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BRIEFLY

Tourist dies of heart attack in Pahalgam

SRINAGAR, Mar 14 (Agencies): A tourist hailing from Kolkata died due to heart attack at Pahalgam resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Sources said.

Sources told News Agency Kashmir Scroll that a 23-year-old tourist, Bhaskar Senmunshi, son of Bhanu Senmunshi of Kolkata, who was on a visit to Pahalgam

received a major heart attack. However, he was immediately taken to PHC Pahalgam, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

A police officer told that a case in this regard has been registered and further investigation has been initiated.

Elderly man dies in Kulgam accident

KULGAM, Mar 14 (Agencies): An elderly man died after an auto he was travelling in turned turtle at Damhal Hanjipora belt of South Kashmir's Kulgam on Thursday, an official said.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) an Auto load carrier bearing registration number JK18A-7544 turned turtle near Adijen bridge at Damhal Hanjipora in which a person travelling inside the vehicle suffered injuries.

He said the injured was shifted to the hospital where he was declared brought dead by doctors.

The deceased has been identified as Mohammad Ramzan Thoker, son of Mohammad Khalil Thoker of Kounserbal Damhal Hanjipora.

Meanwhile, Police have started the investigation into the matter.

3 shops damaged in fire in Lal Chowk

SRINAGAR, Mar 14 (Agencies): Three shops were damaged in a fire incident in Lal Chowk area of Srinagar on Thursday morning, officials said. An official said that fire broke out from one of the shops on the ground floor of a 5-storey commercial building today morning. He said that in the incident these shops were damaged, while fire was later put off by the Fire and Emergency department. "The cause of fire is being ascertained, while no loss of

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Sukhbir Sandhu, Gyanesh Kumar appointed Election Commissioners

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): Two bureaucrats – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Gyanesh Kumar – have been chosen for the two vacant posts in the top panel of Election Commission of India.

Congress's leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury told the media this afternoon that the two bureaucrats have been chosen for the two vacant posts.

Chowdhury was part



of the panel chaired by Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi to select two Election Commission-

ers to assist Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar as the poll body prepares for the upcoming Lok Sabha election.

Besides the Prime Minister and Mr Chowdhury, Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the meeting.

The vacancies were created by the retirement of Anup Chandra Pandey on February 14 and the resignation of Arun Goel on March 8. His resignation was notified on March 9.

BJP misused Central agencies to garner Rs 400 Crore through electoral bonds: Cong

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): The Congress on Thursday alleged that the BJP has misused central agencies like ED and CBI to garner Rs 400 crore through electoral bonds from 45 companies after raids on them and demanded that it should come out with a white paper on its finances if it cared about democracy.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge cited media reports saying



fresh investigations have revealed that 15 more companies donated to the BJP after raids were conducted on them by central probe agencies.

"Was it blackmail, extortion, loot and coercion to get more donations?? A fresh investigation shows 15 more companies, donated to BJP after ED, CBI, IT raids, making it a total of 45 companies paying BJP nearly Rs 400 crore," Kharge alleged in a post on X. "According to reports, 4 shell companies also funded BJP. Dictatorial Modi Government has

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Avalanche warning issued for eight districts of J&K

SRINAGAR, Mar 14 (Agencies): Jammu & Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) on Thursday issued medium danger level avalanche warning for eight district of Jammu and Kashmir, advising people to take precautions and avoid

venturing in avalanche prone areas.

"Avalanche with medium danger level is likely to occur above 2400 metres over Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban, Kupwara, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Baramulla districts in next 24 hours," an offi-

cial of JKDMA said.

He said that people living in these areas are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas.

"In case of any emergency people can seek help on 112," the official added.

Kupwara restaurant owners set building ablaze for insurance money, resulting in fatal tragedy, arrested

SRINAGAR, Mar 14 (Agencies): Kupwara Police on Thursday said that in the intervening night of March 3rd and 4th, 2024, a tragic fire incident occurred in Battergam, Kupwara, where a commercial building owned by Sanaullah Mir, son of Mukhta Mir, resident of Battergam, was set ablaze. Regrettably, one individual, Mohammad Feroz Alam, son of Taimur Alam, resident of Charaya Bihar, lost his life in the incident.

In response, the Kupwara Police Station initiated proceedings under Section 174 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). Subsequent

inquiries uncovered that the fire was deliberately ignited by Abrar Ahmad Bhat, son of Gh Hassan Bhat, resident of Battergam, and Zakir Ahmad Bhat, son of Mohammad Afzal Bhat, resident of Gulgam, police spokesperson said.

Consequently, a case (FIR No. 54/2024) has been registered under sections 302, 436, 420, and 120B of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Both accused individuals had fled from Jammu and Kashmir and sought refuge in Punjab. They were apprehended and brought back to Kupwara to face legal proceedings.

He said during interrogation, the accused confessed that they set the building ablaze with the intention of fraudulently obtaining money from the insurance company.

Kupwara Police team led by Inspector Ishaq SHO Kupwara under the supervision of DySP Hqs Kupwara is on job to unravel the facts in the case.

Authorities are committed to ensuring justice for the victims and holding the perpetrators accountable for their actions. We urge the public to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in their efforts to maintain peace and

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ED attaches immovable properties in J&K State Co-operative Bank financial fraud

SRINAGAR, Mar 14 (Agencies): Enforcement Directorate Srinagar Wing Thursday attached several immovable properties related to financial fraud committed with J&K State Co-operative Bank.

An ED official said that ED, Srinagar has provisionally attached several immovable properties in the form of residential houses having value amounting to Rs. 2.45 Crore, related to Mohd. Shafi Dar and Abdul Hamid Hajam, in a case related to the financial fraud committed with J&K State Co-operative Bank (JKSTCB).

He said that total attachment in this case till date is stands at Rs. 195.91 Crore.

Pak Hindu refugees asked to visit Delhi HC Mar 19 onwards for CAA registration, says refugee

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): Pakistani Hindu refugees of Majnu-Ka-Tila have been asked to visit the Delhi High Court on or after March 19 for the registration process of citizenship, Pakistani Hindu refugee Dharamveer Solanki said on Thursday.

Solanki said the process to register them as Indian citizens will be informed after they visit the court next week.

"We have been asked to visit the high court on or after March 19 for the registration process. One of the lawyers we

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Narco-trade in J&K | Need to 'Dig Tunnel From Both Ends', it's a big challenge, Says DGP Swain

JAMMU, Mar 14 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain Thursday said that narco-trade is emerging as a major challenge and police and other security forces need to "dig the tunnel from both ends" to deal with it effectively.

"Drug trade is emerging as a major challenge in J&K. It has to be addressed in a proper manner. For that, we need to dig the tunnel from both ends," the DGP said after inaugurating the Drug De-addiction and Mental Rehabilitation Centre at Channi-Himat Jammu.

He said while on one hand police will crack whip on dealers and suppliers by resorting to seizure of properties under UAPA, on the other hand, there is a need to address the



issue of demand as well and those demanding the drugs.

"For us the addict is a victim," he said, adding that dealing with the growing narcotics business in J&K is a tough job but police is committed to handle it. "The way we dealt with the terror-eco system by action against those providing shelter, transporting terrorists and giving them other logistic, similar strategy is for those involved in the narcotics business," he said.

Replying to a query how big a challenge was narcotics trade in J&K, the DGP Swain said that given the fact that J&K is a "border state" which lies on the western side of the country, the huge consignments of drugs like Heroine and Brown Sugar are coming from the neighbouring country.

"Till recent past, there was only challenge of homegrown Charas and involvement was limited. But now the

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After Rain, Snowfall, weather likely to remain dry during the next 7 days in J&K: MeT

SRINAGAR, Mar 14 (Agencies): After rain and snowfall, the weather improved and is likely to remain dry for the next seven days, officials said.

Meteorological Centre Srinagar said, "the weather will generally remain dry till March 20, while a fresh Western disturbance may trigger a fresh spell of rain and snowfall at many places from March 22 to 24."

Kashmir plains were lashed by light to moderate rains, while some upper reaches, including tourist spots in Gulmarg, Pahalgam, and Sonamarg, received a fresh spell of snowfall

during the past 24 hours.

The MeT office said Srinagar received 9.1mm of rainfall, Qazigund 24.6mm, Pahalgam 15.6mm of rainfall and 3.0cm of snowfall, Kupwara 14.9mm of rainfall, Kokernag 18.9mm, and Gulmarg 24.2mm of rainfall and 22.0cm of snowfall during the past 24 hours.

The night temperature at all stations in the Kashmir Valley was recorded below normal, while the day temperature also slipped down due to rain and snowfall. Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature below 2.1C against the

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Jammu-Srinagar National highway blocked due to landslides

JAMMU, Mar 14 (Agencies): The strategic Srinagar-Jammu national highway was closed for traffic on Thursday due to landslides at different places in the Ramban district.

"Fresh landslides have hit the highway at Dalwas, Cafeteria Morh and some other places. Clearance operation is going on. The highway is closed for traffic and travellers are advised to contact our control rooms in Jammu and Srinagar before undertaking the journey", officials said.

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TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Subash Chander Jandial (Lambi Gali Wale)** S/o Des Raj Jandial R/o Near KDN Palace Udhampur, who had left us for heavenly abode on 23-02-24.

Tenth Day will be performed on 09-03-24 (Saturday) at Jagriti Old Age Home, Udhampur at 12 Noon.

Kriya will be performed on 12-03-24 (Tuesday) at Devika Ghat at 12:00 Noon and **Rasam Pagri** will be performed at our residence near KDN Palace Udhampur on 15-03-24 (Friday) at 4:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

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



Sh Subash Chander Jandial

TENTH DAY

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN

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



SMT KRISHNA DEVI

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

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

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

KRIYA will be held at our residence 42 Bhawani Nagar Talab Tillo at 12 PM on 11th March Monday. **UTHALA** will be held at Samriti Bhawan, Gita Mandir, Bakshi Nagar on 15th March Friday (4-5 pm)

GRIEF STRICKEN

Kiran Dutta - Wife (Retd. Post office)
Son & Daughter in law
Surbhi & Sushan Dutta
Ritika & Ishan Dutta
Brothers and Bhabhis
Sanyogta & Balbir Dutta
Renu & Vijay Dutta
Sushma & Late Vimal Dutta
Sister and Brother in law
Parmod & Late Baldev Prashad Bali
Parvesh & Ashok Bali



SH. VINAY KUMAR DUTTA

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

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With heavy heart and profound grief we inform about the sad demise of our beloved mother, **Smt. Shanta Aima (Shyama Jee)** W/o Late Prof. Roshan Lal Aima, of Fateh Kadal Srinagar - Kashmir, presently residing at D-302, Satisar Apartments, Sector 7, Dwarka, New Delhi, on 11th March 2024, in New Delhi.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 20th March 24 at Gauri Shankar Mandir, Palam, at 8 AM followed by an **ASSEMBLY** at our residence D-302 Satisar Apartments, Dwarka at 11 AM.

We pray to the almighty, may her divine soul attain the state of eternal bliss - 'Moksha'. Om Shanti.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Mr. Manish Aima - Son
Mrs. Rashmi Aima & Mr. Ashish Aima - Daughter in Law & Son
Mrs. Nancy Kaul - Sister in Law
Mrs. Kusum & Mr. Ramesh Kumar Raina - Sister in Law & Brother in Law
Mrs. Anu Aima & Mr. Anil K Aima
Mrs. Sushma & Mr. Virendra Salman
Mrs. Saroj Aima
Mrs. Meenakshi Langar & Mr. Rakesh Langar
Mrs. Rani Wali (W/o Late Mr. M L Wali)
Mrs Suman Wali (W/o Mr. R K Wali)



SMT. SHANTA AIMA (SHYAMA JEE)

Grand Daughters:
Isha, Saanvi, Saiyette and Sharika
Samastr Wali, Aima and Raina Parivar
Contact Number - 9810660346

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With heavy hearts and profound sorrow, we announce the unfortunate passing of our beloved patriarch, **Sh. Shadi Lal Koul, (Retd. SDE - BSNL)** S/o Late Sh. Amar Nath Koul. Original R/O 2nd Bridge, Sheelteng, Habba Kadal, Presently at F-8, SBI Officers Flats, Upper Rajender Nagar, Near B.S.N.L Exchange, Bantala, Jammu, attained nirvana on the 8th of March 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD AT AKHNOOR GHAT ON 16-03-24 AT 6:30 AM & ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT SHARDA MATA TEMPLE, LOWER RAJENDER NAGAR, BANTALAB, JAMMU AT 11:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Sarita Koul - Wife
Son and Daughter-in-Law:
Mr. Kuldeep Koul (SBI Emp.) and Mrs. Anvita Koul (9419235044 / 9419196813)
Mr. Ajay Koul and Mrs. Meenakshi Koul
Daughter and Son-in-Law:
Mrs. Urveshi Gargoo and Mr. Rahul Gargoo (8800044645 / 9560102576)
Mrs. Archana Zalpuri and Mr. Navin Zalpuri
Brother-in-Law and Sister-in-Law:
Mrs. Chuni Devi Kohla (9582500221)
Mrs. Durga Rani and Mr. D. N. Kohla (9012873469)
Brother and Sister-in-Law:
Mr. B.L. Koul (Retd. SBI Emp.) and Mrs. Sushma Koul (9810311395)
Sister and Brother-in-Law:
Mrs. Nancy and Mr. R. K. Dhar (Retd. SBI Emp.) (941919019)
Mrs. Santosh and Mr. G. L. Raina (Retd. SBI Emp.) (9372188137)
Mrs. Usha and Mr. B.L. Raina (9818737003)



SH. SHADI LAL KOUL, (RETD. SDE-BSNL)

Mrs. Kaki and Mr. Ramesh Raina (849962499)
Grandchildren: Aarya Koul, Jeevansh Gargoo, Yugansh Gargoo, Ayush Koul, Mahi Koul, Pranav Zalpuri, Sidhant Zalpuri
SAMASTR PARIVARS OF KOUL, RAINA, DHAR, KOTHA, BHAN, GARGOO, ZALPURI

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Mr. Rahul Bhat (Shibi)** S/o Late Sh. Ramesh Kumar Bhat (Mahnoori) from Village Mahnoora District Budgam Tehsil Chadoora Kashmir A/P Lane No.18, Block No. 96, Flat No.5, Jagti Migrant Camp Nagrota, Jammu.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Sainik School Nagrota on 18-03-2024 Monday at 7 AM while **Assembly** at behind Lane No.20, Near Ration Depot Jagti Nagrota, Jammu at 10.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Guddi Bhat - Mother
Brother & Bhabhi
Abhinandan Bhat & Khushi Raina/Bhat
Kiran Bhat - Tayi
Ankur Bhat & Arfi Bhat - Brother & Bhabhi
Children: Arav Bhat, Harika Bhat, Rihaan Bhat
Mob: 8082670564, 9541758860



MR. RAHUL BHAT (SHIBI)

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Krishni Sharma** W/o Late Pt. Mast Ram Sharma (Rattanpur Wale) at present D - 341 Sainik colony Jammu on 06th March 2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on 15th March 2024 (Friday) at Ram Mandir, Sainik Colony, at 1000Hrs.

Kriya will be performed on 16th March 2024 (Saturday) at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Late Smt Vimla Sharma W/o HFO Priyawarat Sharma
Smt Krishni Sharma
(Son & Daughter-in -Law)
Smt Santosh Sharma W/o Sh Sat Paul Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-Law)
Smt Sneh Lata W/o Late Shiv Kumar Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-Law)
Smt Anjali Sharma & Sushil Kumar (Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-Law)
Smt Shivani Khajuria & Sh Navdeep Khajuria (Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-Law)
Samarth, Sharika, Sankalp & Shivansh (Great Grand Children)
Mob: 9796816479, 9419616480, 7006051205



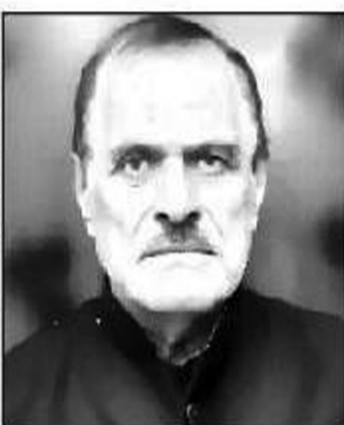
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MOURNING AND 10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM UNTIMELY DEATH OF OUR BELOVED FATHER **SH BALKRISHEN PANDIT** S/O LT DINA NATH PANDIT ORIGINALLY FROM UMANAGRI BRARIANAGAN UTTERSOU KASHMIR PRESENTLY RESIDING AT SRB 24 C SHIPRA RIVERA INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2024 AT MURAD NAGAR.

