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BRIEFLY

Dead body found in Poonch

POONCH, Mar 11 (Agencies): A male dead body was found today in the morning at Sukha Katha area near B.Ed college in Poonch. Official sources said that after receiving information, Police reached on spot and shifted dead body to Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital Poonch. Deceased was identified as Iftar Ahmed son of Mohd Rashid basically resident of Marha Surankote, currently settled in Kamsar Poonch. Medical Superintendent DH Poonch Dr. Nusrat Bhatti said that after conducting postmortem and other legal formalities, body was handed over to family for last rites through Police. Station House insp. Kunal Singh Jamwal said that inquest proceedings under 174 CrPC has been initiated in the case.

NTA extends NEET UG 2024 Exam registration date till March 16

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): The National Testing Agency on Monday extended the registration window for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) 2024 examination till March 16. According to an official statement, the NEET UG 2024 will be conducted on May 5, 2024, from 2 pm to 5.20 PM, throughout the country and in 14 cities outside India in pen & paper (offline) mode. The registration for the online application forms for NEET (UG) 2024 has been ongoing since February 9. "During this time, we have received representations from stakeholders regarding the changes in NEET (UG) 2024 and the extension of the registration window," read the official statement further. Announcing the extension of NEET 2024 registration last date, the NTA said, "Candidates should note that this is a one-time opportunity, so they are advised to use it carefully as no further chance will be given for applying for NEET (UG)-2024. Please make a note of this and fill the online application form accordingly." If any candidate faces any difficulty in the

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SC rejects SBI's plea for time extension, directs it to furnish details by Tomorrow

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): In a major setback to the State Bank of India, the Supreme Court on Monday trashed its plea seeking an extension of time and ordered it to disclose the details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission by close of business hours on March 12. A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud also directed the EC to publish the details shared by the bank on its official website by 5 pm on March 15. The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavai, J B Paridwala, and Manoj Misra, put the SBI on notice that the apex court may be inclined to proceed against it for "wilful disobedience" of its February 15 verdict if the bank failed to comply with its directions and



timelines. In a landmark verdict delivered on February 15, a five-judge Constitution bench had scrapped the Centre's electoral bonds scheme that allowed anonymous political funding, calling it "unconstitutional" and ordered disclosure by the EC of donors, the amount donated by them and the recipients by March 13. Ordering the closure of the scheme, the top court directed the SBI, the authorised finan-

cial institution under the scheme, to submit by March 6 the details of the electoral bonds purchased since April 12, 2019, till date to the Election Commission. On Monday, the bench was hearing the bank's application seeking an extension of time till June 30 to furnish the details. The bench was also hearing separate pleas seeking the initiation of contempt action against the SBI for alleged wilful disobedience of the

apex court's February 15 directives. It observed that SBI's submissions in the application sufficiently indicated that the information which was directed to be disclosed by the court was readily available. "In view of the above discussion, the miscellaneous application filed by SBI seeking an extension of time for the disclosure of details of the purchase and redemption of electoral bonds until June 30, 2024, is dismissed," it said. "SBI is directed to disclose the details by the close of business hours of March 12," the bench said, adding, "As regards the EC, we direct that ECI shall compile the information and publish the details on its official website no later by 5 pm on March 15, 2024". The bench said the SBI

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Fully prepared to ensure peaceful Lok Sabha elections in J&K: DGP Swain



PULWAMA, Mar 11 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain Monday said that police are fully prepared to ensure peaceful Lok Sabha elections whenever they are announced and the force will provide a safe and secure atmosphere to enthusiastic voters. Talking to reporters after inaugurating the police post at Rohmoo in Southern district of Pulwama, the DGP as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that police

force is fully prepared and geared up for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in J&K. "We will ensure peaceful Lok Sabha polls in J&K. We will provide a safe and secure atmosphere to enthusiastic voters," the DGP said, in reply to a query. Replying to another query about links between narco-terror and terrorism, the DGP said that earlier, they had a doubt whether these two are really linked. "As and when investigations progressed, concrete evidence came to fore that narco-trade and terrorism are deeply not only linked but interconnected. Terrorist outfits like Al-Badr, Jaish-e-Muhammad, Lashkar-e-Toiba are behind this trade," he said. The J&K police chief

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Feeble western disturbance likely to bring rains, snow on Mar 13: MeT

SRINAGAR, Mar 11 (Agencies): Meteorological Centre Srinagar predicts light rain and snow at a few places over Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. The MeT office said the weather will remain partially to generally cloudy on Monday, and there is a possibility of light rain and snow at a few places while the weather will remain partially to generally cloudy on March 12. It has also been predicted that there is a possibility of light to moderate rain and snow in many places with thunder and lightning accompanied by gusty winds on March 13. The weather will remain partially to

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Election Commission briefs its Observers; ECI to visit J&K Tomorrow

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): The Election Commission held a briefing here in the national capital on Monday for all its observers for the General Election to Lok Sabha and General Election to Legislative Assemblies 2024. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar will address the meeting, according to sources. The aim of the meeting for over 2000 observers is to streamline strategy to ensure that the model code is implemented during the elections. The observers will monitor polls to ensure the process is "free and fair." These police, general



and expenditure observers are drawn from services such as IAS, IPS, IRS and other allied services. Meanwhile, the Election Commission will be on its last visit to Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday to assess when polls can be held in the Union Territory and the dates for the Lok Sabha elections are likely to be

revealed immediately after that. "Once the assessment is complete and the visit ends on Wednesday, the commission may announce the dates for the Lok Sabha elections. ECI has earlier visited Kolkata, Lucknow, Patna, Chennai, and Bhubaneswar and held meetings with regional parties and top govt officials to assess the poll preparedness of states," sources said. Earlier on March 6, a team of officials from the Election Commission of India held a review meeting with all District Election Officers (DEOs), Commissioner of Police,

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Partial traffic movement restored on Srinagar-Jammu highway

SRINAGAR, Mar 11 (Agencies): Authorities on Monday restored partial traffic movement at Dalwas on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway. The officials said that high motor vehicles (trucks) are being cleared after one-sided traffic movement was restored at Dalwas on Srinagar-Jammu highway. They advised people

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Will provide free electricity to those in need if elected to power: Azad



KULGAM, Mar 11: Chairman DPAP, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday addressed a

public gathering at Baihama area of Devsar belt in south Kashmir's Kulgam district where he emphasized peace, unity and development. DPAP Chief expressed his commitment to addressing poverty and ensuring access to

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Traditional Political Parties deceive people with false promises, says Altaf Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Mar 11 (Agencies): Seeking public support for the Apni Party to secure a clear mandate in the upcoming elections, the party president, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, said that his



"party is unwaveringly

dedicated to protecting the constitutional rights of Jammu and Kashmir and its people." He asserted that "the people of Jammu and Kashmir are entitled to the full range of

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Will play my role to fill gaps in PAGD, says Tarigami

SRINAGAR, Mar 11 (Agencies): CPI(M) senior leader Muhammad Yousuf Tarigami on Monday said that he will try to fill the gaps within Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD). Addressing a press conference here, Tarigami said that he will try to play his role by bridging the gaps between the allies in the PAGD. "I will try to keep the PAGD alive for the well-being of the people," said Tarigami, adding that the crisis are there

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CBDT starts sending emails for mismatch in tax profile

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): The Income Tax Department on Sunday said it has started sending emails and SMSs to assesses whose taxes paid during the current fiscal are not commensurate with financial transactions. The department is undertaking an e-campaign, which aims to inform such persons/entities of significant financial transactions, through email (marked as Advance Tax e-Campaign-Significant Transactions for AY 2024-25) and SMS, urging them to compute their advance tax liability correctly and deposit the due advance tax on or before March

15. In a statement, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said the income tax department has received certain information on specific financial transactions undertaken by persons/entities during the Financial Year (FY) 2023-24. "On the basis of analysis of the taxes paid so far during the current financial year, the Department has identified such persons/entities where payment of taxes for FY 2023-24 (AY 2024-25) is not commensurate with the financial transactions made by the persons/entities concerned, during the said period," the CBDT said.

This is another initiative of the department towards easing compliance for taxpayers and reinforcing its commitment towards enhancing taxpayer services, it added. The income tax department receives information on specified financial transactions of taxpayers from various sources. To increase transparency and promote voluntary tax compliance, this information is reflected in the Annual Information Statement (AIS) module and is available to persons/entities for viewing. The value of 'significant transactions' in the AIS has been used for carrying out this analysis. To

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TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Subash Chander Jandial (Lambi Gali Wale)** S/o Des Raj Jandial R/o Near KDN Palace Udhampur, who had left us for heavenly abode on 29-03-24.



Sh Subash Chander Jandial

Tenth Day will be performed on 09-03-24 (Saturday) at Jagriti Old Age Home, Udhampur at 12 Noon.
Kriya will be performed on 12-03-24 (Tuesday) at Devika Ghat at 12:00 Noon and **Rasam Pagri** will be performed at our residence near KDN Palace Udhampur on 15-03-24 (Friday) at 4:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Raj Kumari Jandial (Wife)
Sons and Daughters-in-law
Dr. Suhail Jandial and Dr. Kshama Gupta
Dr. Suchait Jandial and Dr. Sonia Gupta
Brothers and Sisters-in-law
Late Sh. Romesh Chander Jandial and Smt. Gita Devi
Sh. Jagdish Chander Jandial and Late Smt. Pushpa Devi
Sh. Ashok Jandial and Smt. Anita Gupta
Sh. Shiv Jandial and Smt. Sadhana Jandial
Sisters and Brothers-in-law
Smt. Chandar Kanta and Sh. Vidya Rattan Gupta
Late Smt. Chandar Lata and Late Sh. Ram Rattan Mehta
Smt. Chandar Prabha and Sh. Des Raj Gupta
Smt. Chandar Balra and Sh. Jugal Kishore Gupta
Grand Children
Reetisha and Ivisha
JANDIAL FAMILY (7889632273, 9463178535, 7006783225)

10TH DAY/ KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Maya Devi** W/o Lt. Sh. Des Raj Abrol R/o 102/12 Chabutra Bazar, Udhampur on 29th February 2024.



SMT. MAYA DEVI

Tenth Day will be performed on 9th March 2024 (Saturday) at 11:30 AM at Mahajan Hall (Sheetla Mandir Gali) Chabutra Bazar, Udhampur.
Kriya will be performed on 12th of March 2024 (Tuesday) at 11:00 am onwards at Devika Ghat, Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Smt. Sudershana & Sh. Vijay Abrol (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Smt. Sunita & Sh. Ashok Abrol (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Smt. Neelam & Lt. Sh. Ashok Ana nd (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Nisha & Sh. Pawan Puri (Daughter & Son-in-law)
(Grand Daughter-in-law & Grand Son)
Mrs. Radhika & Mr. Sahil Abrol (Grand Daughters)
Miss Anshika, Miss Mitali (Grand Daughters)
Mr. Suhail Abrol, Mr. Sushant Abrol (Grand Sons)
Baby Shrinika (Great Grand Daughter)
9419378867 | 9697166661 | 9906097077

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Vinay Kumar Dutta** S/o Late Sh. B.N. Dutta on 1st March 2024.



SH. VINAY KUMAR DUTTA

10TH DAY will be held at Baba Puran Mandir Bhagwati Nagar Chowk at 10 AM on 10th March Sunday.

KRIYA will be held at our residence 42 Bhawani Nagar Talab Tillo at 12 PM on 11th March Monday.

UTHALA will be held at Samriti Bhawan, Gita Mandir, Bakshi Nagar on 15th March Friday (4-5 pm)

GRIEF STRICKEN
Kiran Dutta - Wife (Retd. Post office)

Son & Daughter in law
Surbhi & Sushan Dutta
Ritika & Ishan Dutta

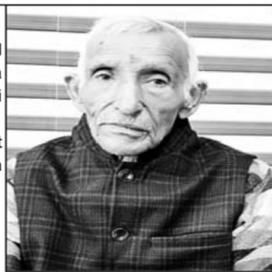
Brothers and Bhabis
Sanyogta & Balbir Dutta
Renu & Vijay Dutta
Sushma & Late Vimal Dutta

Sister and Brother in law
Parnod & Late Baldev Prashad Bali
Parvesh & Ashok Bali

Grandchildren: Yuvaan, Yashika, Vrishank and Tanishka.
CONTACT NO: 6006440296, 9975987984, 7006779630

OBITUARY/10TH DAY

We sadly inform the demise of our beloved father **Karamyogi Sh. Amar Nath Pandita** R/o Sopore, Baramulla and A/P Jagti Colony Block 68/10 Lane. 12/13.



Karamyogi Sh. Amar Nath Pandita

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Tawi Banks, behind Sainik School Nagrota on 14th March 2024, Thursday at 8 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Brothers
Sh. Jager Nath Pandita
Sh. Parye Lal Pandita
Smt. Kamlawati -Sister
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Pinkey & Sh. Bushan Lal Koul

Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Rajinder & Bable
Sh. Ravi & Asha
Sh. Sunil & Anu
Sh. Rocky & Girja

Grand Children
Karishma, Rishab, Udhay, Mannat, Umang, Bhavika, Deepika, Trisha, Viraj, Vanessa.
Mob: 7780829513, 7889721559, 9149497652, 7889714101

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our revered mother **Smt. Shanta Koul** W/o Late Shri Lassa Koul R/o H.No. 32 Mohinder Nagar, Canal Road, Jammu who left for her heavenly abode on 3rd March, 2024.



Smt. Shanta Koul

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on 12th of March 2024 (Tuesday) at Shri Mata Bhadrakali Asthapan, Thalwal (Niki Tawi), Jammu followed by **10th Day Assembly** held at H.No. 32, Mohinder Nagar, Canal Road, Jammu at 10:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughter & Son-in-law
Kalpana Koul & Raman Koul Babu (9419204254, 9419133561)

Son & Daughter-in-law
Sanjay Koul & Vijay Lakshmi Raina (9419204254, 9419204527)

Dileep Koul & Purnima Raina (6006821590, 9419103799)

Grand Children: Kashyap, Vasu & Vasudha
Samast Parivars of Babu's, Dhar's, Sharabi's, Bhat's & Raina's

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow; We regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Jaimal Singh Sambyal** S/o Late Sh. Waryam Singh Sambyal R/o Mandi Thalora Samba.



SH. JAIMAL SINGH SAMBYAL

TENTH DAY will be performed at Mandi Thalora Samba on 12-03-2024 at 10.00 A.M.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sons & Daughters-in-Law
Sh. Raman Singh Sambyal & Smt. Anuradha Sh. Aman Sambyal & Smt. Lata Sambyal
Daughter & Son-in-Law
Smt. Kiran Sambyal & Sh. Karan Singh Jamwal

TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER **SMT KRISHNA DEVI** W/O SH BISHAN DASS R/O HOUSE NO 128WARD NO 5 NEAR NARAYANI BHAWAN KATRA



SMT KRISHNA DEVI

THE TENTH DAY SHALL BE PERFORMED ON TUESDAY THE 12 MARCH 2024 FROM 11.00AM AT RAGHUNATH MANDIR KATRA AND KRIYA KARAM ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH AT OUR RESIDENCE

GRIEF STRICKEN
SAJGOTRA FAMILY
SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW
SH RAJ KUMAR SAJGOTRA & SMT ANJLI SAJGOTRA
SH SANJAY KUMAR SAJGOTRA & SMT ROSHI SAJGOTRA
DAUGHTERS & SONS IN LAW
SMT RANI DEVI & SH SUBASH CHANDER (REASI)
SMT ANJU & SH SUDESH CHINYAL (UDHAMPUR)
GRAND CHILDREN
SMT TRIVENI SAJGOTRA & SH MUKESH
SMT TANISHA & NISHANT SAJGOTRA
VANSH SAMAYA
MOB. 9419168835, 7889905363, 9858828007

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved father **Karamyogi Sh. Bansil Lal Raina (Bantoth)** S/o Late Sh. Darnoodhar Raina originally resident of Ikumoo (Kokernag), Anantnag presently at H.No. 4-C, Sector-2, Sharda Colony, Patoli Brahmana, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 3rd March 2024.



Sh. Bansil Lal Raina (Bantoth)

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Akhnoor on 12th March 2024 followed by **ASSEMBLY** at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu, at 11 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. & Sh. Raju Raina - Son & Daughter-in-law
Brother & Sister-in-law
Smt. & Sh. Ashok Kumar Raina - Brother & Sister-in-law
Smt. & Sh. Ravi Raina - Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. & Sh. Surinder Raina - Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. & Sh. Amit Raina - Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. & Sh. Suneel Pandita - Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. & Sh. Rohit Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law
Grand Children: Sahil, Shivan, Gunjan, Shivam, Nikh, Vidhi
Contact: 7006678904, 7006909650, 7889439335, 7006332603

OBITUARY

WITH DEEPEST SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. KRISHNA KOUL** WIFE OF SH. POSHKAR NATH KOUL ORIGINALLY FROM RAWALPORA SANATNAGAR SRINAGAR KMR PRESENTLY AT EXPRESS APARTMENT SECTOR IV VAISHALI GHAZIABAD WHO WAS UNTIMELY SNACHED AWAY FROM US AND ATTAINED NIRVANA THE CREMATION WAS HELD AT GAZIPUR DELHI CREMATORIUM ON 7TH MARCH 2024. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** SHALL BE PERFORMED ON 15 TH MARCH 2024 AT MURADNAGAR GHAZIABAD AT 10 AM.



SMT. KRISHNA KOUL

GRIEF STRICKEN
KOUL FAMILY
KAW FAMILY
PANTEJA FAMILY

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With grief agony & sorrow, we inform that **Smt. Durga Devi** W/O Late Sh. Om Prakash departed for the heavenly abode on 02/03/2024.



Smt. Durga Devi

10TH DAY - shall be performed on 11th March (Monday) at 11AM,

KRIYA - on 12th March (Tuesday) and

UTHALA - on 15th March (Friday) at 3 PM at our Residence H. No. 06 Palm lane Lower Roopnagar sector - 08 Extension near Buta Nagar migrants Quarter Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Son & Daughter-in-Law
Pt. Priya Darshan Dubey / Smt. Tripta Devi
Sh. Vishwa Bandhu Dubey / Smt. Nisha Devi
Dr. Kamal Kishore Dubey / Smt. Rubby Sharma

Daughter & Son-in-Law
Smt. Shashi Prabha / Sh. Om Parkash
Smt. Sunita Devi / Sh. Nanender Sharma
Grand Sons: Deeraj Dubey, Vishal Dubey & Hritvik Dubey.

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform that the untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Santosh Bhat** on 7 March 2024 W/o Lt. Sh. Dina Nath Bhat, resident of Gund Dolpora, Handwara, Kashmir left us heavenly abode on 07/03/2024 Flat No:-18 Block No:-123 Lane No: 21 Jagti Colony Nagrota Jammu.



