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ENTERTAINMENT

21 (Agencies): The

Supreme Court on

Friday was shocked to

see Jammu and Kash-

mir Liberation Front

(JKLF) commander,

Yasin Malik, ready to

appear before it as it

noted that there was no

such order passed by

the top court asking him

The Central govern-

ment also expressed

concern over the physi-

cal appearance of Yasin

Malik, in the Supreme

Yasin Malik, who is

Top News Report

JAMMU. Jul 21: What

hypocrisy? stated by Sr.

AAP leaders, Jammu, in

a joint statement issued

here that PM Modi,

breaks his silence after

more than 82 days in

Manipur gruesome epi-

sode and that too after

the snub of Apex Court,

to appear in person.

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serving life sentence

in Tihar Jail after being

convicted in a terror

funding case, was to be

presented before the top

court for a hearing on a

CBI plea against Jammu

Appearing for Centre,

saying that nobody will

be spared but shockingly

not a single word in case

of women wrestlers who

are sexually abused by

BJP MP Brij Bhushan

The joint statement

has been issued by Sr.

AAP leaders include

Major General Retd,

R.S. Jamwal, Farooq

Singh.

women exposed in Manipur: AAP

court order.

Mahajan Group prepares for their 75th anniversary in Vanshaj



Terrorist Yasin Malik comes to Supreme

Court in Person, Centre raises concern

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Man arrested for trying to enter Mamata Banerjee's house with arms in car

A bench of justices

Surya Kant and Dipan-

kar Datta, recused from

hearing the matter but

noted that there was no

such order passed by

it asking Yasin Malik to

Solicitor General

Tushar Mehta apprised

the top court that the

Ministry of Home Affairs

has issued direction that

he would not be brought

Coincidentally he was

presented before the top

court today to attend the

CBI plea against Jammu

They further said

that "Beti Padhao-Beti

Bachao" slogan of BJP

has now become a

cheap joke amongst

women folk saying that

all this Jumla Baazi is

simply election strategy

for electoral gains as all

tall and hollow promises

and day dreams shown

to common masses

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present before it.

out from jail.

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Rishi Sunak's party loses 2 key seats ahead of crucial UK **elections**



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Solicitor General Tushar

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before the Supreme

Court physically in the

Ahmed Banday, Ram

Singh Chauhan, Nirmal

Mahna, Kuldeep Kumar

Rao, Ravinder Singh,

Sarpanch, Amit Langer,

Agya Kour, Ram Pal

Khajuria, Sandeep Pari-

har, Romesh Lal Bhagat,

Suresh Bhagat, Ashni

Mattoo, Ranjodh Singh

and Sukhdev Kumar

Sangral.

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BRIEFLY

CRPF trooper dies of cardiac arrest in **Anantnag**

ANANTNAG, Jul 21 (Agencies): A 32-year-old Central Reserve Police Force trooper died of cardiac arrest in Larnoo area of Kokarnag in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Friday morning

An official said that the trooper identified as Tang Kishor Das of 164 battalion fell unconscious at Larnoo CRPF camp.

He was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment, where doctors declared him dead on arrival, he said.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident.

Heavy rains trigger flashfloods, mudslides in Kangan

The locals alleged that the breach in one of the irrigation canals passing through the area inundated the area.

Heavy rains trigger flashfloods, mudslides in **Kanganx**

GANDERBAL, Jul 21 (Agencies): Heavy rains on Friday morning triggered flashfloods and mudslides in Khanan village of Kangan in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

The heavy spell of rainfall on Friday caused flashfloods and mudslides in Khanan village which damaged roads and standing crops. The locals alleged that the breach in one of the irrigation canals passing through the area inundated the area. However there was no loss of life in the incident. Locals have urged the administration to act and restore the road so that people don't face any hardships. They also urged the administration to assess the damage caused by the flashfloods and take measures in this regard.

Three South Kashmir villages consume contaminated water, residents say

SRINAGAR, Jul 21 (Agencies): The residents of three villages in south Kashmir say they are consuming contaminated water as the authorities have failed to repair a filtration plant that was damaged in the 2014 floods.

The residents of Zahid Turn to page 9

SRINAGAR. Jul 21 (Agencies): Jammu and



He said, on receipt of the application case FIR IPC stands registered in Police Station Pattan* and investigation taken

"During course of investigation some suspects were called to the Police Station for questioning. Mean while the name of one suspect namely Mohd Abbas

Daint S/O Mohd Ayoub Daint R/O Kusambagh Hakbara Hajin Bandipora came forth and accordingly he was called to Police Station Pattan and during questioning he confessed that he has stolen the Motor Bicycle. Besides he disclosed that he has also stolen 03 other Motor Bicycles and was supplying the same to one *Sajad Ahmad Pahloo S/O Mohd Ramzan Pahloo R/O Madwan Hajin* who was assigned to change the parts of these stolen Motor Bicycles and after making modification in

High Court upholds termination of judicial officer

SRINAGAR, Jul 21 ward Area) certificate.

is equivalent to a caste certificate in other regions. This means that individuals with an RBA certificate are eligible for reservation benefits. However, the court found that the petitioner, Mohammad Yousuf Allie, had obtained the RBA certificate fraudulently.

The court referred to a report dated January 30, 2018 from the Deputy Commissioner, which

(Agencies): The Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, consisting of Justice Atul Sreedharan and Justice Mohan Lal, recently upheld the termination of Judicial Officer Mohammad Yousuf Allie. The termination was due to his fraudulent acquisition of an RBA (Reserved Back-

During the hearing, the Division Bench noted that the RBA certificate in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

clearly exposed the fraudulent nature of the RBA certificate acquired by the petitioner. Turn to page 9

Scuffle between Ponywalas at Amarnath Yatra base camp, three arrested: Police

SRINAGAR, Jul 21 (Agencies): Three persons have been arrested for allegedly being involved in a scuffle at the Sheshnag base camp of the Amarnath Yatra last week which led to minor injuries to a few pilgrims and ponywallas, police have said.

The Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said some people have uploaded a misleading and baseless video on social media claiming stones were thrown at pilgrims.

Taking cognisance of the matter an FIR has been registered," he

Sheshnag is situated on the Pahalgam axis of the Amarnath yatra in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

"On July 15 at Sheshnag, there was a scuffle among ponywallas which resulted in minor injuries to ponywallas and a few pilgrims. The situation was immediately brought under control," the ADGP said on Twitter.

He said a case has been registered at Pahalgam police station and three accused have been arrested.

The public is advised not to pay any heed to **Turn to page 9**

Amid search for leopard, man attacked by unidentified animal in Srinagar's **Badamwari**

SRINAGAR, Jul 21 (Agencies): Amid growing reports of leopard sightings in Badamwari area of Srinagar, a man suffered injuries after an "unidentified" animal attacked him on Friday morning even as the Wildlife department has scaled up surveillance in the area.

Quoting an official, news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reported that today morning they received a report of an animal attack on a person in the Badamwari area and upon probing about the identity of the animal, the injured person was not able to describe or recognize the animal who attacked him.

"We spoke to the victim who claimed that an unidentified animal attacked him, there are injuries on his hand and knee, but he is not sure which animal attacked him," he said.

The official said they are ascertaining the claims and nature of iniuries.

He added that surveillance team was on patrol after the attack, an official too was attacked by an animal, stating that the animal could likely be a rabid dog.

"We are on it to get it

Gang of burglars and bike lifters busted in Baramulla's Pattan: Police

Hollow Jumlas of PM Modi in favour of

Kashmir Police on Friday said to have busted a gang of burglars and bike lifters in Pattan area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. A Police spokesperson said, "On 14/07/2023 Police Station Pattan recieved a written application from John Mohammad War S/O Ab Ahad War R/O Palpora Pattan to the effect that some unknown thieves have stolen his Motor bicycle bearing Registration No. JK05E -8826 on 07/07/2023 when he kept his Motor Bicycle parked in front of his



Shop situated at Jamia Mohalla Pattan and went to offer Friday prayers and on return he found that his Motor Bicycle is missing and has been stolen by some unknown thieves.

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MeT predicts more rain in J&K, heavy spell in Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi

SRINAGAR, Jul 21 (Agencies): Weather department here on Friday forecast generally cloudy with possibility of light to moderate rain at many places of Poonch and Rajouri besides at scattered places elsewhere in Jammu and Kashmir during next 24 hours.

"Heavy rain is likely at some places of Poonch, Rajouri and Reasi districts," a meteorological

department official said He said intermittent light to moderate rain and thundershower was expected at many places of Jammu and at scattered places of Kashmir on July 22.

The weather department said that there is risk of "flash flood and mudslides" at vulnerable places of Poonch and Rajouri today.

"People are advised to remain cautious and stay away from Streams, Rivers and other vulnerable spots." the official added.

CBK produces chargesheet against 9 persons for involment in fraudently securing jobs in SKIMS Soura

SRINAGAR, Jul 21 (Agencies): Crime Branch Kashmir on Friday said that its Economic Offences Wing Srinagar produced chargesheet in a court against 9 people for securing jobs Fraudently in SKIMS Soura.

In a handout, the CBK said that its Economic Offences Wing, Srinagar [Crime Branch Kashmir] produced the chargereport in Case FIR No. 26/2015 u/Ss 420, 468, 471 & 120-B RPC of P/S Crime Branch Kashmir against nine persons for their alleged involve-

ment in fraudulently securing jobs in SKIMS Soura after having committed criminal conspiracy, cheating, and forgery of certificates etc.

According to spokesman, the case owes its origin to an official communication received by Crime Branch Kashmir from the Director, SKIMS Soura who complained that pursuant to SKIMS Soura order No. SIMS-23 (P) of 2015, among others, (i) Shakoor Ahmad Tantray S/o Mohammad Yousuf Tantray R/o Ponipora Kulgam; (ii) Mohammad Shahid Murtaza S/o Mohammad Shaban Dar R/o Wanpora Kulgam; (iii) Shazia Hassan D/o Gh. Hassan R/o Kulpora Srandoo Kulgam; (iv) Mudasir Bashir Sofi S/o Bashir Ahmad Sofi R/o Noorbagh Kulgam and (v) Shameem Ahmad Naik S/o Hamidullah Naik R/o Banimullah Kulgam were appointed as Nursing Orderlies subject to verification/ genuineness of their academic credentials/ D.O.B. certificates etc. However, as per the verification report

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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.

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. Shiban 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

10TH DAY will be performed on 21-07-2023 at Ram Mandir Shastri 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. Bansi Lal Magotra Daughters-in-laws & Sons Smt. Veena & Sh. Ravi Magotra Smt. Vanita & Sh. Gopal Magotra Smt Pooja & Sh. Sumit Magotra

Smt. Nisha Sharma & Sh. Amit Dubey

Mobile: 9419166552, 9797631853

Daughter & Son-in-law



Sh. Mohan Lal Magotra (Master Ji)

Mr. Subash Chander

Kaul

SMT VEERO DEVI

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SADI 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.

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) RENAYA KAUL (GRAND DAUGHTER)

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

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER SMT VEERO DEVI W/O LATE SHRI SANSAR CHAND MAGOTRA R/O H.NO. 190, WARD NO. 39, PATOLI MANGOTRIAN, JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY

ABODE ON 12TH JULY 2023. 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 21 JULY 2023 AT BUA DATTI MANDIR, PATOLI MAGOTRIAN

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 22ND JULY 2023

AT OUR RESIDENCE.

UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 24TH JULY 2023

AT 4 PM AT BUA DATTI MANDIR, PATOLI MANGOTRI-

AN, JAMMU Shri Pawan Magotra & Smt Santosh Magotra -Son & Daughter-in-law

Shri Ravinder Magotra & Smt Vijay Magotra **-Son & Daughter-in-law** Shri Arun Magotra & Smt Asha Magotra **-Son & Daughter-in-law** Shri Ravi Magotra & Smt Nisha Magotra -Son & Daughter-in-law

(M/s Ravi Provisional Store)

Shri Arun Magotra & Smt Ruby Magotra Shri Anil Magotra & Smt Madhu Magotra

Daughters & Son-in-laws

Smt Seema & Suresh Khajuria Smt Archana & Rajesh Sharma

Contact: 9419153446, 9419716671

for heavely abode on 16-07-2023.

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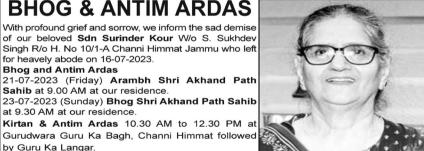
at 9.30 AM at our residence

by Guru Ka Langar

GRIFF STRICKEN

S. Sukhdev Singh- Husband

Sons & Daughter in Laws



SDN SURINDER KOUR

S. Ranbir Singh & Sdn. Gurvinder Kour (Bombay Kashmir Carrier) S. Manjeet Singh & Sdn. Puneet Kour (USA) S. Mohinder Singh & Sdn. Manmeet Kour (President Poonch Route Busses 2x2)

S. Prithpal Singh & Sdn. Sarabjeet Kour

Sdn Gurbachan Kour W/o Late Giani Gurbax Singh- Mother-in-Law

S. Fateh Singh & Sdn. Gurpreet Kour Brother & Bhabhi's

S. Nirmal Singh & Sdn. Davinder Kour Sdn Paramjeet Kour W/o Late S. Tirath Singh Nanand & Nandois Sdn. Parkash Kour & S. Amrik Singh Sdn. Paramieet Kour & S. Harpal Singh Sisters & Brothers in Law's Sdn. Kamaljeet Kour W/o Late S. Hardev Singh Sdn. Paramjeet Kour & S. Ajit Singh (Pappi)

Sdn. Harvinder Kour & S. Manjeet Singh Abhitek, Japtej, Anhad, And All Nears & Dears

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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

10TH DAY will be performed on 21-07-2023 at Ram Mandir Shastri 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. Bansi 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

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Sh. Mohan Lal Magotra (Master Ji)

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.

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

Shri Chaman Lal Fotedar

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.

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



Sh. Vineet Wali

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

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our revered mother Smt Santosh Devi W/o Late O P Sethi R/o Ward No. 8 Hiranagar. TENTH DAY will be performed at our residence

Hiranagar on 22nd July 2023 at 10AM. KRIYA will performed at our residence Hiranagar

on 25th July 2023 at 12PM. UTHALA / RASAM PAGRI will be performed at home on 26th July 2023 at 11 A.M. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

Son & Daughter-in-Law

Mr. Sanjay Sethi & Mrs. Samriti Sethi

Daughters & Sons-in-Law Smt Anu & Sh B B Abrol Smt Anita & Sh Kapil Abrol Mobile 9419273658



Smt. Sunita Sawhney

SMT SANTOSH DEVI

SMT JAI KISHORI RAINA

SMT. PREETO DEVI JI

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regert to inform that Smt Jai Kishori Raina W/o Late Jai Krishan Raina of Pethbugh Anantnag at present Block 164, flat 03 Lane 26 Jagti Jammu left for the vaikunth Dam on 19-07-2023. The Mourning is being observed at community Hall, Lane No 23 Opposite Block No 148.

The 10TH DAY KRIYA Shall be performed at Muthi Gath on 28-07-2023 at 8.30 AM and there after assembly will be held at community Hall lane No 23.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Tosha & T. N Raina -Brother in Law & Sister in Law

Daughter in Law Smt Meena Ji Raina W/o Late Ramesh Raina

Dauthers & Sons in Law Smt Kiran Koul w/o Late Rattan Lal Koul Smt Usha Raina W/o Ashok Raina

Smt Rita Raina W/o Ravinder Raina Smt Sumukhi Bhat W/o Vijay Kumar Bhat Smt Sarla Raina W/o Veer Ji Raina

Grand Children: Ritik Raina & Priyanka Raina

TENTH DAY

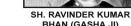
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother Smt. Preeto Devi Ji W/o Sudagar Ji, who left for heavenly abode on Friday 14-07-2023.

Tenth Day will be performed at our residence on Sat 22-07-2023 H.No. JMC 265 Colonel Colony, Bohri Talab Tillo.

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With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of ou beloved **Sh. Ravinder Kumar Bhan** S/o Late Sh. Nath Ji Bhan & Late Smt. Arandhati Bhan originally resident o Malapora, Habbakadal, Srinagar presently residing at H No.101, B/2, Vikas Nagar Sarwal, Jammu on 17/07/2023 at Mumbai. **10th Day Kriya** shall be performed o 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, Ambardar, 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. 366, Lane No. 13 Talab Tillo, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 11 July, 2023. 10th Day will be performed on 20 July, 2023 (Thursday) Mahajan Hall, Lane No.7, Talab Tillo, Jammu at 11.00 am -12.0

Kriva will be performed on 21 July, 2023 at our residence Uthala will be performed on 22 July, 2023 (Saturday) at Mal Hall, Lane No.7, Talab Tillo, Jammu at 5.00-6.00 PM.

