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# JAMMU, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

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### **ENTERTAINMENT**

**Dev Patel becomes emotional as** 'Monkey Man' gets standing ovation at South by Southwest film festival

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PM Modi lays foundation stone of 3 semiconductor facilities, savs India delivers on its commitment

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# BRIEFLY

### 4 houses damaged in massive fire in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Mar 13 (Agencies): At least four houses were damaged in a fire incident in the old city of Srinagar late last night, officials said on Wednesday.

Fire and Emergency Service officials said that a fire broke out in a house at around 12.45 a.m. near Pather Masjid Zaina Kadal in the town of Srinagar and spread to the other three nearby houses, causing extensive damage to the property.

The fire tenders were rushed from the nearby fire stations to douse the leaping flames.

There was no report of any loss of life or injury to anyone in the incident, they said. The cause of the fire is being ascertained, they added.

**Police solves** burglarv case within 12 hrs in Baramulla, 3 arrested

# **Total of 22,217 electoral bonds** purchased from Apr 1, 2019 to Feb 15, 2024: SBI to SC

per the court's direction,

it has made available the

details of electoral bonds

to the Election Commis-

sion of India before the

close of business hours

It said details, including

date of purchase of each

electoral bonds, names

of the purchaser and

the denomination of the

bonds purchased have

been furnished.

on March 12.

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NEW DELHI, Mar 13 (Agencies): The State Bank of India (SBI) on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that a total of 22,217 electoral bonds were purchased and 22,030 redeemed by political parties between April 1, 2019 and February 15 this year. In a compliance affidavit filed in the apex court, the SBI said as

The affidavit, filed by SBI's chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara, said the bank has also furnished to the EC details like date of encashment of the electoral bonds, the names of political parties which received the contributions and the denominations of the bonds.

On March 11, a fivejudge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud had dismissed the SBI's plea seeking an extension of time and ordered it to disclose the details of electoral bonds to the EC by close of business hours on March 12. The apex court had

also directed the EC to publish the details **Turn to page 9** 

# Lt Governor felicitates medal winners of **National & International Competitions** for the years 2021-22 and 2022-23

Daily Evening Newspaper

Russia is ready to use nuclear

weapons if threatened, Vladimir

Putin tells state media

**INTERNATIONAL** 

LG inaugurates Synthetic Football Turf at Parade Ground, lays foundation stone of Synthetic Hockey Field at Bandhurakh

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 13: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today felicitated the medal winners of National and International Competitions for the years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

The Lt Governor congratulated all the athletes and coaches on their outstanding performances.

A total 368 sportspersons, from 17 disciplines, received special cash awards amounting to Rs 1.35 crore directly in their Bank accounts through DBT mode. Rs 12 lakh awarded to Aqsa Gulzar and Sohan Kamotra was awarded with Rs 8 lakh cash



award, in Pencak Silat and Chess disciplines, respectively.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor inaugurated a State-of-the-Art Synthetic Football Turf costing Rs 4.83 Cr at Parade Ground, Jammu. He providing world-class training and mentoring to athletes and all other supports to ensure J&K's sportspersons are able to achieve excellence in national and international sporting events,"

the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor extended his felicitations to the Para teams and women athletes for their remarkable feat in major sporting events.

He said, the recent successes in Asian Para Games, National Games, National School Games of athletes and players from J&K have kindled brighter hope of an upswing in performances in many more international events. Turn to page 9

and began holding meetings with senior officials of various law enforcement agencies. The team will also

meet Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Director General of Police R R



also laid the foundation

stone of the Synthetic

Hockey Field at Band-

hurakh worth Rs 4.85 Cr.

of Hon'ble Prime Minis-

ter Shri Narendra Modi

Ji, we have built modern

sports infrastructure,

"Under the leadership

NEW DELHI, Mar 13 (Agencies): Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday voiced support for the



**Election Commission team reaches Jammu** Widespread light to to assess LS Poll preparedness in J&K moderate rain, snow over J&K during the next 24 hrs:

SRINAGAR, Mar 13 (Agencies): Police on Wednesday solved a burglary case within the 12-hour commissioning of crime, arrested three accused persons, and recovered the stolen property in Jammu and Kashmir Baramulla district.

Police Shree received a written complaint from one Abdul Aziz Bhat, alias Bhat Traders, a resident of Sheeri, stating therein that his salesman Zubair Ahmad Mir. a resident of Gantamulla Bala, has stolen hardware, sanitary items, and other items from the shop worth 6 lacs. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 11/2024 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Sheeri, and an investigation was initiated, the police said, and an investigation team of officers and officials was constituted to look into the matter.

During the course of investigation and analysis, CCTV footage has revealed the involvement of a salesman and his other two associates who were involved in the commission of the crime.

The duo associates were identified as Wali Mohd Bhat, a resident of Bimar Boniyar, and Zubair Ahmad Lone of Turn to page 9

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SRINAGAR, Mar 13: A western disturbance is likely to trigger widespread light to moderate rain or snow in most parts of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday. Meteorological Centre

Srinagar said widespread light to moderate rain or snow, coupled with thunder over Jammu and Kashmir, would occur during the next 24 hours. The weather will

remain partially to **Turn to page 9** 



AMMU, Mar 13 (Agen-Kashmir, interacted with cies): A team of Election representatives of the Commission officials NC, PDP, BJP, CPI(M), led by Chief Election Congress and the AAP, Commissioner Rajiv besides Jammu and Kumar reached here on Kashmir Chief Elec-Wednesday to review toral Officer P K Pole preparedness for the and nodal officers of the upcoming Lok Sabha police in Srinagar on elections in the Union Tuesday. Territory, officials said. The poll panel team,

Officials said the Election Commission team arrived in Jammu on Wednesday afternoon Swain before addressing a press conference later in the day, they said.

There has been a growing demand among the political parties in Jammu and Kashmir that the Election Commission should hold assembly polls here simultaneously with the Lok Sabha polls or immediately after the general elections. Meanwhile, police

detained National Panthers Party (NPP) Turn to page 9 demand of full statehood for Ladakh, assert-



JAMMU, Mar 13 (Agencies): In keeping with the directions of the Election Commission, Jammu and Kashmir's election department will procure GPS-enabled tracking systems for 12,500 poll duty vehicles for the forthcoming parliamentary elections in the Union Territory. J-K Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pandurang K Pole has issued a request for proposal (RFP) for companies to procure GPS-enabled vehicle tracking systems for election duty vehicles.

GPS control rooms will be established at the offices of district electoral officers (DEOs) and the CEO for real-time



tracking and monitoring of the movement of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) through the trackers installed in the vehicles carrying them, officials said.

which is on a three-

day tour of Jammu and

This step is being taken for the end-to-end movement of all EVMs and VVPATs on the pre-poll and poll days to ensure

careful monitoring at all times. Accordingly, all polling parties and sector officers' vehicles will be fitted with GPS tracking devices, they said.

"As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India (ECI) regarding the transportation, storage and security of EVMs and VVPATs, it is imperative

to streamline their handling, including reserve EVMs and VVPATs carried by sector officers for need-based replacement on the poll day," Pole said in the RFP. He said the GPS tracker devices along with all the necessary hardware are to be fitted and installed in the election duty vehicles. The tentative number of vehicles will be 12,500, he added. To facilitate this. GPS control rooms will be set up at the DEO and CEO levels to monitor and track the movement of EVMs and VVPATs through the vehicle tracking system and other related infrastructure and applications. Turn to page 9 ing that the government should leave its stubbornness and listen to the voice of the people. The Congress general secretary also shared on X a video of Ladakhi people fasting for eight days demanding full statehood. In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said, "The BJP had promised the people of Ladakh to give full statehood but did not fulfil it. On the one hand there is increasing Chi-

nese occupation and on the other hand there is the silence, broken promises and betrayal of the BJP government - the trust of the people of Ladakh is breaking." Amidst repeated protests. Ladakh's educationist and environmental activist Sonam Wangchuk along with dozens of people has been fasting for eight days in minus 15 degrees temperature, she said.

"Today the people of Ladakh are demanding full statehood and security under the 6th Schedule, which is the duty of the government to fulfil," she said.

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**OBITUARIES** 

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Singh (Path. J. Director Planning) who left for

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#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Wednesday, March 13, 2024

#### 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 SANATNA GAR SRINAGAR KMR PRESENTLY AT EXPRESS APARTMENT SECTOR IV VAISHALL 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 PER-FORMED ON 15 TH MARCH 2024 AT MURADNAGAR GHAZIABAD AT 10 AM.



GRIEF STRICKEN KOUL FAMILY KAW FAMILY PANTEJA FAMILY



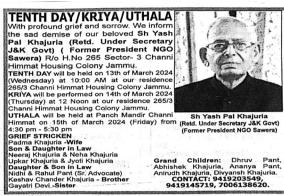
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform that the untimely demise of our beloved Smt. Santosh Bhat on 7 March 2024 W/o Lt. Sh Dina Nath Bhat, resident of Gund Dolipora, Handwara, Kashmir left us heavenly abode on 07/03/2024 Flat No:-18 Block No:-123 Lane No: 21 Jagti Colony Nagrota Jammu. MOURNING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

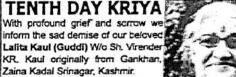
Smt Santosh Bhat Township Nagrota at community Hall Lane No:-24/25 (back side) at 12 Noon.

124/25 (DaCK 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::7006592830) SH. RRISHAN KUMAR BHAT & SMT.SUDHA BHAT (SON & DAUGHTER IL LAW) MOB::7822304005) SH. RRVJ JI BHAT & SMT.POOJA BHAT (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW) MOB::7006038250) SMT. RUPAWATI PANDITA W/O LT. RESH RAM PANDITA (SISTER IN LAW) SMT. VEENA JI W/O LT.MAKHAN LAL DHAR (SISTER IN LAW) smt. Mohini koul wo lt.ram ji koul (sister) Grand Children: Megha Pandita, Bhuvan Pandita, reshika bhat, mivan bhat & Manika Bhat

SMAST BHAT & DHAR PARIVAAR



Grand Children: Dhruv Pant, Abhishek Khajuria, Ananya Pant, Anirudh Khajuria, Divyansh Khajuria. CONTACT: 9419203549, 9419145719, 7006138620.



Zaina Kadal Srinagar, Kashmir. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir, T. Block, Phase-I Sector 109, New Palam Vihar, Gurugram-122017 Haryana on 17-03-2024 (Sunday). Haryana on 17-03-2024 (Sunday). ASSEMBLY will be held at 12.00 Lalita Kaul (Guddi) Noon at our residence Z/243, Kashmin Colony Lane No 5 Prem Nagar, Najafgarh, New Deihi. GRIEF STRICKEN Virender Kr. Kaul- Husband Vinay Kaul and Shalimi- Son & Daughter in Law

Samast Kaul Family, Wali's, Dhar's, Bhan's. Safay's MOBILE NO: 9968004077, 9811854678, 7065982158, 8130731094

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Late Smt Pushpa Magotra W/c Kamait Kumar Magetra R/o 194/A Last Morn Sarwai

Tenth Day will be performed on 13-03-2024 Wednesday at Shiv Mandir, Sarwai Last Morth at



10.00 am. Kriya will be performed on 14-03-2024. Thursday at our residence at 12.00 noon. Uthala will be performed at Shiv Mandir on 15-03-2024, Friday from 04.00 pm to 05.00 pm.

New Plot, Jammu.



GRIEF STRICKEN :





Sh. Shanti Swaroop Sharma & Sh. Santosh Sharma Lete Smt. Chanchela Sharma & Sh. Rem Lal Sharma Smt. Tripta Sharma & Sh. Rakesh Sharma.

Sons & Daughters-In-law Mr. Revinder Sharma & Sakshi Sharma

Mr. Vishal Sharma & Krishma Sharma.

Daughters & Son-In law

- Mrs. Savita Sharma & Er. Sumit Sharma.
- Mrs. Pooja Sharma & Shivatik Sharma.

Ms. Shallu

Grand Children: Maah/, Venu, Remi, Suhani, Abheet, Aradhay and Arunima. Raina Painta & HAW Store, Indira Chowk. POOJA SHAKTI ENTERPRISES, Indira Chowk. Contact No. 9419187183, 9469214128

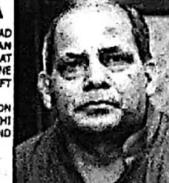
### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

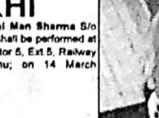
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. SHEBAN KRISHEN BHAT S/O LATE SH. MIRANJAN NATH BHAT ORIGENAL RIO MAHNOOR BADGAM, AT PRESENT, LANE NO-5, BLOCK 21, FLAT 2, JAGTI TOWNSHIP WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 05.03.2024, TENTH DAY WILL BE HELD AT AKHNOOP GHAT ON

14-03-2024 & ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTOR SCHOOL EDUCATION AT AROUND 11:00 AM.

#### GRIEF STRUCKEN:

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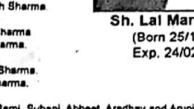
Sh. Lal Man Sharma (Born 25/12/1953 Exp. 24/02/2023)

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#### **10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

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SMT TRIVENI SAJGOTRA & SH MUKESH

SMT TANISHA & NISHANT SAJGOTRA

KARAM ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH AT OUR RESI

SH RAJ KUMAR SAJGOTRA &SMT ANJLI SAJGOTRA SH SANJAY KUMAR SAJGOTRA & SMT ROSHI SAJGOTRA

SMT RANI DEVI & SH SUBASH CHANDER (REASI)

SMT ANJU & SH SUDESH CHINYAL (UDHAMPUR)

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. 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 Bhawan Nagar Talab Tillo at 12 PM on 11th March Monday. UTHALA will be held at Samriti Bhavan. 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 Parmod & Late Baldev Prashad Bali Parvesh & Ashok Bali



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### **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.

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

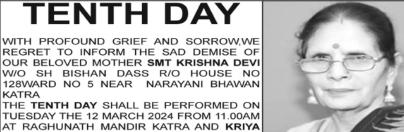
Brothers

Sh. Jager Nath Pandita



Karamyogi Sh. Amar

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



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

andial R/o Near KDN Palace Udhampur, who had left us for heaven

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.

abode on 29-02-24.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Grand Children

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**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

GRAND CHILDREN

VANSH SAMAYA

SAJGOTRA FAMILY SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW

DAUGHTERS & SONS IN LAW

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Smt Raj Kumari Jandial (Wife) Sons and Daughters-in-law Dr Suhail Jandial and Dr Kshama Gupta

Dr Suchait Jandial and Dr Sonia Gupta

Sh Ashok Jandial and Smt Anita Gupta

Brothers and Sisters-in-law Late Sh Romesh Chander Jandial and Smt Gita Dev

Sh Shirv Jandial and Smt Anna Gupta Sh Shiv Jandial and Smt Sadhana Jandial Sisters and Brothers-in-law Smt Chander Kanta and Sh Vidya Rattan Gupta

Sh Jagdish Chander Jandial and Late Smt Pushpa Devi

Late Smt Chander Lata and Late Sh Ram Rattan Mehta Smt Chander Prabha and Sh Des Raj Gupta Smt Chander Bala and Sh Jugal Kishore Gupta

JANDIAL FAMILY (7889632273, 9463178535, 7006783225)

SMT KRISHNA DEVI

Sh Subash Chander

Jandial

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. Rockey & Girja

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

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Kamla Abrol W/o Sh. Kartar Nath Abrol R/o H.No. 328, Janipur Colony, Jammu. TENTH DAY will be performed on 14 March (Thursday) 2024 at 11:00 A.M at our residence. KRIYA will be performed on 16 March (Saturday) 2024 at 12.00 Noon at our residence. RASAM PAGRY UTHALA will be performed on 16 March (Saturday) 2024 from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM at SHIV MANDIR Hall, Janipur Colony. Smt. Kamla Abrol **GRIEF STRICKEN** Kartar Nath Abrol - Husband Sons & Daughter-In-laws Dr. Som Abrol & Dr. Pallavi Abrol Er. Parveen Abrol & Adv. Suditi Abrol Smt. Pawan Rekha & Sh. Rohit Verma - Daughter & Son-in-law Dr. Savita & Dr. Manoj Gupta - Daughter & Son-In-law Grand Children : Avni, Vyom, Krishaang, Karmanya, Aseem, Aarish, Krisha Contact :- 9797372494, 9149685690, 9764029222

### ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we demise of our beloved Sdm. Janak Kour W/o S Joginder Singh (Elder brother of Mahant Manji Singh Ji, Dere Mukhi Nangali Sahib Poonch/Digiana Ashram) R/o Chatha Mil, Jammu, who left for her heavenly abode on 6th March 2024

Arambh Srl Akhand Path Sahib on 13-03-24 (Wed) at 9:30 AM at our residence. Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 15-03-24 (Fri) a 10.00 AM.

Antim Ardas at Digiana Ashram on 15-03-2024 (Fri) from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM followed by Guru

#### Ka Langer.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Srimaan Mahant Manjit Singh Ji S. Joginder Singh Ji (Husband)

S. Hardit Singh Ji (Jeth) S. Bhopinder Singh (Son) S. Janak Singh Ji (Devar) S. Gurmeet Singh (Son) S. Mohinder Singh JI (Devar) S. Amrik Singh (Son)

Sdm. Narinder Kour (Nanand)W/o Thakar Singh Ji S. Joga Singh Ji & S. Tarlok Singh Ji - Brothers

Daughters-Son-In-laws

Sdrn. Daljeet Kour & S. Ujagar Singh, Sdrn. Rupinder Kour & S. Gurmeet Singh

SDRN. JANAK KOUR

S. Gurdeep Singh (Son)

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TENTH DAY KRIYA 🖂 With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved

Lalita Kaul (Guddi) W/o Sh. Virender KR. Kaul originally from Gankhan, Zaina Kadal Srinagar, Kashmir. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir, T. Block, Phase-I Sector 109, New Palam Vihar, Gurugram-122017 Haryana on 17-03-2024 (Sunday).