Smt Santosh Bhat

MOURNING PLACE Lane No: 21, Block No:-123, Flat: 18 Jagti Colony).

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held performed at mata badrikali temple thalwal jammu on Saturday 16 March 2024 at 7:30 am.

MOURNING ASSEMBLY will be held in Jagti Township Nagrota at community Hall Lane No:-24/25 (back side) at 12 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN
SMT. SWEETY PANDITA & SH. SATISH JI PANDITA (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW) MOB:-7889429521
SMT. PINKY BHAT & SH.INDER JI BHAT (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW) MOB:-7005928230
SH. KRISHAN KUMAR BHAT & SMT. SUDHA BHAT (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW) MOB: 9622304005
SH. RAJ JI BHAT & SMT. ANJALI BHAT (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW) MOB: 7006038250
SMT. RUPAWATI PANDITA W/O LT. RESHAM PANDITA (SISTER IN LAW)
SMT. VEENA JI W/O LT. MAHESH LAL DHAR (SISTER IN LAW)
SMT. MOHINI KOUL W/O LT. RAM JI KOUL (SISTER)
GRAND CHILDREN: MEGHA PANDITA, BISHA PANDITA, RESHIKA BHAT, MIVAN BHAT & MANIKA BHAT
SMAST BHAT & DHAR PARIVAAR

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Veena Sharma & Sh. Pawan Kumar (Parents)
Jyoti Sharma & Vivek Khajuria (Sister & Brother in Law)
Deeply Missed by:
Radnya, Ridaan, Ankit, Atin, Aryan, Piyush, Rajat
CONTACT NO: 9797381212, 9796446955

10TH DAY KRIYA
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER **SH MAHARAJ KRISHAN TICKOO** S/O LATE HARDY NATH TICKOO ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF RUGH-NATH MANDIR, HABBA KADAL SRINAGAR PRESENTLY AT H.NO 285 SECTOR 2 GANGYAL GARDEN JAMMU NEAR ST PAUL CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 03RD MARCH 2024.

10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT BADRIKALI MANDIR THALVAL, PHALIAN MANDAL JAMMU ON 12TH MARCH (TUESDAY) FOLLOWED BY ASSEMBLY AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTOR SCHOOL EDUCATION MUTHI JAMMU AT 10:30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
(SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)
ROZY TICKOO & RAKESH TICKOO
MEENAKSHI BHAT & RAKESH BHAT (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
PRIYA BHAT & SUSHEL BHAT (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
BABLI PANDITA & CHAND JI PANDITA (SISTER & BROTHER IN LAW)
BROTHER & SISTER IN LAWS
RENU TICKOO W/O LT. TEJ K TICKOO
KAILASH TICKOO W/O LT. SURINDER TICKOO
PRAMILA TICKOO & SHIBAN JI TICKOO
DR. USHA KHER TICKOO & SUNEEL K. TICKOO
SAMAST TICKOO PARIVAR, BHATS, PANDITAS, KOULS, DHARS
CONTACT NUMBER: 9419132953, 9419259916



SH MAHARAJ KRISHAN TICKOO

10TH DAY KRIYA
WITH DEEPEST SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED Mother **Smt Sheela Pandita** W/o Lt. Sh. Dwarika Nath Pandita originally from Turigam Dev Bug, Kulgam, presently at H.No 791 JMC, Sec. 4, Ward No 14 Near Lala Ji's Ashram Bhagwati Nagar Jammu, who left for her heavenly abode on 8th March 2024 at 6:05 AM.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 16.03.2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN
P.N Pandita (Brother in law)
Sunita & R. L. Bhan (Daughter & Son in Law)
Kamwal Krishan Pandita & Ruby Pandita (Son & Daughter in Law)
Komal & Vishal Ji (Grand Daughter & Grand Son in law)
Kosheen, Muskan & Vaishvi (Grand Children)
Contact: 7006323154, 9797810218, 6006012511, 9086021139

OBITUARY
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sudden death of our beloved **Shri Dalip Raina** S/o Late Shiv Nath Raina husband of Girja Ji D/o Late Gash Lal Bhat originally resident of Barsoo Ganderbal.



Smt Sheela Pandita

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 16.03.2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN
P.N Pandita (Brother in law)
Sunita & R. L. Bhan (Daughter & Son in Law)
Kamwal Krishan Pandita & Ruby Pandita (Son & Daughter in Law)
Komal & Vishal Ji (Grand Daughter & Grand Son in law)
Kosheen, Muskan & Vaishvi (Grand Children)
Contact: 7006323154, 9797810218, 6006012511, 9086021139

MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sudden death of our beloved **Shri Dalip Raina** S/o Late Shiv Nath Raina husband of Girja Ji D/o Late Gash Lal Bhat originally resident of Barsoo Ganderbal.



SHRI DALIP RAINA

GRIEF STRICKEN
Brother & Sister-in-law
Sh. H. K. Bhat & Smt. Usha Ji (Wife) (6005401300)
Smt. Krishna Bhat (Daughter) (600512506) | 979623457
Smt. Mohini Ji & Sh. J.N. Pandita (6005812506)
Smt. Lalita Ji & Late Sh. D.N. Koul (6005812506)
Smt. Khemashori Ji & Sh. N.N. Dhar (979623457)
Smt. Basanti Ji & Late Sh. M.L. Age (979623457)

Sister's & Brother's in law
Smt. Mohini Ji & Sh. J.N. Pandita (6005812506)
Smt. Lalita Ji & Late Sh. D.N. Koul (6005812506)
Smt. Khemashori Ji & Sh. N.N. Dhar (979623457)
Smt. Basanti Ji & Late Sh. M.L. Age (979623457)

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CHATURTHI LUNAR CALENDER)

MASSWAR AND VAHARVAR OF OUR DEAR CHANDRA JI, CHANDERLEKHA RAINA (LANGAR) W/O SUBASH CHANDER RAINA (ORIGINALLY SHALAYAR HABBAKADAL SRINAGAR) WILL BE PERFORMED ON 12TH AND 13TH OF MARCH 2024 AT OUR RESIDENCE 248-C5 PURAN NAGAR POST OFFICE LANE, NEW PLOTS JAMMU.

IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN 1 YEAR NOW, SHE LEFT TO ETERNAL WORLD. SHE IS DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL US. LOVING MEMORIES OF HER ARE PRESERVED FRESH ALWAYS AS TO FEEL HER PRESENCE ALL ALONG ALL THE TIME.

REMEMBERED BY
SUBASH RAINA ---HUSBAND (7780988598)
AJAY, ANKITA, SUGANDHIKA, PRASAD
GIA, SHIVAM, RUDRA, ESHAAN, ABOVE ALL
SAMAST RAINA (LANGAR) PRIVAR.



CHANDRA JI, CHANDERLEKHA RAINA - LANGAR

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TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Raj Laxmi Koul** W/o Lt. Jagar Nath Koul R/o Nowbugh Veeri, Anantnag, Kashmir at present, H.No 15, Sector 1, Laxmi Nagar, Muthi, Jammu on 3rd March 2024.



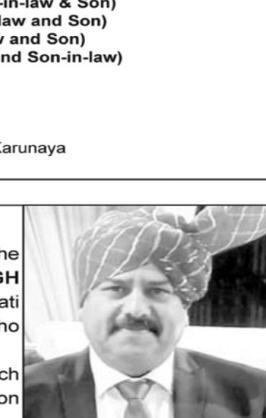
Smt. Raj Laxmi Koul

Tenth Day will be performed on 12 March 2024 at Akhnoor Ghat and assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat, Near Directorate School Education Jammu at 11A.M

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Sheela Koul W/o Late P.N Koul (Sister-in-law)
Shri Radha Krishan Raina (Brother-in-law)
Smt. Shashi Koul & Shri Chand Ji Koul (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Smt. Reeta Koul and King Jee Koul (Daughter-in law and Son)
Smt. Komal and Shri Kewal Koul (Daughter-in-law and Son)
Smt. Rajni and Shri Shubhan Je Koul (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Shri B.L. Koul (Son-in-law)
Smt. Sakshi and Shri Nikhil Bhat
Smt. Manisha and Rakesh Ji
Smt. Priyanka and Rashneek Koul
Grandchildren -Simran, Ashim, Anirudh, Gunjan, Karunaya
CONTACT NO. 9858236305, 9906103391

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sushma Chib (Wife)
Sonia Chib (Daughter)
Eshil Chib (Daughter)
Mela Singh Chib (Father) 9419188007, 7889866009

10TH DAY
with profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **RASHPAL SINGH CHIB (GOLLA)** R/o H. No 98 Bhagwati Nagar Canal road Power House Jammu, who expired on 3rd of March 2024.



RASHPAL SINGH CHIB (GOLLA)

TENTH DAY will be held on 12th of March 2024 (Tuesday) at our residence at 12 noon onwards.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sushma Chib (Wife)
Sonia Chib (Daughter)
Eshil Chib (Daughter)
Mela Singh Chib (Father) 9419188007, 7889866009

10TH DAY
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER **SMT KRISHNA DEVI** W/O SH BISHAN DASS R/O HOUSE NO 128WARD NO 5 NEAR NARAYANI BHAWAN KATRA

THE TENTH DAY SHALL BE PERFORMED ON TUESDAY THE 12 MARCH 2024 FROM 11.00AM AT RAGHUNATH MANDIR KATRA AND KRIYA KARAM ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH AT OUR RESIDENCE

GRIEF STRICKEN
SAJGOTRA FAMILY
SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW
SH RAJ KUMAR SAJGOTRA & SMT ANJLI SAJGOTRA
SH SANJAY KUMAR SAJGOTRA & SMT ROSHI SAJGOTRA
DAUGHTERS & SONS IN LAW
SMT RANI DEVI & SH SUBASH CHANDER (REASI)
SMT ANJU & SH SUDESH CHINYAL (UDHAMPUR)
GRAND CHILDREN
SMT TRIVENI SAJGOTRA & SH MUKESH
SMT TANISHA & NISHANT SAJGOTRA
VANSH SAMAYA
MOB. 9419168835, 7889905363, 9858828007

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Sheikh Rehman demands ST Status for all 7 segments Chenab Valley

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: While hailing granting of S.T. status to Sub-Division Paddar of District Kishtwar surrounded by Zanskar & Pangi, already declared as ST. Sheikh Ab. Rehman Ex-MP & Chief Patron All party Action Committee, in a press release issued has said that it would have been in the of situation if ST Status accorded to the inhabitants of all 7 segments of Chenab Valley spread over an area of around 12,500 sq. Kms on the ground that entire area has largest BPL population, have different tribal rites & rituals, different attire, marriage ceremony system distinct mode of living social, educational & economic backwardness and speak more than one & half dozen languages like Baderwahi, Seraji, Pogli, Kishtwari, Paddari, Khasali, Chamalwasi,



Kashmiri etc. etc. lag behind in every sphere of life and therefore deserve to be declared as ST on the analogy of several such land locked remote & hilly pockets of neighbouring ZANSKAR & PANGI of Himachal Pradesh. Pertinently, the then MLA Baderwah Sheikh Ab. Rehman had moved a bill 2001 for grant of Hill Dev. Council on the analogy of Zanskar & Pangi and

already granted to Leh & Kargil & the matter was referred to select Committee. Later on, the then MLC Doda Najib Soharwardy had move a resolution in Upper House which too was passed without any resistance. Again large chunk of population declared as RBA enjoyed 20% of reservation, which unfortunately has been reduced to 10% making the situation harder for the inhabitants, therefore deserve

mechanism to improve financial, educational & social conditions through the instrument of Schedule Tribe only.

Elaborating, first voice of ST Status to Paddar of District Kishtwar was raised by Late Hari Krishan Tickoo when a resolution was passed on 12th July 1985 unanimously by prominent citizens of entire public Paddar in one voice either to grant ST Status or merge Paddar with PANGI, HP as a result of which several local employees were shifted out of District Doda namely Ram Singh Chauhan, Jia Lal Parihar etc.

Rehman further said that in view of harsh living conditions & hostile weather with negligible connectivity, Sheikh Mohd Abdullah started "Single Line Administration" in the entire erstwhile District Doda for equitable development

for Chenab Valley which was later on extended to all other Districts. Time has therefore come when entire Chenab Valley having 7 Assembly segments, on the basis of above hard conditions, need be granted ST Status, like Paddar and exhorted up the law makers of the area to rise above party politics and struggle for the grant of Schedule Tribe status so that life of the people become easy like its neighbours of Zanskar & Pangi area he demanded.

Meanwhile, Rehman demanded that it will be quite fair & in the fitness of situation if mandate of ST Paddar area is given to local person having political wisdom, competence & knowledge so that he can serve his people properly and people are not controlled or ruled by remote control system any longer.

Varinderjeet calls for Liberation of Sikh Prisoners

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Addressing a press conference, Varinderjeet Singh, Chairman National Sikh Front Jammu and Kashmir delved into a myriad of critical issues facing the Sikh community, shedding light on their challenges and advocating for tangible solutions. With unwavering resolve, Singh championed the cause of Sikh political prisoners languishing in jails for decades on end, despite completing their sentences.

Drawing attention to their plight, Singh emphasized the humanitarian imperative of granting these individuals their rightful freedom and reintegrating them into society.

He appealed to all state governments to approach these cases with compassion and urged the central government to intervene decisively to expedite the release of these prisoners, thereby rectifying the injustices endured by the Sikh community.

Singh vehemently urged the Indian Min-



istry of External Affairs (MEA) to engage proactively with the Pakistani government to safeguard the lives and well-being of Sikh families residing in Pakistan.

Highlighting the recent tragic incident involving the killing of Sardar Satnam Singh in Peshawar, Singh stressed the urgency of addressing the recurring threats faced by the Sikh minority in Pakistan.

He emphasized the imperative for both nations to collaborate in identifying and prosecuting the perpetrators responsible for such heinous acts, ensuring justice and security for Sikhs in the region.

Singh passionately condemned the decision by the AAP government in Punjab to strip Punjab

of its status as a medium language for conducting competitive exams. Illustrating the profound cultural and religious significance of Punjabi, Singh underscored its role as the language of the Sikh holy scripture, Guru Granth Sahib, and as a cherished symbol of Sikh identity.

He called for an immediate reversal of the decision, asserting that such actions not only disrespect the linguistic heritage of Punjab but also inflict emotional harm on the Sikh community. Singh urged the AAP government to acknowledge its mistake and restore Punjabi as the medium language, accompanied by a sincere apology to the Sikh community for the disregard of their sentiments.

Celebration of Printers Day by J&K Offset Printers' Association



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JAMMU, Mar 11: J&K Offset Printers' Association (JKOPA) Jammu under the Presidentship of Pankaj Sethi celebrated the birthday of the Father of the Printing Johannes Gutenberg at LBM School for Sightless Girls School, Roop Nagar, Jammu.

The President was accompanied by Office Bearers and Members of JKOPA. Gutenberg was a German credited with the development of printing technology as we know it today.

JKOPA members celebrated the Printers Day with the Sightless children of Louis Braille Memorial (LBM) Residential School for sightless girls, at Roop Nagar, Jammu by distributing the goods of their daily needs. These girls are in the age group of 8 to 16 years. The Association lauded the role of management committee of Louis Braille Memorial (LBM) Residential School for sightless girls and its dedication for the rehabilitation of children with disabilities.

The members of the

association who were present on the occasion were Sudesh Gupta (Vice President North, AIFMP and IPP, JKOPA), Pankaj Sethi (President), Rahul Mahajan (Senior Vice President), Avinish K. Anand (Vice President), Sanjay K. Soni (General Secretary), Rajneesh Koushal (Secretary), Kuku Ji Bhan (Finance Secretary), Nishant Chadha (Joint Secretary), Past President Ravi Gupta and Arun K. Gupta, Vipin Mahajan, Rakesh Mehta, Satish C. Jandiyal, Shall Sharma, Satish Raina, Sumaid Handoo, Gurmeet Singh, Neeraj Gupta, Naresh Gupta and Bharat Singh.

The Principal of the LBM School for Sightless Girls Nivedita Shukla expressed gratitude to JKOPA for their contribution towards the needy children of the school.

Lastly Sanjay K. Soni thanked all those members who donate for this noble cause.

Dimple refutes rumours of joining BJP

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JAMMU, Mar 11: Sunil Dimple, President Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir said there is no truth in the rumours spread by some elements that Dimple is joining BJP.

Dimple also said he was never part of the Gupkar PAGD. Addressing a press conference, Dimple said it is very unfortunate that all Kashmir leaders, political parties have started Dangle.

He alleged Kashmir leaders ruing J&K state and today again are not serious on the public issues, restoration of J&K state special status and to save the demography,



history and identity of the Jammu Kashmir.

He said Mission Statehood took initiative after 5 August 2019, to unite the people of Jammu Kashmir and all political parties leaders of jammu Kashmir on one platform under the banner of the all parties delegation group.

Dimple said we have already tried in the last five years, met election commission in delhi to hold assembly election but the chief election commission did not hold the assembly election on the choice of BJP.

Dimple said Mission Statehood will not meet the visiting election commissioner in J&K. Dimple welcomed the SC verdict on the electoral bonds.

Kashmiri Muslim Sikh Pandit Migrants protest against UT administration



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: All Kashmiri Muslim Migrant Committee (AKMMC) including Kashmiri Sikhs and Pandits on Monday protested sat the office of commissioner relief and rehabilitation office demanded immediate release of 1251 hundred ration cards cash relief which they alleged has been stopped without any govt. circular and stopped verbally by former commissioner relief and rehabilitation

to hide their misdeeds during his tenure.

AKMMC said in his statement the cash relief stopped in unauthorised way and there is no govt. circular to stop. President of the committee Nazir Ahmed Mir said in his statement that although Hon'ble High court intervene and order of status quo will have to be maintained, but delay delaying tactics commission relief only making promises.

AKMMC president Nazir Ahmed Lone blamed zonal officers

and some officers who miss guide respected commissioner and delayed their genuine demands. He appealed Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene and release the cash relief as soon as possible.

Nazir Ahmed Lone said the un due stoppage of relief which created livelihood problems like medicine and day to day living for needy migrants, he appeal the administration to intervene and release the cash relief immediately.

Theatre Director Abhishek Bharti awarded Ph.D

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: In a momentous occasion at the 71st Annual Convocation of Panjab University Chandigarh, Abhishek Bharti was awarded his Ph.D. Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar, graced the event as the chief guest, marking a significant milestone in Bharti's academic journey.

Bharti's doctoral research focused on the Dogri folk theatre form "Haran," with the topic "Jammu Ki Vishisht Lok Natya Shailey Haran: Ek Sarvekshan aur Mulyankan." Under the guidance of Dr. Navdeep Kaur, Chairperson of the Department of Indian Theatre at Panjab University Chandigarh.