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M/s Jawala Dry Fruit Lower Raghunath Bazar, Jammu. Mob.No. 9419192191, 7889796459, 9906118668



Smt Bimla Razdan

(Hashia)

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief we wish to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sm Bimla Razdan (Hashia) W/o Sh. J.L Razdan (Hashia) originally from Shelteng, Habakadal, Srinagar

Chiranjeev Vihar, Ghaziabad or 16th July 2023. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on 25th July 2023 (Tuesday) at Gang Nahar

Currently residing at H. No 170 Sector

Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad at 9 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Jawahar Lal Razdan (Hashia)- Husband Kanta Razdan - Sister-in-Law

Rakhil Razdan & Anjali - Son & Daughter-in-Law

Rahul Razdan & Vandana -Son & Daughter-in-Law Dr. Seema Bhargava -Daughter Rajender Razdan & Pamposh - Son & Daughter-in-Law &

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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 TENTH DAY: WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE AKHNOOR, NARDI BALA (NALI) ON FRIDAY 21-7-2023. KRIYA : WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESI-

DENCE 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

HANS RAJ & TOSHI DEVI (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)

ABHINAV NAGYAL, AYUSHMAN BISHWAL & SAKSHAM BHAGAT **(GRAND SONS**)

SUHANI NAGYAL. NIHARIKA BISHWAL. SUDIKSHA. RUHANIKA AND DEEPANSH

TENTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father 'Karam Yogi Sh Dwarika 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.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Chota Haridvar Muradnagar, Ghaziabad on 26 July 2023 at 8AM subsequent gathering will be held at our residence Flat 15, Himvarsha Apartment From Scheduler Sc Flat 15. Himvarsha Apartment Plot No 103 IF

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you that
the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Mohan Lai Magotra (Master Ji) Ramban wale who left for heavenly abode or 10TH DAY will be performed on 21-07-2023 at Ram Mandii

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Shashi Prabha - Wife Smt. Chanchala Devi- Sister-in-law Sister-in-law & Brother
Smt. Kanta Devi & Sh. Bansi Lal Magotra Daughters-in-laws & Sons

Smt. Nisha Sharma & Sh. Amit Dubey

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Shastri Nagar 11:30 AM.





Sh. Mohan Lal Magotra (Master Ji)

TENTH DAY

MITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW WE REC TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELC SMT. RUPAWATI BHAN W/O LATE SH. NIRAF NATH BHAN (R/O BRARIANGAN, UMANAGI PRESENT NANAK VIHAR, LOWER MUTHI NAHAGANESH MANDIR) WHO LEFT FOR HEAVARDAD ON THE INSTANCTION OF THE NAMA AGANESH MANDIR) WHO LEFT FOR HEAVARDADE ON THE INSTANCTION OF THE NAMA AGANESH MANDIR) WHO LEFT FOR HEAVARDADE ON THE INSTANCTION OF THE NAMA AGANESH MANDIR) WHO LEFT FOR HEAVARDADE ON THE INSTANCTION OF THE NAMA AGANESH MANDIR WHO LEFT FOR HEAVARDADE ON THE INSTANCTION OF THE NAMA AGANESH MANDIR WHO LEFT FOR HEAVARDADE ON THE INSTANCTION OF THE NAMA AGANESH WAS AGANESHED ON THE NAMA IMATAGANESA I MANDIK) WHO LEFT FOR HEAV LY ABODE ON THURSDAY 20-07-2023. TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI G ON SATURDAY 29-7-2023 AT 08:00 A.M. GRIEF STRICKEN:-

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AMAL FOTEDAR & VIJAYA KHAR RANDSONS & GRAND-DAUGHTERS IKAS BHAN & NUPUR ZUTSHI, VIVEK BHAN, VISHAL BHAN, AKASH BHAN, DIKSHA HAN, SHIKSHA BHAN, SAKSHI BHAN, SHIVAM BHAN, SUSHIL PANDITA & PRIYANIKA RCHANA PANDITI & VIVEK DHAR, RACHANA PANDITA & SHEEBU DHAR, AKSHA) HAN, ANUSHIKA BHAN REAT GRANDSON: RUDRA BHAN ONTACT NO. 8717091944, 9797363549, 7051011623, 9233016591

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER SMT VEERO DEVI W/O LATE SHRI SANSAR CHAND MAGOTRA R/O H.NO. 190, WARD NO. 39, PATOLI MANGOTRIAN, JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ARODE ON 1371H JULY 2023.

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IMFA organizes workshop featuring **vocalist Hemant Pendse**

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: The Vocal Department of the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), Poonch House, Jammu University, organized a captivating workshop featuring renowned vocalist Hemant Pendse.

The event showcased the rich traditions of Indian classical music and left the audience spellbound with mesmerizing performances.

Hemant Pendse, a highly accomplished artist and disciple of the legendary Padma Shri Pt. Jeetendra Abhisheki, presented a masterful rendition of Khayal music, impressing the attendees with his soulful voice and intricate compositions. His vast repertoire of Bandishes in Khayal music resonated with the hearts of music connoisseurs present at the event.

The workshop was ably compared by the Rajkumar Behrupia, who added a touch of humor and elegance to it. During the program, the Principal of IMFA, Prof. Sohaib Inayat Malak, extended a warm welcome to Hemant Pendse, acknowledging his significant contributions to the world of classical music.

A token of appreciation in the form of a bouquet was presented by Dr.



Priya Dutta, Head of the Music Department, to V.K. Sambyal, acknowledging his efforts in making the workshop a grand success.

Additionally, Dr. Jasmeet Kour, the event's convener, honored Hemant Pendse with a shawl, recognizing his exemplary artistry and dedication to music

The workshop witnessed an enthralling tabla accompaniment by the talented Prabhat Bali, adding rhythm and depth to the captivating performances. The event was well-attended by enthusiastic students and faculty members, all of whom were deeply inspired by the expertise and passion displayed by Hemant Pendse.

Principal of IMFA, Prof. Sohaib Inayat Malak, delivered the welcome address, expressing gratitude to Hemant Pendse for gracing the institute with his presence and enlightening the participants with his musical brilliance.

Dr. Priya Dutta, HOD of Music, presented the vote of thanks, extending appreciation to all the contributors who made the event a remarkable success.

The workshop proved to be a remarkable learning experience for all participants, enriching their understanding and appreciation of the Indian classical vocal tradition.

The Vocal Department of IMFA, Jammu University, continues its dedication to promoting the arts and nurturing young talent, ensuring a vibrant future for the world

Regular exercise, managing cholesterol & healthy lifestyle can prevent stroke: Dr Vivek

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: "For the patients of brain stroke, a new ray of hope has emerged after the advanced Neurointerventional treatment such as Mechanical Thrombectomy, which can help save patients even after 24 hours of suffering a stroke", said Dr Prof Vivek Gupta, Additional Director of Interventional Neuroradiology, Fortis Hospital, Mohali.

Talking to reporters here on Friday, Dr Prof Vivek said, "Brain stroke is a predominant factor for long-term disability and even death. The life- threatening medical condition occurs when blood supply to a part of the brain is cut off, leading to irreversible damage of the brain cells. Mechanical Thrombectomy is a minimally- invasive procedure wherein an interventional radiolo-



gist uses specialised equipment to remove a clot from a patient's

artery. A team of doctors headed by Dr Prof Gupta recently treated an 87-year-old patient from Chandigarh through Mechanical Thrombectomy, even when the patient reached Fortis Mohali 10 hours after suffering a brain stroke.

"Upon examination, the patient's right side was paralyzed and blood supply to the right side of the brain was blocked. Mechanical Thrombectomy was performed to remove the clot from his artery. The patient was discharged four days after the surgery", the doctor said.

On Fortis Hospital, Mohali, being a strokeready hospital, Dr Prof Gupta, said, "Fortis Hospital Mohali is a Stroke-ready Hospital and equipped with an expert team of doctors comprising of expert neurologists, interventional neuroradiologists, neurosurgeons and anesthetists that provide 24x7 stroke treatment such as thrombolysis or mechanical thrombectomy. The hospital provides all services related to stroke diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation, all under one roof. Fortis Mohali has also set up a dedicated Stroke Helpline-9815396700-for acute stroke patients."

Stressing on adopting a healthy lifestyle to prevent stroke, Dr Prof Gupta, said, "Physical activity and regular exercise, keeping a tab on cholesterol and blood sugar levels, regulating blood pressure and following a healthy lifestyle can help prevent a stroke. A sedentary lifestyle leads to various diseases such as hypertension, heart disease, diabetes and even stroke. Brisk walking for at least 20-30 minutes every day or cycling will not only help you keep fit, but keep several diseases at bay."

67 examined in health camp at PNB Zonal Office Amritsar

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU / AMRITSAR. Jul 21: As many as 67 Punjab National Bank employees and visitors were screered during a health checkup at PBN Zonal Office in Amritsar by IVY Hospital.

During camp a team of IVY including Dr. Gagandeep Kaur pulmonologist, Dr. Nancy Sodhi, dental



specialist and Dr. Sinthiya medical officer gave their medical consultations. .

The team attended to a diverse range of health concerns, leading to

the identification of nine potential cases requiring further attention. These included two gynecological cases, three pulmonary cases, two cardiac cases, and two orthopedic cases. This initiative marks the beginning of a beneficial partnership that will enhance the health and well-being of PNB's workforce and their beneficiaries, said Nitish Sharma, assistant manager marketing at Ivy Hospital.

Ajeet condoles demise of Som Nath Bhandari

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jul 21: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Senior Leader Chenab Valley Zone Ajeet Bhagat Condole Sad demise of Som Nath Bhandari Retired Range Officer and National Conference Block President Dacchan and Father in Law of Pooja Thakur DDC Chairperson Kishtwar District has Expressed deep sorrow on the passing away of dedicate and honest personality in a massage, Bhagat said it most unfortunate that Som Nath Bhandari no more with us in his death we lost

devoted and eminent personality who always willing to help others.

Ajeet Bhagat conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the family members, relatives and friends.

Bhagat said that Som Nath Bhandari was dedicated for his work earlier. Bhagat bereaved family members to convey his condolences.

Bhagat prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved Family to bear the irreparable loss besides this place for her in heaven.

Dewarka Choudhary inaugurates Langar for Amarnath Yatra devotees

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: Dewarka Choudhary, Kamal Jeet Singh, Pritam Singh, Rajinder Singh Jamwal and Inderieet Kour Randhawa (all Corporators) on Friday today inaugurated the Langar organized by Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society on the 21th consecutive day at Baba Purnath Temple, Bhagwati Nagar.

The Langar has been thoughtfully arranged to provide food and essential amenities for



the devotees of Lord Shiva embarking on the revered Amarnath Yatra. Inderjeet Kour Randhawa emphasized the significance of Lord Shiva and the eternal bond of

humanity that prevails in Jammu and Kashmir.

He expressed his happiness to be part of this sacred gathering and lauded the efforts of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Wel-

fare Society in providing 24x7 Langar services to the devotees of Baba

He assured his unwavering support to such noble initiatives and

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appealed to the people to come forward and contribute wholeheartedly to the Langar organizations serving the pilgrims of Amaranth Yatra.

Pritam Singh in his address, highlighted the divine essence of Lord Shiva and the blessings that His devotees receive through their worship. He expressed gratitude for the privilege to participate in the Langar and serve the devotees on the auspicious Amarnath Yatra.

DPAP Kashmiri Displaced People Wing highlights problems of displaced people

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU. Jul 21: In a joint statement issued by leaders of Kashmiri Displaced People Wing J&K DPAP Sanjay Dhar President. Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita met the Respected Chief Secretary in his office Chamber at Srinagar and discussed all important issues of displaced people as well as PM Package employees besides submission of memorandum.

The Displaced Kashmiri People youth since last thirty three years have been ignored from the employment share of J&K State/UT as well as by the Central Govt, as during 1990 about 27000 Govt./ PSU employees had fled from the Valley being in minority due to disturbance and their vacant posts were filled from majority community by the Govts of the time, without caring for reservation of these

posts for the displaced vouth but instead, the displaced employees salaries were got met from the funds of Relief and Security Measures, but not from State/UT

exchequer.

The unemployment of displaced youth got increased with the passage of time, as no employment avenues were created for this displaced community except just an meager compensation of PM Package was announced that too with a political motive, which took more than thirteen years to complete the announced posts of 6000, yet incomplete but purely remained dependent on funds of Central Govt.

The most of the youth from this displaced community after getting Degrees could not get jobs and ultimately had to face frustrations, unforeseen diseases, and the unemployment numbers raised in lakh year to year, touching overage.

Secondary level due to lack of financial resources also got depression.

These leaders requested the Govt of India as well as UT Govt. to work out a comprehensive plan for appointment of over aged qualified youth of the Community with appointment of low qualified youth in various Department/Police, but with some special relaxation of norms required to be kept in consideration.

The leaders have stressed that the overaged/Unemployed youth till their absorption require stipend for usual livelihood so that the rate of depression, frustrations, drug addiction among them may

Besides the youth who could not continue their studies beyond Higher

go down.

The leaders appealed

the Govt of India to remove the word PM Package Employment from the Foreheads of our youth and must be treated at par with employees of UT Govt. withdrawal of salaries from UT Govt. exchequer, as all these employees are giving their services to Valley People but salaries depend on Central Govt. funds.

The leaders appeal the Govt. for consideration of absorption of the unemployed youth of displaced people in police force with creation of two separate battalions with facilities of relaxation in age, qualification and other

Lastly, the Leaders have urged Govt. of India to work out a concrete one time Rehabilitation and Return Policy of Kashmiri Displaced People back in Valley which is anxiously awaited by these people, so that we can restore our lost Constitutional Rights and till then our community in Exile may be provided with the rightful survival facilities with increase of Cash Relief, modernization of medical, civic, educational system, stipend to overaged educated youth, and other Constitutional guaranteed rights, besides continuing of all living facilities as provided since last 32 years.

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Department of Wildlife Protection J&K Government Office of the Wildlife Warden, Jammu

Short-Term Tender Notice: e-NIT No.:- 51/WLWJ of 2023-24 dated: 19-07-2023 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and

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Name of work	Adv. Cost (in lacs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Receiving/ Opening Authority
De-wedding/ De-silting operation at Gharana Wetland Conservation Reserve	8.00 lacs	D	600	Throughout the season (August 2023 to March 2024)	Tender opening committee.

EMD (2% of advertised amount):- Rs 16,000/The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloadedfromthedepartmentalWebsite:-http://jktenders.gov.in.

AS/TS No. & Date Position of Funds	50 of 2023-24 (RWLWJ) dated 18-05-2023
Position of Funds	Approved under CAMPA
Publishing Date	19-07-2023
Download Start Date	19-07-2023
Bid Submission Start Date	20-07-2023
Bid submission End Date	29-07-2023 up to 04:00 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid	31-07-2023 at 12:00 PM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu, Manda Hills, Jammu)
Date of opening of Financial Bid	. 31-07-2023
Bid documents can be seer	at and download from the website:

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Removal/eradication of					Tender
lantana/obnoxious weeds in	2.748 lacs	D	600	1 Month	opening
Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary					committee.

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Position of Funds	Appro	oved under CAMPA			
Publishing Date		19-07-2023			
Download Start Date		19-07-2023			
Bid Submission Start Date		20-07-2023			
Bid submission End D	ate	26-07-2023 up to 04:00 PM			
Date of opening of Technical Bid		27-07-2023 at 12:00 PM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu, Manda Hills, Jammu)			
Date of opening of Financia	l Bid.	27-07-2023			
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EDITORIAL

NEED STRICT LAWS

rime is an act which is prohibited by law in the country and for which punishment is prescribed. Such acts done by any class of person, which violate social rules, laws, come under the category of crime. There is no fixed definition or classification of crimes. With the passage of time, these changes and necessary amendments keep on happening. A decade ago, where there were no special laws for rape, caste discrimination, illiteracy, personal freedom against women.

Then all these did not come under the category of crime. But after the making of the constitution, now the provision of punishment and fine has been fixed for all kinds of crimes. In which different types of crimes are accurately defined.

Every act done against the society, which causes harm to someone or loss of money, comes under the category of crime. In the Indian Penal Procedure Code i.e. the book of law, crimes are mainly divided into two categories.

Cognizable Offences: It includes such offenses in which the police can arrest any person without any warrant. If FIR related to cognizable offense is registered against him. For example, kidnapping, murder, rape, taking bribe, treason, damaging government property, etc. come under the category of cognizable offences.

Non Cognizable Offense: Offenses in which the police have no power to arrest any person without warrant. Like inciting religious sentiments, abortion, cheating, defamation, producing false witnesses etc.

But apart from these, there are many other types of crimes. Because as man is progressing, inventing, moving forward in the field of technology, criminals are promoting new types of crimes. Such as cybercrime, online fraud under this, creating fake profiles on social media, making indecent and anti-social comments, posting the work without the author's permission, misusing someone's photo, banking fraud, e- Mail fraud, phishing, spamming etc.

Day by day crimes are increasing in the society. The main reason for increasing crime is our changing lifestyle, social conditions, mental stress, increasing use of social media, cheap internet. Many people learn to commit crimes only by watching videos on the internet, while some instigate people through social media. There is also a reason that criminals do not fear punishment, the law of the country is very flexible. The criminals take advantage of this and get away.

Economic Reason – What does poverty not make a person do? If there is no grain of food in the stomach and there is no means of employment, then a person gets ready to do any kind of work for the bread of two times. Just taking advantage of this poverty and helplessness of the people, vicious criminals get them killed and looted. The poor person himself is forced to steal in order to earn his bread for two times.

Unemployment – Unemployment is one of the major problems of India. With the speed with which our population is increasing, lakhs of children are graduating every year. But that number of jobs are not being generated every year. And the graph of unemployment is continuously increasing. Unemployment breaks the mood of any youth so much. Then he becomes eager to do anything in the greed of money.

Mental Disorders – At present, we are developing rapidly, but along with it many new diseases are arising – mental disorders are one of them. Ever since we started busying ourselves between machines and the internet, our social life is less.