ASSEMBLY will be held at 12.00 Lalita Kaul (Guddi) Noon at our residence Z/243, Kashmiri Colony Lane No 5 Prem Nagar, Najafgarh, New Deihi,

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Virender Kr. Kaul- Husband

Vinay Kaul and Shalini- Son & Daughter in Law

Samast Kaul Family, Wall's, Dhar's, Bhan's. Safay's MOBILE NO: 9968004077, 9811854678, 7065982158, \$130731094

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Late Smt Pushpa Magotra W/c Kamait Kumar Magetra R/o 194/A Last Mem Sarwai, New Plot, Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed on 13-03-2024, Wednesday at Shiv Mandir, Sarwai Last Morth at, 10.00 am.

Kriya will be performed on 14-03-2024.

Thursday at our residence at 12.00 ncon. Uthala will be performed at Shiv Mandir on

15-03-2024, Friday from 04.00 pm to 05.00 pm,

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Sh Kamal Kumar Magetra- Husband

Son & Daughter in law

Sh Mahesh Magotra & Priyanka Magotra

Daughter & Son in law

Poonam Sharma & Vikram Sharma

MAGOTRA FAMILY SARWAL & KAMAL KARYANA STORE SARWAL Contact No. 8713081545, 7889561168

on & Daughter in law Sh Mahesh Magotra & Priyanka Magotra Daughter & Son in law oonam Sharma & Vikram Sharm MAGOTRA FAMILY SARWAL & KAMAL KARYANA STORE SARWAL Contact No. 8713081545, 7889561168

### 10TH DAY/UTHALA

Sh Kamal Kumar Magetra- Husband

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Brother Rajesh Dogra R/o 797 Prem Nagar, Tali Morti New Plot, Jammu. 10TH DAY will be performed on

13.03.2024 (Wednesday) at



Rajesh Dogra

Sharma Janj Ghar Tali Morth New Plot Jammu at 11 AM.

UTHALA will be performed on 16.03.2024 (Saturday) at Sharma Janj Ghar Tali Morth New Plot Jammu from

4 to 5 pm. Deeply Remembered By:

Dogra Family

Mob: 9419203739, 9797823904, 9018116262, 7889884255

### CHOUBARSI

मामुपेत्य तु कीन्तेय पुनर्जन्म न विद्यते" "As we observe your fourth death anniversary, we remember your ideals and cherished values of con-

entment, simplicity, commitment and sacrifice." The Choubarsi of Late Yatinder Pal Guota Sig Late Lai Chand of Bhaderwah shall be performed at Dewan Janj Ghar Sarwal Jammu on 14th March, 2024, (11.30 a m. onwards) REMEMBERED BY :

(Bathis)

Late Yatinder Pal Gupta

Smt. Satya Gupta W/o Late Yash Pal Gupta Smt. Santosh Guota W/o Late Natinder Pal Guota Sh Kird Pai Guota (Brother) Smt, Vinod Gupta W/o Late Bakev Pal Gupta (Sister) Armit Gupta (Son) Smt, Shrut & Ashish Gupta (Daughter-in-law & Son) Dr. Monika & Anuj Guota (Daughter-in-law & Son) Aadilya, Anushka, Awanya, Anit 718, Subash Nagar, Jammu. Mobile : 9419186143, 9556800667



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# **IGNOU** Regional Centre Jammu organizes lecture on theme "Importance of semiconductors in today's era"

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 13: On the occasion of laying the foundation stone of three semiconductor facilities in the country by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Regional Centre Jammu on Wednesday organized a lecture on the theme "Importance of semiconductors in today's era" in the smart classroom of Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, here.

The resource person on the occasion was Prof. Inamul Hag Wani, Assistant Professor in Phys-



ics, Govt. MAM College tance of semiconductors Jammu who delivered in today's era. A number of students a lecture on the impor-

of different streams and modes attended the event. The resource person highlighted about the significance of semiconductors in several path breaking technological leaps that the country in the times to come is expected to achieve.

Dr. Rajinder Singh, Principal Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu and Assistant Regional Directors, Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Dr. Asha Upadhyay and

Dr. Vikram Singh and other faculty members and Academic Counsellors were also present on the occasion.

"The vision of the Prime Minister to position India as a global hub of semiconductor facilities will change the perception of the world towards India and India will emerge as the economic powerhouse thereby creating employment opportunities for thousands of youngsters in the country", said Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director.

**SMVDU organises Lecture Series** on "Geotech Talks: Navigating the **Depths of Engineering Innovation**" sor, IIT Bhubaneshwar),

talked about "Forensic

Geotechnics", where he

explained the analysis of

a project, site conditions,

or construction from a

geotechnical standpoint.

The next speaker,

Dr Jitesh S Chavada

(Assistant Professor,

SVNIT Surat), explained

the "Application of Image

Analysis in Geotechnical

Engineering", where he

explained the analysis

of various geotechnical

problems with the help

The third speaker of

the day, Prof J.T. Shahu

(Professor, IIT Delhi),

dealt with the "Geotech-

nical Aspect of Tunnel

Construction" where he

discussed the various

construction aspects as

well the methods of tun-

nelling. The series con-

tinued on second day

where Shyan Ali (Direc-

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**Top News Report** 

KATRA, Mar 23:School of Civil Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organised 2 days series of expert lectures on "Geotech Talk: Navigating the Depths of Engineering Innovation" from 12-03-2024 to 13-03-2024 in virtual mode.

The event was organised by Mr Srijan, Mr Gautam Narula and Dr Vaibhav Sapkal (Assistant Professors, School of Civil Engineering) and inaugurated by the head of the school, Dr.V.K.Dogra. Various experts from the academics and industries delivered the lecture to the students of the school of civil engineering. On the first day, the first speaker, Dr Santoshkumar G (Assistant Profestor, Megadrones Pvt Ltd) discussed the "Drone Ecosystem" and its utilisation in the field of civil engineering. The session was followed by another industry personnel, Shri Bhaira Ram Godara (Deputy GM, Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd), who discussed the "Role of Geology in Civil Engineering Projects" citing the current projects in the J&K regions. The last session of the event was graced by Dr

Balbir K Pandey (Assistant Professor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya) who delivered his lecture on "Performance of Soft Clay Reinforced with Encased Stone Column". He discussed the various parameters in order to improve the stability of soft soil. The event ended with a vote of thanks

### **NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur** inaugurates Week long "NSS Winter Camp"

#### **Top News Report**

MAHANPUR, Mar 13: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur inaugurated One-Week long "NSS Winter Camp" on the first day i.e. on 13th of March, 2024. It is organized in collaboration with different departments of the College from 13th of March, 2024 to 20th of March, 2024.

The aim of this Camp is to provide hands on experience to young NSS Volunteers in delivering



community service. The Camp was organized by Prof. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS Programme Officer in collaboration with various departments of the College under the supervision and able guidance of Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College. She briefed about the various activities that would be conducted during one week long "NSS Winter Camp" in collaboration with the various departments of the College. The Chief guests of the Programme were Dr. Balbindar Singh, Physical Director and Shamas Deen Khan,

BDO Block Official. The guests were honoured with momentos. The programme was started with lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Dr. Balbinder Singh gave the keynote address. In his address, he enlightened the students about the importance of such camps and programmes

for the welfare of the society. He emphasized on the need of creating awareness among masses about the impor-

tance of this programme

in making society a better

place to live. Monika and

Amisha, students of 2nd

Semester, discussed in

detail about the various

aspects of National Ser-

vice Scheme (NSS).

Seven days Special Winter Camp begins at GDC Kathua

#### **Top News Report**

KATHUA, Mar 13: NSS Units of GDC Kathua on Wednesday inaugurated the Seven Days Special Winter Camp which will start from 13th of March 2024 and comes to end on 19th March 2024 under the patronage of worthy principal Prof. Seema Mir. It is a flagship initiative of the NSS, and it aims to provide participants with an opportunity to contribute meaningfully and selflessly to society while fostering personal growth and leadership skills.

In this inaugural ceremony senior most faculty members namely Dr. Sanjay Kurlopia, Dr. Yash Paul, Dr. Ram Singh, Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Dr. JS Soodan, Prof. Charandeep Handa, Dr. Jasvinder Singh along with various other faculty members graced the occasion with their benign presence. Dr. JS Soodan, HOD

Physical Education and Dr. Ram Singh HOD Education also spoke on the occasion and encour-



aged the efforts of NSS Volunteers and Program officers for organizing the informative camp for local people in the adopted village which would open many opportunities to the masses welcome

Formal address was presented by Dr. Kulbir Singh while vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Pinkey. The proceedings of the ceremony were conducted by Vishal and Aliesha. Various cultural performances were also presented by NSS volunteers. After this a cleanliness drive was also held inside the college premises

#### under the patronage of Swachh Bharat campaign. This year camp is tried to reflect the NSS commitment to addressing relevant challenges and promoting sustainable development. The volunteers are

awareness campaigns, Voting campaigns, Digital technology campaign etc. All these awareness activities are to be conducted in the newly adopted village Logate in Kathua district.

### SMVDU student presents paper in Int'l Conference

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The faculty members KATRA, Mar 13: Milind Shukla, a final present on the occayear student of School of Mechanical sion were Dr. Balbinder Engineering (SoME) presented a paper singh, Dr. Mohinder, at ICMIPE 2024 held in Pune, Maharash-Dr. Sudesh, Dr. Sapna, tra on 11 March 2024. It was a full length Ms. Nisha, Dr. Nishu, paper on Intelligent Transport System. Dr. Hilal, Dr. Ajay, Dr. Under this topic he provides detailed research on "Study on Hyperloop including challenges and solutions", In this research work, he was mentored by Dr. Amit Sinha, Assistant Professor, SoME. The active involvement of the student in such type of project/research underscores the university's dedication to advancing research and achieving aca-

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expected to engage in various activities such as Swachh Bharat mission, Environmental conservation projects, Women health, and hygiene

demic excellence. This achievement not only highlights Milind Shukla's commitment but also emphasizes the high academic standards upheld by the School of

Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU. This achievement reflects his dedication and the quality of his research, and serves as a testament to the rigorous academic standards and opportunities

JKBS members commend twin Kaith girls Anwesha, Kanan for performing 'Ring Dance' amazingly

#### **Top News Report**

UDHAMPUR, Mar 13: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members today commended the twin Kaith girls: Anwesh and Kanan for performing a ring dance amazingly in a function at Udhampur. DDC member Vidya Motan who also watched their ring dance said, Dance embodies one of our most primal relationships to the universe, children find it innate and move naturally because it is the beginning before words can be formed and is evoked when thoughts or emotions are too powerful for words to

contain Dance is a natural method for learning and a basic form of cultural expression. It is seen that all cultures shape movement with rhythm into a form of dance, it is fundamental that education provides our children with the developing benefits and learning opportunities that are unique to dance to form an artistic understanding



of Dance.

SBI Chief Manager Shammi Kumar Kaith, Subedar Tilak Raj Motan (Retd) and R.L.Kaith were among the JKBS who attended the function

#### JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT, JAMMU OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) CITY DIVISION NO-1, JAMMU 0191-2543654(Fax) E-Mail:-xenphecity1@gmail.com NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM E-TENDER E-NIT No. JS/PHECD-I/ 122 of 2023-24 Fresh of E-NIT No. JS/PHECD-I/ 121 of 2023-24

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

Anil, Dr. Suman and Dr. Sardar Bhatti. Refreshment was given to all the NSS Volunteers. Prof. Rupalee hosted the programme and Dr. Sapna presented the formal Vote of Thanks.

provided by the School of Mechanical Engineering at SMVDU. Milind Shukla's successful participation in ICMIPE 24 is a notable milestone in his academic journey, setting an example for future students and highlighting the University's commitment to promoting research and scholarly endeavours.

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender (In Rs)	Cost of Tender document Fees (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Class of Contr- actor	Time of Completion
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1	Day to Day emergent nature of repairs, maintenance and restoration works of VIP Section	Rs. 1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs. 2000/-	A to D	Up to 31/03/2024
2	Day to Day emergent nature of repairs, maintenance and restoration works of Gole Section	Rs. 1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs. 2000/-	A to D	Up to 31/03/2024
3	Day to Day emergent nature of repairs, maintenance and restoration works of Bohri Section	Rs. 1.00 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs. 2000/-	A to D	Up to 31/03/2024

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- 2. Bid documents can be seen and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 09/03/2024 (1800Hrs) onwards.
- 3. The bids shall be uploaded on the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 09/03/2024 (1800Hrs) to 16/03/2024 upto (1200Hrs).
- 4. The complete bidding process shall be online.

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- 5. The technical bids received shall be opened online on 16/03/2024 after (1200Hrs). or any other convenient later date in the office of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-1, Jammu.
- 6. Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders has been dispensed with as per Govt. order no. OM No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dated 07-06-2018. The same shall be obtained only from the bidder, who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bids.
- 7. A copy of CDR/FDR duly pledged to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-I Jammu, against the earnest money deposit, should be uploaded by the bidders , However before allotting the work, the original CDR shall be obtained from the bidder declared as lowest bidder and shall be kept in record till the allotment process is finalized. The earnest money shall be released on receipt of the performance security or CDR/FDR against the EMD can be retained after accepting the

balance amount in the shape of CDR/FDR to meet the requirement of the amount of the Performance security. The CDR / FDR used for one tender shall not be entertained for other tender; which are under the process of tendering and the validity of such CDR / FDR shall remain till the outcome of such tender only. The CDR /FDR used for one tender shall have to be released from the Divisional Office before using for another tender.

- 8. The Lowest Bidder shall be intimated through e-mail on his registered e-mail ID to deposit the performance Security equivalent to the Five percent of the allotted amount or any other relevant documents required by division in reference to the contract.
- 9. Cost of bidding/tender fees receipt in the shape of e-challan/ single window challan of JMC shall have to be paid online, through the JMC link http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html and no cash shall be entertained at any cost. Further, bidders are requested to mention name of the work upon the particular Challan//e-receipt. Under unavoidable circumstances if the work is retendered, The contractor need not to deposit the Tender document Cost for rebidding for the same work.
- 10. Any such Challan deposited on back dates or any irrelevant date shall not be accepted.

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

### GDC Vijaypur participates in live telecast of "India Techade: **Chips for Viksit Bharat**

#### **Top News Report**

VIJAYPUR, Mar 13: Government Degree College Vijaypur enthusiastically participated in the live telecast of "India Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat" under the guidance of Principal of the college Prof (Dr.) Vandana Gupta.

Faculty members and students of the college attended the live telecast with great zeal, enthusiasm and fervour. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi participated in 'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat' and laid the foundation stone of three Semiconductor Proiects.

During the program, Prime Minister Modi virtually addressed the people stating that the projects mark a crucial step towards India's efforts to become a global hub for semiconductor manufacturing.

"Today is going to be a historic day. We are not only scripting history today but also taking a step forward towards a

bright future. This will help in making India a global hub for semiconductor facility," PM Modi said.

He reiterated India's commitment to selfreliance and modernity through indigenous chip production marks further a step closer towards bright future. More than 100 college students participated in the program. Students also presented their views after the live telecast.

The event was coordinated by Prof. Anita Jamwal, Prof. Mamta Gupta, Prof. Poonam Kundan, Dr. Manoj Heer and Dr. Naseem Chowdhary; it was co-coordinated by Prof. Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Attied Khawar, Prof. Renuka Kundal, Prof. Mazid Malik, Dr. Pooja Gupta, Dr. Gunjeet Mahiwal, Dr. Jan Mohd. Wani, Dr. Neelam Kumari, Prof. Sonia Devi, Dr. Tisha Singh, Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo and Dr. Radhika Rasyal attended the program.

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2.	Construction of Protection Wall near H/o Javed Iqbal at lower Rangoora Ward No. 71. (Under. GIA 2023-24)							
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- for the work with valid documents can use same CDR/E Challan only for fresh tenders.
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Sd/-**Executive Engineer**, JMC Division – I Jammu **Municipal Corporation** 

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# EDITORIAL

# NO SMOKING DAY

very year the second Wednesday of the month of March is celebrated as No Smoking Day. Many people have the habit of smoking, which poses serious risks to health. Smoking often causes lung cancer. After getting into the habit of smoking, it is difficult for people to quit or reduce it. People who do not smoke but come in contact with smokers can also have serious health problems. Due to which they often suffer from asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia. To create awareness among people about the ill effects of smoking and motivate them to quit smoking, No Smoking Day is celebrated every year on the second Wednesday of March. This year, Smoking Prohibition Day or No Smoking Day is falling on 09 March. The day is inspired by No Tobacco Day and is majorly celebrated in the United Kingdom. No Smoking Day was first observed on Ash Wednesday in the Republic of Ireland in the year 1984. Previously, it was celebrated on the first Wednesday of March as it began on Ash Wednesday. However, with time, it shifted to second Wednesday. Now, it is celebrated as an annual event throughout the United Kingdom and in other countries as well. Medical reports during the 1920s linked smoking to cancer and other serious diseases. Since then, many initiatives have been launched around the world to convince smokers to quit their habit. This day was started with the aim of helping addicted smokers to quit smoking forever.

No Smoking Day is a health awareness day that takes place every year with a different theme or theme. Some successful themes have been 'Break Free' and 'Time to Quit'. This day was started to make people aware about the ill effects of smoking and help them quit it in time. Quitting smoking takes a lot of dedication and motivation because for people who smoke regularly, their bodies become addicted to it. If they stop smoking, their body reacts in such a way that they crave tobacco.



