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CRPF man hit by moving train in south Kashmir, dies

ANANTNAG. Jul 24 (Agencies): A CRPF trooper died after being hit by a moving train in the Chidhama area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district on

Monday, reports said. Quoting an official, news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reported that CRPF trooper was hit by train near Chidhama area resulting in injuries to the trooper.

He said that he was shifted to a hospital for treatment, where he succumbed.

The deceased has been identified as Ravinder Kumar of C-96 Battalion. Police have taken cognizance of the incident, said an official.

University of Kashmir announces summer vacation from July 28

SRINAGAR, Jul 24 (Agencies): The University of Kashmir Monday announced summer vacations from July 28.

The summer vacations will end on August 6, 2023.

"It is for the information of all concerned that the teaching departments of the University and its satellite campuses shall observe summer vacations w.e.f 28th July, 2023 to 6th August, 2023," read an order, as reported by GNS.

"However the Departmental offices shall function normally and the Heads of the Departments/Directors of Campuses/Centres shall ensure that the examinations, if any, and other activities are conducted as per schedule, " read the order further.

Woman among two arrested for stealing money from patients, attendants

SRINAGAR, Jul 24 (Agencies): Police on Monday said to have arrested two Pick Pockets including a woman from GMC Baramulla and also recovered stolen cash from their possession.

In a statement, a police spokesman said that police under the supervision of Altaf Ahmad-JKPS, DySP

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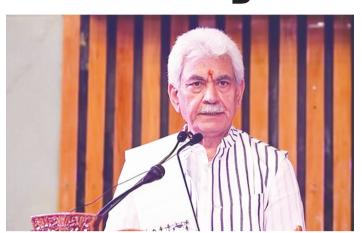
End of street violence, strike calls biggest achievements in last four years: LG Manoj Sinha

SRINAGAR, Jul 24 (Agencies): Ahead of fourth anniversary of abrogation of Article 370 and 35(A), Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has said that end of street violence and strike calls and citizens living their life in a free environment are the biggest achievements in the last four years in the Union Territory of J&K.

In an interview with DD News, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha enumerated several achievements on security and developmental fronts and said under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership the Government of India (GoI) took a bold decision on August 5, 2019 which abrogated Article 370 and 35(A).

"During last four years the J&K has seen a massive reformation at grassroots level. Street violence by few elements has ended; strike calls by separatists, terrorists and Pakistan has become a (thing of the) past. Besides, a common man is living his life in a free environment. These are the major achievements in (the) last four years," Sinha said and added, "Besides, 2 AIIMS, 2 cancer hospitals, 7 medical colleges, IIT, IIM, NIFT, highways and tunnel projects worth 1.50 lac crore rupees have been executed".

Sinha said, "There was a time when people were (heading back to their) homes before sunset due to fear of terrorists however today shops remain open till late



night, youth enjoy music and elders walk on the banks of Jhelum. All this has restored the confidence of common masses on the government". When asked how UT administration ensured the change,

LG Sinha said that changes

happened due to better coordination among security agencies. "The UT administration had a goal that peace will not be purchased rather it will be established. Poor was the worst hit of terrorism who suffered a lot in past years,"

On the increase in tourist footfall in the UT, the LG Sinha said 1 crore 88 lac tourists visited J&K last year, resulting in opening of avenues of livelihood for hotels, taxi walas, shikara walas, etc. This gave a boost to J&K economy however few mischievous elements were trying to run parallel economy in (the) past to nurture militancy and separatism which however wouldn't be allowed

On dynasty politics and corruption, Sinha said the J&K administration has set parameters for transparency and performance. "J&K is performing well and doesn't lag behind any UT or State across the country. J&K is

No. 1 at UT level on E-Governance. We have put over 450 services online. Public Service Guarantee Act has been implemented with an aim that common man avails facilities of schemes on time,' he said and added. "When I resumed office there were 9229 projects done but today we have completed 92600 projects which means there is 10 times more improvement on developmental front".

"Three-tier Panchayati Raj System has been implemented. Recently G20 Tourism Working Group meeting was held with massive participation of delegates and common people. Post meeting, foreign countries have decided to lift ban on Kashmir travel. 32 to **Turn to page 9**

22nd batch of over 3,800 Amarnath Pilgrims leave Jammu for Cave Shrine



JAMMU, Jul 24 (Agencies): Amid tight security, the 22nd batch of 3,898 pilgrims left the base camp for the Amarnath Yatra here on Monday for the twin base camps of the cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said. More than 3.25 lakh pilgrims have so far paid obeisance at the cave shrine located at a height of 3,888 metres since the commencement of the annual

JK High Court reinstates dismissed officer, citing

ciples of natural justice.

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natural justice

SRINAGAR, Jul 24 (Agencies): The Jammu & Kashmir High Court has reversed the dismissal of a Special Police Officer (SPO) and reinstated him, reaffirming the importance of adhering to the prin-

"You cannot condemn a person to suffer an adverse consequence

Two arrested for brutally killing stray dog near Badamwari in Srinagar



SRINAGAR, Jul 24 (Agencies): In a disturbing incident of animal cruelty, two individuals have been arrested for brutally killing a stray dog near Badamwari in Rainawari locality of Srinagar, police said today.

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RSS Ideologue Madan Das Devi passes away

(Agencies): Veteran Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader Madan Das Devi who had served as the joint secretary of the outfit, passed away here on Monday morning. Hailing from Maha-

rashtra, the 81-year old Hindutva ideologue died at the Rashtrotthan Hospital after a prolonged illness, an RSS functionary said. He said Devi's mortal

remains will be kept at the RSS local headquarters, Keshava Kripa from



1.30 pm to 4 pm before being flown to Pune for the last rites on Tuesday. According to him, the RSS ideologue was instrumental in developing leadership skills among top-rung BJP and RSS leaders.

A full-time Pracharak (campaigner), Devi was staying in Bengaluru for treatment of his old agerelated ailment.

"Devi had served as the RSS joint general secretary and organisation secretary of the RSS' student wing Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). He was responsible for developing leadership skills among the national level top rung BJP leaders you see today," the RSS functionary said.

Mourning his demise, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "I am

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"EK SHAM BUZURGON KE NAAM"

At Vridh Ashram, Ambphalla Jammu At 5.00 PM Sharp With The Special Blessings Of Shri K. B. Jandial IAS Former Secretary to Govt Of J&K and Ex Hon'ble Member PSC Shall Be The Chief Guest Shri Prem Gupta IPS Former Inspector General Of Police Shall Preside Over The Function inder Kaur Sharma Renowned Singer Shall Be Special Guest.

The Participating Poets Are Dr Sushil Bhola, Sudershan Kumari Darshi, Ashok Kumar, Rakesh Sharma Trint, Yash Paul Yash. Randhir Singh Raipuria, Capt. Lalit Shrama, Dr. S. K. Jain, Balwinder Singh, Suraj Singh Suraj, Kalpana Gupta Rattan, Bishan Singh Dardi, Madan Magotra, Arvind Sharma

Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS)

as Poetic Obeisance to The Senior Citizens

Multi-Lingual Kavi Goshti

On 29th July, 2023

Police arrest three for stabbing two youths

SRINAGAR, Jul 24 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police have arrested three people for allegedly stabbing two youths in Srinagar's exhibition ground, source said on Monday.

The accused have been identified as Hammad Khan, Baazil Khan and Majid Khan, all residents of the Sariabala area of Srinagar, who have been arrested for stabbing two youths in Exhibition Ground, police said in a Sunday night tweet.

Three knives used in the offence were also recovered, police said, adding that a case under relevant sections of the law stands registered in



Police Station Shergari. "Accused Hammad Khan S/o Late Javid Ahmed, Baazil Khan S/o Lt. Javid Ahmed and Majid Khan S/o Late Mohd Afzal Khan all from Sariabala, were arrested for stabbing two youths in Exhibition Ground. Three knives used in the crime were recovered.

FIR No 40/2023 u/s

341,307 IPC in Shergari PS", Srinagar police said in a tweet

The incidents of stabbing have witnessed an increase in Srinagar and other areas over the past few years.

More than a dozen cases of stabbing were reported from various areas of Srinagar

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ADVOCATE NIDHI KAILA

UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of Sarvaan Gupta S/o Dinesh Gupta and Suniya Gupta R/o Plot No. 277, Rehari Colony Jammu on 22nd July 2023.

Uthala will be performed on 25-07-2023 at Arya Samaj Mandir, Rehari Colony, Jammu from 4 PM to 5 PM.



Sarvaan Gupta

Grief Stricken

Smt Prem Gupta W/o Late Sh Satvir Gupta -Grand Mother

Dr B.L. Mehta & Smt Vimla Mehta -Nanu and Nani

Sh Dinesh Gupta & Suniya Gupta -Parents

Dr. Sanjay Gupta & Vasudha Gupta -Taya & Tayi Ji Sh Rajeev Gupta & Ruby Gupta -Taya & Tayi Ji

Sh Parveen Gupta & Abha Gupta -Chacha & Chachi Ji

Divit Gupta -Brother

Sudanshu, Shivangi, Ayush, Aryan, Diti, Vasu -Cousins

Mb. 9906019500, 9419134724

TENTH DAY/KRIYA KARAM/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of Smt Tara Wanti W/o Lt Shri Bishamber Dass R/o Naibasti (Gajansoo)

Tenth Day will be performed on 25 Jul 23 at 11.00 hrs at Naibasti Gaiansoo

Karam Kriya will be performed on 26 Jul 23 from 1200 Hrs onwards at Naibasti Gajansoo. Uthala will be performed on 28 Jul 23 from 4 PM to 5 PM at

Naibasti Gaiansoo Grief Stricken:

Rajinder Parshad & Suresta Kumari- Son & Daughter in law Varinder Kumar & Anu Sharma-Raj Kumar - Son

Sudesh Kumari - Daughter

Kewal Sharma & Kirna Devi- Son in law & Daughter Sushma Devi - Daughter

Grand Son & Daughter

Vikas, Rose, Shivalee, Varun, Vishali, Ritesh, Ritika, Vishal, Diksha, Paranav Amit & Priyanka

Mob No. 9469213081, 8803792719

UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved SH. ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA (SHAM) S/o Lt. Sh. Shanti Lal Gupta R/o H.No. 608, Sec 3, Channi Himmat, Jammu on 22.07.2023. UTHALA will be performed at Panch Mandir Sec - 2, Channi Himmat Jammu on 25-07-2023 (Tuesday) from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN: SMT. SAVITA GUPTA (WIFE) SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SH. VANEET GUPTA & SMT. MONIKA GUPTA

DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW

SISTERS AND BROTHERS-IN-LAW

SMT. SHUCHITA GUPTA AND SH. VIKAS GUPTA SMT. SHAGUN GUPTA AND SH. AYUSH ABROL **BROTHER** SANJAY GUPTA (BABBU)

SMT. SUMAN GUPTA & SH. BHARAT BHUSHAN GUPTA SMT. ANJANA GUPTA & SH. ANIL GUPTA

SMT. SUMAN GUPTA W/O LT. SH BHARAT BHUSHAN GUPTA SMT. SHASHI W/O LT SH. KULBHUSHAN GUPTA



Smt Tara Wanti

Sh. ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA (SHAM)

BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER-IN-LAW SH. SUDESH AND SMT. AMITA GUPTA SH. SUBASH AND SMT. RANJANA GUPTA **SRINAGAR GLASS AGENCIES** SRINAGAR GLASS AND WOOD PVT. LTD. ARSHIYA ENTERPRISES **B.R STATIONERY** M.NO 9419185880, 9419108580

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Sdrni Manveer Kour W/o S. Kuldeep Singh (Nepal wale) at Australia on 17th

of July, 2023 Arambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 24/07/23 at Gurdwara Singh Sabha Bagh Bain at 10am Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 26/07/23 at 10am at Gurdwara Singh Sabha Bagh Bain.Kirtan and Antim Ardas will be performed at 11.30am. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

S Kuldeep Singh- **Husband** Son and Daughter-in-law S Harsimran Singh (Sabi) and Naman Kour Daughter and Son-in-law Arvinder Kour and Pranvat Singh Parvinder Kour- **Daughter** Elvin Singh and Jaiman Singh- Grand sons



Sdrni Manveer Kour

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform about sad demise of our beloved Mummy Ji Smt. Raj Dulari Tiku, W/o Lt. Jagan Nath Tiku, originally resident of K.K.Sokhta, Nawa Kadal Srinagar presently residing at M-701, Antriksh Forest, Sector-77, Noida on 18th July'23.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Chhotta Haridwar, Muradnagar Ghat or 27th July'23 at 8:30 AM.

Assembly at Antriksh Forest Club, Sector 77. Noida

GRIEF STRICKEN: Sons and Daughters-in-law: Vinod & Neelam

King & Kiran Daughters and Sons-in-law: Renu & Hirak

Seema & Raiinder Grand Children: Vimarsh & Amita, Nikhil & Tanima, Ankit & Shivani, Dikshant & Natasha, Kavya



Smt. Raj Dulari Tiku

Great Grandchildren: Viaan, Triyansh, Nitara & Avyaan Tickoos, Matoos, Rainas, Balis.

Panditas, Razdans, Ahujas, Bags, Nehrus, Kouls, Misris & Moitras 9811122204, 9985092385

Smt Tara Wanti

TENTH DAY/KRIYA KARAM/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of Smt Tara Wanti W/o Lt Shri Bishamber Dass R/o Naibasti (Gajansoo)

Tenth Day will be performed on 25 Jul 23 at 11.00 hrs at Naibasti Karam Kriva will be performed on 26 Jul 23 from 1200 Hrs

onwards at Naibasti Gajansoo. Uthala will be performed on 28 Jul 23 from 4 PM to 5 PM a Naibasti Gajansoo.

Grief Stricken: Rajinder Parshad & Suresta Kumari- Son & Daughter in law Varinder Kumar & Anu Sharma-

Raj Kumar - Son Sudesh Kumari - Daughter Kewal Sharma & Kirna Devi- Son in law & Daughter

Grand Son & Daughter Vikas, Rose, Shivalee, Varun, Vishali, Ritesh, Ritika, Vishal, Diksha, Paranav

Mob No. 9469213081, 8803792719



With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you that the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Vaishno Devi W/o Late Sh. Bansi Lal R/o 213/7 EWS Colony, Lower Roop Nagar Jammu left for heavenly abode on 15-07-2023. 10TH DAY will be performed on 24-07-2023

(Monday) at our residence 213/7 EWS Colony, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu at 11:00 AM KRIYA on 27-07-2023 (Thursday)at our resi

dence at 12:00 PM and UTHALA on 28-07-2023 (Friday) at Shiv Mandir, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu near our residence at 04:00PM GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughter-in-Law & Son Mrs Sonika Datta & Late Shri Devi Datta Daughter and Son-in-law Mrs Kiran Bala & Late Shri Rajinder Kumar

Grandsons and Granddaughter Aniket Bhardwaj, Anirudh Bhardwaj, Wamika Bhardwaj, Rajan Kumar MOB NO.- 8494022626, 9149442243

10th Day/Kriya

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

10TH DAY KRIYA shall take place on 25/07/23 (Tuesday) at 9:00 A.M., Ganga Nahar, Muradnagar.

Grief Stricken:-

Near and dear ones Mobile: 9643510052



SMT. VAISHNO DEVI

Sh. Vineet Wali

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

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

Hiranagar on 22nd July 2023 at 10AM. KRIYA will performed at our residence Hiranagai on 25th July 2023 at 12PM.

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

Son & Daughter-in-Law Mr. Sanjay Sethi & Mrs. Samriti Sethi Daughters & Sons-in-Law Smt Anu & Sh B B Abrol Smt Anita & Sh Kapil Abrol Mobile 9419273658



SMT SANTOSH DEVI

TENTH DAY

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

The 10TH DAY KRIYA Shall be performed at Muthi Gath on 28-07-2023 at 8.30 AM and there after assembly will be held at

community Hall lane No 23. GRIEF STRICKEN

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

Smt Meena Ji Raina W/o Late Ramesh Raina Dauthers & Sons in Law Smt Kiran Koul w/o Late Rattan Lal Koul Smt Usha Raina W/o Ashok Raina Smt Rita Raina W/o Ravinder Raina Smt Sumukhi Bhat W/o Vijay Kumar Bhat Smt Sarla Raina W/o Veer Ji Raina

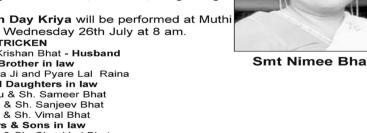
Grand Children: Ritik Raina & Priyanka Raina

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.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



Smt Nimee Bhat

Smt. Shanti Dhar

SMT JAI KISHORI RAINA

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

Contact number 7006768182,9796810666,, 9103177751

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Smt. Shanti Dhar W/o Lt. Sh. Keshav Nath Dhar R/o Pinglina, Pulwama, Kashmir A/p Community Hall Muthi Camp, Phase 2nd Near Govt. Higher Secondary School

The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 31-07-2023 at 8 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN -**

(Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law) Smt. Pyari & Sh Pyare Lal Dhar Smt. Girja & Sh Arjan Nath Dhar

Ankush Dhar (Son) Smt. Sunaina & Sh. Manoi Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-law) Megha & Mohit (Grand children) Contact Nos. - 7006620069, 9149513008, 9596910236



With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to nform the sad and untimely demise of ou eloved Sh. Ravinder Kumar Bhan S/o Late Sh. Nath Ji Bhan & Late Smt Arandhati Bhan originally resident o Malapora, Habbakadal, Srinagar presently residing at H No.101, B/2, Vikas Nagar Sarwal, Jammu on 17/07/2023 at Mumbai. **10th Day Kriya** shall be performed o 26/07/2023 at 08:30 AM at Mumbai. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

SH. RAVINDER KUMAR

(Daughter & Son-in-law) Mrs. Priyanka & Mr. Ankul Bagati Mrs. Shah Jee & Mr. B. M. Bhan (Sister-in-law & Brother)

Mrs. Lalita & Dr. S.K. Raina (Sister & Brother-in-law) Mrs. Anita & Mr. B. S. Bhan (Sister-in-law & Brother) DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY: Ashutosh, Amrita, Esha, Anisha, Anoop Neetu, Shivanker, Tashwik, Takshvi and Samast Bazaz, Bagati, Ambardar, Raina, Koul, Bhat & Machama Parivaar. Contact nos. 6006024873, 9906063670, 9004166590, 9419205002

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on 25th July 2023 (Tuesday) at Gang Nahar, Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad at 9 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Jawahar Lal Razdan (Hashia)- <mark>Husban</mark>o Kanta Razdan - Sister-in-Law Rakhil Razdan & Aniali - Son & Daughter-in-Law Rahul Razdan & Vandana -Son & Daughter-in-Law Dr. Seema Bhargava -Daughte

Raiender Razdan & Pamposh - Son & Daughter-in-Law &



Smt Bimla Razdan

Sh Harbans Lal Sharma

State Archives Jammu

MOBILE NO: +91- 9899851153, +91- 9899348896 Raina's Tickoo's

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Harbans Lal Sharma** S/o Lt. Sh Badri Nath Sharma R/o F-34, Jawahar Nagar, New Plot Jammu who left for heavenly abode 16-07-2023.