Everyday we get to read one or the other news in the newspapers that in some area some people ran away after stealing money and jewellery, took advantage of the darkness of the night to steal money from ATMs, husband killed his wife in a quarrel between husband and wife, two groups fought, sometimes there was a Naxalist, terrorist attack at some place, and somewhere violence and murders, looting took place in the name of religion.

At the root of all these problems, there appears to be only one reason – the degradation of inner morality. Today the humanity inside the person has ended. The reason for this is the increasing tendency of selfishness in our society. According to the statistics released recently by the National Crime Records Bureau, there has been a steady increase in crimes like rape, and kidnapping in the past years.

There is a need for social, economic, and political strategy to reduce crimes in India, so that there is moral development of individuals and the crime rate can be reduced by punishing criminals in due time.

Memories of another day: Of media & power brokers

By: Sunanda K Datta Ray

he death last month of veteran journalist Subhash Chakravarty marked the passing of an age that brought out both the best and worst in the media. The new stage managers of public life are too busy projecting themselves and securing their own positions to allow newspapermen much of a role. The apparent exceptions are a handful of courtiers whose subservience is rewarded with a throwaway crumb or two.

Subhash was not one of them. He didn't want Rajya Sabha membership, a diplomatic assignment or a corporate sinecure. But I discovered when researching Waiting for America: India and the US in the New Millennium at the East-West Centre in Honolulu, he had been present at the creation of the process that led to Narendra Modi's honeymoon with Joe Biden. He was the only journalist to report that some weeks after the 1980 US presidential election Indira Gandhi sent her cousin, B.K. Nehru, who had represented India to the Kennedy and Johnson presidencies, on a surprise visit to Washington to deliver "a personal message extending her cooperation to the incoming President", Ronald Reagan. Jimmy Carter was still in the White House. K.R. Narayanan had not yet presented his credentials as ambassador.

The President-elect was being very selective about whom he met. Only Subhash reported that the "chance encounter" with Reagan that Nehru's influential friends arranged marked the start of an unusually warm exchange of letters between him and Mrs Gandhi. The legacy of that rapprochement is that Narendra Modi can be far more supportive of Washington's strategic positions than previous Indian leaders.

Subhash probably didn't anticipate

that. He wasn't an analyst. He may even have agreed with New York Times columnist Tom Wicker who declared after a presidential race that "neither candidates nor press believe that the public is really concerned about issues". He was essentially a "who-did-what-to-whom" reporter. Like many reporters, he was also a snob.

The idea of Mrs Gandhi assigning Nehru to lobby Reagan's elitist friends fascinated him. Some may have derided this penchant for what he called "high society". When I telephoned him on reaching Delhi one Sunday evening, Subhash apologised that he couldn't see me the next morning. "I have an appointment with Maharani Gayatri Devi of Jaipur!" So did the capital's entire press corps, I retorted, because the Maharani was hosting a well-advertised Swatantra Party press conference. Subhash was not abashed. He was a good man, honest and simple, who would not dream of promoting (or hurting) someone through his reports. Instead, he always helped people in those years of privation when many necessities were luxuries. Subhash would expedite phone connections, obtain gas cylinders, get trivial road offence fines waived, and arrange foreign exchange for those going abroad. It was said that at a nod from Atal Behari Vajpayee, he made the AIIMS booking for the CPI's revered Indrajit Gupta who was suffering from cancer.

Politics and journalism have always been two sides of the same coin. Whether they admit it or not, politicians need the media to broadcast their views and gain support. The media languishes without access to news sources. Not all newspapermen welcome this. Ian Stephens, a distinguished editor of The Statesman, then India's only British-owned and edited daily and a power in the land, where

Subhash started his career, had deep qualms over accepting a social invitation from Lord Mountbatten, the governor-general.

Stephens' personally supervised coverage of the Bengal famine had forced the authorities in Calcutta, New Delhi and London to drop their posture of pious ignorance and take belated ameliorative action. He feared that hobnobbing with the mighty might affect this independence. There was peril in receiving confidences from the country's rulers.

Mountbatten might over lunch or tea disclose some government plan and ask him to keep it under his hat. How could he do so if the information had news value? The safest course for a journalist was to keep a safe distance from those who exercised power. Reagan called it the "friction of freedom".

No Indian newspaperman would dream of similarly rebuffing the country's top man. A colleague of mine made a point of always arriving late at parties with the explanation that he had to stop at Raj Bhavan (West Bengal was under President's Rule) because the "old man" wanted "a bit of advice". I also recall a briefing for Indian correspondents by our deputy high commissioner to Britain at London's India House when a New Delhi editor turned up unexpectedly. He was provided with a chair beside us but was clearly unhappy with the arrangement. He rectified it by slowly, yet ever so adamantly, sliding his chair centimetre by surreptitious centimetre, inch by furtive inch, along the marble floor, the space between him and us widening as the space between him and the deputy high commissioner narrowed.

Eventually, he and the deputy high commissioner were sitting almost side by side. He had turned round in his chair and faced us beaming.

An episode in Saeed Naqvi's July 17

column in this newspaper ("Farewell Dada! Memories of an extraordinary 1979 China visit") recalled that editor's acrobatics. Saeed, N. Ram of The Hindu and Subhash were covering Vajpayee's visit to China as external affairs minister. With Vajpayee was Jagat Mehta, the polished foreign secretary who was an experienced China hand from the mid-1960s. It was typical that no matter where they were in China, Subhash telephoned his editor, Girilal Jain, twice a day for all the Delhi gup-shup. But let Saeed tell his tale.

"It was all very satisfactory until one reached Hangzhou, the great cultural centre. After a memorable banquet by the local party chief, we retired to our rooms in an exquisite hotel. This was usually the time for Dada [as many called Subhash] to walk to the press room for his confabulation with his editor. Such was Dada's demeanour that it appeared to those who were listening to the conversation that Dada was actually scolding his editor. That was his style. This particular conversation with Girilal Jain ended dramatically. Dada left the handset dangling by the spiral cord, rather like the climax of Dial M for Murder. He ran toward Jagat Mehta's room and began banging on the door. 'Jagat, open the door' he thundered ominously, 'China has invaded Vietnam'." At once recognising the significance of the event, Subhash had to be the first to inform the senior most Indian official he could get hold of. It did not matter that playing the errand boy was no part of the Times of India bureau chief's job. But, then, there's no exact equivalent in any Indian language for "officious". Many supposedly English-speaking Indians think it means "official". Meddlesome or busybody in a derogatory sense are not frowned on here. Narendra Modi wouldn't have savoured the self-bestowed "Vishwa Guru" title so proudly if Indians were not an officious people.

Why philosophy is crucial for young minds: It will help 'think' better

By: Devi Kar

fter having worked A with children for the greater part of my life, with children for the I find that younger children in their quest to understand the world often ask philosophical questions. It is only when they are older that they become bogged down by the demands of tests, exams, co-curricular activities and so on. Consequently, the spontaneous curiosity to understand life and its meaning is suddenly gone. Still later, their time is taken up by career concerns and preparation for entry into appropriate higher study institutions. So, there is no time to reflect on the larger questions of life and only questions pertaining to their syllabus matter to them. Perhaps in their old age they will again feel the need to return to the questions they asked as children.

Who created the universe? How do you know that God is around when nobody has seen him or her? Why do people have to die? What happens after death? These and other myriad questions are asked and everyone would agree that it is quite a challenge to answer them. I remember being in an awkward situation when a little girl asked me whether God had created everything. Unsuspectingly, I said: "That is what most people believe". "Then why do you scold me when it is God who makes the thoughts in

my head!" I was nonplussed and didn't quite know how to respond. But when I told my professor about this, he told me that it was simple -- I should have just said: "It is God who makes me punish you".

These dialogues with children made me wonder whether philosophy should be taught in school. In fact, years ago we offered the subject at the higher secondary level until the time that there were no takers for the subject. Students (and their parents) felt that the subject was of no use for their careers. But somewhere in my mind I used to think that there could be simple philosophical discussions in class without any tests or exams. This idea was reinforced when I read Sundar Sarukkai's lovely little illustrated book called Philosophy for Children. Sarukkai states that children should be encouraged to explore and question rather than just collect information.

This develops the imagination as well as understanding. Children also get to learn that everyone's perception is not the same and therefore views differ. These are important things to find out when you are young, otherwise you may grow up to be narrow and blinkered. Incidentally, I read a brilliant book called Plato and a Platypus Walk into a Bar, which beautifully demonstrates that philosophy can be explained through jokes!

An encouraging feature that

the boards are introducing is open-ended questioning. This is associated with the study of philosophy as there are is no philosophical question that can be answered correctly or definitely. The student can only speculate and arrive at her own conclusion with the help of divergent and convergent thinking. Then they draw up a set of logical arguments to support their conclusion, which in turn can be refuted.

Teachers keep complaining that they are so busy trying to "cover" the syllabus and "clearing doubts" (school teacher jargon) that they don't have time for other things. Someone commented: "Why should they cover the syllabus, they should uncover it." But the recent attempt to trim the syllabus will help our teachers to encourage discussions which will lead to lively questioning in class and an engagement with the outside world. Prof. Krishna Kumar had mentioned (in Smaller Citizens: Writings on the Making of Indian Citizens): "...schools and colleges socialise the young to ignore the world or fear it rather than approach it with the passion to understand it or engage with it".

I feel sure that nobody would recommend Philosophy as a formal subject in school. But what we can do is to take advantage of the natural curiosity of small children to understand the world (through exploration, play and continuous questioning) and make it part of each child's learning. In other words, young people should not ever cease to reflect on the larger issues of life in their quest to ensure a good living.

Some students are fortunate to have teachers and mentors who encourage them to think freely and ask questions freely. These teachers do not immediately turn away from the child who has given a wrong answer but takes the trouble to find how the answer was arrived at. They ask questions which have no right or wrong answers and they value the opinion of every child and see that no question is perceived as "silly" and no answer is laughed at.

One young student asks: "Why is Buddha called a saint? He left his wife and child in the middle of the night and didn't even tell them that he was going." It needs a very competent teacher to make a child understand that for some people sacrifice for the greater good is more important than family. Another child feels that protecting one's friend is important for her and even if she is appointed the class monitor, she would never report her friend's wrongdoing to the authorities. Tackling these significant issues in an openminded way -- that is without imposing one's own views -amounts to teaching philosophy to young minds.

Under ABDM, Scan & Share OPD starts in SDH Bhaderwah

TOP NEWS REPORT

DODA, Jul 21: Jammu & Kashmir Govt has rolled out scan and share OPD registration facilities at different health care facilities in the UT J&K, an initiative launched by the Health & Medical Education Department, aims to digitize healthcare records and streamline the process of availaing services.

In this connection, the Scan & Share OPD registration facility has been started today at Govt Sub District Hospital Bhaderwah, which was inaugurated by Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Ab Hamid Zargar in presence of BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf Kuchay.

Speaking on the occasion, the CMO Doda Dr Zargar informed that the Scan and Share facility is a part of the ongoing Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and is aimed to bring ease to the patients and attendants and in order to reduce wait times and eliminate the problem of long queues of patients seeking OPD registra-



QR code based rapid OPD registration service is being implemented by the National Health Authority under its flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, which would guarantee seamless entry to hospitals as part of the digital interventions for improving citizen's ease of living.

Further CMO added that, very soon other health facilities like SDH Gandoh and CHC Thathri shall also be started with this new initiative of Scan and Share OPD registration facility.

BMO Bhaderwah

giving details about this new start up at SDH Bhaderwah said that this service will enable patients to scan the QR code of the facility and share their demographic details and health records. The QRs codes are displaced at multiple places in the waiting and registration area, where patients can easily identify them and scan them using their smart phones for faster OPD registration. Once a patient who's Scan and Share number is displayed on the screen

arrives at the counter,

the operator retrieves

from the system based on the token number and prints the OPD card in a hassle free manner.

It is pertinent to mention here that SDH Bhaderwah became the first health facility under the health department to start this new initiative in the chenab region and for availaing this seamless service, the people have to create an ABHA ID through Aadhaar and keep a mobile application with feature of ABHA, with them before visiting the hospital.

Among others, DPM NHM Doda Jahangir Mehta, DL&FO NCD Mohammad Faheem besides the staff including BMPU Bhaderwah were present during the inaugural ceremony.

GDC Chatroo organises awareness programme on Nasha Mukt Bharat

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jul 21: As a part of different activities being organised under the theme G-20 Department of Persian GDC Chatroo in collaboration with department social welfare Sub-Division Chatroo organises an awareness cum capacity building programme in which students of the college along with students of Hr.Sec School Chatroo took active part. In addition to the students Asha workers and Anganwari workers also participated in the programme.

The programme started with the welcome address by Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Shahnawaz Ahmed.

The key note address regarding Nasha Mukt Bharat was delivered by Dr Muddasser Nazar, who presented a descriptive analysis on Nasha mukt and presented latest data regarding intoxication and drug addicts across India.

The guest on occasion Dr Haris Masoodi spoke on rehabilitation and De-addiction process of drug addicts . He further thanks the audience to motivate parents of such individuals

to bring them to De-addiction center being established for the purpose without the involvement of any other individual and also stressed upon parents to keep an eye on their school going students.

The students of college Mr mohd Amir and Sangeeta devi also expressed their view on Nasha mukti and capacity building. Seshi Kumar and others also spoke on the occasion.

The programme was organized under the supervision of Principal GDC Chatroo Prof.(Dr) Ved kumar, who was also the Chief Guest of the programme.

Dr Ved Kumar appreciated the efforts of the students, staff and department of social welfare for organising the event.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Shahnawaz Ahmed TSWO Chatroo.

TMF prays for speedy recovery of Army officers injured in tree falling incident

JAMMU, Jul 21: Team Mask Force (TMF) Chairman Vijay Sharma & his team held a prayer meeting in Jammu to pray for speedy recovery of Army personnel injured in tree falling on their convoy in Ramban District. The injured soldiers were shifted to hospital for treatment. The route leading to valley of Kashmir & Ladakh is full of hazardous journey and risks involved enroute. The NH 44 authorities have to struggle round the clock

to ensure that link is maintained for journey to valley. The Army personnel who go to Kashmir & Ladakh in the frontiers if get saved from hazardous journey have again to face risk by enemy posts and is laudable always.

JKBS members urge help for tormented family

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: Swami Vinay Muni Charitable Trust distributed warm clothes to the poor fami-

Members of Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha visited a 19 years old youth namely Vishal Kumar at Government Medical College Jammu, who met with an accident and was badly injured.

Members helped him out financially and urged others to support him so that his life could be saved.

R.L Kaith said, we need to understand the fact that we are just a visitor in the world. We might have accumulated millions of dol-

Vivek Agnihotri, Pallavi unveil trailer of ZEE5's latest

lars but someday we are going to leave all behind. Everything will stay behind, and we will be back to the source which is the universe. So before we go, we need to make sure that we live completely. And that completeness will come only when we have a better relation-

ship with the human.

The world is an utterly difficult place to live in because the inequality is just so devastating. There are so many ill people who do not have money to go for treatment. We must feel their pain. We can donate a little amount to such tormented persons so that they could save their lives, Kaith added.

SKJAVS Trust meets VC SKUAST-J

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust President Mahant Rohit Shastri and other trust members met Dr. B.N Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu.

On this occasion trust, President Mahant Rohit Shastri and other's has also presented Kartavya Marg- the annual in-house magazine of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Evam Vedic Sansthan trust to the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the all Sanskrit scholars.

On this Mahant Rohit Shastri further revealed that Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu Kashmir running its administration on the directions of Vice Chancellor Dr. B.N Tripathi and is providing quality education and it is one of the pioneer universities of the world and this university is attaining the heights of achievements day by day, the entire administration and more particularly Vice Chancellor (SKUAST) really deserve appreciation.

Shastri also said to the students that the students should prefer to serve their society and nation after attaining the education from this esteemed

Dr. B. N. Tripathi has an illustrious academic and professional career, including a post-doctorate from the Institute of Animal Health, Compton



(UK) in 1998-99 and a visiting scientist position at Moredun Research Institute, Edinburgh in 2003-04.

He has received several international travel fellowships and grants, recognizing his contributions to the field of veterinary science. With over 32 years of experience, including 13 years in administrative roles, Dr. Tripathi has made significant contributions to various national and international insti-

He has published numerous research papers, books, manuals, technical bulletins, and policy papers, demonstrating his expertise and commitment to advancing the field of veterinary science. Notably, he has contributed to the development of vaccines for animal coronaviruses and lumpy skin disease

On occasion Arun Makhnotra, Uttam Chand Sharma and Naresh Raina were

TOP NEWS REPORT SRINAGAR, Jul 21:

ZEE5, India's largest homegrown OTT platform and a multilingual storyteller, released the trailer of its next original series 'The Kashmir Files Unreported' in the heart of Srinagar, Kashmir today.

After the blockbuster success of the critically acclaimed film The Kashmir Files, national award-winning filmmaker Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri promises the sequel to be far more eye-opening and spinechilling. Produced by Vivek Agnihotri and Pallavi Joshi's, lam Buddha Entertainment and Media LLP, the 7-part series will premiere on ZEE5 soon.

Woven together

through real life anecdotes, survivor testimonies and archived footages, The Kashmir Files Unreported delves into the historical, ethnical, and geopolitical details, encapsulating the events, mistakes, crimes and circumstances that led to the massacre and mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the valley in the 1990s. It goes on to portray the state of affairs which led to the abrogation of Article 370 and its repercussions on Kashmir today.

