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#### BRIEFLY

#### **Teenager** injured after falling from moving train in Anantnag

SRINAGAR, Jul 25 (Agencies): A teenager was injured after he fell from a moving train in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday. Quoting an official,

news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reported that the teenager received injuries after he fell from a moving train at Anantnag railway station.

He said that he has been shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. He has been identified as Tawfeeq Ahmad (13) son of Showket Ali of Jammu.

#### Man found dead in gorge along Sgr-Jmu highway in Ramban

RAMBAN, Jul 25 (Agencies): A man was found dead in a deep gorge along Srinagar-Jammu highway in Ramsoo area on Tuesday, officials said.

They said that the unidentified dead body was found in the gorge near Khuni Nallah, Ramsoo under suspicious circumstances.

"Ramsoo police and **QRT Ramsoo starts** operation to retrieve the dead body from deep nallah," they said.

#### One dead, another critically injured as earthmover comes under landslide in **Kishtwar**

RAMBAN, Jul 25 (Agencies): One person died and another was critically injured after an earthmover was hit by a landslide in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, officials said.

on the spot whereas another was rescued after a L&T machine came under a landslide during excavation work of a road in the Sumbal area of Chatroo, Kishtwar Tuesday afternoon.

Police sources said a landslide hit Sumbal Kuchaal area today afternoon, pushing an earthmover into a

Soon after getting information, a police team joined by locals and volunteers of an NGO reached at the

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#### NSA Ajit Doval meets top Chinese diplomat Wang Yi, Amarnath Yatra | 23rd batch calls for removal of 'impediments' in bilateral ties

JOHANNESBURG, Jul 25 (Agencies): National Security Advisor Ajit Doval held a meeting with top Chinese dip-Iomat Wang Yi during which he emphasised the need for continuing efforts to restore peace and tranquillity in the border areas to remove the "impediments" to normalcy in bilateral relations.

Doval and Wang met on the sidelines of the Friends of BRICS meeting here in South Africa on Monday.

During their meeting, Doval conveyed that

SRINAGAR, Jul 25

rity forces on Tuesday

arrested two associates

of banned Lashkar-

e-Toiba (LeT) terror-

ist outfit in Baramulla

district of Jammu and

"Police along with

Kashmir, police said.

Secu-

(Agencies):



the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western Sector of the India-China boundary since 2020 had eroded strategic trust and the public and political basis of the rela-

2 LeT terrorist associates

and ammunition recovered

security forces arrested

two terrorist associates

linked with proscribed

terror outfit LeT at Chak

Tapper area of Kreeri

Baramulla and recov-

ered arms, ammunition

and other incriminat-

ing materials from their

possession," a police

tionship, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement

He emphasised the "importance of continuing efforts to fully resolve the situation and restore peace and tranquillity in

He said the terror

associates were arrest-

ed based on specific

information regarding

movement of terrorists in Village Chak Tapper

"Police along with

Army established a

motor vehicle check-

ing point (MVCP) at

Bus Stop Chak Tapper

Kreeri. During checking,

the joint party intercept-

ed and arrested two sus-

pected persons who on

noticing the checkpoint

tried to flee from the spot

but were apprehended

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tactfully," the

the border areas, so as to remove impediments to normalcy in bilateral relations," the statement

The two sides agreed that the India-China bilateral relationship is significant not only for the two countries but also for the region and world, it said.

The meeting came days after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Wang, director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China Central

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#### **Dr Ashutosh Gupta is new** arrested in Baramulla, Arms **Principal GMC Jammu**



SRINAGAR, Jul 25 (Agencies): Dr Ashutosh Gupta, Head Department of Radio Therapy, has been given charge of Principal GMC Jammu as Dr Shashi Sudan has been posted as Secretary of Health and Medical Education (Technical).

According to an order, Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal, Government Medical College, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Secretary (Technical) in the Health & Medical

Education Department. It reads that Dr Ashutosh Gupta, Head Department of Radio Therapy in Government Medical College, Jammu shall hold the charge of the post of Principal Government Medical College Jammu in addition to his own duties for one year.

# of 3025 pilgrims leave from Jammu base camp

JAMMU, Jul 25 (Agencies): Chanting 'Bam Bam Bhole' the 23rd batch of 3025 pilgrims on Tuesday left from Bhagwati Nagar Base camp here for Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine in South Kashmir Hima-

An official said that 3025 pilgrims left the base camp in a convoy of 119 vehicles.

A group of 1865 pilgrims (1535 males, 275 females, two children, 48 sadhus and five sadhvis) left for Pahalgam in a convoy of 81 vehicles. For Baltal, 1160 pilgrims comprising 735 males, 421 females and two children left in a convoy of 38 vehicles amid tight security

arrangements. Turn to page 9

#### Punjab exminister **Gurbinder Atwal** dies of brain haemorrhage on flight to Srinagar

JALANDHAR, Jul 25 (Agencies): Former Congress Punjab minister Gurbinder Atwal passes away. He suffered a brain haemorrhage during his flight to Srinagar two days ago. A surgery was conducted upon him. He breathed his last this morning. He hailed from Phillaur.

Narco-smuggling bid foiled in

#### Jammu; smuggler killed: BSF SAMBA/JAMMU, Jul cotic substance was the spokesman said in

25 (Agencies): The Border Security Force (BSF) thwarted a major narcotic smuggling bid along the International Border (IB) as it shot dead a Pakistani intruder in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, a BSF spokesperson said on Tuesday.

Four kilograms of nar-

recovered from the possession of the slain intruder, the spokesperson said.

"In the intervening night of July 24 and 25, the vigilant BSF troops neutralised a Pakistani smuggler who was trying to smuggle narcotics through the Ramgarh border area,"

During the initial search

of the area, he said, four packets of suspected narcotics, each weighing one kg, were found near the body of the deceased.

Jammu.

Earlier, officials said alert border guards picked up suspicious

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#### **Army's Command Hospital** undertakes first corneal transplant surgery in J&K

JAMMU, Jul 25 (Agencies): Setting a new milestone by opening eve-bank facilities and a corneal transplant centre, the Command Hospital of the Army has helped two elderly persons to regain vision in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district. a defence spokesperson said on Tuesday.

He said the eyes donated by a deceased person in Katra were retrieved by the Eye Bank of the Command Hospital (Northern Command) and transplanted to give vision to two visually-disabled people.

The spokesperson added that one of the recipients of the organs was a 64-year-old man who had lost vision in

both eves 20 years ago. He started moving around comfortably within a few days of the surgery

Another transplant surgery performed on a 67-year-old woman who had corneal opacity in the right eye for five years has grossly benefitted the recipient, he said

Udhampur district had no corneal transplant facilities until now, the spokesperson said, adding that the hospital under the command of Major General Avinash Das took the initiative to start the facility this year.

He said a certificate of registration for eye banking and a corneal transplantation facility

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#### Man dies as vehicle rolls down into gorge near Sadna Top in

KUPWARA, Jul 25 (Agencies): A 28-yearold man was killed when a vehicle he was driving skidded off the road and rolled down into a gorge along Sadna Top in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said on Tuesday.

They said that the accident took place at Murayain area near Sadna top with a Tata Mobile (JK02A 0113) rolling down into the gorge. The driver Zafoor Ahmad (28) son of Mohammad Idrees Awan of Nowagabra Karnah died on spot, they said.

Quoting a police official. GNS reported that a case has been registered in this regard.

#### Despite revamp under smart city project, rains inundate some shops at Srinagar's Poloview Market

SRINAGAR, Jul 25 (Agencies): After overnight rainfall in Srinagar, muddy waters have inundated nearly half a dozen shops at the refurbished Poloview Market in Srinagar even as authorities said there was no drainage failure.

Quoting president of Poloview market, Haji Mohammad Ismail, news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO)



reported that muddy water has entered few shops in the market. He, however, said that

it was not known how the shops got inundated while a team of officials Turn to page 9

# Three houses, six shops gutted in blaze in Bandipora

BANDIPORA, Jul 25 (Agencies): Three houses including six shops were destroyed in a massive blaze in the remote Kudhara village of north Kashmir's Bandipora on Tuesday. Local witnesses told Greater Kashmir the fire erupted during the wee hours on Tuesday

tures The three houses which have been reduced

engulfing all the struc-

to ashes belonged to brothers Noor Hussain, and Muneer Hussain and their uncle Mushtag Ahmad Khan. The structure located near the known shrine in the village also had six shops, and as per witnesses all have been reduced to rubble.

These included medical and veterinary stores, a food store and Kiryana shops. "The fire has destroyed everything and the affected are poor," Mushtaq Ahmad, a local PRI said. He urged authorities to compensate them at the earliest and rebuild their homes and business as soon as possible.

The cause of the fire has not been known yet, however, Tehsildar Bandipora, Tariq Ahamd said that revenue teams have been dispatched to the village and they are on the ground estimating **Turn to page 9** 



#### 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

Grief Stricken: Rajinder Parshad & Suresta Kumari- Son & Daughter in law

Varinder Kumar & Anu Sharma-

Naibasti Gajansoo

Rai 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

Mob No. 9469213081, 8803792719

**Smt Tara Wanti** 

#### **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 on 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 & Rajinder

Grand Children: Vimarsh & Amita, Nikhil & Tanima, Ankit & Shivani,

Dikshant & Natasha, Kavya

Great Grandchildren: Viaan, Triyansh,

Smt. Raj Dulari Tiku

Nitara & Avyaan Tickoos, Matoos, Rainas, Balis. Panditas, Razdans, Ahujas, Bags, Nehrus, Kouls, Misris & Moitras 9811122204, 9985092385

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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 & Privanka Mob No. 9469213081, 8803792719

## OBITUARY

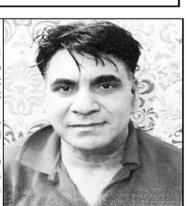
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of Raj Nath Bhat ( Dadroo) S/o Lt. Radha Krishan Dadroo permanent resident of Nazuk Mohalla Anantnag Kashmir at present Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu on 23rd of July 2023. The 10th Day Kriya will be held on 01-08-2023

(Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat near Directorate School of Education. The ASSEMBLY will also be held there at 8:30

AM. The MOURNING will be held at Flat No. 08 Block No. 29 Lane No. 06 Jagti Township Nagrota

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Muni- Wife Sh. T.N. Bhat - Brother Sisters-in-law & Brothers Smt. Soniya & Sh. Roshan Lal Smt Pooia & Sh. Pran Nath Sisters & Brother-in-laws

Smt. Phoola Ji & Sh J.N. Koul Smt. Chandra Ji & Sh Moti Lal Zutshi Smt. Bita Koul & Lt. Rajinder Koul Smt. Jeeta Drabu & Lt. Utesh Drabu



**Smt Tara Wanti** 

**RAJ NATH BHAT** (DADROO)

(Mamy & Mama) Smt. Tathi Koul & Sh. Bal Krishan Contact No's: 97962-61986, 78893-63681, 7006985291

#### 13TH DAY / UTHALA

The 13th-Day ritual of our beloved Renu Parmar (Babli) who left for her heavenly abode on the 13th of July will be performed on 25th July at 12.00 hrs onwards at our residence 3C/C Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

The **Uthala** ceremony will be performed on the 26th of July from 4-5 pm at Paanch Mandir Gandhi Nagar.

In grief

Col R.S Parmar - Husband (Daughter and Son-in-law) Deeva Singh & Rajat Madhok

(Son and Daughter-in-law)

Bhawani Singh Parmar and Ira Singh

Dr. Uttam Singh (Brother)



Renu Parmar (Babli)

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

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

### 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 Contact number 7006768182,9796810666,, 9103177751

#### **OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA**

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. Manoj Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Megha & Mohit (Grand children)

Contact Nos. - 7006620069, 9149513008, 9596910236

# CONDOLENCE

With profound grief, sorrow and heavy hearts, the sad and untimely passing away of our beloved Master Sarvaan Gupta, Son of Shri Dinesh Gupta Ji, General Manager, SMVDSB on 22nd July 2023.

We extend our heartfelt and most sincere condolences and support to Shri Dinesh Gupta and his entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this unimaginable loss.

May God bless and departed soul and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Staff of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra

### SHADMOS/MASWAR

6 months have passed since you left us for you heavenly abode, but your essence hasn't left us for a second. You are being missed beyond belief. All we think is hopefully wherever you are, you are healthy and happy. As you've been giving your whole life to us, the great mother you've been; we ask for one last thing, bless us. Bless us with your strength and grit, bless us with your light and wis dom, and bless us with your smile and spirit. We love you beyond reality for the rest of reality.

SHADMOS/MASWAR of our beloved mother Smt Krishna Bhan (Dhar) will be performed at House No.108, Sec 2, Pamposh Colony, Janipur Jammu on 25/26, July 2023.

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY: Mrs. & Mr. Karan Bhan (Daughter-in-law & Son) Mrs. & Mr. Ravinder Bhan (Daughter-in-law & Son) (Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law)

Mrs. & Mr. R.K. Fotehdar Mrs. Dulari Mujoo (Sister-in-law) Mrs. & Mr. Chand Ji Warkoo

Grand Children: Mrs. & Mr. Puneet, Dr. Kavyansh, Deteya, Ketan, Kamakshi. BHAN'S, FOTEHDAR, MUJOO'S, WARIKOO'S, DHAR'S, GOSWAMI'S, KOUL'S Mob: 9811023512, 9419208469



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

(Daughter & Son-in-law)

SMT VAISHNO DEVI

SMT JAI KISHORI RAINA

**Smt Nimee Bhat** 

Smt. Shanti Dhar

Sarvaan Gupta

**SMT KRISHNA BHAN** 

(DHAR)

Mrs. Priyanka & Mr. Ankul Bagati Mrs. Shah Jee & Mr. B. M. Bhan (Sister-in-law & Brother) Mrs. Lalita & Dr. S.K. Raina (Sister & Brother-in-law) Mrs. Anita & Mr. B. S. Bhan (Sister-in-law & Brother)

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY: Ashutosh, Amrita, Esha, Anisha, Anoop Neetu, Shivanker, Tashwik, Takshvi and Samast Bazaz, Bagati, Ambardar, Raina, Koul, Bhat & Machama Parivaar. Contact nos. 6006024873, 9906063670, 9004166590, 9419205002

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & 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

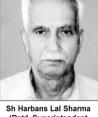
10th Day will be performed on 25-07-2023 at our residence at 10.30 AM.

Kriya will be performed on 26-07-2023 at our residence dence at 9.00 AM onwards.

Uthala will be performed on 28-07-2023 at Shi Mandir Jawahar Nagar from 5.00 PM to 6.00 PM. Grief Stricken Sons & Daughter-in-law

Ajay Sharma & Sushma Sharma Lt. Sanjay Sharma & Smt Nisha Sharma Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt Rani Devi & Lt. Sh Kuldeep Sharma Brother & Sister-in-law

Sh Inderjeet Sharma & Lt. Smt Sharda Sharma Nephew & Niece-in-law
Sh Narinder Kumar Sharma & Smt Indu and others



State Archives Jammu)

And All Members of Panotra and Magotra Family Mob. 9682370719, 9682317007, 9419190464

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

TENTH DAY

LY ABODE ON THURSDAY 26-07-2023
TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI G
ON SATURDAY 26-7-2023 AT 08:00 A.M.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
(SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW)
TRILOKI NATH BHAN & SHEELA BHAN
ASHOK KUMAR BHAN & SHAKTI BHAN
DURGA NATH BHAN & BABY BHAN
SUNIL KUMAR BHAN & SUMAN BHAN
(DAUGHTERS & SON-IN-LAW)
PRAN NATH KHAR & PREM LATA
BUSHAN LAL BHAN & SUNITA BHAN
CHAND PATVARI & SHAKUNTALA KHAR
KAMAL FOTEDAR & VIJAYA KHAR
GRANDSONS & GRAND-DAUGHTERS

GRANDSONS & GRAND-DAUGHTERS VIKAS BHAN & NUPUR ZUTSHI, VIVEK BHAN, VISHAL BHAN, AKASH BHAN, DIKSH BHAN, SHIKSHA BHAN, SAKSHI BHAN, SHIVAM BHAN, SUSHIL PANDITA & PRIYANK ARCHANA PANDITA & VIVEK DHAR, RACHANA PANDITA & SHEEBU DHAR, AKSHK

BHAN, ANUSHIKA BHAN
GREAT GRANDSON: RUDRA BHAN
CONTACT NO. 8717091944, 9797363549, 7051011623, 9233016591

#### ਅਨਿਕ ਜਤਨ ਕਰ ਕਾਲੁ ਸੰਤਾਹੇ ਮਰਣੂ ਲਿਖਾਏ ਮੰਡਲ ਮੈ ਆਏ।

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM

(WEDNESDAY) AT 9 AM. ANTIM ARDAAS AT ATTINA GURDWARA SINGH SABHA

**GRIEF STRICKEN** S.JATINDERPAL SINGH & PARMEET KOUR -SON & DAUGHTER IN-LAW S.RAVINDERPAL SINGH & KARMVEER KOUR (SON & DAUGHTER IN-LAW)

It's been six months since you left fo heaven. On the surface, it appears we never really cried. We hide away our tears, our sorrow, our fears. They say time heals all wounds. Wounds may heal, but scars remain. No one really sees the pain that hides behind our eyes. A heart of gold stopped beating two twinkling eyes closed to rest. God broke our hearts that day to prove he only took the best . Never a LATE SH. ROSHAN

day goes by that you're not in our

We miss you dad. Pooia will be performed at our residence 125. Lane 2. Gole Gujral,Jammu on 25 & 26 July.