Remarkably, Bharti stands as the first scholar from Jammu & Kashmir to pursue a Ph.D. on the folk theatre form of the Jammu region, contributing significantly to the preservation and scholarly understanding of the region's cultural heritage.

Speaking to the media, Abhishek Bharti expressed his pride at being honored with a Ph.D. focusing on the endangered folk theatre form of Jammu. Bharti's dedication to the art form



dates back to his childhood, and his efforts have been recognized with prestigious accolades, including the National Sangeet Natak Akademi Ustaad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar in theatre direction. Born in June 1984, Abhishek Bharti started his theatre carrier at the age of 12, from the play "Suraj Katal Nahin Hote" under the able guidance of Kumar.A.'Bharti'.

At the age of 14, he got the best Actor award from R.K.M. Pathankot and many more in different theatre festivals. At the age of 17, he directed his first play "Haara Hua Yudh" Written by Kumar.A.'Bharti' and afterwards he directed Plays like "Good Bye Swami", "Passport", "Pind Kunnae Joay-

adeya", "Janta Paagal ho Gai Hai", "Pachaas Saal Baad" and many more. He has been in theatre from last 25 years and has worked with eminent Theatre Director's like Padma Shri Blawant Thakur, Kumar.A.Bharti, Morstein Craig, Gursaran Singh, Dr.Sudhir Mahajan, Partho Bandhopadhyaya, Probr Guha, Dr.Navdeep Kaur, Kavi Rattan, Bhumikeshwar, Prof. Navnendra Behl, Dr.Sunita Dhir, Kewal Dhaliwal, Vasant Joesalkar, Prof. Mahendra Kumar, Sanjay Upadhyay, and many more.

After completing his M.A. Dogri in 2008 from University Of Jammu, he went to Deptt. Of Theatre and T.V. Punjabi University Patiala to complete his Masters in Theatre and got awarded with

University's Gold Medal in Masters of Performing Arts. Then he came back to Jammu and directed plays like "Visarjan", "Gagan Damama Bajyo", "Agni Barkha", "The Government Inspector", "X- Reflection" "The Last Colony", "Blood & Beauty", "Macbeth; The Crown If Blood", and got State Awards for Best Play and Best Director for the year 2 010 ,2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, from Jammu and Kashmir Academy Of Art Culture And Languages, Jammu and JKFMAC Srinagar.

He also worked as Assistant Professor in Department Of Indian Theatre, Panjab University Chandigarh for the session 2012-2013.

The entire theatre fraternity of Jammu & Kashmir extended their heartfelt congratulations to Abhishek Bharti, acknowledging his role as a young and dynamic theatre director in the region. Bharti's achievement not only reflects his personal dedication but also highlights the rich cultural tapestry of Jammu & Kashmir, ensuring the legacy of traditional theatre forms continues to thrive in the modern era.

Five days Skill Development Programme on Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning starts at SMVDU

Top News Report

KATRA, Mar 11: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) announced the commencement of a Five Days Skill Development Programme on Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning funded and supported by Higher education Department, Govt. UT of J&K from March 11 to 15, 2024. The program, organized by the School of Computer Science and Engineering, aims to provide participants with practical knowledge and skills in the rapidly evolving fields of AI and Machine Learning.

The event has garnered participation from institutes across J&K covering various regions of UT of J&K, including Central University Jammu, Kashmir University, UIET Kathua, and SKUAST Jammu. The inaugural ceremony, held at SMVDU, witnessed the esteemed presence of Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, as the Chief Guest. Chief guest focused on the key terms like startups and entrepreneurship, imbuing the skills like lifelong learnings, keeping the participants spellbound by his inspirational and



motivating words.

Prof. K.R. Jha, Dean Faculty of Engineering, SMVDU, is the Coordinator of the program, along with Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, Dr. Pooja Sharma, and Manoj Kumar served as Co-ordinators. Distinguished guests for the inaugural event included Dr. Shitala Prasad from IIT Goa, Dr. Raman Singh from JNU Delhi, who will share their expertise and insights with the participants. Renowned faculty members from reputed institutes like IITs, NITs, CSIR, and JNU and Industry experts will also deliver lectures during the five-day program to help in bridging the gap between Industry and academics in today's era.

Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta delivered the welcome address followed by insights about the workshop by Mr. Manoj Kumar. The Formal vote of

thanks was given by Dr. Pooja Sharma.

Students organizing the event include Payel Maken, Komal Bhardwaj, Subhag Sharma, Tushar Taggar, Rajat, Hridayanshu, Achyut and Rudraksh who have worked diligently to ensure the success of the program.

Five Days Skill Development Programme on AI and Machine Learning promises to be a platform

for learning, collaboration, and innovation in the field of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. The organizing committee of Research Project expressed sincere thanks to the Vice Chancellor and Registrar SMVDU Ajay Kumar Sharma for giving such opportunities and facilitating such learning and delivering an environment at SMVDU.

Ivy Hospital starts city OPD at Amritsar

Top News Report

JAMMU / AMRITSAR, Mar 11: Dr Inderbir Singh Nijjar MLA inaugurated Ivy Hospital's city OPD at Rana Diagnostics center here on Sunday.

The senior doctors from cardiology, neurology, neurosurgery and ortho-

pedics will be available in this OPD throughout the week.

Speaking during the occasion, Dr Parminder Rana owner of Rana Diagnostic Center said that our motto is to provide all kinds of diagnostic services at affordable charges to the patients.

EDITORIAL

PLUMBING
CHALLENGES

World Plumbing Day is celebrated every year on 11 March. The World Plumbing Council (WPC) established World Plumbing Day in 2010. The aim of which is to raise awareness of the vital role that plumbing professionals play in protecting the health, safety and sustainability of our communities, as well as to highlight the importance of good plumbing and hygiene through various events around the world. We often have to face pipe related problems in everyday life. For these reasons, sometimes we have to call a plumber at home. And thus plumber plays an important role in our lives. Therefore, writing about Plumbing Day seems very pleasant and meaningful. World Plumbing Day is an international event, initiated by the World Plumbing Council, held on 11 March each year to recognize the vital role of plumbing in societal health and well-being.

The World Plumbing Council (WPC) aims to celebrate that on March 11 each year, people around the world will pause to consider the important role plumbing plays in maintaining their health and lifestyle. And keeping in mind the desire for a sustainable disease-free future, World Plumbing Day was born out of the creation of the developing world. Established in the year 2010, World Plumbing Day is now expanding with time. If we talk about the World Plumbing Council, it is an international organization, which is made up of 200 members from more than 30 countries around the world. Its mission is to achieve the best possible plumbing for the world through the global plumbing industry. Today many events are held in Australia, Europe and the African continents to mark the occasion and draw attention to the importance of good plumbing and sanitation. Governments and policy-makers in China, England, Germany, India, Canada, North and South America and many other places are promoting World Plumbing Day.

When it comes to health, a plumber has a huge responsibility. There is no doubt that bathrooms play a major role in maintaining our health across the world. Everyone understands the role of clean, plumbing solutions in cutting germs in their tracks. It may not be clear to you how many germs your bathroom harbors, and there are many harmful bacteria that can cause a variety of health concerns, such as skin infections and pneumonia. Therefore, on World Plumbing Day, you can take the initiative to become familiar with plumbing knowledge by thanking your local plumbing expert for his excellent contribution. That's why World Plumbing Day takes on a whole new meaning in today's context.

Recognizing the importance and usefulness of this day, it is currently being recognized by marking World Plumbing Day in training colleges, at workplaces, in classrooms, and in parliaments around the world. And each March, along with media releases, Chinese, Hindi, English, German and Spanish magazine messages about good plumbing, sanitation and the connection between human and environmental health reach millions of people are being delivered. The reality is that everyone do not have access to the same plumbing system.

Populations in underdeveloped and developing countries do not always have access to toilets or running water. Elders say that "just as a man is known by his shoes, similarly a house is known by its bathroom". Taking care of your plumbing is part of your maintenance duties as a homeowner. We can't deny that plumbing is often not high on our list of priorities. Especially when we think that every tap in the house works. Today we all are facing tap-related problems in our daily life, so this time on World Plumbing Day, we can start a new habit of taking care of our pipes by learning some important fixes for plumbing challenges.

Warning labels for informed choices over food: How to navigate challenges

By: Pradeep S. Mehta
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As consumers, let's reflect on the challenges we face in making informed choices, particularly in India, where the need for transparency in our complex marketplace has never been more pressing. The abundance of options, complex product information, and aggressive marketing tactics often make it difficult for us to purchase products that best suit our needs and pockets.

This struggle is aggravated by a lack of transparency, where inadequate product information, ambiguous labelling, and deceptive advertising make it difficult for consumers, to make the best choices. The consequences of this lack of transparency extends beyond our individual decisions, particularly in the realm of food products. Misleading information on nutritional content and health benefits contributes to the rise of diet-related diseases and other public health issues. While the government is making all-out efforts to ensure consumers' health, more needs to be done, in particular its orientation to a market-friendly approach rather than a business-friendly one.

A study "India: Health of the Nation's States" by the Indian Council of Medical Research says the prevalence of deaths attributable to non-communicable diseases (NCD) in India increased from 37.9 per cent in 1990 to 61.8 per cent in 2016, rising further to 66 per cent in 2019. In 2018, Lancet Global Health reported that in India the largest proportion of NCD deaths is due to cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), comprising 48 per cent, followed by cancers at 21 per cent. Compelling

evidence suggests CVDs and strokes occur at an earlier age in Indians compared to individuals in the Global North. Further, a 2021 study published in the American Journal of Preventive Cardiology, revealed that while death rates from coronary artery diseases are declining in most rich nations, they are on the rise in Global South, including India.

The surge in NCD-related death rate in India is not solely attributed to inadequate health-care facilities but is also linked to various other prime factors. These include lack of stringent regulations and implementation within our food sector and the widespread availability of processed and unhealthy foods without adequate warnings for consumers. Often, one could observe that major food giants adhere to stringent manufacturing and labelling practices mandated in Global North, yet have double standards in the Global South. This type of discriminatory behaviour exists across various consumer goods and services sectors. They are often seen using their dominant market presence, political influence and threat to leave to their advantage.

That's why in India, despite years of policy discourse, the mounting pressure of large food industries is making it hard for regulators and policymakers to introduce and implement much-needed regulations like warning labels on the front of food packages. Such a policy is vital to help deal with mitigating the NCDs and rising level of obesity across all age groups by enabling the consumer to practice an informed choice.

Recently, in its Asia-Pacific SDG Progress Report 2024, UNESCAP said that the escalating levels of obesity among

children pose a significant challenge to India's economic progress towards achieving SDGs by 2030. Despite such multiple cautionary reports on health in recent times, the persistent disagreement between the preferences of health experts and the influence businesses have in shaping health rules has left the informed public questioning whether the authorities are genuinely concerned with public health and well-being of its citizen-consumers.

Today, the social media is buzzing with criticism and impactful videos, where both experts and individual consumers vehemently express their concerns about the rampant sale and effortless accessibility of unhealthy and deceptive food products in the Indian market. What is particularly striking is the flood of comments accompanying these viral posts, revealing consumers' evident frustration and discontent with misleading claims, leaving them appalled by the presented facts. Such incidents underscore the pressing need for prominent warnings on food packages to alert consumers.

In the realm of public health policymaking, it is vital for regulators and policymakers to recognise the growing resentment and respond promptly, prioritising national health over short-term economic interests. Acknowledging the voices of public health experts and consumer groups is even more crucial in light of the alarming rise in NCDs. Furthermore, this will require a "whole of government" approach, otherwise files get lost in silos.

In this challenging context, manufacturers also bear a moral and social responsibility to present healthier food choices. Pri-

oritising public health, food safety and acknowledging consumers' right to be informed, they should willingly provide transparent and detailed information about negative ingredients through warning labels. Such actions would align with the Prime Minister's sentiments expressed during the B-20 summit on August 27, 2023, where he urged businesses to prioritise consumer well-being and proposed an International Consumer Care Day. His call for balanced global commerce and consumer-centric policies underscores the need to reconsider conventional economic governance frameworks.

Further, embracing a shift towards healthier products not only aligns with ethical considerations but also opens doors to lucrative markets for our agricultural products in the realm of wholesome and nutritious foods. Then, alongside regulatory and voluntary measures, promoting consumer education is vital. Initiatives that raise the awareness of food labelling, nutritional information, and consumer rights empower individuals to make informed choices and advocate for their interests.

As we reflect on these challenges and potential solutions, we need to advocate, sensitise, raise awareness and drive change. It's a chance for the government, individuals and organisations to come together, advocate for consumer rights, and work towards creating a transparent and consumer-centric global marketplace. Through collective action, we can pave the way for a future where consumers are empowered, informed and protected. In the interest of consumers lies the national interest.

Modi 'guarantees': Flurry of projects on eve of polls

By: Parsa
Venkateshwar Rao Jr

The Press Information Bureau's releases for Prime Minister Narendra Modi have turned into a constant refrain about "multiple development projects". In the first week of March, Mr Modi was in West Bengal, in Bihar, in Telangana, in Odisha and in Assam. That he travels the length and breadth of the country in a span of a few days is not surprising. Here is an energetic leader who is forever on the move, speaking tirelessly of his goal of a "Viksit Bharat", or Developed India, of 2047. He is careful

nowadays not to mention 2047 too much because it is a distant date despite the fact that time flies, and has already been Prime Minister for 10 years. He knows that at election time it is not right to harp on 2047.

So, the buzzword is "Viksit Bharat". But he does not just harp on the word. He announces and inaugurates projects in the name of "Viksit Bharat". And the projects run into thousands of crores of rupees.

On March 1, he announced "multiple development projects" worth Rs 7,200 crores. On March 2, in Aurangabad in Bihar, he announced projects worth Rs 21,400 crores; and in Begusarai, the same day, he announced oil and gas projects worth Rs 1.48 lakh crores, development projects worth Rs 13,400 crores, and railway projects worth Rs 3,917 crores. On March 4, he announced "multiple development projects" worth Rs 56,000 crores in Adilabad, Telangana, which cover the rail, road and power sectors. On

March 5, at Chandkhole in Odisha, he announced development projects worth Rs 19,600 crores. On March 6, he announced "connectivity projects" worth Rs 15,400 crores in Kolkata.

The frenetic pace of these announcements is reflective of the Prime Minister's desire to launch the maximum number of projects before the Election Commission announces the dates for the Lok Sabha elections in the second week of this month. Also, it betrays a sense of anxiety on the part of the Prime Minister to cover his flanks on all sides, as it were. He is not entirely sure whether the Ram Mandir he had inaugurated at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh would get him votes across the country,

though he and his admirers in the party and outside have been shouting hoarse about the "civilisational moment" in history. He can hope to win votes in the Hindi heartland on the basis of the construction of Ram temple after the 1992 demolition of the Babri Masjid, which the courts held to be an act of vandalism. Mr Modi is not confident that Hindutva will ensure a third term for him.

So, the announcements about "multiple development projects". Not many in the media would question the rationale of Mr Modi's announcement of projects worth thousands of crores which are necessary for the development of India in a short span of a week, and in the run-up to the elections. No one wants to state the plain truth that the emperor has no clothes. There will be many who see this flurry of announcement of development projects as a positive sign that Mr Modi, the BJP and the Sangh Parivar, including the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, cannot hope to win

a national election based on majoritarian sectarianism, and that the poor do not have much sympathy for ideology. And the Prime Minister's desperate attempt to announce development projects is a recognition of this harsh reality, that development trumps Hindutva.

There is, however, the more basic fact that must be taken into account in the case of Prime Minister Modi's announcements. He is misusing his position in the government to make announcements that only someone in the government can do. India is not likely to adopt the sensible practice developed in neighbouring Bangladesh and Pakistan, where a caretaker government takes over for a short span before an election. So, the Election Commission should impose a rule that the ruling party must refrain from making announcements in the run-up to the elections and which could possibly impact the electoral outcome. Quite clearly, the announcements made by Prime Minister Modi from March 1 to 6 were part of the election season strategy.

The fact that Mr Modi finds it necessary make announcements of development projects at the end of his term in office also reveals a flaw in his governance model. First, his invocation of a developed India by 2047 is a cunning way to sidestep the issues of the day. It is a ploy used by political dictators to distract people from the problems facing them in the present. The Indian economy, despite its headline growth figures, is plagued with many issues like employment, education, health, challenges to agriculture, manufacturing and upgrading technology. Mr Modi offers the opiate of "developed India in 2047" as an answer to all these issues. The semiconductor

industry, which is the base for the growth of AI systems, is naturally entangled in teething problems which are natural. To pretend that the country is in control of the challenges it faces in this sector is escapism.

The Prime Minister's vision of a future India is escapism into the future. The idea that Indians will somehow make it big in the next five, 10 or 25 years is nothing but a lotus-eater's dream. The majority of Indian youth, who form the work population segment, are not educated enough and the government has not done anything to build the educational infrastructure. Increasing the number of IITs, IIMs and not caring about the quality of education is a way of undermining the future. The private professional colleges of medicine and engineering have always been a scandal in this country, and the private universities are getting to be part of the scandal now. That Indian institutes are struggling to get into the list of world rankings tells a cruel tale of its own. To make things worse, the ruling party, its ideological affiliates and the slightly unhinged Hindu right-wing intelligentsia are riding high on the glories of ancient India even as the country faces a tough situation on the global stage -- economically and politically. To take refuge in the cultural glory of a dead past is escapism, plain and simple. So, we have two escapisms, that of Mr Modi's escapism into the future, and that of the Hindu right-wingers' escapism into the past. This is not a good sign for a country that wants to be a big economy and a major power in the real world of the present.

KDP Wing of DPAP raises voice of displaced persons

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: In a joint statement issued by the Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of DPAP through its President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Shri Piaray Lal Pandita, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku and Naveen Gosani Youth President have appealed the Displaced Kashmiri Hindus to unite for fighting the sufferings thrust on our Community since 1990 up to date being true patriots of Indian Nation and our Community stands uprooted with loss of immovable properties, damaged guttings to houses, orchards.

The Leaders have expressed grave concern over loss of more than five thousand old culture of the intelligent community, losing our citizenship rights,

employment avenues in Kashmir, educational set up, besides debarring from total Constitutional rights, Central Govt. schemes and minority status benefits.

The Leaders have appealed the Kashmiri Displaced People who have bared the genocide and had to flee the Valley after 1990 may come together at least from Camps to make their front line teams for making a united platform to fight for working out a concrete permanent rehabilitation policy back in valley as the people shifted on their own prior to 1990 have hijacked our sufferings by decorating their platforms in their own vested interests to live a luxurious life.

The Leaders have appealed the Kashmiri Displaced People to awaken from 34 years

slumber to unitedly come on a joint platform for seeking justice for the exiled community as the Government at Centre and State/U.T. has never thought to decide the future of our exiled community which also indicated during the recent visits of Prime Minister of India at Jammu and Kashmir whose majesty did not bother to move the lips of any word during his speeches pertaining to the people of Exiled Community.

