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BRIEFLY

Three Amarnath pilgrims injured in Ramban road accident

JAMMU, Jul 28 (Agencies): Three Amarnath pilgrims were injured on Friday morning in a road accident at Ramsoo in Ramban district, an official said. An official said that a yatra vehicle bearing registration number (JK02BU-4095) skidded off the road at Gangroo, Ramsoo resulting injuries to three pilgrims. They have been identified as Adarsh Kumar, Manju Sharma and Ankush Sharma all from Jammu district. He said all the injured have been shifted to Primary Health Centre Ramsoo for treatment.

Woman dies after house collapses due to mudslide in **Udhampur**

UDHAMPUR, Jul 28 (Agencies): A 65-yearold woman died after her house collapsed due to a mudslide in

NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Amid total chaos and bedlam in Lok Sabha on Friday, three bills were passed within minutes, which included the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, which will allow private sector to bid for mining critical minerals like Lithium. After the passage of the three bills, the Lok Sabha was adjourned

for the day till July 31. The other two bills included the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023



and the National Dental Commission Bill, 2023. While the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, was passed after a brief

discussion, the other two bills were clubbed together and passed without discussion.

Even as the opposition kept up with their protests while jumping in the

well of the House, seeking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's response on Manipur violence and his presence in the House, the government first introduced the IIM (Amendment) Bill and then within half an hour, three bills were passed. Opposition members indulged in slogan shouting and termed the passing of bills despite the fact that the no-confidence motion has been

moved in the House, as "illegal" and "a fraud on the Constitution." Leader of the

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Dhiraj Singh Thakur takes Oath as Chief Lok Sabha passes 3 bills in 30 mins amid oppn Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court high court judges and F JUSTICE

tered the oath to Justice

Thakur, who is the sixth

Chief Justice of the high

Chief Minister Y. S.

Jagan Mohan Reddy,

cabinet members,

leader of opposition N.

Chandrababu Nadu,

court.



AMARAVATI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur on Friday took oath as Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

State Governor S. Abdul Nazeer adminis-

ing darshan at the Holy

Cave, contributing to

the cumulative figure

of 369,288. This sur-

other senior officials attended the ceremony. The Central government had recently appointed Justice Thakur, a judge of Bombay High Court, as the Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

He succeeded Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, who has been elevated as a judge of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Collegium had recommended on July 5 that

Justice Thakur be **Turn to page 9**

Nine kilogram narcotics

consignment recovered on LoC in Rajouri: Police

RAJOURI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Security forces on Friday morning recovered a consignment of narcotic substance during an operation launched on the Line of Control in Jhangar area of Nowa sub division in the

Earns Rs 100 Cr, Cable Car Corp | Amarnath Yatra 2023 exceeds pays Govt Rs 1 Cr dividend A cheque worth Rs.

SRINAGAR, Jul 28 (Agencies): Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday lauded the efforts of J&K Cable Car Corporation (JKCCC) for achieving record revenue of □ 100 Cr and advised the Corporation to use the generated revenue in meeting the aspira-

assets.

Director, J&K Cable Car Corporation. Meanwhile Chief Secretary asked the JKCCC to look into establishing other Gandola projects, especially in PPP mode at places where there is tions of tourists besides high footfall of tourists maintaining its valuable like Gulmarg. He maintained that J&K has

many other destinations like Sarthal, Mantalai, 1.0 Cr was handed over to the Finance Depart-Sanasar, Doodhpathri, ment by the Managing Baderwah and Baisaran (Pahalgam) which have tremendous potential in terms of establishing Gandola projects thereby promoting tourism. Earlier on June 19 Dr Mehta, who is also Chairperson of the Corporation chaired its 33rd

(Agencies): The revered Amarnath Yatra-2023 has achieved a momentous milestone, surpassing the total number of pilgrims from the previous year. On Thursday, a total of 9,150 yatris have had the privilege of perform-

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Board meeting during Turn to page 9

previous Year's figures passes last year's total SRINAGAR, Jul 28 of 365,721, signaling a

significant increase in the number of devotees undertaking this holy pilgrimage.

The resounding success of Amarnath Yatra-2023 can be primarily attributed to the impeccable arrangements orchestrated by the administration. Every facet of the Yatra, from the provision of langar

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services to healthcare facilities, sanitation, transportation, and security measures, has been meticulously managed to ensure unparalleled convenience for the pilgrims.

The seamless execution of these arrangements has led to a surge in the influx of devotees who are eager to embark on the spiritually

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Katwalt village in Ramnagar tehsil of Udhampur district on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Kisho Devi, wife of Kapoora, a resident of Bari village. She was at home when the mudslide hit her house, burying her under the debris.

Her body was recovered by locals and police and taken to a hospital, where she was declared dead. The cause of the mudslide is not yet known, but it is believed to have been caused by heavy rains in the area.

The police have registered a case and are investigating the matter.

Two persons injured in gas cvlinder blast in Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, Jul 28 (Agencies): Two persons were injured in a gas cylinder blast in a welding workshop in Sangoor area of Udhampur district on Friday. The injured have been identified as Rajinder Kumar of Panchari and Gugi Kumar of Panjgrain. The incident took place today morning when the two men were

engaged in welding work in the workshop. A gas cylinder that was being used for welding exploded, causing the

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district. The operation was carried out jointly by Jammu and Kashmir police,

Indian Army and BSF on the basis of a specific intelligence input. Senior Superinten-dent of Police, Rajouri, Amritpal Singh said that there was some specific intelligence input on the basis of which an operation was launched in LoC area of Jhangar in Nowshera sector. This operation was carried out by police, army unit of area and BSF during which area was cordoned and extensive searches were

PLEA | Court issues stay order against Helicopter service providers for Machail Yatra

MACHAIL LAND OWNER'S

SRINAGAR, Jul 28 (Agencies): A Court in Kishtwar has restrained two private helicopter service provider companies from carrying out any landing operations in the land of one Prethvi Raj, situated at Machail in Kishtar district of J&K. Civil Subordinate Judge Senior Division Kishtwar M.A. Al-Nasir has issued the order restraining the service provider companies

Aryan Aviation Pvt Ltd and Himalyan Heli Services in a case titled Prethvi Raj V/s Aryan Aviation Pvt Ltd and others

Raj has approached the court with the contention that private helicopter service provider companies who have been allotted the contract for Machail Yatra 2023 are forcibly using his land as Heliped at Machail without his

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Yatra | Fresh batch of 2155 pilgrims leave from Jammu base camp

Amarnath

JAMMU, Jul 28 (Agencies): A fresh batch of 2155 pilgrims amidst the chants of 'Bam Bam Bhole' on Friday left from Bhagwati Nagar Base camp here for Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas. An official said that

2155 pilgrims left the base camp in a convoy of 95 vehicles. Turn to page 9

BARISH KALA

ADVOCATE NOH KALA

Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS) as Poetic Obeisance to The Senior Citizens has organised a Multi-Lingual Kavi Goshti On 29th July, 2023

At Vridh Ashram, Ambphalla Jammu At 5.00 PM Sharp

With The Special Blessings D Shri I.D. Soni pist and President Home For Aged And Infirms

Shri K. B. Jandial IAS Former Secretary to Govt Of J&K and Ex Hon'ble Member PSC Shall Be The Chief Guest

Shri Frem Gupta IPS Former Inspector General Of Police Shall Preside Over The Function

int. Jatinder Kaur Sharma Renowned Singer Shall Be Special Guest.

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

Woman hit by truck, dies in Banihal

RAMBAN, Jul 28 (Agencies): A woman was crushed to death by a speedy truck in the Lamber toll Plaza area of Banihal on Srinagar Jammu National Highway Thursday afternoon.

The incident was recorded in CCTV cameras installed alongside NH-44. Police said that a woman, identified as Amina Begum, 30,

wife of Muhammad Iqbal Wani, resident of Lamber, Banihal, died after a truck, bearing registration number RJ07GD-2498, hit her near Lamber on Srinagar Jammu National Highway.

"The woman was

crossing the road when this incident happened. As she had received critical injuries, she died on the spot," a senior police officer informed.

As the news of the accident spread, the people, including the relatives of the deceased, assembled at Lamber and held a protest. The protesting locals blocked Srinagar-Jammu National Highway.

The locals said that they had been demanding foot over-bridge or pedestrian over-bridge since the completion of four-lane work by the concerned construction company NHAI. "The officers had assured us that the bridge would be

constructed for the safe crossing of people and students. But the work on the foot over bridge has not started till date," they alleged.

Later, SHO Banihal Inspector Muhammad Afzal Wani, SDM Banihal Zahir Abbas and DySP Banihal Nisar Khoja reached the spot and assured the people to redress their grievance.

On the assurance, the protestors dispersed and the body was shifted to SDH Banihal for postmortem and other legal formalities.

Due to the protest, vehicular traffic remained disrupted for a Turn to page 9



OBITUARIES

Top News of J&K Jammu, Friday, July 28, 2023

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

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

Tenth Day Kriya **Shri Vikas Gupta** S/o Late Shri Raghubir Chander Gupta who left for his heavenly abode on 19 July 2023 10TH DAY will be performed on 26 July at 12 Noon VENUE: Shiv Mandir, Sarwal Last Morh, Jammu. KRIYA will be performed on 29 July at 3 PM. VENUE : our residence. IN GRIEF

Meenu Gupta- Wife Sumit Gupta- Brother (+919858050909) Ritu Gupta - Sister-in-law Late Sh. Raman Satti- Jija Ji Reena Satti - Sister Sanjay Gupta- Jijaji Late Smt. Sonu Gupta - Sister

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Smt. Vijay Bhan Kaul (Tathi) w/o Puran Prakash Kaul, originally resident of Karan Nagar, Srinagar/ presently residing at 301, Paloura Top, Lane No. 1, Suraksha Vihar, Jammu, left us for heavenly abode suddenly and untimely on 24-Jul-23 at 07:20 am. Entire family mourns her sad and untimely demise. While grieving the loss, we pray for Sadgatti of the divine departed soul.



Puran Prakash Kaul (Husband) - 9419105235 Sunil Kaul / Girja Kaul (Dewar/Bhabhi) - 8717055082 Akhil Sharma / Monika Sharma (Son-in-law and Daughter) - 9599918737 Rohit Kaul (Son) - 8056268474

Deeply Remembered By: Kauls, Tickus, Bhans, Sharmas and All Relatives and Friends

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and deep sorrow, hereby inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Mohini Razdan W/o Sh. M.K. Razdan originally from Bhagat Barzulla Srinagar (Kmr.) presently residing at Pune on 20.7.2023. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Alandi Ghat Pune on 29.7.2023 at 8.30 A.M. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

Sh. M.K.Razdan (Husband) (Daughters-in-law & Sons) SMT. MOHINI RAZDAN Smt. Usha & Sh. Surjit Razdan Smt. Neelam & Upinder Razdan Smt. Ritu & Sh. Rakesh Razdan Smt. Usha & Sh. Vijay Kumar Koul (Daughter & Son-in-law)



TENTH DAY

Smt Gayetri Devi

USHAN LAL BHAN & SUNITA BHAN HAND PATWARI & SHAKUNTALA KHAR SMADSONG & GRAND-DAUGHTERS IKAS BHAN & NUPUR ZUTSHI, VIVEK BHAN, VISHAL BHAN, AKASH BHAN, DIKSH HAN, SHIKAH BHAN, SAKSHI BHAN, SHIVAM BHAN, SUSHIL PANDITA & PRIYANK, RCHANA PANDITA & VIVEK DHAR, RACHANA PANDITA & SHEEBU DHAR, AKSHA HAN ANUSHKA BHAN

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

10TH DAY & 11TH DAY (KRIYA)

With profound grief, we regret to inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved **Smt Gayetri Devi** W/o Capt. Mulkh Raj (Bhadrore Wale) on 19-07-2023. The **10th Day** shall be observed on 28th July 2023 Friday) and 11th Day (Kriya) will be held on 29th July 2023 (Saturday) at our residence Lane No.11, 102/C Shiv Nagar, Jammu.



Dr S.K Sharma & Dr Anju Sharma -Son & Daughter-in-lav Mrs Rajni Sharma & Mr Yogesh Khajuria -**Daughter & Son-in-law** Mr Suraj Prakash Sharma & Mrs Shakuntla Sharma -**Brother & Bhabi** Mrs Geeta Devi & Mr Ratan Lal Khajuria -Sister & Brother-in-law ranjay, Snigdha, Tania -Grand Children



TENTH DAY KRIYA With Profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the

sad demise of our beloved Sh. Tej Kumar Kaul on 23rd July 2023 at E106, Satisar Apartments, Dwarka, Sector 7 New Delhi

10th Day Kriya will performed at Rohini, Sector 18, next to

Turn Day Kriya will performed at Kohini, Sector 18, next to Kali Mandiri Bawana Road on 01st Aug 2023 at 9AM. Grief Stricken: Phoola Kaul - Wife Rohit & Megha Kaul - Son & Daughter-in-law Kamla Kaul W/o Lt. Sh. B.N Kaul - Sister-in-law Lalita Pattoo W/o Lt. Sh. C.L.Pattoo - Sister Durga Kaul W/o Lt. Sh. P.K Kaul - Sister Ashok Kumar Kaul & Susheela Kaul - Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law Surindor & Bariu Kaul - Brother & Sister-in-law Sh. Tej Kumar Kaul Ashok Kumar Kaul & Susholia New Sister-In-law Contact No.: 8448894662 / 9419120004 / Contact No.: 8448894662 / 9419120004 / navan & Sarshi - Niece 9810029418 anaya & Kirara - Grand Daughters 9810029418 xtended Kaul Parivar, Dhar's, Badshah's, Fotedar's, Trakroo's, Duda's

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the ad demise of beloved **Sh Narayan Singh** So Lt. Sh Balak Ram & Lt. Smt. Koushalya Devi R/O Village Urkhal, ward no.1, Surinsari who expired on 19th-July-2023. **10th Day** will be performed on 28th-July 2023 Friday at our residence at 11:00 AM **Kriya** will be performed on 31st - July-2023 Monday at 11:30 PM onwards GRIEF STRICKEN Polly Devi - Wife Riya - Daughter

Rudra Pratap Singh - Son Brother & Bhabhi Rekhi Singh & Kamla Devi

Sister-in-Law



Sh Narayan Singh

Shamsher Singh & Sushma Dev Rishpal Singh & Meena Kumari Sister & Brother-in-law Smt. Sudesh Kumari & Sh. Iqbal Singh **DEEPLY STRICKEN :-**MART DEODIALLA PARIVAAR Mobile Numbers: 9622750795, 9906346384, 9906001566

MOURNING FROM MALYUN SIDE With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Mohini Fotedar W/o late Trilok Nath Fotedar, D/o Late Sh. Gopi Nath Akhoon of Kralyar Rainawari Srinaga Kashmir presently residing H.No. 861 Subash Nagar Jammu who left us for the heavenly abode on 22-07-2023. **Grief Stricken**



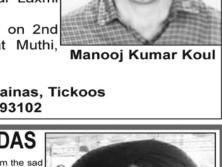
Smt. Mohini Fotedar Smt. Raj Dulari W/o Late Sh. Ashok Kumar Koul

Mrs. & Mr. Dheeraj Koul Smt. Lalita Bazaz W/o Late Sh. A.K. Bazaz- Sister Mob.: 706561115, 9149975785

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE

Deeply grieved by the sad demise of my dearest fac ulty and mentor of Govt. Polytechnic college Jammu, SH. VISHNU DATT SHARMA (Retd. Registrar JKBOTE) R/O H. No 16/3 Trikuta Nagar Jammu Your presence will be greatly missed but your warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. We pray to almighty God to give enough strength to his family members to overcome this situation and rest the noble soul in peace. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY: Er. Jagjit Singh Jaggi (Retd A.E.E.) 9103353737





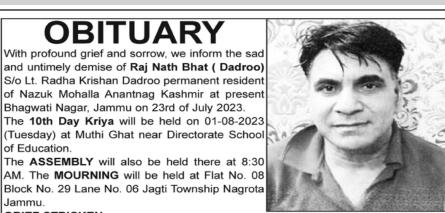
and untimely demise of our beloved S. Surinder Singh Bakshi (RETD TEHSILDAR) S/o Late. Budha Singh R/o Kathi Darwaaza, Chatti Patshahi Rainawari Sgr. at present at Dayal Bagh Colony Bandhu Rakh Kunjwani Jammu or 22.07.2023. PROGRAM AT RESIDENCE ARAMBH SRI AKHAND PATH at Residence Bandhu Rakh on Friday 28th July 2023 at 9.00 AM BHOG SRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB on 30 th July 2023 Sunday 9.30 AM. PROGRAM AT GURUDWARA. SAHIB KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS : 10:30 AM TO - 1.00 PM Followed by Guru Ka Langar GRIEF STRICKEN Harbhajan Kour -Sister Daughters and Sons in law Geeta Mehta & Dr Prithipal Singh Mehta Simran Kour & S.Karanjit Singh Bakshi (PARK VIEW TRADERS SRINAGAR) Sons and Daughters in law S. Tejpal Singh Bakshi (Retd AGM J&K Bank) and Simi (J&K Bank) S. Pupinder Pal Singh. MBS College & Supinder Kour. S.Sharanpreet Pal Singh & Anjanpreet Kour S Nanak Singh Mehta (Brother in law) GRANDCHILDREN: Pamilla and Harpal Gurpreet and Shruti, Pavi and Harmillan Aman Angad Assis Jessica Gurliv

RSVP BAKSHI, FAMILY OF CHATTI PATSHAHI SRINAGAR AND MEHTA FAMILY, OF GADPORA, TRAL. ALL NEARS AND DEARS Ph No: 9419196805, 9899277474, 9858602003, 9622016900, 9419012727, 9797311945

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Rattan Lal Kerni S/o Late Sh. Parkash Nath R/o W.No 21, H.No 1596, Kallar, Near Veterinary Hospital, Udhampur on 19-07-2023.