By: Shahnaz Husain

\_f you are frustrated over high cost of beauty par-Llous and dermatologist in treating skin and hair beauty problems than all you need to do is to squeeze out some fresh lemon juice from your own kitchen and drink lemon water daily and also apply it on your skin also. The sunny yellow fruit will provide smooth , flawless and radiant skin by removing dead cells and act as a natural lightener for hair and skin by regulating acidity and eliminating fat . Lemon is rich in Vitamin B, Vitamin C,Carbohydrates, magnesium and Phosphorus that Rejuvenates skin ,absorbs the oiliness, cleans the skin pores and improves texture and condition of skin and hair.

Lemon has astringent properties which help in preventing sign of premature aging like wrinkles and fine lines

# **Beauty Benefits of Lemon**

and restore skin elasticity to maintain youthful appearance .

Most of us know that Lemon is a rich source of Vitamin C and have taken it at some time or other. Added to a glass of cold water, it can be most refreshing during hot and humid weather. Taken regularly, it is a preventive against colds and actually strengthens the immune system. We also add it to salads, snacks and food, because its tanginess adds to their flavour. There are a number of ways that the common lemon can

be used for beauty too. Lemon is best taken diluted, adding it to water. You can start your day with the juice of a lemon in a glass of warm water. This combination helps to keep the system flushed and aid the removal of toxins and wastes. This will also reflect on the skin, keeping it clear and glowing. Weight watchers will also find this beneficial.

As a cosmetic ingredient, lemon can be used in various ways. The only thing to remember is not to use it undiluted, as it can be harsh on the skin. On areas where the skin is thicker, lemon can be used by itself. For example, for dark elbows, rub lemon halves and then wash off with water. Over a period of time, it will cleanse the skin and lighten its colour. Lemon can also be used as a hand lotion. Mix it with rose water and rub it into the skin of the hands. For rough hands, rub granulated sugar and the juice of a lemon together with the hands, till the sugar dissolves. Then rinse off with water. Done regularly, it will help to improve the skin texture.

Oily skins can really benefit from a lemon treatment. Dilute the juice of half a lemon in a glass of water and use this to wash your face. If it seems harsh for your skin, add more water. Gently blot the face with tissue or a clean towel, instead of wiping it. Lemon not only helps to restore the normal acid-alkaline balance, but also reduces surface oil. This treatment can be beneficial during summer, when the skin tends to seem more oily. Some people have sensitive skins. So, if your skin burns or itches with the application of lemon-water, you should not use it.

Honey mixed with lemon juice can be applied on the face daily. While honey moisturizes the skin, lemon juice restores the normal balance and lightens skin colour over a period of time of regular use. For oily skin use one part of honey with two parts lemon juice. For normal and dry skin, use honey and lemon juice in equal quantities.

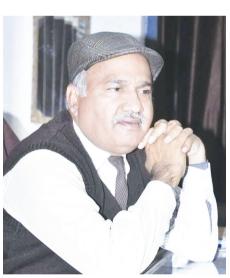
Lemon can also be used as a

hair rinse. You can add lemon juice to a mug of water and use it as a last rinse, after your shampoo. You can even add it to "tea water". Boil used tea leaves in enough water and cool the liquid. Add the juice of one lemon and use it as a last rinse. This helps to add shine to the hair.

Due to its many beneficial properties, lemon has been used as an ingredient to formulate creams and lotions for skin care. It has been used, along with aloe vera to formulate cleansing gels, helping to get rid of dirt and pollutants, without disturbing the normal acid-alkaline balance. A lemon-turmeric cream has been used as a pre-bath cream and also a soap substitute, for people with dry, dehydrated and sensitive skins. Lemon is a powerful natural cleanser.

When nature has provided us with ideal cosmetic ingredients, why should we use chemicals and synthetic substances? In fact, the human body responds well to natural substances, while it has an in-built resistance to synthetic ones.

#### (The author is international fame beauty expert and is called herbal queen of India)



# Benefits of Microlearning,

talent abounds. Organisations, armed with enticing job offers and competitive remuneration, find themselves in fierce competition for a finite pool of exceptional individuals. The realisation dawns that to stand out amidst the cacophony of job opportunities, businesses must embrace a holistic approach that goes beyond traditional recruitment tactics. Recent studies underline this shift, emphasising that for 87% of millennials and Gen Z, the consideration of professional development opportunities significantly influences their choice of employer. The microlearning revolution Amidst this backdrop, microlearning emerges as a transformative force, reshaping how organisations approach talent acquisition and retention. Unlike traditional training methods that demand extended time commitments, microlearning delivers content in bite-sized, digestible portions, typically lasting between 5 to 10 minutes. The significance of this approach lies not just in its brevity, but in its ability to cater to the modern professional's shorter attention span, resulting in a staggering 17% improvement in job performance compared to traditional methods, as noted in a study by the Journal of Applied Psychology.

learners engaged. According to a study by the Journal of Applied Psychology, microlearning modules result in a 17% improveenhancing the overall effectiveness of upskilling initiatives. It helps incorporate gamified elements into microlearning modules to boost engagement and create a competitive yet collaborative learning environment. Research by TalentLMS indicates that gamification can increase employee engagement by up to 60%. It implements feedback mechanisms within microlearning platforms to foster a culture of continuous improvement. Regular assessments and feedback loops not only reinforce learning but also provide valuable insights for refining upskilling strategies over time. In the dynamic world of talent acquisition, staying ahead requires a proactive approach to employee development. Microlearning, with its proven effectiveness and efficiency, emerges as a strategic tool for upskilling, attracting top talent, and retaining a skilled workforce. By embracing the numbersbacked benefits of microlearning, organisations can position themselves as industry leaders in talent development, securing a competitive advantage in the quest for the best and brightest professionals.

According to World Health Organization (WHO) data,

Secondhand smoking causes premature death of about 12 lakh people every year. So this day is a good opportunity for everyone to take the first step towards quitting this deadly habit. According to various researches, it has been found that No Smoking Day has proved helpful for 1 in 10 people who wanted to quit this bad habit. Cough and throat irritation Bad breath and smelly clothes, dry skin and teeth discoloration serious fetal conditions, heart disease and lung cancer. According to WHO, tobacco kills half of its users. More than 80 lakh people die every year due to tobacco. Of those deaths, more than 7 million are caused by direct tobacco use. Of the 1.3 billion tobacco users worldwide, more than 80 percent live in low- and middleincome countries. No Smoking Day is also special for those people who feel that their loved ones are ruining their lives because of this deadly habit. They can extend their helping hand by providing them the right guidance and support. So if you are a smoker or you know someone who smokes, come forward and take a pledge together against smoking.

By: Vijay GarG

icrolearning is impacting talent acquisition at workplaces

In the pulsating realm of talent acquisition, where the stakes are high, and the competition for top-tier professionals intensifies, organisations find themselves navigating an ever-shifting landscape. The mantra for success is no longer confined to offering competitive salaries and appealing job titles; it now entails a commitment to continuous learning and professional development. In this paradigm shift, microlearning has emerged as a transformative force, ushering in a new era of upskilling strategies that not only attract but also retain the most soughtafter talents in the market.

The talent conundrum In a landscape defined by unprecedented challenges and opportunities, the paradox of

Increased engagement

Microlearning has proven to be highly effective in keeping

ment in job performance compared to traditional training methods. The bite-sized nature of the content caters to shorter attention spans, ensuring higher retention rates.

#### Time efficiency

Traditional training programmes often demand significant time commitments, leading to potential disengagement. Microlearning, however, delivers content in short bursts, typically lasting 5-10 minutes. This format aligns with the modern professional's schedule, making it 300% more time-efficient, as reported by the Association for Talent Development. The rise of remote work and diverse work schedules necessitates flexible training solutions. Microlearning platforms offer on-the-go access, allowing employees to learn at their own pace and convenience. A study by Deloitte found that 85% of companies with successful microlearning programmes reported increased employee satisfaction due to the flexibility it provides.

Upskilling strategies

It utilises data analytics to identify skill gaps and create personalised learning paths for employees. This targeted approach ensures that training aligns with individual career goals and organisational needs,

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

# **LOCAL**

# ACD Kishtwar takes strong note of absenteeism in Block Bonjwah, issues show cause notices to 11 employees

#### **Top News Report**

KISHTWAR, Mar 13: Taking strong cognizance over the frequent complaints of absenteeism culture in Block Bonjwah, Assistant Commissioner Development Kishtwar Phulail Singh Bandral on Wednesday issues show cause notices to 11 absentee employees of Block Bonjwah which includes 05 GRSs, 02 MIS operators, 1 CICO and 03 NYCs wherein the 10 consolidated basis staff have been directed as

to why their services be not terminated and 01 number contractual staff has been warned as to why he not be placed under suspension.

While talking with our media person Deepak Sharma ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh remarked that no laxity will be shown towards the habitual absentees and action as warranted under rules shall be initiated which includes termination from services. He further added that already a circular stands issued by him wherein all RDD



employees of the district have been directed not to leave the station without his permission. He further warned

all other staff to remain punctual and circum-

spect towards their legitimate duties. He also stated that if any of the employee of Rural **Development of District** Kishtwar is found habitual of remaining absent from his/her duties in unauthorised manner such cases shall be identified and the process of placing them under dead wood will be initiated against the erring employee. In view of strict action

by ACD Kishtwar, the public of block Bonjwah lauded the efforts of ACD Kishtwar Phulail

**Top News Report** 

BASOHLI, Mar 13:

Department of Eco-

nomics, Govt Degree

Colleg Basohli, under

the patronage of the

Principal, GDC Basohli,

Dr. Nidhi Kotwal organ-

ised two days' workshop

on Financial Literacy

for Youth on 12 and 13

March 2024 in collabora-

tion with National Insti-

tute of Securities Market

(NISM), AXIS Bank. The

program started with the

welcome address by Dr.

Neha Bandral, Head

Dept. of Economics in

which she greeted the

Resource Person and

the Key note speaker of

the workshop, Prof Nis-

hant Narang, Assistant

Professor in the Depart-

ment of Commerce,

GDC Jawali, Himachal

Prof. Narang is a Secu-

rities & Exchange Board

of India (SEBI) certi-

fied Securities Market

Trainer for Kangra Dis-

trict (Himachal Pradesh)

and Resource Person for

In two days workshop,

total eight sessions

Pradesh

CASI - BSE

Singh for initiating action against the absentee employees of Block Bonjwah and streamlining the work culture and making the block Bonjwah office fully functional, there by fulfilling the long pending demand of public of block Bonjwah. They expressed hope that ACD Kishtwar who is well known for his integrity and honesty will definitely bring sea change in work culture of RDD and will resolve the genuine issues of

rural poor on priority

basis

for Viksit Bharat **Top News Report** KATHUA, Mar 13: GDC Kathua organized a programme to provide platform for all the teachers, students and volunteers to witness the live streaming of India Semi-conductor Mission and India Techade programme in the smart class room of arts Block

of GDC Kathua. The motto of India semi-conductor mission is to create an end to end semi conductor eco system to enable the nation to become a significant player in the global semi-conductor industry.

GDC Kathua attends live broadcast

programme Indias Techade : Chips

NSS volunteers, students and teaching and Non teaching staff of the Government Degree College Kathua witness this programme live in the smart class room. This programm was

organised under the

patronage of Principal

Prof Seema Mir and in

the presence of Senior

Prof Sanjay Karlupia, Prof R K Pandit, Prof Shiwani Kotwal, Dr Yashpaul Sharma, Dr Ram Singh , Dr Rupinder Kour, Dr.Kulbir Singh, Dr Arvind Kumar, Dr Pinki, Dr Jogbinder Singh and Prof Manmohan Singh, Dr Heena, Dr Divya and Miss Monika. The whole event was coordinated by Dr Gotam Singh Assistant Professor Department of BCA GDC Kathua.

most faculty members

# **Shiv Sena accuses Election Commission of step-motherly** treatment, submits memorandum

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Mar 13: Shiv Sena (UBT) accused the step-motherly treatment to the team of top officials of the Election Commission who visited Jammu and Kashmir in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections for not invited and met despite asking for time.

In a press conference held at the party's state office here today, state chief Manish Sahni said that in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, top officials of the Election Commission are on a three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to meet representatives of various political parties.

After meeting the representatives of various political parties in Kashmir last day. Reaching Jammu, a request was sent on their behalf.



which was rejected outright and they were asked to present their views through a memorandum only

Sahni said that statehood should be restored before the Lok Sabha elections, the democratic process should be restored at the Municipal Corporation and

Panchayat level including the Assembly earlier

even before elections. Along with this, adequate

security should be provided to the opposition leaders, especially Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders. Sahni said that a memorandum has been sent

to the Election Commission through mail regarding all the above demands. Also suggested that all parties and independent

candidates should also be included in the meetings to be held regarding elections.



were held. All sessions were based on different topics. First session was based on saving and investment, in which the resource person talked about the promotion of saving so that judicious investment can be made to beat inflation.

Second session was based on the complete detail of the primary market. In third session, resource person threw light on the working of secondary market. How primary market actually work with the help of well established secondary market

In the fourth session, Prof. Narang talked about investing in the Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs). He added that investors can invest in SGBs

#### through their demat accounts or via online banking. The country's top lender State Bank of India (SBI) allows buying SGBs online. First day of the workshop was concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Neha Bandral.

On second day, fifth session was based on the working of mutual funds.

Prof. Narang gave knowledge about the primary steps to start investing in Mutual Funds Online: How to open an account, learn how to pick Mutual Funds, understand how Mutual Funds work, and start investing to the students. He further added that despite the abundance of investment options

GDC Basohli organises two days' workshop on Financial Literacy available, mutual Funds remain one of the best and most practical ways to invest your money.

Sessions sixth, seventh and eight were based on Complaint redressal system, SCORES, SARATHI APP, which helps the investors to reduce risk and maximize their return. In the eighth session. Prof. Nishant Narang elaborated the career options in securities market such as that of a broker, advisor, portfolio manager, research analyst, investment banker, relationship manager, professional investor and trader. Then interaction session were held with the students. where students asked about their queries and shared their feedback

about the workshop. The workshop was attended by sixty students of different streams of the college. In the concluding session, Principal GDC Basholi addressed the audience with great zeal and enthusiasm. She added that no matter the age, young and old adults alike have a hard time learning something unless they understand and internalize the significance of the information and how it can best serve them in long-term Financial knowledge and independence are the goals for which many adults strive long after their graduation.

This type of awareness workshop covers different topics and helps to manage your money better and set goals for your financial future. She advised the students to live a financially healthy life. Principal GDC Basohli along with other senior faculty facilitated the key note speaker with a momento.

The program was attended by Prof.Jasvinder singh (Head, Dept. of Physics) ,Prof. Shub Kumar Sharma (Head, Dept. of Sanskrit), Prof Roshan Lal (Head, Dept of Chemistry), Dr. Neeraj Balgotra, (Head, Dept. of Education), Dr. Ujala Sharma, (Head, Dept. of English), Dr. Vaishno Devi (Head, Dept. of Dogri) and other faculty members.

# Converting problems into possibilities has been Modi's hallmark: Rohiin Chandan

#### **Top News Report** IAMMU, Mar 13: Under

small schemes, organize programs, and keep on

# **Manjit Singh seeks** developmental overhaul in Samba

**Top News Report** VIJAYPUR. Mar 13: Expressing concern over slow J-K Police launches awareness programme on three new criminal laws in Bhaderwah



the supreme leadership of PM Narendra Modi, commitment to social justice is reaching the people of Jammu and Kashmir, this was stated by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Secretary Jammu South, Rohiin Chandan.

He said the common masses have been witness to numerous important decisions under the Modi-led government.

Rohiin asserted that these ten years of good governance have been about "Reform, Perform and Transform" are quite rare in all corners. He counted reforms rarely happening, performance is achieved, and we onlooker transformation before our eyes, instilling new confidence under the umbrella of PM Modi's leadership.

Rohiin stated the Power of development, the potential of tourism, the capabilities of farmers, and the leadership of the youth of Jammu and Kashmir will pave the way for "Viksit Jammu Kashmir" under the umbrella of Prime Minister Naren-



dra Modi.

Rohiin Chandan highlights that in less than three months of 2024, projects worth more than Rs 10 lakh crore have been either dedicated to the nation or a foundation stone has been laid for them under the brainstorming vision of PM Modi-led government. He underscored that converting problems into possibilities has been Modi's guarantee and India is moving forward

Bharat. Rohin elaborated that 21st-century India is India of big vision and big goals and there is no doubt that India will touch new heights of development in the upcoming 25 years. He reminds us of the time when in the last 70 years the earlier government used to make

in the shape of Viksit

beating them for five years and always tried to misguide the common masses.

Rohiin remarked that in today's era, the Modi government has exemplified to everyone with its magical working methodology how a development-oriented and honest gov-

ernment functions, how the country moves forward, and how development work is carried out while safeguarding the people's interests, especially in the union territory of J&K.

Rohiin Chandan emphasized Modi Sarkar is constantly on the transformative impact of infrastructure development. highlighting the shift from problems to possibilities. He underscored the significance of converting challenges into opportunities, a hallmark

of central government. He counted that it is the result of the "Jan seva" (public service) being done under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guidance that the entire country along with J&K is progressing by leaps and bounds.

pace of development, April Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, Manjit Singh has sought developmental overhaul in Samba District.

As per a press release, a meeting was held at Vijay pur under the leadership of Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh in which Party leaders, and prominent people participated.

During the meeting, the Party leaders held threadbare discussion regarding the unpopular Govt in Jammu and Kashmir being run by the bureaucracy with connection with the public concerns.



"The public issues have largely remained unresolved that need urgent attention of the authorities regarding the growing concerns of underdevelopment, unemployment, and impartial distribution of funds in various areas that has discriminated against the people of different regions, he said, while expressing commitment of the Party to ensure equitable development and unity.