GRIEF STRICKEN

RAJ DULARI PANDIT - WIFE
OMPRAKASH PANDIT - BROTHER
KISHNA DHAR - SISTER
SAMAST PARIVAR HANDOO ANNATNAG, BAMBROO KURA AND KATH BILASPUR (SISTERS)
KUSUM & MANORANJAN PANDIT - DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND SON
RAHI & SUMAN PANDIT - DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND SON
RINKI JI & KIRAN PANDIT - DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND SON
ARTI & ARUN KOL - DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW
JYOTI & SANJAY PANDIT - DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND SON
KALPANA & KANAYA BHAT - DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW
GRAND CHILDREN:
KAVISH, AYUSH, SAYURI, KARAN KOL, VAIBHAV BHAT, YUTIKA, TANISH, SHALLIJA BHAT, NITIN
9910882227 # 7428452227



SH BALKRISHEN PANDIT

UTHALA

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we inform sad demise of our beloved **Smt Swarn Nath** W/o Lt Sh. Dwarka Nath R/o Raipur, Bantala, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 11th March 2024 Monday.

UTHALA will be performed on 15th of March 2024 Friday at our residence at 4.00 PM.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY

Son & Daughter in Law
Sh. Shiv Sharma & Smt Monika Sharma
Daughters and Son in Laws
Smt Anita Sharma & Sh. Sanjeev Dubey
Smt Anu Sharma & Lt Sh. Vinod Kumar
Smt Neeru Sharma & Sh. Vidhu Bhushan Sharma
Smt Ritu Sharma & Sh. Manoj Khajuria
Smt Mridula Sharma & Sh. Virendra Sharma
Deeply Remembered by all Grand Children
MOBILE NO: 06388900565



SMT SWARN NATH

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Son in Law **Sh. Varun Mahajan** Husband of Karuna Gupta R/o Malhotra street Jammu.

The **FIFTH DAY** will be performed on Friday 15th March 2024 at Aggarwal Dharamshala Vivekanand Chowk Jammu from 10.30 to 11.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Curdayal Gupta & Veena Gupta (Father in Law & Mother in Law)
Tarun Gupta & Anu Radha Rajput (Brother in law & Sister in Law)
CONTACT NO: 7006448833, 9858830932



Sh. Varun Mahajan

10TH DAY & 11TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Krishan Dev Sharma** S/o Late Lakshmi Chand R/o 351/P, Sect 2, Durga Nagar Jammu on 7th March, 2024.

TENTH AND 11TH DAY will be performed at our residence on 15th and 16th March, 2024 respectively.

Grief Stricken

Smt Vijay Sharma (Wife) (9055293723)
Mr Sourav Sharma (Son) (7889872660)
Mr Sachin & Smt Radhika (Nephew & Daughter-in-law)
Daughters & Son-in-laws
Smt Sheetal & Sh Kewal Krishan Sharma (9484141668)
Smt Shilpa & Sh Manoj Sharma (9797691948)
Smt Pratiba & Sh Tinu Sharma (7889793412)
Smt Divya Sharma



Sh Krishan Dev Sharma

BARKHI

Time flies so fast, it has been one year now, you and your good qualities will always remain in our heart. We all family members miss you a lot.

BARKHI of our beloved **Late Mrs Vijay Gupta** W/o Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta (Raji Shah) will be performed at our home H. No 444 Near Shiv Mandir 3rd Bridge Shakti Nagar Jammu on 15th March 2024. (Friday) at 12.00 Noon

GRIEF STRICKEN

Devi Kiln, Mishriwala
CONTACT NO: 9419186376, 9419220374, 9419631478



LATE MRS VIJAY GUPTA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Lt Smt Sheela Pandita (Pyari)** W/o Lt Sh Dwarka Nath Pandita of Turigam Dev Bug, Kulgam, at present Sector 4, Ward No 14, Near Lala Ji's Ashram Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 16.03.2024 (Saturday) at Akhnoor Ghat followed by assembly for prayer meeting at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education) at 12 Noon

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Pandita family, Bhan family & Koul family
7006323154, 9086021139, 6006012511

Obituary/Tenth Day Kriya

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the demise of our beloved **Smt. Tita Koul** W/o Late Ashok Kumar Koul originally resident of Ratnipora, Pulwama on March 12, 2024.

Mourning is being held at H. No - 109 (1st floor) Enclave - 1A, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu (HDFC Bark Lane)

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on March 21, 2024 (Thursday) at Akhnoor Ghat and the assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education at 10.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Manu and Puneet Koul - Daughter-in-law and Son
Shri Rohit Koul - Son

Smt. Tita Koul

Smt. Lovely and Ajit Koul
Smt. Dolly and Ramesh Koul
Smt. Seema and Rajinder Koul
Smt. Neetu and Anil Koul
Smt. Girja and Pradeep Bhat
Smt. Rajni and Rakesh Bhat
Smt. Anjali and Anil Koul
Adarsh, Urvaish, Anupam, Nikhil, Hardik
Kouls and Bhat
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LT SH SHEELA PANDITA (PYARI)



Smt. Tita Koul

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform about untimely demise of **Sh. Krishan Lal Thusoo** S/o Lt Sh. Madusudan Thusoo original resident of 164 Nar Singh Garh Karan Nagar Present address R/o Lane NO 3, Block No 14 Qtr No 15 Jagti Nagrota Jammu. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 15-03-2024 (Friday) **ASSEMBLY** at Lane No 3, Block 14 Qtr No 15 Jagti Nagrota Jammu at 11.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Rani Thusoo - Wife
Kirti and Raj Kumar Bamezai - Daughter & Son in Law
Kiran Thusoo - Daughter
Thusoo Family, Bamezai Family, Pajnoo Family, Mahaldar Family, Trichal Family
Mobile No 7006327751, 9622212931, 9419270203



Sh. Krishan Lal Thusoo

CHOUBARS

Four years have passed since you left us, but your sweet memories of love & affection, your smiling face, caring attitude always remain in our heart through out life. You are physically not with us. But we know you are protecting us always as usual. We miss you in every moment.

Choubars of our beloved **Sh.N.R. Bhatt** will be performed on 15-03-2024 (Friday) at 12 Noon at our residence W.No. 1 Arazi Samba.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Kanta Bhatt - Wife
Sons & Daughter-in-laws
Sh. K.K. Bhatt & Smt. Neena
Sh. Sunil Bhatt & Smt. Neha
Sh. Sushil Bhatt & Smt. Aparna
Sh. Dimple Bhatt & Smt. Anu
Daughters & Son-in-laws
Smt. Manisha & Sh. M.L. Verma
Smt. Rakha & Dr. Sanjeev Kumar



Late Sh.N.R. Bhatt Retd. S. O. Directorate of Health Services

10TH DAY/13TH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Abhishek Singh** S/o Late Col S S Sambhal on 06 Mar 24.

TENTH DAY/KRIYA will be held at our residence H.No. 32, Lane 26, Swarn Vihar Police Colony, Jammu as under.

Tenth Day: 15 Mar 24 at 09:00hrs

13th Day: 18 Mar 24 at 12:30hrs

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Anu Sambhal - Mother
Sister and Brother-in-law
Smt. Abhishta & Sqn Ldr Anindh
Tayaji & Tayiji
Smt. Sneha & Col (Retd) Tarseem Singh
Smt. Simla W/o Late Kanchar Singh - Chachiji
Sambhal & Janwal Families
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ABHISHEK SINGH

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Vaishno Sharma** W/o Late Sh. B.D.Sharma R/o Village Bhaghta, Katra. **Tenth Day** shall be performed on 14-03-2024 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM at our residence Bhaghta Penhal Road Katra.

Kriya shall be performed on 15-03-2024 (Friday) at 12:00 Noon at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Jeth & Jathani
Sh Parkash Nath and Smt. Geeta Sharma
Son and Daughter-in-law
Sh. Surinder Sharma and Smt. Rajni Sharma
Sh. Arun Sharma and Smt. Sheetal Jyoti
Daughter and Son-in-Law
Smt. Rashmi and Sh. Vinod Sharma
Smt. Neelam Sharma and Ram Kumar Dubey
Smt. Anita Sharma and Sh. Anil Khajuria
Grand Children: Advik, Sahik, Siya, Tiya, Tanmay, Devu, Aniket, Anakesh Dya
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Smt. Vaishno Sharma

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Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh releases Monthly Law Journal JKLLJ

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: The legal community celebrates a significant milestone today Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Law Journal (JKLLJ), U.T.'s very first and only Monthly Law Journal was released today by Hon'ble Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, other Distinguished Judges of High Court and Lt. Advocate General J&K at Conference Hall, Lawyers' Chambers High Court Campus in presence of Senior Advocates, Judges of District & Trial Courts, President YLA and worthy members of Esteemed Bar Association Jammu.

The Journal has been published by JKLLJ Publications (a Sister Concern of Capital Law House, Delhi, renowned Law Publishers).

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla, Justice Sindhu



Sharma, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Advocate General D.C. Raina, Senior Advocates U.K. Jalali, Ved Raj Wazir, R.K. Jain, Editor of JKLLJ Monish Chopra, President Young Lawyers Association Rohit Sharma and office bearers, large number of worthy members of J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu were present in Jam Packed Conference Hall there to Grace the occasion.

The Function was anchored & hosted by Advocate Monish Chopra Editor of JKLLJ who gave brief introduction about the Journal. He stated that as the first monthly publication of its kind in the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh, the journal combines timely case insights with practical skill-building content, we aim to empower the legal community with a comprehensive resource that informs, educates, and inspires. Our journal is committed to curating and disseminating valuable content, including

case laws of Jammu & Kashmir, local laws, legal news, insightful articles, and highlights from the Supreme Court.

A special and unique chapter titled "Band and Robe" has also been added in Journal, dedicated to enhancing legal skills and professional development among legal practitioners, aspiring lawyers, and law students within the region. We hope that JKLLJ will serve as an invaluable resource, enriching the knowledge and skills of the legal fraternity while fostering a culture of

collaboration and excellence.

Speaking at the event, Chief Justice praised the publishers for this courageous step towards publication and specially mentioned the importance of Physical Published Journals inspite of the heavy usage of Digital technology at large.

He gave distinct vision, illuminating ideas and insights and hoped that the New Journal will serve the Legal Fraternity both Judiciary & Bar members. He was happy to learn that the Journal is priced in very competitive, reasonable and affordable rates which will be of immense benefit for the budding and young Lawyers.

Advocate General Congratulated the Team of JKLLJ and its Editor. With his vast experience he made enlightening discussions and gave invaluable insights into the legal landscape.

Modi Govt going full-throttle to ensure J&K's all round development: Kavinder

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: The BJP Government headed by PM Narendra Modi is going full throttle to achieve the mission of J&K's all round development with no room left for any kind of prejudice.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta after the launch of development works of blacktopping, lanes, drains and laying of tiles at Ward No 6, Cantonment Area with an estimated cost of Rs 30 lakhs.

On the occasion, senior leaders of the Party namely Vinay Gupta, Narinder Gupta, Bharat Bhushan, Avtar Singh, Ajay Sharma, Suraj Raina, Dalair Singh, Surjit Singh, Hans Raj, Ravi Sharma, Vinod Sharma, Manjit Singh, Amrik Singh, Surjit Singh, Onkar Singh, Balwant Singh, Balwant Singh and Manmohan Singh accompanied the former deputy Chief Minister during the inauguration of the aforesaid development work.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder said unlike NC, PDP and Congress parties which seek mandate using divisive tactics, the BJP has taken the 'development route' to become popular among the masses.

"It has set the goal of serving the society without distinction and discrimination of region, religion or linguistic contours. This is the reason that people of all hues and ethnic groups have started showing undaunted faith in the party which earnestly believe in Sabka Saath Sabka Vishwas", he said, adding that people should give overwhelm-



ing support to BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls to ensure that party continues with the development spree with more confidence and added pace.

The former Deputy Chief Minister said the momentum of development process in the UT of J&K after abrogation of Article 370 is unprecedented and the same is continuing unabated giving shape to aspirations of the people in an

extraordinary manner", he said, adding that no other party has will and guts to emulate the precedent set by the BJP in ensuring development making the party the first choice of all.

Later, Kavinder interacted with people of the area and listened to their issues related to civic amenities. He assured them that their issues will be redressed in a shortest possible time by taking the same with the authorities concerned.

ACD Kishtwar takes stock of developmental programs in Block Padder

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Mar 14: The Assistant Commissioner Kishtwar Phulail Singh Bhandral visited Block Padder and inspected various developmental works under Water Shed Development Programme, Capex budget, Mgnrega, Pmay-G, RGSA, SBM-G and executed by the Rural development Department Block Padder during the



current financial year 2023-24.

Also the Assistant Commissioner Development

ment Kishtwar took the review meeting of the officers and officials of Rural development Department Block Padder and issued necessary directions to the staff, engineering staff in particular.

The Assistant Commissioner Kishtwar Also meet with the prominent citizens of Block Padder, who raised various developmental issues of block Padder most of which were

resolved on spot and for pending necessary directions were issued to resolve them at an earliest.

Finally the work Park near Chinar Chowk Gulabgarh executed under Capex budget DDC-Grant with an estimated cost of 3.79 lakh was inaugurated by the DDC Padder Hari Krishan in Padder.

In presence of ACD Kishtwar and BDO Padder

Shiv Sena demands Govt jobs for medal winners and transfer of funds to those deprived of cash awards

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has strongly welcomed the cash award to the medal winning athletes under the Sports Policy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Along with this, there has been a demand to open the doors of government jobs for these champions and to transfer the prize money to the accounts of the players who were deprived of taking the prize money due to some reason.

In a press conference organized at the party state central office today, state chief Manish Sahni said that for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir, a total of 368 medal winners of 17 subjects of national and international competitions for the year 2021-22, 2022-23 were honored by the Lieutenant Governor with a special cash award, which is a commendable and welcome step.



Sahni said that there is a feeling of disappointment among some medal winners who were deprived of getting this award. According to the information, due to some personal and other commitments, some medal winners could not complete the formalities on time to get this award money.

Sahni said that many medal winners have been deprived of receiving their awards due to reasons like being out of the state to participate in competitions and being busy at work. Sahni said that the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council has the full list of medal winners is available. Sahni said that he appeals to transfer this cash prize amount to the accounts of

the champions who have brought glory to the country and the state without any discrimination.

Along with this, they also demand to immediately fulfill the promises of giving government jobs to medal winners under SRO 349, SO 12.

Sahni said that appeal has been made through a memorandum regarding all the above demands, to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Honorable Manoj Sinha (who is the Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council). On this occasion President female wing Meenakshi Chhibber, Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice president Sanjeev Kohli, organizer Imran Shekh were present.

NSS volunteers of GDC Kathua visit adopted village Logate, participate in various activities

Top News Report

KATHUA, Mar 14: GDC Kathua (Boys) has organised the Winter Special Camp with effect from 13th of March to 19th of March 2024 under the supervision of worthy principal Prof. Seema Mir on 14th of March that is the second day of the camp NSS Program Officer Dr. Kulbir Singh, Prof. Arvind Kumar and Dr. Pinkey along with NSS volunteers visited the adopted village Logate and participated in various activities. After performing morning assembly at Government High School Logate, NSS volunteers felicitated the Head Master of the School Guljari Lal and other staff members of this school by presenting sapling of indigenous plants. Then a cleanliness drive was organised in the school premises under the banner of Swachh Bharat abhiyan.

Moreover NSS volunteers beautified the school building by drawing various paintings on the walls related to themes like Clean India, Green India and Save Environment. Meanwhile Chief Education Officer Kathua Kishor Kumar also graced the drive with his presence.

He appreciated the efforts of NSS Volunteers and Program Officers and ensured full cooperation from his department.

An awareness Rally was also conducted in the adopted village.

The message of cleanliness was reflected on their charts and volunteers carried out door to door campaigns to educate the common people of the village about the importance of Swachh and Sanitation. Meanwhile the cleanliness of local natural water bodies was also done under the mission Amrit Sarovar.

CUJ organises Lecture on "Empowering the Future: National Security and the Emerging Role of Young Voters"

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: The Office of Dean Students' Welfare and the Department of National Security Studies (NSS) at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the patronage of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, jointly organised a Special lecture on the theme "Chunav Ka Parv, Desh Ka Gaurav".