The Leaders have expressed its dismay regarding failure of present Govt. for a decade now to announce any beneficial policy for our exiled community in spite of highly awaited expectations.

The Leaders have requested through this appeal to the exiled people that this is the ripe time to raise a joint

voice especially from main sufferers of displacement languishing in Camps for one time resettlement, rehabilitation back in valley in consultation with the stake holders living in Camps with working out of compensation for all losses suffered during 34 years of exilement.

The Leaders have categorically rejected the Community Leadership shifted from valley in their own choice before 1990 and have also appealed the Govt. that such leadership is never acceptable to the displaced people.

The Leaders have appealed the Election Commission of India as well as Govt of India that one Parliamentary Seats and four Assembly SEATS may be reserved for displaced people in election basis and not on selection/nominations.

The Leaders have expressed dismay over the behaviour of the Central Govt. as no any Minister, Team or Bureaucracy has visited the Migrant Camps at Jammu for last one decade which itself describe the sympathy towards our Community.

The Leaders have also expressed grave concern over the step-motherly behavior towards our unemployed youth, PM Package employees, meager cash assistance, non implementation of applicable schemes, and other benefits entitled to common citizens.

Lastly the Leaders have appealed against to displaced people for joining a joint platform for seeking justice as now injustice has touched the sky regarding our community in all respects.

Farewell accorded to outgoing Officer



Top News Report

SANKOO, Mar 11: Dr Ghulam Hussain who served as Block Medical Officer of Sankoo, Kargil for about three years, was given an emotional and warm send-off on his recently Transferred from CHC to PHC Panikhar.

An impressive farewell function was organised at CHC Conference Hall.

The event was attended by Rtd. Chief Medical Officer Kargil & Eye Specialist Dr Munawar Hussain

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Dr Ghulam Hussain outgoing (BMO) Dr Harjeet Singh Medical Officer, Dr Najuma Banoo (Dental Surgeon) Dr Syed Abul Hassan, Dr Rafiq, Dr Rabiya Medical Officer RBSK of Community Health Center Sankoo and a good number of Paramedic staff's were also present.

During the farewell function, speakers highlighted the achievements of the outgoing BMO and extended best wishes for

their future endeavours.

Outgoing BMO Dr Ghulam Hussain also shared his valuable experience and thanked the Doctors and Paramedic Staff of community Health Center Sankoo for organizing an impressive farewell.

He also thanked the Officers/Officials for their active support and cooperation during his tenure as BMO Sankoo.

At the conclusion of the event, felicitation gifts were presented to the outgoing officer.

Plantation Drive held by Mountaineering Body in Block Pancheri

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JAMMU, Mar 11: Plantation drive held by Mountaineering body in Pancheri by District Mountaineering Association, Jammu started the movement of conservation of environment by planting sixty apple saplings in Pancheri block of Udhampur district.

The campaign was started by Tehsildar Pancheri Vipin Kumar by planting the first sapling in the Tehsil Office Complex.

It was followed by plantation at Police Station, Pancheri by Station House Officer, Inspector Deepak Sharma and in Government Higher Secondary School, Pancheri by Principal (Incharge) Maqsood Ahmad.

Saplings were also distributed among the general public and the people



were made aware of the importance of planting more and more trees to save environment for the present as well as the future generations.

Tehsildar Pancheri, Vipin Kumar while expressing gratitude to the District Mountaineering Association, Jammu for starting the campaign from Pancheri said that trees contribute to the environment over a long

period of time by providing oxygen, improve air quality, conserving water, preserving soil and supporting wild life.

Besides, the fruit bearing trees offer plenty of fresh fruit to the family and also contribute to the economic development of the region. Vipin Kumar also invited the members of the district Association for a trek in this beautiful area and assured

all possible help for the promotion of adventure activities. It is pertinent to mention that district Association, Jammu has included plantation in its Annual Calendar of Activities and have a target of planting at least three hundred fruit saplings including apple, apricot and plum in the suitable areas. District Association team was led by the president Rakesh Goswami and included among others Ram Khajuria, former president of Tawi Trekkers J&K, Sanjeev Sharma, managing editor, Sportsline; Sunil Chakharria and Ananjan Raghav Khajuria. The team was supported by Sanjeev Singh of Department of Horticulture and Suraj Singh of Department of Tourism.

Braham Jyot interacts with beneficiaries of Govt Schemes

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JAMMU, Mar 11: Braham Jyot Satti, BJP OBC Morcha Incharge along with BJP leader interacted with beneficiaries of different Government Schemes at Ward 29, Jammu West.

The program was organised by Kamal Kishore Pummy (Booth President).

Perveen Badyal (Dist Vice President OBC), Sanjay Verma (Mandal President OBC), and others were present on the occasion.

They interacted with beneficiaries of Various government Schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Kisan Samman Nidhi yojna, cleanliness campaign, Aawas Yojna, Ujjwala gas scheme in a door to door interaction program and briefed about the achievements of BJP Government from past 10 years.

They also briefed about



development works and Various schemes of Government which are highly beneficial and available for the betterment of public.

People were very happy and raised slogans in the favour of BJP and said BJP is the only political party which is actually working for our nation and citizens. They also said that PM Narendra Modi will swear oath again as PM with full majority.

Speaking on the occasion Braham Jyot said that from past 10 years

PM Narendra Modi led government is working for the betterment of the public and giving true examples of Sewa, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan.

He said PM Modi is a ground to earth personality and a very dedicated leader who works more than 18 hours a day for the well-being of Public.

He said Prime Minister Modi is very dedicated and down to earth personality and has launched various beneficial schemes for our

youth and has provided new carrier opportunities to them.

He said in past 10 years BJP has made India a strong and Progressive country and created new employment opportunities for youth and working for all segments and India is blessed to have PM like Narendra Modi.

He highlighted schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Kisan Samman Nidhi yojna, cleanliness campaign, Aawas Yojna, Ujjwala gas scheme and how their effect was visible on the ground and said that during the tenure of the BJP government, under the Jan Dhan Yojana, lakhs of people are being directly benefited by connecting them with banking facilities.

He said that it is 100 percent sure that PM Narendra Modi will swear oath as PM for the third consecutive time because we are working for public.

JKBS members, others participate in Bhandara at Village Gande



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MIRAN SAHIB, Mar 11: A bhandara was organised at Village Gande in

which devotees turned out in large number and offered 'bel' leaves, milk and payers to the 'Shivling'. The devotees chanted

'Om Namah Shivaya' mantra to appease Lord Shiva. They also partook parsad from the Langar organised on the occasion by DDC Member Vidya Motan.

The JKBS members listened Music Director Vicky Kaith's newly released Dogri Bhajan and highly praised it.

Among JKBS members and others who participated in the Bhandara included Messrs Hans Raj Loria, Subedar Tilak Raj Motan, Havildar Des Raj Kaith, R.L. Kaith, Jagdish Raj Kaith, Des Raj Mandi, Sat Pal Mandi, Girdhari Lal Dogra and Kuldeep Raj Bhagat.

Name Jammu after Raja Jambu Lochan: Rajesh Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Jammu Warriors Front (JWF) held a workers' meet here on Monday under the chairmanship of JWF Chairman, Rajesh Gupta.

The meeting passed a resolution demanding renaming Jammu after Raja Jambu Lochan.

Speaking in the meeting Rajesh Gupta claimed that name of Jammu also figures in Mahabharata. He also said that recent findings of Harappan remains and artifacts of Mauryan, Kushan and Gupta period at Akhnoor have added new dimensions to its ancient character.

"As such history of Jammu till 1730 is like a mystery, little was known until 1730 AD, it came under the rule of Dogra king, Raja Dhruv Deva. Today city of Jammu is known as City of Temples," Gupta said.

JWF leader while addressing to the workers said, "According to one of the most popular myths, the name Jammu is derived from the name of Raja Jambu Lochan who founded Jammu in 14th century BC when during one of his hunting expeditions at river Tawi he saw a goat and leopard drinking water at the same place."

NHM employees hold district level convention



Top News Report

REASI, Mar 11: In its mission to bring all categories of employees under the ambit of the National Health Mission on one platform, a one day district level convention cum get together of NHM employees of District Reasi was held at Conference Hall District Hospital Reasi.

The meeting was presided over by Senior NHM representatives of Jammu Division including Sr Vice President Jammu Faizan Ali Trambo, General Secretary Ajay Sharma, Sr Advisor Jammu Shiv Sandeep Singh besides was attended by Medical Officers, Management and Paramedical Staff of the different block of the District Reasi.

Earlier the welcome address was presented by District President Reasi Madhur Bharti who in his speech, elaborated the aim of holding the district convention which was organized to unite all NHM employees and to discuss the issue of strengthening the organization at gross root level at district as well as each block level, which got overwhelming response from more

than 150 employees who actively took part in the convention.

During the convention, the speakers raised various issues related to the welfare of the NHM employees and meaningful solutions to their issues.

In their address, Sr Leaders of the Association Faizan A Trambo, Ajay Sharma and Shiv Sandeep Singh stated that with the support of our fellow employees, we are working towards resolving the pending cases and particularly focus on the various concerns.

They said the current Chief Secretary, Health Secretary and Mission Director NHM have shown a positive and proactive approach, and we believe we can collectively achieve positive outcomes for the betterment of the employees in the time to come."

In the meeting, all the employees of District Reasi unequivocally expressed satisfaction in the leadership of Dr Vikas Sharma, the Divisional NHM President Jammu Division and also pledged full support to him and his organization.

The leaders highlighted

the current working environment and the scenario in which the employees are working and underscored the need for proper planning for the betterment of the fraternity.

The leaders also threw light on the problems being faced by the employees and debated the methods to be adopted to arrive at solutions. It is important to mention here that JKNHMEA Jammu remains fully committed to its mission of advocating for the rights and well being of NHM employees in J&K UT. The organization will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders and govt authorities to work towards the resolution of the issues of its employees in a more effective and focused manner.

Among others who spoke on the occasion were Dr Kousar Rana, Mukesh Kumar, Parul Gandotra, Sumeet Sawhney, Dr Neelam Bharti, Rubika Paul, Sarika Sharma, Pardeep Bali, Shabnam Akhter, Mysun Suigotra, Mahadev Singh, Dr Abhinandan Thakur and Sahil Sharma, whereas the work of Stage Secretary was carried out by Oshin Soni.

Dispay Your Talent Show held at GDC R S Pura

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JAMMU, Mar 11: The Cultural Committee, Career Counselling Cell and Discipline Committee of GDC R. S. Pura in collaboration with TRP Channel organised an Event Campus de Kalakar to showcase and promote the talent of students.

The event aimed to exhibit potential and creativity of the students. The show began with a beautiful rendition of the national anthem by a group of students, followed by a series of impressive performances. The audience was treated to a variety of acts, from musical performances to martial arts and demonstrations.



The talent show not only allowed students to showcase their talents but also helped them build their confidence, self-esteem, and social skills. It was an excellent opportunity for them to interact with their peers, TRP channel

and receive positive feedback and encouragement from their teachers.

Speaking on the event Dr. Rajni Bhagat, Principal of the College said that, it was a beautiful display of talent, creativity and delight.

The students who participated in the event had a wonderful time and the day served as a reminder of the importance of nurturing and supporting talents from a young age. The event was organized by Prof Shelly Kalsi, Convener

Placement and Career counselling.

The other faculty members who made the event successful were Prof Shiffali Abrol, Dr. Shivani Manchanda, Prof Mishu Pandita and Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch.

India-set 'To Kill a Tiger' loses to '20 Days in Mariupol' in documentary feature Oscar category

'To Kill a Tiger', set in a village in Jharkhand, lost to '20 Days in Mariupol' in the best documentary feature category at the 96th edition of the Academy Awards.

Directed by Ukrainian filmmaker and war correspondent Mstyslav Chernov, '20 Days in Mariupol' is a troubling first-person account of the initial days of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

In his award acceptance speech, an emotional Chernov said he wished he didn't have to make the film at all and urged Russia to cease aggression in his home country.

"This is the first Oscar in Ukrainian history, and I'm honoured. Probably I will be the first director on this stage to say I wish I'd never made this film. I wish to be able to exchange this to Russia never attacking Ukraine. I wish for them to release all the hostages, all the soldiers who are protecting their land, and all the civilians who are in their jails.

"We can make sure that the history record is set straight and the truth will prevail, and that the people of Mariupol, and those who have given their lives will never be forgotten. Because



cinema forms memories and memories form history," said the filmmaker, who has also narrated the documentary feature.

Chernov spent 20 days with his colleagues in besieged Mariupol after Russia began its invasion of Ukraine. The director compiled footage that he collected in Mariupol together with the team from Frontline and the Associated Press (AP).

'20 Days in Mariupol' had its world premiere at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival, where it won the Sundance World Cinema Documentary Competition. It was also Ukraine's official entry to the best international

feature film at the 96th Academy Awards.

A Canadian production, 'To Kill a Tiger' is directed by Delhi-born Nisha Pahuja, an Emmy-nominated filmmaker based in Toronto. It had its world premiere at Toronto International Film Festival 2022 where it won the Amplify Voices Award for Best Canadian Feature Film.

The film follows Ranjit's uphill battle to find justice for his 13-year-old daughter who was abducted and later sexually assaulted by three men.

"Ranjit goes to the police, and the men are arrested. But Ranjit's relief is short-lived, as

the villagers and their leaders launch a sustained campaign to force the family to drop the charges. A cinematic documentary, 'To Kill a Tiger' follows Ranjit's uphill battle to find justice for his child," according to the official website of 'To Kill a Tiger'.

The film is a production of Notice Pictures Inc, in co-production with the National Film Board (NFB) of Canada. The film was produced by Cornelia Principe, Pahuja under Notice Pictures Inc, and the NFB's David Oppenheim.

'To Kill a Tiger' is executive produced by actors Dev Patel, Mindy Kaling, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Canadian poet Rupri Kaur, and surgeon-best-selling author Atul Gawande.

It premiered on Netflix hours before Oscars day.

Last year, India struck gold at the Academy Awards with 'Naatu Naatu', the foot-tapping number from the film 'RRR', winning best original song Oscar and 'The Elephant Whisperers' earned the Oscar in the documentary short category. It was the first time two India-made productions bagged the cinema world's biggest prize.

Demi Lovato has a beauty advice for her teenage self



Singer-songwriter Demi Lovato has spoken up about the

influence of beauty standards on her teenage self. She shared the

advice she would give her teenage self.

She also spoke about how beauty standards shouldn't impact how people see themselves. She said, "What I would tell my teenage self is don't hold yourself to anybody else's standards but your own."

She added, "And if your own becomes too critical, then look within yourself and try to find that self-love. I think it's really important to find self-love no matter what age you are."

For Lovato, spending so much time on sets has given her a lot of opportunities to learn about beauty and makeup from the best of the best. "The best beauty tip that I've got from someone on set is to never sleep in your makeup. I never did that anyways, but to hear it over again was just really important and kind of stuck with me. I never sleep in my makeup."

Christopher Nolan wins his first Oscar for directing 'Oppenheimer'

Christopher Nolan fulfilled his award show frontrunner status, winning his first Oscar on Sunday night for directing 'Oppenheimer'.

The 53-year-old British visionary has garnered critical acclaim throughout his career, but had never won an Oscar till now.

He was nominated for directing 'Dunkirk' in 2017 and for original screenplay in 2010 for 'Inception' and in 2001 for 'Memento'.

At the podium, Nolan noted that movies are just a little bit over 100 years old and thanked the Academy for the honour.

"We don't know where this incredible journey is going from here," Nolan said. "But to know that you think I am a meaningful part of it means the world to me."

'Oppenheimer' closed the evening by winning best picture, one of seven Oscars it earned, including best actor for



Cillian Murphy and supporting actor for Robert Downey Jr. The film earned a leading 13 nominations and has earned nearly \$1 billion worldwide.

Nolan beat out Jonathan Glazer of 'The Zone of Interest', Yorgos Lanthimos of 'Poor Things', Martin Scorsese of 'Killers of the Flower Moon' and Justine Triet of 'Anatomy of a Fall'.

At 81, Scorsese was the oldest directing nominee. Nolan was cheered

on by his wife, Emma Thomas, who twice shared best picture nominations with her husband for producing 'Dunkirk' and 'Inception'. The college sweethearts have been producing partners on all of his films since 1997.

Nolan had been the frontrunner throughout awards season, earning the top prize from the Directors Guild of America along with directing honors at the BAFTA Film Awards and Golden Globes.

Beyond Japan Art Exhibition Tour — a display of works by Japanese artists — debuts in India, making its first stop in Chandigarh

Beyond Japan Art Exhibition Tour marks its debut in India and Chandigarh became the first city where it showcased the remarkable works of Japanese artists. In the true sense, it displayed how art transcends all geographical barriers. Coming from a country which is identified as an archipelago, the exhibition included an array of colours and marine life.

Showcasing the versatile creations of eminent contemporary painters of Japan was an ideal way of sharing the values that art holds for mankind. It signifies the interconnectedness of humanity and the idea that despite our diverse backgrounds and cultural identities, we are all part of a larger human family. The exhibition was organised by Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademi in collaboration with Kasagi Art Gallery, Japan, and was on display at Govt. Museum & Art Gallery Chandigarh. In the 'meet and greet'



event held on the concluding day of the exhibition, One of the celebrated Japanese artists, Reina Taniho, gave an audio-visual presentation. It was indeed an informative session on Japanese art and the significance of art in their culture. Someone among the audience remarked that

a mere visit to Japan is a meditative process for the streets are so silent unlike India.

Hidefumi Kasagi, director Kasagi Gallery, Japan, and Nupur Tewari, Founder Connect India Japan, were also part of the event and spoke highly of the exhibition which introduced tricity to Japa-

nese ways of making art. For instance, Reina Taniho's works gave away the feeling of water colours, but she shared, "It is a Japanese style of painting called Nihonga. I have used mineral pigments, and occasionally ink, together with other organic pigments on silk or paper to create a water-colour effect."

She added, "The life of nature, animals and plants is born from minute observations. By combining this with my own colour expression, I have created a unique Japan painting. The texture of the paint changes depending on the light, and the texture changes infinitely depending on the use of water."

Other contemporary Japanese artists on display too used various mediums such as wood, canvas, paper and silk. Likewise, there were a plethora of methods used to paint, from oil to acrylic to using ink with metallic sheets.

These Japanese artists are going to visit various cities across India to showcase their meditative art journey and enrich communities with the essence of Japanese creativity. As Reina said, "Nowadays art is spread in images on your phones. I want you to feel the real thing with your own eyes."

"She is someone I admire": Priyanka Chopra lauds Nita Ambani at Miss World 2024

Reliance Foundation chairperson Nita Ambani was honoured with 'Beauty With A Purpose Humanitarian Award' at the 71st Miss World finale on Saturday. She was felicitated with the award for her philanthropy work.