10TH DAY will be performed on 28-07-2023 (Friday) at our residence at 12:30 PM. KRIYA will be performed on 29-07-2023 (Saturday) at our residence at 12 Noon onwards. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Geeta Devi (Mother) Smt. Usha Rani (Wife) Brother & Bhabhi Ravi Kerni & Babli Jeevan Kerni & Neetu Kewal Kerni & Asha Daughter & Son-in-Law Sakshi Sharma & Amit Sharma Son & Daughter Adish Sharma Sonali Sharma



RAJ NATH BHAT (DADROO)

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

TENTH DAY KRIYA

OBITUARY

Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu on 23rd of July 2023.

of Education

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. T.N. Bhat - Brother

Sisters-in-law & Brothers

Smt Pooja & Sh. Pran Nath

Sisters & Brother-in-laws

Smt. Soniya & Sh. Roshan Lal

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. Muni- Wife

Jammu.

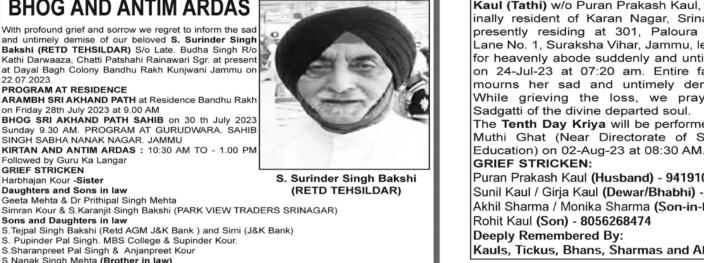
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved Manooj Kumar Koul S/o Late Gopi Nath Koul R/o Vessu presently at H.No. 14, Lane No. 8, Shiv Dass Colony Tomal Anand Nagar Bhori Near Laxmi Palace.

Tenth Day Kriya will be held on 2nd August 2023 (Wednesday) at Muthi,

Ghat at 8:30 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Kouls, Panditas, Thaploos, Rainas, Tickoos Mob. No.: 9419106652, 7006793102

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

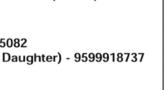




The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at

SHRI VIKAS GUPTA

Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of School SMT. VIJAY BHAN KAUL





RATTAN LAL KERNI (DHARMTHAL WALE) 25-07-1962 to 19-07-2023

DEEPLY MISSED BY: **KERNI FAMILY & KHAJURIA** FAMILY MOB: 8492863213, 6006171886

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform

that our beloved Mr Anup Kumar Wali (Ex-PNB Manager) S/o Late Sh Som Nath Wali has left for heavenly abode on 20-07-2023 at Zirakpur, Punjab. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Haridwar on Saturday 29th July, 2023 at 10:00 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Aunty & Uncle Mrs & Mr. R.L. Wali Sister & Brother-in-law Dr Vijay Wali & Dr R.K. Khosa Bhabi & Brother Mrs Asha & Mr. Vinod Wali (7889721725, 7006587286) Wife- Mrs Rita Wali - (7895891259) Daughter-in-law & Son Mrs & Mr Aditva Wali (9975180426) Daughter : Dr Sakshi Wali



MR ANUP KUMAR WALI (Ex-PNB Manager)

UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF MADHU SURI W/O LATE SH MOHINDER NATH SURI R/O 479/2 DIGIANA JAMMU ON 17-07-23. UTHALA TIME 4:30PM TO 5:30PM ON SATURDAY 29/07/ 23 AT HANUMAN MANDIR NEAR POLICE POST DIGIANA. GRIEF STRICKEN MUNISH SURI - SON SOURAV SURI - SON **BROTHER- IN-LAW AND BHABHI** SH KRISHAN LAL SURI & SMT KANCHAN SURI NEPHEWS AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SANDEEP SURI & RUPALI SURI VIKAS SURI & MONIKA SURI SURI FAMILY, GROVER FAMILY AND ALL NEAR ONES MOB.: 9419196491, 7889807748, 97966666626, 9103668612



MADHU SURI

Smt. Sushma & Sh.B.L.Dhar (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Indira & Sh. Ravi Raina

Samsat Razdan, Koul, Kachrus, Sarafs, Jalalis & Dhars Parivars Contact No. 9860636344, 8618450505

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Pushpa Devi R/o 648, Resham Ghar Colony Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed on Saturday (29/7/2023) at Smriti Bhawan Geeta Mandir Bakshi Nagar Jammu

SATSANG- 12 NOON LANGAR- 1 PM Deeply Missed & Remembered by Sh Guddu Lal- Husband

Suraj & Roopali- Son & Daughter-in-law Chandan & Smriti- Son & Daughter-in-law Sonia & Naresh- Daughter & Son-in-law Mishti & Dishu- Grand Daughters MOB: 9906088832, 8803769747, 7006117606

RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Smt. Krishna Gupta W/o Lt Sh. Netar Parkash Gupta R/o Ward no.11 Rajouri.

Uthala will be performed at Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Rajouri from 3.00 PM to 4.00 PM on 29 July 2023 (Saturday). **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

(Sons & Daughter-in-laws) Smt. Neelam & Sh. Atam Vijay Gupta Smt. Savita & Sh. Kamal Kant Gupta Smt. Rajni & Sh. Arvind Gupta (Lovely)

Smt. Shivani & Sh. Navneet Gupta (Tarzan) SMT. KRISHNA GUPTA (Daughters & Son-in-laws)

Contact: 9419141367, 9149402090, 9419170035, 9419170020

Smt. Harsh & Sh. Atam Vijay Gupta Smt. Madhu & Lt.Sh. Om Parkash Gupta Smt. Neelam & Sh. Bharat Bhushan Gupta Smt. Anjana & Sh. Roshan Gupta M/s Hotel Sharan, Rajouri M/s Rajni Medical Hall, Rajouri M/s KK Disposable, Rajouri







REMEMBRANCE

15TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY Fifteen years ago on this day you left this world but you neve left our hearts. You are still remembered with every heart beat Your principles, values and simplicity have left a mark on ou

LT. SMT. SAROJ

Son & Daughter-in-law Mr. Arpit Arora & Mrs. Ankita Arora Kids: Anirudh, Tanvi, Sarthak, Kavya, Aakarshan and Arsh 9419142863, 9419121896



10 years has passed since you left us, your memories are always fresh in our hearts and minds. Your blessings, honesty, simplicity and guidance will remain source of inspiration for all of us. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY Mr. Vinod Bakshi - Husband Sons & Daughters-in-law Mr. Ashwani Bakshi & Mrs. Poonam Bakshi Mr. Sachin Bakshi & Mrs. Nisha Bakshi Mrs. Pooja Bakshi W/o Late Mr. Pawan Sudan - Daughte Prasanta, Prasanchit, Vansh, Ansh, Anshika Mobile No.: 9419126445, 9419355279, 7006985827



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SMT PUSHPA DEVI

Grand Sons & Grand Daughter

DEEPLY MISSED BY

Daughter & Son-in-law

Son & Daughter-in-law Mr. Atul Arora & Mrs. Deepali Arora

Mrs. Shallu Arora & Mr. Satish Arora

ARORA

LOCAL/ ADVT

POJK DP's Front 1947, 1965, 1971 holds protest

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jun 28: POJK DP's Front gathered at Maharaja Hari Singh Park under the chairmanship of President, Captain (Retd.) Yudhvir Singh Chib assisted by General Secretary J.P Sharma and Secretary K.S. Chib of the front.

DP's of POJK thanked Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and Prime Narinder Modi and Amit Shah that they have taken bold step against the influential personalities of the State those have illegally occupied/ encroached Govt. land as well as forest land and done one of the best exercise by getting the encroached land evacuated from those had grapped it by using their official positions.

This process must be continued till all the encroachers are totally retrieved from the said illegal possession completely.

After a long struggle of



JPC REPORT के मुताबिव 30 लाख हर REFUGEE परिवार को दिया the DP's Prime Minister by the Joint Parliamen-

of India Narendra Modi tary Committee of India. paid due consideration We are thankful to JPC recommenda-Manoj Sinha, Lieutention of Rs. 30 Lakh to ant Governor, Narendra each family of PoJK Modi, Prime Minister of and released Rs 2000 India Amit Shash, Home Crores within (Pardhan Minister those have paid Mantri Package) for maximum attention disbursement to POJK towards DP's of POJK and necessary orders have been issued in the Allotted amount have first week of May. 2023 been distributed to 80% DP's families to the tune for payment of Rs. 5.5 of Rs. 5.5 lakh each

DPs.

Lakh to: remaining 20% family of POJK so far. DP's hence it is request-We again request to ed that left out files of both Government to remaining/left out DP's please release last balmay be accepted by ance amount Rs 24.5 the concerned depart-Lakh out of Rs. 30 Lakh ment on priority for early disbursement of P.M. which was recommend

Package as early as

possible. In the recent past our delegation met with Piyush Dhotra, Asstt. **Commissioner Revenue** Jammu who assured that files of remaining 20% will be attended on priority.

Moreover, the evacuee property landing as well as housing is lying with the state in respect of Muslims those migrated to Pakistan during 1947 partition and moreover we have also left our housing as well as landing property in POJK during 1971 conflicts which is presently under

the occupation of Pakistan. As such landing property presently lying with custodian department may be allotted to DP's of PoJK with (Non Camp) as per State Cabinet order 1954. A maximum number of DP's POJK gathered to

highlight their problems which are pending for the long time. Majority of the DP's

were carrying placards, banners and flags in their hands tried their best to move in the shape of the rally towards Secretariat but foiled by the Police Contingent under the leadership of Captain Yudvir Singh Chib, President of the front. They requested that Lt.

Governor Manoj Sinha may please approach Prime Minister as well as Home Minister Amit Shah to consider our demands for which we have been deprived for the last 75 years by the previous Govt. on false promises and running from pillar to post.

Labroo expresses displeasure over lack of seriousness of Govt towards Kashmiri Hindus

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: The state president of Jammu and Kashmir Adarsh Sangram Party expressed his displeasure over the lack of seriousness of the government towards the illegal occupation of lands and properties of the minority community the Kashmiri Pandits in the Kashmir Valley and appeals to LG Manoj Sinha to do all efforts to made all possible to remove the same

While expressing his sorrow in the press statement issued here today the Jammu and Kashmir Adarsh Sangram Party state president Inder Labroo has said that all the successive governments have never shown sensitivity over the issue and entirely fails to redress the grievances of the minority community of kashmiri Hindus at large.

Taking the state government under the leadership of the BJP with open arms, the state president of the Jammu and Kashmir Sangram Party, Inder Labroo, has presented before the state governor to make immediately intervene on the lands and properties of the Kashmiri Pandits in the Kashmir valley which has been illegally occupied by the some few people of the majority community unlawfully and without any fear or fright.

Labroo has made efforts to reminder the State LG and said that present Governor Manoj Sinha has also committed and make the promise to remove the illegal possessions of Kashmiri Hindus in Kashmir valley two years ago but has failed to address the grievances of the minority community till date for the unknown reasons known by themselves.. Labroo has further asserted in the press statement and said that during the adverse conditions in the Kashmir Valley in 1990, the movable and immovable lands and properties of the Kashmiri Pandits left in the valley during the unfortunate exodus of the minority community though were forced to flee from the Kashmir Valley at that time. He said that It is a miracle at all that few profiteers and vested interest people of the majority community have illegally occupied the immovable and moveable property,

which has not been removed even after many complaints have been filed by our community brethren across the state.

Expressing his concern over this sensitive issue, Labroo has further said that in 1997, the state government has restrained the people of state for any type of sale deed agreement by means of the act but how the incorporated law being violated is matter to learn within the sphere of all state population and generations. He exemplified and said more that decorated law was being violated despite the banning the purchase and sale of minority lands and properties of Kashmiri Hindus, for which those sitting on chairs in state administration are fully responsible.

Labroo has again and again appealed to the authorities in the presence of the current lieutenant governor of the state to consider the seriously the matter and important issue of the unconstitutional and illegal acquisition of the lands and properties of the minority community and resolve the same on the war foot basis and by means of immediate concrete measures against illegal possessions he said".

In his ongoing press statement, Labroo has further said that it is sad and regrettable that why the legislators and public representatives in the country have remained silent over this serious issue till date and two years ago, the state lieutenant governor asked the minority community to file complaints, but how many cases have been dealt with or acted upon in the presence of the current government. He has further said that despite obtaining orders from the honourable Supreme Judicial courts, some families of the minority community are still struggling to remove the illegal encroachments, which is a matter of grave concern. He has also appealed requests to state LG Manoj sinha to seriously consider the problems faced by the minority community, which include providing flour and rice and increasing the monthly assistance for the poor families of the community besides ensuring the supply of drinking water smoothly.

Yudhvir, Braham Jyot distribute edible items among children

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: Yudhvir Sethi (General Secretary BJP) and Braham Jyot Satti (Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) interacted with Children at middle high school, New Plot 1, Jammu and Distributed Sanitary pads and Edibles (Chips, Biscuits, Juice etc) among them.

Program was organised by Rakesh Pandey Vicky (Mandal President BJP OBC Morcha) and supported by Raman Chalotra (State Secretary BJP OBC Morcha).

Sharma Raman (Mandal President BJP), Rohit Sharma (Media Incharge BJP). Neena Gupta (Principal) along with her staff was present on the occasion.

In the program, dignitaries interacted with children and motivated them for studies.



multi-cultural, yet bound and they made of the students about scientific and together by the ancient bounds of shared tradihygiene among them and tions, culture and values. distributed sanitary pads, edibles among them. Such bonds need to be strengthened through Speaking on the occaenhanced and continu-

sion, Yudhvir Sethi said that BJP ideology emphasizes on the principle 'Nation first and self last' which simply means that we have to sacrifice everything for the cause of the nation and to provide benefit to everyone standing last in row is BJP'S ideology. He said there is no country like India, quite as diverse, multi-lingual and

ous mutual interaction between people of varied regions and ways of life so that it encourages reciprocity and secures an enriched value system of unity amongst people of different States in a culturally special country like India.

He said that according to Hindu Mythology Children are incarnations of God. Unfortunately some children are living in orphanages but BJP always available for their help and basic needs. Braham Jyot said that He said it is pertinent to follow a strategic approach for combat-

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and women.

ing the myths and social taboos associated with menstruation in order to improve the reproductive health of adolescent girls

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OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIVN. NO. III, JAMMU SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. CD-III/ 90 of 2023-24 Dated 26-07-2023 For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu

e-mail: xennorth@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 152 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/Sole Prop

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest money	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Repair to 250 HP L.T. Control Panel of Unit No. 02 installed at Tawi High Lift.	200/-	02% of the Quoted amount	180 days	180 days

They also briefs about various myths and taboos about menstruation cycle

AJBRCEAK prays for peace, prosperity in **J&K on Ashoora**

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: Chairman AJBRCEAK Vipen Kumar, in a message on the eve of Ashoora Muharram. said "Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions sacrificed their lives for upholding the values of truth, justice, and righteousness."

He added that their martyrdom reminds us of the high principles of human dignity and morality. On the occasion of Ashoora, prayed for peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir and well being of its people.

Remembering the martyrs of Karbala on Ashoora, the 10th day of Muharram, the Kumar said that Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions are the epitome of courage and patience who made historic sacrifices at Karbala.

He urged the people to follow the path of righteousness and truth and hoped that such occasions would further strengthen the bond of love, peace, tolerance,

and brotherhood among all communities.

In his message President AJBRCEAK Anil Radhey said that the people should follow the noble path shown by Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) as their martyrdom gives the message of morality, human values and justice.

Moreover other Executive members Kuldeep Kumar Vice Chairman, Mohan Lal Chief Advisor, Deepak Kumar Advisor, Shashi Goutam Advisor, Navneet Kundal Vice President, Sukhdev Vice President, Lalit Kumar Legal Advisor, Suresh Kumar Convenor, Yashpal Bhagat General Secretary, Vijay Dutt Secretary, Bharat Bushan Joint Secretary, Ashok Kumar Public Secretary, Virender Mohan Organizing Secretary, Naresh Kumar Bhagat Media Secretary, Hemraj Lakhotra Drafting Secretary, Jarnail Singh Joint Secretary, Deepak Kaith Cashier, Naveen Bhadat Cashier and others in their messages also prayed for peace and prosperity for the people of UT.

S. No	Name of Work	Adverti sed Cost (in lacs)	Cost of document (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Repair and Renovation of 06 Class Room & verandah at Govt. High School Dhok Khalsa Zone Jourian (Under UT Capex Budget 2023-24.) (I* Call)	12.76	600/-	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 07-08-2023	A, B,C, D
2	Construction of R/Wall, T-wire crates on Link road Khagga to Jeri in Km 12th damages due to heavy rains in the year 2022-23 Akhnoor (Under Non Plan) (1 st Call)	14.97	600/	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 07-08-2023	A, B,C, D
3	Construction of R/Wall, T-wire crates on Link road Khagga to Jeri in Km 18th to 20th in stretches damages due to heavy rains in the year 2022-23 Akhnoor (Under Non Plan) (1* Call)	11.65	600/	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 07-08-2023	A, B,C, D
4	Construction of Boundary wall at Primary School Sleepri Akhnoor (Under UT Capex Budget 2023-24.) (1 st Call)	10.00	600/	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 07-08-2023	A, B,C, D
5	Renovation of the Old School Building with other allied works of Middle School Potha Kandyal Akhnoor (Under UT Capex Budget 2023-24) (1 st Call)	4.77	600/	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 07-08-2023	A, B,C, D
6	Construction of Examination Hall Balance work at Govt. High Sec. School Akhnoor (Under UT Capex Budget 2023-24.) (1 ^{er} Call)	4.00	600/	(2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after 07-08-2023	A, B,C, D
7	Construction of P/Drain, R/Wall, Edge wall including WBM Gr-II on link road to Petra Pyt Kathar Akhnoor (4.00	600/	(2% of the Advertised	01 Month	(1400 Hrs) on or after	A, B,C, D

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website http://jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule :

Cost)

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	26-07-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 27-07-2023 to 05-08-2023, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	29-07-2023 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. III Jammu
4	Bid submission Start Date	27-07-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	05-08-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	07-08-2023 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const Div. No.III Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. III Jammu and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No.III Jammu. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const Div. No.III Jammu at the time of allotment. No:- 10382-403 Dated: 26-07-2023

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Under Non Plan) (1st Call)

(Er. Sunil Kumar Dogra) **Executive Engineer** PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No.III Jammu

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- 1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 26-07-2023 (02.00 pm).
- 2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 26-07-2023 (02.00 pm) to 08-08-2023 (02.00 pm).
- 3. The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.
- 4. The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 09-08-2023 (02.00 pm) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu
- The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu in 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 day at the same time and venue.
- 6. Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html
- 7. The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L1 bidder opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- 8. The date and time of opening of financial bids will be notified on website http://jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- 9. The original documents when submitted by L1 bidder for the cost of tender documents, specified in the tender document should be same as uploaded on line (Scanned copies) otherwise allotment will not be issued, the tenders will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- 10. Bid security of successful tenderer will have to be in form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for 180 days after last date of receipt of Bid.
- 11. Only such firms should submit tender, who have requisite infrastructure and workshop facility for carrying out similar type of job which may be inspected by the competent authority before awarding the job contract so as to access the working capacity of the tenderer. The workmanship and material used should be of high quality and as per the specifications of the job order / tender.
- 12. The bid for the execution of work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited.
- 13. The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work / inspect the parts to be fabricated before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact measurement and site conditions.