10th Day will be performed on 25-07-2023 at our residence at 10.30 AM. Kriya will be performed on 26-07-2023 at our res dence at 9.00 AM onwards. Uthala will be performed on 28-07-2023 at Shin Mandir Jawahar Nagar from 5.00 PM to 6.00 PM.

Grief Stricken Sons & Daughter-in-law Aiav Sharma & Sushma Sharma Lt. Sanjay Sharma & Smt Nisha Sharma

Smt Rani Devi & Lt. Sh Kuldeep Sharma Brother & Sister-in-law Sh Inderjeet Sharma & Lt. Smt Sharda Sharma

Sister & Brother-in-law

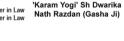
Nephew & Niece-in-law
Sh Narinder Kumar Sharma & Smt Indu and others And All Members of Panotra and Magotra Family Mob. 9682370719, 9682317007, 9419190464

TENTH DAY

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

Muradnagar, Ghaziabad on 26 July 2023 at 8AM subsequent gathering will be held at our residence Flat 15, Himvarsha Apartment Plot No 103 IF Extension Delhi 110092. GRIEF STRICKEN: ldeep Kr Razdan & Nirmala Razdan

-Son and Daughter in Law -Son and Daughter in Law -Grand Son -Grand Daughter andit Parivar of Kakran, Kulgam



SMT. RUPAWATI BHAN

TENTH DAY

SMT. RUPAWATI BHAN W/O LATE SH. NIRAN. NATH BHAN (R/O BRARIANGAN, UMANAGR PRESENT NANAK VIHAR, LOWER MUTHI NE MAHAGANBESH MANDIR) WHO LEFT FOR HEAV LY ABODE ON THURSDAY 20-07-2023. TENHT DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI GI ON SATURDAY 29-7-2023 AT 08:00 A.M. GRIEF STRICKEN:(SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW)
TRILOKI NATH BHAN & SHEELA BHAN

RILOKI NATH BHAN & SHEELLA BHAN SHOK KUMAR BHAN & SHAKTI BHAN DURGA NATH BHAN & BABY BHAN DUNIL KUMAR BHAN & SUMAN BHAN DAUGHTERS & SON-IN-LAW)

SRANDSONS & GRAND-DAUGHTERS IKAS BHAN & NUPUR ZUTSHI, VIVEK BHAN, VISHAL BHAN, AKASH BHAN, DIKSH IKAN, SHIKSHA BHAN, SAKSHI BHAN, SHIVAM BHAN, SUSHIL PANDITA & PRIYANK/ IRCHANA PANDITA & VIVEK DHAR, RACHANA PANDITA & SHEEBU DHAR, AKSHA HAN, ANUSHIKA BHAN **REAT GRANDSON**: RUDRA BHAN **ONTACT NO. 8717091944, 9797363549, 7051011623, 9233016591**

ਅਨਿਕ ਜਤਨ ਕਰ ਕਾਲੂ ਸੰਤਾਹੇ ਮਰਣੂ ਲਿਖਾਏ ਮੰਡਲ ਮੈ ਆਏ। **BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAAS** WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED S. JOGINDER

ATTINA BEERWAH, WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE

SINGH JI RANCE, S/O MASTER DEVA SINGH VILLAGE

ON18 /07/2023.

PROGRAMME:

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 24/07/2023
(MONDAY) AT 9AM AT OUR RESIDENCE. VILLAGE
ATTINA.

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 26/07/2023 (WEDNESDAY) AT 9 AM. ANTIM ARDAAS AT ATTINA GURDWARA SINGH SABHA ATTINA BEERWAH, FROM 9:30 AM TO 12 PM,

OLLOWED BY GURU KA LANGAR.

GRIEF STRICKEN
SRD.PRAKASH KOUR - WIFE
SJATINDERPAL SINGH & PARMEET KOUR - SON & DAUGHTER IN-LAW
S.RAVINDERPAL SINGH & KARMVEER KOUR (SON & DAUGHTER IN-LAW) CHARANJEET SINGH -BROTHER SMT. HARBAJAN KOUR & S. JOGINDER SINGH -SISTER &BROTHER INLAW

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Ranjan Kumar Langer S/o Late M.L Langer on 22nd July at Bangalore; residing originally at Zaindar Mohalla, Srinagar Kashmir and Sarwal Jammu, presently at BTM Layout Bangalore.

Grieved: Indu Raina Langer (Wife) Ayush & Stanzen Langer (Son & Daughter-in-law) Shubham Langer (Son) Jawaharlal Langer (Uncle) Sisters and Brothers-in-la Usha & Inderiit Bhat

Krishna Raina (Mother-in-law) Suffla & Sanjeev Pandita (Sister-in-law) Asheesh & Meenakshi Raina (Brother-in-law) Contact: 7889660347, 9149967288 Sushma & Suvash Razdan

MOURNING FROM MALYUN SIDE

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sa demise of our beloved **Smt. Asha Bhat (TITA)** W Late Hirday Nath Bhat D/o Late Arjan nath Peshic Late Gunawati Peshion of Nuner Kathwar Budgan Kashmir at Present Sharika Peeth Sanshta Subas NagarJammu who left us for the heavenly abode

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Smt Arandati Koul W/o Late Triloki Nath Koul
(Brothers & Sisters in Law)
Late Bansi Lal Peshion & Dulari Peshion
Late Hira Lal Peshion & Babli Peshion
(Brother in Law & Sister)
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Ashok Kumar reviews functioning of Dharmarth Trust temples at Srinagar

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 24: Ashok Kumar Sharma, (SSP Retd) Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir Dharmarth Trust undertook a visit to various temples in Srinagar that fall under the purview of Dharmarth Trust.

He assessed the functioning of these temples and interacted with the staff and priests to ensure seamless support for the visiting pilgrims.

The Secretary, accompanied by Trust officials. toured several temples including Kheer Bhawani Temple, Ganderbal, Shankaracharya Temple



Srinagar and Shiv Gauri Temple Pahalgam to get a firsthand understanding of their operations.

He emphasized the significance of providing every possible assis-

tance to the devotees who visit these temples, ensuring a smooth and enriching experience for them.

Ashok Sharma particularly stressed the

importance of maintaining strict adherence to duties by the staff and priests, with special attention to hygiene in the temple premises. He directed the personnel

to maintain the sanctity and cleanliness of the sacred spaces, in line with the Trust's commitment to upholding the highest standards.

Trust's Secretary said the Trust is committed to promoting and safequarding the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of the Union Territory. The Trust, through its various initiatives, endeavors to provide an enriching spiritual experience for pilgrims and devotees who visit the sacred temples, he added.

Avinash Fotedar, Additional Secretary, Dharmarth Trust Srinagar, also accompanied the Trust's Secretary.

Two dead as truck falls into ditch in Jammu

JAMMU, Jul 24 (Agencies): Two persons, including a Madhya Pradesh resident, were killed after a truck crashed into the safety barriers before landing into a ditch at a road construction site along the Jammu-Pathankot national highway here, police said.

The accident took place near Kaluchak on the outskirts of Jammu city around 6.30 am when the driver of a Sambabound truck lost control and crushed a pedestrian before hitting the barriers set up by a construction



agency to safeguard its workers engaged in road construction, Station House Officer of Gangal police station

Ajay Singh Chib said. He said the truck then fell into a ditch, resulting in the death of its driver Kuldeep Singh, a resident of Udhampur. The deceased pedestrian has been identified as Ajay Chohan, a resident of Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, the officer said. He said police have registered a case and further investigation is on.

25 Women Bikers set off for Drass to celebrate Kargil Vijay Diwas

SRINAGAR, Jul 24 (Agencies): A group of 25 women bikers on Monday set off on the last leg of "Naari Sashaktikaran" rally from here to Drass to mark the 24th anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Covering a distance of 1,000 kilometres from Delhi to Drass in seven days, the 25 women — 15 serving officers, eight spouses of serving officers and two veer naaris - will be paying homage to the Kargil War heroes on July 26.

"This a very diverse group of 25 women riders. There are serving officers, veer naaris



and spouses of serving and retired personnel. The aim is to send out a message of women's empowerment," Bhavna Adhhikari, one of the riders, said here before setting off for the last leg of the journey.

"We started from the National War Memorial Delhi on July 18. We have conveyed this

message to schools

and NCC cadets while

will reach Drass, Kargil

on our way here. We have paid homage to our soldiers at the war memorials which were en route. This is the last leg of our journey. We

later today and participate in the Vijay Diwas celebrations on July 26," she said.

Another rider Deepali said the rally was organized as part of the 24th anniversary celebrations of the Kargil Vijay Diwas.

"We have started from Delhi and will be covering a distance of 1,000 kilometres up to Kargil. We had halts at Ambala, Jalandhar, Udhampur and now we have reached Srinagar."

"The aim is to send the message that women have arrived. They are everywhere, be it in the Army, Air Force or Navy," she said.

Govt orders transfers, postings of IFS Officers

JAMMU, Jul 24 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government today ordered transfer and postings of IFS officers.

According to an order issued here, Roshan Jaggi, IFS (JK:1988), PCCF/ Director, Social Forestry, J&K is transferred and posted as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) & HoFF, J&K.

Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS (JK:1991), PCCF/Chief Wild Life Warden, J&K is transferred and posted as PCCF/ Director, Social Forestry, J&K. He shall also hold the additional charge of the post of Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Forest Development Corporation.

Sarvesh Rai, IFS (JK:1991), PCCF/ CEO, CAMPA, J&K is transferred and posted as PCCF / Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K vice Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS. Asaf Mahmood, IFS (JK:1992),

PCCF/Director, J&K FRI, holding additional charge of Director, Soil & Water Conservation, I&K is transferred and posted as PCCF/CEO, CAMPA, J&K vice Sh. Sarvesh Rai, IFS. He shall, however, continue holding additional charge of the post of Director, Soil and Water Conservation, J&K.

Vasu Yadav, IFS (JK:1994), APCCF/ Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Forest Development Corporation is transferred and posted as Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee.

J. Frankoi, IFS (JK:1994), APCCF/ Director, Forest Protection Force, J&K is transferred and posted as APCCF, Jammu vice Sh. Brij Mohan Sharma, IFS. Brij Mohan Sharma, IFS (JK:1995), APPCF/CCF Jammu is transferred and posted as Director, J&K FRI vice Sh. Asaf

Mahmood, IFS. He shall also hold the additional charge of CCF, Research & Training (R&T).

Sandeep Kujur, IFS (JK:1995), APCCF, Working Plan and R&T, J&K is transferred and posted as Director, Forest Protection Force, J&K. He shall also hold additional charge of CF Agrostology.

S. Senthil Kumar, IFS (JK:1997), APCCF/ Nodal Officer, FCA, J&K holding additional charge of APCCF, P&P and CCF Vigilance, J&K is transferred and posted as APCCF, Projects & Planning (P&P). However, he shall also hold the additional charge(s) of Nodal Officer, FCA; CCF Vigilance; and CF Working Plan. S. Rakesh Kumar, IFS (JK:2003), Director, Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, J&K shall also hold the additional charge of the post of CCF, Settlement & Demarcation, J&K.

Ensures assistance of Rs 8000 to every family on demise of BSF personnel: Ex-CPMFWA asks DG BSF

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Welcoming Director General BSF order issued by March 15, 2021 to ensures a moral support to the demise of BSF personnel as an assistance of Rs 8000 to the needy family, D.K Chauhan, General Secretary Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association (CPMFWA) said that the order needed some rectification.

"Such assistance should be universalized to each and every family on the demise of BSF personnel," D.K Chauhan said in a press conference here today.

"We from time to time raised this issue to the higher officials of

BSF but found no such response. On the other hand, no such kind of assistance of Rs 8000 was obtained by any family member of a BSF official in the Jammu region till date," he said.

He said that it is the time to restore the status of BSF for OROP as the BSF personnel are performing their duties for the security of the nation at par with other security forces. He also demanded

exemption of GST and functioning of WARB at district level under supervision of registered pensioners associations.

"Presently WARB is formed which is not effective since the services of the WARB are not properly beneficial for pensioners. The duties of the WARB and proposals for pensioners are required to be examined", he added.

He also demanded martyr status to CPMFs so that all facilities to the martyrs may be provided at par with army and equal incentives for medals also.

He also demanded restoration of the pension benefits scheme (Old Pension Scheme under CCS pension) rules 1972 for post 2004 personnel.

Others present in the press conference include President S.K Sharma, Vice-President Harbans Lal besides Noor Mohammad, Yash Paul and Hans Raj

BJP incessantly takes up issues faced by the masses: Dr. Nirmal

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dv. Chief Minister, accompanied by J&K BJP Vice-President Anuradha Charak, former MLA Prof. Gharu Ram and Secretary Arvind Gupta, was listening to the public grievances at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

A large number of people, individually as well in the form of deputations, visited the BJP office to discuss their respective issues with the senior party leaders. Various issues raised contained matters of individual concerns as well as development oriented related to their respective areas.

A deputation of people from Hiranagar narrated to Dr. Singh that 2 sisters from a family lost their lives a few years ago due to electric shock from high tension cable, the PDD gave employment to their father on a temporary basis which was never regularized. The PDD also did not give any compensation for the demise of the two daughters. Similarly, a group of people from Londi and Bobiya areas shared with Dr. Nirmal Singh that the army acquired lands of displaced persons of 1947, 1965 and 1971 but those of 1965 have not been paid even a single penny by the army. Moreover, the allottees among displaced persons of 1965 have not been given ownership rights. Dr. Nirmal Singh



took up these issues with the PDD senior officials, DC and SDM and stressed on them

to look into their matters on priority. Deputations from Basohli, Barnai, Billawar took up various issues, particularly installation of electric poles in their areas.

Besides various personal issues, other main issues presented related to PHE, PDD,

roads, lanes, drains etc.

Dr. Nirmal Singh listened to all the individuals and the deputations patiently and immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others. Talking to the concerned authorities, he pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues.

Major tragedy averted at gypsum mine in Ramban, two rescued

Sashastra Seema Bal,

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 24 (Agencies): A potential catastrophe was averted at a gypsum mine in Haroog Dharamkund area of Ramban district, as a landslide occurred during ongoing gypsum mining operations. The landslide trapped two individuals and several vehicles under the debris. Fortunately, prompt action was taken, and rescue efforts immediately began, Republic World reported.

According to SHO Dharamkund Manoj Sharma, as per Republic World the rescue operation, involving the Jammu Kashmir Police,

and the Indian Army, is in progress. Additional teams from SDRF, CRPF, and sniffer dogs have also been called in to assist in the rescue. As of now, two labourers have been successfully rescued and taken to a nearby medical facility, while two vehicles remain trapped in the

The incident is believed to have been triggered by heavy and incessant rains that have been affecting the district for the past week, disrupting even the movement on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

debris.

SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma, while speaking to Republic World con-

firmed that excavator operator Aijaz Ahmed and dumper driver Anil Singh have been rescued and sent to the hospital. Rescue efforts are still ongoing.

It's worth noting that a similar tragic incident occurred a decade ago in May 2013 when two labourers lost their lives in a landslide while working at another gypsum mine in Dharam Kund area. The victims were identified as Javed Ahmed and Udham Singh, and their co-workers were quick to recover their bodies from the debris. The police registered a case in relation to that

incident.

Ch Zulfkar condoles passing of **Mohammad Igbal Thakar**

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 24: Apni Party Vice President and former legislator Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali has expressed his profound grief and sorrow over the passing away of Mohammad Iqbal Thakar, a prominent social worker from the Budhal area of Rajouri district. Thakar left for his heavenly abode late Sunday eve-

In his condolence message, Chowdhary Zulfkar, while expressing his grief and sorrow over his death, said, "I am deeply grieved to hear about the demise

of my longtime colleague Mohammad Iqbal Thakar, who passed last night. He was a noble soul and a dear friend. May Almighty Allah bless his soul with eternal peace, and may Allah shower His choicest blessings on his grave."

Extending solidarity with the family of the deceased, Zulfkar said, "I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to Allah to give them strength to bear the pain of their loss. In this hour of grief, I stand in solidarity with the grief-stricken family."