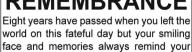
Mummy, Sonu, Renu, Raju, Putu Yeshmaal family members - Bhat Family

#### **10TH DAY/KRIYA** Our beloved Sh. Rattan Lal Sharma

abode on 17th July 2023. And 10TH DAY shall be observed on 26th of July 2023 at our residence Sidra- Tawi Vih Colony, L No. 27, House No. 7 'C'. DEEPLY MISSED BY: Sh Jaqdish Chandra Sharma -Brother

Smt. Sunita Sharma **-Wife** Sh. Rohit Sharma **-Son** Mr Sohit Sharma **-Son** Mrs Komal Sharma **-Daughter-in-law** Mrs Rohini & Avinash Gupta - Daughter & Son-in-law /aibhav Sharma- Grand Son

vni Sharma- Grand Daughter REMEMBRANCE



DEEPLY MISSED BY:-T.R Baial Ex AGM JCC Bank - Father Parvash Kumari- Mother Ruby & Ravi Verma Manager J&K Bank -**Didi & Jiju** Master Ritvik & Deyanshi All relatives & Friends 94192-12134, 9149708556

presence in our hearts.



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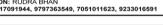


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(MONDAY) AT 9AM AT OUR RESIDENCE. VILLAGE
ATTINA. BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 26/07/2023

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# Bring all temples of J&K on the world tourism map: Mahant Rohit Shastri

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 25: All the ancient temples of Jammu and Kashmir need to be brought on the World Tourism Map, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust said while submitting a memorandum to G Krishan Reddy, Union Minister for Tourism, culture, Doner and Telangana BJP President, during his meeting with the dignitary at his residence in New Delhi.

On this occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri said that Jammu is renowned as a City of Temples. Every year lakhs of tourists visit the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, go straightaway to Kashmir for enjoying of natural beauty of the Kashmir, and then depart from the union territory. They



don't visit other places of pilgrimage and tourism of which there is an abundance in the state. because the holy shrine of Vaishno Devi and various other tourist spots of Kashmir are shown on the map of tourism of the union territory, whereas other places of Jammu, having natural beauty and significant holy shrines are not shown on the tourist map of Jammu and Kashmir union territory. It is relevant to mention here that if Shri Bawa kailakh Dev, Shri Parshuram temple Akhnoor, Showa Mata temple (Ranjan Jandial) and other ancient temple's of Jammu and Kashmir are brought on the World Toursim Map, the pilgrims and tourists will also visit these important histori-

cal shrines and temples. This would lead to these places coming up as a hub of tourism, generating employment for the unemployed local youth. It shall also support the development of the shrines and temples as these places are already linked with good all-weather roads and have a good connectivity. The only requirement

is to give proper public-

ity to these places by placing these spots on tourist map.

It shall rejuvenate the old extinct history of these temples and it shall also re-establish the importance of these temples, thereby promoting the unity and integrity of India.

On occasion Naresh Raina and Ashok Kumar, Anil Tomar were also present.

# **Amit Kapoor demonstrated against** prepaid electricity bill

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 25: Lashing out at the PDD for giving huge electricity bills to the people in Jammu and Kashmir after installation of smart meters, Aam Aadmi Party's Jammu state vice-president Amit Kapoor said that his party's ongoing agitation against this will continue. Against this, Aam Aadmi Party workers protested strongly outside Hari Singh Park

The protesters were raising anti-government and anti-PDD slogans during this period. Addressing the protestors on the occasion, Amit Kapoor said that the people of our state are from middle class and below poverty line families and they cannot afford this system. He said that this electricity is generated on our rivers. Government is sending it to outside states and people of Jammu are being given electricity by paying huge money



which is not acceptable to them at any cost. He said how poor

people can pay the bill of Rs 3,000-4,000 for smart meters. He alleged that the government was hell-bent on killing poor people and was now looting people by sending them huge electricity bills. He said that people cannot afford the cost of smart meter billing. Their income is very modest as most of the people in our area are either working as salesmen, auto-rickshaw drivers or roadside vendors. They can hardly manage the school fees of their children. Amit Kapoor said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have the first right on the electricity generated in the state.

Amit Kapoor alleged that the government is sucking the blood of poor people across Jammu and Kashmir by installing smart meters and paying huge electricity bills. Demanding free electricity and drinking water to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, he urged the LG administration to resolve the issue on priority basis.

They said they wanted flat rates and not smart meter generated electricity bills. He said that despite the huge amount of power resources in the State, the people were suffering. This is our electricity and we have the first right on it. He said that the Aam Aadmi Party will further intensify its agitation against it in the coming days.

He said that protests are taking place everywhere but the government is not ready to solve the problems of the people. He said that ting financial burden on the people by installing prepaid smart meters and through prepaid bills, against which there is a lot of anger among the people and people are continuously protesting against this decision of the government by taking to the streets. He said that the government had promised to build a smart city, but now by installing smart meters, the government is unnecessarily troubling the people and putting financial burden on the people.

the government is put-

He said that already the ever increasing inflation in the country has broken the back of the common people and now people are being narmed by installing smart meters by the government. He demanded from the Lieutenant Governor that if the government does not solve this problem of the people soon, then a massive agitation will be started in the coming days.

Ahmed Choudhary, Haji

#### Kargil Vijay Diwas: Army distributes stationary for school students

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

BARAMULLA, Jul 25: In celebration of Kargil Vijay Diwas, a stationary distribution for school students was org at Gulmarg in conjunction with NGO Abhyudaya KKSS and Jammu Kashmir Study Centre based in Chandigarh. A total of 55 students attended the event.

This event helped sow the seeds of progress and make a postive difference in the lives of these children, enabling them to dream big and pursue their aspirations. This endeavor reflects the Indian Army's dedication to empowering young minds and fostering a brighter future for the next generation of Kashmir.

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**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER** E-NITNo.JS/PHECD-I/ 61 of 2023-24 Fresh of E-NITNo.JS/PHECD-I/ 47 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, of J&K Union Territory, E-Tender (Item Rate Based) is invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-1, Jammu, from approved and eligible contractor of appropriate class registered with UT of Jammu and Kashmir/ other UT's or State Govt./CPWD/MES registered firms/contractors under two cover system, Cover 1 comprising of technical bid and cover 2 comprising of financial bid for the following work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender (InRs)	Cost of Tender document Fees (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Improvement/ Augmentation of water supply at Lower Roop Nagar, Sharika Vihar and Vinayak Nagar Ward no.66		Rs.1000	Rs.37000/-	A to C	150 days

Position of funds: Partially Available

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Date of publishing:-22-07-2023 (1800Hrs)

- Biddocumentscanbeseenanddownloadedfromthewebsitewww.jktenders.gov.infrom22-07-2023
- (1800Hrs) onwards.
- Thebidsshallbeuploadedonthewebsitewww.jktenders.gov.in from 22-07-2023 (1800Hrs) to 01-08-2023 upto (1200Hrs).
- The complete bidding process shall be online.

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

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION, AKHNOOR/NOWSHERA Notice Inviting Tender e-NIT No.: - MID/AN/ 49 Dated: -21/07/2023

Akhnoor/Nowshera invites e-tenders from Approved contractors/ Registered firms / Workshop owners having experience in Electromechanical

S. No.	Name of the work	Quantity	Cost of tender document	Period of Completion	Class of contractor	
01.	Providing, fitting, testing and commissioning of station type lightening arrestors along with Dropout set with allied work at LIS Rajal.	01 Job	Rs. 500	30 Days	Registered /Reputed firms / Workshop owners having experience in Electromechanical Works	

- The bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website <a href="http://www.jktenders.gov.in">http://www.jktenders.gov.in</a> from 21/07/2023 (05:00PM) to 10/08/2023 (02:00 PM). Bidding document contains instruction for bidders, bill of quantities, general terms and condition and other details The Bids shall be uploaded in electronic format on the website <a href="http://www.jktenders.gov.in">http://www.jktenders.gov.in</a> from 24/07/2023 (10:00AM) to
  - 10/08/2023 (02:00 PM). The complete bidding process will be through electronic mode.
  - A pre-bid meeting will be held on 22/07/2023 (11:30 AM) in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Akhnoor / Nowshera to address any queries from the firms.
  - Cover-I of the bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 11/08/2023(11:00AM) in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Akhnoor / Nowshera in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working
- As per the Govt. Order No. O.M. No. A/24(2017)-651 Dated. 07-06-2018.
  - Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-Tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidders who is declared as L1 after opening of Financial Bids
  - b) The cost of the tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan by simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury
- Other details can be seen in the bidding document.
- The guidelines regarding submission of bid in electronic mode can be downloaded from website http://www.jktenders.gov.in
- The bidders shall go through the tender specific instructions sheet also. The bidders for any clarification can contact the department through e-mail <a href="mailto:ifcjmidakhnoor@gmail.com">ifcjmidakhnoor@gmail.com</a>.

No: - MID/AN/623-27 Dated:21-07-2023

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**Executive Engineer** Mechanical Irrigation Division Akhnoor/Nowshera

# **Gujjars-Bakarwal Coordination Committee** resents ST status to Pahari Communities

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 25: All J&K Gujjars-Bakarwal Coordination Committee in a press conference held at press club. Jammu expressed its deep anguish & resentment on the Union Government for including a Bill for discussion in the commencing Monsoon-Session of Parliament for granting Scheduled Tribe Status to the so called "Pahari & other Communities".

In the press conference All Members of Gujjar-Bakarwal Coordination Committee said that the bill should be dropped and not to be considered for including Non-Tribal Upper Cast Communities into Scheduled Tribe.

Since, these communities are not a single ethnic group rather a group of different developed communities speaking a common dialogue called Pahari Language.



Most of these so called Paharis are high caste people, businessmen, landlords, previous rulers of Peer Panchal Region. How they can be Scheduled Tribe. Whereas, Gujjars & Bakarwal is a nomads ethnic group scattered in whole of J&K, Large chunk of their population is still homeless. They were declared as Scheduled Tribe in the year 1991 & recently one and half year back after abrogation of Article 370 Forest Right act & Political reservation was granted to the Schedule Tribe in the UT of J&K. They have not yet tasted

the fruits of forest right act, political reservation & by introducing this bill their ST Status shall be diluted. Gujjars & Bakarwal is a Patriotic community which you can see from past records/ history & diluting their Scheduled Tribe Status shall be a great injustice to this innocent & patriotic community. Heads of No. of Reserved Category Joint Action Committee also participated in the press conference & expressed their concern with regard to the inclusion of some other fake identities as Scheduled Caste in the UT of J&K and also

shown their resentment that Mandal Commission report is yet to be implemented in the UT of J&K. The same is to be implemented as per the original recommendations of Mandal Commission.

In this connection, speakers alleged that memorandums have already been sent to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Home Minister in which it is prayed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Home Minister that granting of Schedule Tribe status to the non-deserving shall be a great injustice to this nomadic & underprivileged Gujjar & Bakarwal Community. Hence, this bill granting of Scheduled Tribe Status to non-deserving Paharis is to be stalled.

Adv. Anwar Choudhary, Adv. Ashok Basotra, Adv. Parvez Ahmed, Adv. Akram Choudhary, Choudhary Aslam Khan, Adv. Mushtaq

Hasham Ali, Haji Abdul Hamid Choudhary, Adv. Shah Mohammad Chowdhary, Haji Ali Hussain Hakla, Choudhary Bashir Ahmed Noon, Choudhary Amir Din Kasanna, Shouket Pervaiz, Choudhary Mohammad Yousaf Khepar, Hamid Choudhary Sarore, Choudhary Sajad, Jb. Shoukat Gujjar President All J&K Gujjar-Bakerwal Federation, Jb. Sardar Khan President International Gujjar Mahasabha J&K. Jb. Jameel Choudhary President Dodhi Gujjars Association, Ch. Mohd Aslam President Gujjar Islahi Committee, Ch. Gulzar Khatana, Jb. Tahir Fazal Choudhary, Adv. Jameel Choudhary President Youth-wing & many other prominent leaders of many social/ welfare organizations of Gujjar & Bakarwal community were present in the press conference/ briefing.

Department of Wildlife Protection J&K Government OFFICE OF THE WILDLIFE WARDEN KATHUA

#### E-TENDERING

Short term e-Tender Notice: e-NIT No.: - 51/WLW/K of 2023-24 Dated: 20-07-2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. /Central Govt.

Name of work	Adv. Cost (₹. in lacs)	Earnest Money (3% of the total estimated cost)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Time of completion	Receiving /Opening Authority
Construction of firelines in Comptt 14 KTH of Thein CR under CSS 2023 24	0.58500/- lacs	Rs 1755/- @ 3% of the tendered amount in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Wildlife Warden Kathua	All Classes	600.00 (Non- Refundable) Deposited in Govt. treasury through challan under the receipt head 0406 in favour of the Wildlife Warden Kathua payable at Kathua mentioning name of work	15 days	Tender Opening Committee
The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities						

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website: - http://jktenders.gov.in Position of AA/TS: Accorded.

Position of Funds: Partly Available.					
Publishing Date	21-07-2023				
Download Start Date	21-07-2023				
Bid Submission Start Date	21-07-2023				
Bid submission End Date (online)	27-07-2023 up to 03:00 PM				
Date of opening of Technical Bid	29-07-2023 at 10:30 AM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife				
Warden Jammu, Manda Hills Jammu)					
Date of opening of Financial Bid	29-07-2023 at 11:00 AM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife				
(online)	Warden Jammu, Manda Hills Jammu)				
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Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and earnest money Deposit (EMD) in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Wildlife Warden Kathua. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the

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Sd/-Wildlife Warden Kathua

# **EDITORIAL**

### **CYBER SECURITY**

yber security is the biggest need in today's world. Online frauds, blackmailing, threats, spamming, inflammatory comments, hacking etc. have become very common problems. There is a dire need to deal with this. Money is being siphoned off from people's accounts with just one minute of phone calls. The government is making various rules to deal with all these crimes, but even then these crimes are not reducing.

With the definitive Make in India initiative announced by the Government of India and reports of more than 5 billion devices being connected to the Internet in the coming months and years, India needs to devise concrete cyber security plans and policies.

The changing external environment also affects our internal security. Events in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar have direct or indirect bearing on our internal security.

In fact, it seems to be true because today in 21st century, every country is doing hacking or other type of cyber attacks on its enemy country, as mostly China does cyber attacks in India through its mobile phones, applications or other types.

This is a very dangerous attack because there is an army for other types of attacks, but is our country still strong in dealing with cyber attacks?

Cyber security is also related to the technical term, information security, which is defined in federal law as protecting information and information systems from illegal access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification or damage in order to provide integrity, confidentiality and availability.

Cyber security focuses on protecting computers, networks, programs and data from unintended or unauthorized access, alteration or destruction.

With the increasing volume and complexity of cyber attacks, greater attention needs to be paid to protecting sensitive business and personal information as well as protecting national security.

Cybercrime refers to criminal activity involving the Internet, computers or any other interconnected infrastructure.

Terms that include crimes such as phishing, credit card fraud, illegal downloading, industrial espionage, child pornography, scams, cyber terrorism, creation and/or distribution of viruses, spam, etc.

Cyber stalking is an act that is often carried out to cause distress, anxiety and fear by surreptitious observation in the private lives of individuals. Cyber stalking harms a person psychologically hence it is sometimes called "psychological rape" or "psychological terrorism". About 90% of stalkers are men and about 80% of victims of this type of harassment are women.

Intellectual property is defined as an innovation, new research, method, model and formula that has economic value.

Intellectual property is protected with patents and trademarks, as well as copyrights on videos and music.

When a person steals this copyrighted thing or by using various methods gets this copyrighted thing patented in his own name, then we call it theft of intellectual property. In Salami Cyber Attack, cyber criminals and attackers steal small amount of money from multiple bank accounts to make big money. Though, we are actively fighting and introducing various frameworks or technologies to protect our network and information but all these provide security only for short term.