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EDITORIAL

DRUG ABUSE INVITATION TO DEATH

In addition to alcohol, cannabis, opium, many new and fast-acting drugs have been invented today, which are more deadly than the old drugs.

Liquor is born on earth along with humans. It is also included in the gems obtained from the churning of the ocean. Increasing prevalence of alcohol consumption among the youth is an ominous sign for the society. It is also a major source of income for the governments; Morphine is made from opium. It is more intoxicating than opium. People accustomed to it use it as an injection; Heroin is made from morphine and is ten times more intoxicating than it. It is consumed in abundance; Hashish is obtained from cannabis. It is burnt and used like a cigarette; Brown sugar is impure heroin. It is used by mixing many other substances and becomes a kind of poison; Some people use L. S. D to relieve mental stress; Smack is the most dangerous drug prevalent among the youth. A person gets used to it in just two-three doses. It is very difficult to leave this addiction.

Whatever may be the intoxication, ultimately it is harmful to the human being. Today, the increasing trend of drug abuse in the society is a matter of great concern. On getting used to them, man becomes inactive and useless in every way. He wants to get these substances at any cost.

Today the unethical and illegal trade of drugs is in full swing. Many organized gangs are engaged in this business. Today these things are more valuable than gold and business-friendly.

The rate at which drug abuse is increasing among the youth is not only for them, but also for the country and the society. Today, to destroy a country, it is not war, but drugs that are needed. Terrorism and crime are also flourishing in the shadow of drug trade. People who earn money from drugs are heinous criminals. These young men and women make them addicted by persuading them or by making them consume one or two doses for free and then that person becomes their slave. This trend is increasing. Some youths are adopting it secretly and some are adopting it as pride. This is a trend destroying the lives of the youth. The problem of the spread of drugs is not of any particular person or country. This is an international problem. The network of drug dealers is spread all over the world. To not control it is to push the world towards a terrible destruction. Many countries have declared the sale or possession of narcotics a punishable offence. In many countries, there is also a system of death penalty for its illegal trade. Every civilized and farsighted country considers it a business of death. But it does not seem possible to overcome this crisis on the strength of laws. There can be a possibility of avoiding it by making the public aware of its danger and by behaving sympathetically with the young men and women suffering from its habit. The government will also have to control this by enacting the strictest laws and being constantly alert. Drug abuse is an invitation to death. Death is also very painful, death gradually afflicts the consciousness and makes it helpless! Drugs are now also being used as weapons. This is a disgusting way to hollow out the youth power of the opposing country and destroy it without war.

Agriculture faces a threat as man, animal conflicts begin to escalate

By: Suman Sahai

part from the vagaries of the weather which pres-Hent a huge challenge to India's agriculture and food production, animals raiding crops constitute another, not insignificant challenge. In the plains of Uttar Pradesh, large herds of the antelope called "nilgai" and abandoned cows cause massive damage to standing crops. The nilgai, because of its name that ends in "gai" (cow), is assumed by villagers to have some association with the cow. That makes it holy, and the village people will not kill it even if it rampages through their fields. Explaining that it is a kind of deer, not a cow, doesn't seem to convince and nobody wants to take the risk of bringing upon themselves a heap of cosmic curses by taking the life of a holy animal.

Cows that have been abandoned have turned feral and also extremely aggressive. They move in large gangs and can decimate great tracts of standing crops in one visit. They charge at farmers who try to chase them away and, in several instances, have gored people seriously enough to cause death. So, farmers have started fencing their fields at great cost, a cost they can ill afford. Both the nilgai and the feral cows are not restrained by barbed wire which they break through, so in desperation, some farmers have begun to use the concertina wires used in high security areas. These wires have sharp blades along their length and when animals try to push through, they are lacerated by the blades, injuring themselves badly. This is causing a painful dilemma for farmers who do not wish to hurt animals, but have no other way of protecting their crops and livelihoods.

In mountainous regions like Uttarakhand, it is big gangs (technically called "sounders") of wild boar (wild pigs) that do the damage. Farmers are abandoning agriculture, leaving their fields fallow because the marauding boars come at night and dig up the fields, eating whatever is planted and destroying the field bunds and boundaries. The boar are also aggressive animals and in numbers they are dangerous since they attack when confronted. The male boar, which has one or two upturned tusks, can rip open a man's abdomen if threatened.

The other, more recent, problem in the hills are the rhesus, or the red face (and red bottom!) monkeys. These rhesus monkeys are not native to the mountain areas of Uttarakhand but have been trucked up from the plains, as one hears, where they have set up home in the shaded nooks of government buildings and where the packed lunches of employees provide rich pickings. The North and South Blocks of Raisina Hill in

New Delhi, the seat of India's government, are preferred locations. Stories of marauding monkeys entering government offices and destroying files have appeared in the media. True or not, they have given a convenient excuse to the worthies in the government to attribute the disappearance of controversial, inconvenient files to the raiding rhesus monkeys! To rid themselves of the monkey pest, Delhi decided to collect the simians and truck them up to the hills. These monkeys, however, are not "wild" animals. Born in cities, they are urban creatures brought up on snatched human food. No wild berries or succulent leaves for them, their food preferences tend to parathas and sandwiches when they are not being fed bananas by devout Hindus propitiating the avatar of Hanuman.

Bewildered by the unfamiliar terrain in the mountains of Uttarakhand, they do not rush to the forest, presumed by North Block babus to be their "natural" home, but gravitate to inhabited areas because that is what they are accustomed to. In the hills, they descend on orchards and agricultural fields.

When they raid orchards, they eat some fruit and destroy far more, plucking the unripe fruit and throwing it down. In fields, they will eat what they want but will have uprooted many more plants by the time they leave. They are quite destructive, our close relatives after all!

This is a partial snapshot of how the man-animal conflict plays out in rural areas, where the livelihoods of farmers comes under strain because of the damage caused by animal populations that should be better managed.

Uttarakhand did for a while declare wild boar to be "vermin" that could be killed if causing damage to crops. The ridiculous condition was that a forest official had to be informed of a wild boar attack, and then he would come to destroy the animal. This assumed that the boar would hang around till the official arrived to slaughter them. Naturally they didn't, and the scheme did not work.

The culling of natural populations of fast-breeding animals like deer, boar, etc, is practiced in many countries, including most of Europe. This keeps the population at a manageable number such that their habitat can support. That way a man-animal conflict is avoided. This would be a solution for India if implemented sanely. Some wildlife enthusiasts would proclaim that humans have no place on this planet, whose original inhabitants were the wild animals, and the earth should revert to them.

Although I see a certain theoretical point in that argument, I am inclined towards a policy of coexistence as we are now also part of the ecosystem.

Colombo-Delhi card games: On China, Tamils & fishers

By: Padma Rao Sundarji

The relationship between India and Sri Lanka is like a game of cards, played at the same table, several times a year, with both sides especially coveting three particular cards. These are the China Card, the Tamil Card and the Fishermen Card. All three were in evidence during Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe's first official India trip last week.

The China card: China's near-

has said in several interviews. And yet, Colombo has repeatedly failed to prevent China from threatening India's security. In August 2022 and just a month after Mr Wickremesinghe took office, Chinese spy vessel Yuan Wang-5 docked in Colombo. Assurances flooded across the Palk Straits to pacify New Delhi at the time, but Colombo's China policy lacks clarity, to date. When an Indian interviewer asked Sri Lanka's high commissioner in New Delhi *India refrained from voting against Sri Lanka in global referendums.

*Well aware that Sinhala nationalists held the upper hand at least since the end of the civil war, India began to acknowledge the Buddhist majority nature of Sri Lanka.

*India didn't ignore, but no longer pandered exclusively to northern and eastern (Jaffna/ Batticaloa) Tamils. Instead, New Delhi began to focus on the sorry plight of tea plantation workers (also of Indian Tamil origin but unconnected to the separatist war), in central Sri Lanka. *Till earlier this year, India hardly ever raised the 13th Amendment in its bilateral sessions. There seemed tacit acknowledgement in New Delhi that no sovereign state would hand over police control to provinces where a 30-year-long separatist war had raged. In his speeches during his very first visit to Sri Lanka in 2015 and again on Buddha's birthday in 2017, Mr Modi made no mention of the 13th Amendment at all.

Nadu's fishermen poaching and being arrested in Sri Lankan waters are in Indian headlines every day. As are the losses incurred by their much poorer counterparts in Jaffna and Mannar, in the Sri Lankan media.

Consequently, the "Fishermen Card" has helped both countries - and regional capitals Jaffna and Chennai -- to cock snooks at each other, both on the domestic, as well as bilateral political front. Fisheries is a state subject, Tamil Nadu is not governed by Mr Modi's BJP. And yet, the subject was on the agenda in New Delhi last week. It was also wielded by Tamil Nadu chief minister M.K. Stalin as a stroke of domestic oneupmanship against both the PM, and the Tamil Nadu unit of his BJP. "Our fishermen face highly restricted access to traditional fishing grounds, increased harassment by the Sri Lankan Navy. Make all efforts ... and provide permanent relief," wrote Mr Stalin ahead of Mr Wickremesinghe's visit.

acquisition of Sri Lanka began under former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. He told this writer that China came in with investment only after India (then ruled by a weak, Congress-led coalition) had declined an earlier invitation. Today, Beijing holds, among other assets, a 99-year lease on an eastern Sri Lankan port and controls 43 per cent of reclaimed land adjacent to Colombo Port, which is traversed by 75 per cent of India's trans-shipments. Sri Lanka is part of China's controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and owes China \$7.3 billion, a fifth of its overall external debt.

China feels so "at home" in helpless, debt-trapped Sri Lanka that it has sent naval submarines and a spy ship to "drop in" and intentionally provoke India.

However, there is no denying that China's overarching presence in Sri Lanka has also provided the latter a handy "card" to play in negotiations.

Mahinda Rajapaksa and even Sri Lankan Tamil politicians when urging India to invest in their provinces, have used the China card subtly and frequently, in bilateral and multilateral negotiations.

Mr Wickremesinghe, whose presidency is supported by Mr Rajapaksa, has frequently laughed off this writer's apprehensions about Beijing's stranglehold. "I don't know why you are so worried about China," he recently what Colombo would do if China sends another spy vessel, he could, at best, mumble "dialogue, dialogue".

Last week, Mr Wickremesinghe was between a rock and a hard place again. China wants to set up a powerful radar system in Dondra, in southern Sri Lanka, and the subject would have certainly been raised by India. But the visitor must have offered some guarantees, because several significant agreements were signed between the two countries.

The Tamil card: For Tamil Nadu politicians, this card has always been the ominous "joker" that made previous Congress-led coalition PMs quake with fear. The Tamil card ensured that India voted against Colombo in international forums like the UNHRC, over alleged atrocities against Sri Lankan Tamils by the Sri Lankan Army, during the 30-year-long civil war against the terrorist Tamil Tigers.

Till 2014, the Tamil card guaranteed that the Congress insisted on the "full implementation" of the now-outdated 13th Amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution that promises maximum autonomy to Sri Lankan Tamils and was co-authored in 1987 by Rajiv Gandhi. From that year on, India-Sri Lanka relations changed dramatically under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's majority government. Pragmatism and realpolitik set in. But China's brazen excursions to Sri Lanka and Colombo's inability to stop them, changed all that.

India began to flex muscle.

Just after the spy ship's arrival last year, New Delhi warned Indian tourists -- the largest group of overseas visitors in the beautiful island-nation -- not to travel there.

In a statement at UNHRC in Geneva last year, India tore into Sri Lanka for not granting autonomy to Sri Lankan Tamils.

And at a public address in New Delhi last week, Mr Modi held up the trump card. "We hope that... Sri Lanka will fulfil its commitment to implement the 13th Amendment and... ensure a life of respect and dignity for the Tamil community of Sri Lanka," Mr Modi said.

The Fishermen card: Tamil

In the great game being played out in Sri Lanka and at least for the past year, India has maintained a steadfast upper hand.

Mr Wickremesinghe is being praised for controlling last year's catastrophic shortages. Goodwill for India is currently high in Sri Lanka too, given New Delhi's immediate tranche of \$4 billion and its help with restructuring Colombo's debt both at the International Monetary Fund and the Paris Club.

Last Friday, Sri Lanka's President boarded his plane home with several deals and a good hand of cards in his briefcase.

However, his first official visit to the People's Republic of China is due in October.

Will the cards be reshuffled again?

LOCAL

Pooja Hindu Vahini inaugurates Langar for Amarnath Yatra Devotees

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: Today, at the langar of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society (SAJYWS) in Baba Purnath Temple, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, the langar was inaugurated for the 28th consecutive day. The event was graced by the presence of Pooja Hindu Vahini, along with Anuradha Sharma, as the Chief Guests. The langar is organized to provide food and necessary facilities to the devotees of Lord Shiva undertaking the Amarnath Yatra.

During the inauguration, Mrs. Pooja Hindu Vahini and Mrs. Anuradha Sharma personally distributed food and langar among the Shiva devotees. Mrs. Pooja Hindu Vahini appreciated the devotion and dedication of the langar operators who serve tirelessly day and night to cater to the needs of the pilgrims. She



emphasized the significance of Lord Shiva and the enduring bond of humanity prevalent in Jammu and Kashmir. Mrs. Vahini expressed her happiness to be part of this holy gathering and lauded the efforts of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Kalyan Society's Executive National President. Shri Rajkumar Goyal ji, and General Secretary, Shri Raju Chandel ji. She assured her unwavering support for such noble initiatives and called upon people to contrib-

ute wholeheartedly to langar organizations that serve the pilgrims of the Amarnath Yatra. Speaking to reporters, Anuradha Sharma, BJP

Mahila Mandal President, highlighted the divine essence of Lord Shiva and the blessings bestowed upon his devotees through worship. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to attend the langar and serve the devotees during the auspicious Amarnath Yatra.

The langar on this

occasion was conducted by Durga Vahini Mrs. Meena Kak, who expressed her joy in seeing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Society honoring women and providing them with the opportunity to serve. She extended a warm welcome to Matrushakti Durga Vahini Pooja Hindu and Mandal President Anuradha Sharma. Mrs. Kak took pride in honoring esteemed personalities attending the event and invited people from all walks of life to

partake in the langar and pay respect to motherly power.

Manthan Goyal, Senior Director of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Welfare Societv. stated that women hold great respect in our country, and the promotion of motherly power has been deeply embedded in our culture. The presence of Durga Vahini Pooja Hindu and Anuradha Sharma has invigorated the enthusiasm of the innocent devotees in the langar. Among the esteemed guests present during the inauguration were Langar Director, Sardar Sucha Singh (Councillor) Bhagwati Nagar; Mothershakti Meena Kak; TK Kak; Paramjit Singh Happy Manthan Goyal; vouth leader Sardar Charan Singh; District President Jammu G, Mr. Akshit Mahajan, State Vice President of Vikram Sridhar Society, Pt. Pirtambar Sharma (District Vice President); Chhota Yogi, and Majid Bhai.

DPAP Kashmiri displaced people wing demands mini fire service station in Jagti

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: The Displaced Kashmiri People wing DPAP J&K leaders through its President Sanjay Dhar and Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, Raj Kumar Tickoo General Secretary and Naveen Gosani Youth President have demanded that on priority basis a Mini Fire Service Station may be provided in Migrant Camp Jagti.

The Leaders have appealed the Director General of Fire Services for consideration of providing a Mini Fire Service Station at Jagti Migrant Camp situated at Jagti Nagrota Jammu, as it falls about more than 20 kilometres away from Jammu and in case of emergency while reporting any fire incident in this populated camp, the Fire Service vehicle reached about one hour late after report of incident.

The leaders have requested that in Jagti, there are 176 buildings consisting of 4224 Flats having a resident population of more than 20000 souls and often the fire incidents take place either through short circuits or due to natural unforeseen calamity, which has been experienced beyond the control to extinguish by man power. The Leaders have prayed to the Govt.for consideration of directions also to the concerned in this behalf.

Moreover the Leaders have demanded for issuance of immediate directions to the Jal Shakti Department for taking over the Water Supply Scheme of Jagti Migrant Camp for assuring regular and hygienic water supply to the population of more than 20000 souls living in Camp, as the Jal Shakti Department seems not serious on the matter since issuance of orders issued durin 2021, while winding up of the Engineering Wing of Relief Organisation and it is smelled that might be there a connivance of the white coloured contractors working regarding water supply to the Camp, contract alloted during 2011, but still running the said contract on extension basis on their name without revision of yearly fresh tenders. His Majesty the Lt. Governor, Chief Secretary, Worthy Commissioner Secretary Jal Shakti Department, are requested to look into the matter for saving the Govt. Exchequer being paid to the white coloured contractors, which can be utilised by Jal Shakti Department and besides hygienic and regular water supply is restored to the Camp inmates. Lastly the Leaders appeal the Govt to ask the Jal Shakti Department to ascertain the reason of not taking over this scheme since 2021 till date and letting the engaged contractors to enjoy loss to the Govt. Exchequre.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance **Iaunches 'ICICI Pru Protect N Gain'**

TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru Protect N Gain, a unique product which offers a comprehensive life insurance cover, protection against accidental death and permanent disability due to an accident and marketlinked returns to build long-term wealth and achieve financial goals.