The lecture titled "Empowering the Future: National Security and the Emerging Role of Young Voters" was delivered by Lt. General Rakesh Kumar Sharma, AVSM, SM (Retd.), and Squadron Leader Anil Sehgal (Retd.).

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Head of the Department, NSS and

Dean of Students' Welfare, CUJ.

Lt. Gen Rakesh Kumar Sharma delivered an enlightening discourse on National Security and the role of young voters.

He explained the various dimensions of National Security and how it affects and translates to conflict. He also clarified the concept of Comprehensive National Power and India's capability to counter wars. The speaker emphasized the role of young voters as responsible citizens in India's path to becoming a Viksit Bharat.

Special Remarks by Squadron Leader Anil Sehgal (Retd.) offered insights into the lecture's relevance within the context of Lt. Gen Rakesh Kumar Sharma's message. He emphasised the political will and wisdom

of strong government and the role of civilians in contributing towards National Security. The role of voters to give confidence to a strong government by voting wisely was highlighted.

The Q&A session, moderated by Dr. Anuradha Choudhary, was interactive and engaging for faculty, students, and scholars from various departments.

Dr. R. Sudhakar, Associate Professor and the event coordinator delivered a Vote of Thanks.

Other members of the organizing committee included Dr. Neeta Rani, Associate Professor, and Dr. Ekta Manhas, Assistant Professor. The event proceedings were capably hosted by Ms. Abhigya Langleh, a doctoral student of the department.

Prominent citizens of Ghagwal block announce their support to Congress

Top News Report

SAMBA, Mar 14: The Congress Party has geared up for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Congress party leaders are going from village to village every day seeking support in favor of the party.

To gauge the pulse of the people and seek support in favor of the Congress Party, a meeting was organized in a village under the block under the chairmanship of Raj Khajuria, Block President of Ghagwal Block of the Congress Party. In which people from nearby villages participated.

During this, District President Congress Sanjeev Sharma arrived as the chief guest.

During this, District President SC Department Vinod Kumar, Vinay Kumar State Vice President SC Department, Hari Dutt District Vice President, Vijay Kumar, Ravi Kumar and others were present with him. During the meeting, people narrated their

plight and told Sanjeev Sharma that we had voted for BJP in the last two Lok Sabha elections, but as a reward our children have got unemployment.

Inflation has broken our back. Even after registering a complaint regarding the poor condition of the street drains, no hearing is taking place. Since then, anger against BJP has started in our area. During this time, District President Sanjeev Sharma held a meeting and sought support for Congress in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. Addressing the people, Sanjeev Sharma said that despite being educated, the youth are wandering on the streets and when the youth go to the government to ask for jobs, they are lathicharged by the government. Many people in Ghagwal block are temporarily serving in the PHE department. When those people go to demand their rights, they are also beaten with sticks.

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The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction, Jalandhar City for and on the behalf of the President of India invites e tender under Single Packet system for the under noted work:-

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5. Date & time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs. on date 03.04.2024 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 03.04.2024	
6. Detail tender notice & tender document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 20.03.2024 to 03.04.2024. The bidders who desire to participate against e-tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which, they would require to, obtain class III digital certificate (if already not obtained) issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the NoticeBoard of the above office.	
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1. INVITATION:-

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from transporters/ fleet owners (who deals in hiring out vehicles) registered with the concerned authorities for "Rate contract for replacement of damaged distribution transformers ranging from 25KVA to 630KVA at various Sub Divisions - I, II, III, & IV falling under the jurisdiction of JPDC Electric Div-I, Parade, Jammu by means of mechanical mobile cranes during the Financial Year 2024-25" and meeting the eligibility criteria as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document.

- Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.
- The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	12.03.2024; 12:00 PM
B	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	01.04.2024; 02:00 PM
C	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	13.03.2024; 10:00 AM
D	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	01.04.2024; 02:00 PM
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee	01.04.2024; up to 04:00 PM
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	02.04.2024; 02:00 PM
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders.
H	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Soft Copy Electronically & Hard copy in the Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division-I JPDC Parade Jammu.
I	Tender Value
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 500 (Non-Refundable)
K	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 30000.00

- The Bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division-I JPDC Parade Jammu, payable at Jammu. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division-I JPDC Parade Jammu and should reach **at least one day before opening** of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the e-Bids.
- Bidders must quote for all the particulars of the item in the Technical Bid and in the price schedule/BOQ of financial bid. The bids of Bidders who will not quote for all the particulars for any item in technical and financial bids shall be liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Employer keeping in view the interest of the JPDC.
- All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee only from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank only pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division-I JPDC Parade Jammu. No Interest shall be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.
 - Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be demanded from the successful bidder(s) after the opening of the financial e-Bids.
 - The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site <http://jktenders.gov.in>. This is conveyed to the technically qualified Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same Web Site.
 - The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of Bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table. An authority letter of Bidder's/OEM representative will be required to be produced.
 - The JPDC reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof if any major lapse/deviation is found. The decision of the JPDC will be final and binding.
 - In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday for JPDC office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
 - All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidders electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.
 - To participate in e-bidding process, Bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.

Hard Copy of Cost of Tender Document must be delivered to the Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division-I JPDC Parade Jammu in sealed cover at least one day before the scheduled date of opening of the commercial and technical e-Bids. The sealed cover shall be super scribed as "COST OF TENDER DOCUMENTS AGAINST ED-Ie-NIT/13 of 2024-25 Dated 12.03.2024"

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Executive Engineer
JPDC, Electric Division-I
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EDITORIAL

Pi-A SPECIAL
SYMBOL

The symbol of Pi Day is "R". Pi Day is celebrated every year on 14 March. Pi is a complex number that is based on many important formulas in mathematics, science and engineering. In geometry, the ratio of the length of the circumference of a circle to the length of its diameter is called pi. This ratio in each circle is 3.14. Pi Day is celebrated every year on 14 March in the world. The value of Pi is 3.14, hence Pi Day is celebrated on 14 March every year. In the year 2021, Pi Day will be celebrated on Sunday, March 14. Pi or 'Ta' is a mathematical constant whose numerical value is equal to the ratio of the circle's circumference and its diameter. The use of symbols was first suggested by William Jones in 1706. Its value is equal to 3.141 which is an irrational quantity. Pi is one of the most important mathematical and physical constants. It comes in many sources of mathematics, science and engineering which are based on many important formulas. In geometry, the ratio of the length of the circumference of a circle to the length of its diameter is called pi. This ratio in every circle is 3.141 but the whole number after the decimal has not been calculated yet, hence it is considered infinite. $\pi = 22/7 = 3.141592653589793238462...$ The decimal point can be stretched to infinity and its digits do not follow any regular pattern. Pi Day is celebrated every year on March 14 i.e. 3/14. A special symbol of mathematics (3.14) represents a specific date. Which represents the ratio of the circumference of the circle and its diameter/radius. The need for this ratio and the research related to it had been happening for a long time, but its symbol (1) was first used by William Jones in 1706, but it started being popularized in 1737 by the Swiss mathematician Leonard Euler. Found later. The idea of 'Pi Day' was first proposed by Larry Shaw in 1989. U on Pi Day 2009. S. The House of Representatives recognized this date as 'National Pi Day'. In 2010, Google also confirmed its acceptance and participation in this event by presenting a doodle on its home page showing the symbols of circle and pie on this date. Another date close to this date is 22 July or 22/7 which is celebrated as 'Pi Approximation Day' which is similar to the value of Pi in the fraction system. 'Pi Minute' is also included in the series of interesting elements of mathematics when on March 14 at 1:59:26 AM / PM, seven decimal values of Pi are achieved i.e. 3.1415926. A tradition of organizing discussions on the use, importance of Pi etc. on this occasion is becoming established all over the world. Whereas coincidentally it is also the birthday of famous physicist and thinker Albert Einstein (14 March 1879). We can only imagine his state of mind given the destructive possibilities associated with the constructive use of nuclear energy that he had dreamed of in today's scenario. Even today everyone pays homage to that great personality of science. The symbol of Pi Day is "R". Pi Day is celebrated every year on 14 March. Pi is a complex number that is based on many important formulas in mathematics, science and engineering. Pi or 'Ta' is a mathematical constant whose numerical value is equal to the ratio of the circumference of a circle and its diameter. For this ratio. The use of symbols was first suggested by William Jones in 1706.

After CAA rules, contours of confrontation changing

By: Shikha Mukerjee

Polarisation on the basis of religion is now the rule because the law has changed. Citizenship is available to select categories of persons from select countries, so long as the applicant under the 2019 Citizenship Amendment Act and now notified rules is not Muslim. The line that separates Muslims from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh is their status as the majority community there. Hindus, Sikhs, Jain, Parsis and Buddhists, as minorities there, are covered by the CAA and CAR.

The statement of the obvious is like telling oneself that discrimination on the basis of religion is now kosher in India, though the Constitution explicitly forbids such differentiation. This was explicit in Article 15, that the State shall "not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them." The moment the CAA rules came into effect was when India appeared to shift from secular to something else, that may over time begin to resemble the Hindu Rashtra that Anant Kumar Hegde, a prominent Karnataka BJP leader, so ardently desires.

The tectonic shift in India's identity from secular to something else is timed for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The Narendra Modi government is fulfilling its 2019 guarantee that new citizenship rules would be enacted targeting the pockets where large numbers of Hindus crossed over from Bangladesh, especially in West Bengal, Tripura, Assam, Meghalaya and elsewhere in the Northeast. The notification was confirmation that the BJP is a party that delivers on its promises.

The polarisation is evident from

the reactions that flooded in from Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, Sitaram Yechury and Mallikarjun Kharge, and smaller and regional parties. The INDIA bloc is against the changes to the citizenship law, while the BJP is crowing over its success.

The impact of the change will impact the political dynamics in West Bengal and Assam more than in other states. Whereas in West Bengal implementing it is straightforward, in Assam it has triggered protests from ethnic groups violently hostile to the presence of Bengali speakers, be they Hindus or Muslims. Much as the chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tries to explain away the protests as misguided, the fact is that the BJP's move to give citizenship to Bengali speakers is the polarising factor, not the religious identity of the applicants.

In West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee may have dismissed the change as "lollipops", but she was alert to the probability that something like this would happen on March 10, when she addressed a mega rally at Kolkata's Brigade Parade Grounds. She warned that no detention centres would be allowed in West Bengal. She vowed to block implementation of the CAA and National Register of Citizens, and the National Population Register enumeration process.

It is Ms Banerjee's contention that the CAA is unnecessary. Hindus from the Scheduled Caste Matua community who came from Bangladesh have Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, ration cards, work in the government and defence services, and have been elected as MLAs, MPs and panchayat and municipal body members. She claims the BJP has incited gullible people from the

Matua community to swallow the story that the CAA is a life-saver.

The confrontation between the Trinamul Congress and BJP about the status of Hindus who came across the border from Bangladesh till 2015 is about creating loyalty votes. The BJP wants these voters, as does the TMC. The crux is that the Matuas aren't a homogenous vote bank. Thus, both the BJP and the TMC have to woo them. The lollipops have to keep coming.

"Guarantees" are therefore the new currency in which political leaders affirm their credibility to voters, who obviously calculate the advantages to themselves as individuals by openly siding with one or the other party. Mamata Banerjee has announced her "guarantee" programme at the Brigade rally, including the negative guarantee of no detention centres in West Bengal. Aimed at reassuring the Muslim voter, whose choice influences the outcome in about 125 Assembly constituencies, that is about 16-17 parliamentary constituencies stretching across North to South Bengal, the emphatic commitment is Mamata Banerjee's gesture to secure support.

In 2024, as much as the Matua vote across a handful of parliamentary constituencies are consequential, the Muslim vote is equally significant. By pushing Mamata Banerjee to declare her stand on Matua and Muslim voters, the BJP obviously expects a negative response from Hindu voters who have swallowed the bait that their status as the majority community is in danger because of the TMC's appeasement politics and before that by the Left parties and the Congress.

Over two weeks, West Bengal has hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi four times because he is in pursuit of his target of 370 seats for

the BJP and a total of 400 seats with allies out of the 543 elected seats in the Lok Sabha. It's a different matter that the BJP seems to have scaled down its expectations from winning 40 out of West Bengal's 42 seats to 25 seats in the same period. The competition and the confrontation is no less fierce regardless of the number of seats that are set as targets.

Voters are being given a choice between the bird in hand, namely the guarantees of Mamata Banerjee, versus the birds in the bush, namely the Modi Sarkar's guarantees. Offering a choice between a government and administration that is accessible, proximate and can be made accountable for the transgressions of its local leaders like Sheikh Shahjahan for land grab or sexual violence and intimidation, and a remote and distant power in New Delhi, Mamata Banerjee is hoping that she has effectively closed off other options for voters. In reducing the choice to a government that can impoverish itself to pay 23 lakh or 69 lakh people who worked on MGNREGA projects, dues that are pending for over two years, the inducement to vote for the Trinamul Congress in the Lok Sabha elections is very clear.

The 2024 election is tougher than all previous elections since she wrested control over West Bengal in 2011. The rise of the BJP as the Opposition, beginning with its unexpected win of 18 seats out of a total 42 parliamentary seats in the state in 2019, and the 77 seats it won out of a total of 294 Assembly seats in 2021, turns this election into a "mother of all battles" category confrontation.

Mamata Banerjee, like Narendra Modi and the BJP, has set herself a target, of winning more than the 22 Lok Sabha seats her party had won in 2019.

Scope and opportunities in Career options in the Healthcare Industry

By: Vijay GarG

One are the days when healthcare referred to simply doctors and nurses. With the booming medical tourism in India, this sector is also showing growth in all terms. Be it the size of the hospitals or the expertise required for their operation, specialized courses have developed. If you failed to qualify for the MBBS entrance exam or wish to be in the medical field but don't find yourself efficient to handle patients, then also the healthcare sector has a lot of opportunities for you. There is an ever growing demand for super-specialists. Even the engineers are needed. You must have noticed that hospitals have personalized apps. They need skilled engineers to design and maintain them. Here, we will be telling you about the numerous career opportunities in the healthcare sector.

Job Prospects and Career Opportunities in Healthcare Sector

Physician: When we talk about the healthcare sector, a Doctor is the first image that appears. Undoubtedly, doctors are the pillars of healthcare. You can be a doctor by clearing the national level test NEET. Also, you need to have studied physics, chemistry, and biology in your intermediate. There are also many private medical colleges that conduct their separate tests. After completing the four and a half year long MBBS, you can get yourself registered as a practitioner. Nowadays, there is a demand for super specialists. So, it will be better for you to do MD as well. Higher degrees will be better. A doctor's job is one of the highest paying ones. The government hospitals and private hospitals all pay them handsomely.

Dentist: Tooth problems are always there. And to deal with them, we need skilled Dentists. There is an upsurge in dental issues with polluted water, unhealthy eating habits and obviously lifestyle stress. Apart from the traditional dental extractions and implants, we also have now cosmetic dentistry. People opt to undergo knife to fix the misalignment of their teeth, to improve their facial appearance and all such purposes. For being a dentist, you first need to do BDS. Its selection is done through the nationwide medical test NEET. After your BDS, you should go for higher studies for higher prospects.

Nurse: A Nurse is the one who is in charge of doing all the tests and taking care of the patient until he/she is discharged. They can be seen drawing out blood, collecting a urine sample, administering medicines, training patients for some techniques like taking insulin shots etc. if you are passionate towards the ill and ailing, you can get into this career. You first need to have physics, chemistry, and biology in your intermediate. After that, complete a nursing course. In our country, we have a B.Sc.(Nursing), ANM

and GNM courses. On successful completion of the course, you need to get yourself registered with the state nursing registration council. After being a registered nurse, you can work in public as well as private clinics.

Dietician: Most hospitals have a group of Dieticians who prepare the diet chart for patients while they stay in the hospital and also afterwards. They take into account the medical history, current complications and also daily requirements. You must have noticed that patients suffering from kidney dysfunction get a diet chart upon their release from the hospitals. It is the dieticians who prepare that. There are a number of colleges that offer undergraduate and postgraduate courses in food Nutrition and Dietetics. After completing masters, you need to clear the registered dietician exams to get a practising license. After that only you can work as a dietician. This is a very attractive field. A number of people are suffering from lifestyle disorders and need a properly planned diet. With advancement in clinical science, doctors recommend their patients to have a balanced diet throughout their life. As a dietician, you can work with health clinics or even practice independently.