Trailer Link - https:// youtu.be/JL36IMMUeFY As seen in the trailer, the narrative is captured via conversations with historians, experts, real life victims and their families including experts like Dr. Meen-

original series 'The Kashmir Files Unreported' akshi Jain who was conferred with the Padma Shri award in 2020 for her work in the field of literature and education; Rakesh K Kaul who is the author of bestsellers 'The Last Queen of Kashmir' and 'Dawn: The Warrior Princess of Kashmir': Shesh Paul Vaid - the former Director General of Police of J&K; Manoj Raghuvanshi - ex TV journalist and the first journalist to do a lead story on terrorism erupting in Kashmir in July 1989; Dr. Tej Tikoo – Retired Colonel and veteran of 1971 Indo-Pak war and the author of 'Kashmir: Its Aborigines and their

> Exodus' among others. While The Kashmir Files was a 3-hour long movie which shook the

nation, yet it was only the tip of the iceberg. This series is far more heartwrenching, eye-opening and spine-chilling as it unravels the unreported realities, facts and the truth behind the massacre and the exodus of the Kashmiri Pandits straight from the horses' mouth. It also maps the centuries old journey of Kashmir, hailed as the paradise on earth, its significance to India, its people and culture and their evolution from being a melting pot of civilization and knowledge, to being repeatedly attacked, radicalized and systemically reduced to a warzone like condition of today. Manish Kalra, Chief Business Officer, ZEE5 India said, "The Kashmir

dous response from our audience due to the real and relatable stories of the Kashmiri Pandits it portrayed. In the new series 'The Kashmir Files Unreported', Vivek Agnihotri has meticulously delved into the history, culture and geopolitical complexities of the region through the lens of academicians, researchers, historians and real-life experiences of the people of Kashmir. With the growing popularity of real stories which bring out the hidden truths of our society, we are working with creators with an aim to enrich our library with riveting tales with compelling storytelling for our audiences on ZEE5."

Files received a tremen-

Dimple leads protest rally condemning violence, seeks resignation of Manipur CM

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, spearheaded a protest rally on Janipur High Court Road to express outrage against the escalating violence, gang rapes, and destruction that have unfolded in Manipur over the past 80 days, demanding swift action from the authori-

Addressing the gathering, Sunil Dimple vehemently condemned the heinous gang rapes of women, teenagers, and young girls that have recently come to light in Manipur. He also expressed grave concern about the rising communal violence and the deteriorating law and order situation in the region.



for the immediate resignation of Manipur Governor and Chief Minister, CM Berin Singh, for their alleged failure to effectively address the mounting crisis. Sunil Dimple urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address the nation in Parliament and provide clarity on the situation in Manipur, which has bloodshed and destruction in the last 80 days. "It is disheartening to

witness the alarming escalation of violence in Manipur under the Union BJP government," stated Sunil Dimple. "The lack of response from the Prime Minister's office has left the entire nation in shock and anger."

Dimple further accused the BJP government of silencing dissent by cutting off internet services, and highlighted the reports of churches being burnt and terrorists gaining ground amidst the chaos. He emphasized the pressing need for immediate intervention to prevent further loss of lives, destruction of property,

and restore peace in the region.

"The escalating cases of naked women gang rapes demand urgent attention, but it seems the government has turned a blind eye," said Dimple, who alleged involvement of both police officers and terrorists in these brutal acts.

Dimple appealed to the citizens of India and all states to stand in solidarity with the people of Manipur and commence a nationwide agitation against the alarming situation.

Among those who joined the protest include Vijay Virdi, Mohanlal, Swarn Singh, Vikas, Seepak, Lohri Shaha, Arun Verma, S Kala Singh, Babu Singh, Kewal Kumar, Balu, and many others.

SBI General Insurance extends support to those affected by floods in the Northern Region

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: SBI General Insurance has stated that it extends support to customers who have been impacted by flash floods and landslides that have severely affected the areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Delhi amongst other places in the Northern India.

Amidst these heavy rains and adverse situation, the SBI General Insurance said, it has urged the peoiple to stay indoors and safe and protect their properties and vehicles from any damage.

"SBI General Insurance stands by its customers during these testing times. The team has set the standard operating process in motion and has set up a task force to manage queries and claims on fast-track mode. It is monitoring the incoming information and is equipped to respond to all the queries," a press statement issued by the company said.

The statement added that the customers can intimate or register claim via various means which include: Call the company's toll-free number 1800 102 1111; SMS <CLAIM> to 561612; Send details on email: customer.care@ sbigeneral.in or Visit Claims Intimation Section on www.sbigeneral.in.

The company statement further said, "To avoid any delays in the claim settlement procedure, the Company has contacted a panel of surveyors. SBI General follows a process of 'Express Claims' settlement for losses of up to Rs. 10 lakhs for affected customers. Customers have experienced challenges and losses because of the floods and heavy rainfall, SBI General will waive the paperwork requirement wherever practicable. In the case of some smaller claims, immediate settlements will be offered with efforts to help those affected recover. SBI General is devoted to assisting their customers and get them back on their feet as quickly as possible. Having invested in digital readiness and a thorough Business Continuity Plan, SBI General is well placed to help the customers when they need it the most."

As the Nine-dash line in South China Sea is obstructing Barbie's entry into Vietnam, it brings into focus how geopolitics is the new reason forbanning films

The clamour for movies being banned in India is nothing new — hurting religious sentiments, distorting history, family taking offence to biopics, the list of reasons is rather long. Add another reason to it—geopolitics. Though this time it's a Hollywood flick being banned in Vietnam.

As Greta Gerwig's fantasy comedy Barbie hits international screens today, people in Vietnam would miss their chance to see Margot Robbie as Barbie and Ryan Gosling as Ken. The point of contention is the Nine-dash line making a blink and miss appearance in the trailer. The Nine-dash line is controversial due to border disputes between China, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, Brunei, and the Philippines in South China Sea.

Initially, there was clamour in Philippines for banning the film as well, but the country's Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) cleared the film with PG rating, requesting Warner Bros. to 'blur the controversial lines in order to avoid further misinterpretations'. Warner Bros jumped in to control the damage, issuing a statement that the child-like crayon drawing depicting Barbie's journey from Barbieland



to the real world and was 'not intended to make any type of statement'.

Not the only one

Barbie is not the first film to land in Nine-dash line controversy. Before this, Abominable (2019) and Uncharted (2022) met a similar fate. Jill Culton's computer-animated adventure film Abominable also had a map with the Nine-dash line, which led to the film being banned in Vietnam 10 days after its release. Authorities in Philippines and Malaysia wanted the scene cut from the film that Universal didn't agree to, which led to the film being banned in both these countries. Tom Holland-starrer Uncharted also had the same controversial map with Nine-dash line for a treasure hunt map. While Vietnam banned it over 'illegal images', Philippines followed suit citing the scenes with the map as 'contrary to national interest'.

It's not just territorial disputes that have led to different nations banning films, mythology and ethnicity have also stirred the hornet's nest. Adipurush had its share of lows, and while there were calls to ban the film in India, which did not happen, Nepal banned it for some time. The point of contention was a dialogue that claimed Sita as 'India's daughter!" While some believe Sita was born in Mithila. Bihar, in India, others claim she was born in Mithila, Nepal. The Prabhas-starrer was banned in Kathmandu, but a Nepal court later lifted the ban.

Docu-drama Queen Cleopatra on Netflix led to a furore in Egypt over casting of mixed race British actress Adele James, leading to accusations of 'blackwashing' and 'appropriating' Egyptian culture. The call for diversity has led to issues within America. The Little Mermaid with black Ariel didn't go down well as social media was inundated with #notmyariel over casting of Halle Bailey in titular role. Not only the US, the film faced a similar outcry in China and South Korea.

Novelist and screenwriter Sumrit Shahi agrees that the world is getting more divisive, "With the rise of nationalism, interpretation of globe is getting narrower." While writing, he likes to take a calculated risk. "To save myself from such issues, it is best to fictionalise the place. When writing, if it looks like something can lead to a huge controversy, completely avoid it. But sometimes it's okay to take a calculated risk."

Nine—dash line becoming the point of contention thrice lately, he points out, "For Hollywood, probably Vietnam or Philippines don't make that big a market as say India or China, so many a times its a call on how something affects your business."

Amanda Seyfried's film 'Seven Veils' to premiere at TIFF



Amanda Seyfriedstarrer Seven Veils is all set to premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). The film is helmed by Atom Egoyan. Rebecca Liddiard, Douglas Smith, Mark O' Brien and Vinessa Antoine are also a part of the

Excited about the film's premiere, TIFF CEO Cameron Bailey said, "We are hon-

oured to premiere Atom Egoyan's extraordinary film at this year's festival. Egoyan's cinematic works are unmatched, and we are excited to bring Seven Veils to our TIFF audiences and to the city of Toronto, his home."

In Seven Veils, Seyfried plays Jeanine, an earnest theatre director tasked with remounting her former mentor's most famous work, the opera Salome. According to the official logline, Jeanine, haunted by dark and disturbing memories from her past, allows her repressed trauma to colour the present, as she reenters the opera world

after many years.
Seven Veils is Egoyan's 18th movie to premiere at TIFF. The filmmaker, whose credits include 2009's Chloe and The Captive, first directed Salome for the Canadian Opera Company in 1996 and returned earlier this year to revive the production on stage.

Egoyan, Stated "Amanda is a phenomenal actress, and here she brilliantly plays a woman dealing with complex and explosive relationships in her past, present, and future. To have the world premiere of this film at TIFF and to be partnering with the Canadian Opera Company really brings my two great passions together in such a beautiful way." TIFF will take place from September 7 to 17. The full line-up for the 48th edition will be released in August.

Mahajan Group prepares for their 75th anniversary in Vanshaj

Sony SAB's Vanshaj is a political drama about complex relationships within a prosperous business dynasty. As the narrative unfolds, Yuvika, portrayed by Anjali Tatrari, is entrusted with the crucial task of creating an AV for the 75th anniversary of the Mahajan business.

Anjali Tatrari, who plays the character of Yuvika, says, "While Yuvika has made her way to the Mahajan house, she still has to make her mark as a person, who is capable of carrying the business forward, and she strives her best to put together a great showcase of the work done by the Mahajan Group, particularly celebrating the role of Dadababu (played by Puneet Issar). But like all her endeavours so far, this task is also full of challenges. It will be interesting to see if



Yuvika, with her determination, overcomes

the obstacles that come up along the way."

Bhumi to be honoured with Disruptor Award at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

Actor Bhumi Pednekar will be honoured with the Disruptor Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2023 (IFFM) for her impeccable work both on and off-screen.

In her career, she has etched a strong position for herself as a power-house performer working on films with strong subjects that matter. In addition, this recognition will also be for her relentless commitment to addressing climate change and promoting sustainability.

The award will be presented to the actor on the festival's opening day, August 11.

Speaking of this honour, Bhumi said, "I am so grateful for having been awarded as the Disruptor of the year by IFFM. This recognition means a lot to me. Through my work, through the films



and roles I take up, the causes that I support

and stand up for and for everything I do to

champion climate conservation, this is exactly what I strive for - I strive to live a life of impact. I aim at changing society for the better, by championing representation of women in cinema and fighting for gender inclusivity, and working towards achieving environmental stability. This acknowledgement by IFFM strengthens my belief that I am following the correct course and making progress in the right direction. I am thrilled to celebrate the power of cinema and creative spirit with everyone present at IFFM this year. The film festival's unwavering dedication to promoting Indian cinema globally and providing a platform for artists to showcase their work is truly commendable.

The Award will be presented to Bhumi by a dignitary from the Victorian government, highlighting the collaborative effort between the festival and the government in promoting impactful work in the entertainment industry.

As part of the recognition, she will be engaging in a special fireside chat with a live audience on sustainability, further cementing her role as a catalyst for change.

The festival will take place from August 11 to August 20.

Meanwhile, Bhumi will be next seen in the thriller film "The Ladykiller" opposite actor Arjun Kapoor.

'The Ladykiller' will chronicle the story of a small-town playboy who falls in love with a 'self-destructive beauty' as they embark on a whirlwind romance. Ajay Bahl, who previously helmed movies like 'BA Pass' and 'Section 375', has directed this film.

Celina Jaitly says she is unable to sleep or eat after watching 'heinous' Manipur videos: Shaking with anger and pain

Celina Jaitly has demanded the government to take strict action against those involved in the heinous crime against two women in

Celina Jaitly is one of the many Bollywood celebrities who have reacted with rage in response to the crimes against two tribal women, who were stripped naked and paraded on the road by a large group of men. The months-old incidents came to light only when a video of the incident went viral recently.

Celina Jaitly's post on Manipur Taking to Twitter, Celina wrote, "I am unable to sleep or eat since I saw the Manipur violence videos few hours ago. Shaking with anger, pain and anger again. Violence is violence... Ethnic, non ethnic, whatever the reason violence is violence and violence against women isn't cultural, it's criminal."

She further wrote, "Protection of women and children should be utmost priority of authorities. To see this heinous, barbaric crime against women has shaken me to the core, I urge the government and I have faith in the govern-

ment that they take such stringent action that no one dares even in their wildest dreams to think of ever attempting anything like this ever again!!! Manipur burning... Manipur crisis."

One of the Twitter users commented on her post, "Faith? This happened 77days ago." Another said, "I feel you @CelinaJaitly I was shaken to the core myself when I came across this barbaric, inhuman video. My heart cries and I feel sad to see what is becoming of my home country."

Celina on death of one of her premature babies

A day before, Celina opened up about the death of one of her twins five years ago. She shared a picture of the surviving twin along with her husband Peter Haag and penned a long note for all those parents who deal with premature birth of their babies.

She wrote, "It took me 5 years to come to terms with this episode of our lives but I have finally summoned the courage to talk about my ordeal to help many parents who reach out to @peterhaag & I as they deal with the trauma of

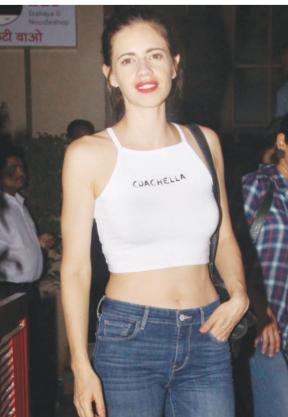


preterm birth and loss of a baby. Peter n I want such parents to know that they can get through this. In personal experience we both can vouch that your Preemie baby is a true survivor. #preemies show us the power of faith & prayer and the fight of the human spirit. Remember that most #premature-babies survive and live completely normal, healthy lives."

Kalki Koechlin on Made in Heaven Season 2 The makers of Made on Amazon Prime Video.

The makers of Made in Heaven on Thursday dropped an exciting recap video of the first season. The lead actor of the drama series, Kalki Koechlin, shared her excitement for the coming season.

Taking to Instagram, Zoya Akhtar posted a video accompanied by Kalki's captivating voiceover. The recap video intensifies the intrigue surrounding the suspenseful cliff-hanger that concluded the first season, leaving fans craving for answers. As the first season of Made in Heaven concluded with Tara (Sobhita Dhulipala) finding out about the affair between her husband Adil (Jim Sarbh) and her best friend Faiza (Kalki Koechlin), their lives stood at a critical crossroad. Made in Heaven Season 1 garnered immense popularity and critical acclaim, captivating audiences with its



compelling storytelling, nuanced characters, and thought-provoking

themes

Created by Zoya

Akhtar and Reema Kagti, the official release date of the second season is still awaited. The show will stream

Expressing her excitement, Kalki shared in a statement, "As an actor, it's incredibly gratifying to see how Season 1 of Made in Heaven resonated with audiences and became such a popular and critically acclaimed series. The overwhelming response from fans has been heartwarming. Moving forward into Season 2, I couldn't be more thrilled and excited. We have an incredible journey ahead, and just like the fans, I am looking forward to delving deeper into the lives of these complex characters and seeing what lies ahead of them. I can assure the loyal fans of Made In Heaven that Season 2 will be grander and an enthralling experience." The show is created by Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti and is written along with Alankrita Shrivastava.

Need to skill our workforce in use of advanced technologies and processes: PM Modi at G20 meet

Addressing the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting at Indore via video link, Modi says that globally, mobile workforce is going to be a reality

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said there is a need to skill the workforce in the use of advanced technologies and processes

Addressing the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting at Indore via video link, Modi said that globally, mobile workforce is going to be a real-

"We all need to skill our workforce in the use of advanced technologies and processes. Skilling, re-skilling and upskilling are the mantras for the future workforce. In India, our Skill India Mission is a campaign to



connect with this reality," Modi

"Globally, mobile workforce

is going to be a reality in the future. Therefore, it is now time to globalise the development and sharing of skills in the true sense. The G20 must play a leading role in this," he said.

Modi lauded the efforts of the meeting participants for initiating the international referencing of occupations by skills and qualifications requirements.

"The amazing work done by frontline health and other workers in India during Covid showed their skills and dedication. It also reflected our culture of service and compassion. Indeed, India has the potential to become one of the largest providers of skilled workforce for the world," he said.

PM Modi holds talks with Sri **Lankan President Wickremesinghe**



NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held wide-ranging talks with visiting Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe largely focusing on boosting overall economic and strategic cooperation.

Wickremesinghe arrived in Delhi on Thursday on a two-day visit which is the first tour of India by a senior Sri Lankan leader since the island nation was hit by an unprecedented economic crisis last year.