He said that the authorities have failed to do justice with the people and the grievances of the masses have remained unresolved giving rise to the feeling of alienation without an elected Govt.

To address the growing complexity of issues, he said the Election Commission of India should hold the legislative assembly as well as Parliamentary elections together in J&K.

He said that the elected Govt is responsible to the people whereas the bureaucracy has no accountability towards the people that has created problems in the last several years in Jammu and Kashmir.

#### **Top News Report**

BHADERWAH . Mar 13: The Jammu and Kashmir Police organised a one day legal awareness camp on the three new criminal laws which included the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam -which will replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act of

The aim of awareness camp cum debates was to enlighten the general public, especially students and women. Additional Supdtt of Police Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma, SDPO Bhaderwah Dr Waseem, SHO Bhaderwah Sandeep Parihar, Inspector Amrit Katoch from Doda Police Advocate Mohd Majid Malik, Principal GIPS Bhaderwah Vijay Charak and Educationist Arif Rana was also present on the occasion

Speaking on the occasion Resource Person Advocate Mohd Maiid Malik who is also Penal Lawyer of District Legal Services Authority Bhaderwah informed that new laws include provisions which ensure that not only the accused but the victims of crimes and the society in general receive justice, and thrust has been given to modernise the investigation process

by using technology. He said these laws have provisions to tackle terrorism and organised crimes more effectively and incorporate advancements in modern and scientific technology to improve the quality of investigation, besides timeline for trials. Additionally, the laws have provisions for increased punishment in certain offences.

The new criminal laws have introduced new offences, including offences against the state; organised crime; and offences related to terrorism, mob-lynching, non-reporting of rash and negligent acts, snatching, ATM theft, Ponzi schemes, and question paper leaks, according to Advocate Mohd Majid Malik

The laws expand the definition of documents to include electronic or digital records, e-mails, server logs, computers, smartphones, laptops, SMS, websites, locational evidence, mails, messages on devices. A provision has been

made to digitise the entire process from FIR to case diary, case diary to charge sheet and charge sheet to judgment, he added. Advocate Mohd Majid Malik said videography has been made compulsory

at the time of search and seizure that will be part of the case and will not implicate innocent citizens. Without such recordings by the police, no charge sheet will be valid.He added a provision of e-FIR is being added for the first time, every district and police station will designate a police officer who will officially inform the family of the arrested person about his arrest online and in person .

The statement of the victim has been made compulsory in the cases of sexual violence and the video recording of the statement has also been made compulsory in cases of sexual harassment, he said.

The legislations aim at completely overhauling the criminal justice system by giving definitions of various offences and their punishments, added Advocate Mohd Majid Malik and further informed that three identical notifications issued by the Union home ministry on February 24, provisions of the new laws will come into force from July 1.

However Advocate Mohd Majid Malik was also felicitates by officers of District Police Doda led by ASP Vinod Sharma, SDPO Dr Waseem and SHO Bhaderwah Sandeep Parihar on the occasion for spreading legal awareness.

# **GDC Kathua conducts Industrial visit of** students of Chemistry Department

**Top News Report** 

KATHUA. Mar 13: The Department of Chemistry in collaboration with College IQAC organized one day Industrial visit in the District Industries Centre, Kathua on 13-03-2024, under

the guidance of worthy principal Prof. Seema Mir. The students of B.Sc. Semester 2nd studying skill enhancement course soap and detergents visited the Fena Industries Ltd. where they acquired

vast knowledge about testing, formulation, packaging and storage procedures of soap and detergents.

The staff of the said industry revealed that their product in the form of detergents, utensils washing cakes is sup-

plied to the whole J&K (UT). They also elaborated that their unit works in a Green manner, as the Plants is installed in their Industry for hazardous waste and waste water management. The whole event was

and Dr. Neha Sharma made successful with

the cooperation of Prem Singh Chib, General Manager, DIC Kathua. The Students were accompanied by Prof. Jagdish Kumar, Head Department of Chemistry, and Dr. Kehar Singh Asstt. Prof. in Chemistry

1872, respectively.

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

Top News of J&K Jammu, Wednesday, March 13, 2024

# Katherine Kubler's docu-series is neither a one-person account nor a revenge saga

To say that The Program is an eve-opener would be an understatement. This horrific account of the troubled teen industry in America is so startling, that the first question that pops up is how can it be allowed to function with such impunity. The series not only answers the question but takes you deep into the quagmire where in the name of behavioural therapy teenagers are meted out greater harm and parents are duped of their hard earned money. Worse still, they are manipulated into believing it is in the best interest of their children.

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What makes the documentation so remarkable is not just one thing but several. For one though it's Katherine Kubler, who studied in one such behaviour modification school The Academy at Ivy Ridge, and who has made the film. this is neither a one-person account nor a revenge saga. Though she does refer to The Count of Monte Cristo, even uses a clip from the film with lines, 'not for their sins against myself, but for their black injustices to others' playing loud and clear, revenge isn't the motive here. Without playing the victim card, yet coming from the heart of an aggrieved insider, she lays bare the trauma teens undergo at these special programmes. No child, deviant



or not, deserves such treatment. Following the Tough Love dictum, which is more like a diktat, students at the WWASP (World Wide Association of Specialty Programmes) were forced to lead such a severe regimented life that their time in such schools pales jail time. Imagine not being allowed to talk or look out of the window and restrained at the slightest hint of rebellion. No wonder one of the ex-students when asked how did it feel when he actually went to a jail for a misdemeanour at the school answers, "It was like being in a five star Hilton hotel."

Yet another big plus of the documentary is how it resists the temptation of dramatising or recreating, the standard trope in docu-series today. But then the material at hand is volatile and

makes us walk the very alleys of Ivy Ridge where all the horror unfolded when she was there in 2005, you don't need any artifice. Corroborating her harrowing experiences are several other men and women clearly and deeply affected by what happened when doors closed on them to the outside world. If the first episode builds with individual reveals, the picture gets bigger and sinister by the time we move into the second and third episode. The rot clearly is not confined to one institution alone but institutionalised. Katherine shares, 'If you want to know the guilty follow who the crime would be useful to,' and takes us onto a money trail. Clearly the documentary has not been made in a hurry. There is purpose, resolve and method

dramatic enough. As Katherine

to its craft. Personal accounts, professional opinions, video footage and bit of investigative journalism are woven to create an absorbing exposition. Why even dark humour is peppered across. An expert shares, "New York state had more regulations for dog kennels than they had for programmes for teens,' and it's numbing to know there is no FDA for behavioural health. From personal, you even have Katherine's father expressing his feelings, it moves to universal. Camera (cinematography by Peter Castagnetti) follows the proceedings with a similar spirit, focusing intimately but without intruding, as much a witness as we are to the trauma of the sufferers.

The three-part Netflix series rightly states — abuse of the child is the business of anyone who knows about it. As it climaxes on an especially powerful note, 'now you know' indeed knowing this truth is unsettling, leaving you with a big lump in your throat. Katherine, also one of the executive producers reminds us how abuse thrives in silence. For the sake of thousands of students still trapped in such boarding schools, let's hope the documentary makes the right kind of noise. As viewers we sure are shaken and stirred.

### Al Pacino explains why he didn't name all Best Picture Oscar nominees before revealing winner



Hollywood legend Al Pacino, who didn't name all the 10 nominees for Best Picture at the recently held 96th Academy Awards before announcing the winner, has issued a emony, where he awkwardly presented the best picture category. The actor, who won an Academy Award for best actor in Scent of a Woman, simply opened the envelope and said, "And my eyes see Oppenheimer," at the award ceremony. "There seems to be some controversy about my not mentioning every film by name last night before announcing the best picture award," Pacino said in a statement. "I just want to be clear it was not my intention to omit them, rather a choice by the producers not to have them said again since they were highlighted individually throughout the ceremony. I was honoured to be a part of the evening and chose to follow the way they wished for this award to be presented.'

Oscars producer Molly McNearney also said in an interview after the Oscars that "it was a creative decision" not to have Pacino list all 10 best picture nominees before announcing the winner.

### Sukhmani Sadana ties the knot with Sundeep Gill in an intimate wedding

The wedding season is bustling, and the spotlight falls on yet another actress from the glitzy world of entertainment - Sukhmani Sadana. Renowned for her captivating performances in Manmarziyaan, Sacred Games, Tandav, The Broken News, and Tanaav among others, Sukhmani tied the knot with Sundeep Gill, a Real Estate Developer from British Columbia, on March 3.

The couple opted for a traditional Punjabi wedding in her hometown, Amritsar, sealing their union in an intimate ceremony attended by family, close friends, and relatives. Actresses Suzanne Khan and Minisha Lamba, Sukhmani's dear friends, were present to share their love and blessings on her special day.



Sukhmani and Suncelebrate in the heart of deep's love story began

### Dev Patel becomes emotional as 'Monkey Man' gets standing ovation at South by Southwest film festival

Actor Dev Patel was seen fighting back tears after his directorial debut "Monkey Man" received a standing ovation at the South by Southwest (SXSW) film festival.

The much-anticipated India-set movie, also written by the "Slumdog Millionaire" and "Lion" star, had its world premiere at the film gala, held annually in Austin, Texas.

The movie was introduced to the audience by filmmaker Jordan Peele, who serves as a



and many in my family... If you go to any gym in India, there's like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Ronnie Coleman and Hanuman. What baffled me growing up was this iconography of this super strong being who could hold mountains in one hand and split his chest open. It reminded me of the iconography of Superman. I was like this is amazing, I wish the world knew about it," Patel said.

clarification detailing

what led to the awkward

He issued a state-

ment amid ques-

tions surrounding his

appearance during

the 2024 Oscars cer-

moment on stage.

The actor said he wanted to take a grounded route to the story. "When you go deep Adithi Kalkunte, Sikaninto it, he is sort of a guy who has lost faith in himself and had to be reminded of who he Copley. was," he said, adding that he was also inspired by his love for Bruce Lee movies. "I really wanted to touch on the caste

system in India, the idea where the poor are at the bottom, slaving away in these kitchens, then you go to the land of the kings and above them, you have God, a man-made god that is polluting and corrupting religion, and then you have heaven," Patel said.

The actor also asked the film's cast and crew to join him on the stage. The film also stars popular Indian actors Sobhita Dhulipala, Vipin Sharma, Ashwini Kalsekar,

at an event in Mumbai, where they instantly connected. Talking about her special day, Sukhmani said, "On the eve of March 3, I embarked on a journey that intertwined my past and present, my roots and my dreams. With a heart full of joy and

my beloved city, Amritsar, amidst the loving embrace of family and friends.

It was a true-blue Punjabi wedding and was a lively affair, resonating with the beats of giddha dancers and tumba players, a true reflection of our vibrant culture."

producer of the project. Inspired by the legend of Lord Hanuman. "Monkey Man" is set in Mumbai and features Patel as Kid, a man on a quest for vengeance against the corrupt leaders who murdered his mother and continue to systemically victimise

the poor and powerless. Post the screening, Patel made his way to the stage and was met with loud cheers and applause from the audiences. Seeing the overwhelming reaction, the actor became emotional.

The actor said he has

been a long-time fan of the action genre and revealed that he was introduced to the story of Lord Hanuman from Hindu epic Ramayana by his grandfather.

"He (the character) really captivated me. He has been sort of an emblem for my father

dar Kher, Pitobash and Makarand Deshpande, along with Sharlto Patel has developed

the movie from a story idea he had. He wrote the screenplay along with Paul Angunawela and John Collee.

# Michelle Yeoh clears air on Oscars 2024 stage confusion between her and Emma Stone

The Oscar-winning actress Michelle Yeoh has issued a clarification on what led to the confusion between her and 'Poor Things' actress Emma Stone at the 96th Oscars stage, when the latter won the Best Actress honour.

Michelle along with fellow past Oscar winners and actresses Jennifer Lawrence, Charlize Theron, Sally Field, and Jessica Lange were on hand at Sunday's ceremony to present the award for Best Actress, reports 'People' magazine.

Each actress gave a short speech about this year's nominees-Emma Stone, Annette Bening, Lily Gladstone, Sandra Huller, and Carey Mulligan-before the 'Poor Things' actress was pronounced the winner. Michelle handed



fer Lawrence on the Oscars stage causing confusion. As Emma Stone

ing onto the statuette. As per 'People', Michelle, still holding onto the Oscar, walked over to Lawrence, who

walked onto the stage, she told the women that took it from her hands her custom Louis Vuitand presented it to ton gown had ripped Emma.

After Emma said, "Thank you", she and Lawrence laughed before hugging each other.

The exchange caused moviegoers to voice their confusion online, causing Michelle to clear the air in an Instagram post.

The actress wrote, 'Congratulations Emma!! I confused vou. but I wanted to share that glorious moment of handing over Oscar to you together with your best friend Jennifer!! She reminded me of my Bae Jamie Lee Curtis, always there for each other.'

The post included a picture of Michelle smiling from ear to ear as Lawrence handed the Oscar to Emma. Michelle won the award for Best Actress in 2023 for her work on 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'. Curtis also starred in

the film and took home the win for Best Supporting Actress. Emma and Lawrence

have also been longtime friends, who first met through Woody Harrelson.

# Disha Patani & Sidharth Malhotra bond over gym sessions, volleyball during shoot breaks



Disha Patani, who plays an air hostess in the adrenaline-pumping action film Yodha, recalled playing volleyball with lead actor Sidharth Malhotra during the shoot breaks.

Disha, who was in the national capital on Monday, along with Sidharth and Raashii Khanna to promote their film, directed by Sagar Ambre and Pushkar Ojha, looked resplendent in a white

silk saree and a matching embellished sleeveless blouse with a sweetheart neckline

Talking about the fun thing they did during the shoot of the movie, Disha said, "We shot the entire schedule in the plane, and anytime we used to have a break we used to play Volleyball on the sets. So that was the fun thing we had."

# **NATIONAL**

# **PM Modi lays foundation stone of 3 semiconductor** facilities, says India delivers on its commitment

Semiconductor projects launched include India's first Fab facility at Dholera in Gujarat, Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility at Sanand in the state, and an OSAT facility in Morigaon in Assam

DHOLERA (GUJARAT), Mar 13 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said when India commits, it delivers, referring to his government's commitment to make the country a semiconductor manufacturing hub.

PM Narendra Modi was virtually addressing people after laying the foundation stone of three semiconductor facilities of about Rs 1.25 lakh crore. which include two in Gujarat and one in Assam.

"This is a historic day as we are taking a strong step towards a bright future," PM Narendra Modi said

The 'Made in India' semicon-



ductor chips will take the country towards self-reliance and

modernity, he said.

delivers and democracy also delivers," PM Narendra Modi said on the promise to make the

facturing hub. He said the earlier governments committed scams of thousands of crores, but they could not invest thousands of crores for the development of the semiconductor industry.

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The three semiconductor projects launched include India's first Fab facility at Dholera in Gujarat, Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility at Sanand in the state, and an OSAT facility in Morigaon in Assam.

### CAA implementation ahead of Lok Sabha polls 'dirty vote bank politics' of BJP: Arvind Kejriwal



NEW DELHI, Mar 13 (Agencies): Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday said the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act ahead of the Lok Sabha polls was a "dirty vote bank politics" of the BJP and asserted that people want this law to be repealed.

With this law, the BJP-led government at the Centre has opened the floodgates for the arrival of a large number of poor minorities from Pakistan and Bangladesh into India, he said at a press conference.

"There are 3.5 crore minorities in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. The BJP wants to spend the money of our people in settling poor migrants from Pakistan and Bangladesh by giving them houses and jobs here," charged Keiriwal, who is also the Aam Aadmi Party national convener.

He claimed that the BJP stands to gain in the coming elections as poor minorities from the neighbouring countries settling in India will become its vote bank. Implementation of the CAA ahead of the Lok Sabha polls was a "dirty vote bank politics" of the BJP, Kejriwal said.

The country demands scrapping of CAA, he said and asked people to vote against the BJP if the law is not repealed.

The Citizenship Amendment Act seeks to grant citizenship to undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014.

jee family member also

ruled out the possibility

to jump ship to the BJP.

"As long Mamatadi is

here, I will never quit

TMC and neither will I

join any other political

party. I am connected to

### Rs 1 lakh to poor women annually, 50 per cent quota in govt jobs: Rahul Gandhi's 'Mahila Nyay' guarantees

DHULE, Mar 13 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday announced five 'Mahila Nyay' guarantees, including Rs 1 lakh annually into the bank accounts of poor women and 50 per cent reservation in government jobs if his party is voted to power in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing a women's rally in Maharashtra's Dhule district as part of his ongoing 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra', Gandhi also promised that the central government's share in the budget for women working as ASHA, anganwadi workers and those in mid-day meal schemes would be doubled.



A nodal officer would be appointed to educate women about their rights and fight their cases, he said.

The Savitribai Phule hostels will be set up for women in every district of the country, Gandhi said. Before Gandhi's

speech, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge in a video statement said the "When India commits, India

### Mamata says 'no ties' with brother after he expresses displeasure over TMC's Howrah candidate

KOLKATA, Mar 13 (Agencies): Shortly after Mamata Banerjee's brother Babun Banerjee expressed his displeasure over TMC re-nominating Prasun Banerjee from Howrah, the TMC supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister said she would disassociate herself from the "greedy" family member. He also hinted on contesting from the same seat as an Independent.

"Sometimes, someone becomes greedy when he grows up. In every election, he creates problems. I do not like greedy persons. From today, I totally disassociate myself with him. From now on, please do not link my name with him. Forget that I had a relation with him. Not only me, other members



of my family will also disassociate themselves from him," Mamata said about her relationship with her young sibling.