Counsellors: Hospitals don't always get the patients with physical trauma only. They also get the ones who have deep psychological trauma. A Counsellor role comes into the picture in these cases. There are cases when a person is so much tortured that they fail to open up to register a police complaint. A couple becomes rigid on conceiving a child even though this may lead to the death of the mother. A counsellor counsels them, works for the betterment of their mental state and also towards a permanent recovery. Their primary role is to ensure a healthy mental state of the patients. To be a counsellor in the healthcare industry, you need to have at least an M.Phil (Psychology). After that, you should get yourself registered with the rehabilitation council of India. Many universities are registered with RCI. So, the students get their license soon after completing their M.Phil. in case your university isn't registered, you can appear for the independent exam conducted by RCI.

Physiotherapist: There are always patients who need physical therapies for getting better. Went here is an accident victim with a damaged spinal cord, their recovery needs a regular physiotherapy. Even the sports persons need this from time to time. Most hospitals especially the orthopaedic ones have their own team of Physiotherapists. You too can be a physiotherapist if you have studied physics, chemistry, and biology in your intermediate. After that, you can go for a diploma as well as degree courses in physiotherapy. Like all the other streams, it is better to go for the masters and specialization. There is always a demand for physiotherapists who specialize in paediatrics, gerontology, and

trauma. The salary starts at 30k per month. Of course, much of it depends on the hospital. And, if you succeed in establishing your own clinic, it can be even better. However, you must ensure that the college in which you are studying is recognized by the Indian Association of physiotherapists.

Medical Lab Technician: All the hospitals have their own pathology lab. Apart from the Pathologists, Lab Technicians are also needed. As a Lab Technician, you will be required to study and detect diseases in the patient's body samples. If your hospital has an oncology department, you will be also required to detect malignancy of the tumours. This is a highly technical and specialized job. Not only that, this one will always remain in demand. Even with all the automation, it will be the human intellect and expertise required in creating slides and studying them. If you find this career thrilling, you can get yourself enrolled either in the Diploma in MLT or related Degree course in medical laboratory technologies. You can start your work with any diagnostic centre or hospital.

Pharmacist: A Pharmacist is a person behind the drug prescriptions to the patients. You can get into this field by completing B.Pharm first. There are government as well as private colleges offering this course. After that, it depends completely on you to choose either in an MNC associated with drug manufacture or some hospital. You can also get into the research field.

Hospital Management: This is a budding career with lots of potentials. The big hospital chains need more than just doctors and ancillary services to function properly. They need to have a proper management. Managing a hospital is completely different from managing a business firm. There are cases of emergency, medical epidemic and constant renewal of technical equipment. The role of a candidate with hospital management comes in the picture here. There are some institutes that specialize in offering MBA (Hospital Management). After doing your MBA (Hospital Management), you can join in the leading private hospitals as their manager.

Veterinarian: When we talk about health care, we can't exclude our pets. If you find yourself more inclined to tend to the medical needs of these speechless creatures, you can become a Veterinarian. You have to clear the AIPVT Entrance Exam, which is the national level test for getting admission in the BVSc. States also conduct their own entrance tests which are subject to the domicile of the candidate.

Genetic Counselor: With the advancement in technology and growing awareness, people now know that many of their health issues are due to their genetic makeup. In the old days, people used to regard every mentally challenged child as the same. But now we know that they can suffer from Down's

syndrome or Klinefelter's syndrome and so on. So, usually, doctors advise the expecting parents to get themselves tested genetically to rule out any such condition. As a genetic counsellor, you will be required to educate them about the pros and cons of getting this test done. You will be counselling them if any genetic anomaly is detected. You will be doing the same with the cancer patients too. To get into this field, you need to have a certification from the board of genetic counsellors in India. Unfortunately, there are very few institutes that currently offer a course in the genetic counselling. VIT offers a full-time M.Sc (Biomedical Genetics) with genetic counselling, Manipal hospitals Bangalore offer a certificate course in genetic counselling, and Kamineni Hospital, Hyderabad offers a post-graduate certificate course in medical and genetic counselling. So the competition to get there is really tough. But the scope is unlimited. If you wish to go abroad, the career prospect is much brighter. They are in high demand there.

Biomedical Engineer: With the growing demand for non-invasive surgeries, robotic surgeries, and accurate surgical devices, the Biomedical Engineers are going to be in high demand. The role of a biomedical engineer is to act as the intermediary between the hospital needs and industrial manufacture. It is more of an R&D job. We have IITs, NIITs and some good private colleges offering diploma, certificate, undergraduate courses like B.Tech.(Biomedical Engineering) as well as postgraduate courses. But unfortunately, in our country, it has got a limited scope. But, if you choose to go abroad, it will give you tremendous returns.

Radiation Therapist: With a swift rise in the number of cancer patients, the need for radiation therapists has also risen. You can do a diploma or a full-time graduation in Radiation Technology. Currently, there isn't any national entrance test. Colleges take the candidate based on their intermediate marks or their own entrance test. After completing the graduation, you need to get yourself a post-graduate specialization in medical oncology or radiology or oncology. After that, you will be eligible to work as a radiation therapist. You will get numerous opportunities in cancer-specialist hospitals.

The medical field is a vast arena. There are many untapped professions which are very good paying and have bright prospects. It is always better to look beyond the traditional career choices. You will get to explore a new field and carve a niche for yourself. We hope you have decided what you wish to be.

(Vijay GarG Retired
Principal Educational
columnist Malout)

GDC Udhampur gears up with SVEEP activities for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Mar 14: As part of its ongoing initiatives during Azadi Ka Amrut Kaal, aimed at fostering a Sashakt and Viksit Bharat (Empowered and Developed India), the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) of Government Degree College Udhampur in collaboration with the District Election Office organised a comprehensive Voters Education and Awareness program as part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park, Gole Market, Udhampur.

The aim of the program was to educate the young college students and general public about the importance of their participation in the elections.

The program commenced with a formal welcome address presented by senior NSS Volunteer Nitish Kalotra.

In his address he apprised all about the significance of active participation in the electoral process for the growth and development of the nation.

The event includes speeches by district officers and other eminent



personalities of district Udhampur.

First speech of the day was delivered by Advocate Swatantra Dev Kotwal sharing valuable insights about the electoral process, emphasizing the rights and responsibilities of voter registration, casting informed votes, and the role of youth in shaping the future through active political participation.

Advocate Somer Khajuria shared insights on the significance of voters awareness and emphasizing the pivotal role of an informed electorate and also highlighted the responsibility of each citizen in shaping the democratic process.

Dr Preity Sharma, District Panchayat Officer highlighted the significance of Voting Rights

in shaping a responsible and aware citizenry. She urged the attendees that right to vote should be exercised responsibly and sincerely as Right to Vote is not just a privilege but a responsibility also.

Some artists were invited by the district administration to inspire the students and the general public through their Gitadu and rap.

During the day long program, the students also presented a colourful program including short plays, Lok/Dogri Geet, poster making, poetry recitation, dance performances, and motivational speeches.

Rakesh and group presented a Lok Geet in which they highlighted the importance of voting. Prashant Kha-

juria through his rap encompasses youth policy that specifically has an impact on young people and how young people engage in electoral process.

Ayush Sharma, a student of Semester Fourth recite a poem in which he highlighted the pivotal role of youth voters in shaping democracy.

NSS Volunteers namely Nitish, Ambica, Monica, Kewal, Ajay, Nalin and others in their posters show their innovation, creativity, imagination and great energy to shape a better world. Baljeet, Monica and Ambica, students of semester fourth presented cultural dance.

Over 30 students of the college participated and contributed with zeal and enthusiasm in different activities and events organised for making the whole program a success. The purpose of organising these activities was to emphasise the value of voting, how to make informed choices, and understanding of electoral process.

The program was organised by keeping in consideration, the upcoming general elections 2024.

Geetu Banotra, Chief Education Officer

Udhampur graced the occasion with her presence. About 100 people were present to witness the event.

The program concluded with Atul Rasyal delivering concluding remarks, and Ambica Thakur, a student of GDC Udhampur tendered the formal vote of thanks.

The event's proceedings were ably conducted by Ambica Thakur and Nitish Kalotra, students of GDC Udhampur.

The event finally concluded with National Anthem.

JKBS acclaims Philatelist Anita for mounting stamps collection artistically

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) at its meet in Surya Vihar acclaimed Philatelist Anita for bagging several awards for mounting stamps collection artistically.

Speaking on the occasion, Anita told that it is not her honour but it is the honour of Philately as a whole. She is still a learner and assured that she is always available for the service of Philately.

R L. Kaith mentioned that Anita is a true philatelist who mounted her



collection artistically and with informative explanations on sheets of her own design.

Kaith further said, Philately is a delightful hobby that sharpens and satisfies one's aesthetic tastes. While expanding knowledge of and inter-

action with the world one gets to know interesting details of politics, history, prominent personalities, national and international events, geography, flora and fauna, agriculture, science, monuments, soldiers, warriors, scientists, arms and ammunition, modes of transport etc. This process of learning becomes more delightful through visuals and brief write-ups. In addition, philately cultivates a meticulous and focused attention to detail. It also helps in making friends across boundaries and age-barriers.

SSP Reasi reviews arrangements for smooth conduct of upcoming LS elections

Top News Report

REASI, Mar 14: SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma convened a meeting of officers to review the arrangements for the smooth conduct of upcoming Lok Sabha Elections at conference hall District Police Lines Reasi in which discussions were held on election preparedness, Model Code of Conduct, role of Police in election, Seizures, FSTs, SSTs, CAPF accommodation, sensitive zones, security scenario, law & order, Sensitivity of Polling Stations and other related issues to elections was discussed in threadbare.

The meeting was attended by Addl. SP Reasi, Addl. SP Katra, Dy.SP Hqrs. Reasi, Dy.SP DAR Reasi, SDPO Mahore, SDPO Arnas, SDPO Katra, Dy.SP Bhawan, All SHO's, and



other Police officers of the district.

In meeting a detailed and thorough discussion held on various crucial aspects pertaining to the smooth and peaceful conduct of the upcoming elections in the district.

Thereafter, a detailed briefing was given by the Addl. SPs and SDPOs with regard to various important security related issues of their respective jurisdiction and also with regard to the security arrangements are being planned for forthcoming Parliamentary Elections.

Necessary Instructions were given by SSP Reasi that checking and frisking at various Nakas on highways and also in city and its outskirts should be geared up and made purposeful. The manpower manning these Nakas need to be properly supervised/ briefed by the SDPOs/SHOs and make them accountable.

SSP Reasi directed all officers to prepare the roadmap for forthcoming elections. She also stressed on coordination with civil administration and security forces and keep an eye on activities of ANEs and trouble makers.

She further said that Reasi Police along with other security forces are ready and duty bound to provide congenial atmosphere for the voters whenever Election dates are announced.

Restore statehood of J&K, conduct assembly elections soon: Dr. Preeti Bhagat

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: Social activist Dr. Preeti Bhagat has said that assembly elections should also be conducted in Jammu and Kashmir immediately after the Lok Sabha.

Apart from this, there should be no delay in restoring the statehood. The people of Jammu and Kashmir cannot wait any longer for the restoration of democracy. SHE said that there has been no elected government in Jammu and Kashmir for the last several years due to which there is an atmosphere of despair among the people.

If Lok Sabha elections can be held in Jammu and Kashmir then why is there a delay in holding assembly elections. The government should conduct assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir immediately after the Lok Sabha elections, but for this it is necessary that first by following the orders of the Supreme Court, the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir



should be restored.

She said that it is the job of the Election Commission to visit the states. This is not the first time that they are coming here.

The Election Commission in a state starts preparations for elections months in advance. This is a regular exercise. All the political parties of Jammu and Kashmir have raised the demand for holding assembly elections soon.

Now it is up to the Election Commission and the Central Government as to when they will hold the elections. But depriving the people of the elected government for a long time is against democracy.

SBI invites applications from educated urban youth in India

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: SBI Foundation, the CSR arm of the State Bank Group, has launched an impactful initiative aimed at empowering India's most marginalized and underprivileged village communities through the 'Youth for India program. Attached herewith is the press release inviting the country's youth to register for the Youth for India program.

The 12th edition of the program is inviting applications from the educated urban youth in India, NRIs, OCIs and citizens from Nepal and Bhutan who are passionate about making a difference in rural India fostering positive change and sustainable growth. Over the past decade, the SBI Youth for India

has seen participation from India and overseas including the US, UK, Germany, Canada, Belgium, and Singapore, demonstrating the program's global appeal and commitment to addressing societal concerns.

As this initiative is a non-profit endeavour led by SBI, we are eager to collaborate with esteemed publications like yours to amplify our message and attract individuals who share our vision of creating positive change in society, particularly among India's youth and urban demographic.

We would be delighted to arrange an interview with Sanjay Prakash, Managing Director & CEO of SBI Foundation, to provide further insights into this fellowship program and its impact.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
OFFICER, KISHTWAR

Advertisement Notice: No.07of 2024
Dated: 07.03.2024

Subject: Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Kishtwar.

Reference: 1. Government order No 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30.11.2022
2. Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023

Approval has been accorded, vide letter No: SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/7645-52. Dated:-06/03/2024 for filling up of various vacancies of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Kishtwar, as per the details given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
1	Kishtwar	AWW(Sanginis)	2 No.
Total No. of Posts.			02

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Performa in Annexure "A" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers on Honorarium basis for aforementioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

- Date of commencement for submission of application **11.03.2024.**
- Last date for submission of applications is **20.03.2024.**
- Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward, Qualification and Criteria for selection
- Annexure C- Affidavit

ANNEXURE 'A'

Format of Application for Post of _____ Date _____

- Name of POSHAN Project _____
- Name of Anganwadi Centre _____
- Post applied for _____
- Name of the Candidate _____
- Father's Name _____
- Husband's Name _____
- Residence _____
- Ward No. _____
- Address for correspondence _____
- Contact No. _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Age as on **01.01.2024** _____
- Academic Qualification:

Sr.No.	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Out of Max. Marks	Percentage

- Do the candidate belong to Retiring AWW/AWH (YES/NO)
- Document Attached: _____

Signature of the candidate _____
Date _____

AFFIDAVIT

I _____ D/o/W/o/W/d/o _____
R/o _____ do hereby solemnly affirm as under :-

- That I belong to the electoral Ward No. _____ Panchayat _____ for which application of Sangini / Sahayikas is invited.
- That all the documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect in any of the above stated situation, my candidature may be cancel and liable to action under law.
- That if any latter stage it is found that I am in possession of qualification higher than the prescribed qualification, my engagement shall be liable for cancellation without any notice.
- That I have gone through the new HR Policy No.222- JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated 30-11-2022 and is well versed with all its salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to me in case of selection as Sangini (AWW) /Sahayika (AWH).
- That the contents of the application given below are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been cancelled.
- In case above statements found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject the application form without any notice.

Signature of Applicant _____

ANNEXURE 'B'

Details of Vacant Posts (AWWs) along with name and location of AWC.

Sr. No.	Name of Poshan Project	Name of Panchayat	No. of Panch Ward	Name of AWC
1.	Kishtwar	L.Palmar C	2	Mawar
2	Kishtwar	Filler B	7	Harna, Thakric

Eligibility:

- For Anganwadi Workers**
 - The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
 - Women candidates in the age group of **18-37 years** shall be eligible.
 - The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, and then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.
 - Minimum qualification for **Anganwadi Worker** shall be 10+2 and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, Mission POSHAN.
 - In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the Panchayat can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission POSHAN.
 - Weightage shall be given on the basis of **marks obtained in 10+2** and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and no other criteria to be considered.
 - In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
 - Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.
- In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWWs/AWHs, the said candidate shall qualify for additional **two percent points.**

Document Verification

- The candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.
 - Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification.
 - Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate.
 - Domicile Certificate.
 - Unmarried Certificate (where required)
- Candidates have to bring **two passport size recent color photographs** and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:
 - Aadhaar Card
 - Voter ID card.
- The candidate, who is supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

ANNEXURE C

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

- All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker and Class X for Anganwari helper and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.
- The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi worker/ Anganwadi Helper.

No.-CDPO/Poshan/K/2023-24/ 1155-1168
Date: 07/03/2024

Sd/-
Child Development Project Officer
Kishtwar.