However, better security understanding and appropriate strategies can help us protect intellectual property and trade secrets and minimize financial and reputational damage.

Central, state and local governments keep large amounts of data and confidential records online in digital form, which becomes a primary target of cyber attacks.

Most of the time governments face difficulties due to improper infrastructure, lack of awareness and adequate funds.

## Un-crowding India's capital and decentralising of power

**By: Mohan Guruswamy** 

ne of the early textbooks I read on Political Economy started with a scenario set in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a city with huge traffic problems in the 1970s and 1980s, with a traffic jam at a major intersection on a hot summer day that turns into a gridlock, and then leads to people abandoning their cars, unable to bear the severe heat, only aggravating the problems. This then leads to outbreaks of road rage, fistfights and soon into a welter of riots and inflicting a severe breakdown of law and order, that then spreads to others parts of Brazil. But Sao Paulo still functions. I think India is now a better candidate to revolution coming out of a traffic jam.

Most capital cities have a concentration of government offices of various tiers and responsibilities crowded in as close as possible to the real and imagined corridors of power. In India, apart from the ministries, departments and agencies, we also have a concentration of public sector organisations' corporate offices in New Delhi. Many of these actually need not be here.

Let's consider a few examples to illustrate this. Why is the India Meteorological Department required to be in New Delhi? Why must the director-general of civil aviation be in the capital? It goes just as well for the ITBP, CISF, SSB, BSF, ICG, ICAR, ICMR, ICHR, SAIL, BHEL, COPES and so many others who make for a crowded alphabet soup in New Delhi. The city also has a Delhi government and a mammoth municipal corporation to add to the overcrowding. Then we must ask as to why the NDMC has to be on Sansad Marg, and the Delhi

high court sitting almost next door to the Supreme Court? Apparently, there is a magnetism that draws almost every other national organisation to be as close as possible to that small part of India where the national leadership lives and works.

Shifting many of these out of New Delhi will not in any way impair their abilities. The DGCA can operate just as well from Bhiwadi, SAIL from Ranchi, IMD from Pune, BHEL from Bhopal, ITBP from Dehra Dun or Chandigarh, SSB from Lucknow, and so on. And why should the Western Air Command of the Indian Air Force be situated in the capital when it can do its job equally well from, say, Saharanpur? No other military command is located even in the NCR, let alone New Delhi. In these days of near instant communication means, proximity is no longer a criterion to effective-

There are very few places in India from where one cannot communicate with a person in another part instantly either by mobile phone, telephone, email, fax and skype on the Internet. So why should everybody be cheek by jowl?

In fact, shifting their head offices out of New Delhi will only unfetter them from their administrative ministries and all those little joint secretaries who lord over them. The further these departments and organisations get away from New Delhi, the more effective they will get. This will curb the temptation to pass the buck upwards or sideways to the next tier next door.

Delhi is now easily the most traffic-congested city in the world. Its stop and crawl traffic is the biggest factor responsible for its abysmal air quality and the millions of man hours wasted in traffic crawls and jams. The disastrous consequences of not doing anything about the ever-worsening traffic are now well known.

But all the solutions that are proposed to further modernise it will lead to bigger and faster mass transit systems, more civic amenities and efforts entailing more construction. These attempts to make the national capital better will paradoxically only attract more people to it, thereby adding to its problems rather than removing them. Then there are some things that are only possible by flattening the old. How can we ever modernise the overcrowded inner areas of many of our cities without reducing the number of people in them? Our inability to protect our rivers and air are testimony to this.

Dispersing offices across the nation will not only decongest Delhi, but will also become economic drivers that will modernise smaller towns and result in far more dispersed urbanisation. Imagine what a SAIL head office in Ranchi will do to decongest Lodhi Road and to the economy of Jharkhand? Or the Western Air Command in Saharanpur will do to relieve traffic around Dhaula Kuan and to modernising Saharanpur and the economy of western UP? In fact, one can make the same argument for all our major cities. The Western Naval Command can be shifted to a new location on the west coast and not only become a more effective fulcrum of India's IOR domination, but also the fulcrum of economic growth in a virgin area, say Ratnagiri.

In fact, one can make an argument for moving the state capitals out of hopelessly overcrowded cities like Mumbai, Kolkata, Chen-

nai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Patna and Lucknow. This will give a much-needed impetus to the construction sector, which for the foreseeable future will be India's main economic growth driver.

Construction also has the potential to absorb tens of millions of the rural workforce, and also create demand for industrial goods. Construction will create a huge demand for not just steel and cement, but also construction equipment, transit systems, infrastructure essentials such as power and water distribution, and sewage treatment and disposal systems, among others, that will then drive the industrialisation of India.

China has decided to tackle the over-congestion of Beijing, now second to New Delhi in terms of air and water pollution, to shift out government offices to outside Beijing. Beijing's municipal government, that employs tens of thousands, is now being relocated to a satellite town, Tongzhou.

Some other countries have tried to decongest their capital cities by leaving behind the economic capital and taking out the political capital. Malaysia's political capital is located at Putrajaya, a brandnew city astraddle the highway to the international airport.

Many of these government departments and organisations can become anchors for new urbanisation and dispersing them will only enhance their independence and effectiveness. Our government suffers from too much micro-management of the routine and often mundane and a severe under management of the macro scenario. This is as much an opportunity to save our existing cities and also to build a new and better India.

# What's to gain by avoiding any problem... What is there to lose?

By: Aakar Patel

hat is gained when I avoid acknowledging that I have a problem? And what, if anything, is lost? The Prime Minister conceded there was violence in Manipur after 79 days of pretending that there wasn't.

A video that was two months old and produced outrage that returned Manipur to the public debate forced him to speak. The Chief Justice of India also said angry words and the police in Manipur, which had been dormant for all that period, immediately made arrests on a case it had ignored.

Why did it take all this time? It did because the Prime Minister demoted the issue and signalled to the rest of the BJP and the pliant media not to speak about it. When the incident, and others like it, were actually happening, he was in Bengaluru holding roadshows. He put off one roadshow, not because of Manipur but because it would clash with exams and he did not want to inconvenience students. He continued with the others.

After that, he went abroad a couple of times, attending parties and watching parades. Within India, he continued his routine of train flagging-off and inaugurations and felicitations of people on their birthdays and so on. He made not a single reference to Manipur.

The question is, again, what does one gain in not acknowl-

edging that there is a problem even if the problem is obvious to everyone else?

The first thing is to signal that it is not my problem. If my house is on fire then I will rush to save it. If my family is under attack, I will hasten to protect it. If I not only do not act, but if I pretend as if nothing happened, then I do not concede that it is my problem. And therefore, I do not have to solve it.

That is the second advantage: I avoid having to deal with a difficult situation immediately and it is possible that it will go away on its own. In a previous column, I spoke about how this was the tack the Prime Minister used during the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Normally visible every day at some event, whether physically or virtually, he disappeared for 20 days after cancelling his West Bengal rallies. While hundreds of thousands of people perished, desperate without oxygen and the crematoria overflowed, he was gone.

He returned three weeks later when things were better and fewer people were dying and made a show of having "high-level meetings". A BJP resolution from earlier in the year that said India defeated the Covid-19 pandemic under Narendra Modi was removed from the party's website. Once the wave subsided, he moved on from the subject completely. He also did the same thing after the Galwan incident.

There has been no military briefing more than three years after the clash. The only brief statement he made on the issue came after days of silence and then he was silent about it again.

The third advantage that I have in not acknowledging a problem is that in some sense I can keep my image intact. My followers and devotees (who number many in the case of the Prime Minister) will not have to suffer the trauma of seeing me accept something wrong has happened under my watch. The other benefit of this is that because their devotion continues, I can also accept to myself that I have done nothing wrong. If so, many people continue to believe in me, then my actions are right and so are my acts of inaction.

What else? There may be some smaller benefits. Perhaps some people only remember the bluster of claims and not the avoidance of bad news. How many times have we heard that India is the fastest growing economy? Many continue to believe we are, but, as a newspaper reported on July 22: "India is no more the fastest-growing large economy. Saudi Arabia is with 8.7 per cent growth in 2022, followed by Vietnam at 8 per cent. In the first quarter of 2023, the Philippines bettered India, at 6.4 per cent."

If I avoid talking about the "fastest growing" at this point completely and surface again a few years later, then many will

feel that I have always been on top.

Let us now turn to what is lost when I, as a leader, avoid acknowledging that there is a problem. The first is that the problem will continue and often, as was the case in Manipur, it will get worse. How many more people died, how many more women and girls were assaulted, how many more houses were burnt because the Government of India ignored the problem? Perhaps the historians will tell us because most of our media will not.

The second one is that people will take advantage. Why should the chief minister of Manipur resign when there is no problem, according to the Prime Minister himself? When there was some external pressure, he made a drama of resigning, but remained because he was smart enough to know that he could use the silence to his advantage, and he did.

The third one is that the nation, this nation, can continue in its stupor that it is marching towards greatness, and not be distracted by the fires that are burning inside. Perhaps this behaviour of avoidance comes from cold calculations made by the Prime Minister, or perhaps it comes from instinct. Whichever is true, there is sufficient evidence in Year 10 to show what its benefits to him are and what its damage to us.

# Army, Football Association Kupwara conduct Football Cup Season-3

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

KUPWARA, Jul 25: With an aim to engage and steer the youth of Kupwara in a constructive direction, Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers in association with the Football Association of Kupwara conducted the finals of Kupwara Football Cup season - 3.

The Championship was started in 28 June 23 at football ground BHS Kupwara in which a total of 256 players from 16 different teams of Kupwara district have participated. The Championship has got more attention from the locals as all of its matches were played under flood



lights at night.

The final match was played between AFC Dwar Lolab and Jamia Masjid Sports Ganapora Handwara on 26

July 23. The nail biting scenes were witnessed by the the spectators as both the teams had scored one each goal till the end of the allot-

ed time of 80.minutes. At last Jamia Masjid Sports Handwara won the final match by 4 - 5 in penalty shootouts. Shahid Khan f AFC

Dewar was declared Man of the match where as Malik Farhaan of Dar Sports Kupwara was awarded as man of the series for his all-round performance during the entire championship.

The final was witnessed by Nasir Sogami member of legislative Assembly alongwith the officers from Indian Army's Kupwara Terriers. Besides the above the match was also enjoyed by more than 5000 spectators from Kupwara and nearby villages.

Army is committed to encourage, support and promote sports amongst the youth of Kupwara.

# Corporator Pritam calls at XEn PDD for Apna Vihar issue of electricity



**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 25: Corporator, Pritam Singh of Ward 55 along with executives of Jammu Co-operative House Bldg. Society Ltd led by Vijay Sharma Retd DC & Dr Vijay Sharma Chopra a resident of Apna Vihar Colony and Neeraj called at XEn PDD Maintenance Rajesh Kumar at his office chamber and aprised him about Transformer's problem and it's fencing around it in main Park phase 1 and lead

issue with main Transformer

XEn Rajesh listened patiently and issue on spot instructions to concerned JE of the area and directed him to start the works immediately. He has been courteous enough and welcomed Corporator Pritam for his courtesy call for the purpose. He even told that these need not to bother to come to his office. Dr Vijay thanked the XEn for addressing the issue of Apna Vihar colony.

### **Army organizes Toycathon** focused on conceptualizing toys

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

BARAMULLA, Jul 25: Toycathon is an inter ministerial initiative focused on conceptualizing toys or games based on Indian culture, heritage, mythology, history and many other segments of national importance.

This iteration has been facilitated at Govt High School Lachipora by the Army as it aligned itself to the effort by providing necessary encouragement, assistance and



The event was highly appreciated by locals and students.

A number of dignitaries from Education Department, students from more than 14

schools showcased their exhibits and made the event successful.

> The spirit of fostering entrepreneurship amongst youth of Kashmir got a new dimension to progress further.

# Remembering Bravehearts: Battle briefing and reminiscence at Lamochen view point

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

LEH, Jul 25: The Kargil War saw soldiers of Indian Armed Forces fight in the most challenging terrain under harsh weather conditions leading to the defeat of the enemy in Dras, Kargil and Batalik Sectors.

On the occasion of the 24th anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas, a briefing was conducted on 25th July 2023 at

Lamochen (Dras). The event commenced



with an audio visual narration of the battles which showcased the Kargil War as it unfolded. The vivid narrations, in the backdrop of the very mountains where the fierce battles

were fought, recreated scenes of each battle and the venue reverberated with tales of bravery and sacrifice of our

The narrations of battle followed by reminiscences of actions by the war heroes themselves brought to life the bravery, indomitable spirit and everlasting zeal of our braves.

The event was graced by the presence of the War Heroes and Veer Naris, Veer Matas and relatives of the gallant soldiers who laid down their lives during the

# KSJ honours IPS Sandeep Wazir

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 23: Kishtwari Sangathan Jammu (KSJ) honoured Sandeep Wazir, a senior police officer, for his induction into IPS Cadre in an impressive function here today. A function was organised by the Sangathan under the Chairmanship of Ashok Kumar Sen at Jammu club in which Sandeep Wazir, presently posted as SSP ACB headquarters, was honoured with a memento of swami Vivekananda. Wazir, who has been recently inducted in to IPS cadre by the UPSC was honoured by the community for his prestigious excellence with decoration as a police officer. The speakers while greeting the decorated officer, appreciated of his down



to earth nature in dealing with the people nd wished him all well in his future endeavours. Wazir in his emotional speech thanked all the participant members of the sangathan for the honour and respect showered upon him by senior me Several mbers of his community. President of the Sangathan Rajinder Singh and other

senior members like Ajit Sharma and AK Sen spoke at length about the personality of Wazir and also threw light on the objectives of KSJ. Amongst others, the prominent figures included HS Billoria, Swami rai Shan . Swami Rai Parihar, Daleep Kumar, Sudhir Singh Rana, Ramkrishan Rana, Arun Parihar, Shamsher Singh

Parihar, Ajit Sharma , Ashok Sharma ,Dr Arun Sharma, Sham Lal thakur, Suresh Thakur, Adv Sudershan Sharma and Thakur Ashok besides all executive body members. The meeting concluded after a sumptuous luncheon served to the participants followed by a photo session in the lawns of the

# Dr. Pankaj Gupta elected as Staff Secretary of GDC Kathua

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 25: Dr. Pankaj Gupta was unanimously elected as staff secretary of GDC, Kathua for the session 2023-24, the election for which held in Smart Class Room of the college today on Friday.

The election for the post of staff secretary was held under the supervision of the Election Commissioner, Prof. Rakesh Singh and under overall guidance of senior faculty members Prof. Raj Kiran Sharma and Prof. Jasvinder Singh.

Other office bearers which were proposed unanimously by the Staff Members were Dr. Kailash Sharma as treasure, Dr. Rachna Devi and



Dr. Verinder Singh as joint Secretaries. Prof. Seema Mir, Principal, GDC, Kathua congratulated the staff secretary and other office bearers on their unanimous election. She further wished the staff

secretary good luck and hoped that the elected team shall work for the betterment of college. All faculty members also congratulated staff secretary and his team for this new assignment.

# **J&K Pensioners Welfare Association expresses** concern over non-payment of GP Fund

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 25: All J&K Retirees Association had expressed their grave concern over nonpayment of General Provident Fund and Death-cum-Retirement claims at the Treasuries of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory.

In a press conference, the Forum President Lal Chand Sharma said that the GPF & Gratuity claims preferred at the Treasuries on or after March, 2023 are still awaiting settlement. This act of the Govt. has put them to unwarranted hardships and had put a hold on their future plans.

He further said that GPF claims of the saving of employees are also not being paid for months together. The



authorities of Finance Department should bear in mind that employees draw GPF advance only when they exhaust all their resources. They require the money for medical treatment, repair/renovation of houses, marriages of their wards etc.

The non payment of claims of GPF and gratuity had put the senior citizens to mental agony

as well as financial loss in the shape of interest. He lambasted the Govt. of hollow claims of no dearth of money and unprecedented development on all fronts, then

why these claims are not being cleared in a time- bound manner as laid down in the financial rules. He urged the Principal Secretary Finance Department to look into the gravity of the matter and relieve the retired employees of financial and mental harassment.