The CM also made it clear that the Trinamool Congress would give an all-out effort to secure ex-footballer Prasun Banerjee's victory. Meanwhile, minutes after Mamata's rection, Babun made a U-turn and said he would not contest as an indepen-

dent candidate from

Howrah. "Didi is everything to me. Her every word is blessing for me." When asked about his elder sister's decision to disassociate herself from Babun replied, "It is between sister and brother and it happens in all the families. It is not to be discussed in public."

The discontent over the Lok Sabha polls candidature surfaced within the Banerjee family following Babun's

observation about the party's Howrah candidate Prasun who is a two-time MP. Babun said, "Who cannot qualify Class V exam, he (Prasun) has been made graduate.' "I can never forget the

many capable candi-

dates who were over-

looked. I know Didi

(Mamata) would not

agree with me," Babun

He added, that if

needed, "I will contest as

independent candidate

from Howrah Lok Sabha

seat. I am a registered

The aggrieved Baner-

voter of Howrah."

voiced.

sports. And yes, I know insult that Prasun hurled many BJP leaders who, at me," Babun added. too, are connected to sports," he said. "I am not happy with the selection of the Reacting to Banerjee's candidate from Howrah candidature, Babun Lok Sabha seat. Prasun said, "Who cannot qual-Banerjee is not the right choice. There were

ify Class V exam, he has been made graduate." Mamata, however, used her decision to disassociate herself from her brother as a political tool to blunt BJP's allegation accusing her of practising dynasty politics. "I believe in people's family. My decision disassociating myself with him (Babun) proves that I don't believe in dynasty politics," she said.

National Cadet Corps "World's Largest" As **Rajnath Singh Approves Expansion** 

'Mahalaxmi' guarantee

envisages depositing

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He said "Aadhi Aabadi

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**National Investigation Agency** detains man from Ballari in

#### NEW DELHI, Mar 13

(Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal for expansion of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) with an addition of 3,00,000 cadets.

The expansion is expected to cater to the increasing demand for the NCC from educational institutions throughout the country, the defence ministry said.

"Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal for expansion of the National Cadet Corps with the addition of three lakh cadet vacancies,"

it said. "From just 20,000 cadets in 1948, the NCC will now have a sanctioned strength of 20 lakh cadets on its roles making it the largest uniformed youth organisation of the world," the ministry said in a statement.

It said the expansion plan encompasses the establishment of four new "Group Headquarters" and the addition of two new NCC units.

"With NCC being offered as an elective subject as per the National Education Policy 2020, the expansion will be a step



towards meeting the aspirations of the youth towards playing a pivotal role as future leaders of the nation," the ministry said.

"The far reaching impact of this expansion will lead to proportionate distribution of vacancies

across all States and Union Territories and would reduce the waiting list of institutions aspiring for the NCC," it said.

An important facet of the expansion plan involves the proposal for employment of ex-

servicemen as NCC instructors for leveraging their skills and vast experience.

"This noble initiative will ensure quality training to the NCC cadets and would generate employment opportunities for the veterans," the ministry said. It said the expansion signifies a dedication to

shaping future leaders embodying discipline, leadership and service. "The NCC aims to make a transformative impact, fostering an environment where youth meaningfully contribute towards nation building," it said.

### **Rameshwaram Cafe blast case**

BENGALURU, Mar 13 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) probing the Rameshwaram Cafe blast case has detained a man from Ballari district, sources said on Wednesday.

The man is said to have 'some resemblance' with the prime suspect, sources said. "NIA sleuths are interrogating him to know his whereabouts on March 1 when the blast took place", they said.

The accused wearing a cap and mask placed

a low-intensity bomb kept in a backpack in the popular eatery at Brookefield area near Whitefield here that went off injuring nine people.

The NIA has announced Rs 10 lakh cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the bomber, and also released CCTV pictures and videos of the suspect. Karnataka Home Min-

ister G Parameshwara

said earlier this week

that sleuths investigat-

ing into the blast have

he has to be nabbed." On the trail of the suspect, the sleuths investigating the case had visited Tumakuru, Ballari, and Kalaburagi districts.

"in a way" identified the

suspect, and efforts are

He had said the inves-

tigators are verifying

the suspect's identity

and are "getting closer

"Investigations are

going on, we are clos-

ing in, in a way who the

person (the suspect) is

has been identified. It

has to be confirmed and

on to nab him.

to him".

# Ahmednagar to be renamed 'Ahilyanagar', Maharashtra approves proposal

MUMBAI. Mar 13 (Agencies): Maharashtra's 'Ahmednagar' will be renamed 'Ahilyanagar' after the 18th century Maratha queen Ahilyabai Holkar.

The Maharashtra Cabinet on Wednesday approved the proposal to rename the city.

The government's proposal to rename the city was first announced by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in May last year.

The name of Ahmed-



nagar city was derived from Ahmed Nizamshah, who founded the Nizamshahi dynasty and Ahmednagar town in the 15th century. In 2022, the names of Aurangabad and Osmanabad were

changed to Sambhaji Nagar and Dharashiv respectively. Aurangabad and Osmanabad were named after Mughal emperors Aurangzeb and Nizam Mir Osman

Ali Khan.

### Bhojpuri singer Pawan Singh announces to fight elections, days after withdrawing from Asansol

ASANSOL, Mar 13 (Agencies): In a major political development, days after he withdrew his candidature from Bengal's Asansol constituency, Bhojpuri singer Pawan Singh on Wednesday announced that he will fight the elections.

In a post on X, Pawan sought people's blessings and cooperation.

'I will contest elections to fulfil the promise made to my society, people, and mother. Your blessings and cooperation are expected. 'Jai Mata Di',' he said on X.

However, the Bhojpuri singer has not yet announced the constituency and the party from which he will fight the elections. Earlier, Pawan Singh withdrew

from the race for the Lok Sabha on March 3 Taking to his official handle on

X, the singer confirmed that he was pulling out of the contest 'due to some reason'.

'I express my heartfelt gratitude to the top leadership of Bharatiya Janata Party. The party trusted me and declared me as the candidate from West Bengal's Asansol but due to some reason, I will not be able to contest the elections from Asansol,' Singh posted from his X handle.

Adding to the intrigue around his decision to stand down from the contest, the national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee of the ruling Trinamool Congress, who is also the nephew of Chief



Minister Mamata Banerjee, tagged the Bhojpuri singer's post with a comment reading, 'The indomitable spirit and power of the people of West Bengal'.

After Bhojpuri singer Pawan Singh decided not to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha polls from Asansol, Congress leader Pawan Khera said that on one hand, the BJP is raising the

issue of the Sandeshkali incident, and on the other hand, it is fielding singers like Pawan Singh to fight polls.

Pawan Khera also questioned whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi was aware of Pawan Singh's image.

"This is an interesting case. All the agencies are under the control of the Prime Minister. Wasn't he aware of Pawan Singh's image? Now he gets to know that after 24 hours. This depicts what kind of government there is in the country. All the agencies are there to keep an eye on the opposition. It is obvious now that people like Harsh Vardhan are taking retirement because this is the era of Pawan Singh," Khera told agency.

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# **Russia is ready to use nuclear** weapons if threatened, Vladimir **Putin tells state media**

Asked if he has ever considered using battlefield nuclear weapons in Ukraine, Putin responds that there has been no need for that

MOSCOW, Mar 13 (Agencies): President Vladimir Putin said Russia is ready to use nuclear weapons if there is a threat to Russian statehood, sovereignty or independence

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Speaking in an interview with Russian state television released early on Wednesday, Putin said he hoped the US would avoid any escalation that could trigger a nuclear war, but emphasised that Russia's nuclear forces are ready for it.

Asked if he had ever considered using bat-



tlefield nuclear weapons in Ukraine, Putin responded that there had been no need for that. He also voiced con-

fidence that Moscow

would achieve its goals in Ukraine and held the door open for talks, emphasising that any deal would require firm guarantees from the West.

# Scary sight: Japan's 1st private-sector rocket explodes seconds after launch

TOKYO, Mar 13 (Agencies): A rocket that was supposed to become Japan's first from the private sector to put a satellite into orbit exploded shortly after takeoff on Wednesday, a livestreamed video showed.

Online video showed the rocket called Kairos blasting off from Wakayama Prefecture, in central Japan, a mountainous area filled with trees, but exploding midair within seconds.

A huge plume of smoke engulfed the area, and flames shot up in some spots. The video then showed spurts of water trying to put out the



blaze. There were no reports of injuries, and the fire has been brought under control, according to the fire department in Kushimoto city, Wakayama.

Tokyo-based startup Space One, behind the rocket launch, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Live footage on public broadcaster

NHK relayed a voice announcing to the crowd gathered to watch the takeoff from a safe distance. NHK showed debris scattering from the sky, and later charred

pieces strewn about on the ground. The cause of the problems was still under investigation, according to NHK.

The launch was already delayed several times, with the last postponement coming on Saturday, after a ship was spotted in a risk area, according to Japanese media reports.

If it had succeeded, Space One would have been the first private company to put a rocket into orbit.

Tokyo-based Space One was set up in 2018, with investments from major Japanese companies, including Canon Electronics, IHI, Shimizu and major banks.

### Nobel Literature laureate Mo Yan is accused in patriotism lawsuit of insulting China's heroes

TAIPEI, Mar 13 (Agencies): His writing won China's first Nobel Prize for Literature, but is it patriotic enough for Xi Jinping's China? That's debate about nationalism in China.

Patriotic campaigns nalists, writers or other public figures they say have offended the country's dignity, but it is unusual for a figure as prominent as Mo Yan to be targeted.

Patriotic blogger Wu Wanzheng, who goes by 'Truth-Telling Mao Xinghuo' online, sued under a law that carries civil penalties and, in some cases, criminal punishments for perceived offenses against China's heroes and martyrs.

Wu claimed Mo's books have smeared the Chinese Commu-



ed former revolutionary leader Mao Zedong. The lawsuit filed last

month demands that the author apologise to all Chinese people, the country's martyrs and Mao, and pay damages of 1.5 billion yuan (\$209 million) - 1 yuan for each Chinese person. He also requested that Mo's books be removed from circulation.

Wu based his grievances on the 2018 law that made insulting of society," he said in 2005 while accepting an honorary doctorate from a Hong Kong university. But the 69-year-old has had few conflicts with Beijing.

Writers Association.

After he received his

Nobel, a top party offi-

cial praised him as an

'outstanding represen-

tative' of China's rising

economic might and

It seems unlikely that

Wu will win the lawsuit.

The Chinese govern-

ment has not formally

commented on the

saga, but state-run tab-

loid Global Times on

Tuesday published a

story quoting a recent

speech by Mo, indirectly

signalling support for the

The blogger said on

Chinese social media

platform Weibo that a

Beijing court rejected his

first lawsuit because Wu

failed to provide Mo's

international influence.

civilly liable if they insult or slander 'heroes and martyrs to the detriment of the public interest'. The Associated Press could not independently verify his claims because the court has not made the docu-

ments public. Sharp-tongued media commentator and former editor of Global Times Hu Xijin also criticized Wu, calling his attempt to sue Mo a "farce" and a "populist" act. On Weibo, Hu decried support for the action as "a very alarming trend in online public opinion". In return, Wu threatened to sue Hu too.

Online, discussion was divided: Some called it a reflection of growing nationalism in China and others condemned the accusers. The controversy has trended on Weibo, where the hashtag #MoYanbeingsued had been viewed around 2 million times.

### 11 Indonesians survive days in sea after boat capsizes, 22 missing

rescue volunteers were

"The joint team will

JAKARTA, Mar 13 (Agencies): Eleven Indonesian fishermen survived after three days at sea clinging to their capsized boat, rescuers said Wednesday as they searched for at least 22 crew still missing after the weekend incident that left two dead

The boat with at least 35 crew capsized on Saturday in waters off the remote Selayar Islands in South Sulawesi Province before the 11 were found stranded on two separate atolls after days floating in the sea. Their boat capsized in bad weather during Indonesia's rainy season, according to the local search and rescue agency.

found on separate islands. The fishing boat departed from a North Jakarta port on March 3 to Lombok Island in

efforts.

West Nusa Tenggara Province. The navy and helping with the search

conduct a search and rescue operation and they have departed ... this morning," local search and rescue official Andi Raswan said. He said it would take rescuers five hours to reach the location. The survivors were found after local fishermen spotted them and alerted authorities, state news agency Antara reported. Amras said survivors

"They had been floating in the sea for three days, they were carried away by the current to Selayar waters," local government official Andi Caco Amras told agency Wednesday. The two victims were

"They were carried

boat

said they held out for

three days at sea by

wearing life jackets and

tying themselves to the

turned over, the bottom was at the top," said the official. The vessel of 93

gross tons was carrying "equipment to catch fish such as fish traps, nets, rocks, ropes, coconut leaves and fishing rods," he said.

Amras said 35 people were on the boat with 22 missing while the rescue agency gave a higher toll of 37 and 24 missing. It is common in Indonesia for the number of actual passengers on a boat to differ from the manifest. Authorities received reports about the incident early Tuesday but said bad weather had hampered their efforts. Marine accidents are a regular occurrence in Indonesia, a Southeast Asian archipelago of around 17,000 islands,

due to lax safety standards. In 2018, more than 150 people drowned when a the question at the centre of a high-profile lawsuit now driving a have become more common in recent years in China, as online nationalists attack jour-

The law is part of President Xi's campaign to fight 'historical nihilism', a phrase the party uses for any interpretation of historical events that runs counter to its offi-

cial narrative. Mo, whose real name is Guan Moye, won the Nobel in 2012. He is known for portraying rural life in China and delving into some of the downsides of the country's rapid economic development.

would hold someone In 2011, he became vice chairman of the state-backed Chinese

away along with the boat to the Selayar islands. The boat was

ferry sank in one of the world's deepest lakes on Sumatra island.

nist Party's reputation, 'beautified' enemy Japanese soldiers and insultheroes and martyrs a crime punishable by up to three years in prison.

'Literature and art should expose the darkness and injustice

home address. His current lawsuit is based on part of the 2018 law that

author.

At least one other related hashtag has been censored.

# Two killed, 26 injured after explosion at a restaurant in China

The explosion is suspected to have been caused by a gas leak at a fried chicken shop in Yanjiao township, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

SANHE, Mar 13 (Agencies): A huge suspected gas explosion at a restaurant in northern China killed two people and injured 26 more during Wednesday rush hour, state media reported, causing severe damage to buildings.

The blast occurred just before 8:00 am (0000 GMT), state broadcaster CCTV said, in a residential area in the city of Sanhe, Hebei province, less than 50 kilometres (30 miles) east of the centre of Bejing. CCTV reported at 1:30 pm that two people had since died and that 26 were injured.

The fire has been extinguished, it added. The explosion was suspected to have been caused by a gas leak at a fried chicken shop, state media reported.

"I heard a great big bang ... which scared me stiff," a seller at a local market said.

"Outside, I saw clouds of black smoke," they added. Another seller said they also heard a "huge bang" from the blast site, in a bustling area of squat apartment blocks about six or seven floors high. An agency team at the scene also observed police waving oncoming traffic away from an entrance to the neigh-



blast blew out shop facades

opposite, footage shared on vid-

eo-sharing site Douyin showed.

sion took place 200 metres

from her home. Rescue work-

ers rushed to the scene, with the

local Langfang fire department

saying 36 emergency vehicles

and 154 personnel had been

A merchant working at a

nearby store told state-run Jimu

News she had been in her shop

when she heard a bang. She ran

out of her store and saw a build-

ing on fire, she said, adding that

"the whole building was virtually

dispatched.

The uploader said the explo-

bourhood where the explosion occurred.

From a police cordon on the north side of the blast zone, they could see a tower of grey smoke a few hundred metres (yards) away, with what appeared to be a crane positioned near it.

Destroyed

Footage online circulated by state media showed a huge explosion that sent plumes of smoke and fire across a busy road.

Another video on social media showed what appeared to be a building that had completely collapsed as well as several destroyed cars and debris destroyed".

Accidents common Explosions and other deadly accidents are common in China due to lax safety standards and poor enforcement.

Last month, at least 15 people were killed and 44 injured in a fire at a residential building in the eastern city of Nanjing.

In January, dozens died after a fire broke out at a store in the central city of Xinyu, with state news agency Xinhua reporting the blaze had been caused by the "illegal" use of fire by workers in the store's basement. That fire came just days after a late-evening blaze at a school in central Henan province killed 13 schoolchildren as they slept in a dormitory.

Domestic media reports suggested the fire was caused by an electric heating device. And in November last year, 26 people were killed and dozens sent to hospital after a fire at a coal company office in northern Shanxi province.

Last June, an explosion at a barbecue restaurant in the northwest of the country left 31 dead and prompted official pledges of a nationwide campaign to promote workplace safety.

### **Ex New Zealand MP Pleads Guilty Over Shoplifting Allegations**

The 43-year-old pleaded guilty on Wednesday at Auckland District Court to four counts of shoplifting, an official told agency.

Soon after, police

charged the rising star

of the Green Party with

shoplifting from bou-

The 43-year-old, who



Ghahraman, the first ary 16, citing the need health.

in ways that are completely out of character. "I am not trying to excuse my actions, but I do want to explain them. I have let down a lot of people," she said at the time.

Iran-born Ghahraman moved to New Zealand as a child with her family when they were granted political asylum.

After studying law, she became a United Nations human rights lawyer working on international criminal tribunals before entering parliament in 2017.

Prior to the allegations becoming public, Ghahraman had been criticised for her prominent involvement in a string of pro-Palestine protests.

Former Green Party co-leader James Shaw has said Ghahraman suffered "continuous threats" since the day she entered parliament and that pressure had intensified before her offences.