Bhadarwah holds meeting

TOP NEWS REPORT

BHADARWAH, Jul 24: Kailash Yatra Sewa Sang Trust Bhadarwah organised a meeting under the Chairmanship of Advocate Chander kant Gupta advisor to the Trust. All the members/ Poney Supplier/ Langer incharge of Kailash Kund and welding and repairers attended

the meeting. The meeting was called in connection with the celebration of Kailash Kund Yatra Bhadarwah commencing from September 1 to 14, 2023.

As per release, Charri



will be taken out from ancient Vasuki Temple Gatha and will proceed towards Kailash Kund on September 11 and will return on September 13, 2023.

Kailash Yatra Sewa Sang Trust

In the meeting a detailed discussion was held regarding the preparation of Shelters,

Sheds, Repair of footpaths, renovation of temple, free Langar for Yatris from September 2 to 14, 2023, leveling of space for Yatris at Kailash Kund. All the trust members agreed and decided to start preparation without loss of time, release further added.

EDITORIAL

PRIVATIZATION OF PSU

he economy of any nation is mainly governed by two sectors – public sector and private sector. Immediately after independence, the private sector was not much stronger than the public sector in the then circumstances, so the public sector was made the basis for the all-round development of the economy.

But later, taking inspiration from the industrial policy made in 1956, the achievements of the private sector improved a lot and this sector continued to grow on the path of development. In spite of continuously increasing the amount of capital investment in public enterprises till the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, their work and continuous losses have raised questions on their significance. These problems and limitations of public units created the need for privatization.

The meaning of privatization is that government intervention in economic activities should be reduced progressively, private sector based on motivation and competition should be encouraged, unprofitable government establishments that have become a burden on the government treasury should be handed over to private ownership and control through sale or disinvestment, To ensure the efficiency of management, the participation of private investors in government establishments should be increased and priority should be given to the private sector while setting up new commercial and industrial establishments. In other words, privatization is also the inverse of nationalization.

Under globalization, the economy is actively linked to the rest of the world. For this, quantitative restrictions on imports are removed and emphasis is laid on making the domestic economy more competitive by bringing the rates of customs duties at global level. The inflow of foreign technical collaboration, foreign form investment and portfolio investment is liberalized to a very strict extent.

Privatization is generally seen as an economic process by which a public sector undertaking is brought fully or partially under private ownership and control, but in a broader sense, privatization is also setting up new enterprises in the private sector rather than in the public sector and encouraging the private sector to invest more and more in various sectors of the economy through regulation and liberalisation. Privatization is also to deprive the public sector of those areas and the production of those goods which were earlier reserved only for the public sector, or without depriving them, allowing the private sector to enter those disciplines.

Many programs of economic reforms come under the purview of privatization, such as closing of any public sector undertaking, contracting with the private sector for the supply of essential commodities for the public sector, handing over the public establishment to the private sector, getting the infrastructure sector project constructed and operated by a private agency, including efficient and experienced managers of private sector companies in the board of directors of the public sector company.

To ensure the free flow of trade, finance and technology, adopting a favorable attitude towards the efforts made by international organizations in the direction of liberalization and globalization and allowing the private sector to enter the field of public utility services also comes under privatization.

Each country has its own different problems and to solve those problems, that country prepares its own separate action plan for privatization. In such a situation, it is natural for different countries to have different objectives of privatization.

Nevertheless, there are some objectives of privatization that are common to all countries, such as increasing efficiency and productivity, increasing employment by providing opportunities to educated and enterprising youth, reducing fiscal deficit by eliminating lossmaking government enterprises that disturb the fiscal balance,

Increase in tax and non-tax revenue by accelerating economic activities, increase in foreign exchange earnings through export promotion, reduction in dependence on foreign loans, upgradation of technology integration with world economy, saving resources for social sectors instead of investing in huge industrial projects and best and efficient utilization of country's meager resources.

Staycations in UK are suddenly the rage

By: Kishwar Desai

Tho could have imagined that a staycation in a stavcation in London could be the best in the world this summer? Well, the reality is that while the heat is soaring in Europe and in parts of the US, the UK has been blissfully cool. Not only that, it has been raining so that we have enjoyed temperatures of 14 degrees which made us feel as though global warming was a foreign concept. Very possibly, the inability to rush off to Europe has, for the first time, seems like a huge advantage. Sometimes not having it all is a blessing in disguise. Londoners, not to say the English, used to holiday in the Continent (they would EasyJet it, or drive across Dover) at the first sign of the summer. But Brexit had made hopping across difficult as we needed visas. Now the loss due to Brexit has been turned into a profit. As this has also meant more money in the pocket for millions of British vacationers to spend and the government to receive. Staying at home is cheaper and better than going abroad and why not spend that extra cash in the UK? But the big story for everyone is Barbie versus Oppenheimer! As if that

could ever be a battle! And, therefore, we had to see at least one of the two films this weekend: Thus we chose Barbie – because everyone knows what Oppenheimer is about. And yes, contrary to our expectations, Barbie turned out to be mostly predictable, somewhat feministpretentious and largely confused. After all, what could one expect from a film which is supported by the makers of Barbie, Mattel? They would naturally not critique a product they are still selling, though the director, Great Gerwig, has tried hard to give it a feminist gloss.

But this being London, women and young girls turned up dressed as "Barbie" to see the show which was in many ways contrary to the faux feminist messaging in the film. Barbie seemed to suggest that women "dolls" could bring in a revolution through seduction — incapacitate the guys with too much devotion, and then take over the world and get rid of "patriarchy". But hang on, wasn't "patriarchy" the reason "Barbie" with her tippy-toe feet and hour glass figure was invented?

The "confusion" in the fortunes of Rishi Sunak is very different — but it is becoming a potboiler. Will

our boy make it to the other side or not? The longer he lasts in office, the more he is supposed to be responsible for the survival of his party, not to say the country. He is learning on the job rapidly, however. His party was facing three byelections with MPs having resigned and the prospect was of a complete wipeout. Rishi wisely made no prediction and let everyone forecast doom. But the results, though bad, were not as gloomy as people predicted. His party lost two and won the third one, Uxbridge and South Ruislip. However, just by around 500 votes. Saved by a whisker and some of the London mayor's anti-pollution policies not quite liked by the public. But also by the fact that this was Boris' old constituency, and people love the thought they had once elected a Prime Minister. So Rishi has something to thank his archrival for!

But we have more serious things to worry about than politics. The Ashes are in balance. Having lost two Tests and won the third one, the fourth Test which is now on, is concentrating our minds. It is in balance but with the English team in front. We have to win this to make it "two all" and reserve the fifth and final one a real

cliffhanger. With still a day to go, one can only hope it does not rain and the match is not drawn. So a sense of pleasant anxiety is our lot.

The real surprise of this season has been the tremendous interest in women's football. All these years, it has been the men who have monopolised football and piled up huge fortunes for football managers and players. Now there is not only much greater interest in the local league with famous clubs like Chelsea and Arsenal making headlines with their teams but a women's World Cup is around the corner. Newspapers cover their stories and women are livening up the stadiums watching their teams with avid interest.

The Lionesses are in Brisbane for the World Cup. They have been playing this game for years but now they are being taken seriously enough to raise controversy about pay and bonuses. Men are watching with care but who can tell how far the women will go? If they win the cup in Brisbane, it will be a real reversal of fortunes. Sarina Wiegman, the England manager, will become the toast of the town. About time, too.

In India's border states, Centre isn't peripheral

By: Sanjaya Baru

nometime back the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu reminded the national government in New Delhi that according to the Constitution it ought to be referred to as the "Union" government and not as the "Central" government. He was right. India is, after all, "a Union of States". However, over the years there has been what may be termed as a kind of "governance creep" that has made the Union government central to many areas of governance, ranging from education to agricultural policy.

Law and order, a policy domain of the state government, has witnessed Central government creep for a variety of reasons, ranging from the politicisation of the police force at the state level to the need to manage threats to national security arising out of terrorism and drug-trafficking. White collar crime, including corruption of public servants, has emerged as an important domain in which Central government agencies have had to act to punish those in power in states. This too has been politicised with time, with such agencies acting increasingly at the behest of the Union government.

Against this background, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement last week blaming state governments for lapses in ensuring the rule of law, virtually absolving the Union home ministry of any blame, was a bit rich. It is well known that a law and order problem in a border state can easily acquire a national security dimension and the Union home ministry must remain alert to such a possibility at all times. Not

the normal, day-to-day law and order problem that any government anywhere faces, but one that acquires a serious dimension with national security implications.

This simple fact has meant that the Union government in New Delhi has always kept an eye on such challenges to law and order in what are regarded as "sensitive" border states. Which does not just mean Jammu and Kashmir and the states of the Northeast, but could well include at times any border state, including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Assam and, indeed, Tamil Nadu. Law and order in border states cannot remain a peripheral concern of the Centre.

When Gujarat was convulsed by communal conflict in 2002, the Central intelligence agencies had warned the political leadership in New Delhi that the incidents in the state may trigger cross-border problems. New Delhi has had to deal many times with challenges to the political authority of state governments in the interests of national security. Therefore, it is irresponsible for the Union government to shrug its shoulders and pretend as if the challenge to the writ of the State in Manipur is just another law and order issue, similar to ones faced in other

Prime Minister Narendra Modi treating violence against women in different parts of the country on par with incidents in Manipur was not merely facetious and irresponsible but something not expected from one holding the high office of the head of government. Some members of the ruling side have linked the events in Manipur to foreign interference, with dark hints of a possible China connection, on the one hand, and a Western Christian Church connection, on the other. They have questioned the remarks of the United States ambassador as well as the discussion in the European Parliament.

Be it China, Myanmar or Washington DC, whatever the external inspiration for the violence on the part of one section of Manipur's citizens, there could be internal inspiration from outside the state egging other sections of society. In what appears like a "civil war", an ethnic conflict, a pogrom of sorts, violence against women has become an instrument of domination. That has been the nature of human conflict across the world and for centuries.

The unleashing of such violence and deep-seated hatred in a border state requires the attention of the Union government. It cannot be that the Union government allows an ineffective chief minister, who has not just failed to ensure law and order, but has allowed its escalation into ethnic conflict, to remain in office and pretend that the state government will continue to handle the situation. On one hand, the Union government passes an ordinance taking charge of the civil administration in Delhi, on the other hand it pretends that in Manipur there is a state government and so the Centre would not directly take responsibility of governing the state.

The fact is that the Union home ministry has taken charge of the situation in Manipur and the Chief Minister is no more than a puppet in the hands of the Union home minister. This has been the case for a few weeks now. Even if it is the case that the rape incident and the parading of a naked woman, that has so incensed the entire country, occurred before the Union home ministry took charge of Manipur, the fact is that the matter would not have come to light but for a video going viral.

All these facts make it necessary that the Prime Minister and the Union home minister should make a statement in Parliament as to their understanding of the developments in Manipur, of how the state government handled and mishandled the situation and what the Union government proposes to do. This is the minimum parliamentary accountability that is expected of a government. There is no escaping this.

It is true that over the past 70-odd years there has been much misuse of Article 356 of the Constitution, which allows the Union government to impose President's Rule in a state under certain circumstances, most importantly its inability to discharge its constitutional responsibilities. While there has been misuse of this provision, the fact also remains that on several occasions a Congress Party Prime Minister in New Delhi has not hesitated to dismiss a Congress Party government in a state to ensure return to normalcy in that state.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon the Union government that it not only takes charge of administering Manipur but also explains to Parliament what went wrong, why and who is responsible, holding them accountable.

Rekha, Ajay start upgradation of lane drain work in Ward 52

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan stated that advancement and promising governance under Modi Sarkaar are enigmas of BJP's popularity across the region as the party has made a distinction in the political arena by making general public realize the importance of good governance in the real

District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan along with local Councillor Ajay Gupta kick-started the upgradation of the lane and drain work in Ward 52, 1/C east extension near Marble market in Bahu Constituency falls under District Jammu South.



While speaking on the occasion, Rekha Mahajan said it was a long pending demand of the people of the area as the lane was in bad shape for many years ago and since then it was never repaired and upgraded.

She said that it was in dilapidated condition following which locals

were facing many hardships and other hamlets had been ignored. While stressing upon the executing agency to maintain the quality of the work, said that it should be completed within the prescribed time.

Rekha also admired the work that has been done by Councillor Ajay

the people to make this ward a modern ward of Jammu city.

Later Rekha Mahajan along with Ajay Gupta also interacted with residents of the locality. BJP Jammu district south functionary Rekha further acknowledged that the "Jammu Municipal Corporation" is undertaking several projects to give an upliftment to the face of the Jammu district south.

District General Secretary Pushpinder Singh, Ward President Nitin Thappa, Ajay Kumar, Dev Raj Gupta, Tarsem Singh Chib, Adv Sampurn Singh, Rajneesh, Subhash Chowdhary, Tara Chand, Ramesh Choudhary, Hans Raj, Mukesh Gupta, Monu Gupta, and others prominent persons were present on the occasion.

Sculptor Ganesh awarded "International Honorary Doctorate" by WOSA Ukraine

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Well known eminent senior contemporary internationally acclaimed Sculptor Ganesh Kumar Sharma awarded "International Honorary Doctorate by WOSA, Ukraine International Arts Branch.

The International Honorary Doctorate Certificate presented virtually by Mohamed Lamritni President WOSA, Sept-7, International organization, Morocco and Advisor Ludvik Lgnatyevicg Ludvik International Arts Ukraine Branch.

Ganesh Sharma received this honour as "The Star of International Arts" for strong support in spreading the art and culture and unifying the modern International art and world peace through his International art activities.



It is to mention here that International art organization WOSA has its branches in, Sept-7 Arts Morocco, Croatia Arts, Turkey Arts, Ukraine Arts, American Arts, Peru Arts, Iraq Arts and Syria Arts.

All these branches / groups are working for unifying all countries of the world through its international art activities.

The president WOSA International orga-

nizations Mohamed Lamritni and Advisor Ukraine International Arts Branch Ludvik Lgnatyevicg Ludvik congratulated to Ganesh Sharma and wishes more success in future.

Ganesh recipient of Jammu and Kashmir government State award, National Award by Govt. of India, and so many States National and International awards and honours, belongs to International border village Sanoora of Samba district presently residing at Hiranagar of Kathua district, Jammu and Kashmir UT, is the only Indian Sculptor who receives this great honour.

Ganesh Sharma is working regularly in the field of art and culture from more than 45 years and brought laurels to Jammu and Kashmir UT many times.

Ambika Samnotra installed as New **President of IWC New Gen**

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Inner Wheel Club (IWC), New Gen, Jammu celebrated the installation of its new president and its executive committee members today at Hotel Moti Mahal, Chhanni Himmat, here.

The outgoing President Anita Goel and others welcomed the chief guest Dr Santosh Gupta by presenting a bouquet and also spoke few words in her honour

The Chief Guest entrusted the responsibility of New President to Ambika Samnotra, Secretary Manpreet Kour, Editor Ritu Sharma, ISO Anu Gupta



and Treasurer Mridula Dubey to undertake the activities of the club in new fiscal.

The chief guest elaborated in her opening remarks the role and responsibilities of such clubs, who plays a vital role in upliftment of downtrodden families and society at large at the time of need.

She also complimented the new members of the club to work in unison in achievement of its designed roles.

After the installation ceremony, the needy families were provided with the kits comprising of food items etc. by the newly elected members of the club. Vote of thanks was delivered by

Gupta so far in his ward.

Ajay Gupta said that

it was a long pending

demand of the ward

and which is being ful-

filled. He said that this

work will enhance the

beauty of the ward and

will also be very help-

ful for the people and

hoped that he will live

up to the expectations of

Tyrant ED Director ousted by SC-AAP

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: The Sr. AAP leaders, J&K, Jammu Ram Singh Chauhan, Kuldeep Kumar Rao and Amit Langer have expressed great satisfaction over the decision of Supreme Court holding three times extension to Sanjay Kumar Mishra, as ED Director as illegal and that all decisions pronounced by an illegal incumbent shall always be illegal and that BJP cannot, now, befool the countrymen in the name of ED raids over opposition only, because since 2014 more than 6200 cases registered by ED only 25 cases have been charge sheeted.

More so, the ED raids start as and when elections are announced in any state, they said and



maintained that bail is being denied to Manish Sisodia and Satyinder Jain, Ministers of Kejriwal government on the pretext of investigation & not on any material fact, which is simply a misuse of legal process, which have now been exposed.

They further strongly held the BJP leaders exposed over the hollow slogan of "Beti Padhao-Beti Bachao" which has now become a joke among the women folk in the entire country because of complete silence of PM over women wrestlers case of sexual assault and manhandling they said and added that electoral gain has been preferred over honour and dignity of our brave women.

The PM breaks his silence after more than 82 days in Manipur gruesome episode and that too after the snub of Apex Court,

which has exposed him badly before the whole nation and world, duly highlighted by the viral video played over social media, they maintained and added that the PM tried to divert attention from the very big governance failures & the humanitarian tragedy in Manipur by equating crimes against women in other states, especially those governed by the opposition like Rajasthan & Chhattisgarh, and exclaimed that whole countrymen are shocked over the most shameful barbaric & inhuman episode against women in Manipur and maintained that equally shameful on the part of PM to equate the incident with other states ruled by opposi-

Staff, locals bid farewell to Amresh **Kumar Parihar**

TOP NEWS REPORT

KISHTWAR, Jul 24: The panchayat of Drubeel, along with the entire community, came together to extend a warm farewell to Amresh Kumar Parihar. a dedicated and beloved teacher, on the occasion of his transfer to Middle School Bhoop Nagar Kishtwar, Mr. Parihar has served as a teacher at Girls High School Dekri for a remarkable span of 9 years, and his departure has left both staff and students in mixed emotions

Numerous individuals, including prominent citizen Puran Chand, spoke highly of Amresh Kumar Parihar's exceptional commitment to his profession and his profound affection for the village and its inhabitants.