Global icon Priyanka Chopra, who won Miss World in 2000, lauded Nita Ambani's work via a special pre-recorded video message, that was played on screen at the event.

In the message, she said, "I have had the honour and privilege of knowing the phenomenal Nita Ambani for a few years now. She is someone, whom I admire and respect for everything she does. I have witnessed what happens behind the scenes, and I have witnessed firsthand her passion, commitment, and eye for detail in everything she



does. To me, Nita ma'am epitomises exactly what Mrs Morley tried to instil in our young minds back then."

"Over the years, I have witnessed Nita ma'am's profound impact through her various endeavours. She not only is a respectable educationist, philanthropist, and businesswoman but

also a staunch advocate and protector of the arts of India." She added, "With utmost dedication, she has consistently brought India's art and culture to the global stage. Nita ma'am wears all of these hats and more with a warm smile and so much compassion. Her journey is the embodiment of the

ethos of beauty with purpose. This evening as we honour Nita ma'am, let not just celebrate her accomplishments but also the joy, empowerment and growth she has brought to so many lives."

"She's been a true trailblazer and someone who I know is not stopping anytime soon.

I for one cannot wait to see what else she has planned for us. Congratulations Nita ma'am, truly well deserved," said Chopra.

Priyanka concluded with a powerful message, saying, "To all the women, young girls out here today and those girls watching across the world, I will leave you with one thought: In this crazy world we live in together, there's no better legacy than leaving behind a world touched by love and kindness."

Krystyna Pyszkova from the Czech Republic has won the 71st edition of the Miss World pageant.

India has hosted Miss World this time. Last India hosted the 46th edition of the Miss World pageant event in 1996, wherein Irene Skliva of Greece won the title.

Indian art designer Nitin Desai remembered at 96th Academy Awards 'In Memoriam'



Renowned production director Nitin Desai, who created sets for blockbuster movies such as the Oscar-nominated 'Lagaan' and 'Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam', was among the film personalities who were honoured in the 'In Memoriam' segment at the 96th Academy Awards.

Every year, the Academy Awards pay a tribute to industry legends who passed away in the last one year in its 'In Memoriam' montage.

Desai, 57, was found hanging at his studio in Karjat near Mumbai on August 2, 2023.

He was also known for his art work in films such as 'Jodhaa Akbar' and 'Prem Ratan Dhan Payo' as well as the popular TV quiz show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati'.

In his career spanning over 30 years, Desai closely worked with directors like Vidhu Vinod Chopra, Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Rajku-

mar Hirani and Ashutosh Gowariker.

The 'In Memoriam' segment opened with a tribute to Alexei Navalny, Russia's opposition leader, who died last month. A documentary about Navalny won the Oscar for feature documentary at last year's ceremony.

Italian music icon Andrea Bocelli performed a new version of his signature single 'Time to Say Goodbye' with his son Matteo Bocelli for the segment.

In its 2021 edition, the Oscars featured actor Irrfan Khan and Oscar-winning costume designer Bhanu Athaiya in its tributes section, while Bollywood stars Rishi Kapoor and Sushant Singh Rajput found mention on the official website of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

My third term will write new chapter in rise of women's power: PM Modi

He said at a 'Sashakt Nari-Viksit Bharat' programme, exuding confidence of retaining power in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday cited a host of women-centric schemes of his government to assert that only a society which boosts women's standing and creates opportunities for them can advance.

His third term will write a new chapter in the rise of women power, Modi said at a 'Sashakt Nari-Viksit Bharat' programme, exuding confidence of retaining power in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

In a swipe at previous governments, he said women's lives and hardships were not a priority for them while the BJP dispensation has come out with different initiatives to help them at every stage of life.

Modi said he is the first prime minister who spoke of a host of issues related to women, including lack of toilets, use of sanitary pads, adverse effects of smoke-causing kitchen fuels like wood and coal, and the need for bank accounts from



the ramparts of the Red Fort, a reference to his Independence Day speeches.

He said political parties like the Congress made fun of him and insulted him for this.

He asserted that what he saw at his home, in his neighbourhood and villages during his travels shaped his sensibilities and schemes for women.

Over Rs 8 lakh crore has been disbursed among women under various government schemes, Modi said.

Over 1 crore women have

become 'Lakhpati Didis' so far, he said.

The prime minister said that his experience has been that a little help to women can make them a help to others.

Those politicians who are only concerned about their families can never understand this, he said.

At the 'Sashakt Nari-Viksit Bharat' programme, Modi disbursed around Rs 8,000 crore as bank loans to self-help groups (SHGs).

He interacted with women

beneficiaries from different parts of the country, enquired about various aspects of their work and lauded their hard work and determination.

Modi also felicitated 'Lakhpati Didis', who have achieved success with the support of the 'Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission' and are supporting the upliftment of other self-help group members.

During the event, he handed over drones to 1,000 'Namo Drone Didis', women chosen to operate drones for agriculture and related purposes.

He also disbursed about Rs 2,000 crore Capitalisation Support Fund to SHGs.

The 'Namo Drone Didi' and 'Lakhpati Didi' initiatives are integral to the prime minister's vision of fostering economic empowerment and financial autonomy among women, especially in rural areas, the Prime Minister's Office had said earlier in a statement.

"Will Not Release Cauvery Water To Tamil Nadu": DK Shivakumar Amid Crisis



BENGALURU, Mar 11 (Agencies): Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar asserted on Monday there is no question of releasing Cauvery river water to Tamil Nadu at any cost now.

Amid criticism and protests against the government over allegations that Cauvery water was being released from Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) dam to Tamil Nadu, he clarified that the discharge was meant for Bengaluru, and not for the neighbouring state.

"There is no question of releasing Cauvery river water to

Tamil Nadu now at any cost, we have not left (released)....How much water flows to Tamil Nadu, there is an account for it. Even if water is released today it will take four days to reach there," Shivakumar, who is also the water resources minister, told reporters here.

"We are not fools in this government to release water (to Tamil Nadu)," added Shivakumar, also the State Congress chief. The 'Raitha Hitarakshana Samiti' had staged a protest in the district headquarters town of Mandya on Sunday alleging that water was being released from

KRS dam to Tamil Nadu, amid drought and water crisis in many parts of the state.

BJP too had attacked the Congress government alleging that it was keen to protect the interest of DMK, the party's alliance partner in Tamil Nadu, at the cost of Karnataka's farmers and citizens, as it targeted the Siddaramaiah administration for allegedly releasing water from Cauvery river to Tamil Nadu. Shivakumar clarified that some water was discharged from KRS dam to replenish the Shiva Balancing Reservoir at Malavalli from where it is pumped to Bengaluru.

"From where we pump water to Bengaluru, the water level there was less. Water has to be at a certain level for it to be pumped, so as to maintain that level the water was released... for Bengaluru's water, it was done," he said.

Mumbai Dockyard Staff Arrested For Spying, Was Honeytrapped By Pak Agent

MUMBAI, Mar 11 (Agencies): A 31-year-old officer working at Mazagaon dockyard in Mumbai has been arrested on charges of espionage after the Maharashtra Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) found that he had allegedly leaked sensitive information to a Pakistan-based intelligence operative.

The accused, working as a structural fabricator at the dockyard, was honeytrapped and then blackmailed into disclosing sensitive information, officers have said. A Pakistani woman agent, it is learnt, befriended him on social media and

they were in touch for months. Officers said he also got money in exchange for the information.

The ATS has said in a statement that they had received information that an Indian suspect had provided sensitive information to a Pakistan-based intelligence operative.

"Accused was interrogated by the Anti-Terrorism Squad. During the investigation, it was found that the suspect was introduced to a Pakistan based intelligence operative (PIO) through Facebook and WhatsApp between November 2021 and

May 2023. The suspect chatted with PIO on Facebook, WhatsApp account and was arrested by Indian government," the statement said.

The case has been registered against two people - the dockyard staff and the Pakistani operative he allegedly supplied information to.

The dockyard officer has been arrested under the Official Secrets Act and is now being questioned by the ATS. Officers have not revealed details of what kind of information was allegedly passed to the Pakistani agent and said a probe is on.

Voice not being heard: Churu MP Rahul Kaswan joins Congress after quitting BJP

JAIPUR, Mar 11 (Agencies): Churu MP Rahul Kaswan on Monday resigned from the BJP and joined the Congress in the presence of party president Mallikarjun Kharge in the national capital.

After joining the Congress, Kaswan, who was denied ticket by the BJP for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, said he felt his "voice was not being heard" in the party.

Kharge welcomed him in the Congress fold, saying the party needs such people who have fought against power.

"I heartily welcome Rahul Kaswan ji on joining the Congress Party. I am happy that Rahul Kaswan ji, who fought



against feudal people and have supported the farmers' issue, has joined the Congress Party," Kharge said.

"If people with such ideology keep joining the Congress party, then the BJP will certainly be decimated. The BJP has always been intimidating people, but we need people like Rahul Kaswan ji," he added.

The Congress chief also referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speeches in dif-

ferent languages across the country and said he wants to have a "mastery" on everything but continues his habit of intimidating people.

Speaking to reporters after joining the grand old party, Kaswan said, "My entire family was working with honesty and dedication in the region, but a time came where I felt that my voice was not being heard (in the BJP)."

"I felt that I will suffocate if I cannot raise

the issues of my farmer brothers," he added.

Welcoming Kaswan into the Congress fold, Rajasthan PCC chief Govind Singh Dotasra said he took membership of the Congress party in Delhi in the presence of party chief Kharge.

"Undoubtedly Rahul Kaswanji's spirit of farmer welfare and public service will lend strength to public issues and strengthen the party organisation," Dotasra said.

Earlier announcing his decision to resign from the BJP and Lok Sabha membership, Kaswan expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party leaders for giving him the

opportunity to represent Churu as the MP twice.

"Due to political reasons, at this very moment today, I am resigning from the primary membership of the Bharatiya Janata Party and from the post of Member of Parliament," Kaswan posted on X.

"I express my gratitude to BJP national president J P Nadda, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, who gave me the opportunity to serve the Churu Lok Sabha family for 10 years," he said.

The BJP had given ticket to paralympic gold medalist Devendra Jhajharia from the Churu Lok Sabha seat in Rajasthan in place of two-time MP Kaswan.

Gurugram woman calls mentally ill son 'mad', he stabs her, sets house on fire

GURUGRAM, Mar 11 (Agencies): A 59-year-old woman has died in Gurugram after her mentally ill son attacked her with a knife and set their flat on fire, police said. According to information, the incident happened because the 27-year-old man got furious after his mother called him "mad".

The woman, identified as Ranu Shah, was rushed to a private hospital. However, she suc-

cumbed to her injuries during the treatment.

The woman lived with her husband, Vipul Shah, and their mentally ill son at a housing society in Gurugram. Last night, the family's neighbours informed Gurugram Police about the fire in their flat. The fire department reached the spot and somehow managed to break the door of the flat, and pulled out the 59-year-old woman, who had

severe burn injuries.

According to a preliminary investigation, the mentally ill man would often get angry and beat up his mother. During an argument on Sunday night, the woman lovingly called him "mad". This triggered him, and he first stabbed the woman several times and then set their house ablaze.

An investigation into the matter is currently underway.

Delhi borewell death: Police register case against unidentified person

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): Police have registered an FIR against an unidentified person in connection with the death of a 30-year-old man who fell into a borewell at a Delhi Jal Board sewage treatment plant here, officials said on Monday.

The victim is yet to be identified, they said. "An FIR under Sec-

tion IPC 304-A (causing death by negligence) has been registered at the Vikasपुरi police station. Further investigation will be taken up," Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Vichitra Veer said.

The body of the man was pulled out of the 40-foot-deep borewell after a 12-hour-long operation on Sunday, police said.

Bus Goes Up In Flames After Touching Live Wire In UP, Several Feared Dead



GHAZIPUR, Mar 11 (Agencies): Several

people are feared dead after a bus came in

contact with a live wire and went up in flames in Ghazipur district of Uttar Pradesh.

The bus, reports say, had at least 30 passengers on board. Attempts are now being made to douse the fire.

Shocking visuals from the spot showed tall flames raging as local residents struggle to put out the fire.

"Need All 13 Lok Sabha Seats To Make Punjab More Prosperous": Arvind Kejriwal

MOHALI, Mar 11 (Agencies): AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal on Monday launched his party's poll campaign in Punjab for the upcoming general elections and accused the BJP of trying to topple the Bhagwant Mann government by approaching its MLAs.

He asked people to ensure his party's victory in all 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab.

"We do not need these seats for ourselves. (These are) to work more for your family and to make your family more prosperous. To make Punjab 'Rangla', we need 13 seats," Mr Kejriwal said.

At the event, the AAP also rolled out the slogan -- "Sansad vich ve Bhagwant Mann, Khushaal Punjab te vadhegi shaan".

Addressing a gathering here, Mr Kejriwal slammed the Centre for allegedly withholding 8,000 crore of Punjab's funds and accused



the BJP of trying to topple the AAP government in the state by approaching its MLAs.

"The Centre has withheld 8,000 crore of Punjab's funds. It is a lot of money. How many schools, hospitals, mohalla clinics could have come up with that fund?" he posed.

Mr Kejriwal hit out at the Centre for rejecting Punjab's tableau at the Republic Day parade. "How could they reject it." "Now they approach MLAs every day in Punjab to topple

the state government. They want to topple the government of the people of Punjab," Kejriwal alleged. The Delhi chief minister also accused the Centre and the Punjab governor of harassing Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann every day.

Mr Kejriwal said there was a time when there was negativity all around in Punjab and there was a law and order problem. "Electricity bills were going up, there were electricity outages, farmers and traders were upset," Mr Kejriwal said.

"Today, there is positivity all around. Industrialists are returning, they want to open industries here. Youths are getting jobs, Mohalla clinics are coming up," he said, adding, "But a lot is yet to be done." "Elections are coming. There are 13 seats in Punjab and we need all these seats," he said.

Uttar Pradesh student objects to overtaking car hitting his bike, shot dead

BHADOHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): A law student was shot dead in Uttar Pradesh's Bhadohi district on Monday following an altercation when his bike was hit by an overtaking car, police said.

The victim, Amit Umar Vaishya, and his brother were en route to Madhosingh railway station when a speeding car overtook them and hit

their bike in Purushotampur area at 6 am, said Tejveer Singh, Additional SP, Bhadohi.

Following this, Amit, his brother, and the car occupants were involved in a heated argument, Singh said.

"During the altercation, one of the occupants pulled out a gun and shot at Amit. The accused then fled the spot," the police official

said.

Amit was rushed to a hospital where he was declared brought dead.

Amit was pursuing his LLB, his uncle Murari Chandra said.

Meanwhile, six police teams were deployed to probe and found out important clues in connection with the incident.

Singh, the additional SP, said the culprits will be arrested soon.

News agencies delete 'edited picture' of UK's Princess of Wales over surgery 'manipulation' concerns

Pressure is on the Kensington Palace to reveal truth about Kate's Mother's Day photo

LONDON, Mar 11 (Agencies): Major news agencies were retracting an image released by Kensington Palace featuring Catherine, Princess of Wales, and her children, citing concerns over potential manipulation, agency reported.

The photograph purportedly of the princess's first official appearance since undergoing abdominal surgery in January marked the conclusion of weeks of intense speculation about her health and whereabouts, fuelled by a surge in social media conspiracy theories.

The image released on Monday, accompanied by a heartfelt Mother's Day message from the princess expressing gratitude for the public's support, came under scrutiny upon closer examination.

The Associated Press expressed reservations, stating, "At closer inspection it appears that the source has manipulated the image."



Agence France-Presse (AFP) attributed the withdrawal to "an editorial issue," instructing all online platforms to promptly remove the photo, as reported by agency.

Agency said it was currently reviewing the image and had reached out to Kensington

Palace for an official comment. The palace had previously disclosed that the 42-year-old princess was expected to resume public duties by Easter in late March while remaining tight-lipped about the nature of the noncancerous surgery.

During the princess's pro-

longed absence, online speculation reached a fever pitch, only momentarily subsiding when a photo surfaced in March showing Kate in a car driven by her mother, donning sunglasses in the front passenger seat.

Nevertheless, rumours persisted, exacerbated by other incidents within the royal family, including Prince William's unexplained withdrawal from a significant family gathering earlier in the month.

As the controversy unfolds, Kensington Palace finds itself under growing pressure to strike a balance between disclosing more information about the future Queen and safeguarding her medical privacy.

In February, the palace issued a rare statement pushing back against rumours, asserting, "We made it clear in January the timelines of the Princess's recovery, and we'd only be providing significant updates. That guidance stands," agency reported.

Netanyahu Says At Least 13,000 "Terrorists" Among Palestinians Killed



FRANKFURT, Mar 11 (Agencies): Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has told a German newspaper that at least 13,000 "terrorists" were among Palestinians killed during Israel's air and ground assault on Gaza.

Five months into Israel's campaign following the October 7 Hamas-

led attack on southern Israel, Palestinian health authorities say nearly 31,000 Palestinians have been killed.

The Gaza health ministry does not break down the death count between civilians and Hamas operatives but has said that 72% of those killed were women and children. Hamas dismisses

Israeli figures for militants killed as attempts to portray "fake victories".

In an interview with Germany's Bild newspaper, Netanyahu was quoted as saying that an extension of Israel's offensive into Rafah in southern Gaza was key to defeating Hamas.

"We are very close to victory... Once we begin military action against the remaining terror battalions in Rafah, it is only a question of weeks" until the intensive phase of fighting is concluded, he said.

Three quarters of Hamas battalions had been destroyed and halting the offensive now would only allow them to regroup, Bild quoted Netanyahu as saying.

50 Injured As "Technical Event" Causes Turbulence On Sydney-Auckland Flight

WELLINGTON, Mar 11 (Agencies): Thirteen passengers have been hospitalised after a LATAM flight from Sydney to Auckland experienced a "technical event" that caused serious turbulence Monday, the airline and first responders told agency.

Chile-based LATAM Airlines said flight LA800 "had a technical event during the flight which caused a strong movement."

The plane landed at Auckland Airport as scheduled.

Gerard Campbell of St John Ambulance New



Zealand said medics were alerted to an incident at the airport and 13 patients had been taken to a local hospital by ambulance.

"We were notified at 3.58 pm and responded with five ambulances," he said.

"Our ambulance crews assessed and

treated approximately 50 patients, with one patient in a serious condition and the remainder in a moderate to minor condition," Campbell said.

The airline said LATAM "deeply regrets any inconvenience and discomfort this situation may have caused".

Will Serve "To Best Of My Ability": King Charles After Cancer Diagnosis

LONDON, Mar 11 (Agencies): King Charles III said on Monday that he would continue to serve "to the best of my ability" after his cancer diagnosis, saying he had been "deeply touched" by people's wishes for his health.