WELLINGTON, Mar 13 (Agencies): Former New Zealand lawmaker Golriz Ghahraman pleaded guilty to shoplifting on Wednesday, a scandal that has derailed the centre-left politician's once-promising career.

refugee elected to New Zealand's parliament, stepped down from her political duties on Januto address her mental

tique clothing stores. previously served as her party's justice spokeswoman, pleaded guilty on Wednesday at Auckland District Court to four

counts of shoplifting, an official told agency. A former human rights lawyer, Ghahraman said at the time of her resignation that work-related stress had led her to "act

# LOCAL/CONTD....

# **CUJ hosts live streaming of Prime Minister's India Semiconductor Mission 2024 Launch**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Mar 13: Central University of Jammu (CUJ) hosted the live streaming of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's highly anticipated Semiconductor Mission 2024 launch today

Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Watched Live Streaming along with deans, directors, faculty members, and enthusiastic students, gathered a large turnout at the university auditorium.

The Prime Minister's India Semiconductor Mission 2024 launch marks a pivotal moment for the nation's technological advancement, with significant implications for various sectors including telecommunications, electronics, and defense. Through this initiative, India aims to strengthen its position as a global leader in semiconductor manufacturing and innovation.



Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to witness this historic event firsthand at the Central University of Jammu

emphasizing the university's commitment to promote technological excellence and empower the next generation of innovators The event enhances the univer-

sity's dedication to providing its students and faculty members with access to transformative experiences and cutting-edge developments in the field of technology.

### **Empowering J&K students: Shree** Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha continues scholarship initiative "To date, the Sabha,

has distributed a com-

mendable sum of Rs

11,12,000 in educational

scholarships, benefiting

numerous students of

the Rajput community

and empowering them

to pursue their academic

aspirations, particularly

those from the Economi-

cally Weaker Section

The generous financial

support, made possible

through the contribu-

tions of Four Hundred

Eighty (480) members

of the Rajput community,

underscores the collec-

tive commitment to nur-

turing and supporting

the educational endeav-

(EWS)," he added.

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Mar 13: Under the leadership of President Pavitar Singh, Shree Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir, has disbursed scholarships totaling Rs 50000 to deserving students from the Economically Weaker Section, continuing its commitment to support education and upliftment within the community.

Ashish Katoch, Organising Secretary of Shree Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir, emphasized, "The Sabha is dedicated to the welfare and brighter future of the Rajput Community in J&K.'

arship initiative, SAKRS J&K provides financial assistance under various welfare initiatives, addressing the diverse needs of the community. A total disbursement of Rs 20,94,000 has been made under education/ sports scholarships, marriage assistance, widow pension, family pension, old age pension, and other funds.

Under the visionary guidance of President Pavitar Singh, a retired judge, the SAKRS J&K remains steadfast in its efforts to promote educational, social, and cultural initiatives, strengthening community bonds, and fostering progress

# Lecturers call on Chief Education Officer Kishtwar

cation Jammu, Ashok

Kumar Sharma through

Chief Education Officer

the central government

to restore statehood to

Jammu and Kashmir

before the upcoming

Ajeet Bhagat encour-

aged the party workers to

prepare for the upcoming

Lok Sabha elections and

ensure that the important

assembly elections.

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, Mar 13: Lecturers of District Kishtwar, on Wednesday called on Chief Education Officer Kishtwar, RK Visheshta under the leadership of Pardeep Koul. District President. All J&K +2 Lecturers Forum Kishtwar.

Others who were part of the delegation include Sandeep Rathore, Ram Saroop Sharma, Jagdish Raj, Suresh Mattoo, Abdul Khaliq, Arshad Hussain Dev, Rajesh Sharma.



The delegation presented a memorandum to Director School Edu-

Kishtwar

The delegation, in the memorandum has requested the Director to withdraw 2nd endorsement to above mentioned order of Administrative Department ( with an additional enclosure) as the same letter already stands endorsed vide Director School Education Jammu's No DSEJ/ Trg/2024/1693-1702 dated 23.01.2024 with two enclosed formats A and B of Administrative Department The memorandum said

the information as sought stands already submitted by CEOs concerned to Director.

The forum added that DSEK hasn't added any additional enclosure. The ongoing examina-

tions were also discussed at length. The Forum assured the

CEO to provide all possible support for conducting free and fair examination besides, providing congenial atmosphere to students so that they perform to the best of their abilities

# Ajeet urges ECI to ensure Ballot papers voting in Parliamentary Election

#### **Top News Report**

KISHTWAR, Mar 13: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference senior leader. Spokesperson Ajeet Bhagat, citing concerns over possible manipulation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), urged the Election Commission of India to ensure that the upcoming parlia-

ships faced by the people. exercise. Recognizing the impor-Bhagat also demanded

tance of parliamentary elections in a democratic country like India, Bhagat stressed the need for a system that

instils trust and confidence in voters. He emphasized that the essence of a functioning democracy lies in ensuring that every vote is

### **DDC Nutnussa inaugurates** upgradation macadamization of inner links of Kandi-Nutnussa Road

#### **Top News Report**

HANDWARA, Mar 13: The R&B road Macadamization ceremony were held at Kandi Nutnussa Handwara area of District Kupwara with a cost of 2.60 Crore in

Phase 1st. The Road was inaugurated by DDC Nutnussa Advocate Zahoor Ah Magray along Exn R&B Handwara Farooq Ah Shah . AEE Mohd Hussain, JE Mushtag Ah along others. Meanwhile residents of Kandi, Nutnussa are highly thankful to R&B Division Handwara especially Exn, AEE, JE and Employees of M/s Khan Constructions Headed by Prop. Mohd Anwar Khan.

On the other side Residents of Kandi-Nutnussa and adjacent areas are highly thanked the higher officials and DDC Nutnussa Adv Zahoor Ah Magray, for fulfilled their

long pending Demand. The locals of the area lauded the initiative saying that it solves many of their problems, one of them being accidents on the road due to potholes other it was difficult to walk during winters. People had a lot of troubles, there were accidents taking place here every now and then. We appreciate the work being done," said Nazir Ah, a local resident who was present at the site to witness a first-hand account of the work

#### ors of fellow Rajput community members. within the Rajput com-In addition to its scholmunity. CS for making robust plan for

savings made in JTFRP projects



and of most emergent

nature to be taken up

shortly and completed

before December this

year. He enjoined upon

the concerned authori-

ties to assess the viability

of such projects before-

hand and take measures

accordingly to ground them within the onset

of upcoming working

Dulloo also stressed

on holding consultations

among different depart-

ments to ascertain their

urgent needs regarding

augmentation of their

capacities and mitigating

of disaster management

He even asked about

the issues faced in

completion of ongoing

projects and the dates

for their completion. He

emphasised on ensuring

that all the ongoing and

season.

in future.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 13: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Wednesday while reviewing the pace and progress of World Bank funded Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) impressed upon the concerned to make a robust plan for around Rs 140 Cr savings amount out of the total outlay for 213 sub-projects funded under it.

Besides the CEO, ERA the meeting was also attended by Principal Secretary, Higher Education; Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Secretary, PWD; Secretary, Health; Secretary, School Education; MD, JKPCC; Commissioner, SMC besides other officers.

Srinagar based officers participated in the meeta through video confer-

Cr. She further informed that out of these 186 projects had been completed in the UT at an expenditure of Rs 1363 Cr.

Dr Sehrish further revealed that the major components includes reconstruction & strengthening of Critical infrastructure (40 projects), reconstruction of Roads and bridges (31 projects), Restoration of Urban Flood Management Infrastructure (13 projects), Restoration and Strengthening of Livelihoods (26 projects), Strengthening Disaster risk management capacity (22 projects) and Contingent Emergency Response (74

projects) In addition it was revealed that the project was pivotal in introducing rigid pavement in roads. preparation of a digital risk database, building a semi arched trussed bridge, building schools with BALA (Building as a Learning Aid) feature, building first state of the art Emergency Operation Centre and introduction of Green Hospital Building here in the UT besides augmenting and upgrading critical infrastructure and damaged infrastructure across the districts of J&K.

mentary elections use ballot papers.

Senior National Conference leader Ajeet Bhagat said that EVMs have the potential to be tampered with, leading to an unfair election process. While advocating the revival of traditional paper ballots, they seek to ensure utmost transparency and integrity in the democratic

accurately counted, leaving no room for doubt.

The senior National Conference leader Ajeet Bhagat emphasized the need for simultaneous parliamentary and assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, saying that the absence of a popular government in the region would increase the hard-

achievements of the party reach every nook and cranny of the district.

The National Conference leader highlighted the importance of supporting Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, urging the party members to unite and contribute to the equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir.

encing.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary directed for considering some significant works for upgradation of infrastructure in our education, health, disaster management and livelihood generation here so that these savings are spent on a positive developmental front in a timebound manner. He asked for identifying the works that are critical

newly taken up works are completed before December this year, which is the deadline of this project as well

In her presentation, the CEO, ERA, Dr Syed SehrishAsgar briefed the meeting about the accomplishments made so far under JTFRP. She gave out that 213 sub-projects under different components were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs1810

### Total of 22,217 electoral bonds purchased from Apr 1, 2019 to Feb 15, 2024: SBI to SC

shared by the bank on its official website by 5 pm on March 15.

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 had directed the SBI, the authorised financial institution under the scheme, to submit by March 6 the details of the electoral bonds purchased since April 12, 2019, till date to the EC.

### Lt Governor felicitates medal winners of National & International Competitions for the years 2021-22 and 2022-23

The Lt Governor said that our Sports Icons are the true inspiration for the youth of Jammu Kashmir and the efforts of the government to take sports to villages, far-

flung and border areas have bridged the decades-old gap between talents and the opportunities.

Adequate sports infrastructure, new sports policy, upgradation in the quality of coaches, youth engagement drives at Panchayat Level, LG rolling trophy and various other initiatives will create a robust sports culture involving all sections and secure attractive career track for athletes, he said. A total of 702 sports projects have been completed in the last few years. Two athletic tracks, one each at Jammu University and Kashmir University; five synthetic hockey fields and two synthetic football fields have been constructed at Pulwama, Srinagar, Jammu, Poonch, Nagrota. Further, more athletic tracks, synthetic hockey and synthetic football fields are coming up at Jammu, Poonch, Sopore, Srinagar, Shopian, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Jagti Nagrota and Rajouri, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor commended the endeavours of Sports Department, Sports Council and associations for promoting sports activities in Jammu Kashmir.

He also highlighted the commitment of J&K Administration towards the welfare of the sportspersons bringing laurels to the country and the Union Territory. We are determined to complete the recruitment process of sportspersons at the earliest, he added

The Lt Governor interacted with the sportspersons and handed over sports kits and equipments to the budding players. Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt

Governor; Sh Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Youth Services & Sports; Ms Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council; senior officials, eminent sports personalities and youth in large number were present.

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### Widespread light to moderate rain. snow over J&K during the next 24 hrs: MeT

generally cloudy today, with the possibility of widespread rain or snow in most of the places in Jammu and Kashmir.

The weather is likely to remain dry from March 15 to March 20, the MeT office said. Gulmarg and the tourist hot spot of Pahalgam recorded subzero temperatures, while other stations also witnessed a slight drop during the intervening nights of Tuesday and Wednesday. However, the temperatures were recorded above normal in all the stations of the Kashmir Valley during this period of the season.

Srinagar witnessed a slight drop in the night temperature, recorded at a low of 5.4°C during the intervening nights of Tuesday and Wednesday, against the 5.9°C recorded the previous night. It was 1.7°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 3.4°C against the 5.8°C, while the picnic spot of Kokernag also settled at 4.2°C against the 4.4°C recorded the previous night

The night temperature at Pahalgam dropped to -0.5°C from 1.7°C a day ago. However, it was 0.7°C above normal for the famous tourist hot spot of south Kashmir.

The temperature at the ski resort of Gulmarg slightly improved by a few notches and was recorded at -1.2°C against -1.6°C the previous night. It was 2.1°C above normal for the valley of meadows in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday.

Kupwara had a low of 4.5°C against 4.0°C the previous night. It was 2.2°C above normal for the frontier Kashmir district on Tuesday, the MeT office said.

### Election Commission team reaches Jammu to **assess LS Poll** preparedness in J&K

chairman and former minister Harsh Dev Singh along with his several supporters after they tried to stage a protest outside Nirvachan Bhawan here against the "delay" in holding assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Despite being a recognised political party, we were not allowed to meet the visiting Election Commission team in Srinagar yesterday at the behest of the BJP," Singh told reporters while being whisked away by police.

### Priyanka Gandhi voices

### support for full Statehood demand of people of Ladakh

The Government should leave its "stubbornness" and listen to the voice of the people of Ladakh, Priyanka Gandhi said.

### **GPS-Enabled tracking** systems to be installed in J&K poll duty vehicles, **Says Official**

"This is a tentative number, subject to change based on the actual requirements calculated after the declaration of elections. The installation of GPS tracker devices will be done inside the vehicles," he explained.

The vehicles will be stationed at various locations across Jammu and Kashmir, with the specific locations provided by the respective DEOs, he added.

### **Police solves burglary** case within 12 hrs in **Baramulla. 3 arrested**

Budmulla Sheeri, who were accordingly arrested, and stolen property worth 5 lacs was also recovered from their possession. Further investigation is going on, and more recoveries are expected, the police said.

# LOCAL

# **PSPS Women College inspires young voters** through SVEEP initiative

#### **Top News Report**

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JAMMU, Mar 13: Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women today organized a one day Voters awareness workshop under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign.

Held under the guidance of District Election Officer Jammu, Sachin Vaishay and the leadership of Nodal Officer Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP), the event aimed to educate and engage young voters, promoting active participation in the dem-

The workshop raised awareness among stu-

ocratic process.

DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICE JAMMU atic Voter's Educati

dents regarding NSVP portal and form no.6. Many students registered themselves, corrected their forms and generated their EPIC cards. Doubts of the students were cleared thoroughly and they

the voting registration process "We believe that every

vote counts, and it is essential to empower our young generation with the knowledge and understanding of their



faculty coordinator of the Electoral Literacy Club. "Through events like these, we aim to encourage students to actively participate in the democratic process choices."

The event at PSPS Government College for Women successfully concluded under the supervision of Principle Dr. S P Saraswat which inspired young voters and created awareness about the power.

Dr Pooja Charak, Prof Paramjeet Singh organised the event. The Department of Political Science expresses gratitude to all students, faculty and the SVEEP team for their contribution in making the event successful Campus Ambassadors Ashpreet Kaur Sudan ,Sanjeevani Bhardwaaj, Khushi bhardwaj,

Shivya Gandotra and Ayushi Sharma also aided well to the event.

# BSP to celebrate 90th birth anniversary of party founder Kashi Ram on Mar 15

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Mar 13: The 90th Birth Anniversary of Kanshi Ram, founder of BAMCEF, DS4 and Bahujan Samaj Party, will be celebrated on 15th March at the party headquarters Satwari Jammu on behalf of the BSP unit of Jammu and Kashmir state. This information was given in the statement issued by the party's state office.

In the statement issued by the party, it was said that during this program organized at the party headquarters, State Coordinator of Bahujan Samai Party & former MP Raja Ram and Party Coordinator Dr. Avtar Singh Karimpuria will especially participate in the program. Will be present in. Apart from this, along with the members of the state Bahujan Samaj Party state unit, workers will also be present in this program. In the statement issued by the party, it has also been said that by celebrating this program on a large scale, the party workers will pay tribute to the party's founder Kanshi Ram.

On behalf of the party, it was said that the founder of Bahujan Samaj Party,



Kanshi Ram, was born in a poor family on 15th March 1934 and he always worked for providing justice to the poor and backward sections of the society and his life was also full of struggles. It was full of people and even today the party is continuously working for the welfare of the backward and downtrodden sections of the society by following the path shown by them.

# Mashq Records releases devotional song 'Nooruk Partav Travi Nabi' for Ramazan

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, Mar 13: Mashq Records, known for its heart-touching melodies, has released a new devotional song #Naat titled 'Nooruk Partav Travi Nabi. Sung by the talented Afaq Shafi, known for his appearances on the national TV show Indian Idol, this spiritual song is set to capture the essence of the holy month of Ramazan.

Produced by Mashq Records and presented by Kanwal Foods and Spices Pvt. Ltd., 'Nooruk Partav Travi Nabi' is a soulful tribute to Ramazan. Directed by the visionary Rj Umar Nisar, the song is a collaboration that aims to touch the hearts and souls of listeners

"We are excited to announce the release of this special song, dedicated to the holy month of Ramazan. After years of producing heart-catching songs, we at Mashq Records are presenting this as a gift for Ramzan, in association with Kanwal Foods. We are



month of Ramazan begins, 'Nooruk Partav Travi Nabi' is poised to become a spiritual anthem, spreading love and peace.

"I am thrilled to be a part of this project," said Afaq Shafi, the singer of 'Nooruk Partav Travi Nabi'. "It's an honor to lend my voice to such a beautiful song, especially for the holy month of Ramazan."

Kanwal Foods, the presenter of the song, expressed their enthu-

### **Public Speaking Competition** hosted by 52nd CRPF Battalion concludes at Kishtwar

**Top News Report** 

and make informed

KISHTWAR, Mar 13: The Public Speaking Competition organized by the 52nd Battalion CRPF Kishtwar culminated today in the Government Degree College Auditorium.

The event graced by Parma Shivan, Com-mandant-52 Bn CRPF as the Chief Guest and Sunil Parihar from Ashiana as the Special Guest, witnessed enthusiastic



participation from 34 stu-International School, who dents representing varireceived a trophy along ous schools and instituwith Rs. 2000. tions of Kishtwar.

