TOP NEWS OF J&K



Man dead after hit by shooting stone in Ramban

SRINAGAR, Jul 22 (Agencies): One person died after he was hit by a shooting stone in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir.

An official said that Abdul Rashid died on spot after he was hit by a shooting stone following rains.

He said Rashid was on way to Chakki in Paristan village when the incident happened.

Elderly man injured in bear attack in Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, Jul 22 (Agencies): An elderly man was injured after being attacked by a bear in forest area of central Kashmir's district Ganderbal on Saturday.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that soon after the incident he was shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment, where from he was referred to SKIMS Soura.

UPSC inducts 31 JKPS officers into IPS in historic move SRINAGAR, Jul 21

simultaneously. The decision was reportedly made during a crucial meeting held in New Delhi, attended by representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Chief Secretary, and the Director General of Police (DGP). Originally, 32 JKPS officers from the 1999 batch were scheduled for induction, but one post was reserved for Turn to page 9

recovers foreign currency worth Rs 10 cr at Delhi airport



NEW DELHI, Jul 22 (Agencies): In what is claimed to be a "biggestever seizure", Customs

Tajikistan nationals at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport.

According to officials, the accused trio were caught while they were going to board a flight to Istanbul. "On the basis of profiling, the officers of Airport Customs, IGI Airport, Terminal-3, New Delhi have booked the biggest-ever case of smuggling of foreign currency through any

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Over 3 lakhs devotees visit Amarnath cave shrine in first 21 days of pilgrimage

UPSC



SRINAGAR, Jul 22 (Agencies): More than 3 lakh pilgrims have visited the Amarnath cave shrine in south Kashmir in the first 21 days of the annual Yatra that began on July 1, officials said

on Saturday. "Due to the improvement in infrastructure & allied services by government, Amarnath Yatra registered over 3 lakh record-breaking number of pilgrims who

a case FIR No. 02/2023

under relevant sections

of law was registered

at Police Station ANTF

On receipt of this infor-

mation, the ANTF team

immediately along with

a team of local police

under the close supervi-

sion of SSP ANTF J&K

swung into action and

on July 20 raided Mal-

la's house in collabora-

tion with the concerned

During a search, the

ANTF team recovered a

huge quantity of poppy

straw concealed in poly-

Deodrants !

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ethylene bags under

executive magistrate.

Srinagar.

Police recover Rs 31 lakh from a fake scribe

SRINAGAR, Jul 22 (Agencies): In a significant development, the Jammu and Kashmir Police announced on Friday that they have successfully recovered Rs 31.65 lacs from a self-styled journalist involved in a terror funding case linked to the notorious group, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), in the Srinagar district. A police spokesperson revealed that this action was part of the ongoing investigation of FIR No

20/23, which falls under sections 120B, 121, and 121A of the Indian Penal Code, along with sections 13, 18, 39, and 40 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (ULAP). The recovery of the substantial amount was accomplished during the investigation.

Friday recovered foreign

currency worth over Rs

10 crores from three

Subsequently, the authorities made another arrest in connection with the case. The accused has been identified as Muzamil Turn to page 9

Jammu-**Srinagar** Highway closed due to shooting stones

JAMMU, Jul 22: The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway has been closed for vehicular traffic due to multiple shooting stones, officials said on Saturday.

"Traffic halted on NH-44 due to shooting stones at Mehad and accute slippery condition of road at Dalwas. People are advised not to travel W/O con-

firmation from TCUs,"

Jammu and Kashmir

The traffic police said

that the clearance work

Traffic police said.

is in progress.

Turn to page 9 Anti-Narcotics force recovers huge quantity EOW CB Jammu

arrests two absconders after 3 years

He has been identi fied as Ghulam Nabi Dar of Yarmugam.

The official said that a team of wildlife officials has been sent to the area to capture the animal.

Rains lash J&K, MeT predicts more

SRINAGAR, Jul 22 (Agencies): Rains lashed Jammu and Kashmir even as weatherman on Saturday forecast more precipitation.

"Light to moderate rain/thundershower at many places are expected in Jammu and Kashmir during next 24 hours," a meteorological department official here told GNS. "Some spells can be heavy especially in Kathua district," he said.

On July 23, he said, intermittent light to moderate rain was expected at scattered places of J&K.

On July 24-25, he said, partly to generally cloudy weather is expected. "A brief spell of rain may occur at some places." On July 26-28, he said, no large change is expected. Regarding rainfall in the last 24 hours till 0830 hours today, he said, Srinagar received Turn to page 9 of poppy straw in Budgam

SRINAGAR, Jul 22 (Agencies): The Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of Jammu and Kashmir Police, a specialized unit to check the rising menace of drugs, recovered a huge quantity of poppy straw worth lakhs of rupees, police said

(Agencies): In a historic

move, the Union Public

Service Commission

(UPSC) has approved

the induction of 31

Jammu and Kashmir

Police Services (JKPS)

officers into the Indian

This is the first time in

the history of Jammu

and Kashmir that such

a large number of JKPS

officers have been

inducted into the IPS

Police Services (IPS).

According to a spokesperson, the ANTF had received a tip-off that a drug peddler identified as one Tariq Ahmed Malla had concealed a large quantity of poppy straw in his house in Mohanpora Budgam and would attempt to smuggle it. Accordingly,



Cloudburst washes away road stretch in Doda



BHADERWAH, Jul 22 like situation. (Agencies): A powerful Sub Divisional Magcloudburst that struck istrate Thathri Athar Kota Nullah in Jammu Amin Zargar said that a portion of road of and Kashmir's Doda district early this morning Thaleela-Chirala link washed away a stretch got washed away after of Thaleela - Chirala link a cloudburst occurred road and created a flood in the wee hours. "The

heavy rains resulted in mudslides and flood like situation in Kota Nullah. However no loss of life or injury was reported. Men and machinery are being deployed to clear debris from the road and restore it at the earliest," said SDM Thathri. He added that Doda

cloud burst coupled with

- Kishtwar stretch of the highway which got closed due to cloudburst between Shiva Pull and Thathri Petrol Pump has been restored for twoway traffic.

Meanwhile, torrential rains continued in Turn to page 9



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JAMMU, Jul 22: Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Crime Branch Jammu apprehended two absconders accused namely Satvinder Singh, son of Malkit Singh, resident of Kaisu-

The Jammu Srinagar National Highway is the lifeline of the Kashmir pura Kutta Bud Enllabad District Sirsa Haryana and Rajeev Bharanatti, son of late Bosavraj Bharattti, resident of

at present Flat No-104

Mahavir Darshan Plot

No 5A Sector 06 Kopar

Khairanee, Navi Mumbai

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valley and the main road link connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country. Kashmir bound trucks laden with essential supplies and other vehicles pass through the highway and fruit carrying trucks from Kashmir head for rest of the country through

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OBITUARIES



21-07-2023 (Friday) Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at 9.00 AM at our residence. 23-07-2023 (Sunday) **Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib** at 9.30 AM at our residence.

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.

2023 AT BUA DATTI MANDIR, PATOLI MAGOTRIAN AT 11 AM

AT OUR RESIDENCE.

community Hall lane No 23.

SMT JAI KISHORI RAINA





Kirtan & Antim Ardas 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM at Gurudwara Guru Ka Bagh, Channi Himmat followed by Guru Ka Langar. **GRIEF STRICKEN** S. Sukhdev Singh- <mark>Husband</mark> Sdn Gurbachan Kour W/o Late Giani Gurbax Singh- <mark>Mother-in-Law</mark> Sdn Nanak Kour- Mother Sons & Daughter in Laws S. Ranbir Singh & Sdn. Gurvinder Kour (Bombay Kashmir Carrier) S. Manjeet Singh & Sdn. Puneet Kour (USA) Devar & Devrani's S. Mohinder Singh & Sdn. Manmeet Kour (President Poonch Route Busses 2x2) S. Prithpal Singh & Sdn. Sarabieet Kour 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. Paramjeet 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 Grand Sons Abhitek, Japtei, Anhad, And All Nears & Dears MOBILE NO: 9419179455, 9906227878

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved sister Smt Santosh Kumari W/o Late Sh Rashpal Singh Chib on 19-07-2023.

Fifth Day will be performed on 23rd July 2023 (Sunday) at H.No. 62 Near Post Office Paloura Jammu at 10 AM.

Grief Stricken

Brother & Bhabhi

Sh Shiv Dev Singh (Ex. MLA) & Smt Sushma Ph. 9419192786, 9596646786

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our mother Sdn Shant Kour W/o Late S. Paramit Singh (Retd.SI JKP) R/o. Mohalla Daru Giran Residency Road at present Dashmesh Nagar, Digiana who expired on 17/07/2023.

Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 23/7/2023 at 9:30 AM at our residence.

Antim Ardas will be performed at Gurudwara Sahib Digiana Camp from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Amarjeet Singh & All family members.

Contact: 9796220261



Smt Kiran Koul w/o Late Rattan Lal Koul Smt Sumukhi Bhat W/o Vijay Kumar Bhat Grand Children: Ritik Raina & Priyanka Raina

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Nimee Bhat W/o Shri Maharaj Krishan Bhat originally resident of Tengpuna Pulwama, presently at H.no 102F, Sector 1, Durga Nagar Jammu. Her 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on Wednesday 26th July at 8 am. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Maharaj Krishan Bhat **- Husband** Sister & Brother in law



Smt Nimee Bhat

Smt.Veena Ji and Pyare Lal Raina Sons and Daughters in law Smt Neelu & Sh. Sameer Bhat Smt Priya & Sh. Sanjeev Bhat Smt. Anju & Sh. Vimal Bhat Daughters & Sons in law Smt. Anju & Sh. Chuni Lal Bhat Smt. Asha & Sh. Prince Koul Smt. Anita & Sh. Aneet Bhat Smt Ranu & Sh. Samvit Trisal Smt.Princy & Sh. Pamposh Mattoo Grand children: Mehul, Mivan, Hazel, Samaksh, Veronica, Ojal Contact number 7006768182,9796810666,, 9103177751

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Leelwant Kour W/o Late S Saran Singh (Granthi) from village Singhpora Kalan Baramulla, who left for heav enly abode on 14/07/2023. PROGRAMME

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji on (21/07/2023) Friday at 9am at our residence Singhpora Kalan Baramulla Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji on

(23/07/2023) Friday at 9 am at our residence. Bhog and Antim Ardaas from 10.00 am to 12 pm at our Residence.

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IAN, ANUSHIKA BHAN Reat Grandson: Rudra Bhan DNTACT 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 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 AT 11 AM. KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 22ND JULY 2023 AT OUR RESIDENCE.

AT OUR RESIDENCE. UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 24TH JULY 2023 AT 4 PM AT BUA DATTI MANDIR, PATOLI MANGOTRI-SMT VEERO DEVI

AT 4 PM AT BUA DATTI MANDIR, PATOLI MANGOTRI-AN, JAMMU GRIEF STRICKEN Shir Pawan Magotra & Smt Santosh Magotra -Son & Daughter-in-law Shir Ravinder Magotra & Smt Xisha Magotra -Son & Daughter-in-law Shir Arun Magotra & Smt Asha Magotra -Son & Daughter-in-law Shir Arun Magotra & Smt Nisha Magotra -Son & Daughter-in-law (M/s Ravi Provisional Store) Shir Arun Magotra & Smt Ruby Magotra Shir Anil Magotra & Smt Ruby Magotra Daughters & Son-in-laws Smt Seema & Suresh Khajuria Smt Archan & Rajesh Sharma nt Archana & Rajesh Sharma ontact : 9419153446, 9419716671



With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of revered Sister **Smt Mohini Razdan** (Koul) W/o Shri M.K Razdan a Pune on 20-07-2023.

Mourning from Malun Side will be observed at 37-A Gali No 10 New Plot GRIEF STRICKEN

SMT MOHINI RAZDAN (KOUL)

mt Raj Dulari Koul & Hari Krishen Koul -Brother & Bhabhi Smt Santosh Dhar & Chaman Lal Dhar -Brother In Law & Sister Smt Guddi & Rajinder Koul- Brother & Bhabhi MOBILE NO: 9596750270, 7889714788

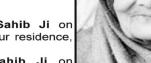
OBITUARY

With Profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Tara Rani Dubey**, W/o Late Sh Om Parkash Dubey (Pouni Wale) R/o 73A/D. Green Belt, Gandhi Nagar Jammu on 21st July, 2023. **GRIEF STRICKEN: Son and Daughter-in-Law** Sh Chander Shekhar Dubey & Smt Reeta Sharma Sh Naresh Dubey & Smt Vibhuti Dubey **Daughter and Son-in-Law** Smt Sushma Magotra W/o Late Sh Mahesh Magotra Smt Usha Sharma & Sh Ashwari Dogra **Grand children** : Rohit, Sheetal, Abhishek, Garima, Hitten, Sanya, Madhay, Preeti, Aastha, Suhel, Pallay,

Hitten, Sanya, Madhav, Preeti, Aastha, Suhel, Pallav, Shivani, Aashna, Raghav, Yosha, Ridansh, Yagya Entire Dubey and Lakhanpal family 9419193857, 9419187073, 9419186056



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GRIEF STRICKEN:-S Kirpal Singh Raina (Son) Balbir Kour Raina (SBI) (Daughter-in-law) Simrat Kour (Daughter) Balbir Kour (Daughter) Gurmeet Kour (Daughter) S Ajinder Pal Singh and S. Jasbir Singh (Ex-Eng) (Sons-in-Law) Grand Children: Harmeet, Satbir, Ravinder Kour, Luckvinder Singh, Sharanpa Kour, Livleen, Harman Pal, Rachita, Jasjot



Smt Santosh Kumari

Top News of J&K Jammu, Saturday, July 22, 2023

LOCAL/ ADVT

Create UT of Panun Kashmir for rehabilitation of internally displaced Hindus of Kashmir: PK

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 22: Taking notice of the grass root reports of increased activity of the banned organisation Jamaati- Islami in Kashmir, Panun Kashmir warned Government of India about the grave dangers of any clandestine deal with the banned outfit Jamaat-i-Islami.

"It has come to the notice of Panun Kashmir that the activists of the banned outfit have very subtly started collection of funds in the name of Ushr and Zakat giving an impression that the hostility with the establishment is gradually being neutralized," Dr Ajay Chrungoo, Chairman, Panun Kashmir said in a press conference here on Saturday. Since Government of India and ruling parties at the helms in the past have repeatedly explored and established tactical or strategic relations with Jamat-I-Islami that eventually led to deepening of internal subversion in the earstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, Panun Kashmir feels it its duty to caution the present government in the UT and New Delhi about serious dangers



of any such move, Dr Ajay Chrungoo said.

The whole nation has already witnessed the catastrophic implications of the ruling Congress party coming to the rescue of Jammati-Islami after the implementation of the death sentence to Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in Pakistan led to public outrage against Jamaat-I-Islami in Kashmir, he added

Congress flirtation with Jamaat then led to the sealing of alliance between National Conference and Jamaat that built the pitch for the separatist terrorist ferment in Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Ajay Chrun-

goo said. Gol again insulated Jamaat from state action

during the Governor's rule in 1989-90 in spite of the contrary advice of the top echelons of the

state police. **Previous Government** in the state of Jammu and Kashmir has been on record confirming the presence of thousands of Jamaat sympathizers in the state administra-

The influence of Jamaat-I-Islami in the administrative spheres in Jammu and Kashmir is still very huge.Even an inkling that Government of India is once again cosying up to Jamaat will be immensely damaging and destabilising. Panun Kashmir welcomed the ban on Jammat and urged Gol to ban all such internal

organs and institutions of society that act as nursery for breeding terrorists.

After the ban on Jamaat-I-Islami, Panun Kashmir expected Gol to move against its sympathisers in top academic spheres, administration, bureaucracy and police. To our dismay Gol

has been lacking the decisive initiatives in this direction, Dr Ajay Chrungoo said adding that this may be due to the fact that there are still persons dealing with the strategic and tactical affairs who still recognise some tactical or strategic value of Jamaat.