Throughout his tenure at Girls High School Dekri, he demonstrated an extraordinary social connection with the community, making him an exemplary figure in the



Speaking at the farewell party, Headmaster Joginder Sharma conveyed his best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to Parihar for all his future endeavors. The headmaster, along with the entire staff, recognized Parihar's invaluable contributions to the school, particularly his instrumental role in elevating the institution to the level of secondary education.

The sentiment shared by the staff members

resonated with the locals. who also expressed their appreciation for Parihar's unwavering dedication to his students and his genuine attachment to the area. He was not merely a teacher but a mentor, whose absence will be deeply felt by all at Girls High School Dekri.

The community, while rejoicing in Parihar's accomplishments, also acknowledged the challenges that his transfer might pose for the school. His presence had a profound impact on the

learning environment, and his absence will be felt dearly.

Amresh Kumar Pariof Operation Sadhbhahar's legacy as a dedivana Scholarship. The new batch of 18 cated teacher and a students comprise of two compassionate individual students from the Class will undoubtedly endure VIII and total 16 students in the hearts and minds of those he touched of Class IX. Out of the during his time at Girls total 18 Students, 17 are boys and 01 Girl student High School Dekri. The namely Simran Manzoor Panchayat and the entire community of Drubeel of Class IX hailing from extend their best wishes Kupwara District. for a successful and fulfilling journey at Middle School Bhoop Nagar

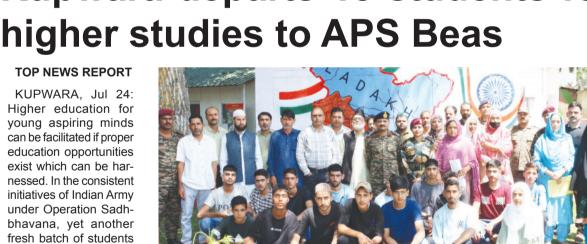
The selection procedure for this scholarship includes an entrance

were selected to be sent

for senior class studies

to Army Public School,

Beas, Jalandhar by grant



Kupwara departs 18 students for

exam followed by personal interview of the candidate. Besides merit, preference is also given to students from economically challenged background and below poverty line.

The fresh batch of 18 students were sent off with full fanfare event which was conducted at UDAAN School, Drugmulla. The event witnessed interaction of students and parents with Indian Army, distribution of kits, tea which followed the departure.

The students were very happy to have been granted this scholarship. The proud parents expressed their joy by thanking Indian Army and Vajra Division for their consistent support for all initiatives for the development of UT of J & K.

The students will now

undergo their further studies at APS, Beas till Class XII. APS, Beas is a state of art modern school with all amenities of curricular & co-curricular activities which will help these young minds to be groomed holistically to take up challenges in their future lives.

Kuldeep to attend Conference at Hangzhou, China

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Secretary General, Asian Kabaddi Federation Muhammad Sarwar Rana has told that Kuldeep Kumar Gupta Technical Delegate for 19th Asian Games will attend conference at Hangzhou, China from



July 25 to 28, 2023. The Technical Del-

egates Conference will be hosted by sports department of HAGOC at Hangzhou, China.

Gupta has recently appointed as Technical Delegate in Kabaddi Test Matches held at Hangzhou, China from 30th May to 8th June 2023. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta

has already performed

as Technical official in 14th Asian Games held at Busan (Korea) in 2002, 16th Asian Games at Guangzhou (China) in 2012 and a number of times in National Games held in India. Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta is working as Chief Manager in the Citizens Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu.

NC committed to uphold the traditional secular ethos in J&K

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province constituted 13 members committee of District Jammu Rural 'A' headed by District President Jammu Rural 'A' Raghvir Singh Manhas to look after the local bodies forthcoming elections in Khour (Chamb Constituency), Jourian, Akhnoor (Akhnoor Constituency) and Gho- Manhasan. (Marh

Constituency).

While announcing the committee Rattan Lal Gupta said that National Conference is committed to uphold the traditional secular values in J&K and will fight the communal forces who are bent to create wedge between various communities. The present dispensation is anti people and its policies are against the people of J&K. If voted to govern the party is committed to undue all the decisions taken by the bureaucratic

setup which are against the people. He assured that party will work to improve civic conditions and provide better facilities to the people. The 13 members committee has been constituted. Raghvir Singh Manhas as Chairman, Rakesh Sharma, Arvind Singh Jamwal, Kuldeep Kour, Randhir Singh Chib, Madan Lal, Dr. Gafoor, Master Baldev Singh, Charanjit Singh, Ram Lal, Satya Jamwal, Mohinder Singh and Devi Dayal Jogi as members.

The dance of destruction unleashed by a fiery monsoon this year makes one wary of the clouds, but rains still bring back beautiful memories

The monsoon may have created mayhem this time around, instilling fear of destruction but let's not forget the rim-jhim rimjhim feeling...the rather romantic and magical charm that rains have forever been associated with. We bring to you actors and their treasured monsoon memories...

Life's lessons

The happiest memory of the monsoon season is the delicious besan ka chila made by my mother. I was preparing for the CAT exam and failed in a revision paper. On my way from from the coaching centre, I cried. That reminded me of a quote by Charlie Chaplin, "The best time to cry is when it's raining so that nobody can see you," and it seemed true in my case. — Paridhi Sharma

Good, bad & ugly I used to look forward to schools closing down due to heavy rains, which happened quite frequently in Dehradun. One particular memory that stands out is when I visited Mussoorie with my friends. It was a sunny day, when suddenly, heavy rain poured down for an hour. Surprisingly, the weather turned beautiful after-



wards, prompting us to extend our stay. As other friends joined us, it was the most memorable days of my school life. On a more sombre note, I also recall the tragic events that unfolded in Kedarnath. I volunteered from our state (Uttarakhand) to provide assistance, and amenities, and locate missing people while offering medical aid. — Shaan

Joy & sorrow

One of my happiest monsoon memories is when I took an unplanned holiday at a hill station with my friends. We decided to embrace the rain and ventured out for a trek in the lush green mountains. As we hiked,

the heavens opened up. the joy and freedom we felt in that moment are etched in my heart forever. On the flip side, I recall an incident when I was shooting. Due to flooded roads, I got stuck in traffic. I reached the set late, causing delays in the shooting schedule. The entire day felt chaotic, and I missed a connecting flight for an important event later that evening. It taught me the importance of planning and preparedness during the unpredictable mon-

The village life During my college days, I would enjoy swimming. Once I visited my mother's village. We

soon. — Adaa Khan

went up to a dam close-by and the view was breathtaking. It was also the first time I saw a crocodile. This exciting encounter occurred during a monsoon picnic that I hold dear to my heart. — Rahul Sharma

A surge of energy Whenever the monsoon season arrives, my energy levels multiply by 10. There's something about the rain and dark clouds accompanied by a cool breeze. When I was young, I would play in the rain, jump in puddles. I still feel that same joy in Mumbai. I recently visited Dudhsagar waterfall in Goa and absolutely loved it in the magical monsoons! — Arun Mandola Football in the rain

It's one thing to enjoy watching the rain from the comfort of your house, but venturing outside becomes a challenging task. Heavy rains and traffic delays are gruesome after a tiring day of work. But rain comes with its joys. I love playing football with friends in rain. It's these moments of joy and camaraderie that bring some positivity to otherwise difficult times. — Aditva Deshmukh

Arpita releases new single, Bakhuda



Arpita Chakraborty has lent her voice to songs like Raske Bhare Tore Nain from the Amitabh Bachchan, Aiay Devon and Kareena Kapoor Khan-starrer Satyagraha. Apart from Bollywood, she has sung several popular songs in multiple languages, including Bengali and Marathi.

Now, Arpita has turned composer and songwriter with her single Bakhuda. The mellifluous track, which sees Arpita assume the triple role of singer, composer, and lyricist, will be released by Zed Music Company.

Arpita says, "A song is truly yours when you put all your emotions, words, and feelings into it. With Bakhuda, I had the freedom to do that. Initially, we thought of getting a lyricist and a music director on board for the song, but my team and whoever heard the scratch urged me to retain the same lyrics and music. I have tried to create a melody and write verses that would, hopefully, strike a chord with every listener out there."

She adds, "Since it is my first attempt as a composer and lyricist, I am keenly looking forward to seeing how the audience reacts to it."

Characters with grey shades can destroy one internally, says actress Rajshri Deshpande

As an actress, Rajshri Deshpande says she likes to portray layered characters and go through intense preparation, no matter the challenges that come with such roles. In her career, Rajshri has tried her hands at complex characters in various movies and shows, including Angry Indian Goddesses, S Durga, Sacred Games and Trial By Fire. She found another unique story in her upcoming film Privacy, where she essays the role of Roopali, a distressed surveillance centre operator who embarks on an investigation into unusual events that occur during her shift.

"As an actor, I like layered characters, complex situations. I go for intense preparation for every character. I'm a professional actor, I study and I try to do justice to my role," Rajshri says. She credits the film's director, Sudeep Kanwal, for helping her with the process. "Grey and black shades of characters can destroy you internally. For that,



you need to prepare well," she adds.

There is a need for more female characters that are 'bold, flawed, complex and clever', she believes. "We should showcase all shades of women because there are hardly any films where a woman is a central character," Rajshri adds. The actress, who was last seen in Netflix series Trial By Fire, says her work as an artiste should not just provide entertainment to people but also make them 'think'. Privacy, which recently had its world premiere at South Korea's Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival, features an ensemble cast, including Sandesh Kulkarni, Abhilash Thapliyal, Chhaya Kadam, Rushad Rana, and Sagar Salunke.

Ammy Virk and Dev Kharoud-starrer Maurh is a reminder of the resilience, courage, and bravery of Punjabis

Set in the pre-Partition era, Ammy Virk and Dev Kharoud-starrer Maurh chronicles the life of Jeona Maurh, played by Ammy Virk, a Punjabi villager, who took up the gun to avenge his bandit brother Kishna's (Dev Kharoud) death. Jeona is determined to demolish the exploitative land tax mafia, which works with the Indian monarchs and Britishers to impoverish the people, as well as Dogar, another thief, who betrayed his brother Kishna.

Directed by Jatinder Mauhar and produced by Rhythm Boyz and Naad Studios, Maurh explores the socio-political landscape of Punjab during the British colonial rule capturing the dreams, struggles, and emotions of people in that era. As this period drama is streaming on OTT, Ammy and Dev express their excitement about Maurh reaching the global audience.

Calling it a thoughtprovoking narrative, Ammy shares a lot of



research and hard work has gone into Maurn. "Jatinder Mauhar has put in close to five years of research in the movie and the team made sure to focus on every single detail that could depict that era in its most authentic way."

So, when he was asked to play Jeona Maurh, he had to say yes. From riding a horse to delivering dialogues raging with anger as well as valour, Ammy says he gave it his all to the char-

acter. "Playing Jeona an experience of a lifetime for me. This journey of two brothers becoming bandits in Punjab is a tale we've heard from our fathers and forefathers. In the recent past, there have been references of Jeona Maurh in songs and now as a film this one embodies the strength and power of Punjabi cinema."

For Dev, who has established himself as an action hero, playing

a parallel lead wasn't a deal-breaker because his character Kishna, he says, adds depth to the story. "While Kishna was a protective brother for Jeona, for the village, he was a rebel with a cause. His death transforms Jeona's life and in a way gives him a purpose too."

The two actors emphasise on the need for having more real-life stories that showcase the history of the land. They say, in its entirety, Maurh is not just a story of two brothers but also, "represents the colonial period when poor people fell prey to discrimination and ill-treatment by corrupt British landlords. From ruthlessness to untouchability and inequality, the movie showcases grey shades of humanity. It gives a glimpse into the colonial period of fear and oppression."

Director Jatinder Mauhar wants this Punjabi film to be taken across geographies and cultures as, "It's not just an interesting narrative that delves deep into the lives of Jeona and Kishna Maurh who confront the injustices propagated by British rulers and native kings to protect their land, but it also serves as a reminder of the resilience, courage, and bravery of Punjabis and how in the past they've fought for humanity at large."

Maurh is streaming on ZEE5.

'Singham' has loyal fan base, we're giving heart and soul to part 3: Rohit Shetty

Ajay Devgn will return as the titular character in 'Singham 3', which is currently in pre-production stage

Filmmaker Rohit Shetty says he is leaving no stone unturned to make the third installment of his widelysuccessful "Singham" franchise "bigger and

The director said the cop film series enjoys a loyal fan following and it is important for him as well as franchise star Ajay Devgn to come up with something exciting.

"'Singham' has a loyal fan base and we are giving our heart and soul to this film. And that's what keeps us going and motivates us to make it bigger. One has to upgrade themselves to do better and make something exciting," Shetty told agency here.

The action franchise started with 2011's "Singham" and was followed by a 2014 sequel, titled "Singham Returns". It chronicles the story of a honest and fearless cop named Bajirao Singham and his fight against injustice and corrupt politicians.

Devgn will return as the titular character in "Singham 3", which is currently in the pre-production stage.

Shetty said the actor is happy with the way the script has turned out.

"When he heard the script, he was very happy with the outcome. We are excited about it," he said

The filmmaker is also taking his cop uni-



verse-which includes films such as "Simmba" and "Sooryavanshi"—to the digital space with his debut series "Indian Police Force", which fea-

tures Sidharth Malhotra. Vivek Oberoi, and Shilpa Shetty, among others.

Shetty asserted that the scale of the Prime

Video show will be

equivalent to his bigscreen efforts.

"It was almost like shooting a film. I never felt I was doing something for OTT. It is as good as making a film. It is quite commercial.

"I have kept my fingers crossed that audiences love it. The action is larger-than-life. I hope, the way they have given love to 'Singham', 'Simmba' and 'Sooryavanshi', they give the same kind of love to 'Indian Police Force' as well," he added.

"Indian Police Force" is described as "an ode to the selfless service, unconditional commitment and fierce patriotism of police officers".

Neeti Mohan joins Sa Re Ga Ma Pa 2023 judges' panel



After the success of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li'l Champs last year, Zee TV's singing reality show, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, is back to give aspiring singers an opportunity to build a career in music

Singer Neeti Mohan is set to join as a judge alongside Himesh Reshammiya. She has sung tracks like Nainowale Ne and Ishq Wala Love. She has previously served as a judge on Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li'l Champs. She says, "I am thrilled to be part of the franchise once again. The show has a legacy of discovering great talent. I am excited to contribute to this journey." Some of the top-performing singers of this season will get to record an original song to be released by Zee Music Company.

"You're Challenging The Chair": Vice President **Warns Derek O'Brien In Rajya Sabha**

Jagdeep Dhankhar asked Trinamool's Derek O'Brien to take his seat before the angry exchange erupted, leading to the adjournment of the proceedings.

NEW DELHI, Jul 24 (Agencies): The Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned for almost an hour on Monday following heated exchanges between Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar and TMC's Derek O'Brien over the chair not mentioning the party affiliations of opposition members seeking a discussion on the Manipur

Dhankhar read out the names of the MPs and the political parties they are affiliated with while detailing the 11 notices received under rule 176, mostly from treasury benches, seeking short-duration discussions over violence in states ranging from Rajasthan to Manipur.

But when he started to read out the notices received under rule 267 from MPs of opposition parties who sought to set aside the business of the day to take up the Manipur issue, he did not mention the party affiliations.

O'Brien asked the chairman to also mention the parties of the MPs who had given notices under rule 267, just like he did for MPs giving notices under rule 176.

Dhankhar asked O'Brien to take his seat but the TMC leader was not in a relenting mood.

"You are challenging the Chair," Dhankhar remarked



before adjourning the proceedings till 1200 hours.

Earlier, soon after the listed papers were laid on the table, Dhankhar said he has received 11 notices under rule 176 and began reading out names and the subjects.

"Shri Sudhanshu Trivedi, BJP - concern over violence during panchayat elections in the state of West Bengal. Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, concern over use of brutal police force against peaceful protestors in Patna, Bihar. Shri Laxmikant Bajpai, BJP - concern over atrocities against women in the state of

"Shri G V L Narasimha Rao, BJP - concern over protest by youth belonging to SC, ST communities in the state of Chat267

in state of Chattisgarh," he said. Yadav had also given a notice over atrocities against women in West Bengal while Bajpai had two other notices seeking a discussion on atrocities against women in Kerala and

tisgarh to challenge the fake

caste certificates. Shri Harnath

Singh Yadav, BJP - concern

over atrocities against women

Jharkhand. Ghanshyam Tiwari of the BJP wanted a discussion on crime against women in Rajasthan. V Sivadasan of CPM sought a discussion on ethnic violence in Manipur, Dhankhar said.

"In respect of the last notice (of Sivadasan), you would recall (that) on July 20, 2023, I had already given a ruling that the notices for short duration discussion received regarding the violence in Manipur are admitted and the Leader of the House (and Union Minister) Piyush Goyal had agreed for a discussion on this issue," he said.

The other notices under rule 176 were under his consideration, the Chairman said.

Thereafter, he started reading out notices received under rule

"I have received 27 notices under rule 267. Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Shri John Brittas, Shri AD Singh..," Dhankhar said.

At this point, O'Brien asked, "Sir which party?" With folded hands, he pleaded that the chair had read the party affiliations of BJP MPs and that the same courtesy should be extended to others who had given notices.

Dhankhar asked him to take his seat before the angry exchange erupted, leading to the adjournment of the proceedings.