#### Sampark Bharti conclaves held in London fessionals in any field,

**TOP NEWS REPORT** JAMMU, Jul 25: A

series of overseas conclaves of Sampark Bharti were held in the U.K during the month of July 2023, starting with the first one at London on July 2. Following the other conclaves held at Manchester on 9 July and at Birmingham on 16 July, the last one was held at Glasgow on 23 July, bringing the curtains down on the first ever initiative taken by Sampark Bharti to get the overseas Sanatani professionals on one platform. The well-received conclaves were attended by approximately one thousand professionals. which included members of the academia, industry, heads of various Sanatani institutions, organizations, and societies from across U.K. The event was also graced by the Indian-origin British and Scottish Parliamentarians and councilors. Some prominent persons who flew in from India to attend these conclaves includ-

ed, Sh. Hitesh Shankar,

the well-known editor in chief of Panchajanya, Chandraprakash Diwedi, a prominent face of the film world and the maker of the iconic Chanakya serial of the early nineties. and the famous folklore artist, Smt Malini Awasthy, a Padma Shri

recipient. Sampark Bharti, the organizing entity, conducted these conclaves to create a common platform for our huge Sanatani diaspora of professionals with the aim of helping our budding youth looking for opportunities to work or study abroad. As Col Tej K Tikoo, Ph.D. (Retd), founder member of Sampark Bharti, said in his welcome address, "Objective of Sampark Bharati is to create synergy among the diaspora professionals settled, intending to settle, working, or studying abroad. In keeping with that objective, the purpose of these conclaves is to evolve a concept of participative mechanism using our professional expertise." He further added, "Bhartiya proeducation, telecommunication, engineering, entrepreneurship, or sports, etc., has been contributing to the wellbeing and progress in their respective fields in the countries which they have made as their 'Karam Bhoomi'. They have not just become a part and parcel of those societies; they have also taken on leadership roles in their respective fields of expertise. Time has now come for these professionals to join hands with each other for global good by ushering in happiness and harmony, peace, and progress, in keeping with our age-old concept of 'Vasudeva Kut-

be it law, medicine,

ambakam'. Chandra Prakash Diwedi in his address reminded the audience of the Sanatani values of wishing well for the entire mankind and praying for the whole humanity in the spirit of Vasudeva Kutambakam, while Sh. Amish Tripathi laid emphasis on the necessity of bringing Sanatani professionals to form a strong/united lobby which would speak up for the issues that confront the diaspora professionals. Ms Malini Awasthi spoke on the importance of India's soft power and the necessity of preserving India's rich cultural heritage which is its crucial component.

Many diaspora professionals who spoke during these conclaves emphasized the importance of unity of Sanatanis and urged the diaspora professionals to come on one platform to help Sampark Bharti to realize its laudable mission.

Bhushan Mocherla, an American delegate from Atlanta, gave a presentation in each conclave on the construction of Siddha Ashram in Atlanta; a highly ambitious project of Sanatanis of America.

Sampark Bharti, with its footprint in over fifty nations, intends to organize such conclaves in different countries which have a sizable presence of Sanatanis in the coming years.

# Christopher Nolan's Oppenheimer, which is sending the BO cash registers ringing, is also finding itself in a series of controversies. Here's a quick check...

outing, Oppenheimer, takes one to the deadliest inventions of the 20th century, which changed the course of the world forever — the atom bomb — and the man who was instrumental in

A brilliant cinematic outing that has sent the box-office cash registers ringing has been hailed as another triumph for Nolan, who has given blockbusters like Interstellar, Dunkirk, Tenet and The Dark Knight, among others. Fans have raved about this three-hour spectacle taking one through the life and times of the scientist, whose invention had a devastating effect on the world.

However. Nolan's masterpiece has also come under fire for 'whitewashing' the man who made the world's most noxious weapon that led to approximately 2, 50,000 casualties over time, after Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings. The film is about the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer (Cillian Murphy), from his early days of studying science in Cambridge to being the sheriff, mayor and director of the Los Alamos – the secret township where thousands worked for around three years to make the atom bomb.

Nolan paints his life in all its shades, from American Prometheus, which the film is based on, to his almost poisoning his tutor at Cambridge to affairs, associations with family and friends with left leanings, and the moral compunction at car-



it. People need to understand

criticism isn't censorship. It

doesn't even mean you didn't

While nuances of Oppen-

heimer's life are well depicted,

netizens also point out the full

effect of Los Alamos — how

people were thrown out of their

land in 24 hours, their livestock

shot, farms bulldozed and His-

panics made to work with beryl-

lium sans any protection, which

Also, how people, around the

first test bombing called Trinity,

were never explained the nature

of the weapon or its longterm

effects. The film gives Oppen-

heimer a clean chit here too, as

he is shown mindful of the Los

Alamos tragedy and intends to

return the land to the natives. He

also takes the blame in remark-

ably picturised climax when he

talks to famous scientist Albert

eventually killed them.

like or love a film."

rving on the experiment, despite some of his fellow scientists registering their protest. Watchful viewers point out that for his ultimate sin, if you may call it that, he was given a clean chit!

There is a scene in which Oppenheimer seeks to meet the then President Harry S Truman (Gary Oldman) after the Japan bombings, "Hiroshima and Nagasaki are not about you," says the chuffed President. instructing his staff not to let this cry baby in again.

Online storm

Meanwhile, netizens have taken Nolan to task for 'whitewashing' the Father of Atomic Bomb. Twitter user Erinn O'Dear posted on the microblogging site, "I'm sad but not surprised Oppenheimer is whitewashed. It'll take a few years, but this conversation is coming no matter how hard you try to stop

you with those calculations we thought we might start a chain reaction, that would destroy the entire world...I believe we did."

As one's heart goes out to the man who almost seemed wronged by the political powers, Nolan fights the charges to have turned a villain into a troubled genius. Twitter user Patch Kolan posts, "The whitewashed revisionist history of Oppenheimer... Oppie had the blood of locals on his hands as well as the Japanese.'

Objections galore

That's not the only fault movie-goers have found in the film. In a scene shown to be that of 1945, the crowd is seen waving 50-star US flags while at that point American flag had only 48 stars (the 50-star flag came into being in 1960)!

In India, where Oppenheimer did huge business, there is objection to the quote from Bhagavad Gita that is purportedly mis-translated and put into a love-making scene. Woke populace elsewhere has objected to Oppenheimer cast being all white and no diversity at all!

Controversies aside, the film has won accolades on account of Cillian Murphy's brilliant acting, the deafening silence that follows the atomic blast and earnest performances by the cast, including Emily Blunt, Robert Downey Jr., Florence Pugh and Tom Conti. Nobel evaded Oppenheimer, but this film might win the elusive Academy for Nolan!

### Vaani Kapoor forays into **OTT with Mandala Murders**



Vaani Kapoor says she wanted to make her debut in the digital space with a "clutterbreaking" story and Mandala Murders came

Bhupinder Singh Gujjar, who has signed a contract with Impact

Wrestling, wants to open an academy to train young wrestlers in

as the perfect opportunity. The YRF Entertainment series, billed as a gritty crime thriller, is directed by Gopi Puthran (Mardaani 2).

"I was looking for something really clutterbreaking for my foray into OTT. I'm thrilled to be working with a mind like Gopi Puthran for Mandala Murders, a gritty crime thriller series that has pushed me to work my hardest in a genre I've never attempted before," Vaani said in a statement.

The Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui actress said she is currently shooting for the series and is hopeful that audiences will like her work.

"Mandala Murders has truly pushed me as an actor to deliver a performance that will hopefully be appreciated and loved. I had to tap into all the learnings that one had so far to deliver the vision that the makers had for my character and the project. I'm neck deep into the shooting of Mandala Murders currently and looking forward for the series to grip people's attention," she added. "Mandala Murders also features Vaibhav Rai Gupta, Surveen Chawla and Jameel Khan have also been cast in prominent roles in the series envisioned as a multiseason show.

#### Adah Sharma welcomes new Commando in town - Prem

The makers of upcoming action-thriller series, Commando, on Monday, introduced debutante Prem with an intriguing teaser on social media. Taking to Instagram, Adah Sharma welcomed Prem to the Commando franchise in an interesting way.

Sharing the video. she wrote, "Welcoming @premparrijaa to our Commando franchise. Ab light nakko lo aur Prem ko bauth saara Prem do...Samje ki nay?"

The film stars Adah Sharma, Vaibhav Tatwawadi, Shreya Singh Chaudhry, Amit Tigmanshu Dhulia, Sial, Mukesh Chhabra and Ishteyak Khan in pivotal roles.

The first Commando film, directed by Dilip Ghosh, was released in theatres on April 12, 2013. It was followed by two sequels, Commando 2: The Black Money Trail in 2017 and Commando 3 in 2019. The Commando franchise



starred Vidyut Jammwal in lead role. Comman-

do will soon stream on

Disney+ Hotstar.

Bhupinder Singh Gujjar, a native of Punjab, is the second Indian, after Mahabali Shera, to sign a contract with Impact Wrestling. It has been a long journey for Bhupinder in the last seven-eight years. He started out with bodybuilding and has a number titles under his belt. In 2016 he started with kickboxing, which subsequently led him to wrestling. He trained in the CWE before moving to Canada for studies, where he was trained by Scott D'Amore under the BCW (Border City Wrestling) banner.

Although he is gaining success in Impact Wrestling, Bhupinder hopes that one day India will have big wrestling organisations, so that youngsters would not aspire to go abroad to pursue their dreams. He said, "As soon as you step foot in a foreign nation, loneliness sets in and you start to yearn for your loved



ones. However, you must follow your passion. I have always been a fan of wrestling and am glad that I got the opportunity to be in Canada and train under one of the best wrestling schools and coach."

"Wrestling is something where you only get one chance to show your metal and you need to pounce on that opportunity. It is a big responsibility to represent a country like India. There is always a pressure at the back of my mind to make my country proud. And as far as preparation goes, at a higher level, an athlete needs to train multiple times a day. We focus on weight training to gain strength as well as ring training," he added. Going strong

Bhupinder has met and learnt from renowned names of wrestling like Tomy Dreamer. "I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet Tomy Dreamer and to

have fought against great wrestlers like Eddie Edwards and Bully Ray. Impact Wrestling has given a lot to me. They have given me a separate show to host under their banner titled Pehlwani Patakha, which showcases highlights of the week from Impact Wrestling, exclusive matches, and definitive moments from the history of the show. It streams on Eurosport India.'

Bhupinder is proud to have represented India not only in Impact Wrestling, but in Mexico in the 'Lucha Libre AAA Worldwide' this year. In the near future, he aims at winning the world heavyweight title in Impact Wrestling to make his country proud. But his goal is to give back to the wrestling community in India. He wants to open an academy here for youngsters to train and prepare them for the world stage.

### Juhi Parmar pens open letter to Barbie for 'inappropriate language, sexual connotations,' internet says she's ignorant

Juhi Parmar has written an open letter to the new Barbie movie, Greta Gerwig's adaptation of the popular Mattel doll. The actor has detailed her experience of taking her 10-year-old daughter to watch the film, starring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling.

Juhi's reservations

against Barbie Juhi Parmar took to Instagram on Monday and posted a four-page open letter to the new Barbie movie. She wrote in the caption, "A lot of my own audience is not going to happy with what I share today, some of you may send me a lot of angst but I share this note as a concerned

parent to Barbie! And for the other parents out there, don't make the mistake I did and please do check before you take your child for the film, that choice is yours! #responsibleparentingwithjuhi #parenting #responsibleparenting #parent."

Reactions to Juhi's open letter

Juhi's open letter has received a lot of flak on the internet. Many users have called her out for not watching the film in its entirety before jumping to conclusions.

A user wrote in the comment section of Juhi's Instagram post, "Yk instead of posting a review based on 10-15 minutes of the movie,



maybe try watching the entire thing and then form an opinion? Also in your entire post you give no example of what was even inappropriate in the movie. The reason it's PG-13 is because Barbie is a functioning adult and the movie has

themes deeper than a child could ever understand. The only reason you're pissed is because they showed Barbie as an actual woman and not just the perfect idea you've been feeding your kids. If you watched the entire thing (with or

without your kid) you would have been able to write a more intellectual review than whatever this post is."

Another user commented, "It's not the films job to parent your child. Read the ratings and take a call. Sensitive much? Barbie has always been sexualised, where have you been?"

Another user pointed out, "I knew from the trailers itself that this wasn't gonna be child friendly." Another wrote, "The makers of barbie doll made it inappropriate for kids from the beginning! The doll's dresses, body curvature and standards are inappropriate for kids."

#### Sonam Kapoor talks about her choice of films



Actress Sonam Kapoor is set to return to movies after motherhood and wants to do two projects in a year. Sonam, who has been a part of many successful films like Neerja (for which she won the prestigious National Award), Prem Ratan Dhan Payo, Raanjhanaa, and more, wants to pick commercial family entertainers for her comeback to the cinemas.

Sonam says, "I have always enjoyed projects that have entertained audiences. As I return to cinemas, I will endeavour to do just that because it brings me joy to see people forget about their current reality to enjoy cinema and the world that it can create for us. I'm looking to do two projects a year from here on, and I'm going to look for scripts that are hugely entertaining and engaging. I'm being drawn to subjects that appeal to a wider audience, so that we can enjoy movies as a family and as a community."

# East India Company, Indian Mujahideen, PFI have the word INDIA, doesn't mean anything: PM Modi attacks Opposition alliance

Asserts that people cannot be misled merely by the use of the country's name

NEW DELHI, Jul 25 (Agencies): Prime minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday attacked the opposition saying merely keeping the alliance name INDIA meant nothing as East India Company, Popular Front of India, Indian Mujahideen also had the word INDIA.

In his remarks at the first BJP parliamentary party meeting in Parliament complex amid the ongoing deadlock over Manipur issue, the prime minister said people cannot be misled simply by adopting the word India.

Senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad quoted the PM as saying that he had not seen a more directionless, a more vision less opposition.

"They keep praising themselves as India. But Indian National Congress, East India Company, Indian Mujahideen



and Popular Front of India also have the word India. It doesn't mean anything. Merely keeping the word India won't mislead people," the PM told BJP MPs.

The PM described the opposition as "fatigued, frustrated and defeated" to say the BJP must

continue to focus on 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"The ongoing period is the period of dusk before the break of dawn. Opposition has a single agenda to oppose Modi. BJP must work with single-minded focus. We will win 2024 with

people's blessings. We have to work hard. We have to make India developed by 2047," the PM said.

The home ministry had banned PFI over terror links for five years in April 2023. Indian Mujahideen was banned as a terrorist organisation in 2010.

26 opposition parties recently adopted the name INDIA to define their anti-BJP alliance for 2024 general elections.

Meanwhile, replying to PM Modi's jab, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Twitter, "Call us whatever you want, Mr. Modi. We are INDIA. We will help heal Manipur and wipe the tears of every woman and child. We will bring back love and peace for all her people. We will rebuild the idea of India in Manipur."

# Opposition alliance will rebuild idea of India in Manipur: Rahul hits back at PM



NEW DELHI, Jul 25 (Agencies): Hitting back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his remarks on the opposition alliance, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said 'call us what you want', but 'we are INDIA' and 'will rebuild the idea of India in Manipur'.

Modi slammed the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) as the most directionless the country has ever seen and cited reviled names, such as East India Company and Indian Mujahideen, to assert that people cannot be misled merely by the use of the country's name.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said the prime minister told a BJP Parliamentary Party meeting that the conduct of the opposition has been such that as if it has decided to stay in the opposition for long.

Hitting back at Modi, Gandhi tweeted: "Call us whatever you want, Mr Modi. We are INDIA. We will help heal Manipur and wipe the tears of every woman and child. We will bring back love and

"We will rebuild the idea of India in Manipur," the former Congress chief said

peace for all her people.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Ramesh Bidhuri said the prime minister said even those with a design to divide the country had names like East India Company and Indian Mujahideen, but people will not be misled by these gimmicks.

Former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Modi told the BJP leaders that Indian National Congress and the East India Company were founded by foreigners.

He said people were also using names, such as Indian Mujahideen and Popular Front of India, and their realities were quite different from what they tried to project.

## Drugs worth Rs 18.05 lakh seized in Navi Mumbai; 2 Nigerians among 3 held

THANE, Jul 25 (Agencies): The Navi Mumbai police have seized drugs worth Rs 18.05 lakh in two raids and arrested three persons, including two Nigerian nationals in this connection, officials said on Tuesday.

Acting on a tip-off, the Anti-Narcotics Cell (ANC) of police laid a trap near Kharghar railway station and nabbed the two Nigerians, aged 32 and 34.

A total of 44 gm of methaqualone worth Rs 4.40 lakh was seized from their possession, the police said in a release.

In another case, the ANC raided a place in the APMC police station limits and arrested a person after seizing from him 91 LSD (dots) weighing 2.60 gm and worth Rs 13.65 lakh, the release said



Offences were registered on Monday against the three persons under provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, it said

The police were trying to ascertain from where the accused got the drugs and to whom they intended to sell them.

# Make comprehensive statement in both houses of Parliament on Manipur violence: Cong chief Kharge to PM Modi

NEW DELHI, Jul 25 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make a "comprehensive" statement in both houses of Parliament on the violence in Manipur.