Panun Kashmir welcomed the recent dis-

missal orders by the UT government of 3 employees indulging in anti national activities but thinks it to be a very small step in the all pervasive subversive rot in the administration. Besides the action involves the low level employees and not the upper echelons of Governmental apparatus.

activities in strategically crucial departments only underlines the reach and depth of internal subversive processes. Panun Kashmir demanded UT Government should take public into confidence about the internal subversion of the administrative apparatus and should take a top bottom approach in taking action against Jammat moles in administration. Persons indulging in subversion at the top should be acted upon first of all and foremost. Panun Kashmir once again asked Gol to recognise Genocide inflicted on Hindus of Kashmir and accord prime importance to creation of UT of Panun Kashmir for rehabilitation of internally displaced Hindus of Kashmir.

Cambridge English language Lab inaugurated at **BOMIS Jammu**

The three employees indulging in subversive



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 22: J&K's first Cambridge English Language Lab for 2023-24 Academic Session was inaugurated on Saturday at Birla Open Minds International School (BOMIS), Jammu.

Speaking at the occasion, the Chief Guest Sudhir Verma (DIG SHQ SPL OPS - Jammu), while inaugurating the Cambridge English Language Lab, highlighted the importance of English in today's world.

He encouraged the students not to feel hesitant to speak in English even if they make grammatical errors, and also encourages the students to practice English every day.

The Principal of BOMIS, Aparana Kohli, delivered a welcome address at the inaugural function which was attended by the students of both junior and senior wing.

The main objective of inaugurating Cambridge English Language Lab

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is to achieve an active and interactive method of learning English in the most motivated matter. It intends to improve the students to speak English with correct pronunciation and accent with ease and confidence. To improve listening, speaking and reading skills in the most motivated matter. The Language Lab will be opened every Monday to Saturday of every week for students. Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the school, Aparana Kohli

language learning envi-

ronment that celebrates

curiosity, encourages

exploration, and sets

the stage for lifelong

After inauguration,

Plantation drive was

also organised in col-

success.'

in combating climate change. They were also educated on proper planting techniques and how to take care of the said, "As we embark on newly planted trees. this new chapter, let's Such plantation drives celebrate this inauguraconducted by schools tion as a symbol of our play a crucial role in dedication to providing promoting environmenan exceptional educatal awareness and sustion for our students. tainability. Together, let us nurture a

Jammu.

During the plantation

drive, near about 200

plants were planted and

more than 200 plants

were donated by Sudhir

Verma, Chairperson

Dr. Panna Manhas and

Principal Aparana Kohli.

During this drive, the

participants learnt about

the significance of trees,

the benefits they pro-

vide to the environment,

and the role they play

Planting 200 plants can have a positive impact on the local ecosystem by improving air quality, providing habitat for wildlife, and contributing to overall ecosystem health. It's commendable that BOMIS Jammu School is actively taking part in such initiatives.

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Govt should stop diversionary, misleading tactics and focus on holding Assembly elections: Amit

tion.

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 22: Aam Aadmi Party's Jammu **Province Vice President** Amit Kapoor has said that despite Jammu and Kashmir having better power generation capacity, the needs of other states are being met by giving it to outside states. Along with this, he said that the people of the state are being forced to yearn for electricity in the guise of installing smart meters and are being harassed as well. Amit Kapoor said this in a statement issued here. He said that industrialized and developed states can afford higher power tariffs, but an economically underdeveloped state like Jammu and Kashmir cannot do so. He said that due to the separation between the common people and the administration in the absence of a democrat-



that people do not get expected power supply during these hot days. He said that the emphasis should be on addressing the issues of the people instead of forcing them to come on the streets to fulfill their demands and asked the government to stop the diversionary and misleading tactics in J&K and focus on holding the assembly elections without wasting any time, as

only an elected govern-

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ic system, the common people were facing many problems. He said that due to the current smart meter installation process and economic crisis and high unemployment, people are unable to pay high electricity rates.

He expressed surprise that the manner in which the J&K government, especially the PDD, is determined to impose smart meters on people without assessing the

economic crisis underdeveloped J&K is worrisome.

He said that our power generation capacity is better but it meets the needs of other states, J&K being a stakeholder does not get expected power supply rather government has started installation of meters which will increase the problems of people due to economic crisis and lack of other methods

and demanded that people should be provided power as per past experience.

If the PDD wants to meter every household in J&K regardless of the pitiable condition of the people, then the supply should be round the clock without any interruption. He said that power supply is an urgent need during summer in Jammu, but it is very surprising

ment can reach out to the people and address their issues.

He said that his party would strongly oppose every step of the government which would be against the wishes of the people. People are struggling for their livelihood, the economic burden being imposed on them in one way or the other will lead to starvation in J&K.

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For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir e-tenders through online mode are invited on percentagebasis for the below mentioned Works from approved and eligible contractors registered with CPWD, MES, Railways, BRO, and PWD of J&K UT / other State Govts. as per pre-qualification criteria indicated in this bid document for the following works

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| 2. | Upgradation of Govt Quarters at New and Old Muthi Jammu. CNO280-P | 15.00 | 600/- | 2% | 60 days | A, B, C & D |

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| В | Period of downloading of bidding documents | | 18-07-2023from 1800Hrs to 24-07- 2023upto1630 Hrs | | |
| С | Bid submission Start Date | | 18-07-2023 from 1800 Hrs | | |
| D | Bid submission End Date | | 24-07-2023 upto1630 Hrs | | |
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Data released by Niti Aayog on poverty in J&K manipulated, Dubious: Rattan Lal

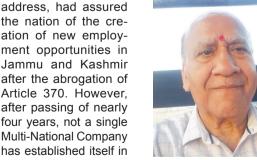
TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 22: J&K National Conference today disappointed over the recent data released by Niti Aayog, claiming that one million people from Jammu and Kashmir have escaped poverty. The Party has raised questions about the authenticity of the data, asserting that it appears to be manipulated and dubious, possibly aimed at advancing certain political motives. In a statement issued here today, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC, Jammu, believed that the data released by Niti Aayog misrepresents the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

He asserted the Union Home Minister, during his parliamentary

the nation of the creation of new employment opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370. However. after passing of nearly four years, not a single Multi-National Company has established itself in the region.

Rattan Lal Gupta mentioned that nearly 8 lakhs registered youth with the Directorate of Employment are unemployed, with two lakh of them being educated individuals in the state. The escalating unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir is alarming, reaching unprecedented levels, surpassing the national average and causing considerable distress among the populace,



he said.

Furthermore, the industrial sector in J&K is on the verge of closure, with several industries struggling to sustain operations, leading to a crippling impact on the job market. The per capita income in Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a significant decline, further exacerbating the economic challenges faced by the people, he said, adding that such developments are misleading the people and undermining their faith in the government's promises. "Another worrisome aspect that challenges the claims made by Niti Aayog is the prevailing inflation in Jammu and Kashmir. The region is currently experiencing

the highest ever inflation era, with essential commodities witnessing sky-high rates. The skyrocketing prices of basic necessities have placed an immense burden on the already marginalized sections of society, further pushing them into poverty," he said.

In view of above mentioned facts, Rattan Lal Gupta questioned the credibility and accuracy of the data released by the Niti Aayog regarding poverty alleviation in Jammu and Kash-

mir. The stark contrast between the ground reality and their statement raises doubts about the methodology and data used for such

is critical for economic growth and stability in

claims, he objected. industrial sector, which

The Provincial President asked the Niti Aayog to conduct a comprehensive and unbiased assessment of the economic and social conditions in Jammu and Kashmir. "It is imperative to address the root causes of poverty and unemployment in the region and devise effective strategies for sustainable development," he said and asked the government to prioritize job creation and reinvigorate the

Jammu and Kashmir.

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SAVE CULTURE

The culture of any country is the identity of that country. Culture pervades everything in that country. It cannot be estimated from the dress, food and behavior of the people. The tradition of India is famous all over the world.

In the culture of our country, Athiti Devo Bhavah means the guest has been given the status of God. The dress of every province and every state of our country is unique. Different languages and traditions present the definition of Indian diversity but the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam remains the same in every heart.

Under the meaning of culture, those customs, religious beliefs, methods of doing auspicious work are included, which have been created by our ancestors. The good things that our Indian ancestors told us and made policies are all considered the basic of Indian culture. Under this culture, a person learns to live life, is able to differentiate between justice and injustice.

People of Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian and other religions are found in the country of India. In this way, different religions have their own different religious beliefs and culture in India. But the essence of all these religious beliefs and cultures is found in unity and love.

The culture of our India is full of love and intimacy. In our Indian culture, the lesson of Vasudev Kutumbakam has been taught. Guest has been described as Devo Bhava and our earth as mother. Many great scholars have also addressed India with the statement of unity in diversity. Thus, Indian culture is an amalgamation of diversities in which all the pearls of Indian culture have been strung together in one thread. Here everyone has a different idea, every community has its own food and behavior, diversity is found in many things from dress and language but unity in diversity is the specialty of our Indian culture.

'INDIA' veterans ready to unsettle BJP's masterplan

By: Shikha Mukerjee

There is an elephant in the room. Its name is "INDIA", that is, Jeetega Bharat, which is the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance. And it is a new, freshly minted entity, that even before its appearance has shaken the ruling BJP, compelling it to shake off its complacency and resuscitate the comatose National Democratic Alliance, after almost eight years.

The absurdity of the two alliances competing to stage their respective events, as part of the inauguration of the 2024 political season, when the Lok Sabha elections are due, is a measure of how rattled the ruling establishment under Narendra Modi feels about the speeded-up changes in Opposition political dynamics. It reveals a perception that there is trouble brewing that could disturb the carefully constructed mystique of one nationone party-one leader narrative, as the only choice for India's voters.

The BJP's scramble to add more parties to the original NDA is fairly significant, more so because it has cobbled together 39 constituents, some of who have been fabricated through splits like the Ajit Pawarled Nationalist Congress Party, the Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena and others like the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party that have returned to the fold. This is an obvious exercise in expansion, the purpose of which is to be more representative of the diversity and tiny vote banks embedded within larger caste formations.

It leads to speculation that the BJP's revival of the NDA is to prove its pan-India credentials as it prepares to face off the threat from an entity that calls itself INDIA. The

new composition, albeit a pastiche, has many things going for it, just as it has many things going against it. The acronym, which is INDIA, is intriguing. It is, as Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, the host of the Bengaluru event, said, an invitation to unravel its meaning. The likelihood of voters puzzling out, individually and collectively, what INDIA stands for is high. It is then an invitation to dig deeper into the differences between INDIA, which represents the inclusivity of the country's diversity, and the exclusion that is the hallmark of the Hindu Rashtra majoritarian agenda.

What is INDIA, as of now? It is a collation of 26 parties, most which are already constituents of ruling coalitions in nine states that see the BJP as a threat. INDIA has an estimated 143 Members of Parliament in the Lok Sabha. And the alliance probably notches up some 50 per cent of votes in parliamentary elections. There is nothing new about the relative strength or relative weakness of the parties in the Opposition which have come together to challenge the ruling BJP and the bits and pieces it has acquired since 2019.

It is a fact that several of the parties in the INDIA coalition usually compete against each other and have long histories of bitter feuding, making it unlikely that there will be a magical transformation, turning foes, in an instant, into cooperative buddies. Oddly enough, the favourite example of political pundits is the confrontational politics in West Bengal, where the CPI(M) and its Left allies as well as the Congress are permanently locked as enemies of the ruling Trinamul Congress. The conclusion drawn is that INDIA

will most likely fall apart because of the deadweight of the contradictions under which it must labour. Some differences, such as the ferocious rivalry in West Bengal, are irreconcilable. The assumption that INDIA would waste its time, effort and energy on achieving the impossible, is probably wrong.

The best that INDIA can hope to do is figure out, realistically, the seats where it can manoeuvre the BJP into fighting just one official Opposition candidate in the forthcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Given that there are 543 Lok Sabha seats to which elections will be held, INDIA will have its work cut out if it can focus on perhaps 350 to 400 seats where one-on-one fights can be organised between the BJP and a constituent of the new coalition.

The generally accepted calculation is that the BJP and the Congress were in direct competition in about 186 seats in the 2019 general election. That is a good place for INDIA to start work on putting together a list of constituencies where it can take on the BJP in a one-on-one fight. The consolidation of Opposition votes in 350-400 Lok Sabha constituencies will make it a seriously tough contest for the BJP, even though it won an estimated 224 seats in 2019 with over 50 per cent of the votes polled. In seats where the BJP polled less than 50 per cent of the votes, the new formation INDIA will have a better chance of being the challenger.

Scepticism about the sustainability of the INDIA coalition is entirely natural; once the euphoria of producing the elephant is over, there could be a reaction among the constituents about the role of the Congress or the role of a longterm rival party. The BJP would certainly welcome it.

The probability of a less than perfect alliance is high. But there is also the history that has brought INDIA together. It is a short history, beginning soon after 2019, with Parliament as the arena where cooperation and coordination were forged out of the compulsion of holding off the BJP with its 300-plus majority that it used to barrel through controversial legislation, including alterations to the fundamentals embedded in the Constitution, as policy, as institutions and as intentions.

INDIA is, therefore, a bit like an army of veterans. The constituents have faced fierce attacks from the Narendra Modi-led BJP as a conspiracy of the corrupt to serve the interests of select families. The intensity of these attacks is slated to increase going by Mr Modi's opening salvos on July 18, when it became clear that corruption would be the principal element in the 2024 campaign narrative, perhaps because Ram Mandir and promoting Hindutva had reached a point of diminishing returns.

There is however a problem with corruption as a campaign issue for Mr Modi. In Haryana, what will he say to people who demanded the arrest of Wrestling Federation of India boss Brij Bhushan? In Maharashtra, he will have to share the dais during campaigning with Ajit Pawar and other NCP defectors. Having accused Ajit Pawar of stealing Rs 70,000 crores, can the BJP and Mr Modi bamboozle voters into believing that the party and its Prime Minister are selfless servants of the people dedicated to accelerating development and fulfilling youthful India's aspirations? Corruption, like INDIA, is a loaded and dangerous weapon that must be handled with care.

As UK goes after the boat people, leaks are found in Brexit exclusion

By: Farrukh Dhondy

am no fan of Mickey Mouse but confess a life-**⊥**long passion for the discourse of Baloo the bear from The Jungle Books, despite the fact that Kipling spelt "bhaloo" without the "h". I have always admired the original illustrations of the Jungle Books by Rudyard's father, the artist and principal of several art colleges in the Indian subcontinent, John Lockwood Kipling. However, for the cartoon version of the Jungle Books by Disney, a cuddlier "Baloo" was designed for the screen and was probably a comforting, entertaining image for children. A few hundred of these -- I mean children -- have in the last year attempted to cross the English Channel from France and seek asylum in the UK. The Tory government under Hedgie Soongone and his home secretary Cruella Cowardperson (both of immigrant stock and Indian descent -alas!) doesn't want them here. The children who have been trafficked into Britain, perhaps with the connivance of their parents, arrive here without them. They are technically separated from their families and some of them are possibly

all these asylum seekers, who are brought to the shore, by the British Coast Guard or Navy, from their very unsafe rubber dinghies, and claim to be children are not. They say, with some truth, that some eighteen or nineteen-year-olds might appear and claim to be fifteen or sixteen and therefore under age. Gentle reader, I have to admit that this may, in a few cases, be true.

slogan is "Stop the Boats". Their bill empowers the British government to send those boat-arrivals, whom it deems to have no claims to shelter, from whichever cruel part of the world (are there any others?) they have fled to seek asylum here, to Rwanda. Hedgie's government has spent millions of pounds already on this daft Rwandan plan and not one person has yet been deported in this way as the procedure has met with obstruction from the European and the British courts. But Hedgie and Cruella obviously think that "Stop the Boats" is catchy and will bring swathes of the electorate to their side. At the same time, this government admitted last week that Brexit has caused a severe shortage of workers in the building industry and they now propose to hand visas to people qualified to work in it. A little leak in the Brexit exclusion? It is vital that they do as, concurrently, this government has promised to build houses to overcome the acute affordable housing shortage in the country. Of course, there is no shortage of housing for mafia Russians, rich Arabs and black-money-wallas of the Indian subcontinent. They don't live in Hedgie's buildings -- or wouldn't if there were any!

seekers pay an average of £16,000 to the trafficking criminal networks who stuff them with floating gear into rubber dinghies which have powered engines. It wouldn't take the government Einsteinian intelligence or Sisyphian determination to find the manufacturers of these dinghies, this floating gear and the motors attached to the dinghies. And from the manufacturers of these to the traffickers. And there are other ways. The asylum seekers themselves could identify the people who took their money or put them on the boats? And yes, if the British police can initiate whole departments to infiltrate and report on left-wing organisations, why can't it infiltrate the trafficking mafia? Who can then be apprehended, tried and sent to Rwanda?