The product provides a life insurance cover up to 100 times the annual premium and enables customers to maximise returns by offering 18 funds options spread across equity and debt to choose from. It provides customers the perfect blend of protection and long-term savings to achieve their financial goals by ensuring that there is complete financial protection for the family during the policy tenure and a significant lump sum for self on survival. Additionally, the Company has simplified the buying process as per which policies can be issued based on declared income. Specifically, customers

under the age of 45 are not required to undergo physical medical tests*. The life cover or claim amount will be paid out as a lump sum to the beneficiary/nominee in case of the demise or permanent disability of the policyholder due to an accident, ensuring the family is not finan-

cially vulnerable. Mr. Amit Palta, Chief Distribution Officer, **ICICI** Prudential Life Insurance said, "We are delighted to launch ICICI Pru Protect N Gain, a unique product which offers customers a life cover up to 100 times the annual premium which safe-guards the financial savings goal of customers in

on the prevailing market conditions. We believe this product, offering the twin benefits of protection and wealth creation addresses the fundamental needs of customers i.e. protection and long-term savings.

As a 'Customer First' brand, we have simplified the purchase process to provide a smooth and quick buying experience for customers. We have also leveraged technology to ensure all genuine death claims are settled speedily and beneficiaries receive the claim proceeds at the earliest. For FY2023, our average time to settle a genuine death claim stood at 1.2

Army organizes "innovation boot camp on creative computing" at AGS

TOP NEWS REPORT

KUPWARA, Jul 28: PI Jam Foundation is an NGO aiming to enhance the quality of computer education throughout India. They work to nurture skills in programming, problem solving and design thinking through hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) approach. In order to boost the knowledge and know-how of technology in our students from Hajipir Army Goodwill School, Trehgam and Army Goodwill School, Wayne, Indian Army along with PI Jam Foundation have devised a plan to educate them for gaining expertise in Coding, Switched days after receiving all Capacitor (SC) Logic & documents. We believe any earning individual Continuous Time (CT) Concept. Two teams of with dependents should the foundation had conhave adequate life ducted a week long traininsurance cover. ICICI ing program at HAGS Trehgam & AGS Wayne respectively wherein the students & teachers of both the schools were made to undergo several stages of workshop to acquire this skill. The Foundation works



ing million children in India as Neoteric Innovators. For the purpose, Atal Innovation Mission is establishing Atal **Tinkering Laboratories** (ATLs) in schools across India. The objective of this scheme is to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds and to inculcate skills such as design mindset, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing etc. Multiple sessions were conducted under the workshop for training purposes which were scheduled over different stages. Two days Teacher -Student Innovation Boot Camp was organized to understand the challenges faced by teachers. It aided students in thinking and writing their

logics & plans. Introduction to the Design Thinking Framework was also given to make teachers & students acquaint with next steps of program.

Two days Hackathon was conducted for execution of projects. Teachers and students learnt to create scratch projects and shared the required feedback via

teachers and students. The scientific methods of teaching, experimentation, grade-specific curriculum, comprehensive teacher training and post training mentorship left a deep impression on minds of both. In general, workshop gave out a positive message to civilian population that HAGS Trehgam & AGS Wayne are advancing in academic studies through implementation of scientific methods.

These computing labs will enable students to explore, experiment, tinker and create. Students shall identify their day to day challenges & have capacity to find their innovative solutions. These students and teachers are in a position to explain their unique problems with the help of technology - scratch programming. The requisite material & hardware as distributed by PI Foundation shall ensure ideal learning outcomes among trainees. They will be empowered to learn 21 century skills of creativity, innovation, critical thinking, design thinking & ethical leadership.

case of any eventuality. Besides, the marketlinked returns offered by this product, on the premiums invested can offer a large lumpsum to customers at the end of the policy tenure. Planning for specific

Pru Protect N Gain is a step towards financially financial goals such as a empowering individuals across all segments of child's future education society. This is in sync or saving for retirement are non-negotiable with our vision to build goals and necessitate an enduring institution long-term investments that serves the protection and long-term along with the flexibility saving needs of custo choose exposure to equity and debt based tomers with sensitivity."

google forms. Also, in person engagements along with preparatory sessions were organized over a course of three days time with teachers and students in order to improvise their projects. Finally, a total of 15 Teacher - Student Innovation Projects (Creative Computing) were presented for display, in which both showcased the problems they identified in form of scratch animations, games &

Mahant Rohit meets Govardhan Puri

Army Goodwill School Wayne participated in the workshop.

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Hajipir Army Goodwill

School, Trehgam and

with logic solutions.

This one week long workshop assisted as an experience into vast possibilities of technology to learn and create. Teachers - Students coming from different backgrounds sought trainings that advanced their skills, competency & problem solving ability. These computing labs showed a positive impact on overall growth and academic understanding of

Drug abuse, unhygienic dental practices responsible for hepatitis epidemic in Kashmir: DAK

between patients. The

disposable items which

are for single-use are

reused on patients.

Unsterile needles are

used in multiple dose

medication vials," he

"Dentists do not

change gloves in

between patients and

use same gloves for

every patient that leads

"Patients are not

screened for hepati-

tis prior to intervention

resulting in transfer of

these viruses from one

patient to another," he

Dr Nisar said Hepati-

tis B and C infections

are serious medical

conditions and infected

patients may not have

outward symptoms of

the disease for many

to cross-infection."

said

added.

TOP NEWS REPORT

SRINAGAR, Jul 28: On world hepatitis day, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Friday expressed pressing concern over surge in hepatitis cases which has reached to epidemic proportions in Kashmir.

"Drug abuse and unhygienic dental practices are responsible for hepatitis epidemic in the valley," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan

Dr Hassan said Kashmir is witnessing an alarming rise in drug abuse cases over the past few decades.

"Drug addicts are at a higher risk of contracting hepatitis and have the potential to spread this deadly infection to

others," he said. In a recent study conducted at the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences Kashmir, 72% drug addicts were found to have Hepatitis C infection.

"Research has found that each drug addict infected with hepatitis virus is likely to infect 20 others and this rapid transmission of the disease occurs within the first 3 years of initial

infection," he said. The DAK President

said another reason for high rates of Hepatitis infection is unhygienic dental practices in Kashmir.

"Most of the dental clinics use unsterilized or improperly sterilized instruments. The tools are not cleaned in

years. That delayed onset makes screening important.

under initiative of Atal

Tinkering Labs envision-

Hepatitis B and C are common causes of Cirrhosis or scarring of liver which can cause liver failure and even cancer. "While Hepatitis B vaccine was included into the routine/ universal immunization programme after 2006, many people above 17 years are unvaccinated. People should get vaccinated against hepatitis B as soon as possible to protect themselves from getting the virus," he said. "Hepatitis C has no vaccine, but there are ways to prevent the disease. And, if detected early this is one of the few viral infectious diseases with great cure rates," he added.

Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya **TOP NEWS REPORT**

JAMMU, Jul 28: Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust President Mahant Rohit shastri meet the Govardhan Puri Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj, at Uttar Pradesh.

At this moment, Mahant said that J&K is the land of temples and on this sacred land many renowned poet belong to it i.e Abhinavgupt, Kalhana Bilhana and many more Sanskrit poet belong to

this sacred land. As these renowned personalities belong to Sanskrit field, now in present situation of J&K there are lack of Sanskrit Gurukuls as of this lack



Gurukuls in Jammu and

Kashmir, it's been great

step taken in the field of

On the same, Mahant

Rohit Shastri discussed

Sanskrit language.

many Sanskrit students are in dilemma what they can doing their future. Mahant Rohit Shastri appealed to Jagadguru Shankaracharya that if he can help in estabthat as this city is renowned as the city of temples but here the students belong to Sanskrit field get lesser facilities and opportunities for their future. So, for the upliftment of Sanskrit language, necessary steps should be taken for opening number of Sanskrit Gurukuls in J&K.

On occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri represented Dharamsthali to Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj. On the same occasion, Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanand Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj gave their gratitude to the book Editor in chief Mahant Rohit Shastri for doing such an amazing work.

ENTERTAINMENT

In Chandigarh, Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt, seen together in Rocky Aur Rani KiiPremKahaani, echo how the experience of shooting was a delightful one

Karan Johar's Rocky and Rani made a pit-stop on the last leg of their promotional tour in Chandigarh on Thursday, and totally won everyone's heart. Trust Ranveer Singh to make a grand entry; dressed in an ivory ensemble and glittering shades, he shook hands with everyone he could reach out to, broke into dance every other minute while Alia Bhatt looked every bit ravishing in a purple saree.

On the eve of their film Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani's release, they were hopeful it would click with the audience, as much as their friends and family did at a recent premiere. Karan Johar is back into the director's seat with this romantic family drama. It charts love story of a feisty Bengali journalist, Rani, and a flamboyant Punjabi munda, Rocky Randhawa. To prove their love to the families, they decide to live at each other's house. Sounds similar to 2 States? "Probably coming together of different cultures, that is the only similarity," quipped Alia. Ranveer jumped in, "Different cultures add to the celebrations, joy and experience. It happens in real life too, mujhe he dekh lo (he married Deepika Padukone in two ceremonies — Sindhi and Konkani — to respect their respective



cultures).

Great experience The film was shot largely in Delhi, but a song sequence in Kashmir gave Alia and Ranveer a host of wonderful experiences, so did working with stalwarts like Dharmendra, Jaya Bachchan and Shabana Azmi. Ranveer got ecstatic while describing a scene with Dharmendra. "I had told everyone on the sets to let me know before he showed up. but somehow he reached and then I hurried. Between wishing him pairi pauna and revising the lines, as the camera rolled, I looked into his eyes and it dawned that it was Dharmendra, the superstar, who gave me the dream of becoming a hero. Trust me, it was as if my soul left the body for a second." Ranveer mentioned that something similar happened when he encountered Govinda and Anil Kapoor too.

For Alia, shooting the song Tum Kya Mile in the snowy Kashmir was a fantastic experience. "To wear chiffon sarees in a romantic number and that too in snow is every woman's dream, I loved realising it."

Ranveer also talked about his love for Punjabi music. "During the shoot of 83, Ammy Virk and Sagib Saleem introduced me to more of Punjabi music and I am in love with it ever since. As for Ammy, I really haven't met anyone this large-hearted." Among his favourite singers is the late Sidhu Moosewala; Ranveer also crooned Jatt Da Mugabala and Dil Da Nai Maada, Tera Sidhu Moose Wala spiritedly! Plot wise

Back to Rocky and Rani; when asked if she felt the pressure to upgrade her performance with each new project, Alia said, "The idea is to enjoy the process and not focus on the result, to tell the story in an entertaining manner and if the audience likes it, that's wonderful." Ranveer interjected, "I thought after Gangubai Kathiawadi, what would Alia do?"

The duo looked relaxed on the eve of their film's release, dancing on What Jhumka. Ranveer mentioned, "Ranbir (Kapoor) saw the film and told me 'you have played a Dilliwala before, but this one is different'— I was touched by the compliment coming from someone whose craft I have always admired." "With each of my projects, I give my best and then offer it to the audience, after all it's their

signed off. (Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani hits the screens today)

say that matters most of all," Alia

Rohit Shetty unhappy with Aishwarya Sharma, Anjum Fakih's crocodile stunt in Khatron Ke Khiladi 13



The stunt-based reality show Khatron Ke Khiladi 13 is all about overcoming fears and the contestants have to be ready for any challenges. Recently, Aishwarya Sharma and Anjum Fakih performed a daredevil task called Partner Croc Transfer with Shock and they opened up about the entire experience and what made the host, Rohit Shetty, disappointed about their performance. Aishwarya said,

"During the crocodile stunt, I found myself frozen with fear just at the sight of these intimidating reptiles. We couldn't get ourselves to pick the creature up despite Rohit sir's support and guidance. It felt like we lost a chance to shine and most of us deeply regretted not performing the stunt to the best of our ability. She added that it was unfortunate for them as the host was unhappy with their stunt. The regret got even worse when Rohit sir mercilessly bashed us and made his disappointment in us very clear. I think that's the motiva-

to gather the courage to perform this blood-curdling stunt. I'm sure the viewers will not know what to expect while watching this stunt.

Anjum added, "The crocodile stunt presented the ultimate test of my courage and composure. Blindfolded, I had to navigate my partner while every wrong direction brought electric shock.

The weight of responsibility for my teammate, who had to handle the crocodiles, made me anxious. Rohit sir was right in reprimanding us.'

Tamannaah Bhatia is overjoyed as 'Kaavaalaa' from 'Jailer' trends



Makers treated fans with the exciting news about the song on their

official Twitter handle. Sharing the poster featuring Rajinikanth and Tamannaah, they wrote, "It's time to get into the #TuAaDilbara fever! Hindi version of #Kaavaalaa is out now!" Sung by Shilpa Rao and Anirudh Ravichander, the lyrics are penned by Arunraja Kamaraj. The dance moves of Tamannaah and Rajinikanth and beats of the first song from 'Jailer' made it viral and trending.

Helmed by Nelson Dilipkumar, Raiinikanth

plays the role of Jailer

India Couture Week 2023 Aditi Rao Hydari reveals her fashion mantra



Samantha Ruth Prabhu takes ice bath in '4 degrees'

was hoping to share

this after it had gone

into remission. But it is

taking a little longer than

She also added, "I am

slowly realising that we

don't always need to

put up a strong front.

Accepting this vulner-

ability is something that

I am still struggling with.

The doctors are confi-

dent that I will make a

complete recovery very

soon. I have had good

days and bad days ...

physically and emotion-

I hoped," she wrote.

tion some of us needed

Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who has taken a break from acting and focusing on her physical and mental health is currently spending some peaceful moments in Bali. She keeps sharing pictures from her and updating her fans about the vacations.

Recently, she took to her Instagram stories to share a photo of her in which she can be seen taking an ice bath in water.

Along with the picture. she wrote in the caption, "#IceBaths 4 degrees 6 minutes."

She also posted a pic-



Tamannaah Bhatia left everyone grooving after the Tamil version of 'Kaavaalaa' track from 'Jailer' was released but now the makers have launched the Hindi version titled 'Tu Aa Dilbara'

Speaking to agency, Tamannaah expressed her gratitude for the love 'Kaavaalaa' song has received from audience. She said, "People have given so much love. The song is trending so much that normally we

promote films but now this song has promoted us so much that we literally have to come out and talk about the love that people have given us and made it trend. Jailer is a film which has been dubbed in Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu." For the song launch, Tamannaah wore a white corset top that she paired with a pair of printed grey pants. For glam, she opted for

dewy makeup look.

Muthuvel Pandian. The film is touted to be an action-packed entertainer and has a stellar star cast that include Priyanka Mohan, Shiva Rajkumar, Jackie Shroff, Ramya Krishnan, Yogi Babu, Vasanth Ravi, Vinayakan in prominent

> roles. Not only that, the makers have roped in Malavalam actor Mohanlal for an extended cameo in the film. Apart from this,

Tamannaah has come on board for Nikkhil Advani's next directorial venture 'Vedaa'.The film already stars John Abraham and Sharvari Wagh.

Actor Aditi Rao Hydari left everyone awe-struck with herregal look at India Couture Week 2023. She slayed in ace designer Ritu Kumar's outfit on Wednesday night. Aditi has been making waves in the fashion world with her stunning style statement for a while now.

She walked the ramp wearing an ivory ensemble that featured handcrafted details over the skirt and the blouse. She wore a full-sleeved blouse adorned with intricate embroidery and mirror-work. She kept minimal make-up and opted for a maang tika to accessorise her entire look.

During the interaction after the show, Aditi said, "I don't have a fashion mantra — that's my fashion mantra. We should have fun with the clothes that we wear. I think what is more important is to love yourself."

ture with a monkey and wrote in the caption, "Spot the monkey."

A few days ago she also posted a picture in which she was seen enjoying the morning in Bali. She captioned it with, "Mornings like these"

The actor took a break from acting to take care of her health as she is dealing with Myositis, an auto-immune condition. Samantha revealed through a social media post that she is diagnosed with an autoimmune condition called 'Myositis'.

"A few months back I was diagnosed with an autoimmune condition called Myositis. I ally...and even when it feels like I can't handle one more day of this, somehow that moment passes. I guess it can only mean that I am one more day closer to recovery. I love you... (black heart emoji). THIS TOO SHALL PASS.

On the work front, Samantha will be seen sharing screen space with Vijay Deverakonda in 'Kushi'. The film is anticipated to be an inter-faith love story.

Anurag Kashyap's 'Kennedy' to close 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

Anurag Kashyap's directorial 'Kennedy' has been selected as the closing night film at the 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM).

Kashyap shared his excitement about his film being selected for closing night at the IFFM and said, "I am delighted that 'Kennedy' is the closing film at IFFM. It's the first Indian film festival we are playing in the world, and I am excited to know the response of the audience. I will be there to attend the same and gauge the response, and am sure that they'll like the film, like the global audience who's seen the film till now."

The movie was also screened at the Cannes Film Festival and now it is another major achievement for the film.



Helmed by Kashyap 'Kennedy' stars Sunny Leone, Rahul Bhatt

and Abhilash Thapliyal in the lead roles. The film revolves around an insomniac ex-cop, long thought to be dead, but still operating for the corrupt system, and looking for redemption.

The closing night ceremony of the festival will be graced by a number of celebrities. Kashyap along with Sunny Leone and Rahul Bhat will also attend the event and talk about their film.

The festival, celebrating the best of Indian cinema, will conclude with the screening of 'Kennedy' on August 20 in Melbourne.

The 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne will run from August 11 to August 29, showcasing an array of outstanding Indian films across various genres and also films from the Indian subcontinent.

Amal Sehrawat talks about his journey so far

Harphoul Mohini actor Amal Sehrawat says that he got into acting through modelling, but his real passion lies in acting.