The 2nd Place was A distinguished panel clinched by Anam Kelam of jury members, comfrom AL-Hilal Education prising Gaurav Kumar, Academy. Sh was award-Assistant Commandant. ed a trophy and Rs. 3000 CRPF, Inspector Vipin cash prize Jha, CRPF, Lokesh Divvanshi Sharma, a 6th-grade student from Kishtwar Valley Public evaluated the participants School Hidyal secured based on the criteria viz the 1st position, receiv-Content (10 marks), Laning a trophy along with guage (10 marks), Style Rs. 5000. (10 marks), Overall Pre-The event drew an audience of approximately Each jury member has 250 individuals, showcasing the vibrant spirit of public speaking in the tition offered a range of prizes, including Consolacommunity

# 2 Udhampur Hotels achieve **Swachhata Green Leaf Rating**

into three major catego-

ries, in which '5 leaf'

certificate is provided to

the establishments with

best cleanliness, waste

management, and sus-

tainability practices fol-

lowed by '3 leaf' and '1

Director General Rural

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Malhotra said: "The

achievement of Swach-

hata Green Leaf Ratings

by these hotels is not only

a testament to their com-

mitment to excellence

but also a commendable

step towards promoting

cleanliness and sustain-

ability at tourist hill-sta-

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Director General Rural

Sanitation added that it

is hoped that other hotels

and establishments in

the area will follow suit.

contributing to the overall

improvement of cleanli-

ness and environmental

SGLR is a ground-

breaking move to revolu-

tionize sanitation practic-

es within India's expand-

ing tourism industry, the

Department of Drinking

standards in the area.

pur district."

leaf' rating system.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 13: In a significant development towards promoting cleanliness and sustainability, two hotels in Udhampur district have achieved Swachhata Green Leaf Ratings (SGLR) by completing self-certification compliance. This accomplishment highlights their commitment to maintain high standards of hygiene and environmental stewardship.

The self-certification compliance for Swachhata Green Leaf is a rigorous process that requires hotels to adhere to strict guidelines related to cleanliness, waste management, and sustainability practices. By successfully completing this process, these hotels have demonstrated their dedication to provide a clean and eco-friendly environment to their guests.

Hotel Heritage, Patnitop received 3 leaf rating and Subash Hotel Patnitop received 1 leaf rating. The SGLR is divided

#### Water and Sanitation (DDWS), in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, introduced the SGLR initiative.

The Swachhata Green Leaf Ratings scheme is part of the Swachh Bharat Mission, which aims to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and sanitation across India. The successful completion of the self-certification compliance by these hotels is a testament to the success of this mission and a shining example for others to follow.

Earlier this year, "National Pilot on Swachhata Green Leaf Rating in Hospitality Facilities' was launched at tourist place Pahalgam in district Anantnag of Jammu and Kashmir and Kaziranga National Park, Assam.

Aligned with the Travel for LiFE programme under Mission LiFE, the Swachhata Green Leaf Rating initiative endeavours to promote sustainable tourism practices that harmonize with nature

awarded to Atika Kousar Dreamland Academy, Keshwan, Adil Ahmed - Dreamland Academy, Keshwan, Shivan Koul K.V., Adiba Ara - Islamiya Faridiya, Pearl Bhandari Divine Light Academy, Vanshika Thakur - Daf

tion Prizes of Rs. 500 each

fodil Public School, Saad Ahmed - Kidzee International School and Kajal Rani from Nagni Village. Among the winners, the 3rd Place went to Tavish Mahajan from Kidzee

confident that with your love and support, this song will become a top hit," said Rj Umar Nisar.

collabora-This tion between Mashq Records, Kanwal Foods, and the talented team led by Ri Umar Nisar promises to deliver a song that will resonate deeply with audiences. As the

siasm for the collaboration. "We are delighted to partner with Mashq Records for this project," said a representative from Kanwal Foods. "This song is a testament to the power of music to unite and inspire, and we are proud to be a part of

Records official You-Tube channel and major audio platforms," added the team behind 'Nooruk Partav Travi Nabi', hoping to create a meaningful and memorable song that resonates with audiences during the holy month Director Rj Umar Nisar of Ramazan.

als."

"This Naat can be Sharma, Civilian, Inspecaccessed on Mashq tor B.C. Pathak, CRPF sentation (20 marks) to award 50 marks to the contestants. The compe-

### JKNPP protestds outside Nirvachan Bhawan

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 13: JKNPP activists led by its President Mr. Harsh Dev Singh held a massive protest outside Nirvachan Bhawan Jammu coinciding with the visit of Election Commission to the UT seeking restoration of democracy in J&K and conduct of simultaneous elections for Parliament and Assembly in a fair and transparent manner. The NPP activists raised the slogans against the Central and UT govts of denving the democratic rights to the people of J&K who were subjected to the most unpopular 'babu raj' imposed by New Delhi. They further criticized the ECI for remaining a mute spectator for the last around 6 years when the Assembly was dissolved in 2018 and for abdicating its responsibility to restore a democratically elected

govt in J&K. They raised slogans of "TN Seshan amar rahein, amar rahein" as a mark of respect for the then CEC for his honest efforts to ensure fairness and transparency in elections besides giving a fair deal and equitable treatment to all the political parties. Mr. Harsh Dev Singh along with other leaders were restrained, manhandled and arrested by JK Police. They were detained at Trikuta Nagar Police Station. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Mr. Harsh Dev

Singh lambasted the UT

administration for confer-

ring undue favours upon

BJP and its allies while

subjecting the opposi-

tion parties to most hos-

tile discrimination even

in the matter of security,

accommodation, etc. In a

memorandum addressed

to CEC and submitted

in Nirvachan Bhawan

today, Mr. Singh pointed

out that over 30 BJP

leaders had been pro-

to the recognized political parties. Likewise, he divulged that security vehicles, govt vehicles besides huge paraphernalia of security personnel were provided to even the village level workers of BJP and its said allies while denying even the bare minimum security to opposition leaders who remained legislators for decades besides having Cabinet rank ministers and heads of political parties.

Singh said that pliant officers owing allegiance to BJP had been assigned prominent positions from where they could help the Saffron party in elections and promote their political prospects. Citing instances of some of the officers who had vowed to demolish the opposition parties, Mr. Harsh Dev Singh said that they had been given significant positions only to help the ruling party.

Singh further lambasted the BJP for persuading ECI to deny appointment to NPP which is a recognized political party in J&K. He said that while other recognized parties were given audience by ECI and a hearing to listen to their grievances, the NPP despite being a recognized State party was ignored only at the behest of BJP in view of latter facing a threat from the Panthers ever rising graph and popularity among the masses.

# **Electoral Awareness Campaign under SVEEP Reaches Border Areas**

project, stating, "I wanted

to create a visual experi-

ence that would comple-

ment the soulful lyrics

and music of the song.

It has been a rewarding

experience working with

such talented individu-

Together, the team

behind 'Nooruk Partav

Travi Nabi' hopes to

create a meaningful and

memorable song that

resonates with audienc-

es during the holy month

of Ramazan



#### **Top News Report**

RAJOURI, Mar 13: The District Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Team, led by Prof. Iqbal Raina (DNO), Prof. Joginder Singh, Prof. Ajaz Nazir, Dr. Sajjad Mir and Tan-

weer Ahmed Chowdhury, today conducted an extensive Electoral Awareness Campaign in Lam and Jhanger border belt.

took place at Government Higher Secondary School Laroka, where

informative session led

enhancing their under-

students and local residents gathered for an

by the SVEEP team. Prof. Iqbal Raina, the

The primary event standing of the electoral

designated Nodal Officer for SVEEP, answered questions from students,

process

Before this, Prof. Joginder Singh engaged with the public in the main market, collaborating with the local Panch and provided awareness about SVEEP and asked them to bring every enrolled elector to the polling booth. The team also visited homes, ensuring the seamless spread of crucial SVEEP information, emphasizing the importance of active participation in upcoming elections. The collaborative

efforts of the SVEEP team, combining information sharing and community involvement not only increased electoral awareness but also garnered a strong commitment from the public to maximize their involvement in the upcoming election.

vided Estates mansions and palatial bungalows by the govt with all furniture, fixtures, ACs, refrigerators and other luxury items at govt expense while throwing out even the tallest opposition leaders of similar accommodation. He revealed that even unrecognized parties like JKAP and PC had been provided palatial govt bungalows both in Jammu as well as in Kashmir for running their political offices

while denying the same

# Samsung launches new range of '11 Kg AI Ecobubble' fully automatic front load washing machines

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 13: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today unveiled a new range of AI Ecobubble fully automatic front load washing machines. This new range of washing machines is the first in the 11 kg segment to come with advanced features like AI Wash, Q-Drive and Auto Dispense that let you do your laundry 50% faster, offer 45.5% better fabric care and are up to 70% more ener-

gy-efficient. Al Ecobubble is a perfect blend of Samsung's Q-Bubble and QuickDrive technologies that make washing more intuitive and less time consuming. While Q-Bubble™ technology combines dynamic drum rotation with additional water shots to create more abundant and powerful bubbles for faster detergent penetration, Quick Drive reduces wash time by up to 50%. These features make the performance of

AI Ecobubble improved and sustainable since it contributes significantly to water and energy conservation.

The new range, with Auto Dispense and Al Wash, is highly intuitive and smart. The Al Wash feature senses the weight of the load and optimizes the amount of water and detergent required. It detects the softness of the fabric and adjusts the wash and spin times to protect it.

"At Samsung, we focus on introducing

technology that is not only intuitive but also sustainable. We have designed the new range keeping in mind the evolving needs of diverse consumers. Our first range in the 11 kg fully automatic front load washing machines segment is highly energyefficient. Features like auto dispense, Al wash and Q-Drive, contribute in making washing an easier and simpler chore," said Pushp Baishakhia, Senior Director, Digital Appliances Business, Samsung India.

# **SPORTS**

# On his birthday, Mohammed Siraj reveals he contemplated quitting cricket in 2019

Mohammed Siraj revealed on his 30th birthday that he had contemplated leaving cricket a few years ago before becoming one of India's top pacers.

NEW DELHI, Mar 13 (Agencies): Mohammed Siraj revealed on his birthday, March 13, that he had actually contemplated quitting cricket a few years ago before becoming one of India's main pacers.

Siraj, who turned 30 on Wednesday, said that he had given himself a year during the 2019-20 time to get successful in the sport, else he was ready to walk away.

"In 2020...19 I had thought I am giving myself this last year and after that I will leave the game for good," said Siraj.

In a video released by the BCCI, the pacer took the fans for a tour around his hometown of Hyderabad and showed the ground where everything started for him and his favourite hangout spots. Siraj said that the ground Eidgah was where he finds peace despite travelling all around the globe these days.

"As soon as I land in Hyderabad, my first thought is that I will go home. After home I will



go to Eidgah. Wherever in the world I go. I don't get so much peace anywhere, to be honest. Whenever I go there, I get so much peace," said Siraj. Coming from a humble background, Siraj revealed that he used to do a catering job to support his dad, who used to drive an autorickshaw and was the sole earner of the family at that time. The pacer said that he

used to burn his hands trying to

flip roomali roti. "I used to go to do a catering job. My family members used to sav that son, please study. I liked playing cricket very much because we used to live on rent also. My dad was the only earning member in the house. If I dot a hundred or two hundred rupees, I was happy with it. I used to give 100 or 150 rupees

at home and keep 50 for myself." "My hands would burn as I had to flip roomali roti. But that's ok. I have reached here after having my fair share of struggles," said Sirai

Siraj would then reveal how tennis ball cricket helped him increase his pace and would have a motivating message for the fans to round off the heartwarming video.

"Whenever you work hard, your hard work will not go to waste. You will get it in the end, if not today or tomorrow, then day after tomorrow or in a year or in two years or in three years, you will get the result," said Siraj.

Siraj would quickly establish himself as mainstay for India in Tests and ODIs. The pacer would even become the No.1 ranked ODI bowler some time ago and was last seen in action during the England series. Sirai will now gear up for the IPL 2024 season, where he will

represent RCB.

# Perry on the cake: RCB make playoffs in style

a night to remember as

she registered the best-

ever bowling figures in

the history of the Wom-

en's Premier League,

finishing with 6/15 runs

as RCB dismissed MI

for 113, their second-

lowest score in WPL,

after opting to bowl first.

RCB were 39/3 in the

seventh over. It could

have been worse had

Nat Sciver-Brunt held

on to two catches off

However, the 33-year-

old Perry slammed a

Shabnim Ismail.



NEW DELHI, Mar 13 (Agencies): Ellyse Perry came up with an all-round show as she snapped a record sixwicket haul and then smashed an unbeaten 40 to set up Royal Challengers Bangalore's dominating seven-wicket win over Mumbai Indians and seal their playoff berth in the Women's Premier League here.

The star Australian all-rounder, who had gone wicketless so far in the tournament, had 38-ball 40, sharing an unbroken 76-run stand with Richa Ghosh (36 off 28) to take RCB across the finish line in 15 overs.

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With the win, RCB finished their league engagements at third position with eight points, while MI (10 points) stayed at the second spot behind Delhi Capitals (10) in the table.

"Sometimes, it just goes your way. Really nice to play a great match. It was an important game and nice to get a win over them - first time in the competition," Perry said. "I really enjoyed bowling. The ball nipped around a little bit and it was fun," she added.

Brief scores: Mumbai: 113 in 19 overs (Matthews 26, Sajana 30; Perry 6/15); Royal Challengers Bangalore: 115/3 in 15 overs (Perry 40\*, Richa 36\*).

### **BCCI Set To Bar State Units From Direct Cricketing Tie-Up** With Foreign Boards

NEW DELHI, Mar 13 (Agencies): The BCCI is set to bar state associations from directly engaging with foreign boards for organising training camps and competitions, making it mandatory for them to route all such proposals through the parent body. The decision will be taken at the board's Apex Council meeting on March 18. The BCCI was forced to take the decision after a host of state units, including the Delhi and Puducherry, held talks with foreign boards, mainly the associate nations, for hosting them on exposure trips. It could be confirmed that Delhi and Districts Cricket Association has received a proposal from the Nepal board. "State units can surely partner foreign boards for cricket related activities but those agreements have to be facilitated by the BCCI as it is the parent body. All proposals must go through BCCI," said a BCCI source.



ciations collaborating with foreign boards for organising cricket", following which the BCCI will take matters in its own hands.

for training and competition. Cricket

Sri Lanka Cricket signs MOU with Japan Associate nations reaching out to full members is not only restricted to powerhouse India. On Wednesday, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) signed an MOU with the Japan Cricket Association (JCA) to help the latter develop its game through "collaborations, exchanges, and also providing expertise pertaining to the game". As per the agreement, SLC will send its players, teams, coaches and curators to Japan.

## Knew Rohit Sharma was an outstanding leader but saw a man with a golden heart when my mom was ill: Ravichandran Ashwin

CHENNAI, Mar 13 (Agencies): Ravichandran Ashwin always had respect for Rohit Sharma, the outstanding leader, but what stands out is the Indian skipper's heart of gold and humane qualities, something the spinner witnessed firsthand when his mother Chitra was hospitalised during the third Test in Rajkot. In a society where an individual mostly thinks about one's own self, Rohit Sharma the leader stands out for his empathy and golden heart, which makes his teammates put their bodies on the line for him, feels Ashwin, who had to rush



a balance and if I leave the squad, they will be left with 10 people against a full-strength squad. At the other end, I was thinking about the last time I spoke to my mother," an emotional Ashwin vividly recollected the incidents on that fateful evening in Rajkot. "I just wanted to leave and see her and I asked the doctor how she was and if she was conscious. The doctor apparently told me she was not in a position to be seen and I was tearing up and searching for a flight and I couldn't get one," he spoke about his

do. Rohit literally asked me to stop thinking, and leave to be there with my family, and he was trying to arrange a charter flight for me," Ashwin said.

He also thanked Cheteshwar Pujara, who came down from Ahmedabad to Rajkot

the security check, Kamlesh was already waiting there," Ashwin said.

"It was Rohit who called Kamlesh and asked him to come and be with me and check on me during this tough time. It was 9.30 pm and I was just gobsmacked, I couldn't even think about it and two people (Kamlesh and Pujara), they were the ones I could talk to here. What if I had no one to talk to at that moment," Ashwin said.

Ashwin said that had he been skipper, he would have done the same but wondered if he would have taken the pains to arrange a char-

think so.

God has bigger plans for a human being of his kind.

"I can't quite put my finger on it as I have played under several captains and leaders but it is his good that has made him what he is today, he's won five IPL titles and is on par with Dhoni, and it's not an easy thing that Dhoni has done. He should get something bigger than all that, which God will give him," the 37-yearold said.

Ashwin literally choked when he said his respect for Rohit had grown following the gesture. "In a selfish soci-

In the upcoming Apex Council meeting, there will be a discussion on "state cricket asso-

Nepal is expected to be in India for an expo-

sure trip ahead of the T20 World Cup in the USA and Caribbean in June.

The Cricket Association of Nepal officials had a meeting with BCCI secretary Jay Shah last month. The BCCI has helped associate nations in the past. Afghanistan made India its home base for a substantial period in the pre-COVID era, using facilities in Dehra-

dun and Greater Noida

back to Chennal hours after he had taken his 500th Test wicket.

On his Tamil YouTube channel, Ashwin recollected the horrifying 48 hours of his life, which also stood out for camaraderie and brotherhood amongst teammates.

"I was crying in my room and as I wasn't picking calls and Rohit and Rahul (Dravid) bhai came to check on me and all I told them was I couldn't think clearly.

"I am a part of the XI and the game hangs in helplessness. Ashwin later realised that what Rohit had done was unthinkable. "Raikot airport closes at 6 pm and there are

no flights after that and I didn't know what to

and flew to Chennai with him.

But what actually left Ashwin emotional was how Rohit asked one of the team physios, Kamlesh Jain, to leave the Test match and fly with him to Chennai, so that he wasn't left alone with negative thoughts.