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Our Indian culture has influenced our country to an advanced level. But after the arrival of the British, our Indian culture got many injuries. Due to which many changes were also made in our Indian culture. Forgetting their real culture, Indians started moving towards English civilization.

The British changed various parts of our Indian culture such as arts, science, religious beliefs and customs from time to time. This change also made Indian culture harmful. This is the reason why our Indian culture has been left behind in the present times.

If we want to preserve our Indian culture, then we should get complete information on all the subjects of our Indian culture. After this, the information should be passed on from generation to generation. Undoubtedly, with this effort, our culture will play an important role for the coming generations.

Thus our Indian culture is the heritage of our country which we have to cherish. We can keep our culture alive forever by supporting all the people of the country in their happiness and sorrow and by making the society better.

It is our responsibility to increase the knowledge and skills that our forefathers and sages have imparted to Indians generation after generation. With this effort we can immortalize our Indian culture forever. Apart from this, spreading awareness among the people of Indian society to save the culture can also be a successful effort of ours.

orphans. There has been a much-touted insistence from this selfsame Tory government that Desperation certainly leads to petty deceit.

I recall all this because a fellow called Robert Jenrick, a minister in Cruella's home office, has recently demanded that the facility that houses these asylum-orphans -facilities that have murals of Mickey Mouse and the Disney Baloo on the walls -- should be cleansed of these murals as they appear to be signs of welcome to these children.

Jenprick (Sorry yaar, this damn predictive text! --fd) doesn't want them to mistake the mood of this government -- "you are not welcome here and we've just passed a bill through Parliament, despite objections from the House of Lords and MPs from our own party -- probably all Communist infiltrators -- to pack as many as we can off to Rwanda". (This is a plausible mind-read, not a quote!)

This Illegal Migrants Bill is a part of Hedgie and Cruella's strategy to win votes and influence nasty people. Their

What Cruella obviously knows is that these asylum

No, better for vote-garnering to make these wretched people and children unwelcome.

It wouldn't surprise me if Jenprick now went further and instructed the asylum-orphan refugees to paint murals of devils poking welcome sinners into black pots of boiling oil or other cliched terror images.

Oh wait! I have another literature-inspired suggestion for him. Why not limit the daily menu of these child-refugees to that which Oliver Twist -- in the original Dickens -- had to put up with? As I recall, not very welcoming.

LOCAL

160 Bn CRPF Jammu organises massive plantation drive

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 22: 160 Bn CRPF, Jammu takes a pledge for a greener tomorrow and successfully organized Plantation Drive.

Plantation drive emphasises on achieving Green Initiatives and to foster Environmental Sustainability.

In an earnest effort to contribute to a healthier and sustainable environment, 160 Bn CRPF, Jammu organized a remarkable collective plantation drive on at Bhartiya Jansanchar Sansthan, Jammu.

The initiative aimed to foster awareness about environmental conservation while encouraging the community to actively participate in making a positive impact on the planet.

In the function, Rakesh Sethi, DIG, Jammu



Range, CRPF, Hariom Khare, Commandant 160 Bn CRPF and other officers of 160 Bn CRPF and IIMC Jammu have participated.

Rakesh Sethi, DIG, Jammu Range, CRPF, said one plant is equal to 10 progenies. The plant is not only for who plants the tree but for the entire mankind. He promised to the Regional Director,

IIMC, Jammu for the plantation in entire campus. He further added that CRPF has been planting for several years. Hariom Khare, Com-

mandant is connecting voung minds for innovations of new species of plants and is also promoting indigenous plants to conserve our culture. He added that good climate contributes to creation of

good minds. He informed about the varieties of mangoes and its different uses.

He also said this is a proud moment for the campus for getting plantation in such massive quantity. He expressed his gratitude to Jammu fraternity for this good will work and saving the nature.

He added that these

small steps are the solutions to tackle the issue of climate change.

The event, organized under the theme "An effort to a green tomorrow" underscored CRPF's commitment to environmental responsibility and its vision of being a catalyst for posi-

tive change in society. The plantation drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from personalities from various departments and organizations, students, faculty members and staff, all joining hands to create a greener and cleaner tomorrow This grand planta-

tion drive witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 80 above individuals from Jammu. Hundreds of plants were meticulously planted, contributing to a sig-

nificant greening effort.

ICELA hails Jammu Bar on Raika issue

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 22: Indian Council For Enviro-legal Action J&K Chapter (ICELA) held a Meeting to discuss environmental concerns regarding transfer of Raika Forest Land for new High Court Complex.

ICELA reiterated its environmental concerns vis-a-vis Jammu city and appealed the concerned authorities to reverse the decision and also appeal the public to extend support in favour of environmental needs of Jammu city and protection of green cover

ICELA hailed the recent decision of Jammu Bar Association to oppose the move.

The advocates of Jammu has always fought for the interests of Jammu and this time as well the distress call has been well taken in right prospective it was observed.

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include Convenor ICELA J&K Chapter Convenor & former legislator Ashok Sharma, noted Environmentalist Bhushan Parimo, OP Sharma eminent Journalist, Capt LK Sharma IFS APrCCF (Retd) Kuldip Sharma Senior Political Activist and Social Worker, DS Jamwal Veteran Social Activists, Satish Poonch Journalist, RC Raju Journalist, Om Singh Bandral , S. Ajit Singh President NG Police Pensioner's Association, Kamalpreet Singh, Er8 Ashwani Kumar, Thakur Hushar Singh Chib. Naresh Sharma, Satish Gupta Sham Kumar, Karm

Chand and Kalish Nath.

Those who attended

siasts, social workers,

aware citizens and promi-

nent personalities par-

ticipated in the meeting

and expressed their view

points.

Plantation Drive organized by NSS Unit of **GDCW Kathua at adopted Village Changran**



TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Jul 22: Mega Plantation Drive was organized under the banner of "Meri Mati Mera Desh" by NSS unit of Government Degree College for Women in the NSS adopted village Changran in which more than 100 Plants of different varieties including Gauva 15. Sisom (Talli) 30, Mango 15, Amla 20, Acacia 10, Retha 10, and Arjun 15 were planted in the shape of Vatika at the each corner of the play ground near small Sarovar at NSS adopted village Changran which have lot of significance in our daily life

The entire programme was organized under the kind supervision of Dr Savi Behl, esteemed Principal of the college. Dr Arun Dev Singh NSS Programme Officer told our correspondent that the NSS volunteers of the College. They started their work from the early morning regarding the preparation of drive like digging of Pits at various corners of the ground carved and created beautiful Vatika of Plants. He added that it was very hard task of digging pits for 100 plants but the volunteers consistent efforts succeeded those planting trees.

He also said that the NSS volunteers who participated in the drive were divided into 3 different groups for the assignment regarding digging the pits, arranging water and cleaning the area where the plants were planted. Dr Savi Behl was asked about the significance of drive she replied that the NSS volunteers are working hard under the guidance of Dr Arun Dev Singh NSS Programme Officer helped to organize a mega drive in which large number of plants have been planted in the shape of three beautiful Vatikas today and all of

them are beneficial fruit and medicinal plants and also quoted that such drive spread a positive message among the people.

She also disclosed that this drive was one of the largest drives of India under the aegis of "Meri Mati Mera Desh" in which many NSS volunteers planted 100 Plants.

She conveyed our correspondent that it was only possible by the efforts of Dr Arun Dev Singh NSS Programme Officer who arranged 100 plants by making request to the Department of Forest Kathua. Dr Arun Dev Singh extended special thanks to all including: Dr Savi Behl, worthy principal of the college who always encourage the volunteers for organizing such a meticulous work, Ramesh Lal Sarpanch Changran, Panches, Ex - Servicemen, Locals, NSS volunteers, NSS organizing team members:Prof. Raj Kumari, Prof Pallavi, and Dr Rajni Khajuria and other supporting staff of the college who contributed a lot for organizing such a huge plantation drive.

Farooq Andrabi condoles death of Hakeem **Ghulam Mohiuddin**

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 22: Apni Party's Senior Leader, and Media Advisor, Farooq Andrabi, visited the bereaved family of Advocate Hakeem Ghulam Mohiuddin, a prominent citizen from Gopalpora Chadoora in central Kashmir's

Budgam district on Satof Hakeem Ghulam Mohiuddin, as he was According to a statemy long-time friend. ment issued here, He was a great human Andrabi visited the resibeing and a noble soul. dence of the bereaved May the Almighty grant family today to offer him a place in the highhis condolences. On est realm of Jannah this occasion, he said, and shower His choic-"I am deeply grieved est blessings upon his by the passing away grave.'

Extending his solidarity with Hakeem Ghulam Mohiuddin's family, Andrabi said, "I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, and I pray to Allah to grant them the strength and much-needed patience to bear the pain of this irreparable loss."

Aftab Malik led Apni Party delegation to visit cloudburst victims at Faqir Gujri

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 22: Apni Party's Senior Leader and Chairman of District Development Council (DDC), Aftab Malik, led a party delegation to visit the Faqir Gujri area of Srinagar, where a cloudburst on Tuesday night caused damages to the roads, water, and power supply lines, as well as the properties of the people. The delegation comprised party leaders and Srinagar DDC members Shaista Aslam, Qaisar Gunnai, Shabir Reshi, General Secretary of the party's ST wing Khalid Bhadana, in charge of Habba Kadal constituency and district Secretary Srinagar Jeelani





ICELA J&K Chapter recalled the contributions and positive role played by Jammu Bar Association in favour of Jammu Region in the past and expressed that the advocates of Jammu have time and again proved their credentials as aware and vibrant intelligentsia and always discharged thair social obligations in favour of the people and never disappointed the Jammuites. Environmental enthu-

Kumar, Vice President District Srinagar and Party In-Charge Khanyar Constituency Mohsin Zaffar Shah, and others.

According to a press statement issued here, Aftab Malik, accompanied by his colleagues, visited the affected areas in Fagir Guiri. nestled in the Zabarwan

hills near Harwan Srinagar, to take stock of the damages caused by the cloudburst. During their visit, the delegation members proactively engaged with the local residents, who shared firsthand accounts of the damages inflicted by this natural calamity. In this regard, Aftab Malik urged the district administration to ensure immediate restoration work on the damaged roads, water pipes, and electricity supply lines. He also demanded the administration conduct a proper assessment of the damage to the properties of the local residents to ensure they get adequate compensation for their losses.

JKBS mourns demise of Vishal Kumar, others

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 22: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha held a condolence meeting here on Saturday. The meeting condoled the sad and untimely demise of Vishal Kumar of Village Jindarh Millu. Vishal breathed his last at 3 a.m. today in the emergency ward. He was admitted at Government Medical College, Jammu a few days ago after he met

19. The meeting also condoled the demise of other Batwal Community members: Tarsem Lal of Chadgali, Sanjeev Kumar of Sui and Baldev Raj of Marh, who died recently. All present prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed souls and give immense strength to the bereaved families to bear this immeasurable loss boldly.

with an accident. He was

Irfan appointed Govt Advocate **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jul 22: Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Government has appointed noted Lawyer Mohammad Irfan Inqlabi as Government Advocate in the Jammu Wing of High court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. An order in this regard was issued by Achal Sethi, Secretary to the government, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Judicial Administration Section) Jammu and Kashmir Government.

Advocate Inglabi has been practising in the Jammu wing of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh and he is now appointed as govt Advocate for defending cases before J&K High court.

Nissan, Amazon miniTV team up for dance reality show 'Hip Hop India'

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU / CHANDI-GARH, Jul 22: Nissan Motor India and Amazon miniTV, the free video streaming service from Amazon, have achieved a groundbreaking milestone by teaming up for the dance reality show 'Hip Hop India,' where they broke the Guinness World Record for the largest on-ground

hip-hop dance activity. This extraordinary feat was accomplished when 1870 dancers united to deliver an electrifying hip-hop performance that lasted over 5 minutes. The grand event was held at Filmcity in Mumbai in the presence of Hip Hop India's judges Remo D'Souza and Nora Fatehi, alongside Girish Prabhu, head of Amazon Advertising and Mohan Wilson director marketing, product &



customer experience, Nissan Motors India who flagged off this event. Special partners for the event, 'To The Culture' and dancing crew 'Kings United', brought together the enthusiastic crowd of 1870 dancers and choreographed the performance, culminating into this momentous feat.

'Hip Hop India' stands as India's first and largest reality dance show solely dedicated to celebrating the vibrant and

dynamic dance form of Hip Hop. Contestants showcase their exceptional talent through solo, duo, and group performances, all competing for the coveted title of ultimate hip-hop champions. "This is a proud moment for India and Amazon miniTV, as we

etch our name in the Guinness Book of World Records. Our endeavor with Hip-Hop India has been to showcase

and celebrate this rich underground culture of hip-hop which has now become very popular with the youth," said Girish Prabhu head of Amazon Advertising. Mohan Wilson director marketing, product & customer experience, Nissan Motors India said, "With 'Hip Hop India' and the Nissan Magnite SUV, we continue to make history and celebrate India's incredible talent on the global stage."

Farooq, Omar conveyed condolences

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 22: National Conference President Dr Faroog Abdullah and Vice President Mr Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Mulkh Raj brother of Romesh Kumar District President SC Cell Doda and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family

In their messages, Dr Farooq Abdullah and Mr Omar Abdullah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with other members of the family. In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal Addi-

tional General Secretary

and Rattan Lal Gupta

Provincial President

Jammu Province have

also expressed grief and

prayed for peace to the

departed soul.

Senior leaders of the National Conference have also conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family. Those who prayed for peace to the departed soul, include Ajay Kumar Sadhotra former minister and Central Secretary, Sheikh **Bashir Ahmed Provincial** Secretary, Khalid Najeev Suharwardy Provincial Vice President Jammu Province, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo former minister and Zone President Chenab Valley, Vijay Lochan P.P SC Cell Dr. Chaman Lal Bhagat Ex-MLA, Tanveer Ahmed Kichloo District President Kishtwar, Sajjad Shaheen District President Ramban, Arif Mir District Secretary Ramban, Mehboob Iqbal, Zaffarullah Rather District President Doda and Abdul Qayoom Bagwan District President Doda Rural (Bhaderwah).

ENTERTAINMENT

Actor AlexxO'Nell, who is enjoying success with the Tamil series Sweet Kaaram Coffee, says essaying the role of a backpacker was interesting as well as challenging

Tamil series Sweet Kaaram Coffee, airing on Prime Video, has melted many hearts with a heart-warming story of three women from different generations — played by Lakshmi, Madhoo and Santhy Balachandran — on a road trip.

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Actor Alexx O'Nell, who is part of this family entertainer, talks how the role of Robert, which he essays, is close to his actual self. He explains, "I love adventure and while I have been a para-glider, hiker and motorbike enthusiast, it's backpacking that I had never done. But being part of this film, essaying the role of a backpacker living every moment freely, was interesting as well as challenging."

Sweet Kaaram Coffee has been created by Reshma Ghatala and directed by Bejoy Nambiar, Krishna Marimuthu and Swathi Raghuraaman. Alexx is also surprised by how well the music turned out to be. "While I had expected the music to be good, but it is actually on another level and in sync with the story."

As for the slow treatment of the series, the actor has a perfect answer, "That's how it should be



because it's not an action film. For a feel-good series to tug at your heartstrings, the story has to take some time to build up the foundation for characters and where they are coming from." Melody man

Apart from film projects, the actor is busy making music and collaborating with like-minded people from across the world. Talking to us from all the way from Cape Town, South Africa, Alexx is busy promoting his new song, These Four Walls, which was released on July 14. He shares, "I am an adventure sport rite countries, India and South Africa. While in Cape Town a few months back, I met DJ Cosher and producer Dave Pearce, and oved their ideas regarding my music, so we decided to work on a few tracks together. These Four Walls is the first of these to be completed, and I'm excited to hear what people think of it." The singer has released his work on all major music streaming platforms available in India

enthusiast and whenever I'm not

on location shooting, you can

find me riding motorcycles and

paragliding in two of my favou-

and other countries.