"I always wanted to experience different professions, and the only way to achieve that was to become an actor. From being a medical student until the 12th grade, I didn't know how to enter acting; hence, I took modelling as a stepping stone. I had a wonderful time being a model, endorsing top brands, and appearing on the cover page of



Men's Health. I walked the ramp for a number of great designers and felt elated after doing a music video for Kailash Kher for the song Saiyan.

My family has always been supportive in all aspects," he says.

He adds. "Initially, I used to get stressed out because I wanted to prove myself, but it deprived me of 'being in the present' and enjoying things. With time, I realised it's more important to enjoy the process and be content; that's the real success.'

NATIONAL

Refrain from indulging in theatrics, Rajya Sabha Chairman **Jagdeep Dhankhar tells TMC leader Derek O'Brien**

Upper House adjourned for the day

NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Rajya Sabha session on Friday was abruptly adjourned by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar for the day after a spat with TMC leader Derek O'Brien.

Dhankhar adjourned the proceedings after he was interrupted by the TMC leader over the issue of non-admission of notices given by opposition members under Rule 267 to discuss the Manipur situation.

As many as 47 MPs from parties ranging from Congress to Left, TMC and DMK had given notices under Rule 267 that calls for suspension of the listed business and taking up the issue of violence in Manipur.

Reading out the names of members who gave the notices - all from various Opposition parties - Dhankhar said, "All



the notices are with respect to expression of their concern for the prevailing situation in Manipur."

The Chairman said that he had been facing the issue throughout the week. "In large numbers, members have invoked Rule

267 raising the same issue", he said. Dhankhar said a short-dura-

tion discussion notice regarding the subject was accepted by him on July 20 and the government also expressed willingness to discuss the issue under the rule.

The Chairman, thereafter, went on to say how the behaviour of MPs in the Upper House should be exemplary to the outside world.

At this point, Derek O'Brien stood up to press for the motion that opposition parties had been seeking to move since the start of the Monsoon session last week.

O'Brien, Leader of TMC in the House, thumped the desk to make his point. Dhankhar got annoyed and asked O'Brien to refrain from indulging in "theatrics".

"Show respect to the chair," Dhankhar said and added, "Don't thump the desk."

As O'Brien continued to argue, the Chairman adjourned the proceedings for the day. The House will now meet on

Monday.

'Ulterior political motives': Opposition slams govt over extension to ED Director Sanjay Mishra

NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): The Opposition slammed the BJP-led Centre on Friday over the extension of the tenure of Enforcement Directorate (ED) chief Sanjay Kumar Mishra till September 15, alleging that this was done with "ulterior political motives" and was aimed at targeting the leaders of the INDIA bloc with "false cases" to weaken the alliance.

The Supreme Court on Thursday extended Mishra's tenure till the midnight of September 15 in larger "public and national interest", after the Centre asserted that his continuity is necessary in view of the ongoing FATF peer review and attempts by India's neighbours to ensure that the country gets into the "grey" list.

The top court, which initially made a sharp observation and asked "are we not giving a picture that there is no other person and the entire department is full of incompetent people", subsequently relented and accepted the Centre's request for extending Mishra's tenure, but for a month less than what was sought.

Addressing a joint press conference outside Parliament, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP Manoj Jha alleged that Mishra was given the extension despite an illegality.

"It has been done for ulterior political motives. There is talk on the corridors of power that there will be an attempt to break the INDIA alliance by resorting to lies. We know about this and we want to tell this to the govern-

ment," he said. Samajwadi Party MP Ram Gopal Yadav said the Supreme Court asking whether there is "no other person and the entire department is full of incompetent people" was telling.

"There is an attempt to oblige one person and there is a conspiracy to trap opposition leaders in false cases," he alleged.

The Congress's deputy leader in the Rajya Sabha, Pramod Tiwari, also referred to the apex court's observation and wondered why Mishra was given an extension for only a month and a half and what would happen in this period.

"They (BJP) did everything to destabilise governments

in Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand, but failed politically. Now, they are using agencies and want to slap false cases on opposition leaders.... INDIA has come to the fore and is saying BJP gaddi choro (quit power)," he said. Trinamool Congress's (TMC)

Sushmita Dev alleged that the ED is a "weapon that works for the BJP".

"The Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand governments were targeted using agencies. They wanted to destablise these governments and weaken the INDIA alliance," she said.

Twenty-six Opposition parties have formed the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) to take on the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) unitedly in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

On July 11, the top court held that two back-to-back year-long extensions granted to Mishra were "illegal" and said the Centre's orders were in "breach" of its mandamus (judicial writ) in a 2021 verdict that the Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer should not be given a further



term.

had also curtailed Mishra's extended tenure to July 31 from November 18, 2023, when he was supposed to retire.

Mishra was first appointed as the ED Director for two years on November 19, 2018. By an order dated November 13, 2020, the Centre modified the appointment letter retrospectively and Mishra's two-year term was changed to three years.

The Centre also promulgated an ordinance last year under which the tenure of the ED and CBI chiefs could be extended by up to three years after the mandated two-year term.

India has rolled out red carpet for investors in semi-conductors: PM Modi

Says investors trust India as it has stable, responsible and reform-oriented government

\$100 billion. The coun-

try which was first an

importer of mobile

phones is now making

the best phones in the

world and exporting

"India does not disap-

point those who align

their dreams with India's

capabilities", the PM

said adding that democ-

racy, demography and

dividend will double and

triple the businesses in

Investors trust India as

it has a stable, responsi-

ble and reform-oriented

government, Modi said

adding "industry has

faith in India as infra-

structure is developing

in every sector. The

tech sector believes in

India as technology. He

described make in India

saying includes that let's

make for India, Make for

On the policy front the

PM assured recently,

the National Quantum

Mission was approved.

Furthermore, the

National Research

Foundation Bill is also

going to be introduced

in the Parliament. The

engineering curriculum

to create a semiconduc-

tor ecosystem is being

revamped. Three hun-

dred prominent colleges

have been identified in

India where courses on

semiconductors will be

available.

the world.

them".

India



NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday listed out a growing market in India for semi-conductors and told top industry leaders a 'red carpet is rolled out' for investments and investors

Modi underlined that the chip-making industry is a market filled with opportunities and expressed confidence that those who begin early are bound to get a first-mover advantage over others.

The PM was inaugurating the SemiconIndia 2023 at Gandhinagar, on Friday. The theme of the conference is 'Catalysing India's Semiconductor Ecosystem' and the global leaders of the sector are present.

It showcases India's semiconductor strategy and policy which envisions making India a global hub for semiconductor design, manufacturing and technology development.

Modi gave the example of growth in electronics sector saying "A few years earlier, India was a small player in the sector. Now, our share in the global electronics sector has increased a lot. In 2014, India's electronics production was less than \$30 billion. Now, it has crossed

Investors will get 50 per cent financial assistance from Central Government in the semiconductor sector. The world should benefit from India's skill. capability and capacity, Modi added.

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Communication and Electronics & Information Technology, said that the land development work for Micron's semiconductor plant is going on and that construction will begin soon.

Micron is one of three major developments from Modi visit to the US last month. US Company Micron have declared investment of \$825 million. Micron will receive 50 per cent fiscal support for the total project cost from the Indian central government and incentives representing 20 per cent of the total project cost from the state of Gujarat". This is under the Indian government's "Modified Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging (ATMP) Scheme".

The project will create up to 5,000 new direct jobs at Micron and 15,000 jobs in the sector over the next several years, claimed the company.

Microns new assembly and test facility in Gujarat is expected to begin in 2023. Phase 1, which will include 5,00,000 square feet space, will start to become operational in late 2024, the company said.

Meanwhile a \$ 400 million investment by applied materials has been promised while Lam technologies training 60,000 engineers in India.

4 of family killed in road accident in UP

UNNAO, Jul 28 (Agencies): Four members of a family died when the ambulance in which they were bringing home the body of the head of the family was hit by an unidentified vehicle here in the early hours of Friday, police said. Another member of the family was seriously injured in the accident which took place near the Billeswar temple under the Purva Kotwali police station area, they said.

Circle Officer (CO) Deepak Singh said Dhaniram Savita (73), a resident of Maurawan here, died during treatment at Kanpur's Hallet Hospital and his family were bringing his body home in an ambulance. On their way home, the ambulance was hit by an unidentified vehicle.

Savita's wife Prema (70) and daughters Manjula (45), Anjali (40) and Ruby (30) died on the spot and another

daughter Sudha was seriously injured, he said.

The bodies have been sent for postmortem in Unnao and Sudha is undergoing treatment at a Kanpur hospital, he added

The ambulance driver is safe but he is untraceable. A search is on for him and the reason behind the accident will be ascertained soon, Singh said.

A case has been registered in connection with the incident on the basis of a complaint lodged by the victims' family members, he said.

Locals said they heard a loud sound and rushed to the spot to find the mangled ambulance. Soon after, they informed the police.

They said the occupants of the ambulance were shouting for help but four of them died by the time they were taken out by the police.

Disguised as 'kanwariyas', gunmen shoot dead gangster near temple in Jharkhand's Dumka

DUMKA/JAMSHED-PUR, Jul 28 (Agencies): A dreaded gangster, wanted in at least 30 criminal cases, was shot dead near a temple in Jharkhand's Dumka district in the early hours of Friday by men who were dressed as 'kanwariyas', police said.

Amarnath Singh, a resident of Jamshedpur, went to Basukinath temple in Dumka along with his family to pay obeisance in the holy month of 'Shravan' when the gunmen shot him from point blank range, they said. The incident happened



near Nandi Chowk around 12.45 am, said Dumka's Superintendent of Police (SP) Amber Lakra. Six empty cartridges were found at the spot, he said, adding that the post-mortem would

reveal the exact number of bullets he received. Around 30-40 criminal cases were pending against Singh, most of which were registered in Jamshedpur, the SP said.

The gunmen are yet to

be identified, he said. They took advantage of the ongoing 'Shravan Mela' and executed their plan by dressing up like 'kanwariyas', Lakra said. Millions of devotees, known as 'kanwariyas', undertake the 'Kanwar Yatra' every year during the month of 'Shravan' to fetch holy water from the Ganga and carry them on their shoulders for kilometres to offer it to Shiva temples. The 'kanwariyas' usually dress in saffron outfits. "It seems the incident is an outcome of gang rivalry," the SP said,

investigation is underway.

Almost simultaneously, six members of Singh's gang were arrested from East Singhbhum district following an encounter with police on the National Highway-33 in Ghatsila police station area.

One of those arrested suffered injury in the leg, while some police personnel also sustained minor injuries in the gunfight, officials said.

East Singhbhum's SSP Prabhat Kumar said "criminals" should mend their ways or face stringent action.

'In greed for power, BJP playing with women's respect', alleges Rahul Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday alleged that the BJP in its "greed for power" is playing with "women's respect" as well as the self-respect of the country.

In a Facebook post, Gandhi shared a video montage built with media reports about incidents of sexual assault to attack the Central Government.

The video referred to such incidents as the sexual assault on

two women who were stripped and paraded by a mob in Manipur, alleged sexual harassment of women wrestlers by outgoing WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, alleged killing of a woman in Uttarakhand in which the son of a BJP leader was accused, and the release of the convicts in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case.

"A country which does not respect its women can never progress. In the greed for power, the



BJP is playing with both the respect of women as well as the self-respect of the country," the

dent said in his post in Hindi Gandhi's remarks

former Congress presi-

come amid the Opposition's continued attack on the government over its handling of the situation in violencehit Manipur, where two women were stripped and paraded naked by a mob. The video of the May 4 incident, which only

surfaced earlier this month, sparked nationwide outrage and has since become a polarising political fault line between the ruling BJP and the opposition bloc INDIA.

on Delhi-Mumbai flight MUMBAI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Police have arrested a 47-year-old professor for allegedly sexually harassing a woman doctor on a Delhi-Mumbai flight, an official said on Friday. The incident took place on Wednesday, he said.

The 24-year-old victim and the accused were seated next to each other on the flight, which took off at 5.30 am from Delhi, the police official said.

maintaining that an

Professor held on charge of

sexually assaulting woman

"In her complaint, the woman doctor said that the accused touched her inappropriately some time before the flight was about to land at the Mumbai airport," he said.

An argument broke out between the two passengers, following which the victim informed the flight's crew, who intervened. After the flight landed at the Mumbai airport, they went to Sahar police station, he added.

Based on the complaint filed by the victim, a case of sexual harassment was registered against the professor and he was arrested, the police official said.

The accused was produced in a court, which granted him bail, he said, adding that a probe was on.

INTERNATIONAL

Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi moved from prison: **Party official**

A source from another political party said Suu Kyi had been moved to a VIP compound in Naypyidaw.

YANGON, Jul 28 (Agencies): Myanmar civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who was ousted in a 2021 military coup, has been moved from prison to a government building, an official from her party said Friday.

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Suu Kyi has only been seen once since she was held after the February 1, 2021 putsch -- in grainy state media photos from a bare courtroom in the military-built capital Naypyidaw.

The coup plunged the Southeast Asian nation into a conflict that has displaced more than one million people, according to the United Nations.

"Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been moved to a high-level venue compound on Monday night," an official from the National League for Democracy told agency Friday on condition of anonymity.

The party official also confirmed Suu Kvi had met the country's lower house speaker Ti Khun Myat and was likely to meet Deng Xijuan, China's special envoy for Asian Affairs, who is visiting the country.

A source from another political party said Suu Kyi had been moved to a VIP compound in Naypyidaw.

In July, Thailand's foreign minister said he had met with Suu Kyi, the first-known meeting with



Naypyidaw, Suu Kyi was moved

to a prison compound in another

There she was no longer per-

mitted to her domestic staff of

around ten people and assigned

military-chosen helpers, sourc-

Confinement in the isolated

capital is a far cry from the years

Suu Kyi spent under house

arrest during a previous junta,

where she became a world-

famous democracy figurehead.

During that period, she lived

at her family's colonial-era lake-

side mansion in commercial

hub Yangon and regularly gave

speeches to crowds on the other

Suu Kyi remains hugely popu-

lar in Myanmar, even after her

international image was tainted

side of her garden wall.

Tarnished image

es told agency at the time.

part of the capital

a foreign envoy since she was detained.

A junta spokesman told agency the meeting had lasted more than one hour but did not give details on what was discussed. There have been concerns about the 78-year-old Nobel lau-

reate's health since her detention, including during her trial in a junta court that required her to attend almost daily hearings. Suu Kyi has been sentenced

to 33 years in jail for a clutch of charges, including corruption, possession of illegal walkietalkies and flouting coronavirus restrictions

Rights groups slammed her trial as a sham designed to remove the popular leader from politics.

In June 2022, after more than a year under house arrest in by her power-sharing deal with the generals and failure to speak up for the persecuted Rohingya minority.

But many fighting for democracy has jettisoned her core principal of non-violence and taken up arms to try and permanently root out military dominance of the country's politics and economy.

The military has cited alleged widespread voter fraud during elections in November 2020 as a reason for its coup, which sparked huge protests and a bloody crackdown. Those polls were won resound-

ingly by Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, with international observers at the time saying they were largely free and fair.

After the coup, many senior NLD members were jailed or sent into hiding.

In March, Myanmar's juntastacked election commission announced the NLD would be dissolved for failing to re-register under a new military-drafted electoral law.

The junta has yet to announce a date for fresh polls it had said it will hold.

More than 3,800 people have been killed since the coup, according to a local monitoring group.

Typhoon Doksuri smacks southern Taiwan as China braces for landfall

Businesses and schools shut for second day in southern counties of Taiwan amid warnings of landslides and floods

wan's weather bureau,

headed towards China's

southeastern province

of Fujian after crossing

the Taiwan Strait with

maximum winds of 191

schools were shut for

the second day in south-

ern counties of Taiwan

including the major port

city of Kaohsiung amid

warnings of landslides

A "hurricane-force-

and

kmh (118 mph).

and floods.

Businesses



TAIPEI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Typhoon Doksuri toppled trees and cut power to hundreds of thousands of homes in southern Taiwan, prompting authorities to shut business for a second day and warn of extreme winds as the storm makes its final push to southeastern China on Friday. As of 7:15 a.m. (23:15 GMT) Typhoon Doksuri, categorised at the second-strongest

wind" alert has been issued in the Taiwanese islands of Penghu and Kinmen, where residents were warned to brace for gusts of more than 155 kmh (96 mph). The storm had cut power to more than 186,000 homes across Taiwan and downed hundreds of trees in Kaohsiung. Rainfall of more than 1 metre was recorded in the mountainous eastern and southern parts of the island.

More than 300 domestic and international flights were suspended and railway services between southern and eastern Taiwan were halted.

A ferry sank near the Philippine capital of Manila after passengers alarmed by strong winds rushed to one side of the boat, overturning it. As many as 36 people have been killed this week during Doksuri's transit off the northern Philippines.

Singapore hangs first woman in 19 years after she was convicted of trafficking 31 grams of heroin

KUALA LUMPUR, Jul 28 (Agencies): Singapore conducted its first execution of a woman in 19 years on Friday and its second hanging this week for drug trafficking despite calls for the city-state to cease capital punishment for drug-related crimes. Activists said another

execution is set next week. Saridewi Djamani, 45, had been sentenced to

death in 2018 for trafficking nearly 31 grams (1.09 ounces) of diamor-



for anyone convicted of trafficking more than 500 grams (17.64 ounces) of cannabis and 15 grams (0.53 ounces) of heroin. Djamani's execution

their conviction and sentence and petition for presidential clemency. Human rights groups, international activists and the United Nations have urged Singapore

North Korea Threat More Serious Than "Ever **Before": Japan**

TOKYO, Jul 28 (Agencies): Japan said Friday that North Korea posed a more serious threat to its national security than "ever before", as nuclear-armed Pyongyang rattles its neighbours with repeated missile tests and belligerent rhetoric.

paper -- a rundown of the most pressing military threats and plans to ensure stability -- Japan's defence ministry made a case for a significant hike in domestic defence spending as the world



activities pose an even more grave and imminent threat to Japan's national security than ever before," the document said.

of the country's newest and most advanced "It is believed that North Korea has the weaponry, including intercontinental ballistic ability to attack Japan with nuclear weapons missiles and previously

of Ukraine, including, Washington says, supplying rockets and missiles -- a charge Pyongyang has denied. Pyongyang's recent weapons tests -- the latest was on Monday -- come as Tokyo, Seoul and Washington increase military cooperation to counter the North's growing nuclear threats and China's influence in the region. The white paper said China's military activities posed "an unprecedented and the greatest

Beijing has not condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with many leading democracies fearing China may also move to aggressively take over Taiwan. "The international community is facing its greatest trial since World War II and we have entered a new era of crisis." Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada said in the document.