India extended financial assistance worth around USD 4 billion to Sri Lanka, including lines of credit for purchases of food and fuel last year when it was hit by the economic crisis.

New Delhi also provided guarantees to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to help the country secure a USD 2.9 billion bailout package.

"An opportunity to review and lend further momentum to the long-standing India-Sri Lanka ties as the two countries celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations this year," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said on Twitter as the two leaders began talks.

Ahead of the high-level talks between the two top leaders, NSA Ajit Doval called on Wickremesinghe and is understood to have discussed security cooperation between the two countries.

On Thursday evening, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar called on the visiting leader and discussed various bilateral issues.

Man arrested for trying to enter Mamata Banerjee's house with arms in car

KOLKATA, Jul 21 (Agencies): Police on Friday arrested a man, with arms in his car, for allegedly trying to enter West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's Kalighat residence.

The man wearing a black coat and tie identified as Noor Alam was arrested after he tried to drive a car with a 'Police' sticker to Banerjee's residence on Harish Chatterjee Street, Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal

Banerjee was at her house when the incident took place.

"The man was carrying arms, one khukri, ganja and several identity cards of different agencies like the BSF and others. He wanted to meet the CM. This is a serious issue. We are trying to find out his actual purpose," Goyal said.

The vehicle was also impounded.



The man was talking incoherently, he

The incident happened hours before the Trinamool Congress supremo was scheduled to leave her house to reach the 'Martyr's Day' rally venue in the central part of the city.

Govt ready for discussion on Manipur, says Rajnath Singh as Lok Sabha is adjourned for the day amid uproar

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): The government is ready to hold a discussion on incidents in Manipur but the opposition is not serious about it, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday in Lok Sabha.

The Lower House witnessed protests over the matter leading to adjournment of proceedings till noon. Later, the Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day amid continuous opposition uproar over the Manipur situation.

As soon as the House met, the members of the opposition parties were on their feet.

The members, including those from the Congress, DMK and Left, raised slogans and told



Speaker Om Birla that "Manipur is bleeding".

The Speaker told opposition members that sloganeering

would not bring any solution to the problem but only dialogues and discussions could help.

"This is not good. Solution can

be found only through discussions," he said.

As the opposition did not heed to his requests, Birla asked the Defence Minister to speak.

Singh said the government is ready for a discussion on Manipur incidents.

"We are ready for a discussion. But I can see that the opposition is unnecessarily creating problems. The opposition is not serious for a discussion on Manipur. We want a discussion and there should be a discussion," he said.

As the opposition did not relent, the speaker adjourned the proceedings till noon.

Supreme Court issues notice to BJP MLA, Gujarat govt on Rahul Gandhi's plea

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday issued notices to Gujarat BJP MLA Purnesh Modi and the state government on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's petition challenging the Gujarat High Court's order refusing to stay his conviction in the 'Modi surname criminal defamation

A Bench led by Justice BR Gavai asked the respondents to file their replies in 10 days and posted the matter for August 4.

Before issuing notice, Justice Gavai disclosed that his father was closely associated with the Congress even though he was not a member of the party and that his brother was still active in the Congress

"It's my duty (to disclose)... Everyone should know. Tomorrow there shouldn't be a problem. Coincidentally, my father has been with your (Singhvi's) father as well as his (Mahesh Jethmalani's) father in Parliament. They were great friends," Justice Gavai said, adding that he had the pleasure of appearing with senior advocate Ram Jethmalani as a junior.

"Please take a call if you want me to hear this," Justice Gavai asked Singhvi and Mahesh Jethmalani, who represented Gandhi and Purnesh Modi, respectively.

Justice Gavai went on to issue notice after both the parties said tney nad no problems with his past associations.

Singhvi urged the Bench to order an interim suspension of Gandhi's disqualification as an MP from Wayanad in Kerala, saying the petitioner has suffered for 111 days and has lost one parliament session and was losing another. Elections to the parliamentary constituency of Wayanad could be held shortly, he submitted.

However, the Bench said it needed to hear the other side before passing any orders.

Noting that there were over 100 pages in the detailed order passed by the high court, Justice Gavai said, "This is peculiar we are seeing in Gujarat courts."



Gandhi has challenged the Gujarat High Court's July 7 verdict refusing to stay his conviction in the case.

Following a Surat court's March 23 verdict convicting him in the defamation case and giving him two-year imprisonment, Gandhi – elected to the Lok Sabha from Wayanad in Kerala in 2019 - was disqualified as an MP under the Representation of the People Act. A stay on conviction would pave the way for his reinstatement as

Gandhi questioned the trial court's decision to award him the maximum punishment for

criminal defamation, contending it's a "rarity in a criminal defamation case".

Noting that Gandhi was already facing 10 criminal cases across India, Justice Hemant Prachchhak of the Gujarat High Court had said there was no reasonable ground to stay the conviction and the magisterial court's order was "just, proper and legal".

However, even after dismissal of his plea for stay of conviction by the sessions court, Rahul Gandhi will not go to jail as his sentence remains suspended.

Gandhi submitted before the top court that if the impugned judgment was not stayed, it would lead to "throttling of free speech, free expression, free thought, and free statement" and it would contribute to the "systematic, repetitive emasculation of democratic institutions and the consequent strangulation of democracy which would be gravely detrimental to the political climate and future of India".

PM Modi to distribute over 70,000 appointment letters to new recruits at Rozgar Mela

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 70,000 appointment letters to newly-inducted recruits on Saturday and address them via video conferencing, his office said.

The Rozgar Mela will be held at 44 locations across the country.

The recruitments are taking place across central government departments as well as state governments and Union Territories supporting this initiative, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement.

Prime Minister Modi will distribute more than 70,000 appointment letters to newly-inducted recruits on July 22 at 10:30 am via video conferencing, the PMO

He will also address these appointees on the occasion.

The new recruits,

selected from across the country will be joining the government in various ministries and departments, including the Department of Revenue, Department of Financial Services, Department of Posts, Department of School Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Central Public Sector Undertakings, Department of Water Resources, Department of Personnel and Training and the Ministry of Home Affairs,

among others. The Rozgar Mela is a step towards the fulfilment of the commitment of the prime minister to accord the highest priority to employment generation, the statement

The Rozgar Mela is expected to act as a catalyst in further employment generation and provide meaningful opportunities to the youth for their empowerment and participation in national development, it said.

The newly-inducted appointees are also getting an opportunity to train themselves through Karmavogi Prarambh. an online module on the iGOT Karmayogi portal, where more than 580 e-learning courses have been made available for 'anywhere any device' learning format. the statement said.

Angered by love affair, brother beheads sister in UP's Barabanki



LUCKNOW, Jul 21 (Agencies): A brother in Uttar Pradesh's Barabanki of Fatehpur district was arrested over murder charges of his sister. The brother, identified as Mohd. Riyaz, allegedly slit his sister's head over her affair with a man who the accused had

The murder fell under the jurisdiction of Fatehpur

The deceased was an adult and she was the daughter of Abdul Rashid, a resident of Mithwara. She was allegedly beheaded by Riyaz near their residence with a sharp weapon. Her relatives registered an FIR against the accused brother.

The brother was subsequently held by Uttar Pradesh Police.

No response received from Manipur authorities despite reaching out thrice over women-related violence: NCW chief

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): National Commission for Women (NCW) Chairperson Rekha Sharma on Friday said she had reached out thrice in the last three months to authorities in Manipur over incidents of violence against women but no response was received from them.

She was responding to reports in a section of the media that claimed the commission had on June 12 received a complaint about the incident of two women being paraded naked on May 4 in the ethnic violence-hit northeastern state but had not taken any action. The May 4 video surfaced online on July 19.

Sharma denied receiving any report of the incident.

However, the NCW chief said that she had received other com-



plaints regarding women issues and for that she had reached out thrice to authorities in Manipur but no response was received from

She also shared the letters sent to authorities in the state.

Sharma had written to them over complaints of incidents of violence against women.

"We had to verify the authentic-

ity, and also the complaints were not from Manipur, some were not even from India. We reached out to authorities but no response was received from them but then we took suo motu cognisance when the video (of women being paraded naked) went viral yesterday," Sharma said.

The letters were written on May 18, May 29 and June 19.

The NCW chief said she took suo motu cognisance of the incident on Friday after the video surfaced and sought explanation from authorities on the matter.

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

PM Modi, Rahul, Privanka wish Mallikarjun Kharge on his birthday NEW DELHI, Jul 21

(Agencies): Their bitter political rivalry on display in Parliament notwithstanding, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not forget to wish Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on his birthday.

"Best wishes to Shri Mallikarjun Kharge Ji on his birthday. May he be blessed with a long and healthy life", Modi, who was among the first to wish Kharge, wrote in a tweet.

Kharge, who is also president of the Opposition Congress party, was born on this day (July 21) in 1942.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and

AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi also greeted Kharge. "A very happy birthday

to Congress President, @Kharge ji. Your hard work and commitment is an inspiration to all of us. Wishing you much love and good health," Rahul Gandhi said in a tweet.

"Wishing Congress President, Shri. @ kharge Ji a very very happy birthday, good health and happiness," Priyanka Gandhi wrote on Twitter.

"Your wisdom and experience is a source of strength for all congressmen and women across the country," she added.

Rishi Sunak's party loses 2 key seats ahead of crucial UK elections

LONDON, Jul 21 (Agencies): British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Friday averted a damaging byelection whitewash as the governing Conservatives held on to his former boss Boris Johnson's seat in London, but faced a bruising in two key byelections.

Thursday's three-way byelection was widely pitched as a report card on Sunak's handling of the economy and wider prospects as party leader going into a general election, expected in the second half of next year.

Conservative Steve Tuckwell just about holding on to Uxbridge and South Ruislip, Johnson's seat until he stepped down in the wake of a parliamentary inquiry into partygate inquiry last month, was the only bit of good news for the party.

The Opposition Labour Party overturned a massive Tory majority of over 20,000 to decisively clinch the Selby and Ainsty constituency in northern England, a byelection triggered by the resignation of close Boris Johnson ally Nigel Adams.

"This is a historic result that shows that people are looking at Labour and seeing a changed party that is focused entirely on



the priorities of working people with an ambitious, practical plan to deliver," said Labour Leader Keir Starmer.

With the big win, his namesake in 25-year-old Keir Mather overtook Indian-origin Labour MP Nadia Whittome as the socalled "Baby of the House" to become the youngest member of Parliament. It will be a long wait though for him to take his seat in the House of Commons. which is now on its summer recess and resumes only in early September.

In a second bruising for the Sunak-led Conservatives, the Liberal Democrats swept the

Somerset and Frome byelections on south-west England. Sarah Dyke, a Somerset councillor with a farming background, secured a dramatic victory by winning 21,187 votes, with Conservative Faye Purbrick left far behind in second place with

10,179 votes. In her victory speech, Dyke thanked "lifelong Conservative voters" who had voted Lib Dem for the first time, as well as Labour and Green supporters who had "lent" their votes. She said the public had been "let down and taken for granted for far too long" by the Conservatives, with the government "too busy being a circus of chaos".

The byelection was triggered by the resignation of former Tory MP David Warburton, following allegations of drug-taking and sexual misconduct. The Lib Dem leader, Sir Ed Davey, who had campaigned hard in Somerset hailed his party's "stunning victory" which he said shows his party is on course to make a comeback in the region and that the country are "fed up with Rishi Sunak's out-of-touch Conservative government".

In London, the sole Tory win was largely attributed to anger against Labour Mayor Sadig Khan over his plans to extend the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to outer areas of the UK capital. The policy has proved extremely divisive and it meant the Tory candidate held on to the Uxbridge and South Ruislip seat by just 495 votes.

In his victory speech, new MP Tuckwell said Khan's "damaging and costly ULEZ policy" lost Labour the seat. The narrow win, however, has given Sunak some reprieve and saved him from the prospect of becoming the first British Prime Minister in 55 years to lose three byelections in one night.

One dead, three injured in Seoul stabbing rampage

SEOUL, Jul 21 (Agencies): One person was killed and three more wounded when a man went on a "stabbing rampage" near a subway station in the South Korean capital Seoul on Friday, police told news agency.

The attack took place near the Sillim subway station in southwest Seoul, police said, adding that the suspect had been detained by officers at the scene. "The suspect is a man in his 30s and he did not look intoxicated. We are questioning him as to the motive of his crime," they said.

The Yonhap news agency reported that the attack happened near Exit 4 of the station at 2:07 pm (0507 GMT). Video posted on local television station YTN's YouTube channel showed orange-vested emergency responders running towards the incident carrying stretchers

Police had cordoned off the area with yellow tape, the footage showed.

"The man shouted he didn't want to live any more as he was being apprehended by the police," YTN reported.

Grainy footage on YTN appeared to show police apprehending the suspect, who had sat down on steps and seemed to sit passively as armed police approached him and placed him under arrest. "People ran into my store, telling me a man with a big knife was stabbing people. We locked the door," a store owner in the area told YTN.

Eyewitnesses said the suspect stabbed a man who was talking on the phone in the back multiple times before running off and attacking more people, the Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported. "All four victims are reportedly men," it added. South Korea is typically an

extremely safe country, with a murder rate of just 1.3 per 100,000 people in 2021, according to official statistics. By comparison, America has 7.8

homicide deaths per 100,000 people, according to the country's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Most South Koreans are trained shooters, as all men must perform about two years of mandatory military service.

But the country has strict gun control laws and it is extremely difficult for civilians to obtain firearms, with gun-related crime almost unheard of. There have been a handful of high-profile stabbing crimes over the last few years.

Earlier this year in the southern city of Busan, a 23-year-old crime drama fanatic stabbed to death a woman she had met online. local media reported.

In March, a 37-year-old woman was accused of injuring three people with a knife on a subway, allegedly after someone called her "ajumma" -- a way to refer to a middle-aged woman.

Last year, a man stabbed a former co-worker to death in a subway station after stalking her for years. He was later sentenced to decades in prison.

The rare incident in Seoul quickly began circulating on Korean-language social media. "Don't come to Sillim now. There is a crazy man on a stabbing rampage. I called the police after seeing a person injured on the ground," one user with the handle sanong_cos wrote on Twitter.

Muslim-majority nations express outrage and plan street protests over **Quran desecration in Sweden**

BAGHDAD, Jul 21 (Agencies): Muslim-majority nations expressed outrage Friday at the desecration of a copy of the Quran in Sweden. Some prepared for street demonstrations following midday prayers to show their anger.

In Iran, Iraq and Lebanon, protesters planned demonstrations after Swedish police permitted a protest Thursday in which an Iraqi Christian living in Stockholm kicked and stood on a Quran, Islam's holy book, outside of the Iraqi Embassy. Hours before that, demonstrators in Baghdad broke into the Swedish show their anger at his threats to burn the book.

Iraqi Prime Minister Shia al-Sudani has ordered the expulsion of the Swedish ambassador from Iraq and the withdrawal of the Iraqi charge d'affaires from Sweden. But that may not be enough to calm those angered, and another protest in Baghdad is planned for Friday afternoon.

In neighboring Iran, demonstrators also planned to take to the streets. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian has written a letter to the United Nations secretary-general over the Quran desecration and has summoned the Swedish ambassador.

"We consider the Swedish government responsible for the outcome of provocation reactions from the world's Muslims," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said.

The man in Stockholm also wiped his feet with a picture of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei during his demonstration and did similar to a photo of Iraqi Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a powerful leader there.

Lebanon's Shiite militant group Hezbollah also called for a demonstration Friday afternoon. Khamenei and Iran's theocracy serve as Hezbollah's main sponsors.



Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in a video address Thursday night called on Muslims to demand their governments expel Sweden's ambassadors.

"I invite brothers and sisters in all neighbourhoods and villages to attend all mosques, carrying their Qurans and sit in them, calling on the state to take a stance toward Sweden. Nasrallah said in the address, according to Lebanon's state-run

National News Agency. On Friday "the whole world must see how we embrace our Quran, and the whole world must see how we protect our Quran with our blood."

Saudi Arabia and Qatar, two Sunni-ruled Gulf Arab nations, summoned Swedish diplomats to condemn the desecration. Turkey's Foreign Ministry also criticized it.

In Pakistan, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif strongly condemned the events in Sweden. He called on the 57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation to play a "historic role in expressing the sentiments of Muslims and stopping this demonization." Meanwhile, Islamists in his country have been pushing Sharif, who faces an upcoming election, to cut diplomatic ties with Sweden.

On Thursday morning, protesters in Baghdad occupied the Swedish Embassy for several hours and set a small fire. The embassy staff had been evacuated a day earlier. After protesters left the embassy, diplomats closed it to visitors without specifying when it would

reopen. Prime Minister Sudani said in a statement that Iraqi authorities would prosecute those responsible for starting the fire

and referred to an investigation of "negligent security officials." Some demonstrators stayed at the site, ignored by police, after the attack. An Associated Press photographer and two Reuters staff members were arrested while covering the protest and released several hours later without charges.

This is the second Quran desecration to involve the Iraqi Christian in Sweden, identified as Salwan Momika. Last month, a man identified by local media and on his social media as Momika burned a Quran outside a Stockholm mosque during the major Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, triggering widespread condemnation in the Islamic world.