Alexx has six titles in the pipeline, including Vishal Bhardwaj's Khufiya with Ali Faizal and Tabu, and Aye Watan Mere Watan, opposite Sara Ali Khan. He adds, "Although I have worked in films Cheeni Kum (Hindi film debut) and Urumi with Tabu, but never got to share screen space with her. But with Khufiya, I finally have some scenes with her." Chandigarh days

About his memories of Chandigarh, Alexx shares he had stayed in the city while shooting for Joker alongside Akshay Kumar and although the film didn't work, the tandoori chicken he savoured in the city often reminds him of those days. Besides, he is still impressed by the green fields that City Beautiful is surrounded by. While signing off, he does not forget to share the biggest

not forget to share the biggest reason to love and sign a project like Sweet Kaaram Coffee: "The exchange of thoughts that Robert has with three primary characters in the series only tells how there is always a scope for balance and understanding, and that there's no one correct way of living."

Daisy Shah in her khiladi element



Conceptualised with the jungle theme, the 13th edition of the show, Khatron Ke Khiladi, features daredevil contestants across all walks of life taking on the most terrifying challenges in the exotic landscape of Cape Town, South Africa. The host, Rohit Shetty, mentors the contestants as they battle their fears.

Daisy Shah and her competitors, Aishwarya Sharma and Arjit Taneja, had to perform daring stunts that had them brave acrophobia and aquaphobia.

Talking about the same, Daisy says, "It was exciting to perform a stunt where both the elements of water and height were involved. I had to defend my position and make a statement that I am not only lucky, I'm hardworking too. I hope the audience will embrace me as I get into my khiladi element. Aishwarya and Arjit were great competitors."

Kamya Panjabi on her role in Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan



drama, Kamya continues to impress audiences.

Kamya says, "I am truly honoured to be a part of Colours once again, following my journey in Shakti Astitva Ke Ehsaas Ki. Joining the team of Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan has been a privilege, as it presents a thoughtprovoking social drama. This show aims to shed light on the stigmas and prejudices faced by residents of red-light areas. The unique concept, combined with its ability to address significant societal issues, immediately captivated me. Didun's character is powerful, strong, and

Afreen Alvi talks about career and success!



Lisa Ray reacts 'noooo' to 'insensitive' line on Auschwitz in Bawaal

Bawaal, directed by Nitesh Tiwari released on July 21 on Prime Video. The Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor film has received mixed reviews from critics with many panning the reference to the Holocaust in the equation of a present day relationship. Now actor Lisa Ray has reacted to a line from the film that equates Auschwitz with a relationship.

Lisa Ray's reaction It so happened that Film critic Raja Sen tweeted, "Apparently, there is a line in #Bawaal where Jahnvi Kapoor says "Har rishta apne-apne Auschwitz se guzarta hai..." That's all, folks." (The line translates to, "Every relationship goes through the Auschwitz.") Reacting to the line, actor Lisa Ray reacted in disbelief with, "Nooooooo.' More Twitter reactions Apart from Lisa, many others also expressed their shock in the comments. One said, "Extremely insensitive line!" Another wrote,



Kamya Panjabi is receiving appreciation for her portrayal of Didun in Colours' Neerja... Ek Nayi Pehchaan.

The show delves into the story of Protima, a sex worker who faces the challenges of living in a red-light area while striving to provide her daughter Neerja with the best upbringing possible. With her portrayal of Didun, the madam of Sonagachi, in this social

empowered, and I am always excited to take on such roles. Through this show and my portrayal, my goal is not only to bring a compelling story to life but also to raise awareness about pressing concerns that deserve our attention. I am thrilled and deeply grateful for the audience's love and appreciation for my character."



Shubh Laabh actress Afreen Alvi says that seeing the look of pride in her parents' eyes is success in itself.

"I always believe if you work hard and you have your goal set in your mind, the universe will give you luck in return eventually. My parents are proud of my achievements because of my work. When they saw me on TV, they told everybody that I was their daughter. That was, in my way, success," she says.

She adds, "Success means going to bed without any tension and waking up with a huge smile on your face and positive energy every day. And of course, buying everything without thinking about money." "In today 's episode of Hindi Movies losing their plot....." A tweet read, "Why are these European (Auschwitz) and American (Balboa) cultural references coming

in our main stream entertainment, as if we do not have references of our own. Looks so forced and contrived." Another comment read, "Are you serious?"

Legendary American singer Tony Bennett dies at 96

Tony Bennett, the smooth American singer who had an enduring hit with "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" and remained perpetually cool enough to win over younger generations of fans well into the 21st century, has died at the age of 96.

No less than Frank Sinatra called the former singing waiter "the best singer in the business" after he became a star in the 1950s. Bennett went on to win 20 Grammy awards, including a lifetime achievement award.

The older he grew, the more diverse his collaborators became. Bennett was in his late 80s when he recorded a 2014 album of duets with the outré Lady Gaga and went on a world tour with her in 2015. Partners on his popular "Duet" albums ranged from former Beatle Paul McCartney and soul queen Aretha Franklin to country star Willie Nelson and U2's Bono.

Bennett marked his 90th birthday in 2016 with a party in New York that drew celebrities such as Bruce Willis and John Travolta. The Empire State Building put on a light show in his honor. He also published a memoir in 2016 titled "Just Getting Started."

Bennett revealed in early 2021 that he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2016, but he kept recording after the diagnosis and later tweeted, "Life is a gift

- even with Alzheimer's."

Due to his illness, Bennett retired from performing after his final concert at Radio City Music Hall On August 3 and 5, 2021. Bennett's career was filled with highs and lows.

He was in his 50s in the late 1970s when he found himself facing a decaying marriage, a cocaine habit, a \$2 million tax debt and limited career prospects. He pulled out of it by turning over his management to his son Danny, who propelled his father to new heights of popularity by introducing him to younger generations.

Discovered by Bob Hope

Before that, Bennett had been one of the most popular singers of the 1950s - thanks to his discovery by comedian Bob Hope - until the rise of rock 'n' roll undermined him. He rebounded from that by aiming at a more mature audience.

Through it all, Bennett maintained a cool, smiling demeanor, tried to stay faithful to the material he loved best. He always thought of himself as a jazz singer.

Anthony Dominick Benedetto was born Aug. 3, 1926, in New York City. He was only 10 when his father died and his mother struggled as a dressmaker to support him. As a boy, his love of music was matched only by his interest in painting. He would be a serious painter throughout his life and



sold his works under his given name. After serving as an infantryman in Europe during World War Two, Bennett was singing under the name Joe Bari when Hope caught his act in New York's Greenwich Village. The comedian was so impressed

Village. The comedian was so impressed that he had the singer change his name to Tony Bennett and used him as an opening act.

Bennett signed with Columbia Records and the result was a string of pop hits such as "Because of You," a cover of the Hank Williams country standard "Cold, Cold Heart," "Blue Velvet" and "Rags to Riches." Legions of screaming teenage girls packed his shows. As the rock era began in the mid-1950s, Bennett moved away from pop songs toward jazz, working with some of the top names in that genre and recording "Basie Swings, Bennett Sings" with the Count Basie Orchestra.

He pulled his material from jazz and the works of writers like Cole Porter, Johnny Mercer, George and Ira Gershwin and Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart. Lost Heart

In the next phase of his career, Bennett recorded "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" in 1962 - a tune by two little-known songwriters that his musical director, pianist Ralph Sharon, had stashed away. It reached only No. 19 on the Billboard chart but became his signature song.

"People ask me, 'Don't you get tired of singing that song about San Francisco?" Bennett said in a Reuters interview. "I say, 'Do you get tired of making love?'"

In 2016 a statue of Bennett was unveiled outside San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel, where Bennett first performed the song some 55 years before.

When Danny Bennett revived his father's career in the late '70s, the singer reunited with Sharon and his 1986 album "The Art of Excellence" became his first chart album in 14 years.

Through Danny's marketing, he was dis-

covered by a youthful audience that found Bennett cool and he appeared often on the youth-oriented MTV television network. His "MTV Unplugged" album won the top Grammy as album of the year in 1995, as well as best traditional pop vocal performance.

"Tony Bennett has not just bridged the generation gap, he has demolished it," the New York Times wrote in 1994. "He has solidly connected with a younger crowd weaned on rock. And there have been no compromises."

His two "Duets" albums in 2006 and 2011 were hits and brought him wide appreciation among younger listeners because of his collaborations with younger stars.

They also appealed to millions of young people with old classics such as "Stranger in Paradise," "The Way You Look Tonight," "Rags to Riches," "I Wanna Be Around," "The Lady Is a Tramp" and "Body and Soul."

A third album of duets - this one with stars of Latin music - was released in 2012 and he recorded an album with Lady Gaga in 2014.

In June 2007 Bennett married former teacher Susan Crow after an 18-year relationship. He had four children with his two previous wives, Patricia Beech and Sandra Grant.

NATIONAL

PM Modi Hands Out 70,000 Job Letters To Youth At Nationwide 'Rozgar Mela'

The Rozgar Mela was held at 44 locations across the country. The recruitments are taking place across Central Government Departments as well as State Governments and UTs supporting this initiative.

NEW DELHI, Jul 22 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today distributed more than 70,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits via video conferencing.

The Prime Minister, while addressing the appointees on the occasion, said, "During the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', when the country is working on the path of development, it is a great honour to get the opportunity to work as a government employee. The people of this country have taken the resolution to make India a developed country."

He said that the next 25 years are very important for India.

"Today every expert is saying that in a few years, India will be in the world's top three economies. This means employment opportunities and citizen's per capita income will increase," PM Modi added.

Lashing out at the previous government, PM Modi said during their rule the banking sector witnessed massive destruction



"Today India is one of those countries where the banking sector is considered to be the strongest but this was not the situation 9 years ago ... Our banking sector has seen massive destruction during the previous govt. Today, we are able to make digital transactions but 9 years ago, phone banking was not for 140 crore people. People who were close to a specific family used to call Banks and provided them loans worth thousands of crores and these loans were never repaid. This

'phone banking scam' was one of the biggest scams during the previous govt," PM Modi added. The Rozgar Mela was held at 44 locations across the country. The recruitments are taking place across Central Government Departments as well as State Governments and UTs supporting this initiative.

The new recruits, selected from across the country will be joining the Government in various Ministries/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 & Training and Ministry of Home Affairs, among others.

The Rozgar Mela is a step towards fulfilling the commitment of the Prime Minister to accord the highest priority to employment generation.

"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," a statement from PMO said on Friday.

Prime Minister Modi, on October 22, last year, launched the first phase of the 'Rozgar Mela', marking the beginning of the campaign to provide 10 lakh government jobs.

At G-20 energy meet, PM Modi says India has shown leadership in climate action

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lated nation and fastest-

growing large economy.

Yet we are moving

strongly on our climate

commitments," he said.

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PANAJI, Jul 22 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India is making great efforts in green growth and energy transition, and asserted that the country is moving ahead strongly on its climate commitments.

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capacity target nine years in advance. We have set a higher target. We plan to achieve 50 per cent non-fossil electricity by 2030." the prime minister said.

The world looks up to this G20 group for advanced, sustainable, affordable, inclusive and clean energy transition, he said.

"While doing this, it is important that our brothers and sisters in the global south are not left behind. We must ensure low-cost finance for developing countries," he said.

We must find ways to bridge technology gaps promote energy security and work on diversifying supply chains, the PM said, and called for strengthening collaboration on fuels for the future.

Speeding truck rams into house in UP's Pratapgarh, leaves three dead

PRATAPGARH (UP), Jul 22 (Agencies): Three family members, including two women, were crushed to death when a truck went out of control and rammed into their house at a village here, police said on Saturday.

The accident took place on Friday night during a family function at a house in Sarai Bahelia village here along the Lucknow-Varanasi highway

The house owner Abdul Jabbar (60), along with his daughter Shaheen Bano (27) and sister-in-law Safia Bano (62), was sitting in the verandah of the house when a speeding truck lost control and rammed into their house, leaving them trapped and injured, a police officer said

On being informed by the villagers,



the police reached the spot and rescued them. The trio was rushed to a hospital here, where doctors declared them brought dead, the officer added. Efforts are on to nab the driver who fled after the incident. The truck was later brought to the police station using a crane, the police said. The bodies have been sent for postmortem, they added

Chhattisgarh: ED arrests woman IAS officer in alleged coal levy case

RAIPUR, Jul 22 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday arrested IAS officer Ranu Sahu in Chhattisgarh, a day after the central agency conducted raids at her premises in connection with a money laundering case, officials said.

"Sahu was arrested in connection with an alleged coal levy case, and produced in a court hearing Prevention of Money Laundering Act



(PMLA) cases here to seek her custody," ED's lawyer Saurabh Pandey said.

2010 batch, is currently posted as the director of the state agriculture department. Prior to this posting, she had served as collector of the coal-rich

Korba and Raigarh districts. The ED conducted raids at her residence in Raipur on Friday.

Her premises were raided earlier as well and her assets were attached by the ED as part of its probe into the alleged coal levy case. This is the second IAS officer in the state who has been arrested in the case as Sameer Vishnoi, an IAS officer of the 2009 batch, was arrested last year.

The agency has been probing an alleged coal levy and liquor scam in the state in which it has arrested some prominent bureaucrats, apart from politicians and those linked to them.

Himachal Pradesh: Three feared dead as dhaba swept away in flash flood

SHIMLA, Jul 22 (Agencies): An elderly couple and their grandson were feared dead after their dhaba was swept away in a flash flood at a village here on Saturday morning, officials said. Rescue work to trace the trio is underway in Badiyara village in the Rohru area where a flash flood was reported in the Laila rivulet, they added The missing elderly couple, Roshan Lal and his wife Bhaga Devi, ran a dhaba in the village and their grandson Kartik had paid them a visit, the officials said. Following the flash flood, reports of damage to several houses and vehicles in Rohru have started pouring in, they

added. Meanwhile, around 30 km from Rohru, one-metre deep cracks developed along the Bazaar Road at Khaltu Nullah in the Kotkhai tehsil here, dividing the market area into two, Shimla Deputy Commissioner Aditya Negi told agency on Saturday. As the cracks deepened due to incessant rains since Friday evening, three families residing in the area were shifted to a safer place, Negi said. Following rains at Kotkhai, debris entered a hospital campus in Kotkhai, a retaining wall at the area's main bus stand collapsed, a landslide occurred in front of the police station and

the power line snapped, ADGP Satwant Atwal said in a tweet. The shopkeepers of Khaltu Nullah Bazaar have shifted their goods to temporary shelters after cracks developed and residents of the area have been shifted as a precautionary measure, Atwal said. As the apple season begins, the apple growers in the villages adjoining the Khaltu Nullah market are also a worried lot as a landslide in the market could cut them off from the Guma-Chaila-Thoeg road that is used for the transportation of farm produce and other goods to Shimla and other prominent markets of the state.

in power, the party has

been highlighting simi-

lar cases of atrocities

against women in states

ruled by its rivals such

as the Congress and

the Mamata Banerjee-

led Trinamool Congress.

Slamming Banerjee,

Malviya said she chose

to do nothing in the

"Neither did she con-

demn the barbarity nor

did she express pain

case.

As moderate to very heavy rains lashed parts of Himachal Pradesh since Friday, Renuka/ Dadahu was the wettest with 195 mm of rainfall, followed by 103 mm at Pachhad, 91 mm at Nahan, 90 mm at Chopal, 88 mm each at Barsar and Sundernagar, weather data of the past 24 hours ending at 8.30 am showed. While Solan recorded 86 mm of rainfall, Arki and Rohru got 70 mm each, Manali 63 mm, Ghamour and Kasauli 62 mm each. Sangraha 60 mm, Rajgarh 54 mm and Kandaghat 50 mm, the data showed. The local MeT office has issued an orange warning of heavy to very heavy rains at isolated places on July 22 and a yellow warning of heavy rains from July 23 to 26 As many as 656 roads are closed for vehicular traffic in the state while 1,673 transformers got damaged and water supply has been hit in 376 places, officials said on Saturday. Since the onset of the monsoon in the hill state on June 24, as many as 138 people have died in rain-related incidents such as landslides, flash floods, and road accidents, according to the Himachal Pradesh State Emergency Response Centre. The state has suffered a loss of Rs 4,986 crore till July 21.

Search operation at Maharashtra landslide site continues on third day; 83 people yet to be traced

site on Saturday," an

official of the National

Disaster Response

With this, the death

toll in the landslide trag-

edy has gone up to 25,

he said, adding that

the search and rescue

work is still under way

as 83 people are yet to

The deceased women

were identified as Mahi

be traced.