Documents Required:-

- Academic Qualification certificate with marks Sheet.
- Date of Birth Certificate
- Domicile Certificate
- Ward certificate from concerned Executive Officer (EO) Municipality (for Urban Centres) and Block Development Officer (For Rural Centres)
- Copy of Ration Card duly attested by concerned TSO
- Un-married Certificate from Concerned Tehsildar (in case of unmarried)
- Relieving order copy of Sanginis (AWW) or Sahayikas (AWH) in case of candidate is from the family of retiring AWW/AWH.
- Affidavit in the prescribed format duly attested by 1st Class Judicial Magistrate.
- Aadhaar Card and Voter ID.
- 2 passport size photographs.

Note: No application form shall be accepted after the expiry of the Last date i.e. 20-03-2024.

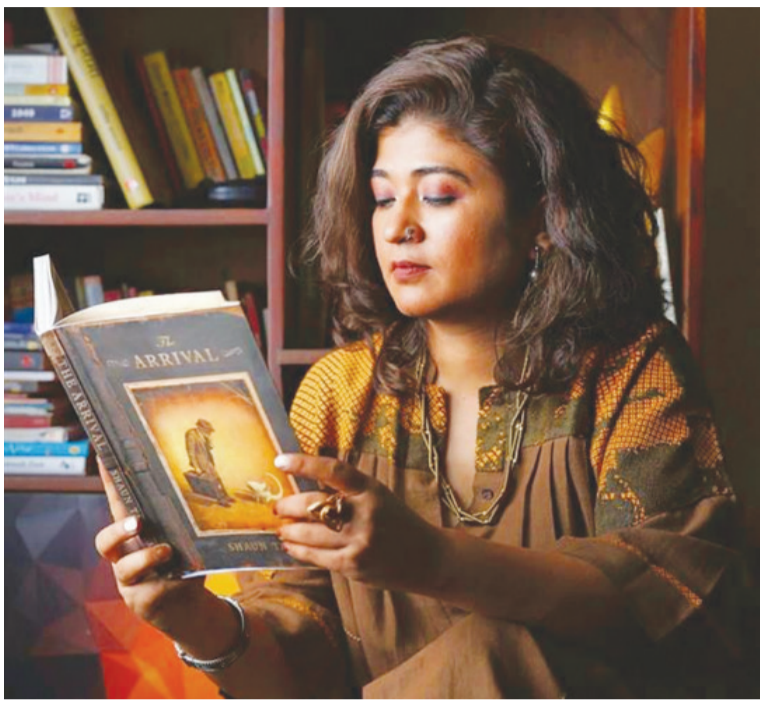
DIP/J-15904 Dated : 11/3/2024

A decade-long journey in the entertainment industry comes to a logical end as Nidhi Bisht basks in the glory that her first major role in Netflix's Maamla Legal Hai

The web series Maamla Legal Hai makes it to Netflix's top 10 most-watched series of the week. And if Ravi Kishan is praised for decoding the role of VD Tyagi, there's another actor who makes her presence felt with dialogues that resonate with people from all walks of life. We are talking of Nidhi Bisht who plays the role of Sujata Negi. The actress delivers best puns and has impeccable comic timing. And her character's introduction 'Didi daleel deti nahi, didi khud hi daleel hain' stands true for her real self as well.

Nidhi's journey in the industry started more than a decade ago but she feels it's just the beginning and she has a long way to go. Served as a writer and director for Girliyapa where she also acted in a few scenes, she says writing was a mode to survive when she wasn't getting many acting projects, but it sure helped her become a better performer on stage as well as on screen.

She recalls, "It feels great when director and writers gave me the liberty to improvise on the sets. It gave me confidence. We know our lines when we go on the sets, but there's always the scope to make a scene better. And it comes from the collective efforts of co-actors, writers, directors and art directors."



This Jamia Millia Islamia law graduate worked in a legal firm for a year before making a career U-turn by shifting to Mumbai and choosing acting. She explains, "This role of a struggling lawyer in Maamla Legal Hai marks the full circle for me. I have been a theatre enthusiast all my, but it took me one year of law practice to realise what I really wanted to do. When I told my parents about my dreams, my father said, 'Beta our kuch na sahi, par ek baar kisi project me kale coat wala (lawyer) role jaroor kar lena'. And I feel proud to play

a lawyer. In a way it has also marked my official entry into the digital medium because it's one of the prominent roles in a big series, on a big platform."

Working as a corporate lawyer for a brief period, however, didn't help Nidhi much when she tried to crack the role of Sujata. "I for one was part of the corporate circle, which had English speaking lawyers, the crème de la crème of law and justice. It took me several visits to Delhi district courts and Bombay High Court to study women lawyers and their behavior, especially those,

who don't have their own chamber. I am sure more people can relate to my character because it encapsulates many Sujatas in the bheed of lawyers in the Indian judiciary system."

Nidhi has assisted in writing shows like Permanent Roommates and Home Shanti. She also served as creative director for TVF and creative director for Girliyapa taking it newer heights. But does this behind-the-scenes experience help her to be a better actor? She responds, "Having worked as a director or storyteller, you have a fair idea of what the writer or director wants from you. In other words, one knows how to transform that writing onto the screen. But to say, it is always an advantage would be wrong. Also, I believe I am still in the initial stage of my acting."

Getting it right

"Maamla Legal Hai feels authentic and organic because the director Rahul Pandey had done his homework in keeping the balance between the three pillars of filmmaking — writing, direction and acting just like three pillars of Indian Constitution of which the judiciary is a part. We had done workshops with our co-actors which acted as a great ice-breaker. He made sure that we behaved like we had spent 15-30 years in the court and with each other."

'Rejection is part of life' says Smriti Kalra, who is enjoying glory after Kaagaz 2



Smriti Kalra is currently enjoying the fame that her latest film Kaagaz 2 brought her. The actress has previously left a mark on television audiences with her appearances in hit shows like Suvreen Guggal, 12/24 Karol Bagh, Dil Sambhal Jaa Zara and films like Cash and Darran Chhoo. Smriti recounts her journey in the entertainment industry. She

says, "I was in Delhi when I was offered my first show 12/24 Karol Bagh. After that I shifted to Mumbai. Though I acted in many series, I was always looking for something challenging. In 2019, my debut film Cash was released on OTT, marking a significant milestone in my career. Experiencing that moment, I was filled with the realisation that

acting is indeed my true calling. I was thrilled when my first theatrical release Kaagaz 2 finally happened."

Talking about her film and the role she says, "Tanisha, the character I portray in the movie, embodies the essence of modernity and depth through her passion for slam poetry. She serves as a nurturing figure, a confidante, and a pillar of support to Uday, the hero, who hails from a fractured family background. She touches the lives of those around her."

When asked if she identifies with the character, she says, "I do relate to the character because I also write and scribble whatever comes to my mind. Director Satish Kaushik once noticed it and invited me to his office. After reading some of my work, he said, "You are my Tanisha, a girl with substance." Kaagaz 2 is late actor-director Satish Kaushik's last project.

On how she handles rejection and setbacks in her career, the actress says, "Rejection is part of life. Raat ke baad savera hota hai."

Waheeda Rehman donates personal film memorabilia to Film Heritage Foundation

Legendary Bollywood actress and Padma Shri awardee Waheeda Rehman has donated her personal film memorabilia to Film Heritage Foundation (FHF) for preservation.

The actress was honoured with India's highest film honour, the Dadasaheb Phalke award, last year, and has worked with some of the most renowned filmmakers of the country like Guru Dutt, Satyajit Ray, Basu Bhattacharya and Yash Chopra, during her career. The roles essayed by her in films have gone on to become classics in the history of Indian cinema. In a career spanning over five decades, she has worked in more than 90 feature films. Her accolades include a National Film Award and the Padma Bhushan in 2011.

The memorabilia includes the saree she



wore to the premiere of C.I.D. in 1956, her photo albums and photographs and lobby cards

from Kaagaz Ke Phool, Chaudvin Ka Chand, Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam and Baat Ek Raat Ki.

'12th Fail', 'Kohrra' big winners at Critics' Choice Awards 2024

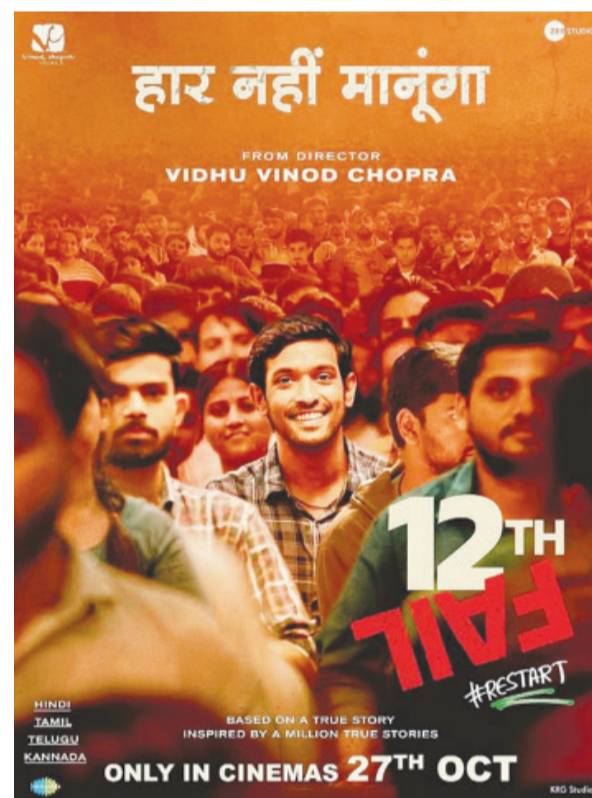
Vikrant Massey-starrer '12th Fail' and Sudip Sharma's crime series 'Kohrra' bagged top honours at the sixth edition of the Critics' Choice Awards.

The 2024 award ceremony were held on Tuesday here, recognising the best in feature films, short films, and web series across languages and platforms from India.

In the films category, '12th Fail', directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra, won the best feature film award, with Massey taking home the trophy for best actor.

The movie is based on Anurag Pathak's best-selling novel about the incredible journey of IPS officer Manoj Kumar Sharma and IRS officer Shradha Joshi.

Actor Shefali Shah was adjudged as the winner of best actress award for her performance in the drama movie 'The Three of Us'. The movie registered another win



for best cinematography for director Avinash Arun Dhaware.

Tamil drama 'Koozhangal', which was India's official entry for Oscars 2022, won the best director trophy for P S

Vinothraj.

Actors Jaideep Ahlawat and Deepti Naval were announced as the winners for best supporting actor and actress, respectively, for their performances in

the movies 'Jaane Jaan' and 'Goldfish'.

Manoj Bajpayee-starrer 'Joram' won two awards—best writing for Devashish Makhija and best editing for Abhiro Banerjee.

'Kohrra', starring Suvinder Vicky and Barun Sobti, bagged the best series award. The show also won awards for best actor for Vicky and best writing for Gunjit Chopra, Diggi Sisodia and Sharma.

Vikramaditya Motwane won the best director award for period drama series 'Jubilee', which also won Sidhant Gupta the trophy for best supporting actor.

Rajshri Deshpande was announced as the best actress award winner for the series 'Trial by Fire', while Amruta Subhash took home the trophy for best supporting actress for 'Lust Stories Season 2: The Mirror'.

The winners for the short film segment were

also announced at the ceremony.

Reema Maya's 'Nocturnal Burger' won three awards—best short film, best director and best actress for Millo Sunka.

'Giddh', starring Sanjay Mishra, won the best actor and best writing for Ashok Sankhla and Manish Saini. The best cinematography honour went to Jigmet Wangchuk for 'Last Days of Summer'.

Meanwhile, Ajitpal Singh's 'Fire in the Mountains', which had its world premiere at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival, was honoured with the Gender Sensitivity Award.

Whereas, veteran music director Usha Khanna was felicitated with the Extraordinary Contribution to Cinema Award at the ceremony, organised by Film Critics Guild and Group M Motion Entertainment, in collaboration with Vistas Media Capital.

Ed Sheeran grooves to 'Butta Bomma' with Armaan Malik, recreates SRK's signature pose

Ahead of his Mumbai gig, British singer Ed Sheeran is making fans go crazy with his moves to the tunes of Allu Arjun's song 'Butta Bomma' with singer Armaan Malik.

The videos and pictures of Ed Sheeran, who is in India, are going viral on social media. Armaan Malik took to Instagram and shared a video featuring himself and Ed Sheeran.

Armaan got the 'Shape of You' singer dance to Allu Arjun's Telugu hit from 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo'. The song, 'Butta Bomma', has been sung by Armaan Malik.

At the end of the video, Ed Sheeran and Armaan



do Shah Rukh Khan's iconic pose. Sharing the clip, Armaan wrote, "Favourite person in my city @teddysphotos." As soon as the video was shared, fans showed

their excitement and flooded the comment section.

Singer Harshdeep Kaur wrote, "So precious". One of the users wrote, "ED and Armaan

dancing on 'buttabomma' wasn't on my 2024 bingo card, OMGG SO CUTEEEE THIS ISSSS." On Tuesday, Ed Sheeran met actor Ayushmann Khurrana.

Interestingly, Ayushmann made Ed Sheeran taste his mother's homemade "pinni".

Talking about his meeting with Sheeran, Ayushmann said, "I have admired Ed Sheeran as an artist for years now. As a fellow musician, I have always wanted to connect with him and discuss how his mind works. I surprised him with my mother's homemade "pinni"! This is how we have always welcomed anyone at our home. He is at our home and we need to tell him how much we love him and his music too. So, I hope this gift will be a memorable one!" Ayushmann also shared a picture with Ed Sheeran.

'Pehle stomach burn, ab abs ka turn', Sara Ali Khan drops workout video



Actress Sara Ali Khan, who recently sustained a burn injury on her belly, has shared a workout video in which she could be seen doing abs burnout exercises.

Sara, who is currently gearing up for the release of her two films — 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' and 'Murder Mubarak' — had suffered a minor burn injury

on March 6 when she accidentally spilled hot coffee on her belly while she was busy with promotional activities.

The actress, known for her work in 'Kedarnath', took to Instagram where she shared a reel video.

The snippet shows Sara in light blue shorts and a matching sports top, working out in gym while flaunting her toned abs.

"Pehle stomach burn... Ab abs ka turn... You gotta work so you can earn... the sarso ka saag for which you yearn..." Sara captioned the post. The video has already garnered 1.3 million views, with fans showing love on Sara.

Simultaneous polls to Lok Sabha, assemblies can be held in 1st step, followed by local body polls within 100 days: Ram Nath Kovind panel

It says in case of hung House, no-confidence motion, fresh polls can be held for remainder of five-year term

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): Simultaneous polls to Lok Sabha, assemblies can be held in the first step, followed by local body polls within 100 days, a high-level committee headed by former president Ram Nath Kovind has said.

The committee on Thursday submitted its report on the feasibility of holding simultaneous polls for Lok Sabha, state assemblies and local bodies across the country.

In case of hung House, no-confidence motion, fresh polls can be held for remainder of five-year term, the panel said.

For first simultaneous polls, tenure of all state assemblies can be for period ending up to subsequent Lok Sabha elections, it said.



The Kovind panel recommended advance planning for equipment, manpower and security forces for holding simultaneous polls.

It said the Election Commission would prepare a single electoral roll, voter ID cards in consultation with state poll

authorities for the Lok Sabha, assembly and local body polls.

The Kovind panel said simultaneous polls would significantly enhance transparency, inclusivity, ease and confidence of voters.

It said simultaneous polls would spur development pro-

cess and social cohesion, and deepen foundations of democratic rubric.

Simultaneous polls can help realise aspirations of 'India, that is Bharat', the panel said on 'one nation, one election'.

It said synchronised polls for all three tiers of the government would improve governance architecture, in line with quest of aspirational India.

The panel submitted the report, comprising 18,626 pages, to President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan, a statement said.

The report is an outcome of extensive consultations with stakeholders, experts and research work of 191 days, since its constitution on September 2, 2023, it added.

Sudha Murty takes oath as Rajya Sabha MP



NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): Engineer-turned-philanthropist Sudha Murty on Thursday took oath as Rajya Sabha MP in the presence of her husband N R Narayana Murthy.

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar administered the oath in his chamber in Parliament House.

Leader of the House Piyush Goyal was also present on the occasion.

Murty, 73, the former chairperson of Infosys Foundation and the author of several books, mostly for children, was nominated to the Rajya Sabha on International Women's Day last Friday.