Japan and area nations.

The white paper reiterated Tokyo's commitment to boost its military spending and capacity. For decades, Japan has capped military spending at around one percent of GDP. But late last vear. Kishida's government approved a plan to increase defence spending to two percent of GDP by fiscal year 2027, to around 11 trillion yen (\$78.7 billion).

In its annual white

phine, or pure heroin, the Central Narcotics Bureau said. Its statement said the amount was "sufficient to feed the addiction of about 370 abusers for a week". Singapore's laws mandate the death penalty

came two days after that of a Singaporean man, Mohammed Aziz Hussain, 56, for trafficking around 50 grams (1.75 ounces) of heroin. The narcotics bureau said both prisoners were accorded due process,

there is increasing evidence it is ineffective as a deterrent. Singapore authorities insist capital punishment is important to halting drug demand including appeals of and supply.

enters "a new era of crisis".

While China's growing military might and Russia's invasion of Ukraine were major focuses of the white paper, North Korea also ranked as a key concern for Japan. "North Korea's military

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as the city's anthem,

playing at international

Kong does not have

an anthem and it fol-

lows China's national

anthem, "March of the

Following the 2019 pro-

tests, Beijing imposed a

sweeping national secu-

rity law, quelling politi-

Hong

sports competitions.

Officially,

Volunteers".

fitted to ballistic missiles.'

The white paper, approved by the cabinet of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Friday morning, comes as North Korea ramps up the frequency of its missile tests

unseen military drones. Russia, another historic ally of North Korea, is one of a handful of nations with which Pyongyang maintains friendly relations.

North Korean state

media on Thursday

released photos of Kim

Jong Un giving Russia's

defence minister a tour

Kim Jong Un has been steadfast in his support for Moscow's invasion

that joint military drills with Russia were also a concern.

strategic challenge" to

Japan while reiterating

China regularly sends government ships to islands in dispute with Tokyo while also conducting naval drills in waters including in the Pacific, raising alarm in

Hong Kong court rejects government ban on democracy protest song

to halt executions for

drug offences and say

The song has raised the Hong Kong government's ire in recent months, as it has been repeatedly mistaken as the city's anthem, playing at international sports competitions.

HONGKONG, Jul 28 (Agencies): A Hong Kong judge denied on Friday a government request for an injunction banning "Glory to Hong Kong", a defiant anthem that emerged from the city's huge pro-democracy protests in 2019.

The Hong Kong government had in June requested an injunction order so that the song -- penned anonymously -- would be banned from being disseminated or performed "with the intention of inciting others to commit secession or with a seditious intent".

But Judge Anthony Chan wrote in his ruling on Friday that freedom of expression was a "highly important right" and that an injunction could cause "chilling effects" to innocent third parties even if that was not the government's intent.

"I cannot be satisfied that it is just and convenient to grant the injunction," said Chan, who is among a pool of jurists handpicked by the government to handle security cases.

"I believe that the intrusion to freedom of expression here, especially to innocent third parties, is what is referred to in public law as 'chilling effects'," he wrote.

"Whilst I entirely accept that no chilling effect is intended behind the Injunction, it is the duty of the Court to keep in mind that there is a whole spectrum of Hong Kong people" with varying degrees of knowledge about the injunction, Chan explained.

"Glory to Hong Kong" first emerged in August 2019 when the city was undergoing massive and at times violent prodemocracy demonstra-



tions, with millions taking to the streets to demand political freedoms.

Its Cantonese lyrics integrated a key protest slogan -- "break now the dawn, liberate our Hong Kong; in common breath, the revolution of our times" -- and was widely adopted by protesters.

The song has raised the Hong Kong government's ire in recent cal dissent, and courts have penalised multiple people for performing it in public or circulating it online.

Technology minister Sun Dong this month said that tech giant Google had refused to delist "Glory to Hong Kong" from online search results unless the government had proof of the song's illegality.

government The application to ban the song, first announced last month, prompted a surge of interest and "Glory to Hong Kong" dominated the iTunes download chart in the city for days. Police have arrested

260 people under the national security law, with 79 of them convicted or awaiting sentencing in Hong Kong.

Agency has contacted the Hong Kong government for comment.

Ukrainian Drone Attack Thwarted By Russia In Moscow Region

MOSCOW, Jul 28 (Agencies): Russia's defence ministry said Friday it had thwarted a Ukrainian drone attack in the Moscow region overnight.

"The UAV was destroyed by means of air defence," the ministry said on Telegram, adding that there were no casualties or damage.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin had earlier announced the attack, without specifying its location.

"An enemy drone attack attempt was made," he said on Telegram.

The attempted strike comes days after Ukraine claimed a drone attack in central Moscow.

On Monday, a drone crashed near the defence ministry in the centre of the Russian capital, while another hit an office building in a southern district. Moscow and its environs, lying about 500 kilometres (310 miles) from the Ukrainian border, had been rarely targeted until several drone attacks this vear

In early May, two drones were shot down above the Kremlin.

Moscow high-rises were hit in drone attacks later the same month.

Earlier this month, Russia said it had downed five Ukrainian drones that disrupted the functioning of Moscow's Vnukovo international airport.

The drone attacks on Moscow come several weeks into a Ukrainian counteroffensive to claw back territory captured by Moscow since large-scale hostilities erupted in February 2022.

US Secretary of Defence Austin attacks China's 'bullying behaviour' in Pacific



SYDNEY, Jul 28 (Agencies): US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said on Friday Washington would defend allies

against "bullying behaviour" from China in the Pacific.

"We've seen troubling (Chinese) coercion from the East China Sea to the South China Sea to right here in the Southwest Pacific, and will continue to support our allies and partners as they defend themselves from bullying behaviour," Austin told reporters in Brisbane, where he is meeting with his Australian counterpart Richard Marles.

The US and Australia were both concerned about attempts from China to depart from international law, Austin added.

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BJP has betrayed whole displaced community of PoJK: Chuni

Demands nomination of atleast 8 Assembly seats, Pahari status to all DPs

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 28: Lashing out at the BJP Government in Centre for step motherly treatment with Pak Occupied Jammu Kashmir Displaced Persons over the nomination in Assembly as well as pick and choose in according Pahari Status, Chairman of SOS International-an organization of the PoJK Displaced community, today pooh-poohed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's claim of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'.

"Once again this Government has established that sky is the limit for the valley migrants while the displaced people from PoJK are the children of a lesser God." he said while talking to media persons in the presence of Prof. N. N. Sharma, V. K. Datta. Amarjeet Singh, Ved Raj Bali, Bhai Ram Singh, Jorawar Singh, Daleep Chib, Jagjit Singh and Satinder Dev Gupta at the office of S. O. S. International in Bakshi Nagar Jammu.

While elaborating, he said that those who migrated from within the country and not going back to their homes despite return of normalcy, have been considered for nomination of two Legislative Assembly seats while on the other hand, the PoJK Displaced community, whose number is much more higher and who are unable to go to their native land which is still under illegal occupation of Pakistan since 1947, have been given only one seat.

Moreover, he added, the Parliamentary Standing Committee in its 183rd Report submitted on 22-Decem-



As per the existing

government provi-

sions, to claim the ben-

efit of Pahari category

status, it is mandatory

for the beneficiary to

be a member of Pahari

clan, tribe and ethnic-

ity. But the government

is openly violating the

provisions of their own

'Pahadi Act' in lieu of

All the displaced

people of Poonch,

Mirpur and Muzaffar-

abad districts belong to

Pahari clan, tribes and

ethnicities, irrespective

of where they are living

He explained and

added that the govern-

ment is giving Pahari

certificates only to those

people who are living

in Rajouri and Poonch

districts. This stand of

the government is com-

pletely opposite to its

own Pahadi Act. To con-

sider all the people living

in Rajouri and Poonch

districts as Pahari is a

big conspiracy which is

being done only with a

view to increase the vote

bank. This is a sinister

game being played by

the government through

which some fake people

who are neither the

ancestral citizens of

Rajouri or Poonch dis-

trict nor belong to hill

Alleging that, even

today there are many

people living in Rajouri

tribes.

in displacement today.

vote bank.

ber-2014 in both houses of Parliament has already recommended defreezing of at least eight Assembly seats for the displaced people, out of 24 reserved Assembly seats for the occupied Jammu Kashmir.

Chuni further said that even the Delimitation Commission has recommended for adequate representation to the displaced persons from PoJK, which is understood to be at least eight Assembly seats for the community by way of nomination.

The SOS International chairman also drew attention towards another discriminatory move of the Government to deprive a large chunk of PoJK Displaced Persons from their natural right of being a member of Pahari community/ clan.

"Lakhs of PoJK Displace families temporarily settled in Jammu and other areas are being denied Pahari certificate notwithstanding the fact that entire population of the displaced community belongs to the Pahari tribe, who are native of districts of Poonch, Mirpur and Muzaffarabad areas, which are now under illegal occupation of Pakistan since 1947," he said.

and Poonch districts whose forefathers came in connection with job or business, how did all those people become Pahari? This is a big scam which should be investinated by a retired

tigated by a retired judge of High Court or Supreme Court, he demanded. Pointing out that clan or tribe of a person

remains unchanged wherever he settles or whatever language he speaks, Chuni said that there is no logic in according the ST status to only those residing in Rajouri-Poonch or some belts in Kashmir Valley but denying the same to those settled in Jammu and others parts. "If a Gujjar-Bakerwal remains ST irrespective of the location and area of his residence, how can a Pahari become non-Pahari if he has settled in Jammu or someplace other than the specified areas?" he said and demanded immediate rectification in the norms thus making all PoJK DPs eligible for the Pahari status

He made a fervent appeal to all the leaders of BJP belonging to the displaced PoJK community to resign from their respective positions on moral grounds.

JU organizes session on intellectual property rights

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brain storming session on Intellectual Property Rights was organized to execute and carry forward the IPR related activities of University of Jammu.

The session was held in the office of Dean Life Sciences, Prof. Seema Langer, under the convenership of Prof. B.K Bajaj. Entire team of IPR was present and session started with a welcome note by the convener IPR. In his address, Prof Bajaj stated that we need to promote the culture of filing the patents along with inventing, creating and developing new innovations in different areas of aca-

He told that we need to open our minds and look for patentable inven-

demia

tions from the pile of our knowledge and data. Also, he stressed that before publishing our research, we must get our data checked for its patentability.

Prof Seema Langer, Dean Life sciences made the house aware that the University of Jammu is highly diverse with respect to academic disciplines and has excellent potent for creating innovations in various fields.

She emphasized that scholars and faculty members across the university departments should be motivated for filing the patents arising out of their own research. Prof Langer also stressed that we can start from filing the Indian patents before trying patents in other countries.

She also laid stress on other aspects like financing of the innovators,

facilitation and appropriate terms and conditions related to patents. Prof. Kamal Kapoor, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Jammu and an IPR expert emphasized that before filing the patent, the commercial aspects and appropriateness for patentability must be ascertained. He informed the team that filing India patents is less expensive and the potential innovators must be encouraged to file Indian patents. Prof Satyapaul encouraged the team to motivate the fellow colleagues to indulge and identify inventions that have the potential for patentability. Prof. Sanjay Gupta from Dept of Law and an expert in IPR addressed the team about various legalities and laws related to filling of patents. He talked about

Indian patent laws and

laws governing the patents in other countries like US, Europe etc. Dr. Nisha Kapoor and Dr. Yashpal Khajuria, School of Biotechnology made the team aware of the various innovations that are patentable in various areas of Biology. Dr. Sandeep Arya from Department of Physics talked about various patentable inventions from Physical sciences.

One of the team members Dr. Mandeep Singh from Directorate of Sports, University of Jammu shared his experiences about filing patents at Indian and US patent offices. The session was concluded with an unanimous resolution that such brain storming sessions can be a good source of unidentified inventions, ideas and deliberations to foster the culture of innovations and patent filing.

Department of Psychology JU organizes lecture-cum-interaction session



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JAMMU, Jul 28: The Department of Psychology, University of Jammu organized a lecture-cuminteraction session on 28th July, 2023.

Prof. Hardeep Lal Joshi from Department of Psychology, Kurukshetra University was the resource

person. The session started with a welcome note by Dr. Sarita Sood, Assistant Professor, Department

of Psychology. Prof. Sangeeta Gupta, Dean of faculty of Social Sciences and I/C HOD, Department of Psychology also graced the occasion with her presence. She presented her views on the importance of Mental

Health. Prof. Joshi emphasized the critical importance of Clinical Psychology in today's society and instructed students how to take admission in M.Phil Social and Medical sciences. He mentioned top 10 institutes in India where psychology students can opt for M.Phil and considered NIMHANS as one of the best institutes not only in India but also in Asia for clinical psychology.

In addition to this, Prof. Joshi emphasized that youth must incul-

cate the habit of listening. Prof. Joshi gave lecture on increasing challenges to mental health. Phenomenology, a branch of psychology that explores the subjective experience of individuals, was another intriguing topics Prof. Joshi touched upon.

During the session, the resource person also spoke passionately about empathy. Further, he shed light on the challenges individuals face due to lack of necessary skills, both in personal and professional settings. It was also discussed how the quality of therapeutic alliance can influence treatment adherence, motivation and over all client satisfaction.

The engaging lecture concluded with an interactive session Q&A session where attendees had the opportunity to seek Prof. Joshi's expertise on various mental health concerns and related subjects.

The event witnessed a substantial gathering of students and scholars among the faculty members. Dr. Priyanka Sharma and Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva were also present.

Lok Sabha passes 3 bills in 30 mins amid oppn protests, house adjourned till July 31

Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury was seen gesticulating angrily from his seat, even as Sonia Gandhi watched the chaotic scenes quietly from her seat.

Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi while piloting the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, called it as a "game changer."

Interestingly, as noisy protests by opposition members continued, both Joshi and Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya went to the back benches, when their respective bills were being passed, to avoid the protesting members.

The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, will allow private sector to bid for mining critical minerals like Lithium.

Out of the list of critical minerals, a few of them have been brought under the proposed amendment, which will allow their mining by private entities.

In addition, the proposed amendments will also allow Central government to auction these minerals while the royalty will go to states.

In the bill, it is proposed to omit six minerals, namely Beryl and other beryllium-bearing minerals, Lithium-bearing minerals, Niobium-bearing minerals, Titanium bearing minerals and ores, Tantallium-bearing minerals and Zirconium-bearing minerals and ores from the list of critical minerals.

Upon removal of these minerals from the said list, their exploration and mining will be opened up for the private sector as well.

As a result, exploration and mining of these minerals is expected to increase significantly in the country.

The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 provides for regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by nursing and midwifery professionals, assessment of institutions, maintenance of a National Register and State Registers and creation of a system to improve access, research and development and adoption of latest scientific advancement.

The National Dental Commission Bill, 2023 will regulate the profession of dentistry in the country, to provide for quality and affordable dental education, and to make accessible high quality oral healthcare.

Dhiraj Singh Thakur takes Oath as Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court

appointed as the Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

The office of the Chief Justice fell vacant on May 19 consequent upon the elevation of Justice Mishra.

Justice Thakur completed his LLB from Jammu University and joined the legal profession in 1989. He was enrolled as an advocate on the rolls of Bar Council of Delhi.

His enrollment was transferred to Bar Council of Jammu and Kashmir in 2010. He was appointed a judge of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court in 2013.

In June 2022, he was transferred to the Bombay High Court where he was the the senior-most judge.

The Andhra Pradesh High Court was established by a Presidential Order post bifurcation, on January 1, 2019.

Earns Rs 100 Cr, Cable Car Corp pays Govt Rs 1 Cr dividend

which the Board of Directors expressed isatisfaction over the record revenue generation of Rs. 100.00 Cr earned by the Corporation during the year 2022-23. In view of it the Board members declared an interim dividend of Rs. 100.00 lacs in favor of the Government of J&K.

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Those who were present on the occasion include the Principal Secretary, Finance; Secretary, Tourism, and other concerned officers of the concerned Departments.

Amarnath Yatra 2023 exceeds previous Year's figures

enriching journey, and they have expressed their deep appreciation for the well-coordinated efforts.

Beyond the spiritual significance, the Yatra has also witnessed the arrival of distinguished personalities from various walks of life, including renowned badminton player Saina Nehwal and Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan.

Amarnath Yatra-2023 has also witnessed a significant increase in the number of foreign pilgrims visiting the holy shrine.

The pilgrims have wholeheartedly lauded the administration's efforts in ensuring a smooth and hassle-free journey. The efficient organisation of the Yatra has provided them with a sense of comfort and security, fostering an environment of gratitude and admiration.

Additionally, the Yatra coincided with the commemoration of Kargil Diwas at all Yatra Base Camps, wherein the triumph of the Kargil War was honored.

The event saw active participation from various security departments, including the Army, CRPF, Police, NDRF, SDRF, Civil Administration, and Yatris, further strengthening the bond between the armed forces and the civilian population.

As the Amarnath Yatra-2023 continues to witness an ever-growing number of devotees and garners widespread praise for its well-organised arrangements, it stands as a shining example of communal harmony, unity, and devotion. This sacred journey transcends geographical boundaries, bringing people from all walks of life together in a shared spirit of oneness and reverence.

Nine kilogram <u>narcotics consignment</u>

recovered on LoC in Rajouri: Police

conducted.

During this operation, SSP Rajouri said, five packets of narcotics weighing 8 kg and 960 grams was found which has been seized and taken into possession.

Police has registered a case in FIR 171/2023 U/Ss 8/21/22 NDPS Act in Nowshera police station and further investigation is going on.

Singh said that investigation as well as necessary legal formalities into the matter are going on.