Force (NDRF) said.



Madhu Tirkat, 32; and Aashi Pandurang, 50.

MUMBAI, Jul 22 (Agencies): Search and rescue teams on Saturday recovered three bodies from the debris at the landslide-affected Irshalwadi village in Maharashtra's Raigad district, taking the death toll in the tragedy to 25, an official said.

"Bodies of two women and a man were recovered from the landslide was identified as Kishan Tirkat, 27, officials said. Teams of the NDRF and other government agencies resumed their search and rescue operation at the landslide site, located in a hilly terrain, in the morning. This is the third day of the search operation.

The massive landslide hit Irshalwadi, a tribal village located on a hill slope in the coastal district, around 80km from Mumbai, on Wednesday night. At least 17 of 48 houses in the village were fully or partially buried under the landslide debris.

Two tribal women stripped naked in Bengal; police remained mute spectator: BJP

NEW DELHI, Jul 22 (Agencies): The BJP alleged on Saturday that two tribal women were stripped naked and tortured a few days ago in West Bengal while police remained a "mute spectator".

In a Twitter post, BJP's I-T department head Amit Malviya, who is also the party's coincharge for the state, said the incident took place in Malda on July 19, with a "frenzied mob baying for her blood".

He also posted a video with blurred images of the crime.

"It had all the making of a tragedy that should have 'broken' Mamata Banerjee's heart and



she, instead of merely outraging, could have acted, since she is also the home minister of Bengal," he said, attacking the state's chief minister who has been strident in criticising the Manipur incident.

With opposition parties targeting the BJP over the incident of two women being paraded naked in ethnic violencehit Manipur, where it is

and anguish because it would have exposed her own failing as a chief minister," he said.

But a day after, she shed copious tears and screamed blue murder because it was politically expedient, Malviya said in reaction to her attack on the BJP over the Manipur incident which sparked a nationwide outrage after a May 4 video of it went viral.

Malviya said, "The horror continues in West Bengal

Two tribal women were stripped naked, tortured and beaten mercilessly, while police remained a mute spectator in Pakua Hat area of Bamangola Police Station, Malda."

MP man shoots wife for wearing perfume while going out, goes missing

A man allegedly shot his wife following an argument over her wearing perfume while going outside in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior.



GWALIOR, Jul 22 (Agencies): A man allegedly shot his wife following an argument over her wearing perfume while going outside in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior. The woman, who was seriously injured, was admitted to the hospital

for treatment while the man fled the scene after

Neelam Jatav, a resident of Ganeshpura in the Bijoili Thana area, married Mahendra Jatav eight years ago. Mahendra Jatav, who had a criminal history (involvement in theft cases), got jailed, after which Neelam started living with her parents. After serving a fouryear sentence, Mahendra was released from jail a year ago, and he started living with his wife at her parents' home.

On Saturday, when Neelam was preparing to leave her house, Mahendra questioned her about wearing perfume and "being too dressed up", leading to an argument between the couple.

Soon, the argument escalated and in a fit of anger, Mahendra took out a gun and shot his wife in the chest. Neelam fell to the ground while he fled the scene.

Neelam's brother, Dinesh Jatav, immediately called their relatives and took her to a hospital.

Police have registered a case of attempted murder against Mahendra based on the complaint filed by Neelam's family and have started searching for him.

the incident.

INTERNATIONAL

North Korea fires cruise missiles, stays mum on US soldier who crossed into country

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff says the launches were detected beginning around 4 am

SEOUL, Jul 22 (Agencies): North Korea fired several cruise missiles towards its western sea on Saturday, South Korea's military said, marking the second launch event this week apparently in protest of the docking of a nuclear-armed US submarine in South Korea. While adding to its barrage of missile launches in recent months, North Korea remained publicly silent for a fifth day on the fate of an American soldier who bolted into the North across the heavily armed Korean border this week.

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South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the launches were detected beginning around 4 am but did not immediately report how many missiles were fired



or how far they flew. It said the US and South Korean militaries were closely analysing the launches. On Wednesday, North Korea

Korean Peninsula.

The flight distance of those missiles roughly matched the distance between Pyongyang and the South Korean port city of Busan, where the USS Kentucky on Tuesday made the first visit by a US nuclear-armed submarine to South Korea since the 1980s.

The United States and South Korea have been expanding their combined military exercises and have agreed to increase the regional deployment of US strategic assets like bombers, aircraft carriers and submarines in a show of force against North Korea, which has test fired around 100 missiles since the start of 2022.

Israeli troops kill 2 **Palestinians in West Bank** violence: Palestinian officials



RAMALLAH, WEST BANK, Jul 22 (Agencies): Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian teenager during clashes with stone throwers in the occupied West Bank on Friday, Palestinian officials said today.

Israel's border police said that during the clash in the village of of Ramallah, "masked suspects threw stones and rocks endangering the lives of troops." A border policeman responded with fire and "a hit was identified," it said. The Palestinian Health

Umm Safa near the city

Ministry said a 17-yearold resident of the village had been killed.

In a separate incident, Palestinian medical officials said a Palestinian was killed when Israeli troops fired at a car driving near the city of Nablus. Another was wounded and detained, they said.

The Israeli army said it was looking into the report.

Violence in the West Bank, among territories where the Palestinians seek to establish a state. has worsened over the past 15 months with stepped up Israeli raids, Palestinian street attacks and assaults by Jewish settlers on Palestinian villages.

As Taiwan prepares for anti-invasion exercises, China sends dozens of warplanes towards the island

TAIPEI, Jul 22 (Agencies): China sent dozens of warplanes, including fighter jets and bombers, towards Taiwan, the island's Defence Ministry said on Saturday, marking a forceful display days before the democracy plans to hold military exercises aimed at defending itself against a possible invasion.

Taiwan is due to hold its annual Han Kuang exercise next week, during which its military will hold combat readiness drills for preventing an invasion. It will also conduct the annual Wan'an exercises aimed at preparing civilians for natural disasters and practising evacuations in case of an air raid.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army sent 37 aircraft and seven navy vessels around Taiwan between 6 am on Friday and 6 am on Saturday,



the ministry said in a statement.

Among them were J-10 and J-16 fighters and H-6 bombers, and 22 of the detected warplanes crossed the midline of the Taiwan Strait—an unofficial boundary that had been considered a buffer between the island and mainland or entered Taiwan's air defence identification zone near its southern part, the statement said.

Taiwan and China split

Pro-war nationalist Putin critic Girkin charged with inciting extremism

MOSCOW, Jul 22 (Agencies): Prominent Russian nationalist Igor Girkin, who had publicly accused President Vladimir Putin and the army top brass of not pursuing the war in Ukraine harshly or effectively enough, was remanded in custody on charges of inciting extremism.

missiles from an area near its

capital, Pyongyang. They flew

about 550 kilometres before

landing in waters east of the

His arrest earlier in the day by his exemployer, the FSB state security service, suggests authorities have wearied of his criticism of what they call Russia's "special military operation", and perhaps of other loud nationalist voices who had appeared to have exceptional licence to deride the war effort.

It follows an abortive mutiny last month led by another outspoken critic, Yevgeny Prigozhin, boss of the Wagner mercenary force, who is still free but has sharply curtailed his own verbal attacks.

The charge brought by FSB prosecutors carries



a maximum sentence of five years in prison, state news agencies TASS and RIA Novosti reported. The RBC news site said the Meshchansky district court in Moscow had remanded Girkin. 52, in investigative custody until Sept. 18.

istry, in a regular intelligence update on Saturday, said the arrest was "likely to infuriate fellow members of the military blogger community, who largely see Girkin as an astute military analyst and patriot".

Girkin, a former FSB officer and battlefield

commander also known as Igor Strelkov, helped Russia to annex Crimea in 2014 and, soon after, to organise pro-Russian militias who wrested part of eastern Ukraine out of Kviv's control -- events that started Russia's war on Ukraine.

He was also handed a life sentence in absentia by a Dutch court in 2022 for his alleged role in the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over eastern Ukraine in 2014, with the loss of 298 passengers and crew.

In footage from court posted by the popular

admiral in the US Navy.

Last year, Biden

picked Admiral Linda

Fagan to lead the US

Coast Guard, making

her its first female com-

manding officer. But the

coast guard is not for-

mally part of the Depart-

ment of Defense, and

instead falls under the

Department of Home-

land Security. Franchetti

would become the first

woman to lead a mili-

tary service within the

Defense Department

and to join the Joint

Chiefs of Staff, a group

of eight top uniformed

service members who

advise the president on

Biden also elevated

Paparo, nominating him

military issues.

Telegram channel Shot, 760,000 people, Girkin Girkin stood almost motionless in a glass cage, with his arms

ahead. MORE OUTSPOKEN He had been regarded by many as untouchable due to his history and ties to the authorities, but had become more outspoken in recent

months. Girkin announced in May that he and others had set up the "Club of Angry Patriots" to save Russia from what he said was the danger of systemic turmoil, due to military failures in Ukraine and jostling in the elite to eventually

succeed Putin. Asked at the time if he was naive to launch a political movement without the assent of the Kremlin, he said: "I hope you would not call me a naive person."

In one of his most outspoken tirades, in a post on July 18 on his official Telegram channel, followed by more than peppered Putin with personal insults and urged him to pass power "to someone truly capable and responsible".

RBC, citing two unnamed law enforcement sources, said Girkin's Moscow home had been searched.

Tatiana Stanovaya, founder of the R.Politik analysis firm, said the men who run Russia's law enforcement and power ministries had long wanted to arrest Girkin.

"Strelkov (Girkin) had overstepped all conceivable boundaries a long time ago," she said. "This is a direct outcome of Prigozhin's mutiny: the army's command now wields greater political leverage to quash its opponents in the public sphere." Stanovaya said Girkin's detention was a signal that any of the bitterest critics of Moscow's approach to the war could face prosecution.

Britain's defence min-

folded, staring straight

17 killed, over 35 injured as bus plunges into pond in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Jul 22 (Agencies): As many as 17 people were killed and more than a dozen others were injured after a bus plunged into a roadside pond in Chhatrakanda area of Jhalakathi Sadar upazila in Bangladesh on Saturday.

There were seven minors and five women among the victims.

The Barishal-bound bus from Bhandaria upazila to Pirojpur fell into the pond as its driver lost control of the wheels near the local union parishad office at around 9.55 am while giving side to an auto rickshaw, Jhalakathi Sadar police station Officer-in-Charge Nasir Uddin said.

At least 35 passengers were injured in the accident and were taken to Jhalakathi District Hospital.

Local firefighting units are trying



in 1949 following a civil

war that ended with the

ruling Communist Party

in control of the main-

land. The island has

never been part of the

People's Republic of

China, but Beijing says

it must unite with the

In recent years, China

has shown displeasure

at political activities in

Taiwan by stepping up

the number of military

planes sent towards the

mainland.

island

to recover the bus from the water body. The bus 'Bashar Smrity Paribahan' was carrying around 60-70 passengers, according to locals.

Rescue workers recovered 13 bodies from the scene, while four others died in the hospital, according to Dr Zahirul Islam, the district's civil surgeon.

Among the injured, five have been sent to Barishal's Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, he said. The others have been admitted to local healthcare facilities

Traffic on the Khulna-Jhalakathi highway was closed after the incident, leaving hundreds of vehicles stranded on each side.

Around 2,000 penguins washed up at Uruguay coast in 10 days, 90% young specimen

MONTEVIDEO, Jul 22 (Agencies): Around 2,000 penguins have appeared dead on the coast of eastern Uruguay in the last 10 days, and the cause, which does not appear to be avian influenza, remains a mystery, authorities said

The Magellanic penguins, mostly juveniles, died in the Atlantic Ocean and were carried by currents to Uruguayan shores, said Carmen Leizagoyen, head of the Environment Ministry's Department of Fauna. "This is mortality in the water. Ninety per cent are young specimens that arrive without fat reserves and with empty stomachs," she said, and stressed that all samples taken have tested

negative for avian influenza. Magellanic penguins nest in southern Argentina. In the southern hemisphere winter, they migrate north in search of food and warmer waters, even reaching the coast of the Brazilian state of Espirito Santo.

"It is normal for some percentage to die, but not these numbers," Ms Leizagoyen said, recalling that a similar die-off occurred last year in Brazil, for undetermined reasons. Hector Caymaris, director of the Laguna de Rocha protected area, told agency that he counted more than 500 dead penguins along six miles (10 km) of the Atlantic coast. Environmental advocates attribute the increase in Magellanic

penguin deaths to overfishing and illegal fishing.

"From the 1990s and 2000s we began to see animals with a lack of food. The resource is overexploited." Richard Tesore, of the NGO SOS Marine Wildlife Rescue, told agency.

A subtropical cyclone in the Atlantic, which hit southeastern Brazil in mid-July, probably caused the weakest animals to die from the inclement weather, he added. In addition to penguins, Mr Tesore said he has recently found dead petrels, albatrosses, seagulls, sea turtles and sea lions on the beaches of Maldonado, a department east of the capital Montevideo.

Biden nominates Admiral Lisa Franchetti to be first woman to lead US Navy

WASHINGTON, Jul 22 (Agencies): President Joe Biden nominated Admiral Lisa Franchetti to lead the Navy, an historic step that would break a gender barrier in the US military by making her the first woman to command the service and to become a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The decision by Biden is a surprise. Pentagon officials had widely expected the nomination to go to Admiral Samuel Paparo, who leads the Navy in the Pacific and who has experience grappling with the growing challenge from China.

Still, Franchetti, who is currently the vice chief of operations for the Navy, was among the candidates believed to be in the running for the position, is widely respected and counts broad experience, including as commander of US Naval Forces Korea, officials said.

In a statement, Biden noted Franchetti's 38 years of experience.

"Throughout her career, Admiral Franchetti has demonstrated extensive expertise in both the operational and policy arenas," Biden said in a statement, noting that she was the second woman ever to achieve the rank of four-star

to become the commander of all US military forces in the Pacific. He picked Vice Admiral Stephen "Web" Koehler to succeed Paparo as commander of US Pacific Fleet. Biden's announcement

comes during a block on all US military nominations in Congress by Senator Tommy Tuberville, who is protesting a Defense Department policy that reimburses costs for service members who travel to get an abortion. Senior military nomina-

tions must be approved by the Senate. Although the review is

usually routine, a single senator can pause the

process by putting a hold on nominations that force them to be considered one at a time, taking many hours each. Tuberville's block could have a far-reaching impact across the armed forces, affecting troops and their families, and ultimately costing the US military talent, a point underscored this month by Biden's pick to become the top US general. Air Force General Charles "C.Q." Brown.

The military is already having to shuffle staff to fill a top leadership post after the commandant of the Marine Corps, one of the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stepped down on July 10 when his four-year term ended. His Number 2 has taken over but the hold on promotions has left the Marine Corps without a confirmed leader in the job for the first time in more than a century, the Pentagon said.

Biden said the delay undermined national security. "What Senator Tuberville is doing is not only wrong — it is dangerous," Biden said in the statement. "He is risking our ability to ensure that the United States Armed Forces remain the greatest fighting force in the history of the world. And his Republican colleagues in the Senate know it."

LOCAL/CONTD....

LG Manoj Sinha visits Nunwan Base Camp, Chandanwari to **Review Arrangements for Ongoing Amarnath Pilgrimage**

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jul 22 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday visited Nunwan Base Camp and Chandanwari to review arrangements for ongoing Amarnath pilgrimage.

Taking to microblogging site Twitter, LG Manoj Sinha, as per GNS, wrote; "Pilgrims from across the country and abroad are now the Brand Ambassadors of J&K. The economic activities associated with spiritual pilgrimage generate livelihood for the locals and spur tourist influx to the UT."



Expressing his satisfaction over smooth conduct of ongoing Yatra, Sinha said; "I am extremely proud of entire team, Shrine Board, JKP, CAPFs,

Army, BRO, NDRF, SDRF, Mountain Rescue Teams, services providers, citizens for commendable work & ensuring smooth conduct of Yatra.

Through our solidarity, resolve & preparation, we'll overcome any future challenges."

"During my visit today to Nunwan Base Camp, interacted with pilgrims, reviewed arrangements for queue management. Discussed measures taken for comfortable stay, food, healthcare, connectivity, sanitation, water, and other facilities for Yatris in case of bad weather", Sinha said.