The 75-year-old monarch, who became king in September 2022 after the death of his mother Elizabeth II, was admitted for surgery for a benign prostate condition in January but was subsequently diagnosed with an unrelated cancer.

He has postponed all public-facing duties while he undergoes treatment, but is continuing with behind-the-scenes work and has been holding some in-person meetings.

"In recent weeks, I have been most deeply touched by your wonderfully kind and thoughtful good wishes for my health," he said in a pre-recorded speech to



mark the 75th anniversary of the Commonwealth.

"In return, can only continue to serve you, to the best of my ability, throughout the Commonwealth."

King Charles's wife, Queen Camilla, 76, and son Prince William, 41, have taken on most of

the royal family's duties in his absence.

Prince William's wife, Princess Kate, 42, has also been absent from public life since undergoing abdominal surgery in January.

In his speech, King Charles praised the diversity of Commonwealth and urged member

nations to work together to overcome climate and economic challenges facing the world.

"Whilst we may not all have a shared history, we have common ambitions for a better future -- working together to build resilience and respond to global challenges," the monarch said in a speech recorded at Windsor Castle in February.

"Our diversity means that these challenges affect us all differently and that we experience their impacts in different ways," he said.

The Commonwealth, established in 1949, is home to one-third of the world's population, with the majority of the 56 member states being former British colonies in Africa, the Americas and Asia.

A 'cannibal' gang and its 'Barbecue' leader pull Haiti into chaos

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Mar 11 (Agencies): Haiti, a Caribbean country, has plunged into chaos due to gang warfare. The US has airlifted non-essential staff from its embassy and the country has declared a state of emergency.

This comes after gangs attacked airports, police stations and prisons. Thousands of jail inmates have fled too.

Jimmy Cherizier, popular as 'Babekyou' or 'Barbecue', is the leader of the notorious 'G9 and Family' gang and is now the most powerful man in Haiti, reports the New York Post.

It is said that Cherizier began being called 'Barbecue' because of his penchant of burning people alive.

Amid the rise of 'Barbecue', a video has emerged that shows a member of a 'cannibal' gang eating human body parts.

The video on X shows a Haitian man tearing flesh from the leg of a burning corpse and eating it.

Some of the videos uploaded on X have been removed now. There are reports that the videos are two-year old.

The latest round of

chaos led by 'Barbecue' is an attempt to overthrow Prime Minister Ariel Henry and intensified after he left for a regional summit last week.

The prime minister attempted to fly back but couldn't land there amid gunbattles as government soldiers tried to foil the gang member's bid to take over the international airport.

PM Henry could not land in the Haitian capital because its international airport was closed as soldiers repelled attempts by gunmen to seize it.

VIOLENCE AND CANNIBALISM ON HAITI STREETS?

Cannibalism has been witnessed on the streets as the violence in Haiti reaches unprecedented levels, The Daily Express US quoted a journalist on the ground as saying.

"We have seen images of gang leaders eating people they have killed. We have seen images of people being tortured when they are kidnapped," the journalist said from Haiti on condition of anonymity. The journalist said the violence and gore were "to paralyze people mentally".

After the interview,



the journalist sent a message to The Daily Express US and said, "Cannibalism is not widespread, but definitely an indication of the worsening situation. It definitely happens on a few occasions."

Multiple videos have emerged showing the chaos in Haiti. In one people are screaming and running for their lives as gunfire from automatic rifles are heard nearby.

"Here is disturbing footage of the Haitian cannibal gang eating body parts of one of their victims as he cooks in the fire. The Haiti Cannibal Gang leader is named 'Barbecue' and is now the most powerful man in Haiti after their Prime Minister Ariel Henry fled," a post on X said. The video accompanying it had been deleted.

Reacting to the video and post, El Salvador

President Nayib Bukele said that similar visuals were seen in his country and the gangs in Haiti needed to be eradicated.

"We saw similar images in El Salvador a few years ago. Gangs bathing with the skulls of their victims. All the 'experts' said they couldn't be defeated, because they were an 'intrinsic part of our society'. They were wrong. We obliterated them. The same must be done in Haiti," El Salvador President Nayib Bukele posted.

WHO IS HAITI GANG LEADER 'BARBECUE'? Jimmy Cherizier, popular as 'Barbecue', is a 47-year-old rifle-toting former police officer.

He was sacked from Haiti's police force in 2018 because of his role in slum murders and rapes.

Cherizier was removed

from the police force for his alleged ties to a number of horrific crimes, including the slaughter in the La Saline slums where 71 people were killed, seven women were raped, and 400 homes were burned down, The New York Post reported, citing official reports.

Cherizier denied any wrongdoing and started his active gang journey. He took over the 'G9 and Family', which controls the slums and streets of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince.

Cherizier enjoys his ganglord status and has welcomed the international press regularly to apprise the world of his growing clout.

"I'm not a thief. I'm not involved in the kidnapping. I'm not a rapist. I'm just carrying out a social fight," Cherizier told news agency Associated Press earlier.

The gang leader said that it was his mother's occupation of selling fried chicken that earned him the 'Barbecue' moniker. Though, not many believe this version.

In case the government is toppled, Cherizier, who is known as 'Barbecue' for setting people on fire, might go on to capture power in Haiti.

Europe At Risk Of "Catastrophic" Consequences From Climate Change: EU



COPENHAGEN, Mar 11 (Agencies): Europe could suffer "catastrophic" consequences from climate change if it fails to take urgent and decisive action to adapt to risks, a new EU analysis warned Monday.

Areas in southern Europe are most at risk, the European Environment Agency (EEA) said in its first report on the climate risks the continent faces.

The dangers include fires, water shortages and their effects on agricultural production, while low-lying coastal regions face threats of flooding, erosion and saltwater intrusion.

"Many of these risks have already reached critical levels and could become catastrophic without urgent and decisive action," the agency said.

That doesn't mean

northern Europe is spared the negative impact, as floods in Germany and forest fires in Sweden have demonstrated in recent years.

"Extreme heat, drought, wildfires, and flooding, as experienced in recent years, will worsen in Europe even under optimistic global warming scenarios and affect living conditions throughout the continent," the EEA warned.

The report lists 36 risks related to climate in Europe, 21 of which demand more immediate action and eight were "particularly urgent."

At the top of the list were risks to ecosystems, mainly relating to coastal and marine ones.

For instance, the combination of heat waves as well as acidification and oxygen depletion

of the seas and other human-caused factors such as pollution and eutrophication -- meaning an excess of nutrients which collapses aquatic ecosystem -- and fishing, threaten marine ecosystems, the report noted.

"This can result in substantial biodiversity loss, including mass mortality events, and declines in ecosystem services," it said.

European governments and populations unanimously recognising the risks and agreeing to do more, faster should be the priority, according to the EEA.

"We need to do more, to have stronger policies," Yla-Mononen stressed.

Despite the alarm, the agency also acknowledged "considerable progress" made "in understanding the climate risks they are facing and preparing for them," among member states.

"These events are the new normal," EEA director Leena Yla-Mononen told a press briefing ahead of the report's release.

"It should be the wake-up call. The final wake-up call," she added.

Vajr Division celebrates International Women's Day

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KUPWARA, Mar 11 : Vajr Division celebrated the International Women's Day at Government Degree College, Kupwara to honour the myriad accomplishments of distinguished women and to felicitate young women achievers in the region. More than 250 young girls and women from various age groups participated in the interactive forum with the esteemed panelists to engage in a dialogue about growth, empowerment and the positive impact of women in all facets of life.

The United Nations theme for this year, 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress,' focuses on addressing the economic disenfranchisement of women. It aligns with



the agenda of the event, which was to highlight the importance of investing in women for the betterment of society.

The Chief Guest for the event was Mrs. Anupama Kalita who highlighted the critical role women play in maintaining societal balance and their burgeoning success across

various domains. She emphasized that such strides forward are key to propelling Kupwara and the entire Kashmir region towards a future filled with glory. She also praised the attendees and the women of Kupwara for their pioneering spirit in all walks of life and called upon the community to

make a commitment to women empowerment and urged for ensuring that women receive their rightful opportunities to meaningfully contribute in the growth and prosperity of the Kashmir valley and the nation at large.

The panelists consisting of Colonel Pooja Chauhan, Divya D IPS

SP Sopore, acclaimed actress Mateena Rajput and Mrs Refat Wani shared their own inspiring stories of the challenges and opportunities they faced in diverse fields like sports, entertainment, social welfare and defence to motivate and inspire the young women of Kupwara.

The panelists and achievers including Fareeda Bano, Miss Aliya Azmat, Saleeqa Tariq and Pakeeza Qureshi were also felicitated for their contributions in their respective fields.

This initiative by Indian Army to celebrate International Women's Day in Kupwara not only commemorates the achievements of women but also serves as a catalyst for continued investment in their empowerment

Apni Party welcomes prominent political activist into Party fold from Uri Constituency



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Mar 11: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party witnessed joining of a prominent political activist into party fold from Boniyar of Uri constituency.

The known political activist Abdul Rashid Abbasi, previously affiliated with Congress as its former

Halqa President, joined the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party in presence of Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari at party's Central Office M2 Church Lane Srinagar.

The other party members present on the occasion included DDC Chitragam Shopian Nageena, DDC Desvar Reyaz Ahmad, Incharge

Chrar-e-Shareef constituency Mushtaq Zuhami, Constituency Coordinator Uri Farooq Ahmad Tantray, District Secretary Srinagar Peer Wajahat Nabi, and others.

Abbasi was warmly welcomed into the party fold and briefed about its agenda of peace, prosperity, and development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Seven-day NSS Camp Inaugurated in Central Sanskrit University



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Seven-day special camp of National Service Scheme (NSS) of Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu inaugurated today. The camp was inaugurated by campus director Prof. Shreedhar Mishra. NSS programme officer Maninder Singh presented the outline of the works to be organized in the camp during the program. This will mainly include awareness about developed India, Sankalp

Bharat, youth dialogue, de-addiction campaign, digital India, clean India, civil defense campaign of tree plantation, and poster and painting competition.

The campus director said that such camps develop the overall personality of the students. He stated that the true human service is the selfless service done by the volunteers of the NSS Unit. He informed the students about the objectives of National Service Scheme and its benefits. He said that youth is

the precious asset of the nation. Their potential has to be invested properly in the right direction. This is the responsibility of the university as well as the parents and family. He further said that these type of camps teach the lessons of morality, discipline, goodwill and leadership to the students. Therefore, we should give a new direction to the society by working with full devotion and honesty in this seven-day service camp. Teachers of the campus were also present on this occasion.

Bharat priye Appointed National Joint Coordinator of All India Kisan Congress Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Senior Congress leader from Jammu and Kashmir Bharat Priye has been appointed National Joint Coordinator of All India Kisan Congress. Bharat Priye has been holding the charge of this post for a long time. Bharat Priye is a resident of Pargwal area of Akhnoor town bordering Jammu district. Bharat Priye who belonged to a farmer family, lost his parents at a young age.

After completing his education, he joined politics and joined the Congress Party. He has been at the forefront in raising the problems of border farmers. Bharat Priya is always ready to help farmers affected by crop failure due to unseasonal rains or farmers affected by



shelling on the border. In view of his commitment towards farmers, he has been assigned an important role by the party. Expressing his gratitude to the Congress high command on this new responsibility, Bharat Priye said that he will work with honesty to fulfill the responsibility assigned to him by the party and will continue to raise the voice of the farmers with more passion in the future.

AAP holds meeting at village Narayna

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JAMMU, Mar 11: Large Number of Men & Women joins AAP in a meeting organized by Ashni Matto, Sangathan Mantri Youth, District Rural at village Narayna, in Khour-Chamb-82, Assembly Constituency, in presence of Sr. AAP leaders Adv. Arvind Bandral, Dr. Rajinder Thapa, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Adv. Dalvinder Kumar Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, Balwant Singh Chaudhary, Jagdish Raj & others.

Welcoming new entrants into Party fold, the Sr. leaders said that the AAP has taken its birth to the service of common man, the workers, laborers, youths & exploited class of the society. They congratulated Delhi & Punjab people for their wisdom & foresightedness who voted Kejriwal to people, who has, because his visionary pro-people politics & programs, revolutionized & galvanized the Delhi UT & given a new concept of governance in politics-i.e; "governance to serve & not to rule", they said &



added that Delhi type of governance is a death blow to communalism & hate policy of certain Political Parties because Delhi pattern of dispensation does out (i) quality education (ii) quality health services (iii) free electricity and (iv) free drinking potable water in each Mohalla without any discrimination with regard to caste, creed & colour, Free transport system in Metro & buses for women folk as also travel to CHAR-DHAM to senior citizens free of cost is another miles stone remarkable facility to the Delhites to their entire solace and contentment.

Lashing at the central government & accusing it of issuing NADER

SHAHI FARMAAN, the AAP leaders further laments the Modi led Government for taking the countrymen for a ride by issuing un-mindful demonetization breaking the back bone of Indian economy in respect of lowest ever GDP; ill motived three black Agriculture laws giving benefits to friendly Capitalists & taking the lives of about 750 farmers without showing a single word in remorse & now playing a cruel joke with crores of young qualified, unemployed youths of the Country by bringing in Agniveer Yojna, Modi Govt. is bound to eat a humble pie like withdrawing 3 farmers laws, the AAP leaders anticipated.

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SC rejects SBI's plea for time extension, directs it to furnish details by Tomorrow

shall file an affidavit of its chairman and managing director on compliance with the directions issued by the top court.

During the hearing, the bench took note of the submissions of senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the SBI, that more time was needed for collating the details and matching them as the information was kept in two different silos with its branches.

He further said if the matching exercise was to be done away with, the SBI could complete the exercise within three weeks.

The bench said it had not directed the bank to match the details of donors and donee with other information.

The SBI has to just open the sealed cover, collate the details and give the information to the EC, it said.

The bench also asked the bank about the steps taken by it to comply with the directions given by the top court in its February 15 judgment.

"In the last 26 days, what steps have you taken? Your application is silent on that," it said.

It also asked the SBI to do a "plain disclosure" as per the court's judgment.

At the outset, Salve told the bench that the bank had stopped the issuance of electoral bonds as per the court's February 15 direction.

"We need a little more time to comply with your lordships' order," he said.

Justice Chandrachud, while referring to the SBI's application, said as per the bank, the donor details were kept in a sealed cover in a designated branch of the bank.

Justice Khanna said the bank mentioned in the application that all purchaser details were kept in a sealed cover.

In its application, the SBI had contended that the retrieval of information from "each silo" and the procedure of matching the information of one silo to that of the other would be a time-consuming exercise.

The application said due to stringent

measures undertaken to ensure that the identity of the donors was kept anonymous, "decoding" the electoral bonds and matching the donors to the donations would be a complex process.

"It submitted that the data related to the issuance of the bond and the data related to the redemption of the bond was kept recorded in two different silos. No central database was maintained," it said.

"It is submitted that donor details were kept in a sealed cover at the designated branches and all such sealed covers were deposited in the main branch of the applicant bank, which is located in Mumbai," it said.

Fully prepared to ensure peaceful Lok Sabha elections in J&K: DGP Swain

said that the value of Rs 15 lakh consignment of narcotics reaches upto Rs 1 Crore while travelling from Kashmir to Delhi and other parts of the country.

"We have a robust mechanism to curb and crack this trade. It is not so easy but we are doing and the police force is cable to do it," he said.

Feeble western disturbance likely to bring rains, snow on Mar 13: MeT

generally cloudy with the possibility of light rain and snow at a few places on March 14, the MeT office said.

The weather is likely to remain dry from March 15 to March 20, it said.

The night temperature improved and was recorded above normal in all stations of the Kashmir Valley recorded during the intervening nights of Sunday and Monday.

Srinagar had a low of 6.3°C against the 2.2°C recorded during the intervening nights of Sunday and Monday. It was 3.0°C above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway in south Kashmir recorded a low of 4.4°C, while the picnic spot in Kokernag also settled at 4.4°C on Monday.

The night temperature at Pahalgam improved and was recorded at 2.2°C against -2.5°C a day ago. It was 3.6°C above normal for the famous tourist hot spot of south Kashmir.

The temperature at the ski resort of Gulmarg also improved and was recorded at -1.0°C against -3.4°C the previous night. It was 2.5°C above normal for the valley of meadows in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Monday.

Kupwara had a low of 4.0°C against the -0.5°C recorded the previous night. It was 2.7°C above normal for the frontier Kashmir district on Monday, the MeT office said.

Election Commission briefs its Observers; ECI to visit J&K Tomorrow

Guwahati City, Superintendents of Police (SPs), DIGs and other senior officials to assess the poll preparedness in the state ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, 2024 at a meeting held at a city hotel in Guwahati.

The Lok Sabha polls are expected to be held sometime between April and May this year.

Partial traffic movement restored on Srinagar-Jammu highway

not to undertake journey on the highway will the road is fully restored.

"Partially restored (single way) at Dalwas on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44), stranded HMVs (trucks) are being cleared. People are advised not to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW till the road is fully restored. Please ask TCU Ramban for latest update," J&K Traffic Police officials said.

Will provide free

electricity to those in need if elected to power: Azad

essential services. "Despite my efforts, poverty still persists, and many struggle to afford electricity bills. Therefore, if entrusted with power, we will provide free electricity to those in need," he said.

He also highlighted his party's stance on land eviction orders, stating, "We vehemently protested against such orders to ensure that no poor person would be adversely affected. Our priority is to safeguard the rights and welfare of the poor and needy."

Among others who were present on the occasion included- GM Saroori vice chairman, Ch Haroon Khatana general secretary, Salman Nizami chief spokesperson, DPAP leader and Ex MLA Mohd Amin Bhat and others.

Traditional Political Parties deceive people with false promises, says Altaf Bukhari

constitutional rights, just like citizens from any other part of the country."

Bukhari was addressing a public rally at Tilgam Pattan, in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Bukhari, while seeking public support for the Apni Party to secure a clear mandate, said, "Today, I am here to assure you that when you elect your representative from the party, I will take responsibility to ensure that he or she delivers as per your expectations."

"Check our agenda and policies, and you will discover that we have a clear vision to ensure prosperity and development for every area of Jammu and Kashmir. Unlike traditional political parties, we do not sell deceitful dreams, make fake promises, or rely on emotional narratives. Our politics is grounded in truth and integrity. We only promise what we believe can be delivered," he added.

He went on to say, "We witness the lack of

development in most areas of Jammu and Kashmir because the parties that governed us over the past seventy years never had a genuine vision for development. They had only deceptive slogans such as 'Raishumari', 'Autonomy', and 'Self-rule' to allure you and grab your votes to place themselves at the helm. You placed blind trust in their false promises, allowing them to deceive you again and again."

Will play my role to fill gaps in PAGD, says Tarigami

within the conglomerate and thus he will play his role in this regard.