Recovery of such huge quantity of narcotics on LoC indicate towards possible cross LoC smuggling attempt which however has been foiled, he said.

MACHAIL LAND OWNER'S PLEA | Court issues stay order against Helicopter service providers for Machail Yatra

consent or without paying any thing as compensation or rent to him. He claimed that these companies are charging huge commercial charges from the passengers and yatris.

Amarnath Yatra | Fresh batch of 2155 pilgrims leave from Jammu base camp

A group of 1402 pilgrims (1128 males, 228 females, 34 Sadhus and 12 sadhvis) left for Pahalgam in a convoy of 58 vehicles.

For Baltal, 753 pilgrims comprising 532 males, 215 females and six children left in a convoy of 37 vehicles amid tight security arrangements.

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

Woman hit by truck, dies in Banihal

few hours near Toll Post Banihal on National Highway-44.

SHO, Police Station Banihal said the driver involved in the accident was arrested and his vehicle was impounded.

Meanwhile, District Magistrate Ramban, Mussarat Islam ordered an inquiry into the death of the woman.

"Sub Divisional Magistrate, Banihal, Zahir Abbas has been appointed Inquiry officer to probe the incident that resulted in the death of a woman today at Lamber, near Toll Plaza Banihal. The Inquiry officer shall investigate all aspects of the case and submit his detailed report or findings in this office within 7 days positively," DM's order read.

Later, District Magistrate Ramban also wrote to the Project director National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) seeking his attention to "the past communications and requests for considering the demand of the local people for construction of overbridge on NH-44 at strategic places in Ramban, including Asher, Chareel, Lamber, Chanderkote etc. so that the local people have hassle-free access in movement from one place to another." Referring to the protest and assurance given by the SDM Banihal to the protesting people, DM Ramban asked the NHAI Project Director to "start the construction of an overbridge near Toll Plaza Lamber." "This shall go a long way in fulfilling the genuine demand of the people residing in the nearby habitations," he said.

Two persons injured in gas cylinder blast in Udhampur

two men to sustain burn injuries. They were immediately rushed to the Associated Government Medical Hospital in Udhampur, where they are undergoing treatment. The condition of both men is said to be stable.Police have registered a case in the matter and are investigating the cause of the blast.

BUSINESS / HEALTH

consumers during challenging

times," magicpin CEO and co-

founder Anshoo Sharma said.

To cater to the needs of a

larger consumer base, magicpin

is offering a maximum purchase

limit of 2 kilogram of tomatoes at

Rs 140 per user per week and

those will be delivered to the

"On behalf of the central gov-

ernment, cooperatives NCCF

and NAFED are already sell-

ing tomatoes at Rs 70 per kg

to retail consumers through

mobile vans in Delhi-NCR and

doorstep of consumers.

Markets fall in early trade

Extending its previous day's fall, the 30-share BSE Sensex goes lower by 204.84 points to 66,061.98

MUMBAI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined in early trade on Friday amid foreign fund outflows and weak trends in the US markets.

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Extending its previous day's fall, the 30-share BSE Sensex went lower by 204.84 points to 66,061.98. The NSE Nifty declined 60.35 points to 19,599.55.

From the Sensex pack, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finserv, NTPC, HDFC Bank, Tata Consultancy Services, JSW Steel, Tech Mahindra, ICICI Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank were the major laggards.

Mahindra & Mahindra, ITC, Reliance Industries and Wipro were among the gainers. In Asian markets, Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong were trading



in the green while Tokyo quoted lower.

The US markets had ended in the negative territory on Thursday. Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.40 per cent lower at USD 83.90 a barrel.

Magicpin starts selling tomatoes for Rs 70 per kg through ONDC partners

Consumers can order tomatoes through magicpin app, Paytm, PhonePe's Pincode, Mystore in Delhi-NCR and a select few cities under the arrangement

NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Hyperlocal e-commerce startup magicpin in a pact with NCCF has started selling tomatoes for Rs 70 per kilogram through select online platforms registered on the governmentbacked ONDC, the company said on Friday.

Consumers can order tomatoes through magicpin app, Paytm, PhonePe's Pincode, Mystore in Delhi-NCR and a select few cities under the arrangement, it said in a statement.

"We have witnessed an overwhelming response, delivering



1,000 orders across over 90 pincodes in Delhi-NCR in just

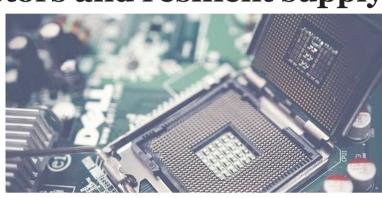
two days. NCCF and ONDC's a few select cities," the stateinitiative aims to stand with the ment said. Singapore in close contact with

India and Japan look to collaborate in building semiconductors and resilient supply chains

NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): India and Japan explored collaborating in critical technologies, including semiconductors and resilient supply chains, as part of plans to reach a target of \$35.9 billion Japanese investment in the country by 2027, officials said on Friday. Foreign Ministers of India and Japan, S. Jaishankar and Yoshimasa Hayashi, met in New Delhi on Thursday and also discussed ways to deepen defense equipment and technology cooperation. Hayashi is on a two-day visit to the Indian capital

Russia's war in Ukraine has disrupted the global supply of parts and raw materials needed to complete a variety of products - from cars to computer chips

Hayashi and Jaishankar also emphasized the crucial role of



a strong partnership between India and Japan in ensuring an open and prosperous Indo-Pacific region that is inclusive and rules-based, a statement by India's External Affairs Ministry said.

They discussed cooperation under multilateral and plurilateral frameworks, including the Quad grouping that also includes the United States and Australia, the statement said.

The grouping aims at countering the growing challenge posed

by an aggressive China in the region. Jaishankar and Havashi

expressed satisfaction at the strengthening of defense and security cooperation between the two countries, including regular exercises and talks between all three services, the statement said.

Indian Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi's ambitions to build a chipmaking industry suffered a potential setback earlier this month as electronics giant Foxconn backed out of a \$19.5 billion semiconductor joint venture with Indian mining conglomerate Vedanta Ltd.

In February last year, the two companies announced their joint venture to manufacture chips and display panels in India.

India has made building a chipmaking sector a national priority as part of a self-reliance policy to secure stable supplies. It is offering financial incentives of up to 50% of project costs under a \$10 billion plan for semiconductor and display manufacturing projects.

India and Japan share strong economic ties. Trade between the two was worth \$20.57 billion in fiscal year 2021-2022.

Indian authorities to seek exemption from non-basmati rice export ban



SINGAPORE, Jul 28 (Agencies): Singapore is in close contact with Indian authorities to seek exemption from the country's ban on the export of non-basmati rice, the city state's food agency said on Friday.

"Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is working closely with importers to increase the import of different varieties of rice from various sources. Singapore is also in close contact with the Indian authorities to seek exemption from the ban," said a statement from SFA

On July 20, the Indian government banned exports of non-basmati white rice to boost domestic supply and keep retail prices under check during the upcoming festive season.

Non-basmati white rice constitutes about 25 per cent of total rice exported from the country.

In 2022. India accounted for about 40 per cent of Singapore's imported rice, said the agency.

Singapore imports rice from more than 30 countries.

Under Singapore's Rice Stockpile Scheme, rice importers must hold a buffer inventory equivalent to twice of their monthly imports.

This helps ensure an adequate supply of rice in the market, SFA said in a statement

Countries expected to be hit by the ban include African nations, Turkey, Syria, and Pakistan, among others.

In the first quarter of the current fiscal about 15.54 lakh tonnes of white rice was exported from India against only 11.55 lakh tonnes in the year-ago period, which means an increase by 35 per cent.

July 2023 is set to be the hottest month on record, scientists say

NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): July this year is set to be the hottest month on record with average temperatures exceeding that of July 2019 by a significant margin, according



Vedanta in process of tying up with world-class tech partner for semiconductor: Anil Agarwal

GANDHINAGAR/ NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): Indian conglomerate Vedanta's Anil Agarwal on Friday outlined ambitious semiconductor manufacturing plans for India, saying that the global mining company has identified a world-class technology partner and is in the process of tying up with them, its Chairman Anil Agarwal said on Friday. "Vedanta is fully committed to building a semiconductor and display fab. The kind of response we have got in Japan, Korea, America - the ecosystem will be

era Special Investment Region in Gujarat, and substantial progress has happened to tie up technology and equity partners in semiconductors. Akarsh K Hebbar,

minister," Hebbar had said in a statement. In an update earlier this week, the oil-tometals conglomerate said its semiconduc-

tor application under

to a new analysis by scientists.

The EU-funded Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) noted that these temperatures have been related to heatwaves in large parts of North America. Asia and Europe, which along with wildfires in countries including Canada and Greece, have had major impacts on people's health, the environment and economies

Data shows that the previous hottest month on record was July 2019.

According to the new analysis, the global mean surface air temperature averaged for the first 23 days of July 2023 was 16.95 degrees Celsius. This is well above the 16.63 degrees recorded for the full month of July 2019, which is currently the warmest July and warmest month on record.

At this stage, the report said, it is virtually certain that the full monthly average temperature for July 2023 will exceed that of July 2019 by a significant margin, making it the warmest July and warmest month on record.

"The extreme weather which has affected many millions of people in July is unfortunately the harsh reality of climate change and a foretaste of the future," said WMO's Secretary-General Petteri Taalas. "The need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is more urgent than ever before. Climate action is not a luxury but a must," Taalas said in a statement.

On July 6, the daily average global mean surface air temperature surpassed the record set in August 2016, making it the hottest day on record, with July 5 and July 7 shortly behind, WMO said. According to the data-

set, the global mean surface air temperature reached its highest daily value (17.08 degrees Celsius) on July 6, 2023. During the first three weeks of July, global mean temperature rise temporarily exceeded the 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold above preindustrial level during the

first and third week of the month, according to the report. Since May, the global average sea surface temperature has been well above previously observed values for the

time of the year; contrib-

uting to the exceptionally warm July, it said. WMO consolidates data from C3S and five other international

datasets for its climate monitoring activities and it's State of the Climate reports.

It predicts that there is a 98 per cent likelihood that at least one of the next five years will be the warmest on record and a 66 per cent chance of temporarily exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius above the 1850-1900 average for at least one of the five years.

"Record-breaking temperatures are part of the trend of drastic increases in global temperatures. Anthropogenic emissions are ultimately the main driver of these rising temperatures," said Carlo Buontempo, Director of C3S.

"July's record is unlikely to remain isolated this year, C3S' seasonal forecasts indicate that over land areas temperatures are likely to be well above average, exceeding the 80th percentile of climatology for the time of year," Buontempo said in a statement.



built around Gujarat and we have signed 100s of MoUs for this purpose," he said.

Gujarat will emerge as a semiconductor hub, he said, adding it, "is the right place for creating silicon Valley of India". "For semiconductor, we have identified world-class partner, we

have already identified a world-class partner for technology and are in the process of tying up with them," he said

at SemiconIndia 2023. Vedanta Group too has made it clear that it remains committed to building India's first semiconductor and display fabs in Dhol-

Global MD of Vedanta Semiconductors and Display, recently said that the company will await the government nod to its applications under the modified scheme for semiconductor and display fabs. "Thereafter, we will

immediately begin construction and set out on the path to make India atmanirbhar in electronics in line with the vision of our honourable prime

should avoid going to

school. As it gets trans-

mitted through touch,

children should avoid

touching their eyes and

then touching other

objects. They should

keep their handkerchief

"It's highly transmis-

sible for initial 3-4 days,

they should avoid and

isolate themselves.

Those people who

and towels separate."

the modified scheme is under consideration by the government, while for display fabs, it is now proceeding with filing a fresh application under the modified display scheme.

The Indian conglomerate expressed its resolve and commitment to produce critically important semiconductors and display glass/ modules for the growing Indian market.

Eye flu cases increasing among children, here are dos and don'ts

Do not rub eyes and face and avoid touching face, wash/sanitise children's hands frequently, consult doctor

NEW DELHI, Jul 28 (Agencies): With monsoon comes the risk of many diseases, including the eye infections. Amid the incessant rainfall that lashed the national capital and other areas for past few weeks, there have been multiple cases of Conjunctivitis reported in Delhi NCR.

The eye flu cases are reported each year during monsoon season. Symptoms could be redness and itching in eyes. Experts and doctors say children are more susceptible to eye infections. Also, along with eye infections, cases of cough and cold are also reported among children. Dr Soveeta Rath,

ogy, Strabismus and Neuro Ophthalmology Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Daryaganj, said, "We have observed a notable surge of 50 per cent in conjunctivitis cases in our OPDs now. Particularly affecting children and teenagers, these cases typically present with symptoms like redness, discharge, and foreign body sensation in the eyes.' "It is necessary to maintain hygiene and

Paediatric Ophthalmol-

keep our personal belongings separate, like towel hankies not to be shared to avoid spread to other family members and seek prompt medical help to manage these condi-



tions effectively. These conditions effectively," Dr Rath said.

Dr Anuj Mehta, Opthalmologist, Safdarjung hospital: "We are getting about 80-100 cases per day for last two days and 30 pc are children. As for precaution Hygiene is the main thing. Those who have conjunctivitis should avoid crowded places and children

haven't got it should wash their hands or use sanitiser. Children must avoid swimming because it can spread easily while swimming," he said.

Dr (Prof) Charu Mithal Senior Consultant Ophthalmology MAX Eye Care, "In the ongoing epidemic of Conjunctivitis it is very important to know the precautions we can take for our children. Firstly, do not rub the eyes and face and avoid touching the face. Secondly wash/sanitize children's hands frequently and lastly in case of any redness, watering or pain in eyes seek Ophthalmologists opinion."

SPORTS

First ODI: Kuldeep, Jadeja set up easy victory as India check out batting options vs weak Windies

For India, skipper Rohit came in as late as No. 7 and Kohli didn't even come out to bat

BRIDGETOWN, Jul 28 (Agencies): Skipper Rohit Sharma and senior pro Virat Kohli, who have 76 international hundreds between them, decided to give game time to middle-order batters as India beat West Indies by five wickets in the opening ODI, riding on exploits from spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav.

After Jadeja (3/37 in 6 overs) and Kuldeep (4/6 in 4 overs) set it up beautifully, shooting out the Windies for 114 in 23 overs, Ishan Kishan helped himself to a half-century (52 off 46 balls) in India's successful chase in just 22.5 overs.

With 12 ODI matches in hand to find the perfect combination and some pieces of the puzzle still to be fixed before the World Cup, Rahul Dravid and Rohit's decision to give game time to middle-order batters was a welcome move.

While it didn't exactly go as per plan for Survakumar Yadav (19), who played a non-existent sweep shot, and Hardik Pandya (5), freakishly run-out at the non-striker's end, Kishan did his cause no harm with his fourth half-century.

The chase was never a problem but the wicket did offer a lot of turn apart from bounce which made life difficult for batters from both sides. Left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie (2/26 in 6.5 overs) did ask a few probing questions but the total didn't allow him to challenge the Indians more.



one would expect that Rohit and

Kohli will bat in their usual posi-

tions if India opt to make or is

forced to make first use of the

This series will be used for

After putting West Indies to

bat, Jadeja tightened the noose

and Kuldeep went for the final

Hardik Pandya (1/17 in 3

overs), starting with the new

ball alongside debutant Mukesh

Kumar (1/22 in 5 overs), set the

tone with a tight first spell before

Jadeja and Kuldeep finished the

Skipper Shai Hope's 43 was

the top score for the hosts as

only two other batters were able

to cross the double digit mark.

Once Jadeja (6-0-37-3) and

Kuldeep (3-2-6-4) operated in

tandem, the West Indies team

didn't have the quality to survive

on a track that had extra bounce

innings in a jiffy.

kill in just 23 overs of bowling.

track in the next game.

experiments and rightly so.

For India, skipper Rohit came in as late as No. 7 and Kohli didn't even come out to bat.

The idea was simple. Neither Rohit nor Kohli would gain anything by getting another halfcentury against a team like West Indies but giving a chance to check Kishan as the third/ reserve opener or Suryakumar as one of the middle-order options, provided Shreyas Iver fails to recover in time, would give them requisite confidence. With chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar also present, these were some well thought-out moves as often the Indian top three have stacked runs. Also, when batting collapse happened in a knock-out game of a big tourney, the middle-order, with lack of game time, have struggled badly.

In the end, Jadeja (16 not out) also got 20-odd balls to bat and Rohit hit the winning runs. The ability to experiment with to trouble the batters.

Kyle Mayers wanted to free himself and only managed a slog that went to skipper Rohit Sharma at mid-on while Jadeja timed his jump to perfection at point to latch on to an Alick Athanaze (22 off 18 balls) slash after a brief but adventurous stay at the crease.

Shardul Thakur (1/14 in 3 overs) then bowled a perfect incutter to clan up Brandon King (17) as the gulf in standard was pretty evident, and why West Indies failed to qualify for the upcoming World Cup was as clear as daylight.

With the pitch offering a bit of pace, both Jadeja and Kuldeep were able to hurry the batters as Shimron Hetmyer's (11 off 19 balls) struggles were apparent while trying an ugly lap-scoop off Jadeja.

In case of another T20 star Rovman Powell, he couldn't gauge the turn that Jadeja got off the surface while Kuldeep forced West Indies skipper to try an uncharacteristic reverse sweep and embarrassingly get yorked in the process.

Kuldeep's googlies (one that turns away from right handers) was unplayable for most of the Caribbean batters

Most of the bowling changes made by Rohit worked wonderfully well.

all out in 23 overs (Hope 43; Yadav 4/6, Jadeja 3/37); India: 118/5 in 22.5 overs (Kishan 52; Motie 2/26).

BRIDGETOWN, Jul 28 (Agencies): India captain Rohit Sharma cannot wait to welcome a fit-again Jasprit Bumrah back into the side before the 50-overs home World Cup, but is unsure whether he will have recovered from injury fast enough to be included in next month's tour of Ireland.

Pace spearhead Bumrah, who has not played international cricket since last September, is in the final stage of his rehabilitation after undergoing back surgery in New Zealand in March.

India will play eight limited-overs matches against West Indies before heading to Ireland to play three T20 Internationals there.