Sinha said he also visited Chandanwari and interacted with pilgrims, sanitation workers, service providers and took stock of the arrangements.

97 families shifted to safe location after Chenab river inundates Akhnoor village

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 22 (Agencies) : At least 97 families have been shifted to safer location after water from Chenab river inundated Garkhal village in Akhnoor subdivision of Jammu district on Saturday. An official told the news agency-Kashmir

News Observer (KNO)

that a massive rescue operation was launched in the village after Chenab river breached protection wall today. He said that a few days ago 43 families were shifted, however, due to heavy rainfall since morning the situation deteriorated further as Chenab river breached protection wall and inundated the village.

Sub Divisional Police Officer Akhnoor, Mohan Lal Sharma said 97 families have been shifted to safer places and temporary shelters that have also been established for them.

He said that situation may escalate further in the village if more water flows in from Chenab river due to heavy rainfall.

Osaka Group carries out plantation drive



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jul 22: On world brain day, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday said 80 percent of stroke cases can be prevented through changes in lifestyle.

"Eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, not smoking and maintaining the right weight can prevent most of the strokes," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said over the years stroke cases are on the rise in Kashmir valley. Not only elderly, we are seeing increase

in number of strokes among younger people.

"One big factor for this spike is junk food which has largely replaced homemade food," he said adding another reason for the surge in strokes is sedentary life style.

The DAK President said Junk food and physical inactivity is pushing more people towards obesity.

Weight gain has been linked to diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol which are the key factors that lead to stroke. "In order to reduce the burden

of stroke in the community, it is

important to encourage people to eat healthy food and stay active.

People should take diet rich in fruits and vegetables, limit salt intake and avoid fast foods," he said.

Stroke is a brain attack and is the leading cause of disability and second leading cause of death in Kashmir.

"There is a dire need to make people familiar with the symptoms of stroke which can include face drooping, limb weakness, speech difficulty, numbness, confusion or trouble speaking, trouble seeing, trouble walking and severe headache," said Dr Nisar.

"Because of lack of awareness, many patients ignore stroke symptoms and don't seek medical attention in time which results in poor outcome."

"Time is the essence when it comes to stroke and sooner they receive treatment, the better the chances of survival," he said.

"Although the benefits of early treatment in these patients are clear, only a miniscule number of patients receive optimally timed treatment," he added.



Top News Report

SAMBA, Jul 22: Tree plantation was done in Osaka Group under the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India.

On this occasion, J&K State Pollution Control Board Divisional Officer

JKPCC, Samba (South) Deepak Abrol said that it is necessary to plant more and more trees to remove the increasing natural imbalance and the common man should also contribute to the environmental balance by taking maximum participation in it. Reprehensive of Osaka Group and Chairman Nations Development Association (NDA) affiliated NYKS J&K under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Sushil Singh Charak told that intensive tree plantation will be done on July 22.

Field Inspector JKPCC Samba Subhas Chandra, Osaka Alloys and Steels Pvt. Ltd Director Parul Arora, and others were present on the occasion.

Mahant Shastri meets Director AIIMS Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 22: Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, President Mahant Rohit Shastri met Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu, Dr Shakti Gupta and presented Photo of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and "Kartavya Marg" - the annual in-house magazine of Kailakh Jyotish Evam Vedic Sansthan Trust

Mahant Rohit told him that the trust is continuously working for the



a communication language for the longest time in the past.

Here Abhinavagupta, commentator of Raghuvansh Vallabhdev, mathematician Utpal, Kshemendra Kshemraj,

Jaihat, Ralhan, Shilhan, Malhan and many ancient Sanskrit The sages have arisen.

These Acharyas had paved the way to unite not only India, but the whole world in the thread of unity with their penance whereas Punyasalila Jammu-Kashmir Vasundhara is becoming extinct from Sanskrit today. Dr Shakti Gupta praised the works of the trust.

DPAP Kashmiri Displaced People Wing visits Kashmir Valley

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jul 22: The Displaced Kashmiri People wing J&K Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) delegation lead by its President Sanjay Dhar and Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita visited Kashmir Valley during this week to hear the Problems being faced by PM Package Employees and other non migrants and the delegation assured them in Transit Camp Vessu, Nutnusa, Sheikhpura that their usual problems will be highlighted before the Authorities for earliest consideration.

Besides, the delegation visited

requested to streamline these constructions on double shift system so that the eligible PM Package employees can get accommodation before coming winter.

The delegation was told that in Vessu and Sheikhpora Transit Accommodations, the flats meant for only PM Package employees have been allotted to some influential people other than PM Package employees ,which is totally unjustified as it is the responsibility of Govt. to provide them Govt. Accommodation and not the accommodation meant for PM Package employees, who although being meager salaried are living on rent basis. The delegation appeal the Govt to look into the matter for providing justice to PM Package Employees.

ing the problems being faced by Displaced People especially regarding PM Package and regarding unemployed/overaged youth of displaced people, submitted a detailed memorandum, and due assurances were assured by the Chief Secretary

for consideration on priority. The delegation met the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, whose goodself assured every possible redressal of the Grievances of migrants as well as of the PM Package employees of the District, as and when submitted to her good office.

The delegation also requested the Deputy.Commissioner Kupwara to Visit the Karihama School ground for its development with regard to sports encouragement of the District youth.

for being elected as Chairman Municipal Council Barramulla, being a fire brand leader of Democratic Progressive Azad Party.

The delegation thanked Vijay Karihaloo, Vice President Kashmiri Displaced People Wing I/C Kashmir for accompanying the delegation on front line and hope for his further grass route level works for the betterment of non migrant Hindu community and PM Package employees in Kashmir. The Delegation appeal the Govt. to nominate an Independent Panel of Nodal officers, department wise to listen and mitigate the usual problems of Displaced Kashmiri People and PM Package Employees as well as for non migrant Hindu community, with close liaison to concerned, if the Govt is sincere for overcoming the miseries of such Community, living as refugees in its own State.

promotion of Devvani Sanskrit in the state. It should be noted that Kashmir is the only state in India, where Sanskrit has been used not only as a language of instruction but also as Bilhan, Rajataranginikar Kalhan, Gnostic Muktavalikar Jalhan, great musicologist Sharangdev, Vedanti Keshav Bhattacharya, poetry publisher Mammat, Kait, Lollat, Kaihat,

the Under Construction Transit Accomodations, at Vessu, Kulangam, Shopiyan, Zewan, Terech Kupwara, Bandipora, and it has been seen that the pace of construction is running at a slow pace and the Concerned Authorities are

The delegation met the Chief Secretary in his good office Chambers ,besides highlight-

The Delegation visited Municipal Council Barramulla for congratulating Umer Kakroo Shahib, to get the grand victory

UPSC inducts 31 JKPS officers into IPS in historic move

RK Bhat, SSP, who had missed out on induction in a previous meeting due to an ongoing inquiry. Consequently, 31 officers made it through the selection process and are now officially part of the IPS.

Among the inductees are Magsood-ul-Zaman, Mubassir Latifi Ameer, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Suhail Munawar Mir, Rashmi Wazir, Rajeshwar Singh, Sandeep Wazir, Anita Sharma, Sameer Rekhi, Jatinder Singh Johar, and others from the 1999 batch.

'Biggest ever seizure': Customs recovers foreign currency worth Rs 10 cr at Delhi airport

airport in India on 21 July against three Tajikistan national passengers," the Customs department said in a statement on Saturday.

"These passengers were intended to depart for Istanbul by Flight No. TK 0717 dated 21 July from T3, IGI Airport, New Delhi," the statement read.

"The detailed examination of the baggage and personal search of the passengers resulted in the recovery of foreign currency (USD 7,20,000/- & Euro 4,66,200/-) from the three passengers which is equivalent to Rs 10,06,78,410," it said.

"The recovered foreign currency has been seized under section 110 of the Customs Act, 1962," it said while adding that further investigation is under progress.

Over 3 lakhs devotees visit Amarnath cave shrine in first 21 days of pilgrimage

visited Holy Cave just within twenty-one days which is comparatively much higher than the previous year number at the same time," an official release from the information and public relations department of Jammu and Kashmir said. With the addition of 13,797 Yatries who paid obeisance on Friday, the total stands at 3,07,354. Almost thirty government departments have been looped in to ensure seamless facilities to make pilgrims feel at home, it said.

"The construction of two State-of-Art 100-bedded hospitals for the treatment of pilgrims and all the associated people is another epitome of the high level of seriousness shown by the government for boasting allied infrastructure," the statement further added.

Besides, other existing health infrastructure, every camp is manned by expert health teams who on a daily basis examine hundreds of yatries providing them with medicine and advice.

Since the influx of pilgrims is swelling with every passing day, the government made sure that transportation facilities be provided from Jammu to base camps in Kashmir. Besides, the helipad service is also available to pilgrims who are willing to take this opportunity & facility, it added. Two California, USA citizens, a Ukrainian woman, a group of 35 Nepali citizens and

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30 citizens from Malaysia are among the pilgrims who paid obeisance at the Holy Cave of Amarnath it added.

The annual Amarnath Yatra began on July 1. The 62-day pilgrimage will culminate on August 31.

Police recover Rs 31 lakh from a fake scribe

Zahoor, son of Zahoor Ahmad Malik, residing in Indergam Pattan. Notably, he was operating as a self-styled journalist. According to the police spokesman, Muzamil Zahoor had orchestrated a deceitful scheme by creating a fake bank account using forged identity documents. This account served as a conduit for carrying out transactions related to the banned LeT outfit's activities. He further disclosed that the accused had been receiving funds in lakhs, which were intended for carrying out terror activities, from the main hawala operator of the LeT.

During the arrest of Muzamil Zahoor, the police seized incriminating materials that are crucial to the investigation. As a result, he has been placed in seven days of Police remand for custodial examination.

This case has already led to the arrest of five other individuals, namely Umar Ddil Dar, son of Gh Hassan Dar, residing in Soiteng; Salik Mehraj, son of Mehraj din Dar, residing in Soiteng; Bilal Ahmad Siddiqi, son of Ghulam Ahmad Siddiqi, residing in Kursoo Rajbagh; Zamrooda Habib, daughter of Habibullah Bhat, residing in Sanatnagr Srinagar; and Yasmeen Raja, daughter of Gh Nabi Bhat, residing in Tulbagh Pampore.

The police authorities are continuing their efforts to dismantle the network involved in terror funding and are committed to ensur-

ing the safety and security of the region and its residents.

Anti-Narcotics force recovers huge quantity of poppy straw in Budgam

the tin roof of Malla's house Locals hailed the efforts of ANTF Kashmir and showed their willingness to support the police to eradicate the menace of drugs from society.

Anti-Narcotics Task Force Jammu and Kashmir has appealed to the public to share information regarding such drug dealers active in their respective areas so that appropriate action as warranted under the law is taken against such drug peddlers so that this menace is uprooted from society.

EOW CB Jammu arrests two absconders after 3 years

(Maharashtra).

The accused were arrested by two Special Teams of Crime Branch, Jammu from Harvana and Maharashtra, as both of them were at large and constantly changed their locations to dodge the police for avoiding the arrest, officials said.

Both the accused persons were absconding since the investigation of the cases, as such the charge-sheets were produced against them u/s 512 Cr.PC, officials said adding that the Court had accordingly issued arrest warrants against them.

Accused Satvinder Singh is involved in case FIR No. 38/2021 U/S 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC P/S CBJ for luring and duping unemployed youth for their overseas job placement and Accused Rajeev Bharanatti is involved in case FIR No. 16/2020 U/S 420 IPC P/S CBJ for defrauding complainant of Lakhs of Rupees, official said adding that THE absconders were on a run from one place to another to avoid their arrest, as the court had already issued arrest warrant to bring them to justice.

Expert Crime Branch teams were formed and deputed outside J&K to keep a track on the movement of the absconders.

Cloudburst washes away road stretch in Doda

most part of Doda and Kishtwar districts on third day today, resulting in rise in water level in Chenab river and its major tributaries like Neeru and Kalnai.

The district administration Doda has advised people to remain cautious and stay away from streams, rivers and other vulnerable spots.

Rains lash J&K, MeT predicts more

8.6mm, Qazigund 25.8mm, Pahalgam 10.1mm, Kupwara 00mm, Gulmarg 4.4mm, Jammu 0.2mm, Bhaderwah 5.6mm and Batote 3.8mm.

Regarding the minimum temperature today, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 19.4°C, Qazigund 25.8°C, Pahalgam 16.0°C, Kupwara 18.6°C, Kokernag 17.7°C, Gulmarg 13.5°C, Jammu 26.3°C, Banihal 18.7°C, Batote 19.5°C, Katra 24.6°C and Bhaderwah 19.1°C.

BUSINESS/HEALTH

Top News of J&K Jammu, Saturday, July 22, 2023

ahead of launch.

Elon Musk's SpaceX

launched the first batch

of its more than 3,700

operational Starlink sat-

ellites in 2019 and is by

far the biggest player.

London-headquartered

OneWeb is another

early entrant in the

But governments are

also keen to join the

China plans to launch

emerging sector.

Paytm to generate free cash flow by year end: **CEO Vijay Shekhar**

"We are on our committed guidelines of becoming free cash flow positive by the year-end," Sharma said.

NEW DELHI, Jul 22 (Agencies): Fintech firm One97 Communications, which operates under the Paytm brand, expects to generate free cash flow by the end of this year, a top company official said on Saturday. Paytm founder and CEO Vijay

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Shekhar Sharma, in an earnings call, said that growth for the company in the June 2023 quarter came on account of expansion in payments, financial services and commerce business

"We are on our committed guidelines of becoming free cash flow positive by the yearend," Sharma said.

Paytm has reported a narrowing of loss to Rs 358.4 crore in the first quarter ended June 30, 2023. The company had posted a loss of Rs 645.4 crore in the



same period a year ago. Its revenue from operations increased by 39.4 per cent to Rs 2,341.6 crore during the reported quarter from Rs 1,679.6 crore in the June 2022 quarter.

The company said its mer-

to the banking regulator, and the same is under review. He said that approval from the

Reserve Bank of India has taken longer than it was anticipated but it is expected to come soon. During the financial year (FY) 2022, the RBI directed the Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) to stop the onboarding of new customers with effect from March 1, 2022.

In FY2023, the apex bank appointed an external auditor to conduct a comprehensive systems audit of the PPBL.

On October 21, 2022, PPBL received the final report thereof from the RBI, outlining the need for continued strengthening of IT outsourcing processes and operational risk management, including KYC etc at the Bank.

Amazon invests \$120 million in internet satellite facility

WASHINGTON, Jul 22 (Agencies): Amazon said it will invest \$120 million to build a satellite construction facility at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, as part of its plans to launch a space internet service to rival SpaceX's Starlink.

The company founded by Jeff Bezos says its "Project Kuiper" will provide "fast, affordable broadband to unserved and underserved communities around the world," with a constellation of more than 3,200 satellites in low Earth orbit (LEO).

"We have an ambitious plan to begin Project Kuiper's full-scale production launches and early customer pilots next year, and this new facility will play a



critical role," said Steve Metayer, vice president of Kuiper Production

13,000 satellites as part of its GuoWang constellation, while Canada's Telesat will add 300 and German start-up Rivada is eyeing 600.

rush.

That will be in addition to the European Union's Iris project -- 170 satellites -- and the 300-500 satellites planned to be launched by the US military's Space Development Agency.

Operations The company has another production facility in Kirkland, Washington, where it will begin operations by the end of this year. The units will then be

sent to Florida to carry out final preparations, and integrate them with rockets from Blue Origin -- also founded by Bezos -- and United Launch Alliance (ULA)

Dunzo likely to fire 200 in third round of layoff BENGALURU, Jul 22 most of the growth stage (Agencies): According companies are finding it to market intelligence tough to raise money at



Ventures, said the current funding situation is not so good, while investments are happening but not at the enterprise valuation of a higher valuation. The same is true for Dunzo and hence the company is required to make operations optimum and take measures to bring the cost down," he said. According to him, Dunzo should work on the right costing model to charge the consumer so that they can bring down the burn rate as cash breakeven is the need of the hour.

Currently, the delivery companies are working on a negative margin and don't have scope for covering the cost in the absence of a productled model

ments Bank, Sharma said it has submitted a compliance report chant payments volume (GMV) Chinese mobile firms evade Rs 9,000-crore

tax in 5 years

NEW DELHI, Jul 22 (Agencies): Chinese smartphone makers, including Oppo Mobile, Vivo India and Xiaomi Technology, have been found evading taxes worth Rs 9,000 crore in India, Parliament was informed.