CBDT starts sending emails for mismatch in tax profile

view the details of significant transactions, the persons/entities can log in to their e-filing account and go to the compliance portal. On this portal, the e-campaign tab can be accessed to view significant transactions.

NTA extends NEET UG 2024 Exam registration date till March 16

process, they may contact 011-40759000. Candidates are advised to keep visiting the official website of the NTA, www.nta.ac.in for the latest updates, the NTA informed through its release.

In recent years, the number of students registering for NEET has been on the rise, with 1,872,339 students registering in 2022 and 2,087,462 in 2023. The increase in registrations also signifies a rise in competition among aspirants.

In 2022, 993,069 candidates qualified for the exam with a qualifying rate of 56.21 per cent, while in 2023, 1,145,976 candidates qualified with a qualifying rate of 56.27 per cent. The trend of increasing registrations and competition is expected to continue in NEET 2024, with around 22 lakh applications anticipated this year.

Camera wins two golds, one silver at Rum & Cachaça Masters Competition 2024

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Mar 11: India's first pure cane juice rum maker, Piccadilly Distilleries, has once again set a benchmark for Indian Rums and has created history for India at a global level. At the recently held Rum & Cachaça Masters 2024 competition, Camikara aced the Agricole aged rum category with two golds and a silver: Camikara 12YO and 8YO won gold medals and Camikara 3YO secured a silver medal. Camikara is the only Indian brand to have won among the finest rum and cachaça brands from around the world. The well-deserved



accolade shows that the indigenous premium rum has emerged as a worthy contender, and the world is awakening to the new star from India that is Camikara. The Rum & Cachaça Masters competition, chaired by The Spirits

Business, is a prestigious event within the spirits industry held in London, UK. This competition holds significant weight due to its rigorous blind tasting format, which ensures an unbiased evaluation of each entry. The assess-

ment criteria, including aroma, flavor, complexity, and balance, reflect the nuanced qualities that define exceptional rum and cachaça. With experienced professionals and connoisseurs serving as judges, the competition maintains a high standard of evaluation. Their meticulous scrutiny of each entry underscores the dedication to identifying the most exceptional expressions within the categories of rum and cachaça.

Speaking on the achievement, Siddhartha Sharma, Founder, Piccadilly Distilleries said, "We wish to break the mindset that rum is a cheap drink. We have

therefore produced India's first pure cane juice rum which is an Agricole style made from fresh cane juice and the palate of which is reminiscent of our weather, soil and sugarcane. This rum stands as a testament to our land and time, unabashedly different to any global product. The aged versions, which are matured for more than eight years, are more comparable to cognacs than rum and the three-year-old younger expression is more akin to premium tequila, giving you the taste of the soil and vegetation where it comes from. Camikara is an all-natural product with no added sugar."

World's first Maat-Pitaa Temple to be completed by 2026

Top News Report

CHANDIGARH, Mar 11: The world's first and only under-construction Maat-Pitaa Temple at Khallaur village on Banur-Ambala road in Mohali district is expected to be completed by 2026. Till now half of the temple construction work has been completed.

Speaking to the media at the under-construction temple on Sunday, Gyan Chand Walia the founder of Maat-Pitaa Godham Mahatirha said that this is first such temple in the world where no idol will be installed. In this unique temple, the devotees will their parents like God.

Walia said, "You should bring your parents to this temple and worship



them. If your parents are not in this world, then remember them in their memory and seek their blessings. The basic objective behind this is that old age homes and old age homes should be closed all over the world," He said that it is not possible to keep human life healthy and prosperous without parents and without mother cow. The basis of human life is the

parents and the nourishing mother cow. Nowadays, most of the young generation is deprived of the blessings of parents and mother cow and is forced to live a life full of mental stress and injustice. The sole objective of Maat-Pitaa Godham is to spread the feeling of respect for parents and love for mother cow to the people, maintained Walia.

ACB registers disproportionate assets case

JAMMU, Mar 11 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau registers FIR into the allegations of acquisition of disproportionate assets accumulated by a public servant namely Manzoor Ahmad Tantray S/o Abdul Khaliq Tantray R/o Duderhama Ganderbal presently posted as Professor in National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar.

The suspect is in possession of huge assets both immovable/ movable and cash deposits in his own name as well as in the name of his family

members. The assets were found disproportionate to his known source of income during the verification. The omissions and commissions on the part of the above named public servant constitute offences punishable U/S 5(1)(e) r/w 5(2) J&K PC Act. Svt. 2006. Accordingly a case FIR No. 04/2024 is registered in P/S ACB Srinagar and further investigation taken up.

After obtaining search warrant from the Hon'ble Court, searches were carried at the 05 separate locations viz a) Resi-

dential house at Duderhama, Ganderbal, b) Shopping complex near District Hospital Ganderbal c) Rest House at Kangan, Ganderbal, d) Official Quarter and office at NIT Srinagar, and e) Flat at Sunjwan Bathandi Jammu simultaneously. During the search incriminating material including Revenue papers, finance/bank documents and hard cash of ₹386650 were recovered and seized as evidence in the instant case.

Further investigation of the case is going on.

Chandel demands immediate action to control infiltrators from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Hindu nationalist leader Guruji Raju Chandel emphasized today in a conversation with journalists that for a long time, jihadist infiltrators from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Myanmar have been increasing their population in our country, aided by the protection of certain political parties.

This is a calculated conspiracy by Islamic countries, mainly led by Pakistan and supported by radical jihadists, aiming to declare India as an Islamic nation by 2048 under the slogan of Ghazwa-e-Hind.

These jihadist infiltrators are multiplying their population like pigs and aspire to declare India as an Islamic state by increasing their population and electing their prime minister, starting with several states where Hindu minorities are subjected to atrocities.

Even today, in these states, Hindus are becoming minorities, and Muslims are gradually increasing their population to capture the country and turn India into an Islamic state.

Chandel stated that this can only be halted when the Home Minister of India, Mr. Amit Shah, takes stringent mea-



sures against infiltrators from countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Myanmar. Whenever a citizen of any of these countries forcibly infiltrates into India, their immediate identification

and deportation should be prioritized to prevent them from increasing their population like pigs in India. By doing so, their dream of Ghazwa-e-Hind will remain unfulfilled, and no attempt to infiltrate or establish an Islamic state in India will be made.

Chandel said as soon as infiltrators enter India, they should be immediately apprehended and deported.

This will create fear among infiltrators, and they will refrain from attempting to enter India, as conducting identification and deportation will put an end to their plans of increasing their popu-

lation to capture India. Just as Indra Gandhi could enforce mass sterilization among millions of Hindus, the government should face no difficulty in implementing identification and deportation measures against infiltrators.

All illegal Bangladeshi jihadists residing in slums across India should be subjected to identification camps outside their slums. If those residing in these camps fail to undergo sterilization after having 5 or 8 children, forced sterilization should be enforced to prevent them from turning India into a jihadist slum in the next 10 years, he added.

Apni Party gets unshakeable support from all regions: Manjit Singh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Asserting that the Apni Party has received unshakeable support from across all the regions in Jammu, and Kashmir; the Party's Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, Manjit Singh on Monday said that the traditional political parties have disappointed the people with their divisive agenda and hollow slogans.

"The political parties have attempted to create wedge between two regions of Jammu and Kashmir that has led to uncertain atmosphere and a sense of insecurity among the people," said the Former Minister, during the fourth celebration of foundation day of the Apni Party here at Mathwar in Nagrota Constituency in Jammu District.

The program was organized by SC Wing, State President, Bodh Raj Bhagat.

In his function, the Provincial President, Jammu, Manjit Singh hoisted the Party flag at the office



premises and held a meeting following the celebrations with the Party leaders, and workers.

During the meeting, Manjit Singh pointed out the support the Party has received from all the segments of the society and political workers/activists from across the region have been joining the Party fold.

"These joining are happening because the Party has gained support from the people, and they have posed faith in the leadership, and policy of the Party that has shown commitment towards the unity of Jammu and Kashmir, and protecting the rights of the people," he said. He said that the tra-

ditional parties tried to divide people on the name of region or religion and policies like autonomy and self-rule were floated to allegedly mislead the people of Jammu and Kashmir. In Jammu, the situation was similarly being molded.

At the time, when the people were unable to decide what is their actual representative, he said that the Apni Party came to the forefront as a ray of hope following August 5, 2019, when other parties were not ready to represent the people whom they misled for decades.

Referring to the underdevelopment, and negligence of the rural areas in Nagrota constituency, he

criticized the authorities for their failure to equally develop the rural areas of Jammu District.

He said that the constituency has become the victim of a biased approach towards development.

He however extended his support to the people and demanded that these neglected areas should be equally developed by providing them basic amenities, road infrastructure, clean drinking water, health infrastructure, and educational facilities.

Meanwhile, Bodh Raj Bhagat also spoke on the occasion, while highlighting the difficulties faced by the people in Mathwar.

Among these issues include the concern of the people about poor basic amenities and road connectivity.

Provincial Vice President, Jammu, Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Vice President of Youth Wing, Apni Party, Vishal Nariana, and other leaders were present in the meeting cum celebration of foundation day at Mathwar.

Bhan asks ECI to conduct assembly, parliament elections simultaneously

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Noted Kashmiri leader, a senior Supreme Court Lawyer and Chairman Kashmir (Policy and Strategy) Group, Ashok Bhan, while welcoming the visit of ECI to Jammu & Kashmir said, people of the Union Territory have been longing and eagerly awaiting Election Commission to declare the commencement of the simultaneous elections to the legislative assembly along with the ensuing Parliamentary elections.

The people say that the prolonged Governor rule is continuously depriving them of their legitimate fundamental right to vote and elect the representative government of their own.

The right to democracy through elections is one of the basic inalienable rights of the citizens eligible to vote.



The Supreme Court has held : that democracy is one of the inalienable basic features of the Constitution of India and forms part of its basic structure.

The concept of democracy as visualised by the Constitution pre-supposes the representation of the people in Parliament and State legislatures by the method of election.

"As such the Governor rule is an exception and the elected representative government is the rule."

The legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kash-

mir was dissolved by the then Governor on 21st November 2018. It has been more than 5 years that the people have been deprived of their elected representation in the legislature.

As such all the necessity for ECI to seriously consider and decide the elections to the legislature along with the ensuing Parliamentary elections.

Bhan said, "The ECI is expected to study the ground situation and appreciate that the Kashmir 'affairs' has a layered nature, obscured by distorted historical narratives, self-serving myths, and conflicting political interests."

"Yet, amidst these complexities, the current ECI needs to demonstrate a sincere commitment to fostering an environment conducive to peace and progress, aiming to break the cycle of violence perpetuated by

adversaries, by restoring legitimate democracy in Kashmir. Bhan said, that such a move aligns with the constitutional ethos of the nation and could pave the way for synchronized national and state elections," he said.

Bhan asked to ECI to conduct of, all elections to Parliament and to the Legislature of every State.

Article 324 of Constitution of India says that Superintendence, direction and control of elections to be vested in an Election Commission, he said adding that

The superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of the electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to Parliament and to the Legislature of every State and of elections to the offices of President and Vice-President held under this Constitution shall be vested in a Commission.

Ensure uninterrupted Power supply in Holy Month of Ramadan: BADC to PDD



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Ahead of beginning of the sacred month of Ramadan, Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development (JK-BADC), a registered organization working for the welfare of tribal and border residents of the J&K has requested the

authorities concerned to ensure uninterrupted electricity in the holy month of Ramadan and at least ensure the supply during Sehri and Iftar time.

The organization emphasized that in the past also it had received complaints that the Power department had failed to ensure regular supply of electricity during the holy month of Ramadan.

Dr Shazad Ahmed Malik Chairman of the BADC and former Vice Chancellor asked the authorities of the PDD to not only concentrate in cities and VIP areas but also ensure power supply in hilly and border areas of J&K and don't discriminate with urban and rural population in the Ramadan.

BADC Chairman also requested the district administrations of all the 20 districts of J&K to keep a check on the rates of all food items so that hoarders do not stock the items and make an artificial scarcity to profit unfairly in the sacred month.

GGM SC College sends NSS volunteers to National Integration Camp

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: GGM SC College is announced that two of its NSS volunteers, Udhayveer Singh and Palvinder Kour, of B.Sc semester VI, have been selected to participate in the National Integration Camp.

The camp will be held from March 12 to 19, 2024 at Manhor Memorial P.G College in Fatehabad, Haryana.

This prestigious opportunity reflects the dedication and commitment of our NSS volunteers towards fostering national unity and social harmony. The selected volunteers will represent GGM SC College and engage in various activities aimed at promoting integration and understanding among diverse communities.

Principal, Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Dr Narinder Kumar and NSS Program Officers, Dr Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, extend their warm wishes to Udhayveer Singh and Palvinder kour for a fruitful and enriching experience at the camp. Their participation embodies the college's ethos of community service and active citizenship.

Awareness programme organised by Civil Defence Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: One day awareness programme was held at National College of Education Purkhoo Camp, Jammu which was organized under the supervision of Dy. SP. Anita Pawar, Deputy Controller Civil Defence, Jammu. The awareness programme was attended by 70 students of the College. Awareness about the basic knowledge of First Aid, Fire fighting, CPR and other life saving techniques were given to the students by the Civil Defence expert. During the programme demonstration on the above said topics was also presented by the Civil Defence team. The main



aim of the awareness programme was to educate students with regard to preventive measures during natural or man-made disasters. On the occasion Dy. SP. Anita Pawar, delivered a lecture on the topics of Disaster Management and highlighted the role and importance of Civil Defence organization. Er. Ajay Singh Jamwal, Dean of the College appreciat-

ed and thanked the Civil Defence team for organizing the awareness programme.

Paramjit Kumar Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, Dr. Manju Driwedi, Principal of the College, Yashmati Jamwal, Sr. Faculty of the College and other staff of the College also present on the occasion.

OTD: Virat Kohli joins Royal Challengers Bangalore and the rest is history

On This Day: Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) bought Virat Kohli for a price of USD 30,000 for the 2008 IPL after he led India to victory in the 2008 U19 World Cup.

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): Back on March 11, 2008, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) picked a young Virat Kohli from a U19 draft for the inaugural edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Earlier that year, Kohli led India to glory in the U19 World Cup that took place in Kuala Lumpur.

Kohli was India's second-highest run-scorer in the tournament after he racked up 235 runs at an average of 47 with a top score of 100 against the West Indies.

Thereafter, RCB reportedly picked him up for a price of USD 30,000. The youngster did not have a great season as he scored only 165 runs from 13 matches at an average of 15 and a strike-rate of 105.09 with a top score of 39.



Kohli raised his game to the extent that he is currently the leading run-scorer in the history of the IPL.

In 237 matches, Kohli has scored 7263 runs at an average of 37.24 with 7 hundreds and 50 half-centuries to his name.

'It was absolutely crazy' 2 years ago, Kohli recalled the

times when RCB selected him in the draft after his stupendous run in the U19 World Cup.

"We were all in Malaysia for the U-19 World Cup. I remember the day when the drafts were happening. The U-19 dynamic was a little different, because we very rightly so had a money cap, if I could say.

"That was the only time that I saw a restriction on how much you can be picked for if you haven't played for India," Kohli had told Danish Sait in a podcast for RCB back in 2022.

"So that for us, I remember even that moment for us was so amazing. Because the amount that we got picked for when they announced it, we couldn't believe it because it was absolutely crazy," he added.

Kohli is the only cricketer in the history of the IPL to have played for only 1 franchise since the inaugural edition. The veteran is now gearing up to play in the 2024 Indian Premier League (IPL), which starts on March 22 with the match between RCB and MS Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the MA Chidambaram Stadium.

Satwik-Chirag reign supreme

Win second French Open crown



PARIS, Mar 11 (Agencies): Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty enjoyed another memorable 'Evening in Paris', lifting the French Open crown for the second time with a dominating straight-game victory over Chinese Taipei's Lee Jhe-Huei and Yang Po-Hsuan in the men's doubles final here. The world No. 1 pair had finished runners-up in the French

Open in 2019 before winning the title in 2022.

The Asian Games champions outwitted Lee and Yang 21-11 21-17 in 37 minutes to regain the Super 750 tournament title and also win their first crown of the season.

The Indian duo had finished second best at the Malaysia Super 1000, India Super 750 this year, while signing

off as runners-up at the China Masters Super 750 last year.

"It feels really sweet," Chirag said. "Paris has always been special for us and we have always played good badminton here and it has been a second home for us. It is a test venue for the Olympics but that is still some months away. I would be lying if I say that I am not enjoying that (winning at Olympics venue)," he added.

This was the Indians' seventh BWF World Tour title (Super 300 events and above) and they won it without dropping a single game this week.

"It has been a long time since we danced," Satwik said. "We wanted to give our 100 per cent and enjoy."

NZ vs AUS: Carey heroics give Australia series win after Sears burst in 2nd Test

CHRISTCHURCH, Mar 11 (Agencies): Alex Carey played a stupendous knock under pressure as Australia beat New Zealand by 3 wickets in the 2nd Test at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch. The southpaw was unlucky to miss out on his hundred, but he scored 98 runs off 123 balls with 15 fours, helping the visitors past the finishing line in a closely-fought contest.



had a challenging task ahead of them.

Head departed early on Day 4 as Tim Southee accounted for his wicket. With Australia struggling at 80 for 5, Marsh and Carey put their heads down and steadied the ship. The duo stitched together a partnership of 140 runs for the sixth wicket and took their team closer to victory.

However, the hosts had a force in Sears, who was not willing to throw in the towel by any stretch of the imagination. He trapped Marsh in front, after which he ripped through Mitchell Starc to find himself on a hat-trick.

Marsh scored 80 runs off 102 balls with 10 fours and a six before getting out. After he departed, it was Carey who took the responsibility for guiding Australia under pressure. The left-handed batter also got a handy partner in skipper Pat Cummins, who also showed a great amount of grit and resilience.

Cummins also stayed not out on 32 runs off 44 balls with 4 fours in an unbeaten partnership of 61 with Carey.

New Zealand were all over Australia when Sears was breathing fire, but Carey and Cummins did not let them dominate for long.

Trial & error: Olympics medallists Bajrang, Ravi lose in trials for Paris Games qualifiers

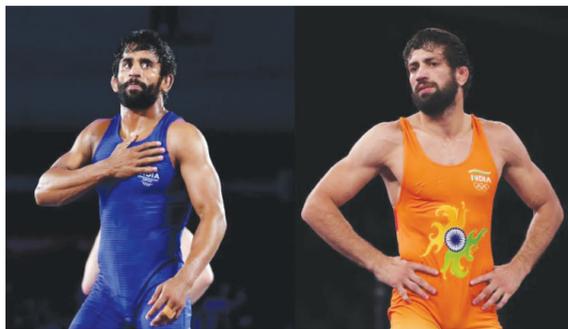
SONEPAT, Mar 11 (Agencies): Tokyo Olympics medallists Bajrang Punia and Ravi Dahiya lost their respective bouts in the selection trials for the Asian Olympics qualifiers here.