The right to hold public demonstrations is protected by the constitution in Sweden. Blasphemy laws were abandoned in the 1970s. Police generally give permission based on whether they believe a public gathering can be held without major dis-

ruptions or safety risks. For Muslims, the burning of the Quran represents a desecration of their religion's holy text. Quran burnings in the past have sparked protests across the Muslim world, some turning violent. In Afghanistan, the Taliban suspended all the activities of Swedish organizations in the country in response to the recent Quran burn-

A similar protest by a far-right activist was held outside Turkey's Embassy earlier this year, complicating Sweden's efforts to persuade Turkey to let it join NATO.

In June, protesters who support al-sadr stormed the Swedish embassy in Baghdad over that Quran burning.

Amid Job Pressure, OpenAI's Head Of Trust **And Safety Steps Down** STOCKHOLM, Jul 21 on their platforms. At the

(Agencies): OpenAl's head of trust and safety Dave Willner is leaving the company, he said in a LinkedIn post on Friday, citing the pressures of the job on his family life and saying he would be available for advisory work.

OpenAl did not immediately respond to questions about Willner's exit.

Trust and safety departments have taken on a high-profile role in technology companies



such as OpenAI, Twitter, Alphabet and Meta as they seek to limit the spread of hate speech, misinformation and other harmful content

same time, fears AI will run out of control have risen

Mr Willner took over his role at OpenAl in February last year, after working at Airbnb and Facebook. He attributed his decision to quit to growing demands from his job affecting his family life. "Anyone with young children and a super intense job can relate to that tension, I think, and these past few months have really crystallised for me that I

was going to have to prioritise one or the other," he said in the post.

"I've moved teaching the kids to swim and ride their bikes to the top of my OKRs (objectives and key results) this summer." Microsoftbacked OpenAI, whose Al chatbot ChatGPT, has stormed the world, has said it depends on its trust and safety team to build "the processes and capabilities to prevent misuse and abuse of AI technologies".

OpenAI, Google, others pledge to watermark AI content for safety: White House

WASHINGTON/NEW YORK, Jul 21 (Agencies): Top AI companies including OpenAI, Alphabet and Meta Platforms have made voluntary commitments to the White House to implement measures such as watermarking Al-generated content to help make the technology safer, the Biden

administration said. The companies - which also include Anthropic, Inflection, Amazon.com and OpenAl partner Microsoft - pledged to thoroughly test systems before releasing them and share information about how to reduce risks and invest in cybersecurity.

The move is seen

as a win for the Biden administration's effort to regulate the technology which has experienced a boom in investment and consumer popular-

Since generative Al. which uses data to create new content like ChatGPT's human-sounding prose, became wildly popular this year, lawmakers around the world began considering how to mitigate the dangers of the emerging technology to national security and the economy.

US Senate Majority Chuck Schumer in June called for "comprehensive legislation" to advance and ensure safeguards on artificial



intelligence.

Congress is considering a bill that would require political ads to disclose whether AI was used to create imagery or other content.

President Joe Biden, who is hosting executives from the seven companies at the White House on Friday, is also working on developing an executive order and bipartisan legislation on Al technology.

As part of the effort, the seven companies committed to developing a system to "watermark" all forms of content, from text, images, audios, to videos generated by AI so that users will know when the technology

has been used. This watermark, embedded in the content in a technical manner, presumably will make it easier for users to spot deep-fake images

or audios that may, for example, show violence that has not occurred, create a better scam or distort a photo of a politician to put the person in an unflattering light. It is unclear how the

watermark will be evident in the sharing of the information.

The companies also pledged to focus on protecting users' privacy as AI develops and on ensuring that the technology is free of bias and not used to discriminate against vulnerable groups. Other commitments include developing AI solutions to scientific problems like medical research and mitigating climate change.

Wildfires in Greece burn for fifth day as another heatwave hits

ATHENS, Jul 21 (Agencies): Greece struggled to contain a wildfire west of Athens that burnt forestland for a fifth day on Friday as another heatwave hit the country.

Firefighters, backed by air water bombers and reinforcements from Cyprus, France, Israel and Italy, attempted to control the fire that broke out in the wider Athens area on Monday, gutting houses and forcing evacuations.

"We continue to battle the blaze west of Athens. We are worried for major rekindling," a



fire service official told agency, asking not to be named.

More than 100 houses and businesses have been severely damaged from this wildfire

and another near Athens that authorities put out

earlier in the week.

The government on Friday announced relief measures for afflicted households, including financial aid and subsidies to rent houses. Two other blazes in

forests on the island of Rhodes and in the Lakonia district in southern Greece were tamed on Friday.

Climate Crisis Minister Vassilis Kikilias urged people to remain on guard. The risk of wildfires in the coming days will remain high and further heat is forecast following on from a pre-

"We are having a very difficult three-day spell, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with extreme

vious heatwave.

weather conditions and very high temperatures followed by strong winds," the minister said, adding that after a short respite, another heatwave was forecast from the middle of next week. With temperatures

expected to hit 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit) on Saturday and Sunday, the Culture Ministry said all archaeological sites, including the Acropolis monument, will shut between 12 noon and 5.30 pm (0900-1430 GMT) until July 23.

Manipur video: Ex-army man rues he could not save wife from being paraded naked

IMPHAL, Jul 21 (Agencies): The husband of one of two women paraded naked and molested by a group of men in Manipur is a Kargil war veteran who rued that though he protected the country but could not save his wife from being humili-

The incident which sparked condemnation countrywide came to light when a video shot on May 4 surfaced on Wednesday night.

The husband had served the Indian Army as a Subedar of the Assam Regiment. "I fought for the nation in the Kargil war and was also in Sri Lanka as part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force. I protected the nation but am dejected that after my retirement, I could not protect my home, my wife and fellow vil-



lagers... I am sad, depressed," he told a Hindi news channel. He said that on the fateful May 4 morning, a mob burnt down several houses in the locality, disrobed the two women and

made them walk on the village

paths in front of people.

no action. I want that all those people who burnt the houses and humiliated the women get exemplary punishment," he

Four people have been arrested in connection with the case on Thursday, a day after the video surfaced.

"The State Police is making all-out efforts to arrest the other culprits at the earliest. Raids are continuing," the Manipur Police said in a Twitter post.

More than 160 people have lost their lives, and several injured since ethnic violence broke out in the state on May 3. when a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley, while tribals, which include Nagas and Kukis, constitute 40 per cent and reside mostly in the hill districts.

BJP's Locket Chatterjee in tears, says 'Manipur situation also in West Bengal'



NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): West Bengal BJP legislator Locket Chatterjee broke down in tears while addressing a press conference in New Delhi on Friday. Condemning the Manipur incident where two women were paraded naked, Chatterjee said, "The situation in Manipur also prevails in West bengal."

Locket Chatterjee lashed out at West

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the ruling Trinamool Congress in the state, accusing them of violence during the recently concluded West Bengal panchayat polls.

The BJP leader said that women are being "disrobed" and paraded in the state while Mamata Banerjee is observ-

ing 'Martyrs' Day'. West Bengal BJP chief Sukanta Majumdar also hit out at Mamata Banerjee, claiming that crimes similar to the one that took place in Manipur are happening in Bengal as well.

"We condemn the Manipur incident, it is a sad incident but a woman BJP worker was paraded naked in South Panchla, is it less sad than the Manipur incident? The difference is that there is no video of this incident because Mamata Banerjee's police will now allow it to be recorded," Sukanta Majumdar said on Friday.

Raj Rattan commends India's Historic Triumph at 2023 Para **Athletics World Championships**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 21: BJP leader Raj Rattan Raina hailed India's remarkable achievement at the recently concluded 2023 Para Athletics World Championships held in Paris.

The Indian contingent showcased unparalleled determination and skill, securing an unprecedented record tally of 10 medals including three gold, four silver, and three bronze medals. This outstanding performance catapulted India to an impressive 19th position among the 62 nations that participated in the prestigious global tournament.

The Indian athletes demonstrated extraordinary prowess and tenacity, making their country proud with their exceptional performances across various disciplines. Among the standout champions were Sumit Antil in F64 Javelin Throw event; Sachin Sarjerao Khilari in Men's F46 Shot put and Ajeet Singh in Men's F46 Javelin Throw category, securing three

gold medals for India. Moreover, the silver medalists showcased incredible determination included Yogesh Khatuniya in Men's F56 Discus Throw; Nishad Kumar Men's in T47 High Jump; Shailesh Kumar in Men's T63 High Jump and Rinku Hooda in Men's F46 High Jump. The bronze medalists included Parveen Kumar in Men's T64 High Jump; Ekta Bhyan's in Women's F51 Club Throw and Pooja in Women's F54 Javelin Throw.

In light of this historic achievement, Raj Rattan Raina expressed his utmost admiration and appreciation for the para-athletes' unvielding spirit and unwavering dedication. He commended their relentless pursuit of excellence. which not only brought honor to the nation but also inspired a generation of aspiring athletes across the country.

The BJP leader conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to the entire Indian contingent, their coaches, and the support staff for their exceptional teamwork and commitment, which played a vital role in India's triumphant journey. He assured them of the government's continued support and encouragement to nurture and promote parasports in the country.

Raj Rattan Raina also lauded the efforts of the Sports Ministry, Sports Authority of India, and other associated bodies for their proactive initiatives in fostering a conducive environment for athletes with disabilities to thrive and succeed.

As the nation rejoices in this unprecedented success, Raj Rattan Raina urged all citizens to celebrate the athletes' achievements as an inspiring testament to the indomitable spirit of India.

Bhim Army supporters protest attack on Chandrashekhar, demand Z-plus security

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): Thousands of Bhim Army supporters gathered at the Jantar Mantar here on Friday to protest against the recent attack on the outfit's chief, Chandrashekhar Azad, and demanded Z-plus security for him.

Chandrashekar, the co-founder of Bhim Army and National President of Azad Samaj Party (Kanshiram), was shot at by unidentified assailants in the Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh on June 28. A bullet grazed the Dalit leader, but he did not receive any seri-



ous injury. Leaders and supporters of the Rashtriya Lok Dal and the Samajwadi Party, both allies of the newly formed party in Uttar Pradesh, also attended the protest.

Representatives of several Dalit groups

also joined and 'Jai Bhim' slogans hailing BR Ambedkar were raised at the protest

site. Supporters of SP and RLD donned their signature red and green caps, while Bhim Army supporters wore blue

Anuj Kumar, a supporter of Bhim Army from Saharanpur, said a bigger protest would be held if the government does not provide security to Chandrashekhar.

Another supporter, Vishnu, who came from Rajasthan, said a CBI probe should be done into the attack.

A statement from the Azad Samaj Party said the attack was not on an individual but on the entire Bahujan community.

"This is a part of a larger pattern where the Opposition has been under continual threat in the country either

through the misuse of government machinery like ED, and CBI or through violent means such as this," it said.

"Despite repeated appeals to the Central Government and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, with proof that Chandrashekhar Azad is in dire risk, the authorities refused to grant him the required security," the statement

The party demanded Z+ security for Chandrashekhar as the threats against him have not stopped and his life is at severe risk.

NC, PDP abandoned political ideologies for personal gain: Bali Bhagat

caps and sashes.

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 21: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Minister, Bali Bhagat launched a scathing attack against the National Conference (NC) and People's Democratic Party (PDP) leaders for their misleading statements in the media, aiming to deceive the public and salvage their failing political endeavors.

Having once supported the ideology of the BJP and forming alliances with the party to secure positions of power, Bali Bhagat said these regional leaders have conveniently abandoned their political ide-

However, it is important to note that their association with the BJP was solely for gaining power, potentially at the expense of their own principles. Bali Bhagat strongly believed that these leaders have lost touch with the ground realities and have completely sidelined the genuine concerns of the

Their focus remains solely on preserving their own interests, even if it means they joined hands with their staunch opponents. A prime example of this opportunism can be seen in the formation of the P

eople's Alliance for Gupka Declaration (PAGD), which was purely aimed at self-preservation rather than serving the people, he added.

"The National Conference

and PDP leaders once staunch opponents in the Valley but now they came under the banner of PAGD. Regrettably, as soon as these leaders lost their grip on power, they wasted no time in publicly criticizing the very party with which they had previously partnered to come into power. Such opportunistic actions deserve scrutiny, as they are clearly more motivated by personal aspirations than by the welfare of the general public," he said.

Terrorist Yasin Malik **comes to Supreme Court** in Person. Centre raises concern

Court. Additional Solicitor General SV Raju called it a serious security issue.

The top court also remarked there are virtual modes available for appearance in the court.

Justice Kant listed the matter after four weeks and said that let it be heard by another bench in which Justice Datta is not a member of the bench.

CBI has filed an appeal against the order of Additional Sessions Judge, Jammu(TADA/POTA) dated September 20 and September 21 issuing a production warrant against him in two different cases.

Jammu Court has sought Malik's physical appearance for cross-examination of witnesses in relation to the killing of four Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel and abduction of Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of Mufti Muhammad Sayeed in 1989. However, the top court in the last hearing stayed the Jammu's court order.

High Court upholds termination of judicial officer

Furthermore, the petitioner had not challenged this report before any judicial forum. Additionally, a subsequent report dated July 07, 2018, which could have been relevant, was already declared invalid by the

Given these circumstances, the Division Bench concluded that the petitioner's entry into service itself was through fraudulent

means. Consequently, the termination of the petitioner and the absence of a departmental enquiry were deemed not in violation of Article 311 of the Constitution. The court pointed out that the Supreme Court had previously held the same. Based on these observations, the Divi-

sion Bench dismissed the petition filed by Mohammad Yousuf Allie, upholding his termination from the judicial service due to the fraudulent procurement of the RBA certificate.

Scuffle between Ponywalas at Amarnath Yatra base camp, three arrested: Police

rumours. Jammu and Kashmir Police has and will always be committed to providing safety and security of the pilgrims and ensuring a peaceful yatra, Kumar added.

Hollow Jumlas of PM Modi in favour of women exposed in Manipur: AAP

have proved futile and promises of Mungeri Lal, they maintained and added that the PM tried to divert attention from the extremely large governance failures & the humanitarian tragedy in Manipur by equating crimes against women in other states, especially those governed by the opposition like Rajasthan & Chhattisgarh while ignoring atrocities on women in states like MP, UP & Gujarat.

As to why PM mentions of opposition run states only & why he is mum in case of Haryana, MP, UP, Gujarat etc run by ruling dispensation, they questioned & added that the incident took place on May 4th & till

now the Manipur government did not take any action & the PM Modi is saying that the entire country should condemn this gruesome incident but who will be held responsible? they questioned.

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

They further appealed the masses to read between the lines and judge for themselves as to the false claims of VIKAS and throw away the age old tested spent forces in times to come, they said and added that Delhi type of governance is a death blow to communalism and hate policy of certain Political Parties.

Gang of burglars and bike lifters busted in Baramulla's Pattan: Police

Motor Bicycles he was selling them", he

The spokesperson said that during further questioning of the suspects they further disclosed two other persons namely Lateef Ahmad Fafoo S/O Gh Ahmad Fafoo R/O Gund Prang Madwan Hajin and Sajad Ahmad Wagay S/O Mohd Maqbool Wagay R/O Gund Prang Madwan Hajin who are involved in theft of Motor Bicycles got

arrested in the instant case and all the stolen motor bicycles was recovered from Gund Prang and Madwan Hajin Bandipora. All the accused are being questioned in order to recover more stolen property from

CBK produces chargesheet against 9 persons for involment in fraudently securing jobs in SKIMS Soura

furnished by the Joint Secretary (Verification), J&K State Board of School Education, Kashmir it transpired that the academic/ D.O.B. certificates submitted by the above-named individuals were fake and forged. Accordingly, Case FIR No. 26 of 2015 came to be registered in P/S Crime Branch Kashmir and investigation was started to probe into the allegations.

During investigation it was determined that, in addition to the five accused individuals named above, two more individuals, viz., Aamir Hassan Khan S/o Ghulam Hassan Khan R/o Badrakund Ganderbal and Jehangir Ahmad Dar S/o Gh. Hassan Dar R/o Ashmuji Kulgam had also produced fake/ forged certificates for securing the said job in SKIMS Soura. It also came to fore during investigation that two persons, viz., Rashid-ul-Hassan Gojjar S/o Gh. Hassan R/o Aarigutnoo Kulgam and Mohammad Akbar Lone (now deceased) S/o Gh. Rasool Lone R/o Gund Fatehpora Anantnag were responsible for forging and fabrication of the marks cards for monetary considerations, he said.

Evidence collected during investigation has established individual and collective criminal culpability and proved that offenc-

es punishable U/Ss 420, 468, 471 & 120-B RPC have been committed by the nine accused persons; accordingly, chargereport (challan) of the instant Case has been presented before the Hon'ble Court of Forest Magistrate, Srinagar for judicial determination, reads the statement.

Three South Kashmir villages consume contaminated water, residents say

Bagh, Rakh and Darbagh villages said that the scheme was started in 2012 and started facing glitches after two years.

The filtration plant of the supply got defunct in the 2014 floods, since then, around 500 households have been suffering, they said, adding that authorities have failed to take cognizance of the issue

They said dozens of households in Darbagh and Zahid Bagh are yet to be connected with the pipeline.

According to locals, the scheme is functioning without filtration plants, leaving them with no option but to consume the contaminated water.

"In the absence of a filtration plant, water from Nallah Tongri, which is highly contaminated, is directly being supplied to us," Sameer Ahmad, a local, said.

The locals also alleged that not even 30 percent of the funds sanctioned for the scheme were spent on it. "Even the funds sanctioned after the 2014 floods were not utilized but went in the pockets of contractors and officials who were hand in glove with them," they alleged.