He said the situation in the northeast was fragile and the repercussions of the Manipur violence seem to be spilling over to other states too, asserting that it was not good for the country's sensitive border states.

Kharge said 83 days of unabated violence in Manipur require that the prime minister make a



comprehensive statement in Parliament.

"Stories of absolute horror are now slowly trickling down. INDIA demands answers from the Modi Government on Manipur violence," he said on Twitter.

Kharge said it was high

time that Modi sheds his "ego" and takes the country into confidence on Manipur.

"PM Modi must tell what his government is doing to improve the situation and when will normalcy return to Manipur," he said.

Earlier in his adjournment notice under rule 267 in the Rajya Sabha, Kharge sought suspension of business listed for the day and demanded that the prime minister make a statement in the House.

"Prime Minister's shocking and unprecedented dereliction of duty and abandonment of Manipur for over nearly 80 days.

"Home Minister's absolute failure in resolving the issue at hand and establishing and facilitating the peace process and efforts in the state despite his visit to the state," the notice said.

"We demand a statement to be made by the prime minister in the House on the burning and emotive issue of Manipur which is adversely affecting the Indian democratic polity followed by a detailed and comprehensive discussion," Kharge said in his notice while pointing out that violence continues even after two months in the northeastern state.

The opposition has been demanding a statement from the prime minister in both houses of Parliament on the situation in Manipur, followed by a discussion.

## Delhi women panel chief Swati Maliwal meets families of women stripped, paraded in Manipur

NEW DELHI, Jul 25 (Agencies): The two women paraded naked in Manipur are yet to receive any counselling or compensation from the state and are in deep trauma, DCW chief Swati Maliwal, who met the families of the two survivors, said on Tuesday while slamming the state government for the violence.

Maliwal, who is on a tour of the northeastern state, said she was informed by the families that neither the state chief minister, nor any cabinet minister, nor a senior officer from the state bothered to meet the DCW members.

Maliwal along with member Vandana Singh travelled to Churachandpur in Manipur on Monday and met the mother and husband of the sexual assault survivors whose assault video had gone viral, the Delhi Commission of Women (DCW) said in a statement.

She travelled to Churachandpur, Moirang and Imphal districts and visited relief camps and interacted with the survivors of violence.

The panel alleged that the Manipur government did not extend any support to Maliwal to travel there or meet with the



survivors of violence.

Maliwal met the mother and husband of the two victims who had been paraded naked, molested and one of them was gangraped. The mother of the woman who was gangraped also lost her husband and son who were trying to save the victim from the sexual assault, the statement said.

The husband of the woman, who was paraded naked and molested, had fought for the country in the Kargil war, it said.

They informed that the victims are in deep trauma and are constantly reliving the horrific moments.

"The survivors are yet to get any counselling, legal aid, or compensation from the government so far. They were angry that no action has been taken against any police officer in their case," the panel alleged.

Maliwal also interacted with other women in the state affected by violence.
At the Churachandpur relief

camp, she met a 70-year-old woman hailing from Langchink village whose only son was killed in the violence.

Maliwal also met a 34-year-old woman who had just delivered

woman who had just delivered a girl in Imphal when a mob surrounded her. Her husband and brother-in-law were killed and she somehow managed to escape with the baby.

In Imphal, several women affected with violence approached Maliwal.

Talking about her visit, the DCW chief alleged she did not receive any support from the government to enter Manipur

and went there at great personal risk.

"The viral video shook me to the core and I wanted to meet the survivors at all cost. I was informed by locals that it is very difficult to travel Churachandpur to meet the families of the survivors. Yet I decided to go there without any security amidst heavy firing. Somehow, I managed to meet them." she said.

The survivors of the violence went through the worst hell imaginable and it is deeply distressing to know that neither the chief minister nor any government functionary has meet them, she alleged.

"The violence in Manipur is extremely troubling and everywhere I am going, there are horror stories which are mindnumbing. People have lost their homes and loved ones and the government has completely failed in protecting them. I think that the Centre should urgently seek the resignation of the Manipur chief minister," she said.

She reiterated her demand that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should visit Manipur along with Home Minister Amit Shah and WCD Minister Smriti Irani urgently.

# Meghalaya: BJP functionaries among 18 arrested over attack on CM's office

SHILLONG, Jul 25 (Agencies): At least 18 people, including two BJP Mahila Morcha functionaries, were arrested for their alleged involvement in the attack on chief minister's office in Tura town in western Meghalaya, which left five policemen injured, a senior officer said on Tuesday.

Police have also launched a manhunt for two Trinamool Congress leaders for allegedly instigating a mob to attack the building on Monday night.

The attack, resulting in arson and vandalism, took place when Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma was holding a meeting with leaders of Achik Conscious Holistically Integrated Krima (ACHIK) and Garo Hills State Movement Committee (GHSMC), who were fasting to press for their demand to make Tura the winter capital of

the northeastern state. The CM, who was inside the building, was not injured in the violence.

"Eighteen people, including two women, have been arrested for vandalism and arson at the CM's office in Tura on Monday night. At least 21 vehicles were damaged. Cases were filed against the accused," the officer told agency.

The two BJP Mahila Morcha functionaries were identified as Belina M Marak and Dilche Ch Marak, he said.

A manhunt has been launched for two TMC leaders for allegedly instigating the mob to turn violent, the officer said.

The CM has announced a relief of Rs 50,000 for the injured policemen, who were admitted to a hospital and are currently out of danger.

Police said that while

the protesters were ostensibly seeking winter capital, a large number of outsiders mingled with them and started throwing stones at the chief minister's office, following which law enforcers used tear gas shells and lathicharge to disperse the

mob.
District Deputy Commissioner Jagdish Chelani imposed a night curfew in Tura town on Monday night after the incident and the district administration is currently reviewing the law and order situation, another official said.

He said educational institutions in Tura municipal area were also directed to remain closed during the day as a precautionary measure in view of the situation.

However, shops opened and vehicles were seen plying the

## Solidarity rallies in Mizoram over Manipur violence; placards, posters on display

AIZAWL, Jul 25 (Agencies): Civil society organisations staged demonstrations across Mizoram on Tuesday to express solidarity with the Zo people in ethnic strife-torn Manipur.

Mizos of Mizoram share ethnic ties with Kukis of Manipur, Kuki-Chins of Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh and Chins of Myanmar. They are collectively identified as Zo.

NGO Co-ordination Committee, a conglomerate of five major civil society organisations, including the Central Young Mizo Association (CYMA) and Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP), organised rallies in different parts of Mizoram, including

the state capital Aizawl.
Thousands of people
participated in the rallies with placards and
posters, decrying the
violence in the neigh-

bouring state.

The offices of the ruling MNF were closed to extend support to the programme. MNF workers also took part in the rallies.

Besides MNF, the opposition BJP, Congress and Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) also kept their offices shut in support of the solidarity rallies.

Security was beefed up across the state in



view of the demonstra-

Heavy deployment of police, patrolling, and strict vigilance were ensured in all districts, especially in the vulnerable areas, to prevent any untoward incident, officials said.

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

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

# North Korea fires 2 short-range ballistic missiles after **US submarine arrives in South Korea**

North Korea's missile launches is called a 'grave provocation' that threatens regional peace and stability.

SEOUL, Jul 25 (Agencies): North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles into its eastern sea, South Korea's military said on Tuesday, adding to a recent streak in weapons testing that is apparently in protest of the US sending major naval assets to South Korea in a show of force.

In its third round of launches since last week, North Korea fired the missiles just before midnight from an area near its capital, Pyongyang, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. It said both missiles travelled around 400 kilometers (248 miles) before landing in waters off the Korean Peninsula's eastern coast.

Its statement called North Korea's missile launches a "grave provocation" that threatens regional peace and stability.

The launches came hours after South Korea's navy said a nuclear-propelled US submarine — the USS Annapolis — arrived at a port on Jeju Island. That underscored the allies' efforts to boost the visibility of US strategic assets in the region to intimidate the North.

Last week, the USS Kentucky became the first US nuclear-armed submarine to come to South Korea since the 1980s. North Korea reacted to its arrival by test-firing ballistic and cruise missiles last week in apparent demonstrations that it could make nuclear strikes on South Korea and deployed US naval vessels.

Also on Monday, the Americanled UN Command said it has started "a conversation" with North Korea about a US soldier who ran into the North last week across one of the world's most heavily fortified

Andrew Harrison, a British lieutenant general who is deputy commander at the UN Command, which oversees implementation of the 1953 armistice that ended fighting in the Korean War, declined to comment about the state of the inquiry to North Korea or say what the command knows about Pvt. Travis King's condition.

"I am in life an optimist, and I remain optimistic," Harrison said during a news conference in Seoul.

In Washington, State Deptartment spokesman Matthew Miller said North Korea had only "acknowledged" receiving the UN message last week and had not provided any information or commented further since then.

"There have been no new contacts since last week," Miller said, adding that North Korea also had not responded to messages sent



by US civilian or military officials. North Korea has remained publicly silent about King, who crossed the border during a tour of Panmunjom while he was supposed to be heading to Fort Bliss, Texas, following his release from prison in South Korea on an assault con-

The US still has not been able to ascertain King's condition, a senior administration official said Monday in Washington. Asked if US officials had a better understanding of whether King intended to defect, the official said they still had "no indication about what was going on in his mind that day." The official was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Analysts say North Korea may wait weeks or even months to provide meaningful information about King to maximize leverage and add urgency to US efforts to secure his release. Some say North Korea may try to wrest concessions from Washington, such as tying his release to the United States cutting back its military activities with South Korea.

King's crossing came at a time of high tensions in the Korean Peninsula, where the pace of both North Korea's weapons demonstrations and the United States' combined military exercises have intensified in a tit-for-tat cycle.

In between the ballistic and cruise missile launches last week, North Korea's defence minister also issued a veiled threat, saving the Kentucky's docking in South Korea could be grounds for the North to use a nuclear weapon against it. North Korea has used similar rhetoric before, but the statement underscored how strained relations are now.

The United States and South Korea have expanded their combined military exercises and increased regional deployments of US aircraft and ships, including bombers, aircraft carriers and submarines to counter the nuclear threats posed by North Korea, which has test-fired around 100 missiles since the start of 2022.

The Annapolis, whose main mission is destroying enemy ships and submarines, is powered by a nuclear reactor but is armed with conventional weapons. The sub mainly docked at Jeju to load supplies, but Jang Do Young, a spokesperson for South Korea's navy, said the US and South Korean militaries were discussing whether to arrange training involving the vessel.

The Koreas are still technically at war since a peace treaty was never signed.

Their armistice becomes 70 years old Thursday, an anniversary South Korea will mark with solemn ceremonies honouring the dead that will involve invited foreign war veterans.

North Korea, which celebrates the date as victory day for the "great Fatherland Liberation War," plans huge festivities that will likely include a military parade in the capital, Pyongyang, where leader Kim Jong Un may showcase his nuclear-capable missiles designed to target regional rivals and the United States.

North Korea's state-run Korean Central News Agency said Monday that a Chinese delegation led by Li Hongzhong, vice chairman of the standing committee of the country's National People's Congress, would attend the celebrations.

Visits by foreign guests to North Korea have been extremely rare since the start of the pandemic, which prompted the North to seal its borders to protect its poor healthcare system. North Korea since last year has been gradually reopening trade with China in an apparent effort to salvage a crippled economy damaged further by the pandemic-related border controls.

#### Japan police arrest woman, parents in beheading of man at hotel in Hokkaido entertainment district

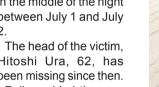
TOKYO, Jul 25 (Agencies): Japanese police said they have arrested a woman and her parents in a bizarre beheading case in a popular night entertainment district in Japan's northern city of Sapporo, where a headless man was found in a hotel room three weeks

Hokkaido police on Japan's northern main island said Tuesday they arrested Runa Tamura, 29, and her father Osamu Tamura, a 59-year-old psychiatrist, the day before on suspicion of conspiring in beheading the victim at a hotel room and relocating his severed head

in the middle of the night between July 1 and July

Hitoshi Ura, 62, has been missing since then. Police raided the suspects' home Tuesday and arrested the prime suspect's mother Hiroko Tamura, a 60-year-old parttime worker, on suspicion of conspiring with her family in transporting and keeping the head at home.

Police did not say exactly how the daughter and the father collaborated. Police are still investigating the motive and refused to say if the woman and the victim knew each other.



Police also noted that Runa is a possible mental patient. Media reports quoted neighbors as saying that she has had difficulty attending school and had been reclusive since childhood.

Kyodo News and other media reported



the victim and another individual believed to be Runa Tamura checked into the hotel in the Susukino area known for short-stay "love hotels." About three hours later only one of them was seen leaving, carrying a large suitcase.

The person accom-

panying the victim was wearing light-colored women's closing and a wide-brimmed hat when entering the hotel, but was dressed in black when leaving, Kyodo said, quoting unnamed investigative sources.

Ura's body was discovered later on July 2 by a hotel worker who went to check on the room because no one had checked out from it by the afternoon. The worker found the victim slumped in a bathtub, according to news reports. None of his belongings had been left in the room and the bed was seen unused

#### Israel says it shot 3 people who fired at its forces in West Bank



JERUSALEM, Jul 25 (Agencies): The Israeli military said soldiers "neutralized" three people on Tuesday who had opened fire at its forces from a car in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus.

The military, in a statement, did not specify what condition the three people were in but Israel's Army Radio said they were killed.

There was no immediate comment from Palestinian officials.

Palestine TV showed footage of a military vehicle blocking access to the area of the incident, including to an ambulance, as soldiers appeared to carry out an inspection.

Violence in the West Bank has surged for over a year, with increased Israeli raids, Palestinian

street attacks and settler rampages in Palestinian villages.

The northern West Bank city of Nablus has been a traditional centre of Palestinian resistance to Israel's occupation.

The Palestinians want to establish an independent state in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, territories Israel occupied in a 1967 Middle East war.

US-sponsored statehood talks collapsed in 2014 and show no sign of revival while Israel has maintained military rule over millions of Palestinians and expanded West Bank settlements, which most countries

#### For First Time In 20 Years, Death Penalty For Woman In Singapore

SINGAPORE, Jul 25 (Agencies): Singapore is set to hang two drug convicts this week, including the first woman to be sent to the gallows in nearly 20 years, rights groups said Tuesday, while urging the executions be halted.

Local rights organisation Transformative Justice Collective (TJC) said a 56-year-old man convicted of trafficking 50 grams (1.76 ounces) of heroin is scheduled to be hanged on Wednesday at the Southeast Asian city-state's Changi Prison.

A 45-year-old woman convict who TJC identified as Saridewi Djamani is also set to be sent to the gallows on Friday. She was sentenced to death in 2018 for trafficking around 30 grams of

If carried out, she would be the first woman to be executed in Singapore since 2004 when 36-yearold hairdresser Yen May Woen was hanged for drug trafficking,

said TJC activist Kokila Annamalai. TJC said the two prisoners are Singaporeans and their families have received notices setting the dates of their executions.

Prison officials have not answered emailed questions from agency seeking confirmation.

Singapore imposes the death penalty for certain crimes, including murder and some forms of kidnapping.

It also has some of the world's toughest anti-drug laws: trafficking more than 500 grams of cannabis and 15 grams of heroin can result in the death penalty.

At least 13 people have been hanged so far since the government resumed executions following a two-year hiatus in place during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Rights watchdog Amnesty International on Tuesday urged Singapore to halt the impending execu-

"It is unconscionable that authorities in Singapore continue to cruelly pursue more executions in the name of drug control," Amnesty's death penalty expert Chiara Sangiorgio said in a statement.

"There is no evidence that the death penalty has a unique deterrent effect or that it has any impact on the use and availability of drugs.

"As countries around the world do away with the death penalty and embrace drug policy reform, Singapore's authorities are doing neither," Ms Sangiorgio added.

Singapore insists that the death penalty is an effective crime deter-

## Joe Biden To Designate Civil Rights **Monument Amid Fresh Racism Row**



WASHINGTON, Jul 25 (Agencies): President Joe Biden is set to designate a new national monument on Tuesday memorializing the brutal 1950s lynching of Emmett Till, with the White House framing the symbolic act as part of a fight against resurgent racism. The monument, sited in sev-

eral locations, will remember the 14-year-old Black boy tortured and murdered by white men in 1955 after he allegedly whistled at a white shopkeeper's wife in Mississippi.

His mother Mamie Till-Mobley, also honored in the memorial, became an activist, and is widely viewed as having helped to spark the US civil rights movement.

"The new monument will protect places that tell the story of Emmett Till's too-short life and raciallymotivated murder, the unjust acquittal of his murderers, and the activism of his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, who courageously brought

the world's attention to the brutal injustices and racism of the time, catalyzing the civil rights movement," the White House said.