"His experience is crucial for the team," Rohit said ahead of the moment."

Meanwhile, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said Bumrah might be tested in the Ireland series. "Bumrah is totally fit and he may go to Ireland," Shah said.

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Rohit also spoke about the Indian team's injury problems in their ODI setup and the need for having backups. "You need experience when you go into big tournaments. But when there are injuries, you just don't know what you can do about it," he said. "Quite a few players

are injured from our team but we try to identify players who are going to play in the World Cup and give them as many matches as possible so that they get the experience. Along with focusing on the playing XI, we need to focus on other 15-20 players too because anyone can get injured," he added.

Shah said that with 12 ODIs left before the World Cup, the endeavour will be to have a consistency in selection. He made it clear that none of the World Cup-bound senior players will be selected for the three-match Ireland series.

Ashes fifth test: Starc contrast

LONDON, Jul 28 (Agencies): England's Harry Brook missed out on a maiden Test century against Australia as the visitors held the upper hand on the opening day of the fifth and final Ashes Test at the Oval.

Brook, who had already hit three halfcenturies in the series. top-scored with an aggressive 85 as England were dismissed for 283 inside 55 overs.

Australia, who lead 2-1 and will claim a first series win in England since 2001 if they avoid defeat, were 61/1, trailing by 222, at the close with opener David Warner the man to fall. Having won the toss and asked England to bat in murky conditions. Australia will be content with their day's work and will hope Usman Khawaja (26 not out) can lay the foundations for a first-innings lead today. Brook had earlier led a counterattack after England had slipped to 73/3, but he fell in the afternoon session as the hosts lost four wickets for 28 runs. With the Ashes already retained following the rain-marred contest at Old Trafford, Australia



those who say they have been lucky. England, on the other hand, have a score to settle after being denied victory in

day when he slashed at a wide one to first slip but David Warner spilled a routine catch. Crawley was then dropped by Steve Smith in Mitch-

Argentina scores two goals in furious Women"s World Cup comeback to earn draw against South Africa

WELLINGTON, Jul 28 (Agencies): Argentina scored two gamesaving goals in a flurry of five minutes during the second half Friday to salvage a 2-2 draw with South Africa at the Women's World Cup.

The draw gave both teams a single point in Group G. Sweden and Italy, the co-leaders of the group with three points each, play Saturday.



of the teams. Linda Motlhalo scored in the 30th minute for South Africa when she Women's World Cup, as well as this tournament opener. But the Banyana Banunhurt.

Key moment In the 79th minute, Nunez tied the match with a header into the bottom corner of the net, just out of reach of diving South African goalkeeper Kaylin Swart. Argentine fans celebrated loudly in the stands.

Why it matters South Africa got its first point in Women's World Cup play, but both teams are still searching for their first victory. South Africa has played five matches, while Argentina has played 11 in their respective histories. Each team could still advance to the knockout stage, though they will still be tied for last place headed into the

final Group G matches.

"I told them to play to

paddlers as they get to

"Every member of the

team, when they win

even one game, they

are contributing to the

team's success. And

that is what makes it

very interesting. Even if

your team is 0-2 down,

you are still going to try

and win the third set so

that your team can get

some points from that

victory. Of course, there

is a lot more pressure,

and you need to deliver

One of the factors that

under pressure."

handle pressure.

In their own words

have fun, to dribble, to play their best game. That's why we're here. I told them to play with that love that characterizes our football," said Argentina coach German Portanova, on what he told the team down 2-0.

"Obviously we are disappointed because we could have taken three points. But we still stand a chance. We're gonna go back hard and work on our game," said South Africa defender Karabo Dhlamini. What's next Argentina wraps up group play against Sweden in Hamilton. South Africa also concludes its Group G matches as it plays Italy in Wellington, Both matches are Wednesdav.

Brief scores: West Indies: 114

Bumrah express to

arrive soon

Return eagerly awaited but Rohit unsure if pacer

will be fit for Ireland

first ODI against West Indies. "He's back from a serious injury. I'm not sure if he'd travel to Ireland, because the team has not been selected yet. We'll try to make sure he gets to play enough matches before the World Cup." The Asia Cup in

August-September is a more realistic target for Bumrah to return to international cricket and the subsequent home series against Australia should be enough to get him in prime form, hoped Rohit. "When you return from

a big injury, you lack

match fitness," he said.

"If he plays some match-

es, it would be good

for him and the team.

We need to finalise his

comeback plans. All

depends on how much

he has recovered. We

are quite positive at the

Manchester when only 30 overs were possible

on the last two days. Australia skipper Pat Cummins finally won

a toss and not surprisingly put England in to bat. Also unsurprising was the way in which England's openers, Ben Duckett in particular, went about their business, scoring at almost a run-a-ball in the opening hour.

Duckett struck Mitchell Stark for two boundaries in the fifth over, then flat-batted an 85 mph Josh Hazelwood delivery to the ropes in the next over, almost cutting fellow opener Zak Crawley in half at the non-striker's end. He had a let-off on

Cummins' first ball of the

ell Marsh's first over, although it was a sharp chance. The missed opportunities were not too costly

for Australia as Alex Carey gloved a catch after Duckett had guided a Marsh ball down the leg side, the decision being given after a DRS review.

Crawley went for 22, getting a thick leading edge to a full-length delivery from Cummins that veered back in. Smith holding on for a record 55th catch in the Ashes series.

Brief scores: England: 283 all out in 54.4 overs (Brook 85, Duckett 41; Starc 4/82); Australia: 61/1 in 25 overs (Khawaja 26*).

Sophia Braun sent the ball soaring into the top right corner of the net in the 74th minute to get Argentina on the board. Romina Nunez tied it with a header in the 79th

The game was played before just 8,834 spectators in Dunedin Stadium, but those in attendance made their support known for both

knocked in a pass from Thembi Kgatlana when play slowed because Argentine players thought South Africa was offside. Kgatlana later added a goal herself in the 66th minute. The draw gave South

Africa its first-ever point in the Women's World Cup. South Africa lost every match in the group stage at the 2019

vana are more competitive this time around and took the lead against Sweden in the opener before losing 2-1.

South African team captain Refiloe Jane was stretchered off in the 22nd minute for an apparent injury to her left ankle. The midfielder went down after colliding mid-air with an Argentinian player, who seemed

Ultimate Table Tennis has been a boon for youngsters: Sharath Kamal

CHENNAI, Jul 28 (Agencies): From winning India's first gold medal at the Commonwealth Games to gearing up to feature in his fifth Asian Games in September, A Sharath Kamal has seen it all in table tennis. His longevity has led to many memorable moments. With the latest season of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT), he is looking forward to adding one more feather to his illustrious cap.

"It's quite fulfilling," the Chennai Lions captain told this daily. "It is satisfying that my journey has helped other youngsters. That is also a reason why I have been able to continue playing for a long time. I always kept feeling like one of the ways I can contribute to Indian table tennis is to lead by example." season, he is mentor-

ing the young players on and off the court. "For the youngsters, it's a great platform for them to eat. sleep, and talk all things table tennis with seasoned players. That gives you insights on how to take one's game ahead." Looking at the expo-

sure and experience Indian players are getting in the UTT, the veteran thinks the youngsters are in the best possible position to make the most of it. "As a 22-year-old, I went into Europe in search of this very situation. I'm happy for the young players. They are getting this kind of opportunity in their own country. At the same time, they can have some amount of financial benefits from the experience that they are having," Sharath said. This season, the



make all of that hard work worthwhile is the number of spectators in the arena. After the COVID break, where most of the sporting activities were either banned or went ahead without any spectators, Sharath is extremely delighted to play in front of the fans once again. "It is better to play with the full house. In COVID-19 times, we were playing in some halls with completely no spectators," he said. "Whether it's home supporters or away supporters, it's always good to have that energy, which helps us to bring out our best. They are pouring in a lot of numbers this season. I am pretty much sure this last week we will have even more numbers to come. With this kind of atmosphere, the best is always out of the players," he added.

SSC turns Noman's land, **Pakistan whitewash SL**

COLOMBO, Jul 28 (Agencies): Pakistan completed a 2-0 series sweep against Sri Lanka after left-arm spinner Noman Ali bowled the tourists to a comprehensive victory by an innings and 222 runs in the second Test.

Having conceded a lead of 410, Sri Lanka's defeat was only a matter of time and Noman spun a web around the batsmen at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) ground to claim a careerbest 7/70 as Pakistan romped home inside four days.

Angelo Mathews remained unbeaten on 63 but Sri Lanka, who managed 166 in the first innings, were all out for 188 in the second.

While Noman was the wrecker-inchief with his guile and accuracy, quick Naseem Shah claimed the remaining three wickets to secure Pakistan's biggest Test win in Sri Lanka.

"Very proud to win this series and all credit to the guys and the support staff for working so hard in the last three to four months," Pakistan captain Babar Azam said.

Earlier, Pakistan batted two overs on Day 4, allowing Mohammad Rizwan to complete his half-century before declaring on 576/5. Agha Salman, who was named the Player of the Series, remained unbeaten on 132.

Pakistan opener Abdullah Shafique bagged the Player of the Match award for his career-best 201.

Brief scores: Sri Lanka 166 (Dhananjaya 57; Abrar 4/69) & 188 (Mathews 63; Noman 7/70); Pakistan 576/5 dec (Shafique 201, Salman 132*)

Top News of J&K Jammu, Friday, July 28, 2023

LOCAL

Workshop on Value Education & Indian languages with reference to NEP 20 held at Central University



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: Central University of Jammu on the occasion of the third anniversary of NEP 2020 by the Centre for Comparative Religion and Civilization on the topic "Value Flow and

Indian Languages in the context of National Education Policy 2020" Organized an awareness campaign. Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Convener, In charge and Director of the Department highlighted the background of the

National Education Policy and its successful implementation in the last three years and the future roadmap. Dr. Amita Gupta, Co-Convener Assistant Professor made the par-

ticipants aware of Indian

culture and constitution-

al values, explained the meaning of holistic education and developing human values and business ethics to become an integrated citizen. Dr. Amita shared some facts to restore Indian knowledge, tradition and cultural heritage of

Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Ashwani Kumar Co-Convenor, Assistant Professor gave a speech on the topic 'Importance of Language in Indian Culture'. He presented a lecture on personality building, society building and nation building. He underlined the effect of language on the behaviour of a person. Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central

University of Jammu was the patron of the programme. In this program, students, researchers and academic and non-academic staff of all the departments were connected directly and through an online medium. The students enthusiastically participated in the quiz.

VRS Union Jammu criticizes adamant behaviour of JKRTC Board Committee



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: President, VRS Union Jammu, Dev Raj Bali strongly criticized adamant behaviour of the constituted board committee of JKRTC alongwith Chairman of the committee towards them.

"Committee misused the powers and has given wrong signal to the UT Govt. in resolv-

ing our issues of pending arrears and the retired employees of the JKRTC have been harassed miserably," he said while addressing a press conference here on Friday. He appealed to the

UT Govt. of JK to give

strict directions to the

concerned authorities

to conduct the board

meeting so to address

He said our demands

our genuine demands.

release of Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) arrears from June 1999 to December 31, 2005; 6th Pay Commission Arrears from 1st Jan 2006 to March, 2012; and DA arrears from April 2012 to March 2021.

This press conference was attended by Sat Bhushan Singh, Surinder Singh, Ram Pal, Ramesh Bhau and PP Singh.

JKAACL Kathua organises Hindi Kavita Sammelan



TOP NEWS REPORT

KATHUA, Jul 28: Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Sub Office Kathua in collaboration with Government District Library, Kathua organized a Hindi Kavita Sammelan here today at Seminar Hall of Government District Library, Kathua in which around 15 poets from Jammu Samba and Kathua districts participated in the Kavita Sammelan. The Hindi Kavita Sam-

emy of Art, Culture and Languages Sh. Bharat Singh JKAS. The youth, in multitude, participated in the event to witness the grandeur of the literary expression. The Cultural Academy's effort in promoting cultural sensitivities is receiving applause from the art and culture connoisseurs of the Jammu region.

Such initiatives always take the culture to the As per the handout, next level of preserva-Sanjeev Gupta SOCA, tion of the arts. Today's JKAACL Sub-Office, Hindi Kavita Sammelan Kathua shared that the was such an example, Academy is trying to he added. He further do its best of efforts for the preservation and

tives through the experiences of the intellectuals, expressed through their writings.

The Hindi Kavita Sammelan was presided over by the senior poet, S. Baljeet Singh Raina. The poets who gave the marvellous poetic performances include Monika Khosla, Dr.Usha Monga, Saroj Bala, Sunil Sharma, Sham Lal Khajuria, Vijay Sharma, T.R.Sumbaria, Dr.Guru Parsad, Khajoor Singh, Shashi Kant Sharma, Sanjeev Bhasin, Baljeet Singh Raina, Shaik Mohd., Romesh Singh and Rajeshwar Singh Raju.

The Hindi Kavita Sammelan was ably conducted by the Sahitya Akademi Awardee Sh. Vijay Sharma. Expressing gratitude Sunil Sharma, In charge Government District Library, Kathua delivered the vote of thanks acknowledging the presence of dignitaries, students and the poets.

KV No 1 Jammu organises Janbhagidhari events



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India has started a PM SHRI programme. Under this programme there is a provision of setting up more than 14500 PM SHRI schools (PM School for Rising India) by strengthening the schools. These schools will showcase emerge as exemplary schools over a period of time and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. This is a new initiative of center government to bring revolutionary changes.

In this regard, K.V No.1 Jammu organised Janbhagidhari events at various levels from July 25 to 28, 2023.

The event started from 25th July, Principal K.V. No.1 Jammu Amit ents about the PM SHRI programme. Under this programme on 26th July the Rangoli competition was organised along with teacher's talk about the PM SHRI programme. The cycle rally was also organized by the students in this context. Under the green events; tree plantation drive was also held by the Principal, Teachers and the Students in the Vidyalaya. Discussions about environment

On 27th July a quiz about PM SHRI programme was organised in which the children participated with great enthusiasm. A teacher's workshop about the making TLMs, TRMs, and new techniques of teaching learning was the main highlight of the programme.

On 28th July the programme concluded with exhibiting projects and educational toys. It was the time full of activity learning and enthusiasm for the whole Vidyalaya.

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what can be achieved

when people from

all walks of life come

together for a common

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Walter sensitized the staff, students and par-

awareness were also a part of this programme.

ABDPSS Amarnath Yatra Bhandara enters Day 23



TOP NEWS REPORT

JAMMU, Jul 28: Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti, Jammu and Kashmir has continuously been arranging Bhandara for Baba Amarnathji Yatris since 6th July, 2023 at Railway Station, Jammu with enthusiasm and fervor.

The Samiti has the mission of Public Service accomplishments which forms the core of the organization. The Langar run by the Samiti run continuously and provide pure healthy meals day and night to

pilgrims and devotees come from across the country for the Darshan of Baba Amarnath.

Today on 23rd day of Bhandara Mahant Balsand Dass Maharaj inaugurated today's Bhandara in the presence of and Sunil Shamra, National Coordinator of the Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti. Phool Krishan Maharaj lauded the efforts of the volunteers of Samiti

ent states of India and

abroad.

nator of the Samiti Sunil Sharma informed that today on 23rd day of Bhandara Large number of Yatris came from different states of India take meals and appreciated the efforts

of the Samiti for arranging meals day and night for such a long time for Yatris with fruits and sweets on the directions and teachings of Bhrahmgyani Guruji. Among others who for arranging meals day attended todays Bhandara namely, Vishal and night for the yatris coming from differ-Sharma, Sharma, Anil Kumar,

Tarachand and others The National Coordietc.



TOP NEWS REPORT

BUDGAM, Jul 28: In a remarkable display of unity and determination, today's mega rally to curb drug abuse in Beerwah, organized by Principal GHSS Beerwah as per the directions of the district administration, proved to be an outstanding success.

This collaborative effort saw the active involvement and coordination of various key stakeholders, including the SHO Beerwah, the Block Medical Officer Beerwah, and the Tehsildar Beerwah, Social Activist Muzamil Mehmood who all played pivotal roles in making the event a resounding triumph.

The rally, which commenced from the bustling main market and proceeded towards the new campus of GHSS Beerwah, brought together concerned citizens, students, law enforcement officials, medical professionals, and administra-

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tive representatives. It showcased the power of collective action in addressing the critical issue of drug abuse that had been plaguing the community.

The event's success can be attributed to the cordial cooperation and solidarity demonstrated by all participants. Their shared commitment to combating drug abuse was evident throughout the entire rally, as they marched together with a common purpose and a clear message: to create a drug-free and healthier environment for the entire Beerwah community. The enthusiastic

involvement of students

to the occasion. They played a crucial role in spreading awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of leading a drugfree lifestyle. By actively participating in the rally, these young advocates demonstrated their dedication to safeguarding their own future and that

from GHSS Beerwah

added a vouthful vigor

of their peers. The strong support from law enforcement, represented by the SHO Beerwah, further emphasized the seriousness with which drug abuse is being tackled. Their presence not only assured the public of a safer community but also sent a stern warning to those involved in drug-related activities that such behavior will not be tolerated.

The Block Medical Officer Beerwah's involvement in the rally was also a significant step to provide health facilities for smooth conduct of rally.

The participation of the Tehsildar Beerwah highlighted the administration's unwavering dedication to eradicating drug abuse from the region. Their active presence in the rally showcased the government's commitment to promoting a drug-free society and ensuring the welfare of its citizens. The rally's culminat-

ing success undoubtedly left a lasting impact on the entire Beerwah community. It not only raised awareness about the perils of drug abuse but also showcased the strength of unity and cooperation in tackling societal issues. The

cause. As the echoes of this remarkable event linger in the hearts of the participants, it is hoped that the spirit of this rally will continue to resonate within the community. Through sustained efforts, awareness campaigns, and ongoing cooperation between various stakeholders, Beerwah can progress towards a brighter, drugfree future - one where the health, happiness, and well-being of its citizens remain the top priority. Gratitude and appreciation are extended to all who contributed to the success of this rally, and their dedication will undoubtedly leave a lasting legacy in the fight against drug abuse in Beerwah.

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