They demanded that the pending households must be connected with the scheme.

The residents have sought the intervention of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama for installing a fresh filtration plant.

Sensex, Nifty snap record-breaking run on Infosys shocker; tank over 1 per cent

Infosys tanks over 8 pc after the company reported a lower-than-expected 11 per cent rise in net profit for the June quarter

MUMBAI, Jul 21 (Agencies): Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty tumbled over 1 per cent on Friday due to deep losses in IT behemoth Infosys which slashed its FY24 growth outlook.

Snapping its six-day recordbreaking rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 887.64 points or 1.31 per cent to settle at 66,684.26. During the day, it plummeted 1,038.16 points or 1.53 per cent to 66,533.74.

The NSE Nifty fell by 234.15 points or 1.17 per cent to end at 19,745, cutting short its six-day winning run. As many as 36 Nifty shares closed in negative while 14 advanced.

From the Sensex pack, Infosys tanked over 8 per cent after the company reported a lower-thanexpected 11 per cent rise in net profit for the June quarter and delivered a shocker as it slashed its FY24 growth outlook to 1-3.5 per cent on delayed decisionmaking by clients amid global macro uncertainties.

"The weak guidance from Infosys cast a shadow over the outlook of the Indian IT sector, causing a delay in Nifty's pursuit of the 20,000 mark. While the heavyweights surrendered



of worth over Rs 7,000 crore

NTPC, State Bank of India,

Kotak Mahindra Bank, Tata

Motors, ICICI Bank, Sun

Pharma, Maruti and Bharti Airtel

BSE Midcap dropped by 0.26

per cent to 29,547.28 while BSE

Smallcap index edged up 0.13

Among sectoral indices, BSE

IT fell the most by 4.40 per cent,

followed by consumer durables

"The decline was widespread

wherein the IT pack faced the

maximum heat, followed by

FMCG and energy majors.

Meanwhile, the broader indi-

ces traded mixed, capping

damage to the market breadth,"

which dropped 1.09 per cent.

per cent to 34,146.66 points.

were also among the gainers.

from the bullet train project.

to the bears, the small caps demonstrated resilience," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said.

Global markets presented a mixed picture, with the US market struggling due to weak earnings, while UK retail sales exceeded expectations with a 0.7 per cent MoM growth, he added.

A decline in shares of market bluechip firms Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services also added to the bearish trend in equities. Hindustan Unilever, HCL Technologies, Wipro, and Tech Mahindra were the other major laggards.

On the other hand, Larsen & Toubro rose the most by 3.88 per cent after it bagged an order

In Asian markets, Tokyo and Shanghai ended lower while Seoul and Hong Kong settled in the positive territory.

Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical

Research, Religare Broking Ltd

Equity markets in Europe were trading mostly in the green. The US markets ended mostly lower on Thursday.

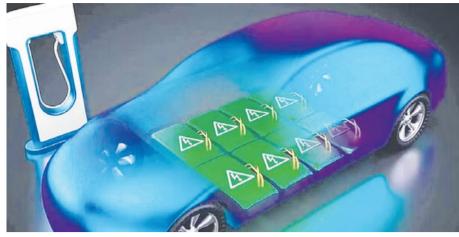
Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 1.19 per cent to USD 80.59 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark had jumped 474.46 points or 0.71 per cent to settle at its fresh alltime closing high of 67,571.90 on Thursday, extending its winning momentum to the sixth day. During the day, it rallied 521.73 points or 0.77 per cent to hit its lifetime intra-day peak of 67.619.17.

The Nifty had climbed 146 points or 0.74 per cent to end at its record closing high of 19,979.15. During the session, it had soared 158.7 points or 0.80 per cent to reach its fresh record high of 19,991.85.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were buyers on Thursday as they bought equities worth Rs 3,370.90 crore, according to exchange data.

How lithium is powering electric vehicles



NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): As electric cars are gaining popularity, let us take a look at how lithium-ion batteries are powering evehicles.

While modern electric vehicles such as Tesla and the Hyundai Ionig are loaded with hightech features from the outside, the technology inside the vehicle is a monumental change from how vehicles are powered by internal combustion engines.

To understand how the battery works, we must know that the chemical element Lithium is very reactive, and batteries made with it can hold high voltage and exceptional charge. A lithium-ion-powered

battery contains cells that have a positive cathode and a negative There is an electrolyte

that separates these two layers, and through chemical reactions that release electrons, the battery can provide electric energy to whatever it is plugged into, be it an electric car or a smartphone.

The number of cells in the battery determines its capacity, measured in kWh.

According to Renault, the principle behind the lithium-ion battery is to circulate electrons by creating a difference in

potential between two electrodes, one negative and the other positive, that is immersed in a conductive ionic liquid called the electrolyte.

When the battery is powering a device, the electrons accumulated in the negative electrode are released via an external circuit to travel to the positive electrode: this is the discharging phase. Conversely, when the battery is charging, the energy supplied by the charger sends the electrons back from the positive electrode to the negative. Different battery types vary by ion types, electrode materials and

associated electrolytes.

Government bans rice export with immediate effect, sparks global price rise fear

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): The world's biggest rice exporter. India. has banned some overseas sales of the grain "with immediate effect", the government said, in a move that could drive international prices even higher.

Rice is a major world food staple and prices on international markets have soared to decade highs as the world grappled with the Covid pandemic, the war in Ukraine and the impact of the El Nino weather phenomenon on production levels.

India would ban exports of non-basmati white rice -- which accounts for around a quarter of its total -- the consumer affairs and food ministry said.

The move would "ensure adequate availability" and "allay the rise in prices in the domestic market", it said in a statement late Thursday.

India accounts for more than 40 percent of all global rice shipments, so the decision could "risk exacerbating food insecurity in countries highly dependent on rice imports", data analytics firm Gro Intelligence said in a note.

Countries expected to be hit by the ban include African nations, Turkey, Syria, and Pakistan -- all of them already struggling with high food-price inflation -- the firm added.

Global demand saw Indian exports of non-basmati white rice jump 35 percent year-on-year in the second quarter, the ministry said.

The increase came even after the government banned broken rice shipments and imposed a 20 percent export tax on white rice in September.



India exported 10.3 million tonnes of non-basmati white rice last year and Rabobank senior analyst Oscar Tjakra said alternative suppliers did not have spare capacity to fill the gap.

"Typically the major exporters are Thailand, Vietnam, and to some extent Pakistan and the US," he told AFP. "They won't have enough supply of rice to replace these."

Moscow's cancellation of the Black Sea grain deal that protected Ukrainian exports has already led to wheat prices creeping up, he pointed out.

"Obviously, this will add to inflation around the world because rice can be used as a substitute for wheat."

Rice prices in India rose 14-15 percent in the year to March and the government "clearly viewed these as red lines from a domestic food security and inflation point of view", ratings agency Crisil's research director Pushan Sharma said in a note.

India had already curbed exports of wheat and sugar last year to rein in

IIT Madras's virtual reality advancement centre moots extended reality corridor in the country

CHENNAI, Jul 21 (Agencies): Amid the scepticism around the metaverse taking off, immersive technologies such as augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR) and mixed reality (MR) are widely adopted for consumer and enterprise applications.

Bets of big technological players like Google forming a partnership with Qualcomm and Samsung for joint development of mixed reality platform and Apple rushing out Vision Pro shows the possibilities of these technologies.

The Xperential Technology Innovation Center (XTIC) located at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras campus is trying to put India on the immersive tech map and make sure we don't miss the bus. It has been developing open-source virtual, augmented reality hardware like headsets, haptic tools or touch sensing technology, emote biosensors and software, standardisation and testing protocols in the extended



reality (XR) technology to be future-ready.

It focuses on interdisciplinary research combining biomechanics, mechatronics, robotics, neurophysiology, computer graphics etc., to support the XR ecosystem in the country. XR as the name suggests extension of reality into the virtual world.

Dr M Manivannan of the Department of Applied Mechanics who heads XITC is proposing to develop a nationwide XR corridor to boost the industry. It's important we do fundamental research and pioneering research in XR technologies and not just build software based on tech corporation's work, he told TNIE. The institute has created experiential centres for these technologies and free training courses which

include perceptual engineering and algebra. The focus is on human perception, he said.

The professor argues that India should have indigenous capabilities and innovation in the XR space similar to that of developing Bharath OS, Shakthi Processor.

"Major companies are not releasing hardware in India, so the cost of these devices is higher, which affects affordability and accessibility. The aim is to encourage startups to work in these areas to bring world-class yet affordable products," he said. The price of Meta

Quest Pro is sold at 1000 USD and Apple Vision Pro is sold at 3,500 USD which is unaffordable to most Indian customers. In the short-term XTIC aims to provide training to college students,

entrepreneurs and industry stakeholders in both hardware and software tools. It plans to set up XITC centres in academic institutions across the country starting in Tamil Nadu.

The institute plans to establish advanced VR/ AR-based training centres for private players and public sector undertakings like SAIL.

An agreement has been signed to develop a training module for the Indian manned spaceflight program, with Army Design Bureau for defence applications and with 23 national museums for developing VR tours of these sites.

Rabindra Sah, Chief Engineer at Tata Technologies said the adoption of digital product development is picking up as these technologies and service providers are easily available.

"Digital prototyping, creating digital twins in the physical environment and stimulating the entire process is there for at least a decade. But, with these emerging technologies, more immersive technological

layers improve product development, testing, and validation. For example, proof of concept is made simple with VR technology.

It is necessary to research how gamification can be applied to engineering and manufacturing create immersive product development, Sah

XITC is working with NITI Aayog for recommending policies for the development of the technology which include incentives for supporting domestic manufacturing, R&D, putting guardrails in place to address the potential threats in the virtual space and so on.

The VR-based applications are used in product design, industrial training, gaming and entertainment, among other areas. Its scope is expected to widen to education and others in the forthcoming years as these mass-produced headsets are sold in the market.

XITC has identified edtech, med-tech, spacetech, and defence-tech as key areas of growth.

Studies underway on cases of sudden cardiac arrest among youngsters after Covid: Govt ment of Health and Family Welfare provides

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): Sudden deaths have been reported in some young people after Covid-19 but sufficient evidence is not available to confirm the cause, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya told Parliament on Friday.

The Indian Council of Medical Research is conducting three different studies to ascertain the facts regarding rising cases of cardiac arrest after the pandemic, Mandaviya said in response to a question in the Lok

He said a multi-centric matched case control study on factors associated with sudden deaths among adults aged 18 to 45 in India is ongoing at around 40 hospitals/research centres. Another multicentric hospital-based matched case control study is underway at around 30 COVID-19 clinical registry hospitals to determine the effect of the Covid vaccine on thrombotic events among the

population aged 18 to 45 in 2022 in India. Besides, another study for establishing the cause of sudden unexplained deaths in young people through virtual and physical

autopsy is underway, Mandaviya said. To address the health issues related to cardiovascular disease, the Centre's Departtechnical and financial support to states and Union Territories under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD).

Cardiovascular disease is an integral part of NP-NCD. The programme includes strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion, population-based screening of the population in the 30-year and above age group under the Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre, early diagnosis, and management and referral to an appropriate level of health care facility.

Under NP-NCD, 724 district non-communicable disease clinics, 210 district cardiac care units, 326 district day care centres and 6,110 community health centre non-communicable disease clinics have been set up.

Cardiovascular disease patients are getting treatment at various health facilities in the healthcare delivery system, including medical colleges, central institutes such as AIIMS, central government and private

sector hospitals, Mandaviya said. There is also focus on cardiovascular diseases in its various aspects in case of new AIIMS and many upgraded institutions under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

To facilitate accessible and affordable health care and treatment under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), health insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary or tertiary care hospitalisation is provided to over 60 crore beneficiaries

The treatment packages are comprehensive, covering various treatment related aspects such as drugs and diagnostic services. Under the umbrella scheme of the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, financial assistance is provided to families living below the threshold poverty line for treatment in government hospitals.

Besides, quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices to all under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, in collaboration with the state governments.

Affordable medicines and reliable implants for treatment (AMRIT) pharmacy stores have been set up in some hospitals/institutions with an objective to make available cardiovascular drugs at a substantial discount, visà-vis the maximum retail price.

Espresso coffee may prevent Alzheimer's symptoms, lab study finds

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): Compounds in espresso coffee may inhibit a process that is believed to be involved in the onset of Alzheimer's disease, according to early findings of a study conducted in lab.

To make espresso coffee, hot water is forced through finely ground coffee beans, creating a concentrated extract. This is often used as a base for other drinks, including the trendy espresso martini. Recent research has suggested that coffee could also have beneficial effects against certain neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's disease. In healthy people, tau proteins help stabilise structures in the brain, but when certain diseases develop, the proteins can clump together into fibrils—a process that is believed to be involved

in the onset of Alzheimer's. The study, published in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, nalaysed if compounds in espresso could

prevent tau aggregation in vitro. Researchers from the University of Verona in Italy pulled espresso shots from store-bought beans, then characterised their chemical makeup using nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. They chose caffeine and trigonelline, both alkaloids, the flavonoid genistein and theobromine, a compound also found in chocolate, to focus on in further experiments. These molecules, along with the complete espresso extract, were incubated alongside a shortened form of the tau protein for up to 40 hours. As the concentration of espresso extract, caffeine or genistein increased, tau fibrils were shorter and didn't form larger sheets, with the complete extract showing the most dramatic results.

Shortened fibrils were found to be nontoxic to cells, and they did not act as "seeds" for further aggregation. In other experiments, the researchers observed that caffeine and the espresso extract could both bind pre-formed tau fibrils.

Although much more research is needed, the team says its preliminary findings could pave the way towards designing other bioactive compounds against neurodegenerative diseases.

WI vs IND, 2nd Test: Virat Kohli's unbeaten 87 thwarts West Indies comeback plan on Day 1 of landmark match

Virat Kohli's gutsy fifty in his 500th international match thwarted West Indies's comeback plans on the opening day of the landmark 100th Test between India and West Indies in Port of Spain.

PORT OF SPAIN, Jul 21 (Agencies): India lost four wickets in the afternoon session, but the right-hand left-hand combination of Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja dug in and added an unbeaten 106 runs for the fifth wicket to take the tourists to 288 for 4 at the close of play on the opening day of the landmark match.

Kohli's performance was particularly noteworthy, as he scored his 30th Test fifty during this innings and his patient and calculated approach helped India navigate through a challenging phase of play, demonstrating his immense experience and skill. Kohli hit eight fours and his trademark cover drives to remain unbeaten on 87 in 161 deliveries. So far, Jadeja has played cautiously, scoring 36 runs in 84 balls.

Despite some visible footmarks on the pitch on the first day, Kohli-Jadeja didn't make a single error in the final session. Kohli received medical attention after diving to get back in the crease to turn for a couple. In the final over of the day, West Indies' substitute fielder Kevin Sinclair was injured in the deep, while Tagenarine Chanderpaul



was hit on the wrists at short leg by Virat Kohli. The Windies pacers lacked intent and failed to put some short stuff in play, making it easier for the pair to put up runs.

The Indian team, led by captain Rohit Sharma, started strong with an opening partnership between Sharma and Jaiswal. Both players showcased their batting prowess, with Sharma scoring an unbeaten 63 off 102 balls, and Jaiswal contributing 52 runs. Their combined efforts led India to a comfortable position of 121/0 in 26 overs at lunch.

However, the second session saw a shift in momentum as West Indies bowled with

intent to strike four times, leaving India at 182 for four at tea. India skipper Rohit Sharma (80 off 143), Yashasvi Jaiswal (57 off 74), Shubman Gill (10 off 12), and Ajinkya Rahane (8 off 36) were the batters who fell in the second session of the opening

day. The West Indies bowlers'

success with the ball was large-

ly due to their discipline, which

they lacked in the first session.

Jason Holder, who could have caught Jaiswal at first slip just before lunch, got rid of him by luring him to an expansive drive.

The ball had flown over the gully fielder a few times earlier in the morning, prompting the hosts to push the fielder back. Jaiswal mistimed his drive, and debutant

Kirk McKenzie made a diving

Shubman Gill followed, failing for the second time in a row at his new batting position of number three. Kemar Roach tested him around the off stump earlier this season, and Gill ended up edging a good length ball back to the wicketkeeper. Rohit, who looked fantastic in the middle, was bowled out by a beauty from Jomel Warrican. The left-arm spinner tossed one up and got it to turn a shade away from the off-stump in order to clip the bails.

However, Virat Kohli, playing

his landmark 500th international match, stepped up to help India recover from a poor second session on the opening day of the series finale at the Queen's Park Oval on Thursday, July 20. Kohli stitched together a vital fifty-plus stand for the fifth wicket alongside Ravindra Jadeja, helping India regain their footing. Kohli reached his fifty in 98 balls, reflecting his experience and composure as he steadied the Indian innings, which was slipping after a solid 139-run opening stand between half-centuries Rohit and Jaiswal.

On This Day: Ishant Sharma's 7 for 74 gives India Test win in Lord's after 28 years



LONDON, Jul 21 (Agencies): On July 21, 2014, the Indian cricket team etched a historic victory in the annals of cricket history. After a long wait of 28 years, India clinched their first Test win at Lord's since 1986. The architect of this monumental victory was none other than Ishant Sharma, whose exceptional bowling spell of 7 for 74 spurred India to a 95-run win.