The memorial signing by Biden -- on the 82nd anniversary of Till's birth -- will designate three historic sites in Illinois and Mississippi.

One of them will be the Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ in Chicago, where Till's mother insisted at her son's funeral that the casket remain open, allowing a huge crowd to see the boy's disfigured body.

Another will be the Tallahatchie, Mississippi courthouse where an all-white jury found the men accused of murdering Till not guilty. They would later admit to the crime.

The third location will be the spot on the Tallahatchie River in Mississippi where Till's battered body was eventually discovered. Signs commemorating the brutal event there and in other locations around Tallahatchie County have repeatedly been defaced and vandalized over the years.

Biden's high-profile treatment for a painful piece of 20th century US history is playing out against a backdrop of accusations that a leading Republican candidate for the 2024 presidential race is openly stirring racist sentiment.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has led a charge to minimize the history of past racism in his state's school curriculum, making this part of a broader campaign against what he describes as the "virus" of "woke" left-wing values.

Responding to an outcry over what has been described as an attempt to rewrite history, DeSantis last week doubled down, saying that slavery even had benefits.

"They're probably going to show that some of the folks that eventually parlayed, you know, being a blacksmith into doing things later

in life," DeSantis said Friday. White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre described DeSantis's comment as "inaccurate" and "insulting."

"It's hurtful and prevents an honest account, an honest account of our nation's history," she said.

Jean-Pierre, who is Black, said the Emmett Till monument was part of "the broader story of American Black oppression, their survival."

"It's an important moment. You're going to hear directly from the president tomorrow," she said.

# Russia bans transgender marriage, sex change to protect 'traditional values'

MOSCOW, Jul 25 (Agencies): Russian President Vladimir Putin signed new legislation which marked the final step in outlawing gender-affirming procedures, a crippling blow to Russia's already embattled LGBTQ+ community.

The bill, which was approved unanimously by both houses of parliament, bans any "medical interventions aimed at changing the sex of a person," as well as changing one's gender in official documents and public records. The only exception will be medical intervention to treat congenital

It also annuls marriages in which one person has "changed gender" and bars transgender people from becoming foster or adoptive par-

The ban is said to stem from the Kremlin's crusade to protect what it views as the country's "traditional values.

Lawmakers say the legislation is to safeguard Russia against "Western anti-family ideology," with some describing gender tran-

sitioning as "pure satanism." Russia's crackdown on LGBTQ+ people started a decade ago when Putin first proclaimed a focus on "traditional family values," supported by the Russian Orthodox Church.

In 2013, the Kremlin adopted legislation that banned any public endorsement of "nontraditional sexual relations" among minors.

In 2020, Putin pushed through constitutional reform that outlawed same-sex marriage, and last year signed a law banning "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations" among adults as well.

# **UIET Kathua Campus organizes Industrial Talk under Industry-Academia Partnership Series**

**Top News Report** 

KATHUA, Jul 25: Under the Industry-Academia Partnership Series, University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus (JU) organized an Industrial Talk on the topic "Future-Proofing your Career: The Impact of Personal Branding and Early Entrepreneurship" by Sanjeev Sharma, Director and Founder, Orcanio Technologies, Sydney, Australia. With a strong foundation in electronics engineering, Sanjeev embarked on a remarkable journey through the realms of IT and finance, amassing a wealth of experience spanning an impressive 19 years.

Sharma highlighted that in today's rapidly changing world, it has



become crucial to take charge of the professional journey and equip with the essential elements like personal branding and early entrepreneurship

He further said that in the present digital age, the online presence is vital for personal branding where social media platforms, websites, blogs, and professional networking sites offer opportunities to showcase the expertise and engage with the target audience.

He also stressed that a well-crafted personal brand can amplify early entrepreneurial efforts, increase visibility, and set the stage for longterm success in the business world.

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus (JU) in her message expressed gratitude towards the resource person for presenting an informative lecture to the students of Campus.

She said that personal branding is the art about showcasing the skills,

talk on such an inspiring topic.

Dr. Nisha Choudhary coordinated the whole programme and Er. Vedika Khullar delivered the vote of thanks.

Amit Sharma, Er. Sushant Gagal, Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Sandeep Raj, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Gourav Sharma, Er. Komal Khadotra, Er. Rakshit Khajuria, Er. Sarvadaman Sharma, Dr. Rubby Mahajan, Er. Archana Salaria, Er. Himani Khajuria, Er. Palvi Verma, Er. Arooshi Gupta, Er. Vishavjeet Singh, Er. Shivani Sharma, Er. Sourav Gupta, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Dr. Zahin Ansari, Pranav Ratta, Ritika Goval, Kamakshi Sharma, Tiharika Nath, and other teaching and non-teaching faculty of the Campus attended the lecture.

#### **Shub Tilak Multispecialty Hospital** a boon for Akhnoor



**Top News Report** 

AKHNOOR, Jul 25: Shub Tilak Multispecialty Hospital situated at Nirdosh Chowk Akhnoor is providing better healthcare facilities to the locals of three sub divisions i.e., Akhnoor, Khour and Chowki Choura. Shub Tilak Multispecialty Hospital is also empaneled under Ayushman Bharat amid which the underprivileged rural people and those belonging to far flung areas have been provided free medical care.

Patients from rural far-flung areas now need not to visit Jammu or out of J&K for major surgeries as the hospital is equipped with modern modular operation theater, computerized lab, ICU and Ventilator facilities. Moreover, a world class team of expert doctors is available for the major surgeries. Dr Prince Raina MS (Ortho) DNB (Delhi), Fellowship Joint Replacement MCH (United Kingdom) has performed hundreds of successful major high-risk surgeries in the Hospital.

In recent cases Dr Prince Raina has performed major hip surgery on 98 Years old Ram Pyari from Jourian who was having multiple problems. She was operated successfully and her mobility was restored. Other than this total knee replacement of 73 years old Mel Kour, Hip Fracture surgery of 86 years old Parkasho Devi was performed successfully in the hospital

Locals are expressing their gratitude to the hospital management for providing such better healthcare facilities under Ayushman Scheme in Akhnoor. According to the locals there was no private hospital available in the region for such major health issues, they called this a boon as it saves their money and time both as now, they don't have to travel larger distances for such treat-

Rakesh Malhotra Director Shub Tilak Multispecialty Hospital while speaking on the occasion said that the whole team of the hospital is committed to provide the better healthcare facilities to the people at the nominal charges and even the Avushman facilities are provided. He said that he is doing the service of mankind.

## Ex Mayor starts construction work of community Hall in Ward-33

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU. Jul 25: Former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta on Tuesday started pending works of a community hall in Ward-33 near Mata Rani temple.

Gupta was accompanied by prominent persons and local residents of the area. The pending works will be done at an estimated cost of Rs 16 lakhs and a modernized community hall will be constructed under the same works. Speaking on the occasion, Gupta said that this place holds a great significance in our society and it is our prime duty to develop such places. He stated that during his tenure as Mayor, many community halls were built across the Constituency which catered to the needs of thousands of inhabitants. He also stated that Jammu has



progressed a lot towards development in the last five years.Gupta said that this was the much awaited work which has been taken up today and said that the pending works of the said community hall will be completed soon and wherever required my help will also be given to solve remaining problems in the Ward. He said that such places could be used for public gatherings as well and

family functions as well as such halls keep the tradition alive as in old times, programmes and functions were usually held in community halls.Gupta highlighted the commitment and the priority of Modi government to develop the Jammu and Kashmir on most modern lines. He said that while the Union Government has taken effective steps to curb terrorism in the border regions, it has

equally focused on to develop the region. BJP leaders have taken this commitment of Narendra Modi government to the ground level and are continuously dedicating them to remain in contact with the masses for their contentment and progress.Cautioning against the dubious and deceptive political entities, who were attempting to strain Jammu and Kashmir tryst with progress, development and harmony as per the cherished agenda of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's solemn pledge of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Priyas, former Mayor said the people cannot be dissuaded from their chosen path of being the part of the country's growth story, with equal opportunities

to all, irrespective of

region, religion or caste.

experiences, and values

in a way that distinguish-

es one from the others in

She added that build-

ing a strong personal

brand and becoming

an entrepreneur gives

an opportunity to create

a network of influential

connections along with

Dr. Sourabh Shastri,

I/c Coordinator, UIET,

Kathua Campus (JU)

introduced and wel-

comed the eminent

speaker and thanked

him for an informative

recognition in the field.

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# TBS Bhaderwah Campus organizes placement drive of ICICI Bank

**Top News Report** 

BHADERWAH, Jul 25: TBS, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu organized a placement drive of ICICI Bank under the guidance of Professor Rahul Gupta, Rector Bhaderwah Campus for the students of various departments of the campus. ICICI Bank is one of the most renowned private sector banks in India, and their presence at the placement drive can offer excellent opportunities for the students. Professor Rahul Gupta congratulated TBS, Bhaderwah Campus for taking such initiatives for the holistic development of the students.

The drive was aimed at providing excellent employment opportunities to the talented youth of the campus. Ajeet Singh, Senior Executive and Himanshu Divedi,



the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) conducted the placement drive. The placement drive was based on a rigorous selection procedure which includes personal interviews, assessment of the candidate's interpersonal skills through psychometric test, evaluating candidate's domain knowledge, problem solving abilities, communication skills and overall suitability for various roles in the banking sector.

the welcome address by Mohammed Avais, Incharge Head of the Department. He warmly welcomed invited corporate guest, faculty members of different departments and participating students in the program.

Ajeet Singh, Senior Executive and Himanshu Divedi, Assistant Manager from the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) gave a detailed presentation about the organization and job profile. Thereafter, the

placement procedure begins with the written test and personal interviews.

Dr Rohit Bhagat, Placement Coordinator concluded the placements drive and delivered a formal vote of thanks. He assured the audience that more MNCs and corporate houses shall visit the campus for the placements in future. On behalf of TBS, Dr Bhagat placed on record his heartiest gratitude to Rector, Bhaderwah Campus, faculty members and the students of campus for their cooperation in

the event. The overall the drive was very successful and well coordinated by faculty members of the campus including Dr Sunil Bhardwaj, Dr. Umesh Choudhary, Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Aishiya Gupta, Wasim Akram and Vimal Kumar.

## New Blood Center is now in Jammu aiming 100% voluntary blood donations to save lives

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jul 25: Jammu Blood Center at Lajwanti Hospital, Greater Kailash Jammu has been given the permission to run the full fledged Blood Center . This Center is for the people of Jammu and around to cater to the patients in need of Blood . This Center is well equipped with the latest medical transfusion technology & has a team of well trained staff with

Today Sh Anil Padha Former Secretary IRCS Jammu Region and founder YBA Young Blood Association along with Dr Navneet Kour Secretary General ISBTI Indian Society for Blood Transfusion and Immunohemathology J&K Chapter and President Young Blood Association ,founder NGO SUPPORT visited the Newly Set up Jammu Blood Center which they approved appreciated and assured all support for saving precious human lives by encouraging 100% Voluntary Blood Donation. The presentation & introduction of the blood bank was given by Dr Paras Khanna , Dr Gurpreet Kaur . Dr Angad along with the Technical team . The Jammu Blood Centre stands as a testament to the unwavering spirit of philanthropy, with sagacious members encouraged by numerous philanthropic individuals and organizations. Seeds were sown in 2018-2019,



One of the most remarkable achievements of the Jammu Blood Centre is the we would accomplish 100% Voluntary Blood Donations. This act of selflessness not only

saves lives but also creates a

among the residents of Jammu. The Centre also boasts state-ofthe-art facilities for Blood Grouping, Rh Phenotyping, and antibodies screening, ensuring the highest standards of safety and compat-

sense of community and empathy

ibility for blood transfusions.

Furthermore, the Centre's commitment to 100% Blood Components Therapy is a testament to its dedication to providing personalized and effective treatment to the suffering brethren of Jammu and its surroundings. This approach ensures that patients receive the specific blood components they require, optimizing their chances of recovery and well-being.

Looking towards the future, the Jammu Blood Centre envisions establishing a full-fledged Institute of Transfusion Medicine. This institute will provide advanced facilities such as HLA Typing, Platelet Serology, Stem Cells, and a Day Care Centre for Blood Transfusion.

These endeavour's will enable the Centre to serve the poor, needy, Thalassaemic, and Haemophiliacs with even greater efficiency and precision. In light of these remarkable achievements and future plans, I urge all residents of Jammu to come forward and contribute to this noble cause. By actively participating in the Mahayagna of Human Services, we can collectively make a difference in the lives of those in need. Together, let us pour our small Ahutis and create a society founded on compassion, care, and support.

The occasion was graced and blessed by Smt Shalini Khanna a social Reformer.

#### **NSA Ajit Doval meets top Chinese diplomat Wang** Yi, calls for removal of 'impediments' in bilateral ties

Committee, in the Indonesian capital Jakarta, and discussed outstanding issues relating to peace and tranquillity in border

India has been locked in a military standoff with China for more than three years, with Jaishankar describing it to be the most complex challenge in his long diplomatic

#### Amarnath Yatra | 23rd batch of 3025 pilgrims leave from Jammu base camp

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

#### **Narco-smuggling bid** foiled in Jammu; smuggler killed: BSF

movement near the S M Pura post in the Ramgarh sector late Monday night and opened fire when the suspected intruder paid no heed to the repeated warnings.

The identity of the deceased is awaited as the search of the area is still continuing, the officials said.

#### 2 LeT terrorist associates arrested in Baramulla. **Arms and ammunition** recovered

spokesman said.

He said during the personal search of the duo, arms and ammunition including two Chinese pistols, two pistol magazines, 14

live pistol rounds and other incriminating material were recovered from their possession. The arrested persons have been identified as Dayem Majeed Khan and Ubair Tariq, both residents of neighbouring Bandipora district.

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"During preliminary questioning, the arrested duo revealed that they were working as terrorist associates of proscribed terrorist outfit LeT and had acquired arms and ammunition for target killing in District Baramulla," the spokesman said.

He said a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at police station Kreeri and further investigation was

#### **Army's Command Hospi**tal undertakes first corneal transplant surgery in J&K

visited the area. CEO Srinagar Smart City Athar Amir said that there is no drainage failure as all the drains in the market are almost dry.

"We are looking into the issue and it seems water has entered from the back side. I am here with my team to ascertain the facts," he said.

#### **Army's Command Hospi**tal undertakes first corneal transplant surgery in J&K

under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (THOTA) Act was obtained from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in May.

A team led by Lieutenant Colonel Priya Taank, who is trained in corneal transplant surgeries, is working on promoting eye donation in Udhampur and the transplantation of cornea in cases of corneal blindness.

A number of patients have registered themselves for corneal transplants at the hospital, the spokesperson added.

#### Three houses, six shops gutted in blaze in Bandipora

the loss due to fire. Usman Majid, a former minister, grieved over the incident also requested the authorities to help the affected.

#### One dead, another critically injured as earthmover comes under landslide in Kishtwar

spot and retrieved the body of one person and rescued another in an injured condition. The deceased was identified as

Abid Hussain son of Noor Husain resident of Kuchal, Kishtwar. The injured persons, identified as Musharraf son of Mohammad Akbar resident of Kuchal, Kishtwar was moved to District Hospital Kishtwar for treatment.

# Market benchmarks open on flat note; Sensex at 66,400

Foreign fund outflows and surging crude oil prices weigh on sentiments

MUMBAI, Jul 25 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty opened on a flat note in early trade on Tuesday as investors remained on the sidelines ahead of the Federal Reserve rate decision and busy week of corporate earnings.

Foreign fund outflows and surging crude oil prices also weighed on sentiments.

The 30-share BSE Sensex inched up 13.76 points or 0.02 per cent to 66,398.54. The broader NSE Nifty advanced 4.40 points or 0.02 per cent to 19,676.75 in early trade.

"Globally markets will be keenly watching the Fed commentary since a 25 bp hike in rate is already known and discounted by the market," said VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, in his market outlook.

On the domestic front, he said, the expected announcement of quarterly results by some bluechip firms will impact investor sentiment.

A slew of quarterly results are due this week including Tata Motors, Bajaj Auto, Axis Bank,



Cipla, Dr Reddy's, Bajaj Finance, Tech Mahindra that will influence stock prices and market sentiments.

"Market is likely to consolidate within a band for now and wait for triggers to move, either up or down," Vijaykumar said.

From the Sensex pack, UltraTech Cement, Tata Motors, JSW Steel and Mahindra & Mahindra were major winners, gaining up to 1.81 per cent.

On the other hand, ITC, Tech Mahindra, Asian Paints and Infosys were the laggards, trading with a loss of up to 2.43 per cent.

Of the 30 Sensex stocks, 18 were trading in green while on the 50-stock index Nifty, 34 were in the positive territory.

