Chand Yamla's global performances and hailed him as a maestro of music in Punjab.

They said that Yamla's groundbreaking work has laid the foun-

ation for contemporary music in East Punjab.

They hoped that it will bring great joy to the hearts of millions of his fans in India and abroad, if the 'Padamshri' as urged is awarded to Lal Chand Yamla posthumously by the President.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Poonch organises Millets Food Mela



TOP NEWS REPORT

MANDI, Jul 20: Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Poonch Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India organized Millets Food Mela at Block Mandi.

Adil said, The main objective of the programme was demonstration of various types of millet food and make aware all participants about the various types of protein, calcium,

phosphorus that are contained by the millet's food.

Adil said to all the participants that millet food should be used in day to day life and slowly it may be used as a business purpose also.

Adil and resource persons briefed about the millets food utility and the benefits all age group of the society.

People of the area thanked Nehru Yuva

Kendra Poonch for organizing such type of important food Mela which will in future help environment and health of the general public.

The programme was successfully conducted by Mohd Adil. Refreshment was also served by Nehru Yuva Kendra Poonch. The vote of thanks was presented by Mohd Adil Ex NYV and President Hamdani Youth Club Mandi.

Tanghdar Inter School Talent Hunt Competition held

TOP NEWS REPORT

KUPWARA, Jul 20: The Karnah Valley is known as the educational hub in the entire Kashmir region especially for schooling upto the intermediate level.

More than 150 schools comprising of the government and private school exist in the valley.

With the aim of providing an opportunity to the students to showcase their talent, inculcate healthy competitive spirit amongst different schools of the Valley and to ignite a tradition of Inter School Competitions, the first ever Inter School Talent Hunt Competition was organised with effect from July 13 to 18, 2023 at the Army Goodwill School, Hajinar under the aegis of the Shakti Vijay Brigade.

The competition comprised of seven different activities to include Singing, Dancing, Painting, Debate, Innovation



Display, Badminton and Kabbadi. Students from all age groups were targeted for participation in the subject competition.

A total of 13 school participated in the competition which became the talk of the town being the first of its kind and the josh and enthusiasm amongst the students of the participating schools was a treat to witness.

The teachers and staff of all the participating schools were involved in the conduct of the

events and responsibilities of judging the events were distributed in a holistic fashion.

The members of the Youth Panchayats also contributed in terms of coordinating with the different schools, ensuring wide publicity of the event and in ensuring smooth conduct of events. Apart from the Kabbadi Competition which was conducted at the premises of the Govt Degree College Kandi Karnah, all other

events were conducted in the premises of the Army Goodwill School, Hajinar.

A total strength of 160 students which include 70 boys and 90 girls participated in the subject competition.

The event culminated with a prize distribution ceremony wherein the winner and the runners up in each event were felicitated.

Army Goodwill School Hajinar stood overall first in the competition

followed by New light Public School Tanghdar Karnah securing the second place.

Seeing the interest generated by this competition amongst the students of the Karnah Valley, the need of having more number of such competitions in future seems to be a mandatory requirement and will lead to providing the much needed exposure to the talented young students of the valley.

GDC Kathua organizes webinar on 'Strategies to Crack Competitive Examinations after Graduation'

TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Jul 20: Science Club and Career Counseling & Placement Cell, GDC Kathua in Collaboration with Institute for Advance studies (IFAS), Pune organized a webinar on "Strategies to crack competitive examinations after Graduation". A large number of students and faculty members participated in the event. Webinar was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Prof. Seema Mir, Principal, GDC Kathua in presence of revered resource person Mrs Mamta Marar, Assistant Professor IFAS Pune, Ms Anjali Vishwakarma, Sr. Business Development Executive, IFAS

Pune, Prof. Rakesh Singh, Convener, Science Club, Career Counseling Cell & Head, Department of Chemistry, Prof. Raj Kiran Sharma, Dr. Anupma Arora, Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Dr. Suraya Partap, Dr. Roshan Lal, Prof. Neha Mahajan, Prof. Rahul Sharma, Dr. Verinder Singh, Dr. Renu, Prof. Himani Arora, Prof. Shiv Kumar, Dr. Jasvinder Singh, Prof. Ram Krishan, Prof. Nisha Bhagat & Prof. Natasha Baloria.

Prof. Seema Mir, Chief Guest of the event in her deliberations stressed on the need of such type of webinars for the better future of students. She appreciated the efforts of speaker, Convener, members of organizing

committee for taking this initiative of organizing this interactive webinar for students and faculty of GDC Kathua. Moreover, she encouraged all the faculty members to organize more such events for shaping the career of students. She also motivated students to interact with the resource person for their queries.

Prof. Rakesh Singh, Convener of the webinar welcome the Chief Guest, Resource person and all the participants. He said that Career Counseling and Placement Cell of the college is continuously involved in organizing such type of awareness programs for students for helping them in deciding better

future. He said that after attending this webinar students shall be able prepare for competitive examinations in a better way.

Revered resource person of the event, Mrs. Mamta Marar in her deliberations highlighted various examinations which are to be attempted by the students after graduations, their eligibilities and patterns were also discussed during the webinar. She discussed about various competitive examinations like IIT JAM, CUET, GATE, NET, SET etc. and explained to students the eligibility criteria, mode of examination, syllabus of these examinations etc. In the inter-

active session she made the participants aware of various strategies required for fulfilling their dreams. Students raised various queries, which were nicely answered by the resource person.

Anjali Vishwakarma, Sr. Business Development Executive, IFAS Pune, in her deliberations make the participants aware of various strategies need to be adopted for cracking competitive exams.

The proceedings of the event was nicely conducted by Dr. Pankaj Gupta, Assistant Professor in Chemistry.

The webinar ended with an impressive vote of thanks by Dr. Suraya Partap, Head Deptt of Zoology.

PM Modi should take stringent action against perpetrators of Manipur: Rajesh

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 20: After a video of two women being paraded naked in Manipur surfaced on the internet, the National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta strongly condemned and expressed his anguish he said the horrific video of two women paraded naked by a mob and then gang-raped, which emerged from strife-torn Manipur, sparked nationwide outrage Wednesday night, evoking calls for strong action against perpetrators by the public across social media.

The NDPI leader said he is "Shaken, disgust-



ed to see the video of violence against women in Manipur. I hope the culprits get such a harsh punishment that no one ever thinks of doing a horrifying thing like this again." Rajesh Gupta pointed to the government's failure to control the violence and questioned if there is no one to stop the atrocities in

Manipur. "Is there no one to stop the atrocities in Manipur? If you are not shaken to the core by that disturbing video of two women, is it even right to call oneself human, let alone Bharatiya or Indian!"

NDPI president said, "This kind of heinous act cannot be tolerated in Indian society. The situation in Manipur is becoming very worrying. I appeal to the Prime Minister to pay attention to the situation in Manipur. Please take strict action against the culprits seen in the video of this incident. There should be no place for people of such criminal nature in India."