The match was part of the India tour of England 2014, with the second Investec Test taking place at Lord's, London, from July 17 to 21. The

game was a nail-biter, with both teams displaying exceptional cricketing skills. However, it was India's day on July 21 as they scripted a memorable victory, ending a drought of wins at the Mecca of Cricket, the Lord's Stadium.

Ishant Sharma emerged as the key player in India's Test win. His aggressive bowling with the old ball produced one of the most memorable spells in the history of Indian fast bowling. He dismantled the English batting lineup, which was chasing a steep target of 319. His

best test figures of 7/74 were instrumental in bowling out England in the 2nd innings, leading to India's famous victory at Lord's.

The final day of the Test saw England crumble under pressure. From a comfortable position of 173 for 4. England succumbed to a series of reckless pull shots, collapsing to 223 all out. Ishant Sharma's relentless short-pitched attack proved too much for the English batters. His dismissals of Moeen Ali, Matt Prior, Ben Stokes, and Joe Root were pivotal moments in the match, turning the tide in India's favor.

The victory was not just about numbers; it was a testament to India's grit, determination, and resilience. It was a special win, as it came after a long gap of 28 years. The last time India had tasted victory at Lord's was under the captaincy of Kapil Dev in 1986.

Crawley's Bazball sets stage on fire as England zoom ahead

MANCHESTER, Jul 21 (Agencies): A sensational 189 from Zak Crawley, the highest score by an Englishman in a home Ashes clash in 26 years, helped the hosts post 384/4 to storm past Australia's first innings total and lead by 67 after a remarkable Day 2 of the fourth Test.

With rain forecast over the weekend, England know they are in a race against time to get the win they need to level the series and produced a blistering display of aggressive shot-making that was too hot for a shell-shocked Australia.

After taking the final two wickets to bowl Australia out for 317 at the start of the day, Crawley, ably supported by Moeen Ali (54) and Joe Root (84), became the series' top run scorer with his huge knock.

In scenes rarely seen in this format of the game, England raced along, scoring at a rate of 5.33 per over, the fourth fastest ever, for an innings of five overs or more, against Australia by any side in Test cricket history.

in Test cricket history.
Crawley had only hit one six all series



before coming to the crease today, but three hits sailed over the Old Trafford boundary, alongside 21 fours, scoring at over a run-a-ball throughout to swing the momentum once more in England's

England's hero from the last Test, Harry Brook, and captain Ben Stokes kept the boundaries flowing to extend the lead and they will look to ramp things up even more tomorrow as England look to secure a quick-fire success.

Brief scores: Australia: 317: England:

Brief scores: Australia: 317; England: 384/2 in 72 overs (Crawley 189, Root 84, Ali 54).

Sakshi breaks ranks, wants 'fair' trials for Asian Games

NEW DELHI, Jul 21 (Agencies): Breaking ranks with her fellow wrestlers who led the protests in the sexual harassment case against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, Sakshi Malik has criticised the ad hoc committee's decision to send Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat to the Asian Games without holding trials.

In a video posted online, Sakshi said that authorities should hold fair trials. "We had asked for time from the government to prepare for the Asian Games and that our trials should take place after August 10," Sakshi said in the video uploaded from the USA, where she is



training.

"The government gave us time and that is why we are out here to train. However, we have been told that in two weight categories they are sending direct entries."

"I was also asked to send an e-mail in this regard, suggesting that my case would be discussed as well. But I refused because I never wanted to go to the Asian Games without trials. I have never ever competed like that. I want to say that everyone should get

manner," she added.
Sakshi's criticism
comes after wrestlers
Antim Panghal, who

justice and selections

should happen in a fair

fights in Vinesh's 53kg weight category, and Sujeet Kalkal, who fights in Bajrang's 65kg category, jointly moved the Delhi High Court. The petition, which will be again heard tomorrow, seeks quashing of the directive issued by the ad hoc committee.

Meanwhile, Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Ravi Dahiya is also said to be unhappy with this decision as he was left out by the ad hoc body. The committee used the Wrestling Federation of India selection rule that states "the selection of all weight categories are mandatory, however, the selection committee will have the discretion to select the iconic play-

ers like the medallists of Olympics/World Championships without trials provided recommendation from the chief coach/foreign expert".

"It is very wrong to give exemption to two and not the others," a source close to Dahiya said. "The rule says it has to be recommended by the chief coach or foreign expert. We do not have a foreign expert and the chief coach (Jagmander Singh) has already clarified he has not given anything in writing. So who recommended this? But he (Dahiya) will not complain as he wants to win the trial and represent India the right way," the source added.

Korea open: Shuttlers tumble out in Rd 2

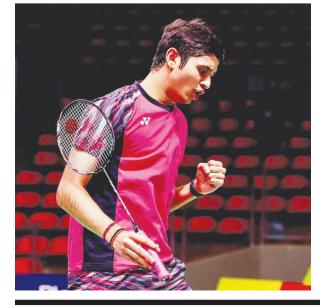
YEOSU (SOUTH KOREA), Jul 21 (Agencies): India shuttler HS Prannoy made an early exit from the Korea Open Super 500 as he lost his second round match to Lee Cheuk Yiu of Hong Kong here.

World No. 10 Prannoy, seeded fifth in the tournament, lost 15-21 21-19 18-21 to Yiu, who is ranked eight places below him, in a closely-contested match that lasted one hour and six minutes.

Priyanshu Rajawat fought valiantly against world No. 4 and top-seeded Kodai Naraoka of Japan before losing 14-21 21-18 17-21 in a second-round match that went on for one hour and 22 minutes.

The Indian women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand was no match for the second-seeded South Korean opponents Baek Na Ha and Lee So Hee as they lost 11-21 4-21 in 33 minutes in the second round.

The Indian mixed doubles pair of Rohan Kapoor and Sikki Reddy lost to the fourth-seeded Chinese pair of Feng Yan Zhe and Huang Dong Ping 15-21 12-21.



"I Will Never Talk About Brazil, I Am The Coach Of Real Madrid": Carlo Ancelotti



LOS ANGELES, Jul 21 (Agencies): Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti moved to tamp down discussion of his possible future move to the Brazilian national team, saying he was focused on the Spanish giants and their upcoming season. "I will never talk about Brazil, about what is going to happen," the Italian told reporters in Los Angeles, where Real Madrid will play the first of four US friendlies on Sunday against AC Milan at the Rose Bowl. "I am the coach of Real Madrid and I am staying here," Ancelotti insisted, two weeks after Brazilian Confederation president Ednaldo Rodrigues indicated Ancelotti was poised to become the first foreigner in almost 60 years to coach the Selecao after his Real Madrid contract expires.

That would put the Italian at the helm in time for the Copa America in the United States from June 2024, but Ancelotti said for him the subject was closed.

"I will never talk about this matter again," he said, noting that he had a contract with Real Madrid "until June

Ancelotti also declined to comment on Madrid's chances of signing French

star Kylian Mbappe, who is involved in a contract dispute with Paris Saint-Germain

Mbappe "is a player who is not at Madrid," he noted. "To talk about players who are not here, it doesn't seem right to me."

Ancelotti did discuss his plans for dealing with the departure of Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema, who last month inked a three-year deal with Allttihad in Saudi Arabia.

He said he would experiment with a system that exploits the attacking potential of signings such as England's Jude Bellingham and Turkey's Arda Guler.

Even though an elite direct replacement for Benzema has yet to arrive, Ancelotti said he was satisfied with how the Real Madrid squad has come together for next season.

"For me, the squad has improved," he said. "We have lost a player who has been fundamental for years in Karim, whom we wish the best and who has been a club legend. But we have a very young group that we are convinced will give us a lot of satisfaction," he said.

After the press conference, Ancelotti led the first practice on the University of California at Los Angeles, where several hundred fans turned out to welcome the team.

On July 26 the team travel to Texas to face Manchester United in Houston before a Clasico against Barcelona in Dallas on July 29.

Before returning to Spain, Madrid will face Juventus in Orlando, Florida, on August 2.

Women's World Cup: Hosts give record crowds reason to cheer

NZ, Australia off to winning starts



SYDNEY/AUCK-LAND, Jul 21 (Agencies): Co-hosts Australia and New Zealand opened the ninth Women's World Cup with wins and record crowds, after a shooting near the Norwegian team hotel in Auckland that left three dead and six injured.

Police said the shooter was among those killed and the danger from the incident was over, while New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins

said there was no risk to national security.

After an opening ceremony celebrating traditional Maori culture including the famous Haka war dance, a stunning goal from Hannah Wilkinson at Eden Park was the difference in the 1-0 victory over Norway.

The crowd of 42,137 bested the host nation's previous record for an international football match.

Authorities deployed

extra police and security outside the stadium following the shooting in New Zealand's largest city.

A statement from football's governing body FIFA said it was supporting teams in the vicinity of the incident. A fan park in the city will remain closed today, organisers said.

"Everyone woke up pretty quickly when the helicopter hovered outside the hotel window and a large number of emergency vehicles arrived — at first we didn't know what was going on, but eventually there were updates on TV and the local media," Norway captain Maren Mjelde was quoted as saying by a newspaper. Australia's Matildas began their campaign with a scrappy 1-0 win against Ireland in front of a crowd of 75,784 fans at Stadium Australia in Sydney — a record attendance for a

women's football match

in the country.

Shiv Sena raises concern over rising unemployment, drug abuse & crime



TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Jul 21: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir Unit has expressed serious concern over the increasing unemployment, crime, and drug abuse in the state and demanded the Modi government at the Center should introduce a job creation policy and provide unemployment allowance to educated unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K today chaired a meeting of party workers of unit and discussed the strategies for upcoming ULB elections.

During his address, Sahni stated that the rising unemployment, drug abuse, and criminal incidents in the state have been a result of the failed policies of the central government. He said that there is a significant connection between drug abuse,

increasing criminal incidents, and the alarming rate of unemployment. The disillusioned youths, due to lack of employment opportunities, are getting caught in the web of drug addiction and crime, he

added. Sahni further highlighted that the commitment made by the Saffron Party with regard to development, employment and peace, have turned out to be completely hollow. The

youth population, which is considered the future of the country, is struggling with deep frustration due to unemployment, he added.

Sahni urged the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and the central government to provide an unemployment allowance of Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 5,000 per month to the educated unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir. He also demanded immediate filling of vacant positions in various departments, along with the formulation of a job creation

He asserted that the Party will continue to raise its voice against rising unemployment, drug abuse, and crime, and will strive towards a better future for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Among others who were present include

Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Jatinder Arora, Prabhari Ashwani Prabhakar, president distt. Udhampur Sanjeev Sharma, Anil Vijay , Gopal Dogra , Joginder Verma, Madan Sharma ,DC Sharma , Raj Singh , Rajinder Singh , Imtiyaj Hussain, Som Raj ,Rajesh Khajuria ,Sahil Gandotra, Rashid Khajuria, Vishal Verma, Vijay Singh , Radhey Sham. Mohinder Kumar, Rakesh Kumar and many others.

Shaurya International School organises Virtual Expedition "CHANDRAYAAN 2"



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: Shaurya International School organized virtual Expedition to the Moon. This event was organized in collaboration with Klip VR, an award-winning Innovative Technology Firm.

It was first of its kind event organized by Shaurya International School in Jammu. Students from Grades 1 through 12 became part of this expedition.

The purpose of the activity was to provide the students a chance to virtually visit the Moon in Chandrayaan 2 and experience the wonders of the universe, giving them countless opportunities to dream big, acquire 21st Century skills and

explore the galaxy. Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the School, Dr Rajesh Gandral said that the Chandrayaan VR would support learning experiences and satiate the astronomy aspirants.

He further added that it would also give such students the chance to participate in space mission, enabling them to become Indian Space scientists and accompany lunar surface experiments.

JKPDL Workers Union to go on 72-hr strike from July 24 against hiring of Lineman on contract basis



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: JK PDL and TDL Workers Union shall be on 72

hour protest starting 24th July against the hiring of Lineman on contract

basis by JPDCL and no

regularisation of PDL TDL since last 2 years despite the framing of

rules of regularisation in

Feb 2021 on the basis of SRO 381 read with SO 109 of 2020 issued at time of unbundling. The rules had been vetted by the LG. "We seek immediate holding of DPC and release of pending wages. The protest shall be held in MD office JPDCL Jammu campus," Akhil Sharma President All JKPDL/ TDL PDD Union told reporters here on Friday.

The member including Shamim, Kabir, Sajid, Farooq, Gureej, Daljit, Ramesh, Rakesh, Kamal, Puran, Bilal, Subash, Chamel. Mohinder and Rajinder were also present on the occasion.

Army pays tribute to brave hearts with inspiring bike rally at Nachlana



TOP NEWS REPORT

RAMBAN, Jul 21: In a touching display of remembrance and unity, the Indian Army is conducting a heartfelt bike rally.

The rally on their way from Kohima to Karqil was given a warm welcome by the students and populace of Ramban District at Govt High School, Nachlana. Students conducted

patriotic programs and lauded the efforts of team. The rally leader also

interacted with the school children and made them aware about Saga of bravery

of Indian Army during the Kargil conflict.

During the unique initiative, the soldiers collected sacred soil from Kargil's historic battlegrounds, presenting it to the families of the fallen heroes as a symbol of gratitude and remem-

In a reciprocal gesture, tney also gathered soil from the homes of brave hearts, carrying it back to the Kargil War Memorial at Drass to preserve their legacy.

emotional This exchange of soil between the kargil battlefield and the homes of the brave hearts exemplifies the indomitable

spirit of the Indian Army and the unwavering commitment to honouring their brave soldiers.

The rally has also become a symbol of hope and inspiration for the youth, as they witness first-hand example of valour and commitment of the Indian Army in protecting the nation's borders.

Many schools and educational institutions are taking this opportunity to educate students about the sacrifices made by our soldiers and the importance of patriotism and national pride.

As the rally team continues its journey, the nation stands united in honouring the memory of the fallen heroes and showing unwavering support to their families. The Indian Army's 'Saviours of Mushkoh' bike rally serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our soldiers and it reinforces our collective responsibility to cherish and uphold the ideals for which they laid down their lives.

The media and the public are encouraged to follow and cover this remarkable journey, spreading the message of valour and sacrifice that embodies the Indian Army's spirit.

Two days district Jammu Kalaripayattu Championship concluded



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 21: Two days long 5th District Jammu Kalaripayattu Championship 2023 organized by District Jammu Kalarippayattu Association under the banner of Kalaripayattu Association of J&K, concluded at Kotli Bhawan Hall, Rehari Colony, Jammu.

More than 120 players from different schools and clubs from Jammu participated in the championship, wherein Arun Khanna -Chairman - Health & Sanitation Committee - JMC was the chief guest, Danish Sharma - General Secretary- Kalarippayattu

Guest of Honour . Dr. Vinod Sharma - Health Officer JMC, Advocate Nidhi Mangotra-Councillor Ward 17, Mukesh Thakur - Sports Enthusiast, Deepak Dogra-Sports Promoter, Suresh Kumar- Senior Martial Artist were Spe-

cial Guests for the vale-

dictory function.

Association of J&K was

Other officials present on the occasion were Harsh Vardhan Raina, Rudrakshit Gupta, Rohini Chib, Rajat Bhagat, Jaideep Manhas, Rishika Sharma, Kanak Abrol, Saksham Dogra, Palak Sharma, Anirudh Verma, Tarun Gupta, Nitish Singh, Nitin Kumar,

Manish Gill and Koushal Garg mementos and medals were also given to the players to felicitate them for their wonderful performances.

At last, Danish Sharma appreciated the organisers for organizing such a successful Kalarippayattu event and said "Kalaripayattu is known for its long-standing history within Indian Martial arts and is one of the oldest martial arts in India."

As we talk about recognitions in India, Kalarippayattu Sport is recog-Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. Of India, All India Council of Sports.

nized by the Ministry of

Recently Kalarippa-

vattu Sport is included in the most prestigious events of India Like Khelo India and National Games

Kalarippayattu Association of Jammu & Kashmir (KAJK) is working from last five years in J&K UT for the promotion of Kalarippayattu

Kalarippayattu Sport is also included in J&K Sports Policy 2022. Our players were participated in National Championships, Khelo India Youth Games and brought laurels to our J&K UT.

In Khelo India Youth Games 2A21- at Panchkula, Haryana - our one athlete won Gold Medal.

Nari Sashaktikaran Women Motorcycle Rally held

TOP NEWS REPORT

UDHAMPUR, Jul 21 To commemorate 24 years of victory over Pakistan in Kargil War of 1999 and to showcase the indomitable spirit of women, the Armed Forces under the aegis of Headquarters Northern Command has launched the Nari Sashaktikaran Women Motorcycle Rally from National War Memorial, New Delhi to Kargil War Memorial, Dras on 18

Jul 23. The expedition reached Udhampur wherein it was flagged-in by Major General Hartej Singh Bajaj, General Officer Commanding 71 Sub Area at Udhampur.

The rally members interacted with Regional President AWWA, school students, teachers, NCC



Ex-servicemen who had gathered to welcome the team members and to cheer them on. Rally members spoke about the significance of the Rally and celebrations of 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta, Chief of Staff, Headmand complimented the Rally members for being the torch bearers of Nari Sashaktikaran and undertaking such a challenging journey. The 25 member strong team includes Veer Naris and serving person from all the three services.

As a mark of respect,

will pay their homage to the brave hearts at the Dhruva War Memorial at Udhampur in a solemn event. The Rally will be flagged off by Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Northern Command on July 11, 2023 for Srinagar.

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