"Mr Derek O'Brien, Mr Derek O'Brien, take vour seat," he

The TMC leader responded, "No." He got support from fellow

"You are challenging the Chair, you are challenging the Chair... no, no," Dhankhar said before adjourning the proceedings till

Temple of democracy 'disturbed, disrupted' when PM refuses to make statement on Manipur issue: Kapil Sibal

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NEW DELHI, Jul 24 (Agencies): The temple of democracy is "disturbed and disrupted" when the Prime Minister refuses to make a statement on Manipur or answer questions, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal said on Monday.

Sibal's remarks came a day after Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar said disruption and disturbance have been weaponised as strategic means to taint the temples of democracy.

In a tweet, Sibal said, "Vice President: '...disstatement first.

Addressing the centenary year convocation of the Jamia Millia Islamia at the Vigyan Bhavan here on Sunday, Dhankhar had said education is important for the progress of society and asked the youth to empower themselves.

"Democracy is about dialogue, discussion, deliberation and debate to secure public good. Surely, democracy cannot be about disruption and disturbance," said Dhankhar who is also the Rajya Sabha Chairman.

"I am pained and anguished to indicate to you that disruption and disturbance have been weaponised as strategic means to taint the temples of democracy," he added.

Both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have failed to transact any business during the Monsoon Session amid the stalemate between the Opposition and the Government over the Manipur issue.

Maharashtra assistant commissioner of police shoots dead wife and nephew before killing self

PUNE, Jul 24 (Agencies): A 57-year-old assistant commissioner of police (ACP) allegedly shot dead his wife and nephew with a gun before shooting himself fatally at his home in Maharashtra's Pune city on Monday, an official said.

The incident took place at around 3.30 am at ACP Bharat Gaikwad's bungalow in Baner area.

The reason behind the incident was yet to be ascertained, the official from Chaturshringi police station said.

Gaikwad was posted as ACP in Amaravati



and had come home. according to police.

"At around 3.30 am on Monday, the ACP first the head. Upon hearing the gunshot, his son and nephew came running and opened the door.

The moment they opened the door, he allegedly shot at his nephew, who got hit in the chest," the official

"Later, Gaikwad shot himself in the head. All three died on the spot,"

The other two deceased were identified as the police officer's wife Moni Gaikwad (44) and nephew Deepak (35), he said.

A probe was on into the incident, the police

Anurag Thakur wants Oppenheimer sex scene with Gita link deleted: Sources

NEW DELHI, Jul 24 (Agencies): Union Minister of Information and **Broadcasting Anurag** Thakur has expressed displeasure over a scene in Christopher Nolan's film 'Oppenheimer' where the titular character, played by actor Cillian Murphy, has sexual intercourse while reciting verses from the Bhagavad Gita, a religious text, sources told India Today. Sources said that the minister pulled up the film certification body, popularly called the censor board, has directed it to delete the scene from the movie

Expressing anger, the Information and Broadcasting Minister asked, "How was such a scene allowed to pass?" As per sources, action might be taken against some officials responsible for the



In the film, Oppenheimer -- played by Cillian Murphy -- is shown having sex with psychologist Jean Tatler (Florence Pugh) as she asks him to read a verse from what appears to be a Sanskrit book, whose title or cover is not visible. On Tatler's insistence, a confused Oppenheimer reads out the verse she points at: "Now, I am become Death, destroyer of the

The biopic of Robert Oppenheimer, the mind behind the world's first atomic bomb, released on Friday. But controversial scene has irked a section of social media who claimed the lines are from the Bhagavad Gita and demanded the removal of the sequence from Christopher Nolan's latest film. Hashtags like #BoycottOppenheimer and

#RespectHinduCulture have been trending. "I just learned there is

a highly offensive scene involving the Bhagavad Gita in it. I will not repeat it here, but it involves something explicit. Never trust Hollywood and West to depict Hinduism positively and accurately (sic)" a user said.

"Hindus have been celebrating the mention of the Bhagwad Gita in the Oppenheimer movie, but they are left angry and perplexed at the blatant disrespect of the Gita by Hollywood. Mentioning holy verses while having sex is considered disrespectful and racist. #BoycottOpenheimer (sic)" wrote another.

Terming the scene "a disturbing attack on Hinduism", Uday Mahurkar, Information Commissioner has shot a letter to Christopher Nolan and appealed to the director to remove the scene worldwide. "We urge, on behalf of

billion Hindus and timeless tradition of lives being transformed by revered Geeta, to do all that is needed to uphold dignity of their revered book and remove this scene from your film across world. Should you choose to ignore this appeal it would be deemed as a deliberate assault on Indian civilisation. Eagerly await needful action (sic)" Mahurkar, founder of Save Culture Save India Foundation, wrote.

According to reports, the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) gave the film a U/A rating, making it suitable for viewers above 13 years, after studio Universal Pictures cut some scenes to reduce its length, reported agency.

Madhya Pradesh couple dies, 8-year-old son injured as car plunges off bridge



UMARIA, Jul 24 (Agencies): A couple died and their son was severely injured in a road accident in Madhya Pradesh's Umaria.

The incident took place on NH43 when Kartikeya Agarwal, along with his wife Trupti Agarwal and 8-year-old son, was coming from Jabalpur to his home in Shahdol.

When the car was crossing the bridge built on the Johila River, it suddenly lost control, veered off the road, and plunged nearly 50 feet below.

Authorities were immediately alerted, and the police swiftly arrived at the spot. Despite their prompt response, the rescue operation was hindered by the rain.

However, the couple succumbed to their injuries, while their son was rushed to Shahdol Medical College for immediate medical care.

Girl filmed in Udupi college washroom, people allege Ajmer-like big sex scandal UDUPI, Jul 24 (Agensystematic blackmail

cies): Three girls studying at a prestigious medical institute in Karnataka's Udupi were suspended after they filmed another student in the women's washroom.

The suspended girls -- Alimatul Shaifa, Shabanaz and Aliya -- had allegedly placed video cameras in the women's washrooms to record their fellow students showering or using the toilets, according to reports.

When the incident came to light, there were angry protests by other students over the violation of privacy and demanding strict action against the accused. The optometry institute then suspended the three students.

According to the director of the institute, the accused were suspended for two reasons -- first, they brought mobile phones to college, which are banned, and second, they used them to film a video in the washroom.



While the incident seems to be an open and shut case of the students being suspended for their act, some people on social media have drawn parallels with the infamous 1992 Aimer sex scandal, in which hundreds of school-going and college girls were blackmailed with nude photographs and gang-raped by men from the minority community.

A human rights activist, Rashmi Samant, linked the Udupi incident with that of Ajmer's. In a series of tweets, she alleged that "unsuspecting" girls who were blackmailed with naked photographs were disturbed and pushed towards ending their

Explaining the alleged operandi, modus Samant alleged that such videos or photos were sent to the perpetrators in community WhatsApp groups. She said the issue was not being condemned or viewed "with the severity it deserved".

Linking the Udupi incident to teh Ajmer sex scandal, another social media user termed it 'Ajmer 1992 Part 2'.

Another social media user too claimed the same and called it 'Udupi Files'

In one of the most horrifying sex scandals which rocked the country in the 90s, the Ajmer scandal, which came to light in 1992, was the

and gang rape of hundreds of girls studying in schools and colleges. It took place over a couple of years, according to reports.

perpetrators The would blackmail the victims by recording intimate moments or posting nude photographs. These obscene photos or videos would be then forwarded to local gangs, mostly from the minority community, who would then sexually exploit the girls.

The scandal began when a man reportedly with links to the Ajmer Sharif Dargah had befriended a girl and lured her into the trap. That started the cycle that would end with the exploitation of hundreds of school- and collegegoing girls.

The bone-chilling incident came to the fore in April after a local newspaper reportedly published some obscene photographs of the girls and a report alleging that they were being sexually abused by local gangs.

Family trip to doctor turns deadly as speeding car falls into canal, 5 killed



ETAH, Jul 24 (Agencies): Five people of the same family were killed after their vehicle plunged into a river in Uttar Pradesh's Etah early on Monday. All the deceased have been identified as residents of Ganjdundwara town of the Kasganj district. An initial probe revealed that the car crashed into the railing of the Jirsami Canal on the border of Etah and Kasganj and fell into an overflowing canal.

It is said that the car had been speeding before it fell into the canal. The police reached the spot shortly after the car met with the accident and carried out a rescue operation. The officials could recover bodies only after an hour of hard work.

The accident fell under the jurisdiction of the Kotwali Dehat police station area.

The family members, as per information, were returning after a medical examination of one of the members of the family at Etah Medical College in a Maruti Suzuki Swift Dzire.

Speaking about the fatal accident, another family member, Moharram Singh, said, "We were nephewuncle in the relationship and his wife was unwell, so he said that he wanted to show her to a doctor in Etah. But I told him to get a doctor nearby but he insisted. He was wailing and said that his wife was in a bad condition. The turns around the canal are sharp, they fell into that."

15 people dead, 19 missing after Indonesian ferry capsizes off Sulawesi island

Three rubber boats, two fishing boats and six divers deployed to search for the missing people

JAKARTA, Jul 24 (Agencies): An overloaded ferry capsized off Indonesia's Sulawesi island, killing at least 15 people and leaving 19 others missing, rescuers said Monday.

The boat was traveling from Lanto village in Buton Central regency in Southeast Sulawesi province to nearby Lagii village when it capsized just after midnight on Monday, Buton's search and rescue agency head Muhammad Arafah said.

The wooden boat was carrying 40 people but was designed for just 20.



Rescuers were searching Monday for 19 people who were still missing in rough seas, while 15 bodies had been recovered and six people were rescued, Arafah said.

Three rubber boats, two fishing boats and six divers were deployed to search for the missing people, he said.

Thousands of residents had traveled to their villages to celebrate the regency's 9th anniversary on Sunday, and many people were transported by fishing or passenger boats.

Indonesia is an archipelago with more than 17,000 islands, and ferries are a common form of transportation. With lax safety standards and problems with overcrowding, accidents occur frequently.

New Zealand's justice minister resigns after facing criminal charges in car crash



WELLINGTON, Jul 24 (Agencies): New Zealand's justice minister resigned on Monday after police filed charges against her and said she was over the legal alcohol limit when she crashed into a parked

The incident involving Kiri Allan was the latest in a series of missteps and scandals involving government ministers less than three months out from national elec-

Polls indicate the conservative opposition has pulled level or moved slightly ahead of the incumbent liberals in what promises to be a close race.

Prime Minister Chris Hipkins said Allan was involved in the crash soon after 9 pm Sunday in Wellington and was detained at the central police station for about four hours.

Police have charged her with careless driving and refusing to accompany a police officer.

Hipkins noted police reported that Allan's breath test showed she was over the legal alcohol limit, although she was not charged with drunk driving. Police said they issued Allan an infringement notice

Putin says Russia will replace Ukrainian grain

in relation to the breath test.

A court date has not been set. If found guilty, Allan could face fines and a suspension of her driver's license.

Once considered a rising star of the Labour Party, Allan had recently taken time off for her mental health after being involved in a publicized split with her partner.

She also faced accusations of having poor working relationships with some staff.

Hipkins said he spoke with Allan on Monday morning and told her he thought she wasn't in a fit state to remain a minister and it was untenable for a justice minister to be charged

with criminal offending. She agreed and resigned her ministerial roles, Hipkins said.

For now, Allan remains a member of Parliament. "While her alleged actions are inexcusable, I've been advised she was experiencing extreme emotional distress at the time of the

incident," Hipkins said. "Her recent personal struggles with mental health have been well documented and it appears some of those issues came to a head

yesterday." Hipkins said he felt sad for Allan.

"Kiri is an incredibly talented person who clearly has been battling some demons, and has not won that battle." he

Allan said she was sorry for her actions and was heading home to consider her future in politics.

"Over recent weeks I've faced a number of personal difficulties. I took time off to address those, and believed I was okay to juggle those challenges with the pressure of being a minister," she said in a statement.

"My actions yesterday show I wasn't okay, and I've let myself and my colleagues down." Last month, Transport and Immigration Minister Michael Wood resigned after failing to disclose a possible conflict of interest with stock he owned.

In March, Police Minister Stuart Nash was fired after it came to light he had given confidential information to donors.

In May, Customs Minister Meka Whaitiri was fired after switching allegiance to another political party.

Opposition leader Christopher Luxon said he hoped Allan was getting the support she needs, but added the situation raised questions about the judgment of Hipkins.

Hipkins took over as prime minister in January after predecessor Jacinda Ardern stepped down. New Zealand's elections will be held

Thousands More Evacuated From Greece Due To Wildfires

ATHENS, Jul 24 (Agencies): Authorities evacuated nearly 2,500 people from the Greek island of Corfu on Monday as crews fight several wildfires in heat-battered Greece.

Tens of thousands of people have already fled blazes on the island of Rhodes, with many frightened tourists scrambling to get home.

About 2,400 visitors and locals were evacuated from Corfu from Sunday into Monday, a fire service spokesman said, adding that the departures were a precaution.

Greece has been sweltering under a lengthy spell of extreme heat that has exacerbated wildfire risk and left visitors stranded in peak tourist season.

Kelly Squirrel, a transport administrator from the UK, said police had ordered people from her hotel on Rhodes to evacu-

"We had to keep walking," she told agency at the international airport. "So we walked for about six hours in the heat."

Rhodes, which counted 2.5 million visitor arrivals in 2022, is one of Greece's leading holiday

Greek television broadcast images of long lines of people, some in beachwear, lugging suitcases along the island's roads on Saturday, when the evacuations were ordered.

- More extreme heat expected

Some 30,000 people fled the flames on Rhodes at the weekend, the country's largest-ever wildfire evacuation.

Police said the authorities had transported 16,000 people across land, and evacuated 3,000 by sea. Others had to flee by road or used their own transport after being told to leave the

"We had to lend a woman some of my wife's clothes because she had nothing to wear," Kevin Sales, an engineer from England, told agency. "It was terrible."

Tourists and some locals spent the night in gyms, schools and hotel conference centres on the

Several travel companies have halted their inbound tourist



flights to Rhodes, but have been helping to ferry foreigners home. Crews have been battling the flames in parts of Greece for about a week, and firefighters were from dawn on Monday using aircraft to try to douse the flames on Rhodes.

According to the authorities, many regions of the country were under extreme risk of forest fires on Monday, but no towns were directly threatened by flames on Sunday night, the fire service told agency.

Like every summer, Greece is plagued by forest fires, often

MOSCOW, Jul 24

(Agencies): Russia

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deadly, ravaging tens of thousands of hectares of forest and vegetation.

This summer, the country experienced one of the longest heatwaves in recent years, according to experts, with temperatures of up to 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit) at the weekend.

On Monday, the temperature was expected to drop slightly with temperatures expected to reach 37C in Athens, but on Tuesday, the heat is expected to pick up again.

shipments to Africa

Australia to buy 20 C-130 Hercules aircraft from the US for \$6.6 billion

CANBERRA, Jul 24 (Agencies): Australia said on Monday it will buy 20 new C-130 Hercules from the United States in a 9.8 billion Australian dollar (\$6.6 billion) deal that will increase by two-thirds the size of the Australian air force's fleet of its second-largest heavy transport aircraft.

The announcement follows the US Congress' approval last year of a larger sale of 24 of the Lockheed Martinmanufactured propellordriven aircraft.

The United States and Australia are currently conducting their biennial Talisman Sabre military exercise along the Australian coast that this year involves 13 nations and more than 30,000 personnel as global concerns intensify over an increasingly assertive

The first of the new four-engine Hercules is expected to be delivered in 2027 and the new aircraft will eventually replace the fleet of 12 Hercules currently operated by the Royal Australian Air Force from RAAF Base Richmond near Sydney, Defense Industry Minister Pat Conroy said.

The purchase "will almost double the fleet and represents a massive uplift in capability,



in mobility and transport for the Royal Australian Air Force," Conroy told reporters.

"Almost doubling the fleet gives us more capacity to deploy them on multiple operations at the same time, and that's the critical driver," Conroy added.

The Australian air force also operates eight of the larger Boeing C-17A Globemaster heavy transport jet aircraft.

The deal was confirmed ahead of US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken meeting with their Australian counterparts for annual talks late this week in the Australian city of Bris-

It is Blinken's third trip to Asia in less than two months, highlighting US efforts to counter growing Chinese influence in

the region. A closer bilateral military relationship with Australia was underscored Saturday when the USS Canberra was commissioned in Sydney. The Independence-variant littoral combat ship, built by Australian manufacturer Austal, became the first US warship to be commissioned in a foreign

The original Canberra was a US cruiser launched in 1943 and named after the Australian cruiser HMAS Canberra, which was torpedoed by the Japanese in 1942 with a loss of 193 lives while supporting US Marines landings in the Solomon Islands. The Australian warship was named for Australia's capital.

The Solomons are again a security concern for the United States and its allies over recent security agreements that the South Pacific nation signed with China.

will replace exports of Ukrainian grain to Africa, President Vladimir Putin said on Monday, after Moscow exited a deal allowing their safe shipment. "Russia will continue its energetic efforts to provide supplies of grain, food products,

ances that our country is capable of replacing the Ukrainian grain both on a commercial and free-of-charge basis."

Moscow's military and signed in July 2022

operation blocked Ukraine's Black Sea ports with warships until a deal brokered by the UN and Turkey

of critical grain shipments. Earlier this month

allowed for the passage

Russia exited the deal after complaining that a related agreement on allowing the export of Russian food and fertilisers had not been honoured.

Moscow later said it would consider cargo ships travelling to Ukraine through the Black Sea potential military targets.

The African Union has expressed "regret" over Moscow's decision to end the grain export deal.

Later this week Russia will host the second Russia-Africa Summit and Russia-Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum, according to the Kremlin.

Humanitarian groups say Africa is heavily reliant on grain from Russia and Ukraine.

The grain deal had enabled the export of more than 32 million tonnes of Ukrainian grain over the last year.