On Monday, BSE Sensex fell 299.48 points or 0.45 per cent to settle at 66,384.78. The NSE Nifty fell by 72.65 points or 0.37 per cent to end at 19,672.35.

Asian markets were trading in green. Japan's Nikkei 225 was up 0.29 per cent while Hang Seng advanced 3.12 per cent.

European markets finished mixed with the UK's FTSE 100 gaining 0.19 per cent and Germany's DAX rising 0.08 per cent. The CAC 40 of France lost 0.07 per cent.

The US markets ended broadly higher on Monday with the S&P 500 registering a gain of 0.40 per cent.

Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.13 per cent higher at USD 82.85 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were sellers on Monday as they sold equities worth Rs 82.96 crore, according to exchange data.

# With battery prices declining, EVs edge out CNG as cheapest travel option

The fuel cost of an electric car like Tata Nexon EV is estimated at just Rs 1/km, compared to Rs 4/km for a CNG car and Rs 10/km for a petrol car.

NEW DELHI, Jul 25 (Agencies): The rising popularity and increasing affordability of electric vehicles is posing a direct threat to CNG vehicles, according to a report by Kotak Institutional Equities.

"So far, due to relatively expensive four wheelers, the impact of EVs on CNG segment was not very significant," said Kotak analysts Anil Sharma and Aditya Bansal in a note to clients.

"But, with EV four-wheelers now available at lower price points (Rs 8-15 lakh), and CNG's price arbitrage reducing, we think EV adoption for lower priced vehicles will be now on fast-track." they added.

Electric vehicles have been increasing in their popularity in recent years due to the extremely low cost of running them.

The fuel cost of an electric car like Tata Nexon EV is estimated at just Rs 1/km, compared to Rs 4/km for a CNG car and Rs 10/km for a petrol car.

However, because of batteries that cost upwards of Rs 5 lakhs, the total price of a CNG car used to come to at least Rs 10 lakhs.

This, pointed out the analysts, has changed in recent months, both due to competition, subsidies and better technology.

They also pointed out that EVs did not suffer from some of the drawbacks of CNG vehicles.

The "adoption of CNG required significant compromises – less boot space, lower distance per



fill, long waiting times for refueling and even [lower] ride quality," the analysts added.

As long as the starting price for EV cars were in the Rs 12 lakh range, only those who drove a lot – such as salesmen – used to switch towards EVs. It was believed that EV cars made sense only if you drove at least 100 km/day, or about 36,000 km/year.

Now, however, a person can break even as soon as he or she has driven a vehicle like Tata Tiago EV for the first 31,000 km, pointed out the analysts.

"Even on total cost of ownership (TCO) over 100k km, we estimate EV variants to be around 11% cheaper versus comparable petrol variant and largely on par with CNG variant," they noted.

One of the biggest drawbacks of electric vehicles is the expensive battery, costing a few lakhs of rupees. However, said the analysts, that is going to change as the technology matures, while the cost of fossil fuels will keep increasing.

"With scale, the battery replacement cost for EV would likely further decline and tilt the balance further in favor of Electric Vehicles. On the other hand, the gas costs would progressively increase and thus CNG prices are likely to inch up in future," they pointed out.

TRANSITION

The analysts pointed out that transition in EV adoption rate is much likely to be faster in taxis and other commercial vehicles.

"In the recent draft policy for cab aggregators/delivery service aggregators, Delhi government has proposed a phased mandate for fleet operators to transition their fleets from conventional internal combustion engine to EV," the duo noted.

They pointed out that a new draft policy by the Delhi government on the use of EVs by cab aggregators is likely to lead to EVs constituting 5% new additions initially to 100% adoption

in just four years.
2-WHEELERS & 3-WHEEL-

One area where the adoption of EV technology has been stronger in India has been in two wheelers and three wheelers. This is primarily because of the smaller battery required. A smaller lithium ion battery makes the vehicle more affordable for the end user.

The analysts pointed out that Delhi has witnessed "a bulk incremental three wheeler addition" to its EV shift, the analysts said.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The report by the analysts also gave a glimpse into the adoption of EV technology in public transport, particularly in buses in Delhi.

It pointed out that the penetration of EV technology in buses in Delhi is relatively low at just 350 buses out of a total of 7,500 CNG buses run by the Delhi Transport Corporation and Delhi Integrated Multi-modal Transit System.

"But with continued push, incrementally more EV buses are being added," they noted.

"While private buses will take longer to switch to EV, the risk is that over the next few years, the share of EV in government-operated buses will continually rise. Further, as EV charging infrastructure gets more ubiquitous, we expect this trend to further accelerate," the report read.

# Gene therapy restores vision in blind teen, raises hope for millions

MIAMI (US), Jul 25 (Agencies): A 14-year-old boy named Antonio Vento Carvajal, who has been legally blind for most of his life, can now see again. This remarkable transformation is the result of an innovative gene therapy treatment delivered through eyedrops.

Antonio was born with dystrophic epider-molysis bullosa, a rare genetic condition that causes blisters all over his body and in his eyes. His vision deteriorated to the point where he didn't feel safe walking around.

around.

However, his life took a turn when he joined a clinical trial to test the world's first topical gene therapy. The therapy improved his skin condition, leading Dr Alfonso Sabater to wonder if it

could be adapted for Antonio's eyes.

The treatment, known as Vyjuvek, uses an inactivated herpes simplex virus to deliver working copies of a gene that produces collagen 7, a protein that holds together both skin and corneas. Antonio's condition is caused by mutations in this gene.

The eyedrops use the same liquid as the skin version of the treatment, just without the added gel.

After two years of rigorous testing, including trials on mice, the team received "compassionate use" approval from the US Food and Drug Administration and permission from university and hospital review boards. In August of last year, Antonio underwent surgery on his right eye,



after which Dr Sabater began treating him with the eyedrops.

The results were astonishing. Antonio's eye recovered from the surgery, the scarring didn't return, and there was significant improvement each month. Doctors recently measured

the vision in Antonio's right eye at a near-per-fect 20/25.

This year, treatment began on Antonio's left eye, which had even more scar tissue. That eye is also steadily improving, measuring close to 20/50.

This breakthrough not

only restored Antonio's sight but also opened the door to similar therapies that could potentially treat millions of people with other eye diseases.

Dr Sabater, director of the Corneal Innovation Lab at the eye institute, believes that gene therapy eyedrops could potentially be used for other diseases by changing the gene delivered by the virus.

With his vision restored, Antonio can now enjoy typical teenage activities like playing video games with his friends and walking around safely.

This medical milestone could be a beacon of hope for those suffering from similar conditions, illuminating the path towards a future where blindness could become a thing of the past.

# Aviation regulator DGCA removes SpiceJet from its enhanced surveillance regime



NEW DELHI, Jul 25 (Agencies): Aviation watchdog DGCA has taken off SpiceJet from its enhanced surveillance regime, a senior official said on Tuesday.

The airline, which has been facing multiple headwinds, was placed under enhanced surveillance recently.

The senior DGCA official said that in view of the observations made in the past concerning inadequate maintenance and in view of the incidents during the monsoon season

last year, SpiceJet was placed under enhanced surveillance.

"Accordingly 51 spot checks were conducted across 11 locations pan India, on the Boeing 737 and Bombardier DHC Q-400 fleet of aircraft, where in a total 23 aircraft were inspected and 95 observations were made by the DGCA

teams," the official said.
The findings were of routine nature and were not considered significant by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

"Suitable maintenance action was taken by the airline to address the findings in accordance with DGCA guidelines. As a consequence, SpiceJet has been taken off the enhanced surveillance regime by DGCA," the official said.

On July 11, PTI had reported about DGCA placing SpiceJet under the enhanced surveillance regime and on that day, the airline refuted any such development.

When contacted, a SpiceJet spokesperson had said, "The information is absolutely incorrect and is strongly denied".

No such communication has been received by the airline from the DGCA, the spokesperson had said in a statement on July 11.

# How burgers and chips for lunch can worsen your asthma that afternoon

#### Food can affect how well your lungs function, how often you have asthma attacks and how well your puffer works

NEWCASTLE, Jul 25 (Agencies): Certain foods or dietary patterns are linked with better control of your asthma. Others may make it worse. Depending on what you've eaten, you can see the effects in hours.

Food can affect how well your lungs function, how often you have asthma attacks and how well your puffer works.

Here's what we know about which foods to eat more of, and which are best to eat in smaller amounts, if you have asthma.

Asthma and inflammation

About one in ten Australians (2.7 million people) have asthma. This makes it the fourth most common chronic

(persisting) disease in Australia. Asthma is an inflam-

matory disease. When someone is exposed to certain triggers (such as respiratory viruses, dust or exercise), the airways leading to the lungs become inflamed and narrow. This makes it difficult for them to breathe during what's commonly known as an asthma attack (or exacerbation).

Researchers are becoming increasingly aware of how someone's diet can affect their asthma symptoms, including how often they have one of these attacks.

Thumbs up for fruit and

veg
The Mediterranean diet
- a diet high in fruit, veg-

etables and oily fish – is linked with less wheezing in children, whether or not they have been diagnosed with asthma. Some, but not all, of the studies found this was regardless of the children's body-mass index (BMI) or socioeconomic status.

Eating a diet high in

fruits and vegetables is also important for adults with asthma. Two studies found adults who were instructed to eat a diet with few fruits and vegetables (two or fewer servings of vegetables, and one serving of fruit daily) had worse lung function and were twice as likely to have an asthma attack compared to those eating a diet high in fruits and

vegetables.



Why might the Mediterranean diet, or one rich in fruit and vegetables, help?

Researchers think it's because people are eating more antioxidants and soluble fibre, both of which have anti-inflammatory action: antioxidants neutralise free radicals. These are the damaging molecules produced as a result of inflammation, which can ultimately cause more inflammation soluble fibre is fermented by gut bacteria to produce

short-chain fatty acids such as acetate, propionate and butyrate, which reduce inflammation.

The Mediterranean diet is also high in omega-3 fatty acids (from oily fish, such as salmon, mackerel and tuna). However a review looked at five studies that investigated omega-3 intake (through the diet or with a supplement) in adults with asthma. None of the studies showed any benefit associated with omega-3 for asthma.

Of course there is no

in the

high in omega-3 – such as oily fish, flaxseeds, chia seeds and walnuts. This has numerous other benefits, such as lowering the risk of heart disease.

harm in eating foods

Thumbs down for saturated fat, sugar, red meat

Saturated fats are found in highly processed foods such as biscuits, sausages, pastries and chocolate, and in fast foods.

Diets high in saturated fats, plus sugar and red meat, can worsen someone's asthma symptoms.

For instance, one study found a diet high in these foods increased the number of asthma attacks in adults.

Foods high in satu-

rated fat can have an impact in as little as four hours.

One study looked at what happened when adults with asthma ate a meal high in saturated fat (consisting of two hash browns, a sausage and egg muffin, and a sausage muffin) compared with a meal with similar calories but low in saturated fat.

People who ate the meal high in saturated fat had reduced lung function within four hours. Within four hours, their puffer was also less effective.

These worsening symptoms were likely driven by an increase in inflammation. Around the four hour mark, researchers found an increase in the number

known as neutrophils, which play a role in inflammation.

It's still OK to eat a

of the immune cells

It's still OK to eat a sneaky burger or some hot chips occasionally if you have asthma. But knowing that eating too many of these foods can affect your asthma can help you make choices that might improve your quality of life.

What about dairy?

One food type you don't have to avoid, though, is dairy products.

Although many people with asthma report eating dairy worsens their asthma, evidence shows this to be untrue. In fact, one study in adults with asthma found drinking milk was linked to better lung function.

# WI vs IND: We wanted to get a result out of this game, says Rohit Sharma after 2nd Test ends in draw

India captain Rohit Sharma said that they wanted to get a result out of the second Test as rain played spoilsport and washed out the entire final day in Port of Spain.

PORT OF SPAIN, Jul 25 (Agencies): India captain Rohit Sharma said that they wanted to get a result out of the second Test as rain played spoilsport and washed out the entire final day in Port of Spain.

Speaking after the end of the match, Rohit said he is very happy with the way India played, insisting that there was nothing that they could've done regarding the weather conditions. The entirety of Day 5 was washed off by rain, forcing the match to be drawn between India and West Indies

"Every win is different. Playing in West Indies, playing in India, has its own challenge. But I am very happy with the way things went here. Starting from Dominica and then here also. We gave



it a good shot. Unfortunately we couldn't get any play today. But there's nothing you can do about it. Things that are in your control, you can look up and do those things." said Rohit.

He went on to say that they

went out with positive intent on Day 4 and wanted to get a result out of the game. India had posted a 365-run target for the West Indies to chase and had claimed two wickets at the end of Day 4. However, heavy rain on Day 5 meant not a single ball was bowled, forcing the match into a stalemate.

"We went out with a positive intent yesterday wanting to get the result out of this game. We have played a really good Test cricket in the recent past and I hope we continue to do that. It's all about these guys having that confidence and move forward which you can see in the performance," Rohit added.

1-0 after the second Test ended in a draw. Rain played spoilsport in Port of Spain, washing out the entire final day of the second Test. However, India came out 1-0 winner following their massive win against the West Indies in Dominica in the first Test.

India won the two-match series

### W60 ITF title: India's Karman Thandi achieves new high



NEW DELHI, Jul 25 (Agencies): India's Karman Kaur Thandi has clinched her second W60 ITF title of her career after winning at the Evansville Open in the USA.

Karman overcame a strong challenge from Yuliia Starodubtseva of Ukraine before winning 7-5 4-6 6-1 to secure

her second singles crown at an ITF women's world tour \$60,000 tournament. With this win, Karman becomes the only Indian woman after Sania Mirza to win a pro title in the USA.

Karman had won her maiden W60 ITF title in Saguenay last year. Overall, this was her fourth career title.

At the Evansville, Karman ousted Maria Fernanda Navarro of Mexico in Round 1 before eliminating local challenger Maribella Zamarripa. She then beat wildcard Allie Kiick of the United States 6-3 6-3 in the quarterfinals. Karman prevailed over Mccartney Kessler of the United States 6-4 7-5 in the semifinals to make her way into the final

Karman is currently 261st in the WTA singles rankings and is the second-ranked women's player in the country.

This victory comes after her two recent runner-up finishes — in the doubles event of the W60 Saskatoon Challenger, Canada, and in the singles event of the W60 Sumter Palmetto Pro Open in the USA.

# Golden day for China's Qin, Zhang

FUKUOKA (JAPAN), Jul 25 (Agencies): China won back-to-back gold medals on the second day of swimming action at the World Aquatics Championships as Qin Haiyang roared to victory in the men's 100 metres breaststroke while Zhang Yufei took the women's 100m butterfly title.

Qin set the secondfastest time in history behind Britain's world record holder Adam Peaty, finishing in 57.69 seconds with a threeway tie for the silver as Nicolo Martinenghi, Arno Kamminga and Nic Fink were all locked on 58.72 seconds.

Zhang then came up with another dominating display to emerge triumphant in her event with a time of 56.12 seconds, finishing ahead of Tokyo gold medallist Margaret Mac Neil of Canada and 2022 champion Torri Huske of the USA.



After an underwhelming opening day, the Americans got their first gold with a one-two in the women's 200m indi-

vidual medley as Kate Douglass won in two minutes 07.17 seconds to dethrone compatriot Alex Walsh.

# No hard feelings: Vinesh Phogat

'Didn't run away from trials; good to see youngsters fighting for their rights'

NEW DELHI, Jul 25 (Agencies): Facing the wrestling fraternity's wrath for accepting exemption from the Asian Games trials, Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia today said they are hurt that young wrestlers dragged them to court but are at the same time delighted to see the junior grapplers starting to fight for their rights.

The IOA ad hoc panel conducted trials in all 18 categories for the Hangzhou Games but decided to give direct entries to Bajrang (65kg) and Vinesh (53kg), triggering angry reactions from many in the wrestling fraternity.

Junior wrestlers Antim Panghal and Sujeet Kalkal approached the Delhi High Court, appealing that the exemption be set aside, but their petition was dismissed.

Both Bajrang and Vinesh, who are abroad at different locations for training, came live on social media to respond to the allegations and recent developments.

"We are not against the trials. I can't blame Antim. She is not wrong. She is fighting for her right and we are fighting for



our right. She is too young, she does not understand. But we are not wrong," Vinesh said.

"We fought against the system, against the powerful. We took blows on our heads, no one came forward (then). She says she was cheated, but did I cheat (during the Commonwealth Games trials)? If at all it was done, it was done by Brij Bhushan (Sharan Singh), or he got it done. My job was to wrestle, and I did that," she

added.

"If she felt cheated then she should have gone to court at that time. It hurts. But I am glad the kids have started speaking, they are gathering courage now. It's positive for wrestling," added the two-time World Championship medallist.