Data shared by the Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar in the Rajya Sabha showed tax evasion of around Rs 9,000 crore, comprising customs duty and GST, has been detected between 2018-19 and 2022-23.

The government has recovered Rs 1,629.87 crore from the companies during the period. According to the data,



Oppo Mobile India Pvt Ltd has been found evading Rs 5,086 crore in taxes, which includes Rs 4,403 crore in customs duty and Rs 683 crore in the form of GST. Vivo has evaded taxes worth Rs 2,923.25 crore comprising Rs 2,875

crore in customs duty

and Rs 48.25 crore in

Omega-3 fatty acids may boost

GST, according to the written reply by Chandrasekhar Tax evasion of Rs

851.14 crore has been detected in the case of Xiaomi Technology India Pvt Ltd comprising Rs 682.51 crore in customs duty and Rs 168.63 crore in GST. The minister was

replying to a question on the number of Chinese handset companies which have evaded taxes and made illegal remittances in India. Oppo evaded Rs 5,086 crore in taxes, which includes Rs 4,403 crore in customs duty and Rs 683 crore in the form of GST. Vivo has evaded taxes

to Rs 4.05 lakh crore in the April-

Sharing an update on the

RBI's bar on the onboarding of

new customers by Paytm Pay-

June quarter of FY 2023-24.

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numbers and hence World Brain Day 2023: 7 healthy habits to avoid brain disorders



lung health, finds study

associations for docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), an omega-3 fatty a

observed the strongest

Studies have shown how important it is to maintain a healthy lifestyle to prevent brain disorders like dementia.

firm Tracxn, the compa-

ny secured \$75 million in April 2023, and so far, it has raised \$497 million and was last valued at \$757 million. Founded in 2015, the start-up is backed by Google, Blume Ventures, Alteria Capital and Lightrock, among others. Reliance Retail holds 25.6% stake in the

company, followed by Google at 18.53%. Dunzo competes with Swiggy, Zepto and Blinkit, among others. Dunzo has been struggling to raise funds for many months now.

Anil Joshi, Managing

Partner, of Unicorn India 2021. "Considering the correction in valuation, the current performance matrix may not justify investment at higher

NEW DELHI, Jul 22 (Agencies): Omega-3 fatty acids. which are abundant in fish and fish oil supplements, may be beneficial for lung health, according to large, multi-faceted study in healthy adults. The research, published recently in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine. provides the strongest evidence to date of this association

It underscores the importance of including omega-3 fatty acids in the diet, especially given that many Americans do not meet current guidelines, researchers said.

"We know a lot about the role of diet in cancer and cardiovascular diseases, but the role of diet in chronic lung disease is somewhat understudied," said corresponding author Patricia A. Cassano from Cornell University in the US.

"This study adds to growing evidence that omega-3 fatty acids, which are part of a healthy diet, may be important for lung health too," said Cassano said. Past studies have suggested that omega-3 fatty acids may help, due largely to their

established anti-inflammatory actions. However, robust studies of this association have been lacking, until now.

The researchers developed a two-part study investigating the link between omega-3 fatty acid levels in the blood and lung function over time.

In the first part, the researchers conducted a longitudinal, observational study involving 15,063 Americans from the NHLBI Pooled Cohorts Study-a large collection of studies that helps researchers to study determinants of personalised risk for chronic lung disease. The participants stud-

ied were generally healthy when the study began, and the majority had no evidence of chronic lung disease. They comprised a racially diverse group of adults, with an average age of 56 years, and 55 per cent were female.

The researchers followed participants for an average of seven years and up to 20 years.

The study showed that higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids in a person's blood were associated with a reduced rate of lung function decline. researchers The

that is found at high levels in fatty fish such as salmon, tuna, and sardines. DHA is also available as a dietary supplement.

In the second part, the researchers analysed genetic data from a large study of European patients (over 5 lakh participants) from the UK Biobank.

They studied certain genetic markers in the blood as an indirect measure, or proxy, for dietary omega-3 fatty acid levels to see how they correlated with lung health. The results showed that higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids — including DHA - were associated with

better lung function. One caveat of the current study is that it only included healthy adults, the researchers said In addition to fish and fish oil. other sources of omega-3 fatty acids include nuts and seeds. plant oils, and fortified

foods. "This large populationbased study suggests that nutrients with antiinflammatory properties may help to main-

tain lung health," said James P. Kiley, director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) Division of Lung Diseases.

"More research is needed, since these findings raise interesting questions for future prospective studies about the link between omega-3 fatty acids and lung function," Kiley added.

NEW DELHI, Jul 22 (Agencies): Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is often overlooked in this fast-paced world. However, recent studies have shown the importance of incorporating healthy habits into our daily routines to avoid brain disorders, including dementia.

A study conducted by the American Academy of Neurology found that seven cardiovascular and brain health factors significantly lowered the risk of dementia.

These factors include being active, eating better, maintaining a healthy weight, not smoking, maintaining a healthy blood pressure, controlling cholesterol,

and having low blood sugar.

Researchers found that for every increase of one point in the score, a participant's risk of dementia decreased by 6 per cent. This suggests that making healthy lifestyle choices early on in life may lead to a decreased risk of dementia later in life. Reading

Reading is another habit that can contribute to brain health. Reading can help stimulate the brain reducing the chances of any disorders.

Being active Physical activity helps keep brain cells charged and healthy. Regular exercise increases blood flow to the brain, enhancing its functionaling increases the risk of stroke and Alzheimer's disease.

Keeping normal blood pressure

High blood pressure could damage the delicate blood vessels in the brain, leading to cognitive impairment. It can cause various other disorders and even stroke. Low blood sugar

Make sure to check your blood sugar level often. Prolonged high blood sugar could

damage the brain over time, leading to problems with memory and learning, mood shifts, weight gain, hormonal changes, and over time, other serious problems like Alzheimer's disease.

Parkinson's may quietly progress undetected for years: Study

NEW DELHI, Jul 22 (Agencies): Parkinson's may progress quietly but insidiously for many years before the neurodegenerative disease is diagnosed, according to a study conducted in mice.

The research, published recently in the journal Nature Communications, sheds new light on the surprising resilience of the brain during the asymptomatic period of Parkinson's.

The researchers from the University of Montreal in Canada demonstrated that movement circuits in the brains of mice are insensitive to an almost total loss of active secretion of dopa-

mine, a chemical messenger recognised for its importance in movement.

In Parkinson's disease, dopamine levels in the brain drop inexorably, they said.

"This observation went against our initial hypothesis, but that's often the way it is in science, and it forced us to re-evaluate our certainties about what dopamine really does in the brain," said Louis-Eric Trudeau, a professor at the University of Montreal.

Using genetic manipulations, the team eliminated the ability of dopamine-producing neurons to release this chemical messenger in response to the normal

electrical activity of these cells. The researchers, including Benoit Delignat-Lavaud, a doctoral student in Trudeau's laboratory, expected to see a loss of motor function in these mice similar to what is seen in individuals with Parkinson's.

Surprisingly, the mice showed a completely normal capacity for movement, they said. Measurements of overall dopamine levels in the brain revealed that extracellular levels of dopamine in the brain of these mice were normal, the researchers said. These results suggest that the

activity of movement circuits in the brain requires only low basal levels of dopamine, they said.

The researchers noted that it is likely that in the early stages of Parkinson's disease, basal dopamine levels in the brain remain sufficiently high for many years, despite the gradual loss of dopamine-producing neurons.

It is only when a minimum threshold is exceeded that motor perturbations appear, they said.

By identifying the mechanisms involved in the secretion of dopamine in the brain, the research could help to identify new approaches to reduce the symptoms of this incurable neurodegenerative disease, the researchers added.

of cognitive decline. Eating a healthy diet A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains provides optimum brain health. Avoid processed foods and sugary drinks that lead to cognitive impairment.

Maintaining a healthy weight

ity and reducing the risk

Along with a balanced diet. it is important to maintain a healthy weight. Obesity could lead to various health complications, including brain disorders. Not smoking The harmful effects

of smoking on overall health, particularly the brain, is something that can't be ignored. Smok-

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SPORTS

WI v IND, 2nd Test: West Indies start strong after Virat Kohli 121 helps India post 438 in Port of Spain

PORT OF SPAIN, Jul 22 (Agencies): West Indies came up with a much-improved response with the bat on Day 2 of the landmark 100th Test against India in Port of Spain on Friday, July 21. After having been bowled out for 150 and 130 in the first Test which they lost by an innings and 141 runs in Dominica, the West Indies batters put up a fight in the last two sessions on Friday after India posted a mammoth first innings total of 438, riding on Virat Kohli's sensational 29th Test century.

Captain Kraigg Brathwaite and his young opening partner Tagenarine Chanderpaul took their time and did not allow the Indian new-ball bowlers to strike with the new-ball in the final session. The trio of pacers, Mohammed Siraj, Jaydev Unadkat and debutant Mukesh Kumar, went wicketless as Brathwaite and Chanderpaul got off to a cautious start.

The two batters added 71 runs for the opening stand as they kept the Indian bowlers, including R Ashwin who had snared 12 wickets in the first Test in Dominica at bay.

The two batters added 71 runs for the opening stand as they



managed 86 for 1 in 41 overs.

Earlier in the day, it was all

Virat Kohli show as the former

captain got to his 29th Test cen-

tury, equaling Don Bradman on

the all-time list of Test centuri-

ons. Kohli hit 121 in a knock that

was a beautiful mix of solidity

It was also Kohli's 76th interna-

tional century in his 500th inter-

national match. He surpassed

legendary Sachin Tendulkar,

who had 75 centuries in his first

On Day 2, cricket fans were

treated to a masterclass by Virat

Kohli. Kohli's century came in a

match that held special signifi-

cance for both teams, as it was

500 international games.

and fluency

VIRAT KOHLI SHOW

kept the Indian bowlers, including R Ashwin who had snared 12 wickets in the first Test in Dominica at bay.

However, toward the end of the day's play, Tagenarine Chanderpaul got out for 33, playing a loose shot in the 35th over bowled by Ravindra Jadeja. West Indies batters were taking their time to lay a solid foundation but Tagenarine's wicket gave India the much-needed breakthrough.

However, debutant Kirk McKenzie came out to bat at No. 3 with a positive approach, hitting a six against R Ashwin and remained unbeaten on 14. Brathwaite went to Stumps unbeaten on 37 as West Indies the 100th Test match between India and West Indies.

The right-handed batter reached his century by hitting the ball past the cover-point for a four, a feat that has made him the only cricketer to achieve this in his 500th international match. This was also Kohli's first international century overseas since 2018, ending a long wait for his fans.

However, Kohli's century was not the only highlight of the day. Ravindra Jadeja and R Ashwin also made significant contributions to India's first innings score of 438. Jadeja scored a crucial half-century, his 19th in Test cricket, while Ashwin hit an important half-century, building on Kohli's 121. Their partnership helped India post a formidable total of 438 against the West Indies.

The foundation for India's strong performance was laid on the first day of the Test. Captain Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal, both scored fifties, putting India in control despite the West Indies' fightback in the second session. Sharma's leadership and Jaiswal's grit were instrumental in setting the tone for the Indian innings.

Ashes fourth test: Jonny bravo: Bairstow pounds Aussies, Woods turns screws

no team since 1936-37

coming back to win the

Ashes having lost the

But after their exhila-

rating success at Head-

ingley, England have

taken the attack to

Australia in Manches-

ter, with the tourists

having no answer to

this new-found, aggres-

sive approach from the

Looking to extend

centre-back Naomi

Girma, and midfield-

ers Andi Sullivan and

Savannah DeMelo also

made their first World

"I have to say I was

happy with the way the

team played. I think that

if you look at the team

it is the first time this XI

have been on the field

together," the coach

"To see some of the

connections and combi-

nations was very posi-

Morgan squanders

Rodman, the daugh-

ter of former NBA

star Dennis Rodman,

needed lengthy treat-

ment after suffering a

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Cup appearances.

hosts.

first two matches.



MANCHESTER, Jul 22 (Agencies): A hostile spell of bowling from Mark Wood helped restrict Australia to 113/4 in their second innings on Day 3 of a thrilling fourth Ashes Test, still trailing England by 162 runs as the hosts close in on a win that would level the series

England had looked dead and buried in the series after the Lord's

Sophia Smith Scores Twice As Holders US Ease

today, Jonny Bairstow produced a blistering display with the bat to finish unbeaten on 99 as he helped England post a colossal 592 all out - their highest Ashes innings total on home soil since 1985.

With rain forecast for the weekend and England holding a 275run lead, it was clear Australia were playing for a draw that would help them to retain the Ashes.

Brief scores: Australia: 317 and 113/4 in 41 overs (Labuschagne 44*; Wood 3/17); England: 592 in 107.4 overs (Crawley 189, Bairstow 99*; Hazelwood 5/126). 592 England posted their highest Ashes innings total on home soil since 1985.

5.49 England's runrate in their total of 592. the third highest for any team in a 500-plus total in Test cricket.

Cricket Association of Bengal to provide practice space for Manipur cricket team

MANIPUR, Jul 22 (Agencies): The state of Manipur is facing a grave crisis, with the situation worsening over the past three months. People are in distress, and all services have been severely disrupted. In the midst of this turmoil, even sports figures are not spared.

The officials of Manipur Cricket Association are grappling with how to prepare for the upcoming cricket season amidst these challenging circumstances. To find a solution, they have reached out to various cricket associations across the country for assistance.



dent Snehashis Ganguly, who is currently out of town and is expected to return the following week. A decision in this regard will be taken by Wednesday, giving hope to the Manipur Cricket Association for a way forward.

The trend of aiding the growth of cricket in the North East was initiated by Avishek Dalmiva during his tenure as CAB President, and it has been upheld by the association. "We have already

helped in the develop-"I have received the ment of cricket in Northemail from the Mani-East India. This time too I will look into everything pur Cricket Association. They asked for a place and help if possible, to prepare. President Ojha said. Snehashis Ganguly At present, the Manipur Cricket Team is parwill take a decision in this regard. He is not in ticipating in the Deodhar town. Will be back next week. A decision in this regard will be taken by Wednesday," Ojha said. Ojha further highlighted that CAB has previously assisted in the development of cricket

in the North-Eastern

region of India and will

continue to support

them in any way pos-

sible.

and set up another as a new-look United States launched their bid to win a third Women's World Cup in a row with a 3-0 victory over Vietnam on Saturday. One of six members of the USA starting line-up making her World Cup debut, lively forward

Smith finished a fine move to open the scoring in the 14th minute at Eden Park in Auckland. Veteran Alex Morgan was then denied from the penalty spot before Smith struck again deep in stoppage time at the end of the first half in front of a crowd of just

AUCKLAND, Jul 22

(Agencies): Sophia

Smith scored twice



title favourites missed a hatful of chances as debutants Vietnam avoided the humiliation that befell Thailand at the 2019 World Cup, when they were thrashed 13-0 by the United States

their triumph at France 2019

"Unfortunately we didn't capitalise on all the great opportunities that we created and that is something we are certainly going to focus on in the lead-up to the next alty after coming over to review the images.

Yet Morgan, playing in her 19th World Cup match, saw her poor kick saved by goalkeeper Tran Thi Kim Thanh diving to the right.

Instead Smith made it 2-0 towards the end of eight added minutes in the first half, firing through the legs of the goalkeeper and in after a Girma cross had been

punched away. The goal was initially ruled out before being given after another lengthy check confirmed there was no offside.

Rapinoe, her hair dyed blue, entered the frav to cheers just after the hour mark alongside Rose Lavelle, the two

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Among them, the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) has responded positively and expressed its willingness to extend a helping hand.

The CAB Joint Secretary, Naresh Ojha, confirmed that they have received an email from the Manipur Cricket Association, requesting a place to prepare for the upcoming season. However, the final decision lies with CAB PresiTrophy in Pondicherry, and due to the prevailing situation in their state, there are no plans to return home.

They are looking to the Cricket Association of Bengal to provide them with the necessary support and facilities to continue their cricketing endeavors during these trying times.

over 41,000.

She then set up the third goal for captain Lindsey Horan in the 77th minute, after veteran icon Megan Rapinoe had come off the bench to win her 200th cap.