Taiwan Holds Annual Air-Raid Drill Amid **Tensions With China**

Sirens sounded at 1:30 p.m. (0530 GMT) for the mandatory street evacuation drills, which effectively shut towns and cities including its capital Taipei for 30 minutes.

TAIPEI, Jul 24 (Agencies): Cities across northern Taiwan ordered cars off roads and people to stay indoors on Monday for an annual air-raid exercise as the island steps up preparations in the event of a Chinese attack amid rising military threats from

Beijing.

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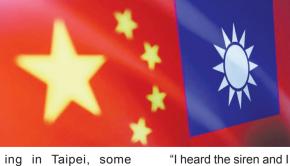
ately, was sent via text

An "air raid alert", asking people to evacuate to safety immedi-

"When you receive the text message, please be aware of the wordings such as 'test' and 'drill' and stay calm," Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen said in a reminder to the public on Facebook about an hour before the exercise named Wan An, which means everlasting peace.

China, which views democratically governed Taiwan as its territory, has been staging regular exercises around the island for the past three years, to pressure Taipei to accept Beijing's claim of sovereignty despite the island's strong rejec-

In the bustling shopping district of Ximend-



shops pulled down their shutters and police directed passersby and vehicles including food delivery drivers on motorcycles to move to the side of the road and seek shelter.

Tourists with luggage were seen taking shelter in a subway station, some shocked and not sure what had happened.

was worried, not knowing what happened especially we are foreigners in a foreign country," said Lee Jang Ho, a tourist from South Korea.

Among the various drills carried out by authorities in Taipei, some citizens were instructed to seek shelter in basement parking lots with their hands

covering their eyes and ears while keeping their mouths open - to minimise the impact of blast waves from missiles.

Sirens sounded 30 minutes later to give the all-clear. Other parts of Taiwan, where periodic air-raid drills are required by law, will carry out street evacuation drills this week.

Beijing has stepped up its warnings against a trip to the United States by Taiwan vice president and presidential frontrunner William Lai next month, while the top U.S. diplomat in Taipei urged China not to take "provocative" action in response to the brief transits.

Braham Jyot distributes edibles among children

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Braham Jyot Satti, Senior leader and incharge BJP OBC Morcha distributed diapers, edibles among children at New Plot, Jammu.

The program was organised by Rakesh Pandey Vicky (Mandal President Ambphala).

They interacted with parents, local women and distributed diapers, edible items among them.

They also briefed them about various financial schemes which are run by the central government and said everyone should take benefit of these schemes.

Speaking on the occasion Braham Jyot said that BJP ideology emphasizes on the principle 'Nation first and self last' which simply means that we have to sacrifice everything for the cause of the nation and to provide benefit to



everyone standing last in row is BJP'S ideology. He said There is no

country like India, quite as diverse, multi-lingual and multi-cultural, yet bound together by the ancient bounds of shared traditions, culture and values. Such bonds need to be strengthened through enhanced and continuous mutual interaction between people of varied regions and ways of life so that it encourages reciprocity and secures an enriched value system of unity amongst people of different States in a culturally special country like INDIA.

He said childhood is that phase of life where children enjoy the whole day and learn their basic studies in big schools but unfortunately some students left their studies because of financial distress of family.

He said we distributed diapers, edibles among needy children and motivated their parents about the value of

study . He briefed several

Pro-People policies for the public like Pre-Matric, Post Matric Scholarship, StartUp India, Make in India, Skill India Mission, Fit India Movement, Beti Bachao Beti Padao, Digital India Mission, which focus mainly on youth welfare including the female folk as they constitute the most proactive component of the society that can bring the requisite transformation of the nation and its people.

Dimple appeals CJI not to hold Parliament, Assembly elections in J&K

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Sunil Dimple, President Mission Statehood said no assembly elections will be held in J&K in this

He alleged BJP is misleading the Jammu Kashmir people and the nation on the name of festival of democracy in Jammu Kashmir and is running away from holding the assembly elections in J&K.

Dimple appealed the CJI of Supreme Court to issue directions to ECI and the J&K LG, BJP Govt not to hold parliament, assembly elections and ULB elections in J&K.

Dimple said the case on abrogation of Article 370 is in Supreme Court and the BJP cannot hold assembly and other elections in J&K under the Constitution of India.

the Constitution of India.
Dimple demand immediate restoration of J&K
Dogra statehood as was
given to us by Maharaja
Hari Singh.



Dimple is ready for all kinds of elections, be they panchayats, municipalities, assembly but elections without statehood are meaningless.

As the "bureaucratic control over all these institutions" has dete-

riorated the democratic values of these institutions. Dimple also opposed the shifting of the HC to Raika

Acute hepatitis cases are preventable, treatable: Paras Health experts

TOP NEWS REPORT

PANCHKULA, Jul 24: "Hepatitis means inflammation of liver cells and it can have various causes such as significant alcohol intake, obesity, and viral infections Hepatitis A, B, C, and E viruses."

Talking to media on Monday, Dr Rakesh Kochhar, Director, Gastroenterology at Paras Health Panchkula said that Hepatitis B and C are predominantly transmitted via contaminated blood, body secretions and unsafe sexual contact whereas hepatitis A and E spread through contaminated

water and food.

Hepatitis A and E lead to acute self-limiting illness in the form of fever, jaundice and deranged liver function tests in more than 90% cases, however a small pro-

portion may develop a more severe form such as acute liver failure, he maintained.

Dr Rajan Mittal, Consultant Gastroenterology said," Persons who have immune weakness, pregnant females, pre-existing liver or other systemic disease are at higher risk of more severe disease."

Management is primarily supportive such as maintaining adequate diet and hydration. Home based food is advisable with sufficient calorie intake. Unproven drugs/supplements can sometimes lead to more severe

and prolonged illness and should be avoided, informed Dr Saurabh Mishra Consultant Gastroenterology.

Dr Mohnish Kataria Consultant Gastroenterology said," Maintaining hand hygiene, eating well-cooked homebased food and drinking clean water helps in prevention and limits the spread of acute viral

hepatitis A and E both."
Dr Jatinder Arora,
Zonal Director Paras
Health said, "Our experienced doctors' team is
quite capable of treating and managing any
category of Hepatitis
patients."

ABRSM meets with Union Education Minister, UGC Chairman

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 24: Pending problems of higher education teachers like releasing the report of the Anomaly Redressal Committee of UGC Regulation 2018, extending the time limit for opting UGC Regulation 2010 for Career Advancement Scheme till 31st December 2023 and extending the exemption of refresher and orientation course till 31st December 2023 will be resolved soon.

This assurance was given by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and UGC Chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar to the delegation of ABRSM.

Giving information in this regard, the General Secretary of ABRSM Shivanand Sindankera said that ABRSM was keeping constant pressure on the Central Government and the UGC for a long time regarding these demands. Due to the efforts of the ABRSM a situation has finally been created to solve these problems.

Sindankera said that a detailed discussion was held with the Union Education Minister on various pending problems of school and higher education.

A detailed discussion with UGC Chairman M Jagdish Kumar on UGC related issues of higher education was separately held. In the talks the main topics related to the problems of teachers of all levels included implementing the old pension scheme, implementing the recommendations of the seventh pay scale uniformly across the country, ensuring regular appointments to the vacant posts of teachers, making the retirement age uniformly 65 years, freeing teachers from non-academic work, adequate funding for infrastructure, ensuring timely promotion of teachers, stopping commercialization of education, providing cashless medical facilities, making rules for the protection of salary and service of the teachers of self-financed institutions etc.

Additional General Secretary (Higher Education) Dr. Narayan Lal Gupta said that other topics of discussion related to higher education mainly included uniform implementation of the provisions of UGC Regulation 2018 across the country, giving priority to in-service teachers for PhD and exemption from course work or making provisions to do it online, extending the tenure of college principal till retirement, arrangement of common counseling for admission in central universities, increasing UGC JRF scholarship and making it at par with DST scholarship etc.

scholarship etc.

Apart from the General Secretary and Additional General Secretary, the delegation included ABRSM's Organization Secretary Mahendra Kapoor, Co-Organization Secretary G. Laxman, Higher Education Incharge Mahendra Kumar, Vice President Kalpana Pandey, Secretary Geeta Bhatt and School Education Incharge P. Venkat Rao.

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said that UT administration is fully ready for elections but it is up to Election Commission of India (ECI) who has to take a call on it. "There were several measures required for paving way to hold assembly elections in the UT. Delimitation and revision of voter lists are done. Few people are trying to gain political mileage on it but it is ECI which has to announce the schedule,"

he added.

"Union Home Minister in the Parliament had announced that first delimitation, second election and third statehood. Those taking constitutional positions in the country should know the worth of commitment made from the Parliament," he further added.

On Amarnath Yatra, the LG Sinha said the pilgrimage is beyond a religious Yatra and showcases culture of Jammu and Kashmir. He said 3.20 Lac Yatris have paid obeisance to the holy cave in last 23 days. He said the figure narrates that over 83000 Yatris have performed pilgrimage in last three weeks as compared to previous years. "Every section of the society particularly Kashmiri Muslims have cooperated in the Yatra. It gives a boost to local economy. Yatris are brand ambassadors of J&K. This year foreign visitors also performed Yatra. I congratulate everyone for their contribution and making Yatra successful.

22nd batch of over 3,800 Amarnath Pilgrims leave Jammu for Cave Shrine

pilgrimage from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal districts on July 1.

A total of 3,898 pilgrims — 2,898 males, 898 females, 90 seers and 12 children — left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here in the morning in a convoy of 149 vehicles amid heavy security of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the officials said.

They said 1,292 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the Bhagwati Nagar camp in 50 vehicles, followed by a second convoy of 99 vehicles carrying 2,606 pilgrims for Pahalgam.

More than 1.2 lakh pilgrims have so far left the Bhagwati Nagar camp for the Amarnath Yatra since June 29, the day the first

batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Two arrested for brutally killing stray dog near Badamwari in Srinagar

A police official said that an FIR (First Information Report) under IPC Section 429 and Section 11 (1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act has been registered at the Rainawari Police Station.

The accused have been identified as Gulzar Ahmad Beigh, a resident of Rehmaniya colony in Lal Bazar, and Adnan Shah, hailing from Hawal Badamwari.

RSS Ideologue Madan Das Devi passes away

deeply saddened by the demise of Sri Madam Das Devi Ji. He dedicated his entire life to the service of the nation. I was not only closely associated with him but also had the opportunity to learn many things from him. May God give strength to all the workers and his family members in this moment of grief. Om Shanti." In its message, the RSS said, "Shri Madan Das Devi, a senior Pracharak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, passed away at Rashtrotthan Hospital in Bengaluru at 5 am. He was 81 years old. He was on the responsibility of All India Organisation Minister of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Co-Sarkaryavah of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh."

JK High Court reinstates dismissed officer, citing natural justice

public position/employment without affording him/her an opportunity of knowing the basis upon which a purported adverse action is aimed to be taken against him/her thereby serve him/her with an opportunity to explain his/her position vis-à-vis the adverse civil consequence conceived to emerge," Justice Rahul Bharti remarked.

The case centred around a video footage incident in July 2019, leading to the registration of an FIR against the SPO and a

Sub-Inspector for alleged corruption under the Jammu & Kashmir Prevention of Corruption Act. However, a subsequent police investigation found the charges against them to be unsubstantiated, resulting in the case being closed.

Despite their exoneration, the SPO was removed from service by the Sr Super-intendent of Police (SSP), Jammu, in an "unceremonious disengagement," while the Sub-Inspector faced no such consequences. In response, the SPO challenged his dismissal before the J&K High Court.

Justice Bharti emphasised that making decisions solely based on video footage without a proper investigation and denying the accused an opportunity to defend them violated the principles of natural justice. The court equated natural justice with common sense justice, intrinsic to the conscience of humanity, ensuring fairness and a liberal approach in the administration of justice.

Police arrest three for stabbing two youths

In wake of recent stabbing incidents in many areas of Srinagar, the district administration on July 21 imposed a ban on the sale, purchase, and carrying of "Sharpedged weapons" in public places.

Woman among two arrested for stealing money from patients, attendants

Baramulla assisted by Inspr Vilayat Hussain SHO PS Baramulla arrested two Pick Pockets including female identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Gojree S/O Bashir Ahmad Gojree resident of Drangbal, and Manesha resident of New Plot Jammu A/P Drangbal Baramulla at GMC Baramulla and has recovered stolen cash from their posses-

He said, these pick pockets were stealing money from patients and their attendants visiting GMC and were taking advantage of huge flow of patients to GMC Baramulla. Case under relevant sections of law were

registered in Police Station Baramulla and investigation set in motion, he said.

End of street violence, strike calls biggest achievements in last four years: LG Manoj Sinha

33 thousand elected representatives are deciding and supervising developmental works. Today payment of works is not being done by treasuries till photographs of works done are not sent to the concerned desk," LG Sinha said.

Replying on 'Land to Landless' scheme, LG Manoj Sinha said the PMAY scheme is already in place like Himachal Pradesh and Uttrakhand where land has been reserved only for locals. "Same has been implemented in J&K. Non-domicile of J&K cannot purchase agricultural land in J&K. However when I say there will be investment for industries, hotels, hospitals, educational institutions etc then we have to keep this thing in mind such infrastructure will not be built in the sky. It will come up on land. This decision has been widely hailed by people of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

"Under PMAY we have been given 199500 houses to those who don't have their own shelters. Out of the number 2711 eligible applicants have approached us who have been given 5 Marlas of land. I believe such decisions shouldn't be seen through political viewpoint. Those used government land in the past and considered it their own property should understand that time has changed. PM Narendra Modi has made poor, farmer and unemployed empowered throughout the country and J&K has been a part of this initiative," LG Sinha added.

He said that J&K's industrial policy is far better than other parts of the country. "We are giving heavy incentives. I feel glad to say that J&K UT has received 80,000 crore plus offers of investment. I hope 75,000 crore investments will surely come in future," he added.

He continued that over 28000 government jobs were given to youth in the last three years. "There are already more people in government services in J&K as compared to other UTs and states of the country. The investment will open gates of employment. The UT administration has taken up several measures for youth to

rehabilitate them under different schemes. J&K has set up exclusive department Mission Youth J&K for this purpose. Those youth who want to stand on their legs must approach Mission Youth J&K for setting up their own enterprises," he said.

About Kashmiri Pandits, the LG Sinha said the J&K government is trying its best to resolve their problems. "There was a scheme of 6000 jobs and 6000 houses for Kashmiri Pandits. It was a conspiracy to keep KPs out of job and shelter by past governments. But we have almost filled these vacancies. Also for 6000 houses the land has been allotted and the work is in the advanced stage. The UT administration has constructed 1700 to 1800 residential houses for KPs and more houses will come up in coming months. By next year the KPs will be provided houses under the allotted quota," LG Sinha said.

He said they have deputed special officer for KPs in our office besides district level officers have been appointed at all districts across J&K to address their concerns. "The UT administration is in touch with the community. Their demands like relocation to safer places, promotions etc are being addressed. We have taken it as a top priority of the government. Further many schemes for their welfare and rehabilitation are in the pipeline. Furthermore Kashmiri Muslims also feel that Kashmir Pandits are part of Kashmir," he held.

To a query, LG Sinha said Kashmir was famous for film shooting in 80's but in a well thought out plan this industry was badly hit by terrorists. "Today movies are being filmed in tourist destinations. The cinemas are being opened across Jammu and Kashmir. The administration is augmenting infrastructure to boost tourism industry in J&K," he continued.

When asked about the statement made by PDP President Mehbooba Mufti over termination of employees, LG Sinha said those got government jobs with the help of militants will be thrown out uncompromised. "Our great leaders have made a provision 311 (c) which defines the services of any person who will prove a threat to state and its security will be terminated. And I don't know why few people are feeling bad about it," LG Sinha said.

On assembly elections, the LG Sinha

Sensex, **Nifty open flat as** heavyweight Reliance shares fall over 2%

As of 9:38 am, the S&P BSE Sensex was down nearly 30 points at 66,654.39, while the NSE Nifty 50 declined by 11.40 points to 19,733.60.

NEW DELHI, Jul 24 (Agencies): Benchmark stock market indices opened flat on Monday as shares of heavyweight Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) witnessed a decline of over 2 per cent in early trade.

The cautious sentiment in the market comes after a sharp fall in both the benchmark indices in the previous trading session, adding to the uncertainty among investors.

As of 9:38 am, the S&P BSE Sensex was down nearly 30 points at 66,654.39, while the NSE Nifty 50 declined by 11.40 points to 19,733.60.

While the broader market indices initially showed better performance, volatility quickly entered the picture. leading to a sharp spike.

Among the sectoral indices, Nifty Realty and Nifty Auto were the top gainers, while Nifty Oil & Gas faced the most significant decline at 0.55 per cent.

The top five gainers on the Nifty 50 were Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M),



Larsen & Toubro (L&T), Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank, and Grasim. Conversely, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Reliance Industries Limited, JSW Steel. and Hindustan Unilever (HUL) experienced losses.

The decline in Reliance shares was prompted by its announcement of weak Q1 results, which were released after market hours on Friday. This development has further added to the cautiousness prevailing in the market.

Adding to the market's watchful stance are several companies set to report their first-quarter results today. Tata Steel, L&T, Tata Motors, Asian Paints, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Axis Bank, Nestle India, and

Bajaj Finserv are among the major companies scheduled to declare their Q1FY24 results.

Deven Mehata, a research analyst at Choice, commented on the market's technical outlook, stating, "The charts indicate that the Nifty may find support at 19,675, followed by 19,650 and 19,600. In case of an upward movement, 19,800 will be the initial key resistance level to watch out for, followed by 19,850 and 19,900."

He further advised traders and investors to consider purchasing quality shares during dips but emphasized the importance of implementing proper stop losses to manage risks effectively.