She is also renowned for her contribution to Kannada and English literature and is a recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar, the Padma Shri (2006) and the Padma Bhushan (2023).

Murty, who was the first woman engineer to have worked with TELCO, is famously known to have provided the seed capital of Rs 10,000 from her emergency funds to her husband to start Infosys, which now has a market cap of over USD 80 billion. Her daughter Akshata is married to British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

17-year-old polytechnic student was driving car that killed woman, injured 9 people in Ghazipur market

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): A 17-year-old polytechnic student was driving the car that killed a woman and injured nine people in east Delhi's congested Ghazipur market area, police said on Thursday, a day after the accident.

The accident took place on Wednesday night when a Hyundai Aura rammed into shops in the crowded weekly market leaving Sita Devi (22) dead.

Another teen in the car managed to escape, an official said.

The polytechnic stu-

dent is in police custody and legal action is being taken.

The accident was caught on CCTV camera.

The driver was seen trying to escape and being caught by locals who thrashed him before handing him over to the police, he said.

Irate crowds smashed the vehicle's windscreen and windows and tried to break its doors before flipping it over.

"We are investigating under what circumstances the two minors got the car for driving,"



the officer said.

The car, used for an online taxi service, is usually driven by Neeraj who has been asked to

join the probe along with owner Rajkumar.

A case under Sections 279 (rash driving) and 304 (culpable

homicide not amounting to murder) of the IPC has been registered at Ghazipur police station, police said.

Uzbekistan woman found murdered in Bengaluru hotel; her friend over phone called up hotel staff to check on her

BENGALURU, Mar 14 (Agencies): A woman from Uzbekistan was found murdered in a hotel room in Bengaluru, police said on Thursday.

She was identified as Zareena.

According to police, the deceased had come to Bengaluru on a tourist visa four days ago and stayed at the hotel near BDA Bridge.

The hotel staff was alerted by one of Zareena's friends over the phone to check on her at 10.30 pm on Wednesday. The staff knocked the door of the room for long, but there was no response. When the room was opened by using a master key, the staff found Zareena's



body lying on the floor with her face covered with blood.

The police were informed. Preliminary investigations suggested that the Uzbek woman had been murdered.

Police stated that Zareena was punched on her face as injury

marks were found on her body.

The police said one Rahul Kumar had booked the room for Zareena till March 16.

The police suspect that she was strangled to death.

Hotel Manager Gaurav Kumar Singh lodged a police complaint.

4 killed as fire breaks out in residential building in Delhi's Shastri Nagar

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): Two children and a married couple died due to suffocation after a massive fire broke out in a residential building in the Shastri Nagar area of Delhi's Shahdara in the early hours of Thursday, police said.

The victims have been identified as Manoj (30), his wife Suman (28) and two girls aged five and three years, they said.

"We got information from the hospital that four people -- two children and a married couple -- died due to suffocation. Further investigation is on," a senior police officer said.

Police said they received a call around 5.20 am about a major



fire in the Shastri Nagar area of Shahdara. The Delhi Fire Services was informed immediately. A local police team, four fire tenders, ambulances and PCR vans were rushed to the spot, the officer said.

Police said the building where the fire broke out has four floors and there is a car-parking facility on the ground floor.

They said the fire started from the parking lot and the smoke engulfed the entire building.

"Even though the street is narrow, fire officials managed to reach the spot and douse the flames. A search was conducted on each floor. Three men, four women and two children were sent to the Hedgewar hospital," the officer said.

Information and Broadcasting ministry blocks 18 OTT platforms for publishing vulgar content

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) has taken action in coordination with various intermediaries, to block 18 OTT platforms publishing obscene, vulgar, and, in some instances, pornographic content.

In all, 19 websites, 10 apps (seven on Google Play Store, three on Apple App Store), and 57 social media accounts associated with these platforms have been disabled for public access in India, the Ministry said on Thursday.

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur has repeatedly emphasised the responsibility of the platforms not



to propagate obscenity, vulgarity and abuse under the guise of 'creative expression'.

The recent decision was taken under the provisions of the Information Technology Act in consultation with other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, and domain experts specialising in media and entertainment, women's rights, and child rights.

instances, prolonged segments of pornographic and sexually explicit scenes devoid of any thematic or societal relevance.

The content was determined to be prima facie in violation of Sections 67 and 67-A of the IT Act, Section 292 of the IPC, and Section 4 of the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986.

One of the OTT apps amassed more than 1 crore downloads, while two others had over 50 lakh downloads on the Google Play Store. Additionally, these OTT platforms extensively utilised social media to disseminate trailers, specific scenes, and external links aimed at attracting audiences

to their websites and apps. The social media accounts of the OTT platforms concerned had a cumulative followership of over 32 lakh users.

The Government of India remains committed to fostering the growth and development of the OTT industry, said the Ministry, adding that several measures had been undertaken, including the introduction of the Inaugural OTT Award for Web Series at the 54th International Film Festival of India, collaboration with OTT platforms in the media and entertainment sector, and the establishment of a light touch regulatory framework with an emphasis on self-regulation under the IT Rules, 2021.

Suspended Congress MP Preeti Kaur joins BJP, praises PM Modi's leadership

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): Lok Sabha MP and suspended Congress leader Preeti Kaur joined the BJP here on Thursday, praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the work done by his government in the last 10 years.

Kaur, a four-time MP from Punjab's Patiala and a former Union minister, was suspended by the Congress for alleged anti-party activities in February last year soon after her husband, former Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh, joined the BJP, quitting the grand old party.

Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, president of the Congress' Punjab unit, had sent a complaint to the party high command, accusing Kaur of indulging in anti-party activities to help the BJP.

Addressing a joint press conference with BJP leaders at the party headquarters here, Kaur expressed her happiness over joining



the party.

She also thanked Prime Minister Modi, BJP chief JP Nadda and the "entire BJP family" for giving her an opportunity to work with the party.

Praising Modi's leadership, Kaur said she decided to join the BJP looking at his policies and the work done by his government in the last 10 years.

"I am fully confident that our children's future and our country will remain secure under his (Modi's) leadership and policies,"

she told reporters.

Kaur joined the BJP in the presence of senior party leaders, including its national general secretaries Arun Singh, Vinod Tawde and Tarun Chugh and chief spokesperson Anil Baluni, who is a Rajya Sabha member.

BJP in-charge for Punjab and former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani and BJP's Punjab unit chief Sunil Jakhar were also present on the occasion.

Welcoming Kaur to the BJP, Tawde said she has proved her "potential" with the work she has done in various capacities so far.

Her joining will strengthen the BJP in Punjab and help in taking the state on the path of progress under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, he added.

"She has joined the BJP today. We welcome her," Tawde told reporters. "Punjab will (now) be more strong and the BJP too."

4 die as car collides with truck in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh



JAIPUR, Mar 14 (Agencies): Four people were killed and two injured in a collision between a truck and car in Rajasthan's

Hanumangarh district on Thursday, police said.

The accident took place near Rawatsar town when the car pas-

sengers were on way to the Khetrapal temple in Rawatsar, police said.

"Prima facie the car driver dozed off while overtaking. Four people were killed and two injured. All were going to offer prayers at a temple," Rawatsar SHO Vedpal said.

He said the deceased were identified as Vimla (55), her daughter Rachna (23), Manju (40) and Mansaram Prajapat, all residents of Churu district.

The truck driver fled the spot.

Kim Jong Un In Leather Jacket "Drives" North Korea's New Tank In Mock Battle

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SEOUL, Mar 14 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un guided a military demonstration involving a new battle tank, state media KCNA reported on Thursday, in the latest show of force by the isolated state as South Korea and the United States wrapped up joint drills.

Kim expressed "great satisfaction" that the new type of main battle tank successfully demonstrated its striking power in its first performance display on Wednesday, KCNA said.

The "training match" was designed to inspect the combat capabilities of tank crews and make them familiar with combat action on different tactical missions, it said.

"Swiftly weaving their way through various worst combat circumstances, heavy tanks hit targets at once with powerful strikes and broke through strong defence lines with high manoeuvrability," the report said.

The 105th Tank Division, which



was declared the winner of the mock battle, was the unit that occupied the South Korean capital Seoul during the Korean War, KCNA said.

Kim was joined by senior officials including Defence Minister Kang Sun Nam at the event.

In a photograph published by KCNA, the leader of the reclusive state could be seen with his head peeking out of a tank as the state media reported he

drove the tank himself.

Meanwhile, other photographs showed Kim sporting a leather jacket and surrounded by troops, and also tanks with the North Korean flag blasting ammunition on a field.

The mock battle comes as joint annual drills involving South Korea and the U.S. were due to wrap up on Thursday. The drills, known as the Freedom Shield exercises, were the first

to take place since Pyongyang scrapped a 2018 inter-Korean military pact aimed at de-escalating tensions in November.

As part of the drills, South Korea's army said the combined forces had conducted a joint live fire exercise at a training base in the city of Pocheon in the past week.

The live fire drill featured tanks, armoured cars as well as FA-50 fighter jets, the army said in a statement.

North Korea has long condemned such military drills as rehearsals for war, while Seoul has portrayed the exercises as purely defensive.

Kim's appearance at the demonstration comes after he guided an artillery firing drill by the Korean People's Army, the country's military force, last week.

The drill involved units near the border that are in firing range of "the enemy's capital," KCNA said, referring to Seoul, which has nearly 10 million residents.

Taiwan, China In Joint Op Search For 2 Missing Fishermen



TAIPEI, Mar 14 (Agencies): Taiwan and China are carrying out a joint search-and-rescue mission for two missing crew members after a Chinese fishing boat capsized Thursday near an outlying Taiwanese island, killing two, Taipei's coast guard said.

The coast guard dispatched four patrol vessels after it received a report around 6 am Thursday (2200 GMT Wednesday) that the boat carrying six people had sunk 1.07 nautical miles southwest of the Kinmen Islands' Dongding Islet.

The joint operation, which includes six Chinese rescue ships,

comes a month to the day after the Taiwanese coast guard's pursuit of a Chinese fishing boat in the area left two men dead, fuelling ongoing tensions between Taipei and Beijing.

"With the joint efforts of the search-and-rescue units of both sides and the Dongding Garrison", two crew members were rescued while two others "showed no signs of life", the coast guard said in a statement.

Kinmen is a territory administered by Taipei but located five kilometres (three miles) from the Chinese city of Xiamen.

On February 14, a Chinese vessel carrying four people capsized

near Kinmen while being pursued by the Taiwanese coast guard, throwing all on board into the water.

Two of the crew died and two others were rescued and temporarily detained in Kinmen.

A survivor reportedly said the boat was "rammed", though Taiwan insists the coast guard was following legitimate procedures as the vessel had entered "prohibited waters".

Beijing accused Taiwan of "seeking to evade their responsibilities and hide the truth" about the incident, while a Taiwanese coast guard official has said the boat involved was zigzagging, "lost its balance and capsized" while trying to evade a patrol vessel.

Since the February 14 incident, Taiwan's coast guard chief said an average of six to seven Chinese vessels have been in waters around Kinmen.

Protect Earth Instead Of Colonising Mars: Barack Obama At Paris Summit

PARIS, Mar 14 (Agencies): Humanity must preserve Earth before dreaming of colonising Mars because even nuclear war and unbridled climate change cannot make the red planet more liveable, Barack Obama said.

Speaking at a renewable energy conference in the French capital Paris, the former US president mentioned Silicon Valley "tycoons, many of whom are building spaceships" that could take humans to Mars.

"But when I hear some of the people talk about the plan to colonise Mars because the earth's environment may become so degraded that it becomes unliveable, I look at them like, what are you talking about?"

"Even after a nuclear war, Earth would be more liveable than Mars. Even if we didn't



do anything about CC (climate change) it would still have oxygen -- as far as we can tell, Mars does not," Obama said.

"I would rather us invest in taking care of this planet here," he continued, saying space exploration should be for gathering knowledge and discovery rather than creating new living space for humanity.

"We were designed for this place, and it would be good if we kept this place in a way that's liveable," he concluded.

During his hour-long talk, Obama discussed

his climate record at the White House between 2009 and 2017.

As for his successor and potential future president Donald Trump, a long-time climate sceptic who withdrew the United States from the landmark 2015 Paris Agreement, Obama said the facts spoke for themselves.

Obama was speaking as a special guest at the opening of the POWR.Earth Summit, a gathering organised by two renewable energy entrepreneurs and attended by industry players.

"Logic Of A Bandit": China Slams US TikTok Vote

BEIJING, Mar 14 (Agencies): China on Thursday slammed the approval of a US bill that would ban TikTok unless it severs ties with its Chinese parent company, blasting Washington's "bandit" mentality and vowing Beijing would "take all necessary measures" to protect the interests of its companies overseas.

The short-video app has soared in popularity worldwide but its ownership by Chinese technology giant ByteDance -- and alleged subservience to Beijing's ruling Communist Party -- has fuelled concern in Western capitals.

On Wednesday, the US House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a bill that would force TikTok to divest from its parent company or face a nationwide ban.

The bill is yet to pass the Senate, where it is expected to face a tougher test to become law.

"The US should truly



respect the principles of a market economy and fair competition (and) stop unjustly suppressing foreign companies," Beijing's commerce ministry spokesperson He Yadong said at a press conference on Thursday afternoon.

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US soil used for terror acts against India: Community leaders on hate crimes

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar 14 (Agencies): A group of eminent Indian Americans in Silicon Valley held a special meeting with senior officials of the Department of Justice, FBI and police and said that US soil was being used for terrorist activities against India. The meeting was held this week on increasing hate crimes against Hindus in California.

Indian Americans, during the meeting, expressed their displeasure that the law enforcement agencies in the US have not been able to take any action against those who are supporting terrorist activities in India, according to multiple persons present at the meeting, reported news agency.

The sudden increase in hate crimes against Indian Americans in general and the Hindus in particular is causing a lot of fear and anxiety in the community, said the Indian Americans after

the meeting which was closed to the press.

Vincent Plair and Harpreet Singh Mokha from the Department of Justice's Community Relations Service along with FBI officials and those from the police departments of San Francisco, Milpitas, Fremont and Newark attended the meeting.

Several community members expressed their anger that the law enforcement agencies have not been able to take any action against those people, including those who tried to burn the Indian consulate in San Francisco, and are openly threatening Indian diplomats and giving open calls for terrorist incidents in India.

The community leaders also expressed concerns that the police were not of much help to them in either addressing this increasing fear or stopping terror activities from the US against India.

Senior law enforcement officials said that



they were not aware of the Khalistan movement in the US and wanted the Indian Americans to help them raise awareness about these terrorist groups in the US. They also said that they have not been able to take action because of a lack of resources and funds and that they had other top priorities, members present at the meeting told agency.

"This meeting was a crucial moment as we united to confront the recent surge in hate crimes targeting Hindu places of worship. I brought together Indian community leaders, DOJ, FBI, and law enforcement officials from Milpitas, SF, Fre-

mont, and Newark. In the last four months, over 11 temples in the Bay Area alone have been attacked, vandalised, and defaced with hateful graffiti. The fear in our community is palpable, but our collective resolve is stronger than ever," community leader Ajai Jain Bhutoria said.

"We delved into safeguarding places of worship and tackling hate crimes, notably those involving Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) Khalistani supporters targeting Hindu Temples, displaying disturbing banners in front of schools and corporate establishments. In our discourse, we explored the prospect of organising a Protect-

ing all Places of Worship Forum (PPOW) with the DOJ," said Sikh leader Sukhi Chahal.

Chahal said he personally underscored the significance of addressing the provocative and threatening video messages from SFJ pro-Khalistan separatist Gurbatwant Singh Pannu.

"I urged FBI and DOJ officials to earnestly consider the potential repercussions of Mr Pannu's statements on peace, harmony, and India-US relations. It is paramount that we collectively work to mitigate the impact of such hateful messages, which have the potential to disturb societal tranquility and radicalise the youth," he said.

Following the meeting, it was agreed that a working group will be formed under the guidance of the US Department of Justice that will actively pursue safety measures at places of worship and systemic reporting of any unwanted act.

UK Government Plans Ban On Foreign Government Ownership Of British Media



LONDON, Mar 14 (Agencies): The British government announced plans to ban foreign governments from owning newspapers and magazines in the UK. This move comes amid controversy surrounding a proposed takeover of the Daily Telegraph and Spectator by a United Arab Emirates-backed firm, RedBird IMI, according to The BBC.