Bajrang said they wanted to speak on the issue only after the trials and the Delhi High Court decision on the petition.

"It was said that there are

three-four wrestlers who can beat Vinesh, but dear Antim, Vinesh has not lost (as yet), and will not lose," Bajrang said. "Antim, you said you became the first Indian to win U-20 World Championship title but Vinesh is also the only woman wrestler to have won two World Championship medals," he added.

Vinesh said they do not fear trials. "We have given 20 years to wrestling. She says I have not practised but I was at the protest site. We are still hungry. We put everything at stake when we were at the peak of our career," Vinesh said.

"The effort they have put in trying to get us to trials, if that much they had done at the dharna, Brij Bhushan would not have been outside today and all of us would have been wrestling. We did not run away from the trials, we just wanted enough time to train. Take the trials, we have not run away from the country. Someone wins and someone loses but can't we be given even one month to train," she said.

### WI vs IND: West Indies recall Shimron Hetmyer and Oshane Thomas for ODI series against India

KENSINGTON OVAL, Jul 25 (Agencies): West Indies have recalled Shimron Hetmyer and pacer Oshane Thomas into the ODI squad for the series against India, which will start from July

The recall to the squad ends almost a year-long hiatus from international cricket for Hetmyer. The left-handed batter last played an ODI match in July 2021. Despite his absence from the international scene, he had a solid season with the Indian Premier League's Rajasthan Royals earlier this year, scoring 300 runs in 14 matches. Thomas' last ODI game came way back in January 2020.

Speaking after the squad was announced,

Lead Selector Desmond Haynes welcomed back Hetmyer and Thomas back to the squad. Haynes said that Hetmyer's batting would offer a lot for the side, especially in the middle stage of the innings, and he could also be a potential finisher for the

"We welcome Oshane

side.

and Shimron back into the group. Both have played at the international level before, with some success, and we believe they will fit well into the set-up. Oshane brings pace and is a potential wicket-taker with the new ball. Shimron's style of batting will offer a lot especially in the middle stage of the innings and he is also a potential 'finisher'," said



Haynes.
West Indies squad for India ODI series:

Shai Hope (Captain), Rovman Powell (Vice Captain), Alick Athanaze, Yannic Cariah, Keacy Carty, Dominic Drakes, Shimron Hetmyer, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Gudakesh Motie, Jayden Seales, Romario Shepherd, Kevin Sinclair and Oshane Thomas. The three-match ODI series against India is set to begin at the Kens-

set to begin at the Kensington Oval in Barbados. This series comes after a disappointing period for the West Indies team, who failed to qualify for the 2023 ODI World Cup. However, the inclusion of Hetmyer and Thomas brings a renewed sense of hope and anticipation for the upcoming matches.

# Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy achieve career-best World No.2 ranking

Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, the reigning Asian Champions, climbed one spot to world no. 2 in the latest BWF World Rankings released on Tuesday.

YEOSU, Jul 25 (Agencies): Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, India's top men's doubles pair, have risen to a career-high second place in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings following their recent victory at the Korea Open. Satwik and Chirag's outstanding performance in the Korea Open propelled them into the rankings, displacing the Chinese duo of Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang, whom they defeated in the semi-finals.

In 2023, Shetty and Rankireddy demonstrated their prowess by clinching several titles. They won their first title as a pair in the Swiss Open, defeat-



ing the Chinese pair of Ren Xiangyu and Tan Qiang in the final. They also emerged victorious at the Badminton Asia Championships held in Dubai, earning the title of Asian Champions. Their winning streak continued at the Indonesia Open, where they defeated Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik to secure their first BWF World Super 1000 title. This victory marked them as the first men's doubles pair from India to win the event. Their success didn't stop there; they went on to win the 2023 Korea Open, defeating the Indonesian pair Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto.

In 2022, they started the year by winning the India Open and were part of India's Thomas Cupwinning team. Despite losing the first game to

the Indonesian duo of Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo and Mohammad Ahsan, they displayed immense perseverance to win the second game and close out the third game, giving India a 2-0 lead over Indonesia. This was pivotal in helping India bag its maiden Thomas Cup trophy.

Shetty and Rankired-dy's achievements are a testament to their dedication, hard work, and talent. Their rise to the world ranking No.2 is a significant milestone in Indian badminton history, inspiring many young athletes in the country. Their journey is far from over, and the badminton world eagerly awaits their future performances.

#### FIFA Women's WC 2024: US-born South Korean becomes tournament's youngest player

SYDNEY, Jul 25 (Agencies): Casey Phair on Tuesday became the youngest player to feature at a Women's World Cup after coming on as a substitute in South Korea's 2-0 defeat to Colombia aged 16 years and 26 days.

The striker was born in the United States and was called up by the country at youth level,

but has now made her debut for South Korea.

She came on in the 78th minute in Sydney, besting the previous record set by Nigeria's Ifeanyi Chiejine, who was 16 years and 34 days when she played at the 1999 World Cup.

Phair, born to an American father and Korean mother, is the first player of mixed descent

to make the senior South Korean women's football squad. South Korea's English coach Colin Bell called Phair the future after his side started their World Cup with a toothless defeat where they mustered only five shots all game. "She deserved to get the chance to play, she has trained really well, as good as anyone," said



the 61-year-old coach. that "It is also a signal that is t

that's the future, she is the future. We need

strong, fast players with physicality."

Bell, who said on the eve of the match that he wanted to "safeguard" Phair from too much "hype", hinted that he could give the teenager more time in their next match against debutants Morocco. "She gives us energy and power and that is where we need to step up and every player

needs to step up in the next game," he said.

"I wanted to throw her on to give her that experience. At least we made history today," added Bell, referring to Phair's landmark.

South Korea went down meekly to Colombia, conceding a penalty in the first half and then a second before the break when goalkeeper Yoon Young-geul made a mess of a shot by Linda Caicedo. "I am very disappointed with the result and performance," he said.

"The girls can play much better. At times they were too slow. We just did not create enough and our decision-making at times was not decisive enough."

# JKAACL organises Bhajan Sandhya for IHRC honours SHO Lal Bazar **Amarnath Yatris**

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

KATHUA, Jul 25: In an initiative to showcase cultural programmes for Amarnath Yatris, the Sub-Office Kathua of J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages organized a 'Bhajan Sandhya' at Amarnath Yatri Felicitation Centre, Lakhanpur. The programme was presented with the support of District Administration, Kathua. Large number of pilgrims thronged the venue to witness the soulful programme by the local artists. The programme was organised under the able guidance of Sh.Bharat Singh (JKAS) Secretary, J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages. The programme

was started with the vibrant soulful singing



of Rakesh Kumar and party of Kathua who mesmerised everyone with their awestruck performance of Dogri and Punjabi Bhajans. This was followed by the Dogri and Hindi Bhajans by Neelam Gandotra and party of Basholi who left no stone unturned to make

the soulful evening a successful one.

The evening was culminated with the Nukkad Natak 'Maine Jeena Hai' based on a theme of drugs and presented by New Sargam Cultural and Social Group, Vijaypur. The play showcases how the drug-menace is

ruining the generations and thus crippling the developing nations and pushing generations to death, devastation and destruction. The play unfolds a series of incidents where people are influenced by drugs, alcohol and other intoxications which create hell for themselves as well

percentage half yearly

as for their loved-ones. Many precious lives are being charred in this fire of drug menace which is to be fought untidily. The play has tried to make a strong appeal to save mankind from this uncontrolled dragon. Earlier informing the

media on the occasion Sh. Sanjeev Gupta SOCA JKAACL Sub-Office, Kathua said that we are trying to do our best of efforts for the preservation and promotion of the Art and Culture of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. This time our motive was different as Amarnath Yatra is going on, we are here for them for the soulful evening, he added. He further shared that JKAACL will come up with such kind of programmes in near future as well.



**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

SRINAGAR, Jul, 25: Youth Ambassador-IYS President of International Human Rights Commission for Jammu and Kashmir Fahar Baba on Tuesday recognized the work of Station House Officer, Police Station Lal Bazar Insp Khalid Aslam for exhibiting utmost integrity and professionalism by nabbing a murder accused within hours of murder incident. Accordingly, a certificate of appreciation was presented to honour the work of the said officer.

Jammu and Kashmir Police officers continue to exhibit the good they do for the community, which is well beyond enforcing laws," IHRC President Fahar Baba said.

In addition, Khalid Aslam, Station House Officer Police Station Lal Bazar with his consistent engagement in improving the service for victims of Drug addiction, sexual and genderbased violence has led to successful investigation and prosecution," IHRC President Said.

The objective of the award is to promote an understanding of good police work among the masses. This is also done to promote and encourage the high professional standards of investigation of crime cases, he added.

# Frontal Hindu Organizations resent exorbitant Air fare in Paddar

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

PADDAR, Jul 25: Various Frontal Hindu Organization namely Sanathan Dharam Sabha, Vishaw Hindu Parishad. Hindu Ekta Manch, Sarvshakti Sewal Sanstha & many other NGOs leaders called on District Magistrate District Kishtwar and urged upon him to reconsider the existing air fare structure from base camp Gulabgarh to holy shrine in Sub-Division Paddar of District Kishtwar which apparently is exorbitant and cannot be justified at any cost keeping in view the rates fixed in previous years & rates in vogue in Katra Vaishno Devi and Bhurmour-Mani Mahesh in District Chamba of Himachal Pardesh.

As per press release issued here by Advisor Sarv Shakti Sewak



Sanstha-Mr. Ram Singh Chauhan the Dy. Commissioner Kishtwar gave the plea that air fare has been fixed under due process of law after calling bids from the Air companies and that it cannot be changed now forgetting that District Magistrates have absolute powers under Essential commodities Act in public interest and argued that suitable arbitration could have been reach particularly when Dearness Allowance is granted by the Government at a fixed

and then why an unproportionate increase in air fare in Paddar from Rs 5120/= to Rs 7580/= (2022 & 2023) both sides, they argued and suggested that reasonable increase in terms of suitable percentage is always welcome but the present rate is heart breaking, intolerable and amounts to discourage the Hindu sentiments just to appease some money making tycoons expert in the Helicopter services, the release maintained and urged upon the District Magistrate to immediately swing in invoking provisions of Essential commodities Act in larger public interest and fix the rates afresh quite suitable, genuine and reasonable to the general devotees of Mata Machail.

## **DC Kishtwar launches Micro ATM facility** for Shri Machail Mata Yatra devotees

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

KISHTWAR, Jul 25: In a groundbreaking initiative, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav unveiled the Micro ATM facility today, catering to the needs of devotees undertaking the revered Shri Machail Mata Yatra and the general public.

The facility has been made possible through a strategic collaboration between HDFC Bank Branch Kishtwar and the Common Service Centre (CSC) Kishtwar.

This pioneering service will be conveniently available at six key yatra points, namely Atholi, Gulabgarh, Kundail, Chishoti, Hamori, and the revered Shri Machail Mata Temple itself.

The introduction of the Micro ATM facility is poised to bring immense relief to the devotees and general public alike, significantly easing monetary transactions in hitherto underserved banking areas during the

Yatra period.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, extended his appreciation to HDFC Bank and CSC Kishtwar for their relentless efforts in materializing this much-needed initiative.

He remarked. "The Micro ATM facility is a testament to the unwavering commitment of HDFC Bank and CSC Kishtwar in enhancing the overall Yatra experience and fostering financial inclusivity in our region."

Branch Head HDFC Kishtwar, Kamran Nehru. HDFC Branch Sales Manager, Sajad Bashir, Assistant Manager CSC Kishtwar. Suman Kapoor, and District Manager CSC Kishtwar, Shagufta Malik whose dedication played

a pivotal role in the successful implementation of the Micro ATM facility.

With the introduction of Micro ATM services at these key locations, devotees and the general public can now conduct hassle-free monetary transactions, including cash withdrawals and deposits. The on-site presence of CSC representatives throughout the Yatra period will ensure seamless bank-

ing services for all.

## All Displaced Kashmiri United Forum discusses important issues about community

**TOP NEWS REPORT** 

JAMMU, Jul 25: A Kashmiri Pandit conference, oganised by All Displaced Kasshmii Pandit Forum (ADKUF), was held here in which representatives of displaced KP bodies, eminent personalities, prominent journalists and women participated in large numbers.

From Delhi a team lead by AK Koul In-charge Delhi unit and former Gen Secy of Forum also participated in the meeting. The meeting was held carrying forward the mission of bringing the displaced community under one umbrella.

A team of 33 members comprising personalities from various sectors and spheres of the community was also framed in the conference. This team having full mandate of Pandits will serve as a platform for dialogue and formulation of comprehensive strategies to ensure the rehabilitation empowerment and social integration of the displaced community. Participants extended their support to the unity move mission of ADKUF by signing an oath document. A resolution in favouring unity move was also passed.

Pyare Lal Raina, an educationist, advised to follow rich traditions of Sanatan Dharma and explained how Vedas teach us about the power of unity. He reminded that the destruction of Hindus places of worship and Kashmiriat started much before mass exodus of Pandits quoting the tragic incident engineered by miscreants in Feb 1986, when dozens of Temples and shrines were vandalised deities desecrated and broken in a number of villages in Dist Anantnag.

Retired Distt. and Sessions Judge BL Saraf while supporting the unity move said that the community stands united. Our priorities may vary but the demands are same.

KK Khosa said that the KP Sabha has and will always support the unity move. His organisation has been working tirelessly for decades for the cause of community.

Another Speaker Mr MK Bangroo, a well known Journalist and former PTI Bureau Chief, also stressed to elevate the team to world class level by increasing membership involving KP youth and representatives from other states and KP diaspora as

well, since the youngsters from the community are found everywhere throughout the globe.

PL Sudeshi President ADKUF appealed not let this historic event go waste and uphold the unity by thoughts and deeds for the safe secure and bright future of our coming generations. He added that the unity move by forum is heading successfully towards its goal by the support of KP community.

Prof AN Sadhu, an economist of repute and social worker, who presided over the function, said that the Coordination committee should formulate a Roadmap and an action plan revealing feasible solution of our all short and long term demands. He also advised to think about economic temples and strengthen economic institutions to make the community independent of economic necessities.

PN Raina General Secretary of ADKUF welcomed the guests and dignitaries. Prof GL Koul Chief Advisor presented the vote of thanks. PK Raina renowned Artist poet and Radio announcer conducted the proceedings. Proceedings were live on TRN (The Right News) channel covered by Journalist Rohit Bhat.

# **OBC Adhikar Tringa Yatra holds protest against Govt**

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JAMMU, Jul 25: OBC Mahasabha, All India Backward Classes Federation and All J&K Welfare Forum of Srinagar and Presidents of different castes and communities under the banner of OBC Adhikar Tringa Yatra held a strong protest criticizing the discriminatory behaviour of Prime Minister towards

JK-UT OBC masses. Kasturi Lal Basotra. Chairman OBC Mahasabha strongly condemned the attitude of Modi Govt as the BJP Modi Govt has betrayed from its promise made in 2014 at Mulana Azad Stadium Jammu and at Hiranagar during the Assembly election of Jammu & Kashmir and

also in 2019. Instead of implementing 27% reservation in JK-UT Govt. services as per Supreme of India Judgment dt.16.11.1992 on Mandal commission report and in Panchyati Raj system and in Urban Local Bodies (as



2437-6) the Modi Govt start diluting the OSC/ OBC reservation in JK-UT by start Inducting the Upper caste masses under the garb of Resident of Backward Area (RBA) 10% reservation. Further Mohd Shabir

Sambiyal, President Dhobi Welfare Central Committee detailed during the protest that in the recruitment of Professors/Assistant Professors/Associate Professors in Jammu University the Vice-Chancellor of Jammu University as adopted the discriminatory way of OBC reservation only 2% reservation in the recently advertised posts instead of 27% as per University Grants Commission norms.

Moreover the OBC Scholars in this University are facing discrimination during Ph.D after the submission of Ph.d. Further a fake OBC certificate holder has been allowed for M.phil/P.hd during the year-2016 which the OBC organisations has pointed out several times but this university is hiding this matter since long time.

The Main dignitaries present in the protest Sect. OBC Mahasabha, Raj Kumar Chalotra, Vice-President Vishawkarma Sabha, Manohar Lal Tidyal, Advisior O.B.C Mahasabha, Rajinder Kumar Sikka, President Sain Samaj, Balwant Katria, General Secretary AIBCF, Bansi Lal Choudhary, Arjit Kumar Kashyap Youth leader of OBC Mahasabha, Bansi Lal Gumbal, Ravi Kumar Dogra, Madan Lal Baldotra, Sr. Vice President Parjapati Sabha of Kumhar Biradri and Ashok Kumar Basotra, Senior Advocate J&K

Mohan Lal Pawar, Gen.

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