Government approves 8.15% as interest rate for EPF in FY2022-23

The declared interest rate stands at 8.15 per cent, as notified by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) through a circular dated July 24, 2023.

NEW DELHI, Jul 24 (Agencies): The government on Monday cleared the interest rate for Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts for the financial year 2022-23 on Monday.

The declared interest rate stands at 8.15 per cent, as notified by the retirement body Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in a circular dated July 24, 2023. The EPFO has directed all filed offices to credit the interest at a rate of 8.15 per cent on EPF for the financial year 2022-23 into the respective accounts of its members.

"The Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, has conveyed the approval of the Central Government under para 60(1) of Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 to credit interest@ 8.15 % for the year 2022-23 to the account of each member of the EPF Scheme as per the provisions under Para 60 of EPF Scheme, 1952. You are accordingly, requested to issue necessary instructions to all concerned for crediting the said interest to the members' accounts," the circular said.

The order comes after the finance ministry's



concurrence to the EPF rate of interest approved by the EPFO trustees earlier in March this year. The circular indicates that the EPFO field offices will start the process of crediting the interest in the subscribers' accounts

In March 2022, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) lowered the interest rate on EPF deposits for the financial year 2021-22 to 8.10 per cent, marking the lowest rate in four decades, down from 8.5 per cent

This was the lowest interest rate recorded since 1977-78 when the

in 2020-21.

EPF interest rate was at 8 per cent.

The EPF scheme, managed by the EPFO, is an essential social security and retirement benefit program that aims to provide financial security to employees after their retirement.

Each month, an employee contributes 12 per cent of their earnings to their EPF account, with the entire contribution directed towards the EPF account. On the employer's part, only 3.67 per cent is deposited into the EPF account, while the remaining 8.33 per cent is allocated to the Employees Pension Scheme (EPS).

Private investment firm Bain Capital buys 90 per cent stake in Adani Capital

NEW DELHI, Jul 24 (Agencies): Private investment firm Bain Capital will acquire 90% of Adani Capital and Adani Housing. The transaction will buy out 100% of the Adani family's private investments in the company, with Gaurav Gupta fully rolling his stake in the company and continuing to serve as Managing Director and CEO.

The transaction is expected to close in Q4 2023. Bain Capital has also committed \$120 million in primary capital to facilitate



the company's ongoing growth. The firm is also immediately making available to the company a liquidity line \$50 million in the form of Non-Convertible Debentures.

"Gaurav and the team have built a scale lending business that supports entrepreneurialism and is trying to solve the \$300 billion unmet retail MSME credit demand in the country. The company has strong business fundamentals, an experienced team, with ability to serve and expand to core segments like agriculture, housing and to underbanked rural areas," said Rishi Mandawat, a Partner at Bain Capital.

"Our aim has always been to

support micro-entrepreneurs and first-time homeowners in Bharat and to be the most economical and convenient lender to our customers by leveraging technology. With Bain Capital committing R1,000 crore of capital in the company, we are now equipped to grow 4x from here," said Gaurav Gupta.

Avendus Capital was the exclusive financial advisor to Adani Capital, Adani Housing Finance and their shareholders on this transaction.

ITC's hotels business demerger plan gets in-principle approval from board

NEW DELHI, Jul 24 (Agencies): FMCG giant ITC said its board has given in-principle approval for the demerger of its hotels business after a meeting on Monday.

As part of the demerger, the company will retain a stake of approximately 40 per cent, while the remaining shares will be held by the company's shareholders in proportion to their existing sharehold-

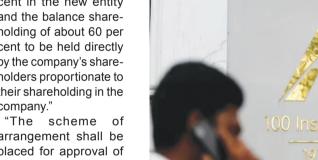
In a stock exchange filing, the company said: "After due consideration, the board accorded its in-principle approval to the demerger of Hotels Business under a scheme of arrangement, with the company holding a stake of about 40 per

cent in the new entity and the balance shareholding of about 60 per cent to be held directly by the company's shareholders proportionate to their shareholding in the company."

arrangement shall be placed for approval of the Board at its next meeting to be convened on August 14, 2023. Appropriate announcements and public disclosures in accordance with the SEBI Listing Regulations and other applicable laws will be made as necessary," it

Industry analysts anticipate that the demerger could trigger a fresh rally for ITC's stock, which has already witnessed a substantial surge in value this year.

The move comes as



a strategic measure to address concerns over the hotels business's high capital expenditure and comparatively lower returns, aiming to create an alternate structure for growth.

Over the last decade, the hotel business has accounted for less than 5 per cent of ITC's total revenues and EBIT (earnings before interest and taxes) while contributing over 20 per cent of the company's capital expenditure.

The demerger of ITC's hotels business is expected to further streamline the company's operations and enable it to focus on core business segments, creating the potential for enhanced value creation and growth prospects in the future.

Shares of ITC were down over 3 per cent at around 2:30 pm.

Apple prices may go up as heavy rains, floods hit production

NEW DELHI. Jul 24 (Agencies): The apple industry in India is bracing for a severe blow this year as heavy rains and flash floods wreak havoc in the main producing Himalayan region, reported news agency.

Officials and farmer unions report that the catastrophe has wiped out approximately \$122 million worth of fruit, leading to nearly halving the country's apple production.

The mountainous territories of Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, known for their lush apple orchards, contribute to nearly all of India's apple production, with a significant majority being consumed domestically.

Only a meager 2 per cent of the country's apples find their way to export markets, primarily to Bangladesh and Nepal.

The destructive impact of the heavy rains extends beyond the farms, as vital infrastructure, roads, and power lines worth \$550 million in Himachal Pradesh have

been damaged or destroyed. At the same time, the torrential



weather has taken a toll on India's critical rice crop, leading to an export ban in recent weeks.

In addition to the floods, an outbreak of fungus has further compounded the crisis, leaving fruits, including apples, rotting on the farms.

Farmer unions have raised concerns about the alarming situation, noting that approximately 10 per cent of Himachal's apple orchards have been swept away, dealing a significant blow to the industry.

The recovery process is expected to be long and arduous, as it takes around 15 years for apple trees to bear fruit again.

The Apple Growers Association of India and Kashmir Valley Fruit

Growers predict that output in Kashmir, the largest apple-growing region in the country, will plummet by 50 per cent compared to the previous year's production of 1.87 million metric tons.

The association's president. Ravinder Chauhan, attributes the widespread damage to a combination of factors, including inadequate snowfall during the winter and the subsequent heavy rains.

Weather records reveal that Kashmir has received a staggering 50 per cent more rainfall than average during the current monsoon season, which began on June 1.

Similarly, Himachal Pradesh, the second-largest apple producer, has experienced a rainfall surplus of 79 per cent, as per data from the weather department.

The horticulture department in Kashmir has estimated the overall damage to fruit crops at a staggering value of up to \$109.78 million.

Meanwhile, Himachal state anticipates a 40 per cent decline in output compared to last year's 640,000 metric tons, as reported by a state official.

Omega-3 fatty acids help in maintaining lung health: Study

In the future, this could translate into individualized dietary recommendations for people at high risk for chronic lung disease

NEW YORK (US), Jul 24 (Agencies): Omega-3 fatty acids, abundant in fish and fish oil supplements, are promising for maintaining lung health, according to new research from a sizable, thorough study in healthy individuals funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The study highlights the importance of consuming omega-3 fatty acids, especially in light of the fact that many Americans do not consume enough of them, and provides the most compelling evidence of this connection to date.

"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, PhD, director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. "This study adds to growing evidence that omega-3 fatty acids, which are part of a healthy diet, may also be important for lung health.' Whether nutritional

therapies could aid in the fight against lung illness has recently gained more attention. Because of their well-documented anti-inflammatory effects, omega-3 fatty acids have been linked to promising results in earlier studies. However, until recently, there haven't been any reliable investigations of

this link. To learn more,

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 NIH-funded studies that helps researchers to study determinants of personalized risk for chronic lung disease.

researchers developed

The participants studied 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 longitudinal 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. The

researchers observed the strongest associations for docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), an omega-3 fatty acid 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 anal-

patients (over 500,000 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. As part of this ongoing project, researchers are collaborating with the COPDGene study to examine blood levels of omega-3 fatty acids in relation to the

rate of decline in lung

ysed genetic data from a

large study of European

function among people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or COPD "including heavy smokers" to determine if the same beneficial associations are found.

"We're starting to turn a corner in nutritional research and really moving toward precision nutrition for treating lung diseases," said study first author Bonnie K. Patchen, PhD, a nutritionist and member of Cassanos research team at Cornell.

In the future, this could translate into individualized dietary recommendations for people at high risk for chronic lung disease. For now, the researchers point out that the US Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines for

that people eat at least two servings of fish per week, which most Americans fall far short. 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 population-based study suggests that nutrients with anti-inflammatory properties may help to maintain lung health," said James P Kiley, PhD, director of the NHLBI's 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.

Americans recommends

IND vs WI 2nd Test: Confident Ashwin will do the job for India on final day, says Siraj

India, after setting a 365-run target for the hosts to level the series, had West Indies struggling at 76/2 at stumps on day four with veteran spinner Ashwin taking both the wickets.

PORT OF SPAIN, Jul 24 (Agencies): India pacer Mohammed Siraj is confident spinner Ravichandran Ashwin will prove to be more than a handful for the West Indies batters on the final day of the second Test here on Monday and help the visitors make a clean sweep of the two-match series.

India, after setting a 365-run target for the hosts to level the series, had West Indies struggling at 76/2 at stumps on day four with veteran spinner Ashwin taking both the wickets on Sunday.

The Caribbean side still has to score 289 runs to achieve an improbable win on Monday with the wicket assisting spinners.

"The way the wicket is behaving, Ashwin, I feel, will run through the West Indies batting, the ball is turning," said Siraj at the end of the day's play after India declared their innings at 181/2 and then got rid of the dangerous West Indies skipper Kraigg Brathwaite and Kirk McKenzie to leave the hosts in a spot of bother.

Siraj also disclosed that it was India's strategy to bat aggressively in the second innings and set a big target quickly for the home side.

India batters, especially, Ishan



"I would rate my performance

very high because it's not easy

to take five wickets on a flat

wicket. I had set a plan, espe-

cially when the ball started

reverse swinging, I executed

my line and length perfectly.

My plan was simple. Since the

ball wasn't doing much, I kept

it stump-to-stump and also

derived some seam," he added.

He added that it wasn't easy

bowling in hot and humid con-

ditions with frequent rain inter-

"When you bowl long spells

in this heat and humidity, it is

not easy. Then intermittent rains

and to warm up again and again

after every rain break, it was

Siraj added he was proud to

have become the mainstay of

the Indian pace-bowling unit

very challenging."

ruptions.

Kishan played T20-style cricket notching up 52 off just 34 balls.

"Yes. Ishan is an aggressive batter. Rishabh Pant is not there, so as a wicketkeeper, he (Ishan) is able to fill in for Pant's loss to a certain extent, if not completely. He has the ability to hit the ball long and hard. He has the ability to hit all around the ground. We had enough runs on the board (first innings lead), so our plan was to score as many (runs in the second innings) in a short period and then (after declaration), we would be able to get more overs to bowl out the West Indies.'

Siraj grabbed a five-for in the first innings, which helped India dismiss the West Indies for 255 in response to the visitors' 438, and Siraj said bowling tirelessly in these conditions wasn't easy.

in a short span of two-and-half years.

With Jasprit Bumraj recovering from a back injury and Mohammed Shami rested for the West Indies series, the pressure is on Siraj to deliver and the 29-year-old quick has not disappointed.

"To be honest, I feel very nice when I get a responsibility, when no (senior) is there. When I have responsibility on my shoulders, I like it a lot, and I like accepting challenges," said Siraj.

Pacer Mukesh Kumar bowling 23 overs and taking two wickets so far in his debut match also drew praise from Siraj, who said the 29-year-old bowler easily adjusted to the flat track here as he had bowled extensively on docile wickets in domestic cricket.

"Mukesh is not a new player. He plays Ranji Trophy regularly and bowls on difficult wickets. It's not easy to take wickets in Ranji Trophy, where wickets are even more flat than the one at Port of Spain. Performing in domestic cricket is a huge achievement and then coming here and controlling your nerves is not easy. He is playing his first match for India and that too a Test and he is bowling long spells," added Siraj.

Table tennis star Sreeja Akula learning from the masters



CHENNAI, Jul 24 (Agencies): In 2018, the Ultimate Table Tennis sophomore season. then 20-year-old Sreeja Akula was just a nonplaying member. A lot has changed since then, with regards to table tennis and personally as well. The Commonwealth Games gold medallist thinks the time she spent two years learning from the best has helped her gain

valuable lessons.

"In 2018, I was in the youth category, but I got the opportunity to stay and learn with senior national and international players. It was helpful for me because even though I was a non-playing member, I learned many things. Like, how the others train, what they do for their fitness and more,"

Sreeja told this daily.

That experience at

the highest level ignited the fire and showed the youngster what she can achieve. She took all of the inputs from senior players and worked on her game. "With the foreign coaches, I received inputs that I could use in my game. There were a lot of inputs to take, from the last UTT. And since then, I've worked a lot on my skills," she added.

Playing as a member of Dabang Delhi in this edition of UTT, Sreeja is making the most of this exposure, "It's important for a sport like table tennis in India to get such exposure. Such kinds of leagues are important to promote the sport. Not just for the players, but all the other youngsters who have come to Pune to watch the matches, too," Along with the increas-

ing awareness, Sreeja

the UTT lies in its access to better facilities and sponsors, which was a rarity in the past. "I think, with the increased awareness about the sport. There are also many private sponsors who are coming up to help the players alongside the government. The private sponsor are taking care of the individual needs of players. Which is helping them to get better exposure by training outside the country as well." With the Asian Games

thinks another benefit of

in her sight, Sreeja is absorbing everything she can from the seniors of her team, especially someone like Sathiyan Gnanasekaran. "In any sport, it's important that seniors help the juniors and guide them. And I'm very fortunate that in table tennis, all the seniors are very helpful, especially Sathiyan bhaiya. Whenever we want any help, he is always ready to help," she added.

The UTT has given a platform for young players like Sreeja to hone their skills. With talent like Sreeja, it's not going to stop anytime soon.

Olympics medallist Dahiya pinned in Asian Games trials

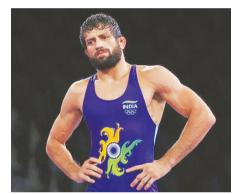
NEW DELHI, Jul 24 (Agencies): Olympics silver medallist Ravi Dahiya's season is over. Not only will he not be in action at the Asian Games, he will not take part in the World Championships, which is a qualifying event for the Paris Olympics. Dahiya was today eliminated in the 57kg trials for the Asian Games. In an embarrassing loss, Dahiya was pinned on the mat with the score reading 20-8 in Atish Todkar's favour. Dahiya also ended up aggravating his long-term knee injury, which has ended his season prematurely.

Doctors had already warned Dahiya that he would require surgery to fix the problem as he has a torn meniscus as well as an anti-cruciate ligament tear. But the 25-year-old ignored the advice as he was keen to fight in the trials. Now he has sought an appointment with the renowned orthopaedic surgeon Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala. "We have sought an appointment with Dr Pardiwala and I think he will see us on Tuesday," said Dahiya's mentor Arun Kumar.

"We had consulted a local doctor in Shalimar Bagh as he was experiencing pain during training. We were told that surgery was the only option. He wanted to train and take part in the trials. We think he can be ready by January next year," Kumar added.

Dahiya injured his right knee in February. "He is brave but we could see he was not 100 per cent fit in training. We hid this injury because we did not want anyone to target it. But now we know there is no option but to get the surgery done," Kumar said.

Aman qualifies
Reigning Asian Championships gold
medallist Aman Sehrawat underlined



his superiority in the 57kg class as he defeated Rahul, a fellow trainee at the Chhatrasal Stadium, 10-2 to book a berth for the Asian Games. Rahul had beaten Todkar 10-0 in the semifinals.

In the 65kg, it was Vishal Kaliraman and not Sujeet Kalkal who finished on top after beating Rohit 9-3 in the final. Kalkal lost his petition in the High Court against the exemption given to Bajrang Punia. Despite the win, Vishal's name will be sent as a standby. "It is a sad situation to be in. I won four bouts today to win the trial and I will not be going to the Asian Games. This scheme of sending him (Bajrang) without trial is wrong and unfair." Vishal said.

Also making the cut for the team were Olympian Deepak Punia, who narrowly beat Jonty Bhati in the 86kg category, Sumit Malik, who outclassed Ashish in the 125kg weight division

the 125kg weight division.

Standby names in all categories

The ad hoc body has decided to send the standby names in all the weight categories as part of the final list for the Asian Games. Previously, only the standby names in Bajrang Punia's weight class and Vinesh Phogat's category were to be sent.

Badminton: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty light another lamp for India

YEOSU (SOUTH KOREA), Jul 24 (Agencies): It's fair to say that a year out from the 2024 Olympics, not a lot is right with Indian sports. Administrative issues, court cases, charges of sexual harassment, damaging doping problems, injuries... this inexhaustible list has meant the mood music has often been sombre, funereal even. Sure, there is Neeraj Chopra, still flexing his biceps and hurling the javelin into the evening sky with lots of success. Apart from him, though, it's all been fairly

One team, though, continues to lift the music whenever they play — Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty. The arresting bandana, the energy they bring to the court and, of course, more importantly, the way they are redrawing the contours of their potential; of what's possible in the short and medium-term. If they can keep this run of theirs going — four titles this year and six successive wins after reaching

— four titles this year and six successive wins after reaching the final — they could well leave with a shiny metal disc hanging around their necks in Paris in 12 months' time.

on Sunday, they left with gold after taking down the World No. 1 pairing of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto at a raucous Jinnam Stadium. Unlike some of the other finals



they have won over the last three years — this went the distance and over an hour — they had to stage a fightback after suffering bit of a reality check in 19 chastening minutes soon after the match began.