The new legislation, introduced as an amendment to the Digital Markets Act currently in Parliament, aims to

safeguard a free press. Critics of the Telegraph deal expressed concerns about foreign government influence on British media.

This ban would effectively block the current takeover bid by RedBird IMI, forcing them to restructure their ownership if they wish to proceed. Foreign individuals and private companies will still be allowed to own British publications under the proposed law.

As per The BBC, a spokesperson for the UAE-funded group said

they were "extremely disappointed by today's development."

Announcing the ban, British Culture Minister Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay said: "We will amend the media merger regime explicitly to rule out newspaper and periodical news magazine mergers involving ownership, influence, or control by foreign states."

He added: "Under the new measures, the secretary of state would be obliged to refer media merger cases to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) through a new foreign state intervention notice."

A spokesperson for the RedBird IMI firm said they "remain committed" to investing in global media, adding: "We will now evaluate our next steps, with commercial interests continuing to be the sole priority."

Hold Par, Assembly polls simultaneously in J&K: Tony

Suchetgarh tops on development front: PS Happy

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SUCHETGARH, Mar 14: Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of J&K Pradesh Congress Committee and DDC Member Suchetgarh, emphasized the critical need for democratic representation in Jammu and Kashmir by urging the visiting Election Commission to hold Assembly polls in the Union Territory simultaneously with the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in the country.

Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of a programme held here today, the senior Congress leader underscored the importance of addressing the genuine aspirations and demands of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly amidst the absence of a popularly elected government since 2018. He highlighted the significant challenges faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir due to the prolonged absence of a democratically elected leadership, emphasizing the urgency for conducting Assembly polls in tandem with the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Recognizing the pres-



ent moment as an opportunity to address the democratic deficit in the Union Territory, Tony emphasized the need for inclusive and participatory democratic processes to ensure the representation of the diverse voices and aspirations of the residents of Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed confidence that by holding Assembly polls simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections, the Election Commission could facilitate the restoration of democratic governance in Jammu and Kashmir, fostering stability, progress, and inclusivity in the region.

During the event, Tony

called upon the people of Suchetgarh to rally behind Rahul Gandhi and strengthen the hands of the Congress party by supporting its candidates in the upcoming polls. He emphasized the pivotal role of grassroots support in empowering the party's leadership and advancing its vision for a prosperous and inclusive future.

Tony reiterated the commitment of the J&K Pradesh Congress Committee to advocate for the rights and interests of the people. He asserted that the Congress remains steadfast in its commitment to championing the democratic rights and

aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the country as a whole, ensuring their voices are heard and respected in the electoral process.

Earlier, Taranjit Singh Tony along with Parvinder Singh Happy, Chairman of J&K Sikh Naujawan Sabha, Mohinder Singh, President of Gurudwara Rani Talab Digiana, Gurcharan Singh, Secretary of Gurudwara Rani Talab Digiana, Naib Sarpanch Hira Bhagat, fire-brand leader Mandeep Choudhary, and youth leader Mandeep Sonu, came together to dedicate the newly constructed community hall to the people

of Sai Kalan Kandali in the Suchetgarh Constituency.

Speaking at the ceremony, Tony expressed his belief that the community hall would serve as a vital space for the people to gather and celebrate their social functions, fostering a stronger sense of unity and camaraderie among the residents.

In his address, Parvinder Singh Happy highlighted the significant strides taken in the development of Suchetgarh, asserting that the area stands at the forefront of progress. He emphasized the importance of community infrastructure like the newly inaugurated hall in furthering the socio-economic well-being of the residents. He also guided the youth to maintain universal brotherhood and stay away from drugs.

Local people thanked Tony for ushering a new era of development in the border villages of Suchetgarh by setting a new benchmark of development.

Tony and Parminder Singh Happy also greeted the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the commencement of New Year as per the Desi calendar.

World Kidney Day observed at GHS Bijarni, Doda

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DODA, Mar 14: Acting upon the directions of worthy Director Health Services Jammu Dr Rakesh Magotra and under the guidance of CMO Doda Dr Om Kumar & BMO Ghat Dr Abdul Gafoor, an awareness programme to celebrate the "World Kidney Day" was held at GHS Bijarni under AAM-Sub Centre Bijarni District Doda on Thursday.

The day is celebrated every year on the 2nd Thursday of March all over the world to create awareness about kidney diseases.

Faizan A Tramboo from the health department on this occasion delivered a lecture about the importance of kidneys and reducing the frequency, impact of kidney diseases and its associated health problems.



The health team also encouraged the participants and general public to take care of their kidneys right from childhood to ensure a healthy life ahead. The stress was laid on healthy life style, which includes regular exercises, keeping weight in check, monitoring blood pressure regularly, having adequate fluid and most importantly refrain from smoking and self-medication.

The programme was attended by a large

number of students, staff and general public of the area.

Headmaster of the School Nuzhat Jabeen thanked the health department particularly CMO Doda and BMO Ghat for organizing awareness programmes in the school on a regular basis, said that such programmes will surely boost the talent and knowledge among students about various diseases and make them to live healthy & happier life.

GDC Kathua organises lecture on Stress Management and Drug De-addiction

Top News Report

KATHUA, Mar 14: GDC Kathua organised a lecture on Stress Management and Drug De-addiction in collaboration with Women Study Center.

Prof. Seema Mir, Principal GDC Kathua congratulated the team on organising such an informative lecture and also stressed on the surging need of discussion on the topic of Stress Management and Drug De-addiction.

Delivering the lecture, the resource person, Dr. Deepak Sharma MD Ayurveda GMC Kathua along with the Convener, Women Study Center, Prof. Ambika Rajput, Prof. Shivani Kotwal, HOD English and other committee members. A floral bouquet was presented to the resource person by Prof. Ambika Rajput along with com-

mittee members. A formal welcome address was also delivered by the Convener, Women Study Center.

He also talked in detail about the role of faculty in bringing awareness among students about stress and Drug De-addiction.

The function was also attended by the faculty members of various departments of GDC Kathua, which included, Prof. Ram Singh, Dr. Gotam Singh, Prof. Anil Verma, Prof. Charandeep, Dr. Meena, Dr. Eva Sharma, Dr. Nitasha Baloria, Dr. Nitu Sharma, Prof. Rajni and Students of various semesters

A formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Gotam Singh and the event was anchored by Ragini.

Seminar on Scope, Development and Promotion of Medicinal plants held



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Mar 14: On the Directions of Directorate of Ayush UT of J&K, J&K Medicinal Plants Board, District Nodal Officer Ayush Kishtwar organized UT Level seminar on Scope, Development and Promotion of Medicinal plants as Alternative Source of Employment today on Thursday at Conference Hall New DC Office Complex Kishtwar.

The seminar was attended by Progressive Farmers from all over the District.

The event was graced with the presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal as Chief Guest and Chief Agriculture Officer Kishtwar

Amjad Hussain Malik & Divisional Forest Officer Kishtwar Vijay Kumar as guest of honour.

Dr. Wahid ul Hassan Technical Officer, J&K Medicinal Plants Board was invited as Resource Person.

The seminar started with a bouquet presentation and then followed by the inaugural welcome address of all the guests and a brief outlay of Ayush Department by District Nodal Officer Ayush Kishtwar Dr Vikram Singh Jamwal.

Chief Agriculture Officer and D.F.O Kishtwar praised the event and assured full cooperation of their Departments in establishing Herbs Gardens and conserving Medicinal Plants.

Resource Person has given the participants Detailed information regarding Cultivation and Marketing of Medicinal Plants such as Ashwagandha, Kutki, Kuth, Pooshkarmool, etc as alternative sources of income for farmers

A Progress Farmer Jabir Singh while promoting the importance of Medicinal Plants stated that he has expanded the cultivation of some medicinal plants like Burberry in about 600 Kanals in three Districts -Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban.He urged the other farmers to start cultivation of Medicinal Plants.

A vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Tara Hussain to all the guests

Awareness Camp organized by Civil Defence Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: One day Awareness programme on First Aid, CPR, Choking, Fire Fighting and other emergency rescue methods was organized at Central Sanskrit University Kot Bhalwal, Jammu in which 90 NSS Students

ventive measures during natural or Manmade Disaster.

On the occasion a lecture was also delivered by Dy.SP. Anita Pawar on the topics of Disaster Management and highlighted the role of Civil Defence in the organization. Dr. Dharan Mishra, Director of the University



including girls students of the University participated.

The Program was organized under the supervision of Dy. SP. Anita Pawar, Dy. Controller Civil Defence, Jammu who gave awareness about basic knowledge through demonstration by Civil Defence experts.

The main aim of the awareness programme was to make aware the students and staff members with regard to pre-

appreciated the role of Civil Defence in spreading awareness about disaster management and rescue.

R.Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, Dr. Rishi Raj HoD Education, Dr. Maninder Singh Programme Officer NSS, Dr. Yogendra Dixit, Programme Coordinator and other staff members of the University were also present on the occasion.

Delhi Toofans come from behind to beat Calicut Heroes in Super 5s stage

Top News Report

CHANNAI, Mar 14: Delhi Toofans maintained their winning run in the Super 5s stage of the third season of the RuPay Prime Volleyball League powered by A23, beating Calicut Heroes 14-16, 15-9, 15-11, 15-13, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai on Wednesday. Danial Aponza was named the Player of the Match.

The game saw an unusual start with Calicut calling a review on the very first point. Aponza and Vikas Maan earned attack points for their respective sides. Libero

Anand defied gravity to showcase Delhi's fighting spirit. But Jerome's sizzling spikes troubled Delhi's defence. The Toofans hurt their fortunes with unforced errors and Calicut edged ahead in the cagey affair.

Perotto's magical chest block amazed the Calicut fans, while Calicut's second successful review riled up Delhi Toofans. Lazar Dodic and Aponza kept Calicut on the backfoot with fiery shots, while Saqlain's super serve opened up the doors for Delhi's comeback. A miscommunication between Danial

and his teammates cost them a super point, and Delhi Toofans brought the contest back to level terms.

Dodic's attacks and Aponza's blocking maintained Delhi's momentum, only to be broken up by Ashwin's super serve. But Calicut's unforced errors kept piling up, helping Delhi take control. Danial came to life in defence as Calicut launched a fightback. Aponza's quickness earned Delhi a risky super point, and he helped his side get a sensational win with his all-round display.

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involvement is more as Heroine and Brown Sugar is pushed into this side in a large quantity. This was the case with Punjab and now it is growing here as well. But we will not allow J&K to become Punjab," he said. "This not a challenge in Karnataka and Telengana as these states aren't close to borders."

He said that there are 10 drug de-addiction centres of Police operating at present and some private players also involved in it. "These centers are less compared to the number of addicts," he said. The DGP said that police will assess where it stands at present and where it would stand in 2025. The DGP advocated a strategy where a coordination needs to be maintained with Punjab as well.

After Rain, Snowfall, weather likely to remain dry during the next 7 days in J&K: MeT

normal of 14.7C the previous day.

Srinagar witnessed a drop in the night temperature recorded at a low of 4.4C during the intervening nights of Wednesday and Thursday against the 5.4°C recorded the previous night. However, it was 0.7C above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway in south Kashmir recorded a low of 1.8C against the 3.4C, while the picnic spot of Kokernag plunged to 1.3C against the 4.2C recorded the previous night.

The night temperature at Pahalgam dropped to -1.3C from -0.5C a day ago. It was 0.1C below normal for the famous tourist hot spot of south Kashmir.

The temperature at the ski resort of Gulmarg slipped down to -4.8C from -1.2C the previous night. It was 1.5C below normal for the valley of meadows in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thursday.

Kupwara had a low of 1.2C against 4.5C the previous night. It was 1.1C below normal for the frontier Kashmir district on Thursday, the MeT office said.

BJP misused Central agencies to garner Rs 400 Crore through electoral bonds: Cong

frozen Congress party's bank accounts, while it extracts money by using Central

agencies," he also alleged.

The Congress chief claimed that the BJP used "unconstitutional and illegal electoral bonds to pad its "loot chest", and has also "manipulated" Electoral Trusts to "increase its donation loot" by 10 times.

"If BJP is bothered about 'Mother of Democracy', then it should bring a white paper on its own finances, through an independent investigation," Kharge demanded.

He cited some media reports that claimed that 15 more donors of the BJP include four shell firms, 11 companies that faced central action and that 30 firms who donated Rs 335 crore to the BJP were also stung by I-T, ED.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Wednesday announced sharing details of electoral bonds "in time" and asserted that the commission believed in complete transparency.

Kumar, who ended his nationwide visits ahead of the Lok Sabha election schedule announcement, also said that the poll body was ready to hold assembly as well as Lok Sabha elections in the Union territory.

The State Bank of India (SBI) on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that a total of 22,217 electoral bonds were purchased by donors between April 1, 2019 and February 15 this year, out of which 22,030 were redeemed by political parties.

In a compliance affidavit filed in the apex court, the SBI said as per the court's direction, it has made available the details of

electoral bonds to the Election Commission of India before the close of business hours on March 12.

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.

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.

"A total number of 22,217 bonds were purchased during the period April 1, 2019 till February 15, 2024. At the time of collating the information for the ECI, the details were segregated as below....," it said.

Jammu-Srinagar National highway blocked due to landslides

The road remained open for two-way traffic on Wednesday.

All essential supplies of life are routed into the Valley through the Jammu-Srinagar highway and the temporary blockades of this highway often result in shortages of essentials in Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Srinagar-Leh, Mughal Road, Sinthan-Kishtwar road and Doda-Chamba road are still closed for traffic.

Kupwara restaurant owners set building ablaze for insurance money, resulting in fatal tragedy, arrested

security in the region.

Pak Hindu refugees asked to visit Delhi HC Mar 19 onwards for CAA registration, says refugee

know met us last night and informed this. Rest of the process to register ourselves will be informed after we visit court," Solanki told.

3 shops damaged in fire in Lal Chowk

life has been reported in the incident," he said.

NSS Units of GGM SC College Jammu host Voter Awareness Seminar cum Rally

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: GGM Science College in Jammu organized a voter awareness rally on March 14, 2024, spearheaded by its National Service Scheme (NSS) units. The event aimed to emphasize the significance of youth engagement in societal development through active participation in the electoral process.

The rally was followed

by a voter awareness seminar, highlighting the crucial role of casting votes in shaping the future of the nation.

Principal Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, along with Dr. Narinder Kumar, Associate Professor in Zoology, and Prof. Brinder Kumar, graced the occasion, underscoring the importance of informed and responsible voting.

NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and

Dr. Neha Sharma played pivotal roles in organizing and executing the event, ensuring maximum outreach and participation among students.

Speaking about the initiative, Principal Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta stated, "Empowering the youth with the knowledge of their voting rights is essential for the progress and prosperity of our society."

Through such initiatives, we aim to instill a

sense of civic duty and responsibility among our students."

Dr. Narinder Kumar EX-NSS PO highlighted the importance of Such activities and need to get involved in such activities that will help us achieve the viksit Bharat, a dream of our Hon'ble PM Modi.

The event received overwhelming participation from students, faculty, and staff, reaffirming the college's commitment to nurturing socially

responsible citizens.

GGM Science College is a premier educational institution in Jammu committed to fostering academic excellence and holistic development among its students. With a rich legacy of providing quality education, the college strives to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in their chosen fields and contribute meaningfully to society.

Hegde's statement is proof of BJP's anti-constitutional mentality: Vijay

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Expressing strong objection to the statement of Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Lok Sabha member Anant Kumar Hegde about changing the Constitution, Jammu Kashmir Congress Seva Dal President Vijay Sharma Babbi has said that Hegde's statement reflects the anti-constitutional and anti-democratic mentality of the BJP.

On one hand, BJP bows before Mahatma Gandhi and on the other hand, it makes such statements through its leaders so that an atmosphere of



turmoil can be created in the country.

Vijay Sharma said that the 2024 election in India is the last election of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar to save the Constitution and democracy in the country.

If Modi government comes to power again in 2024, they will work to sell the country and change

the Constitution. The ideology of BJP and RSS is completely opposite to the communal fabric of this country.

These two parties never contributed in establishing an atmosphere of peace in the country but instead kept instigating mutual fighting in the name of religion. The BJP high command wants to spoil the communal harmony in the country by getting its leaders to issue unrestrained statements before the elections. He said that the countrymen recognize this distorted mentality of BJP and will not fall into their trap this time.