"Rohit asked Kamlesh, who is a good friend of mine to travel with me to Chennai and be with me. He was one of the two physios and I convinced him to stay there but when I went down

ety, where man thinks ter flight or ask a team about himself, thinksupport staff to check on a player? He doesn't "I just thought even if I were the captain, I would tell my player to

go back home and there are no second thoughts about it, but will I call up do that." people to check on him? I don't know. Unbelievable, and I saw an outstanding leader in Rohit that day," said Ashwin. As a leader, Rohit's IPL achievements are on par with MS Dhoni

ing for someone else's wellbeing is a rarity. My respect for him grew tremendously after that. I already respect him as a leader, he backs player without a question till the last moment; not easy to His final statement

was a testimony to what place Rohit holds in the hearts of his teammates. "He takes 10 steps for a player and a player can give his life for him," he said.

# New Zealand to play 5 T20Is in Pakistan in April: PCB announces venues and schedule

ISLAMABAD, Mar 13 (Agencies): Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Wednesday announced a 5-match T20I series at home against New Zealand in April with Rawalpindi and Lahore set to host matches. New Zealand will arrive in Pakistan on April 14, 4 days ahead of the series, which will be played from 18 to 27. The 5-match series will serve as a crucial part of preparations for the T20 World Cup in June for the two teams.

This will be New Zealand's third visit to the country in the last 17 months. Previously, they had traveled to Pakistan in December 2022/January 2023 to feature in two Tests and three ODIs - part of ICC Men's Championship. Later that year in April, they travelled to Lahore, Rawalpindi and Karachi to feature in 10 white-ball matches. Earlier this year, Pakistan

toured New Zealand for a 5-match T20I series which they lost 4-1. Lahore was not chosen as a venue for the series as it would be hosting a women's T20I series between Pakistan and West Indies at around the same time. Notably, a PCB official had spoken about a possible New Zealand tour earlier this year.

PAKISTAN vs NEW ZEALAND **T20Is SCHEDULE** 

20 April - 2nd T20I, Rawalpindi 21 April – 3rd T20I, Rawalpindi 25 April – 4th T20I, Lahore 27 April – 5th T20I, Lahore New Zealand will arrive in Islamabad on April 14 and will play three T20Is at the Pindi Cricket Stadium in Rawalpindi. Following that, both sides will move to Lahore, where they will play the remaining two T20Is of the series.

It remains to be seen whether New Zealand would be able to send a full-strength team for the T20I series in Pakistan as most of their stars, including the likes of Kane Williamson and Rachin Ravindra, will be plying their trades in the IPL 2024 season, starting March 22.

Both New Zealand and Pakistan are set to announce their squads for the 5-match series in the coming days.

Pakistan will be hoping to make good use of the opportunity to train before the T20 World Cup, starting June 1. Pakistan will begin their T20 World Cup campaign against USA on June 6 in Dallas before their big-ticket match against India on June 9 in New York. The Super 8 stages of the premier T20 tournament will be played in the West Indies with the final set to be played in Bridgetown on June 29.

### **Rishabh Pant joins Delhi Capitals** IPL 2024 camp: Feels like making my debut again

but Ashwin believes that

NEW DELHI, Mar 13 (Agencies): An excited and nervous Rishabh Pant has said that it feels like he is making his debut once again after joining the Delhi Capitals IPL 2024 pre-season camp on March 13.

Pant, who had been away from the field after his car accident in December 2022, was given the clean chit by the BCCI on March 12. The wicketkeeperbatter is now expected to make his return after 14 months of intense rehab and recovery.

Pant has now joined the team in Vizag as they get ready for the IPL 2024 campaign. "I'm excited and nervous at the same time. It feels like I'm going to make my debut again," said star wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, upon being declared fit by the BCCI for the upcoming edition of the IPL.

An emotional Pant would go on to say that playing cricket again feels like a miracle, especially after his rehab process and thanked the fans and the BCCI and the National Cricket Academy staff, who aided him during his time in recovery. "To be able to play cricket again after everything I've been through is nothing short of a miracle," an emotional Pant said. "I'm grateful to all my well-wishers and fans, and most importantly, the BCCI and staff at NCA. All their love and support continues to give me immense strength.'

Pant would also say that he is excited about making his return to DC and the IPL, a tournament he enjoys playing. The wicketkeeper went on to thank the team owners and the support staff at the Capitals. "I'm excited to return to Delhi Capitals & the IPL - a tournament I enjoy so much. Our team owners and support staff have been by my side throughout with their full support, guidance and co-operation at every step, for which I am deeply grateful. I can't wait to re-unite with my DC family and play in front of the fans again."

DC will start their IPL 2024 campaign in Mohali as they take on Punjab Kings on March 23.

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# **JKAACL organises Sangeet Sandhya**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 13: Continuing its cultural and literary endeavours , Jammu and Kashmir Academy Of Art Culture And Languages (JKAACL) organised a "Sangeet Sandhya" based on the compositions of famous Music Composure of JKUT Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila.

The programme was presided over by Capt. Lalit Sharma IFS former APCCF and a Dogri lyricist whereas Maj General S.K.Sharma AVSM (Retd ) was Chief Guest on the occasion.

Prof.Nirmal Kamal former Chairperson Social Welfare Board was Guest Of Honour and H.L.Abrol Chairman Healthy India Strong India was Special Guest. Yash Pal Yash a

renowned Music Composer and Dogri Poet compered the programme in a befitting manner

Dr.Shahnawaz Cultural Officer of JKAACL in his welcome and opening remarks said that Academy is trying to reach to the established writers and artists to stage their talent and at the same time making efforts to project and encourage the talented and upcoming buddying writers and artists by providing them



liked by one and all

A fascinating duet lyrics

of Padam Shree Mohan

Singh was sung by Suraj

Singh and Kailash Mehra

Sadhu which worded '

Dunia Chhha Door Ikk

Duniya Basache" . Poetry

of late Shri Charan Singh

"Baggen Koel Cooke"

was a solo performance

by Kailash Mehra. Dr

Mukteshi Sharma sang

a Hindi Song "Chandni

Hawain" in her forceful

voice, a creation of Prof.

Supriya Sharma And

Vishal Gupta rendered a

duet "Miggi Tere Kanne

Pyar Channa Hoyee O

Geya" penned by Late

Shri Parduman Singh.

Another solo perfor-

mence by Suraj Singh

which captivated the

audience was "Aunde

Jande Rohana Milde

Gilde Rohna" penned by

Late K.S.Madhukar and

was highly liked by the

The concluding song

audience.

Nirmal Vinod.

required platform and direction and observed that today's music programme is a part of these efforts wherein galaxy of artists have been encompassed to perform. Celebrated singers of

JKUT Prof.Suraj Singh and Prof.Kailash Mehra Sadhu enthralled the gathering with their ever green melodious voices in association with talented singers Vishal Gupta, Dr Mukteshi Sharma, Shartik Raj and Supriya Sharma

The instrumentalists who orchestered the music comprise Sunil Sharma on Synth, Sahil Jasotra on Tabla, Rakeah Anand on Flute, Amit Anand on Octopad, Rajiv Nath on Dholak, Amrit Pal Singh and Shivendar Kumar on Guitar were at their best and mesmerised the audience with their magic notes "Patta Patta Buta Buta" Gazal of Mir Taki Mir was

of the programme was rendered by young singer "Dage Kanne Mann Shartik Raj which was

Sahra Dolda -Sun Marah Dhol Ke Bolda , penned by Capt.Lalit Sharma.

Capt Lalit Sharma in his presidential address said that a song is a product of dedicated team work where lyricist, music composer, instrumentalists and the singers work in close coordination towards a creativity and this programme was a testimony to this fact . He congratulated Shri Suresh Gupta IFS Principal Secretary Culture and Bharat Singh Manhas Secretary JKAACL for creating a cultural movement to enrich our society with artistic, cultural and literary endeavours. Such outreach unites the society and creates an ambience of positivity all around, he observed. Maj General S.K

Sharma AVSM in his remarks while appreciating the programme and efforts of JKAACL said that dogri and other local languages should be a mandatory subject

in schools atleast up to primary level so that our new generation remains connected with their mother tongue and local culture

Prof Nirmal Kamal said that since cultural diversity is our strength therefore, it is imperative that we strengthen our diverse art , languages and cultures. He appreciated the Academy for its new initiatives. H.L.Abrol said that music has curative, entertaining and spiritual dimensions as well and congratulated Dogra Harish Kaila and his team for a remember-

able performence Those who present on the occasion were Jenab Khalid Hussain eminent writer of the subcontinent, Prof. Anupma Sharma, Kamal Sharma former DySP, Vijay Atri, Brij Mohan famous Music Composer and Poet,Satya Paul Ghadwalia, Narinder Singh Chib, Raghu Raj Sehgal, Raghu Raj Sehgal, Amit Gupta, Gopal Krishan Komal, Jang S. Verman, Vijay Sadhu, Romesh Kundal, P. S. Choudhary, Pankaj Pradhan, Som Raj Taroch, Ritwick Rohan Kaila Vijay Sharma, Virender Langoo, Nidhi Malhotra, Shambu Ram Pyasa, Vikram Singh, Madan Magotra, Joginder Singh Manhas and Advocate Arjun Dev Mohan.

# GDC R S Pura attends live broadcast programme Indias **Techade : Chips for Viksit Bharat**



**Top News Report** 



**Councillor Sahil Gupta came** forward for construction of **Temple Work** 

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 13: Bharatiya Janata Party Leader and Councilor Sahil Gupta, Municipal Committee Bishnah today reached the ongoing temple construction work in village Ghaziyan (Panchayat Kotli Main Fateh) along with ASI Naresh Digra, Sarpanch Surinder Singh Sindhu, Suresh Kumar and Sevadar Manga Ram.

Sahil Gupta told that a few days ago he came to know that the construction work of the temple is going on in village Ghazia (Panchayat Kotli Miyan Fateh) in which the floor is yet to be laid. Councilor Sahil Gupta came forward for the social work of the temple on his behalf and Promised to provide all possible help to the temple



# **Faculty Development Program** on "Green Manufacturing" held at SMVDU

**Top News Report** 

KATRA, Mar 13: Oneweek online Faculty Development Program (Online) on "Green Manufacturing" coordinated by Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Mishra, began at school of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi university, Katra.

The course shall be mainly focused on the various sustainable manufacturing methods to make products greener and sustainable. At the outset the program was inaugurated by Prof. Kumud Ranjan Jha (Dean faculty of Engineering) and Prof. Eswarmoorthy Muthuswamy (Head School of Mechanical Engineering) who emphasized the purpose of organizing this course and usefulness for the participants

He lauded the efforts of the School of Mechanical Engineering for coordinating this event. The course is mainly focused on reusing the materials for engineering products, sustainable manufacturing methods to make products greener and sustainable, said the coordinator, Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Mishra. 148 teachers of vari-

ous engineering colleges around the country registered this course. In this course various experts from NITs, BITS Pilani. BIT Mesra Ranchi & other renowned institutes delivered the lecture on importance and aspects of green manufacturing. This was a 5 days faculty development program.

sions every day and each session was 60 minutes. Dr. Ankush Anand (SMVDU) was the speaker for the first session. He highlighted the understanding of sustainability and green manufacturing. In the second session Dr. Rajeev Agrawal, (Associate Professor, MNIT Jaipur) discussed the life cycle assessment in sustainable manufacturing. This faculty development was conducted successfully, participants requested to conduct this Programme in offline

mode.

There were three ses-

### **GDC Udhampur witness live streaming** programme in semiconductor of PM Modi

ics organized Semicon-

ductor related activities

in two sessions prior

and after the foundation

stone ceremony by Prof.

Rakesh Singh, Depart-

ment of Physics and Dr.

Jang Bahadur, Depart-

ment of Electronics were

the resource persons

respectively. The topic

for the first session was

'Role of Semiconductor in

Present Era' and 'Scope

of Semiconductor Indus-

try in India' for the second

session. Their versatile

talent in the concerned

filed was quite benefi-

cial and fruitful for young

minds who listened them

so patiently throughout

the sessions. They also

described that the proj-

ect will fulfil the vision

of Hon'ble Prime Min-

ister and every citizens

of the Nation to position

India as a global Hub for

semiconductor design-

on imported semicon-

ductors. The project will

ensure self reliance of the

The move also under-

scores the govt ambition

to establish a presence

in the semiconductor

sector. This semicon-

ductor hub encompass-

es manufacturing and

designed linked program

in creating products for

both domestic and inter-

national markets. This

move in poised to bring

about a substantial trans-

formation in India's semi-

conductor sector.

nation as well

**Top News Report** 

UDHAMPUR, Mar 13: Govt. Degree College Udhampur witnessed the live telecast of foundation stone ceremony of 3 semiconductor facilities by Sh. Narinder Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

The 3 semiconductor facilitates will be India's First Fab. facility in Dholera, Gujrat, OSAJ facility in Sanand, Gujrat and OSAT facility in Morigaon, Assam. Large number of students were present on the occasion who applauded the moment through claps as Hon'ble Prime Minister paid the foundation stone for the three semiconductor facilitates. Earlier the programme begins at 9:30 am under the able guidance and supervision of Prof. (Dr). Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College In his message he congratulated the students for witnessing the historic event. He emphasized that it is the science and technology which can lead to the progress and prosperity of nation. He stressed on the importance of development of infrastructure at the National level and motivated the students to nurture their talent and be the part of mission to achieve India a developed Nation by 2047. On this occasion Department of Physics in collaboration with department of electron-

The dream project will also lead to the generation of numerous high tech and construction employment opportunities. Moreover India's foray manufacturing semiconductor holds significant promise his various sections including automobile, telecom and medical services.

This ambitious vision not only to boost electronics manufacturing and employment but also aims to insulate India from global supply shocks marking a pivotal step towards technological self reliance. Further more talent development is a core focus area to support this semiconductor ecosystem. Thus compressive approach aligns with India's broader vision of 'Make in India' and 'Atamnirbhar Bharat' which has the potential to significant drive for eco-

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JAMMU, Mar 13 Career Counselling and Placement Cell along with the students of Govt. Degree College, R. S. Pura attended the live broadcast programme Indias Techade : Chips for Viksit Bharat In this programme Prime Minister, Narendera Modi, laid the foundation of three semiconductor projects.

All the students of GDC R S Pura attended the event with keen interest. India commits, India delivers and democracy delivers, said the Prime Minister

The Prime Minister

the world are manufac-About 90 students turing semiconductors today and emphasized the need for a reliable supply chain after the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Prime Minister. Narendera Modi, focused on strategic advantages of various Government policies, easy and liberal FDI He also assured the

growth of employment with the technical growth of the country. Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendera Modi also discussed about various opportunities for the

attended the programme. Principal of the college appreciated the efforts of the college organizing committee viz. Prof. Shelly Kalsi(Convener CCPC), Dr. Sanjeev Upadhyay, Prof. Meeshu Pandita , Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Rakesh Choudhary and Dr. Vijeta Anand. Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, Nodal officer Viksit Bharat concluded the programme with speech to follow the guidelines and procedures to focus not only technology adoption but also technology advancement.

committee in future also

Councilor Gupta told that idols of Shani Dev Ji and Lord Shiva have also been Placed in the temple and all the people of the village come to the temple for worship.

The people of the village praised Sahil Gupta's work and thanked him and inspired him to contribute to social work in future also.

ASI Naresh Digra expressed happiness for the contribution of Sahil Gupta and wished him all the best for his future. Ashwani Nath, Bunty Nath, Rohit Kumar, Ashok Sharma, Akshay Sharma and others were also present in the temple program.

ing, manufacturing and technology development nomic growth. recognising the need to The students raised reduce its dependence

few queries which were addressed by the resource persons to their satisfaction.

The faculty members who attend the event were Prof. Babu Lal Thakur, Prof. Mohinder Pal. Dr. Sukhchain Sharma, Dr. Parveen Kumar, Dr. Sumati Anthal, Prof. Sahil Shashi Sharma, and other staff members were also present.

In the end Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra, HoD Physics proposed the vote of thanks to the Principal, Resource persons, faculty members and students.

# **GHRT India organizes International Peace Conference in Haydrabad**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Mar 13: GHRT India an International organization having special status in United Nations empanelled with ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Government of India organized International Peace Conference in Haydrabad

GHRT also organise Honorary award ceremony Conferred 40 people with Honorary award in different field.

Honourary Award Is the distinguish gesture to honour those phenomenal peoples whose heart wrenching Biographies are etched inside every individual's minds across the world.

Chief Guest of the event was

Malreddy Ranga Reddy Member Legislative Assembly Telangana, Faheem Syed International Motivational speaker Syeda Seema Fatima Director GHRT

Shri Amp Saeed Syed Mahmood Arfath Yadullahi Paramjeet Singh, Secretary GHRT Junaid Rafiq Joint secretary JK Dr Renuka Lingala Incharge State Telangana and Dr Vavilala Pavan Kumar were present in the Award Ceremony.

The agenda of peace conference was to develop all societal aspect with smart technology and smart work.

The New Agenda for Peace should aim to strengthen global resilience, advance and promote the UN framework for responsible State behaviour in cyberspace,



including the application of existing international law and rules-based international order in cyberspace, and develop and implement practical cooperative measures.

Many Awardees who were conferred with Honorary award are Dr K Vijaya ,Dr D Srilekha Dr Velichety satyanarayana murthy, Dr Uday Shankar Dr Mohan Desh-Panday, Dr kalari Santosh Kumar, Dr. Kondaparthy Yugandhar Rao, Dr Telgumullaha Raghuvarma, Dr Chandrakala, Dr. Gokula, Ananthappa, Dr Arun Kumar Boda, Dr Kongu Vijaya Hemalatha, Dr Y Shiva Rama Prashad, Dr Gorrela Anuradha, Dr Galimudi Ramulu,

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Dr. H R Rehman stressed to all State bodies to work with zeal and zest so that more people get benefit from us.

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