Punia, who was a prominent face of the protest against former WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, suffered a crushing 1-9 defeat in the men's freestyle 65kg semi-final against Rohit Kumar.

This was after he barely managed to win against Ravinder (3-3 on criteria) in the opening round. If Ravinder had not conceded a caution point in the bout, Punia would have been eliminated in the opening bout itself.

Punia had trained in Russia to prepare for the trials, which are being organised by the IOA ad hoc panel. Punia though won a case in the Delhi High Court after contending that the suspended Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) had no authority to conduct trials.

He left the Sports Authority of India centre here in a huff after being eliminated. The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) officials tried to collect a sample for a dope test from Punia but he



did not stay back even for the third-place bout.

As fate would have it, it will be Sujeet Kalakal who will now strive to earn qualification in the 65kg for the Paris Games after winning a spot in the Indian team. Sujeet had lost a legal case against Punia when he had challenged his direct entry for the Hangzhou Asian Games. Sujeet beat Rohit by technical superiority in the final.

"We have always done well in 65kg and Bajrang won an Olympics medal so it is a big responsibility for me to go and win a quota place for the country," Sujit said.

Rohit will now represent India at the Asian Championships.

The winners at the trials will get the opportunity to compete at the qualifiers in Bishkek on April 19-21.

The men's 57kg, being organised in the Nordic format, was always a tough category since both Tokyo Games silver medalist Dahiya and star-in-making Aman Sehrawat were in contention.

Dahiya, who is making a comeback from an injury, lost a high-scoring opening bout 13-14 to Aman. Both of them train at Chhatarsal Stadium.

Aman has made a name for himself after winning medals at almost all tournaments in 2023 when Dahiya did not compete. Aman, the Asian Games bronze

medallist, staved off a last-minute push from Dahiya to win the close bout. Dahiya lost the next bout to U20 Asian champion Udit to be eliminated. Aman will represent India at the Olympics qualifiers.

"Competing against Ravi is always tough but I prepared well for this tournament and worked on my game. I prepared in Russia for one month and that has helped me," Aman said.

India have so far earned only one quota for the Paris Games through Antim Panghal (women's 53kg).

Other wrestlers to win the trials were Jaideep (74kg), Deepak Punia (86kg), Deepak Nehra (97kg) and Sumit Malik (125kg).

Even though Ravi Dahiya and Bajrang Punia lost in the trials, they are technically not out of the running for the Paris Olympics. The continental qualifiers will be followed by the world Olympics qualifiers in Istanbul on May 9-12. Also, there is no clarity about India's Olympics selection policy as the WFI is still undecided whether to follow the old policy of sending the wrestler who won the quota or to hold trials before the Games.

Rohit Sharma to CSK in IPL 2025? Ambati Rayudu has a wish for former MI captain

IPL 2024: Former Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians batter Ambati Rayudu said he would love to see Rohit Sharma join CSK in the next season and win titles with the MS Dhoni-led franchise.

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): Former India batter Ambati Rayudu said he would love to see Rohit Sharma play for Chennai Super Kings in the near future, backing a potentially ground-breaking move in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Rayudu backed 36-year-old Rohit Sharma to continue playing in the IPL for 5 to 6 more years without breaking a sweat.

Rohit Sharma will not be leading Mumbai Indians in IPL 2024, starting March 22 as the 5-time champions appointed Hardik Pandya as the skipper of the franchise. Hardik was traded to Mumbai Indians from Gujarat Titans in a historic trade deal after the mini-auction in December. Hardik, who led Gujarat Titans to the title in 2022, was given the captain's armband by the franchise explaining that they needed to prepare for the transition period and that Rohit would continue to play a key role for the team in the upcoming season.

The decision to replace Rohit Sharma as captain helped raise



quite a few eyebrows as the India captain has been widely credited for Mumbai Indians' success in the IPL. After taking over captaincy from Ricky Ponting in the middle of the 2013 season, Rohit led Mumbai Indians to their maiden title victory in that season. There was no looking back since, as Rohit emerged as the most successful captain in the IPL, winning as many as 5 titles as captain with the Mumbai Indians.

All eyes will be on how Rohit

Sharma will adapt to playing under Hardik Pandya, who will be under a bit of pressure to repeat what he did as captain at Gujarat Titans.

"I want to see him play for CSK in the near future. He has played so long for Mumbai Indians. It would be nice if he can play for CSK and win there as well. That's (captaincy at CSK) upon him. Rohit has earned the right to take that call. It's his call on whether or not he wants to lead or not," Rayudu told agency

while adding that Mumbai Indians would have kept Rohit in the loop before taking the call to replace him as captain.

It will be interesting to see how MS Dhoni goes about his IPL 2025 season and whether it would be the legendary captain's last year as player in the tournament. Dhoni has been working hard on gearing up to lead CSK in the new season after having recovered from a long-standing knee injury. Dhoni underwent surgery to treat the issue last year and underwent rehabilitation.

Dhoni, who has begun training with Chennai Super Kings in the pre-season camp, might hang up his boots at the end of the upcoming season, having confirmed after winning the trophy last year that he would work hard to return to play for CSK as a return gift for his fans.

Rohit Sharma, on the other hand, will be looking to focus on his batting as he is all set to lead India in the T20 World Cup in the USA and the West Indies in June.

WPL 2024: Suryakumar pours his heart out for 'star' Richa after heroic effort



NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): India men's star batter Suryakumar Yadav lauded Richa Ghosh for her valiant efforts after Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) lost to Delhi Capitals (DC) in a thrilling encounter on Sunday in the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2024.

On March 10 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi, Richa scored 51 runs off 29 balls with 4 fours and 3 sixes, but she could not take RCB past the finishing line. After 40 overs of jaw-dropping action, the Challengers lost to the Capitals by 1 run.

Consoling the 20-year-old Richa for batting with her might, Suryakumar took to his Instagram story and wrote, "You are a star".

Richa Ghosh plays a blinder in Delhi

Chasing 182, RCB needed 17 runs to win off the last over. Richa smashed Jess Jonassen for a colossal six over the bowler's end to keep her team in the game.

But then, Jonassen came back with a dot ball and a run out of Disha Kasat. With 10 runs needed off 10 balls, Richa tapped one

on the leg side and ran a double.

Thereafter, the youngster deposited Jonassen for the second six off the over and brought down the target to 2 off 1 ball.

However, Jonassen, who is known for bowling at the death, hurled one right at the block-hole. Richa did well to dig the ball out to backward point and went for a single. But a strong throw from Shafali Verma caught her short of the crease.

Richa was heartbroken as Jonassen and Jemimah Rodrigues consoled her while she sat on the pitch in sheer disbelief. Shreyanka Patil, who was there with Richa in the middle, was also in tears.

The Challengers are placed third in the table, but UP Warriorz are breathing down their neck as far as qualifying for the playoffs are concerned.

GDC Udhampur organizes lecture on "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress"

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: To celebrate the International Women's Day, Department of Sociology organized a lecture on this year theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress" in the conference hall under the patronship of Principal Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta.

International Women's Day is celebrated annually on March 8, a global occasion to honour the achievements of women, recognise their contribution to society and advocate for gender equality.

The programme started with a formal welcome address to the resource person, Prof. Tania Akhter, Department of



English, GDC Udhampur by Prof. Anoksha Sharma, HOD Sociology.

In her address, she highlighted the history and significance of celebrating International Women's Day each year. She pointed out that it is an opportunity to acknowledge our achievements and renew our commitment towards finding solutions that advance gender equality

and give more power to women and girls.

Prof. Tania Akhter delivered an insightful lecture on this year's theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress". She discussed the meaning of investing in women that is equipping them with the resources and opportunities to promote their personal and economic growth, fulfillment, and empowerment.

She highlighted that the theme underscores the imperative to prioritize investments in women in the field of education, health and economic empowerment and leadership to accelerate progress towards gender equality.

Prof. Tania Akhter also pointed out numerous challenges that hinder women's full participation and inclusion in society. She emphasized that International Women's Day serves as a reminder of our collective responsibility to invest in women, accelerate progress, and foster a world where every individual has the opportunity to thrive, irrespective of gender.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta in his message acknowledged the courage, potential, passion, tenacity, compassion and strength of Nari Shakti. He considered such events as a platform of acknowledging women's achievements, promoting discussions on gender parity, and campaigning for substantive transformation.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Nishi Slatia from Department of Sociology. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. B.L.Thakur, Prof. Rajni Kumari, Prof. Jagjeet Singh and Prof. Shivi Mehra.

JD(U) leaders felicitate people of J&K on commencement of Ramadan

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Mar 11: Janata Dal (United) State President G M Shaheen and State General Secretary Vivek Bali on Sunday conveyed his heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan.

In a statement issued to the press, G M Shaheen said that Ramadan is a month of blessings and peace that grants us a chance to introspect and work on building a better-self and community.

"It gives me immense pleasure to convey warm greetings to the people of J&K at the beginning of this auspicious month wherein we nourish our souls with prayers & remembrance of Almighty Allah. May



all our worries be gone and wishes fulfilled this month," Shaheen said.

Vivek Bali impressed the administration to ensure continuous electricity and water supply is maintained throughout

this month. "Prices of essential commodities must be kept under check this month so that people are not pushed to the wall for paying exorbitant rates," Bali said.

ABRSM shows resentment over delay in DPC of teachers, masters



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh Jammu and Kashmir(UT) in its meeting under the presidency of Rattan Sharma (State President ABRSM) showed resentment over delay in DPC of Teacher's to Master's pending since 2014. Directorate of School Education Department failed to fix the criteria for fixing seniority of Teacher's for promotion as Master's. We believe that they are engaging in delaying tactics, and we have had enough of that. Director School Education despite several assurances to Teacher's for conduct of DPC seems to be a gallows humor.

The department is playing with the emotions of Teacher's with these delay tactics. Even after repeated exercise by

the department from couple of years no concrete solution has been drawn. The Directorate of School Education is making false promises with the delegation members when approached for the same.

These delay tactics only hamper the career growth leading to distrust. ABRSM warns of demonstration if DPC is not conducted soon.

Another important issue discussed in the meeting is ATD-2024.

As per transfer policy, Annual Transfer Drive was started in the UT for transfer of Teacher's in a fair and transparent manner and last year under ATD-2023, the same was completed successfully by the department. All the teaching fraternity was happy with the ATD-2023, thereby restoring faith in the working of education department. As ATD exercise is annually

conducted for fair transfers in education department, this year also we have high hopes for the same. The department has not initiated ATD-2024 this year, putting Teacher's in dilemma whether the department will initiate ATD-2024 or not. There are still many Teacher's who are working in far flung areas and was not considered for transfer under ATD-2023 despite serving in far flung areas for more than five years.

ABRSM urged Directorate of School Education Department to clarify whether ATD-2024 will be conducting or not.

The other members present in the meeting were Gulshan Raina (State Gen. Secretary), Satya Bhushan, Pawan Sharma, Sanjeev Dutta, Aruna, Gurdeep, Rakesh, Sanjay, all district Presidents, all district Gen. Secretary's and other executive members.

TDF congratulates District administration Doda, Civil Society for making Jantron Snow festival successful

Top News Report

DODA, Mar 11: President Thathri Development Front (TDF) District Doda, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, General Secretary, Om Raj Bhall & Vice President, Adv. Kanwarjeet Singh Thakur, have congratulated everyone associated with the Jantron Snow festival, be that the District administration, volunteers, NGOs, local civil society of Sub-Division Thathri, individuals from all over Jammu province, in general & District Doda in Particular & also great greetings to the teachers fraternity from Thathri, Kahara, Chiralla, Bhella & Phagsoo Tehsils, who made this festival very successful & said that this Jantron Dhar snow Festival is a successful beginning.

The members of the Front have appealed the Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, Manoj Sinha & the Concerned MP, Dr. Jitendra Singh, MOS in Prime Minister Office & DC Doda, to create a separate Tourism Development Authority for Sub-Division Thathri, as Sub-Division Thathri has 5 Tehsils of its own & even that Thathri has been totally ignored by the successive state governments.

No tourist spots have been developed in Sub-Division Thathri, the natural beautiful tourist



spots like "Jantron Dhar, Mata Rashwar Temple and Lamote Dhar, Lambi Jai etc are in Sub-Division Thathri, which starts from Panshee and end at Goilla, surrounded by villages Jaura Kalan, Jaura Khurd, Shamdlian, Budhi, Halaran, Sihal, Ranote, Goilla, Chirra, Dadi-Kathava, Panshee, Rokali and many villages of Chiralla Tehsil, that can easily be developed as tourist attraction spots like Gulmarg which will create economic revolution of the J&K UT but has been totally ignored by the successive governments.

The members of the Front have also appealed to the Lt. Governor of J&K UT & Dr. Jitendra Singh, concerned MP & MOS in Prime Minister's office & also DC Doda, to look deep into the left over work on the

road projects of the area and issue directions to the concerned to take immediate necessary steps to complete the below mentioned very small projects, on priority bases, so that a population of about 5 Tehsils, comprises of Tehsils, Kahara, Thathri, Phagsoo, Bhella & Chiralla, is benefited giving an end to the age-old hardships to the people besides the area also comes on tourism maps, again benefiting the whole population of all these Tehsils.

They further said that for achieving full advantage of the Tourism development schemes in erstwhile Doda District and for ensuring greater opportunities of employment, the left-over work on some roads needs to be completed on priority. They said that Kahara -Jai road project, which

is complete up to Jaura Kalan (85% of the total length), needs to be completed from Jaura to Jai (9 kms length). It will not only provide employment to the poor people of the area but also boost tourism. It is one of the links in the circuit network. The 19 Kms sanctioned Thathri-Chirra road project is complete from its initial point Jangalwar Nallah to Chirra (length 14 Kms) & the remaining 5 Kms from Chirra to Gallu Top be kindly constructed immediately.

Further, if Gallu Top is linked to Jaura (2kms only) on Kahara-Jai road, 90% link between tourist places will be achieved. Still further, if Jaura Khurd (road already complete) is linked to Chiralla- Panshaee road by only a 5 kms stretch, which is tree less Forest land & the circuit of roads will be complete. It will greatly boost tourism and also provide employment to thousands of unemployed people.

The Member of the Front have appealed the Lt. Governor of J&K UT & Dr. Jitendra Singh, concerned MP that two of the above mentioned Jaura to Jai and Chira to Gallu Top (sanctioned projects) be kindly taken up immediately on priority. Kahara-Jai road is perhaps the longest pending project in erstwhile Doda District & this fact should be given due consideration, without any further

delay. The Members of the Front have decried over step motherly treatment in all walks of life, with the poor public of Sub-Division Thathri at the hands of successive state & central governments. The members of the Front further said that the Sub-Division Thathri, has its own 5 Tehsils, Moreover Drabshalla Tehsil, of District Kishtwar is only at a distance of 4 kms from the office of Sub-Division Thathri, where as it is not less than 26 kms from District Head Quarter Kishtwar & the Tehsil Head Quarter of Mohalla Tehsil of District Doda is at a distance of 14 kms from the office of Sub-Division Thathri, where as it is not less than 25 kms from District Head Quarter Doda. If these two Tehsils are also included in Sub-Division Thathri it will be easily accessible to the public of these two Tehsils than Kishtwar or Doda. Then it will be a sub-Division of 7 Tehsil & hence highly deserving for a District status. The Sub-Division Thathri also deserves separate Assembly Constituency & also a separate tourism Authority as all the existing Districts & Assembly Constituencies in the state have hardly 2 or 3 Tehsils. But the Sub-Division Thathri has been ingenuinely ignored by the successive state & central governments, Members of the Front said.

Alegging attempt to intimidate Shiv Sena leaders, Sahni demands adequate security

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: The growing support base and popularity of Shiv Sena (UBT) in Jammu and Kashmir is not being able to digest the ruling party along with the mischievous elements active in Kashmir, party leaders are being threatened continuously, said Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni.

During a press conference organized at the party state intermediate office in Jammu today, state chief Manish Sahni said that during his visit on March 9, a huge crowd of local people gathered at a program organized at Rangpura, Ilahibagh in Srinagar.

The ruling parties as well as the mischievous



elements are not able to digest it.

Sahni said that late night on 10th Mar, some suspicious persons cut off electricity through the roof and tried to forcibly enter the residence of party center Kashmir

in-charge Muhammad Ramzan Dar (venue where the program was organized).

Ramzan Dar and his family members raised an alarm and informed the police by calling immediately late night. The

suspects fled before the police rushed the spot.

Sahni said that he had spoken to the police officers of the area on phone and demanded to provide adequate security to the party leaders before any untoward incident.

Sahni said that after the program organized in Ilahibagh on March 9, the trouble in the ruling party had increased to such an extent that he was not allowed to talk to the journalists at the Press Enclave of Srinagar using police force and was forcibly sent towards Jammu.

Sahni said that if the Election Commission and the Central Government are conscious of conducting fair elections in Jammu and Kashmir, then there will be a complete stop to such behavior with the opposition

Dr Kaul gets Mycological Society of India's Best Coordinator Award

Top News Report

BHADARWAH, Mar 11: The Mycological Society of India, Chennai has given the Best Coordinator Award to Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Koul, Teacher and Associate NCC Officer at PM Shri Govt. Higher Secondary School Bhalra, Bhadarwah.

The award was given to Dr Kaul for organising various competitions including Fungus Rangoli, Fungus Essay and Review writing by the students and budding Young Researchers of various educational institutions across the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in collaboration with MSI and 2 J&K (I) Coy NCC Bhalra Bhadarwah.

The award was presented to Dr. Sanjeev during the Golden Jubilee Celebrations and 50th annual meeting of MSI and the "International Conference on Biodiversity, Biotechnology and Bio-prospects of Fungi for Agriculture, Industrial and Environmental Sustainability"



held at Centre for Advanced Studies in Botany, University of Madras, Chennai.

Dr Sanjeev Kumar Kaul, son of Ram Parshad Kaul is a native of Mohalla Khakhal Bhadarwah who is presently working as Teacher, Associate NCC Officer and Zonal Counselling Incharge (DSEJ Jammu).

Pertinently, Dr Koul is an Alumnus of the Department of Botany, University of Jammu and has done

his doctorate under the Supervision of Prof. Yash Pal Sharma. He has worked extensively on the Wild Mushroom Flora of North-West Himalaya and has presented his research work globally.

When contacted, a visibly excited Dr. Koul said that this was an emotional moment not only for me but for whole of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. "I dedicate this award to my parents, teachers, enthusiastic students and Department of School Education, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

Equally mention able that Dr. Koul has extensively presented his research work in 95 National and International conferences and seminars and has published more than 54 research papers in International and National Journals of repute. He has jointly authored six books in various areas of Plant Sciences, a press note in this regard further stated.