"I think it was a good starting point for our team in this tournament. I also know that we have a lot more that we can give, a lot more to do, little things to work on," said the 22-year-old Smith.

Vlatko Andonovski's

There is clearly room game, but the first one for improvement for an is in the books and the focus immediately shifts American side who will towards game two," said also play Portugal and 2019 runners-up the Andonovski Netherlands in Group E, as they aim to win an unprecedented third consecutive title.

However, this was a new experience for many of their side, and for Andonovski, taking charge of a World Cup game for the first time having replaced Jill Ellis at the finals. as coach not long after

That will be against the Dutch on Thursday in a re-run of the 2019 final. With Rapinoe beginning her final World Cup before retirement on the bench, Smith and 21-year-old Trinity Rodman flanked Morgan in attack on their debuts

Right-back Emily Fox,

knock inside the first minute before going on to have an impact on proceedings.

It was Smith who got the breakthrough though, controlling and finishing off a fine move expertly after Morgan flicked on a pass by Horan.

It was one-way traffic but it remained 1-0 until Rodman was clipped by Hoang Thi Loan in the area just before the break and the Moroccan referee gave a pengoal-scorers from the 2019 final. Teenager Alyssa Thompson also came on for her World Cup bow just before Smith pounced on a Julie Ertz ball forward and

supplied a cutback for

Lyon midfielder Horan to score. Lavelle hit the underside of the bar late on as Vietnam escaped with a creditable scoreline on their World Cup bow.

Messi scores sensational game-winning goal in his Inter Miami debut

FORT LAUDERDALE, Jul 22 (Agencies): Some people paid hundreds of dollars to be able to say they were in the stadium for Lionel Messi's debut for Inter Miami, Some paid thousands for their seats. The team's owners committed well over \$100 million just to have a chance at moments like this. So far, it looks like money well spent.

From the vou-can't-make-this-up department, Messi capped the opening night with his new club by delivering the unforgettable. His magical left foot sent a free kick into the upper left corner of the net in the 94th minute Friday night, giving Inter Miami a 2-1 win over Mexican club Cruz Azul in a Leagues Cup match.

"What I saw was the goal," Messi said in an on-field interview amid the postgame celebration. "I saw the goal. I knew that I had to score.'

He makes it sound so easy. Made it look so easy, too.

The game's greatest active player — a seven-time Ballon d'Or winner and a World Cup champion — sent the ball over a wall of four Cruz Azul defenders for the winning goal, unquestionably the greatest moment in Inter Miami's brief history. Fireworks shot into the night sky, and play resumed for roughly a minute before the referee's whistle blew.

"It's a movie that we have seen before,"

Inter Miami coach Tata Martino said.

Messi was a showman throughout his debut for his Major League Soccer club. He waved at fans while he was seated on the bench. Waved at them while he was warming up. Waved at them while he was actually in the game.

And if that wasn't enough, he saved his best moment for the end. He watched the ball sail into the net, something he's done about 800 times before for club and country, then sprinted to the right corner of the field and leaped into the arms of teammates

The team's owners - David Beckham, Jorge Mas and Jose Mas - were waiting as he left the pitch; Jorge Mas planted a kiss onto the superstar's sweat-coated cheek. Some Cruz Azul players stood in silence and just watched; they'll have a story to tell, too, about how it took an incredible Messi moment to defeat them.

It took Inter Miami four years of planning and two years of actual pursuing to bring Messi to the club.

"Worth it," Beckham said earlier in the week.

How right he was.

"It's such a moment for this country," Beckham said. "It's such a moment for the league. And it's a very proud moment for us.

Nobody even left their seats when the halftime whistle blew. The reason: Messi was on the field. He warmed up for about 5 minutes during intermission with the other reserves before they all left for the locker room.

That's when the fans, finally, could put their phones down and take a breath. Temporarily, anyway. The wait was officially on: When was Messi coming in? He resumed warmups while the second half was getting under way, jogging around behind the end line near Miami's supporter section, and fans roared in delight when he gave them a wave. And about eight minutes into the second half, the answer: It was Messi time. Messi checked in early in the second half with Inter Miami leading 1-0. He hugged the player he was replacing, midfielder Benjamin Cremaschi, then trotted onto the field as the estimated crowd of 21,000 all seemed to be standing, almost all of them with phones out to chronicle the moment. Had he missed the free kick, the game would have gone to a penalty shootout. Instead, Messi ended it on his terms.

"It was the last play of the game and I wanted to score so I didn't go to penalties," Messi said.

The first Inter Miami goal of the Messi era was scored by Robert Taylor, who took a long cross from Robbie Robinson, moved

into the box and sent a low drive off the inside of the far post and into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead late in the first half. Messi leaped from his seat, threw his hands in the air, applauded several times and broke into a wide smile.

Cruz Azul tied the game shortly after Messi checked in and had plenty of chances to take a late lead. But the final act belonged to Messi, a storybook ending if there ever was one.

"It's common for him, you know," Martino said. "It looks absolutely normal, but it's not ... we're speaking about the GOAT."

It was a gathering of GOATs at Messi's debut match: LeBron James and Serena Williams were there — like Messi in soccer, they're in the conversation of "greatest of all time" when it comes to the NBA and tennis. Music legends Gloria and Emilio Estefan showed up, as did Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, and Kim Kardashian arrived saying one of her sons had a particular reason why he had to attend. "He's so excited to see Messi," Kardashi-

an said.

Everyone was. James — who knows a thing or two about making a highly celebrated move to Miami, after he joined the Heat in 2010 and won his first two NBA titles in a four-year stay - greeted Messi with a long embrace as the teams took the field.

And after the goal, James acknowledged the greatness.

"INCREDIBLE," James tweeted, with a goat emoji for emphasis.

No matter what, it was a massive night for soccer in the U.S. - Messi making his first Miami appearance while, on the other side of the globe, the U.S. women's team opened its World Cup title defense in New Zealand by beating Vietnam 3-0.

Messi signed a 2 1/2-year contract that will pay him between \$50 million and \$60 million annually — and almost certainly more than \$1 million per match.

Messi arrived with the team about two hours before game time, dressed in the team colors — pink T-shirt, black shorts. He stopped for a few photos and handshakes as he entered the tunnel leading to the locker room. As the match started, Messi took his seat and watched his new team, in the all-pink jersey, shorts and socks, start his new era. Almost every seat was filled, many by people wearing newly acquired Miami jerseys with Messi's name on the back. They chanted his name a few times, waved flags bearing his name and number.

The excitement kept building, all the way to the end. And Messi made sure his new fans went home happy.

"It was very important," Messi said, "for us to get this win."

Top News of J&K Jammu, Saturday, July 22, 2023

LOCAL

CSIR-IIIM conducts IPR Awareness Workshops at CUK & IUST, Kashmir



TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 22: IPR Awareness Workshops were organized separately in Central University of Kashmir, and Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST) for the students, scholars & faculty members, by CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, on the 5th day of celebrations of the National Intellectual Property Festival, under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) to mark the 75 years of India's Independence. IP festival program was inaugurated by CSIR-IIIM at Jammu on 17th July, 2023. The workshop con-

ducted on fifth day of the IP Festival program aims to educate participants of both the Universities about the key provisions and benefits of Intellectual Property Rights and Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Kancherla Prasad, Senior Scientist, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu, in his lecture emphasized on various types of IPRs including Patents, Trade Marks, Trade Secrets, Copy Rights, Design Rights & Geographical Indication (G.I). He explained how IPRs provide a framework for individuals and organizations to protect their inventions, artistic works, and creative ideas by granting exclusive rights to creators and inventors. He discussed the significance of IPRs in technology transfer and collaboration between different entities, such as universities, research institutions, and industries. He briefed that licensing agreements and partnerships are often based on IPRs,

knowledge, expertise, and technology, leading to the development of new products and services.

Ankush Varma, Coordinator, IIIM-TBI, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu highlighted on the significance of developing and establishing entrepreneurship and startup ecosystems in Universities and research institutes that will encourage and foster innovative ideas from young students and researchers. He stressed on the fact that J&K, has a huge potential in the innovation and entrepreneurship that needs to be explored by budding minds and researchers. He assured the assistance of the incubation centers of CSIR-IIIM in guiding the innovators and researchers towards product development and commercialization.

In his welcome address, Dr. Abid Hamid Dar, Director Science Campus and Head, Department of Biotechnology at Central University of Kashmir, Ganderbal, emphasized on the importance of innovation in academia as the world is fast changing and adapting skill and entrepreneurship development for economic upliftment. He highlighted the significance of Intellectual property rights in research and their importance in achieving sustainable goals of the nation.

Prof. M Yousuf, Dean, School of Life Sciences of Central University of Kashmir, Ganderbal, acknowledged the speakers for enlightening the students regarding IPR awareness and entrepreneurship development.

In a separate IPR enabling the transfer of **SSS Sangeetalya organises "Sangeet** Sandhya" at Samba

TOP NEWS REPORT

SAMBA, Jul 22: To promote local culture among people and to demonstrate Indian classical based songs preparedness live on the stage, Sarswati Swar Sadhna (SSS) Sangeetalya, Samba organised a "Sangeet Sandhya' at Shri Amar Kashatriya Rajput Sabha, Samba. On this occasion Rajinder Singh, ADDC Samba was the chief guest whereas Pawan Kohli, Chairman Munici-



G.L Sharma said that it is not a easy task to teach students this Vidiya of Music who are preserving the local culture and languages through means of music. He expressed happiness over the performance of budding singers prepared by Music director ravi dutta Around 140 people attended this musical event included prominent personalities of the town Ravi Dutta thanked all the participants.

workshop conducted at IUST, Awantipora, Prof. Manzoor Malik, Dean Academic Affairs IUST, in his welcome address highlighted the importance of such workshops for the faculty and students alike. He spoke about how innovation and entrepreneurship is one of the focus areas of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor IUST, Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, wherein Centre of Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development (CIED) Foundation plays a pivotal role. Dr. Parvez A. Mir, CEO CIED IUST

Foundation, encouraged the students to look for innovations wherein CIED would provide the necessary support to convert the idea into a prototype. Dr. Asifa Mehraj Baba concluded the event with her vote of thanks to the organizing members including staff of the University & CSIR-IIIM Team. The workshops were conducted under the chief patronage of Dr.

Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM and patronage of Er. Abdul Rahim, Head, CSIR-IIIM Branch Lab Srinagar. Workshops were attended by 285 participants including students, scholars and faculty members of the both the Universities.

PTTI Vijaypur organizes lecture on investigation and court proceedings of UAPA cases



by Investigating Officers

pal PTTI Vijaypur in his

address appreciated the

insights and profession-

alism of Advocate Ini-

tikhab in legal matters

and told the participants

that they should adopt

the techniques shared

by the Guest speaker

for logical conclusion of

the Court.

TOP NEWS REPORT

VIJAYPUR, Jul 22: To hone the investigative skills of police officers/ staff/trainees, Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur organized a Lecture on quality investigation of UAPA Cases and subsequent trial thereof in the Court of Law. Initikhab H. Shah,

Advocate J&K High Court was the Guest Speaker on the occasion who delivered an impressive lecture and discussed various techniques and tactics required to be adopted these cases

while investigation of Principal also thanked UAPA Cases and depo-Advocate Initikhab and sition of statement being his team for visiting PTTI prosecution witnesses in Vijaypur and sharing his experiences with Police Guest Speaker also clarified certain queries put-forth by the Police personnel with regard to disposal of UAPA Cases. Shiv Kumar, SSP, Princi-

personnel and trainees. Among others Khushwant Singh, Dy. SP Admn., Advocate Rashid Abas Khan, Advocate Gohar Ali Manhas, Inspr. Surrinder Paul (CLI/CTI), Inspr. Javed Hussain (RI), Inspr. Vishal Kumar CDI), Inspr. Ram Lal, Inspr.Anil Kumar, Inspr. Mulk Raj, Inspr. Himanshu Dutta, Inspr. Ashish Dharmat were present on the occasion.

DFSS seeks removal of Principal Medical College Dr Shashi Sudhan



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 22: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta held and protest demanding removal of Principal Medical College Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma from her position as she has been found guilty in the age forging documents. Gupta stated that the case was registered on the basis of a written complaint filed by Manu Gupta against Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma, alleg-

ABDPSS releases Amarnath Yatra Calendar

ing that the latter was "performing her government service on the basis of forged or fabricated Date of Birth". The party president stated that Dr Shashi should be removed from the position and a

full time Principal should

be appointed so that the

with the then officers/ officials of J&K BOSE committed the offence of forgery and used forged documents as genuine, thereby causing wrongful gain to herself and corresponding wrongful loss to the state exchequer," the complainant had mentioned. The party people were present at the protest were Kishore, Rahul, Bantu, Prem, Shonda, Nisha, Mohan, Arti, Renu, Chanchal, Asha, Nazia, Sardara, Pyaru, Bindu, Sunita, Neelam, Rajni and Joginder.

pal Council, Samba was G.R Bhardwaj DySP

Guest of Honour. Hqr, SDPO Samba and sion as special guests.

Ajitpal Sharma, Chair-Ravi Dutta Director man Sargam Club, Vidhayala welcomed all the guests by presenting Samba graced the occathe bunch of flowers.

working of the hospitals should not be effected in any manner as it is a matter of life and death. "As per the guidelines of MCI, she was not eligible for MBBS course admission at the relevant time and in connivance

SSP, Shiv Sena organise 'Jan Choupal', public vented their anger on Admin

TOP NEWS REPORT

SUNDERBANI, Jul 22: Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sainik Samaj Party organized Jan Choupal today in Sunderbani to listen the grievances of the people and to express their aspirations, vowed to fulfillment their demands.

The "Jan Chopal" was organised at Dak Bunglow, Sunderbani, in the presence of several top party leaders including Shiv Sena state chief Manish Sahni and Sainik Samaj Party President Colonel S S Pathania.

A large number of ex servicemen and aware citizens of Sunderbani town and neighbouring areas, participated in the event with great enthusiasm and spirit



and brought out very relevant issues pertaining to Development of area and welfare of people. Salient points brought out included, establishment of ECHS Polyclinic

heedi Smarak, deplor-

system etc for veterans and their families for a depento their grievances. dency of 6000 members , construction of community hall and Sha-

able state of electricity supply and maintenance of roads and drainage In a democracy, people has the strongest voice to project their problems to elected government and seek the redressal On this occasion General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President

Balwant Singh, Subhash Sharma, Col. R S Latval, Col. K L Sharma, Lt. Col Yashpal Sharma, Captain Daulat Ram, Captain Gurnam, Captain Puran Singh, Capt Swarn Singh, Sarpanch Mohan, Om Prakash, Kishori Lal Sharma, Rakesh Sudan, Yashpal and many local people were present.

Calendar of Akhil Bhartiva Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti (ABDPSS) was released during a function held here.

JAMMU, Jul 22: Amarnath Yatra Bhandara

Mahant Sitaraman Dass of Ayodhya was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Mahant Balram Dass Maharaj of Orissa, Narinder Dass Maharaj of Panch Ramanandi Nirwani Akhara Sidh Shri Hanuman Dham alongwith Sunil Sharma, National Co-ordinator of Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti were the Guests of Honour. The function started

at with Vedic Mantras. Thereafter sermons from Sitaraman Dass Ji Maharaj. While releasing the calendar Sitaraman

Dass Maharaj appreciated the efforts of the Samiti for arrang-

ing meals for the Yatris coming from different parts of the country for such a long time with fruits and sweets on the directions and teachings of Bhrahmgyani Guruji. Mahant Narinder Dass Maharaj expressed that such events helps creating a sense of responsibility amongst children towards their society. All the saints hailed the idea of Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti for arrang-

ing Bhandara for the

Amarnath Yatries and this time release of calendar is really a great step towards the service of Yatries. The National coordinator of the Samiti Sunil Sharma, informed that "Dogra Culture has the

Philosophy of "Athithi

Devo Bhava" (the Guest

is the God) and such

efforts by the Samiti will

go a long way in forg-

ing unity and the spirit

of social service in the

Sunil Shama further

society."

informed that Amarnath yatra Bhandara commences from 6th July, 2023 and will continue with the wishes of Almighty God and Guruji. Samiti will provide pure healthy meals three to pilgrims with special arrangements during fast days for devotees Among others present

were Madan Mohan, Ramesh Sharma, Swatantar Bakshi, Ajay Kumar and Vikram Sharma.

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