The Indonesians showed why they were good, very, very good, and Sat-Chi kind of had no answers. When the scoreboard's bright neon lights said '13-19', it didn't flatter the Indonesians. They were doing most of the running, returning with interest and playing the angles. At 13-19, they may have as well shut down the game and looked to refocus. But they didn't do that.

Instead, they told themselves that the second game begins now. Sure, they lost the opening stanza 17-21 but it kind of conveyed the message across to the opponents. They were willing to get their hands dirty

and prepared to win whatever it took.

The second game sort of gave a glimpse into what Sat-Chi are made of. They slowly but surely broke the Indonesians now. Both players have multiple weapons (smashes, wristwork at the net, defence, pulling opponents into awkward spaces and using the backcourt to work openings) these days and they are not shy to build points. They showed it to ease themselves into the lead. In that context, it was a game that most champion teams put together routinely to win matches: 4-4, 8-6, 11-8, 16-11 and 21-13.

This ability to construct solid games and play in third and fourth gear is what has led them to having a sort of a revelatory year in terms of winning the biggest matches. Earlier, they were an all-action team more used to going down in a blaze of glory

(they were also full value whenever they used to takedown better ranked teams). These days, they are more professional; like a well-oiled unit.

It's what their regular coach Mathias Boe (he was not with them on Sunday but P Gopichand was passing on finer points from the touchline) had spoke about after they won the Indonesia Open in June. "I don't think any country can rule us out if we play well," he had told this daily.

"These titles also come with some responsibilities. Nobody is going to give us anything. Everyone knows that it is difficult playing us. If we use this in the right way, it can be our advantage. If we use this in the wrong way, it can be a disadvantage. But, yeah, of course, they are contenders with the way they are playing right now. That's just a super situation to be in. We will try to make the most of it and stay hungry." Forget staying hungry, they are developing a voracious appetite for hoarding up titles.

Minutes after the final, both Rankireddy and Shetty came back to court to do a passable impression of the Gangnam dance. There may not be much to dance about elsewhere but for these two, they are turning water into wine.

Novak Djokovic pulls out of Toronto Masters event due to fatigue

TORONTO, Jul 24 (Agencies): Novak Djokovic has recently withdrawn from the Toronto Masters event, citing fatigue as the primary reason. Djokovic, a celebrated figure in the world of tennis, holds an impressive record of 23 Grand Slam men's singles titles, including a record ten Australian Open titles. His overall tally stands at 94 singles titles, which includes a record 67 Big Titles, comprising his 23 majors, a record 38 Masters titles, and a joint-record six yearend championships. His withdrawal from the Toronto ATP event is a significant blow to the tournament, given his stature and popularity

in the sport.

"I have always enjoyed my time in Canada but after speaking with my team, we believe this is the right decision to take," said Djokovic, who has won the National Bank Open four times.

"I would like to thank Karl Hale, the tournament director, for understanding this decision. I really hope I can return to Canada and Toronto in the coming years to play in front of great fans there."

The decision to pull out of the tournament was attributed to fatigue, a factor that can significantly impact an athlete's performance. It is crucial for athletes, especially those competing at such high



levels, to ensure they are in optimal physical and mental condition. Overexertion and inadequate rest can lead to fatigue, which can not only affect performance but also increase the risk of injuries.

Djokovic's withdrawal from the tournament resulted in Wimbledon quarter-finalist Christopher Eubanks gaining automatic entry into the event. While this provides an opportunity for Eubanks, the absence of Djokovic will undoubtedly be felt throughout the tournament.

This incident serves as a reminder of the intense pressure and physical demands professional athletes face. Competing at such high levels requires not just skill and talent, but also immense physical stamina and

mental resilience. It is essential for athletes to listen to their bodies and take the necessary breaks to prevent burnout and maintain their health.

In conclusion, while

Novak Djokovic's withdrawal from the Toronto Masters event due to fatigue is unfortunate, it underscores the importance of prioritizing health and well-being in the world of professional sports. As fans, while we look forward to witnessing our favorite athletes perform, we must also respect their decisions to prioritize their health and well-being. We wish Djokovic a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to the

Shubhankar in eighth heaven

Achieves best result by an Indian at Open

HOYLAKE, Jul 24 (Agencies): India's Shubhankar Sharma produced the best-ever result by an Indian at golf's oldest Major, the British Open, as he finished tied-eighth here. Sharma, playing his third British Open, was the only player on the final day to log a bogey-free round of 1-under 70 for a total of 5-under 279. The finish earned him a recall to payt year's Open.

him a recall to next year's Open. Sharma's result was also the secondbest by an Indian in any Major behind the T-5 by Anirban Lahiri at the 2015 PGA Championships. Jeev Milkha Singh was T-9 at the 2008 PGA Championships. The previous best by an Indian at the British Open was T-27 by Jyoti Randhawa in 2004 at Royal Troon, where the tournament returns next year. "Without doubt it was the best I have played and on such a challenging course," he said. "Right now I am just thrilled with the week's result. It is something I have always believed in. The last few weeks I played good golf, but things did not come together and this week, right from the start I had a good feeling," added Sharma, who

was greeted by his father ML Sharma, mother Neena, sister Vandini and coach Jesse Grewal as he finished.

"I am not playing for records. I just want to play my best golf. Jeev, Jyoti and Anirban are all great players. To be mentioned along with them is an honour by itself. It was very satisfying. I am beyond happy," he added.

Unflappable American Brian Harman romped to a six-stroke victory as he kept a high-calibre chasing pack at bay on the greatest day of his career at a rain-drenched Royal Liverpool.

The 36-year-old PGA Tour stalwart, an avid hunter back home in Georgia, offered hope of a thrilling conclusion to the 151st championship for the soaked galleries with some early jitters.

But the steadfast left-hander proved elusive prey for his bedraggled pursuers as he turned the final day into a procession, calmly plotted his way to a final 1-under round of 70 for a 13-under total of 271. "I got to thank my wife, my family back home. I sure miss them. I can't wait to get back to them tomorrow," Harman said.

Vote & Support NC in forthcoming ULB elections': Former Minister

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 24: Former Minister and President Central Zone (Jammu-Samba-Kathua) Jammu Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), Babu Ram Paul, has directed the District Coordinators of the Central Zone to mobilize party cadres and get ready for ULB elections.

He held a threadbare discussion with the party functionaries and drew a roadmap for a mass contact programme. He asked them to fully gear up for ULB elections which can be announced anytime.

Rampaul emphasized on the need to highlight the failures of current dispensation as people were facing severe hardships due to governance paralysis. He said that growing unemployment was a matter of great concern as the present regime



job opportunities for the youth. During the meeting Babu Rampal deliberated in detail the various aspects imperative to strengthen the party at the grass

has miserably failed to create

root level. Various issues were discussed during the meeting which include the present political scenario of Jammu and Kashmir, imposition of property tax in J&K, rising unemployment, uncontrollable inflation

He opined emphasising on the office bearers to disseminate the information amongst general masses about the good work and achievements made by National Conference Party

in Jammu and Kashmir. He also said that the National Conference is a party of masses and hence all the office bearers and party workers must join hands together to raise the

voice of the public and their day to day issues for appropriate

Former Minister flayed the Govt for its hollow promises to bring "Achhe Din" (good days) as mere basic facilities like water and power are still not fully available as per the requirement of the public.

He urged the party cadre not to waste their time and strengthen their base to defeat the nefarious designs of communal forces in the forthcoming ULB elections. Later, during the meeting Shakeel Ahmed was appointed as Zonal Joint Secretary.

Those who attended the meeting included Dr Vikas Sharma, Bharat Bhushan, Sandesh Shan, Amreesh Sharma, Sham Lal Mehra, Surjeet Singh Sasan, Arvind Singh Jamwal, Yashpaul, Janak Raj, Tarsem Paul and Suresh Kumar.

Shiv Sena protest against "The **Kashmir Files Unreported**"

Conspiracy to spread venom in Kashmiriyat once again: Sahni



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 24: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit on Monday strongly protested against the film "The Kashmir Files Unreported" produced by Vivek Agnihotri, raising serious objections to the conspiracy of spreading venom in Kashmiriyat.

The Shiv Sena has dared the "Godi film industry" or "Vivek Agnihotri" to make a film

on "The Manipur File". In this context, Shiv Sena leaders under the leadership of Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K staged a protest with holding placards saying "Stop selling Kashmir, stop spreading venom in Kashmiriyat".

Talking to reporters, Sahni stated that after the release of

The Kashmir Files there was a noticeable increase in the target killings of Hindus in Kashmir. This film may have earned more than 300 crores (\$40 million), but it only contributed to the spreading of venom in Kashmiriyat.

Sahni said that he fails to understand who the enemy of brotherhood and Kashmirivat. who does not want to see Kashmir moving

towards peace. Sahni challenge if Vivek Agnihotri's aim is to bring the evils and injustices of society to the forefront and eliminate them, then he should make a film on the current ongoing situation in Manipur that bring shame to humanity wherein women were stripped naked, the enemies of the nation

were defeated, and the politics and internal enemies of the country were defeated.

"Nearly 10,000 homes were set on fire, more than 60,000 people, like Kashmiri Hindus, are taking migrated in their own country, and more than 150 people have lost their lives," he alleged.

On this occasion, President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, Balwant Singh, President Kamghar Wing Raj Singh, Sumit Sharma, Neelam Rani, Sunny Kumar, Mangu Ram, Shiv Kumar, Jagbir Singh, Tarsem Lal, Arun Kumar and many leaders and workers were present.

Rotary Club Jammu donates water cooler to BSF Suchetgarh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 24: Rotary Club Jammu Helping Hands donated Water Cooler to Suchetgarh Octroi post of BSF.

Speaking on the occasion Rtn Karuna Gupta, President of the Club informed that the weather in Jammu during summers is as unforgiving as it gets, with temperatures rising upto 45 degrees, a source of clean cold water will be a resource to the large number of tourists

visiting here. Our initiative to provide cold water will benefit 2 million people every year who visit Suchetgarh Border, she said.

Rtn Jaswinder Singh Kuku stated that in a world where even water in being sold by the bottle. we are trying to bring the much needed relief to

Mayor Jammu starts plant distribution campaign of Forest Department



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JAMMU, Jul 24: The Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation. Rajinder Sharma kick started plant distribution campaign in Jammu City today under Green JK Drive initiative of the J&K Forest Department at Forest Information Centre, Bikram Chowk by flagging of the mobile Vans carrying plants of different fruit and ornamental species for distributing amongst the people of Jammu City.

During the campaign, all the wards of the Municipal Corporation of Jammu shall be covered and provided good plant species for plantation. The aim of the initiative is to Green and clean

He appealed the people to plant trees in their houses, strips, public parks and protect

He informed that the JMC has operationalized "The Tree Author-

ity" for the plantations and protection of trees in the Jammu Municipal Corporation. He emphasized that the JMC and the Forest Department tandem to make Jammu

green and pollution free. The event started by planting ceremonial plant by the Mayor and Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force in the premises of the Forest Information Centre, Bikram Chowk.

A Green March comprising of staff of Forest Department, was also taken out from Forest Resource Management Centre, Narwal to Forest Information Centre through Gorkha Nagar, Panama Chowk, Bahu Plaza and Gandhi Nagar.

They were raising slogans like "Paed Lago Beti Ke Naam", "Each one plant one, Make Jammu Green and Pollution free". The aim of the Green march was to make people aware about the importance of planting and protecting trees especially in the

present scenario.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, J&K Roshan Jaggi informed that emphasis shall be laid on planting trees on the strips, along Nallahas and Public Parks in all the Municipal wards of the Jammu Municipal Corporation. He advised that all Mohalla committees/Housing board/ JDA Colonies in all the Wards shall have to play an important role in identifying the strips, land along Nallahs, public parks in associations with the staff of the Forest Department for

plantations. He also appealed to the public to plant trees where the land is available and protect them. He also stressed that all the Councilors.



people by installing water coolers.

Rotary International District 3070 IPDG Dr Dushyant Chaudhary was the Chief Guest and Chairman Religious Tourism and Heritage Cultural Trust Mahant Rajesh Bittu was the Guest of Honour. A large number of Rotarian were present on the occasion including Rtn Dr Rohit Gupta, Rtn Sunny Gupta, Rtn Jatinder Mengi, Rtn Rohit Vashisht, Rtn Jasmeet Kaur, Rtn Jatinder Pal Singh, Rtn Daljeet Singh any the youngsters Asmie Gupta, Swastie Gupta, Katyani, Ragini Mengi and

JKBS felicitates outstanding Journalist Sansar Singh Motan



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JAMMU, Jul 24: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) on Monday felicitated Journalist Sansar Singh for his outstanding work in the field of media and public relation.

He speaks beautifully and intelligently like Oscar Wilde, said the JKBS General Secretary R.L.Kaith in his praise.

It is an incredible moment for me. I am so happy that JKBS considers me as a valuable person. Thank you for

this recognition, it will motivate me to continue to work hard, said Sansar Singh.

In his praise, the JKBS members said, "Writing or covering news is not an easy job as is thought about. There are a lot of factors involved while covering a news piece either in print or digital.

Sansar Singh crossing all these obstacles and barriers comes up with a way to deliver the news on RTI India News Channel with utmost honesty that has made him a well-known face in the News Industry.

Online discussion on 'Anagat Kavita Aandolan' organized human side of Anagat



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JAMMU, Jul 24: All India Anagata Sahitya Sansthan, Lucknow and All India Sahitya Parishad, Ladakh organized online discussion on Anagata poetry movement on the topic 'Anagat Kavita Aandolan Aaj Aur Kal'

Jammu's senior poet,

columnist and artist Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', Dr. Ajay Prasun, motivator-promoter of Anagat Poetry Movement and senior poet, Dr. Jyoti Singh, Professor of Hindi Department of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat and Dr. Rahul Mishra, Head of Department of Hindi, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh participated in the discussion.

In the discussion, senior poet, storyteller and actor Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' also recited poetry of the poets of Jammu& Kashmir while keeping his views about Anagat poetry movement. Referring to the thought provoking poetry of Dr.

Satish Vimal, Sanjeev Bhasin as well as his own poetry work 'TawiUdasThi 'Raju described the Anagat poetry movement as positive and humane poetry. Raju said that along with Hindi, this side of Anagat is also visible in Dogri poetry. The sense of positivity is seen in Anagatpoetry to live the life, get engaged in the work while bearing the difficulties and sufferings but still having a positive attitude. Raju also recited his poems on the same

content. Renowned poet of Hindi and the motivator-promoter of Anagat Kavita Movement, Dr. Ajay Prasun, referring to the beginning of Anaagat Poetry Movement, said that if there is no positivity in human life, it becomes difficult for everyone to live life.

Anagat poem talks about positivity. He said that the ideology of Anagat poetry movement has been appreciated by national poets and writers like Sohanlal Dwivedi, Amritlal Nagar etc. The poetry movement has kept it alive till date. Dr. Prasun also recited his poems.

Dr. Jyoti Singh, who is from Surat, described Anagat poetry movement as focused on the life-view of the Sanatan traditions. He said that Anagat poetry is a poetry that stands in resistance to negativity, which has positivity and wishes for a happy future, and at the same time it has faith in humanity. For this reason, Anagat poetry is going to give a message to every generation, it is going to teach the art of living life.

Convener of the dis cussion related to Leh-Ladhakh, Dr. Rahul Mishra while discussing the trends of the Anagat poetry movement said that the philosophy of Karmayog is visible in the Anagat poetry. At a time when Hindi poetry was confined to the realm of disillusionment, tragedy and dissatisfaction, the Anagat poetry movement gave a sense of positivity to the literary world. Dr. Ajay Prasoon has enriched the Hindi poetry world by presenting the concept of Anagat Poetry Movement and he has performed the duty of a

The programme was watched on line on different social media portals within and outside the country and was widely acclaimed.

Release of timely honorarium for VDGs will strengthen security grid in J&K: BJP

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JAMMU. Jul 24: Release of timely honorarium for VDGs will go a long way to strengthen the security grid in Jammu & Kashmir, stated Basant Raj Thakur.

Basant Raj Thakur, BJP Village Defence Guard(VDG) Cell Convenor, J&K UT, while addressing media persons at party headquarter along with BJP leader Ramesh Katoch, said that VDGs salary issue has been going on far a long time & after hard struggle, this matter has been resolved.

For taking concrete action to resolve the security and the VDCs issues, Basant Raj Thakur expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narender Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, J&K UT Incharge Tarun Chugh, MP Dr. Jitendra Singh, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, Seh Prabhari Ashish Sood, BJP J&K UT President Ravinder Raina, Gen. Sec. Organisation Ashok Koul, Ex Deputy CM



Dr. Nirmal Singh, Ex Minister & Gen. Sec. JK UT Sunil Sharma as they had made efforts in resolving

the issue of VDGs salary. He also thanked J&K UT LG Manoj Sinha, for taking the prompt action on the issue.

Thakur said that now, the salary of VDGs members is being credited directly in their personal bank accounts. He also conveved his thanks to J&K UT DGP Dilbagh Singh and all district SSPs of Jammu Province, who have rap-

idly implemented order in this regard and also he was grateful to all VDGs Cell members who worked with great understanding and patience and the result is in front today. He congratulated all VDGs members who trust BJP, even though they were sometimes hopeless but didn't lose their confidence in BJP.

Thakur further reaffirmed that he would work whole-heartedly for the welfare of VDGs and assured the VDGs that BJP stands with them in every situation.

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