BJP holds interaction with new entrants

Abrogation of Article 370 was our core agenda: Koul

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Stating that the removal of Article 370 of the constitution was core agenda of the party, Jammu and Kashmir, BJP General Secretary (organization), Ashok Koul, said that finally the controversial provision has been removed forever, which is indeed a big achievement for the nation and its interests in this erstwhile state, now UT.

Ashok Koul was addressing a large gathering of over four hundred people, who have joined the party during the last few months in entire length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the BJP's country-wide joining pro-



grammes are receiving overwhelming response in Jammu and Kashmir as well and during the last few months, thousands of people from all the religions, regions and classes have voluntarily opted to get associated with the party and contribute in nation building through their past experi-

ence of working in different capacities. People in even the remotest areas are joining BJP and expressing their willingness to be soldiers of the party. The joining of a large number of retired senior officials, elected representatives, prominent businessmen, sports personalities, intel-

lectuals, ex-servicemen, social & religious activists, youth, women, SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities, Paharis etc have sent a very clear message that the people across the country, cutting across their faiths and social status, have made up mind to see Narendra Modi to lead the nation

for third consecutive term and continue his efforts towards achieving target of Viksit Bharat by 2024. Ashok Koul stressed upon these new entrants to go through the programmes and policies of the BJP and reach the people in their respective areas to garner their support for the party in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

BJP senior leader and former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, NEM and former minister Priya Sethi, BJP Joining Programmes Incharge Balwant Mankotia, Co-Incharges Baldev Singh Billawaria and Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, also addressed the new entrants.

Astro India launches Thar Earth

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Thar Earth edition is inspired by the Thar Desert and the SUV features a Desert Fury satin matte paint scheme. Thar Earth Edition will be available in four variants in the LX Hard Top 4x4 guise, with prices starting at Rs 15.40 lakh and going up to Rs 17.60 lakh (both prices ex-showroom). In terms of design, the Thar Desert edition looks the same as the regular Thar but features exclusive Desert Fury satin matte paint with dune-inspired decals on the rear fender and doors, Earth Edition badging on the B-pillars, matte black badges, and 17-inch silver alloy wheels.

Moving inside, the SUV gets a dual-tone theme of black and light beige



layout with dune designs on the headrests, Thar branding on the doors, and dark chrome accents all around.

Additionally, it gets Desert Fury-coloured inserts for the AC vents, centre console, and steering wheel. Mahindra also said that each unit will get a unique numbered decorative VIN plate. Customers can also opt for accessories such as customised front and rear armrests, floor mats, and

a comfort kit.

The Thar Earth Edition will be available in both petrol and diesel engine options. A 2.2-litre, four-cylinder, turbocharged diesel engine which puts out 130PS and 300Nm of torque and a 2.0-litre, turbo-petrol engine which puts out 150PS and 320Nm.

Both engine options come paired with a six-speed manual or a six-speed torque converter automatic transmission.

Semiconductor plants to be game changer for the nation: Dr Parneesh

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Dr Parneesh Mahajan, senior BJP leader and convenor of Department of Training, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir while welcoming the foundation stones laying for three new semiconductor plants in the country by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asserted that the establishment of semiconductor plants across the nation will undoubtedly turn out to be the strategic game changer for the future of world's largest democracy. He said that since these plants will in fact prove to bring an unprecedented transformation in the industrial sector and give a huge economic push to the nation's economy which is already performing better than the other economies across the globe.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader termed



the decision of the government led by Narendra Modi as highly significant and of far reaching consequences for the ultimate benefit and welfare of the people.

He said that since the semiconductor industry is allied to many other sectors it will lead to utilization of huge potential for revenue and employment generation from this sector.

It will not only open avenues for employment, but would also result in unprecedented technological advancements in India.

He asserted that in view

of India strongly acknowledges and recognizes that the whole world is one family therefore the benefit of the production of semiconductors manufactured in India will percolate to the whole world especially the economically weaker nations across the globe.

It is pertinent to mention here that last month, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the establishment of three more semiconductor units under ' the Development of Semiconductors and Display Manufacturing Ecosystems in India and all these three units, two in Gujarat and one in Assam will start construction within the next 100 days. Moreover, the semiconductor industry in India is still at a nascent stage and various local and multinational companies are aiming to tap its vast potential at the earliest.

BJP holds public darbar at party headquarter



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JAMMU, Mar 14: Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, Convenor Swachh Bharat Abhiyan accompanied by Er. TK Sharma, Abhiyan Co-convenor listened to the public grievances in a public Darbar held at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Dil Bahadur Jamwal, while attending to the deputations, insisted that the BJP is dedicatedly serving the poor and the needy. He said that the party workers are regularly available to listen to the public issues and they sincerely try to sort out their issues at every level. He also shared that more than 2 dozen deputations visited the party office during this public darbar, whose issues were listened to and

taken up with the concerned department officials for their redressal.

TK Sharma, coordinated the darbar proceedings and penned down the grievances put forth by the visiting deputations.

Individuals and deputations from Kaluchak, Jallochak, Sungal, Sohal, Panyadi, Akhnoor, Udhampur, Vijaypur, Kattal Battal, Janipur, Rajouri, Kathua, Bani, Mendhar, Chowki Choura presented the issues like repair of lanes/drains, repair of handpumps, installation of electric poles & wires, construction of link road, repair & installation of street lights, land title issue at Rajouri, issue of Social Welfare Department, scarcity of water and other issues.

Apni Party leader & retired Law Officer joins BJP

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Advocate Kuldeep Singh Sudan, General Secretary, Jammu Kashmir Apni Party Legal Cell General Secretary, Jammu province, joined BJP.

He was welcomed into the party by Sat Sharma, former minister and senior leader of BJP, along with former deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria, former VC Balbir Ram Rattan and former Councillor Jeet Angral at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sat Sharma, while welcoming the new entrants along with his supporters, into the party fold, said that the party will greet every such person, who is willing to serve the nation and the society with a pure heart.

He said that the BJP was founded with a vision to serve every single resident of this great nation and that mission requires willful efforts from all the



quarters of this society.

"Our nation under the strong and decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has reaffirmed its stand as 'Vishva-Guru'."

The Modi government has not only strengthened the nation on international platform but worked to rebuild it, putting special efforts on the science, economy, security, social structure, harmony, peace and development. In the preceding two-terms of Modi government spanning 10 years, PM has worked enormously and minutely and is ready to carry the momentum to its 3rd

term", said Sat Sharma. Further adding that the people from every community and region have recognized efforts of Modi government and are joining the party with a strong resolve to repeat the Modi government in 2024 to continue this mission of development, Sat Sharma asked the new entrants to take this message to every nook and corner.

Kuldeep Singh Sudan assured the senior party leadership that he, along with his supporters, will leave no stone unturned to strengthen the base of the party, while serving the society.

J&K AIDS Control Society holds Awareness Program on HIV/AIDS, Drug Addiction



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SUMBAL, Mar 14: J&K AIDS Control Society and the J&K Traffic Police Department on Thursday organised awareness/cum training program on HIV/AIDS, HIV ACT -2017 and drug addiction at Dak Banglow in Sumbal.

The event was chaired by DySP Traffic Police, Gulzar Ahmad, with Mohammad Lateef Charoos Senior Medical Officer (ART) Skims Soura, Sabiha Iqbal Assistant Director, Mainstreaming (JKACS) and

SO Traffic Altaf Ahmad were also present in the presidium.

Assistant Director JKACS Sabiha Iqbal presented the welcome address and share details about objectives and aims of organizing this event. Javid Jeelani Shah delivered a presentation focusing on the prevalence of drug abuse among youth, its prevention, and associated consequences. He urged the youth and drivers to take proactive measures in combating this societal challenge.

DySP Traffic Police emphasized the importance of such initiatives in promoting community health and well-being.

This was followed by presentation by Mohammad Lateef Charoo, Sr. Medical Officer (ART) SKIMS Soura, Srinagar during which the participants were sensitized about the basics of HIV/AIDS, modes of communication and precautions/medications etc. thereof.

He also had a detailed interaction with the participants regarding the theme.

He underscored the severity of the virus, highlighting the risks associated with reusing needles, unprotected sex, and contact with infected bodily fluids, which have claimed millions of lives worldwide.

The event was attended by journalists, drivers, and youth from the area.

Doda Police conducts Awareness Program on New Criminal Laws

Top News Report

DODA, Mar 14: Doda Police organized an awareness program on the newly implemented criminal laws in India. The program, held at Government Degree College Doda (GDC Doda), aimed to educate the public about the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA).

Deputy SP DAR Doda Mohd Aslam and Deputy SP Hqrs Doda Ajay Anand delivered lectures on the new laws, explaining their provisions and significance.

The program was well-received by the participants, who appreciated the police department's efforts in raising awareness.

Attendees requested further programs to ensure comprehensive understanding of the new legal framework among the general public.

participation from faculty members, students of GDC Doda, Station House Officers (SHOs), and In-charge Police Posts of Sub-Division Doda.

The program was well-received by the participants, who appreciated the police department's efforts in raising awareness.

NSS SMVDU organized Millet food promotional event at Govt. School



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KATRA, Mar 14: NSS volunteers of SMVDU Katra organized a millet food promotional activity at Govt. Primary school in village Sool. Volunteers prepared 'Makki ki Roti', green vegetable and other food items for school students and staff members.

The food was prepared with the help of firewood on chulha by the volunteers. Vice Chancellor Prof. Pragati Kumar graced the occasion and also helped volunteers

in food preparation. The millet based food was served with Lassi and Gur (jaggery).

NSS volunteer Sadhvi Sharma briefed school students about benefits of millet foods in their diet.

Cultural performances by school students and NSS volunteers were also there including dogri song and dance. Volunteers also played indigenous games with school students. NSS Programme Coordinator, Dr. Rajiv Kumar and staff member Mr. Avd-hesh Gupta organized

the event with the help of volunteers.

NSS coordinator also thanked school authorities including incharge Mr. Romesh Chand, Mrs. Mamta Sharma and Anju Anand for the support in organizing the event.

NSS student coordinators Sadhvi Sharma and Abhishek Sharma led the whole event successfully. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar appreciated the efforts of NSS team and also promised to donate laptop and cardboard based puzzle games to school.

VVS Laxman, Rahul Dravid thwart Australia with historic stand on March 14, 2001

On this day in 2001, Rahul Dravid and VVS Laxman put together a legendary partnership to save India and set up their historic win against Australia.

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): On the memorable day of March 14, 2001, Indian cricket witnessed an extraordinary turnaround in the Kolkata Test against Australia as VVS Laxman and Rahul Dravid stitched together a legendary 376-run partnership to lay the platform for a famous win.

After losing the first Test, India faced a daunting challenge as Australia amassed a hefty first-innings score of 445, subsequently bowling India out for a mere 171. Following on, with the scoreboard reading a precarious 115 for 3, Laxman joined Dravid at the crease, setting the stage for an epic counter-attack.

With their team in dire straits, Laxman and Dravid mounted one of the most remarkable fightbacks ever seen on a cricket field. By the close of day three, they had taken India to 254/4, leaving Australia anticipating a



swift wrap-up of the innings the next day. However, what unfolded was a masterclass in batting resilience and skill.

The duo put on an astonishing display, amassing a partnership that not only revived India's fortunes but also demoralised the Australian bowlers. Laxman's sublime innings ended at 281, a record-breaking score that remained the highest by an Indian in Test cricket until sur-

passed by Virender Sehwag. Dravid, too, played a monumental innings, contributing 155 runs before being dismissed the following day for 181.

Their heroic stand not only pulled India back from the brink but also set the foundation for a historic victory. Harbhajan Singh's six wickets in the second innings sealed a remarkable win for India by 171 runs, completing a comeback for the ages.

This match remains etched in the annals of cricket history, symbolising the spirit of resilience and determination of the Indian team.

The magnitude of the win was put into context by Hemang Badani's tweet, when he said that the team had their suitcases packed and sent to the airport before the brilliance from Dravid and Laxman.

"Not many know that at the end of day 3 we had packed our suitcases, they were to be taken straight to airport and the team was to go straight to the airport from ground. And then these two batted like magicians without losing a wicket the entire day," he wrote.

Dravid and Laxman currently work closely with Indian cricket as the former is the coach of the senior men's team while the latter works as the National Cricket Academy director.

Ravichandran Ashwin back on top after emotional series



NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): India's Ravichandran Ashwin reclaimed the top spot in the Test bowler's rankings following his nine-wicket haul in the fifth and final Test against England last week.

It was a memorable 100th Test match in Dharamsala for India's spin spearhead, who finished as the leading wicket-taker of the

series with 26 dismissals.

Ashwin, who claimed his 500th Test wicket in the third game in Rajkot, replaced teammate Jasprit Bumrah at the top of the Test rankings.

Bumrah slipped to third place behind Australia's Josh Hazlewood, who moved up two rungs after claiming six wickets in the second Test against New Zea-

land. It was the sixth time in his career that Ashwin rose to the top spot in ranking and it was an eventful series against England for the 37-year-old.

The off-spinner temporarily withdrew from the Rajkot Test to be with his ailing mother in Chennai before he reunited with the squad on Day 4 of the contest.

Ashwin, on his YouTube channel, thanked India captain Rohit Sharma for letting him to be with his mother in Chennai when the Test was on.

"Rohit is a special person, an outstanding leader, with a golden heart," the spinner said. "I saw it first-hand. I'd give my life for him on the field, that's the kind of captain he is."

WPL: Delhi's capital gain

DC thrash GG to qualify for final

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): The big-hitting Shafali Verma led the way with a blazing 37-ball 71 as a dominant Delhi Capitals secured direct qualification into the final of the Women's Premier League with a seven-wicket hammering of Gujarat Giants here.

Table-toppers Delhi Capitals entered the game looking to bag a direct spot in the final and once their bowlers restricted Giants to 126/9 with a disciplined show, the hosts inched closer to realising their goal.

In the final on Sunday, the Capitals will play the winner of the eliminator between Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Shafali launched into a flurry of boundaries,

hitting as many as five sixes and seven fours, to help her side complete the chase with as many as 41 balls remaining. Shafali reached her fifty in just 28 balls. The duo of Shafali and Jemimah Rodrigues (38 not out) bludgeoned Meghna Singh for 20 runs, while Ashleigh Gardner was also carted for 28 runs in two overs.

"Happy with the win tonight. She (Shafali) was excellent. When she plays like that, she makes it look very easy. Nice to watch her dominate," DC captain Meg Lanning said.

Shafali, who was named the Player of the Match, said she "was looking to hit straight". "When there were good balls, I tried to respect it and pick up singles. I felt in good touch and

wanted to bat through," she said.

Earlier, Delhi Capitals' bowlers produced a fine effort to restrict Gujarat Giants to a modest total. If it was not for Bharati Fulmali's 36-ball 42 and Kathryn Bryce's unbeaten 28, the Giants would have finished with a much lower total.

South African veteran Marizanne Kapp led the way with fine figures of 2/17, bowling beautifully in the powerplay, while there were also two wickets apiece for Shikha Pandey and Minnu Mani.

Brief scores: Gujarat Giants: 126/9 in 20 overs (Fulmali 42, Bryce 28*; Minnu 2/9, Kapp 2/17, Pandey 2/23); Delhi Capitals: 129/3 in 13.1 overs (Verma 71, Rodrigues 38*; Kanwar 2/20).

IPL 2024: MS Dhoni like a diesel engine that never stops, says AB de Villiers

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 14 (Agencies): Former South Africa and Royal Challengers Bangalore batter AB de Villiers heaped praise on MS Dhoni's longevity in the Indian Premier League, likening the Chennai Super Kings captain to a diesel engine, adding that the 42-year-old has been an incredible captain in the hugely-popular T20 league.

MS Dhoni has had to deal with speculation about his future in the IPL over the last few years. Speculation was rife that Dhoni would retire at the end of the IPL 2023 season and the former India World Cup-winning captain also said after the final last year that it was the right time for him to sign off, especially on a winning note. However, Dhoni confirmed he would return to play the IPL 2024 season for the Super Kings, saying it was a return gift for fans, who have showered him with love over the years.

Dhoni managed a dodgy knee throughout the IPL 2023 season



and had issues while running between the wickets. However, Dhoni made sure he turned up for all matches and led CSK to a record-equalling fifth IPL crown.

"There were a lot of rumours about MS Dhoni finishing up last year; that was not the case, ladies and gentlemen. He would be back again," AB de Villiers said in his YouTube show.

"Will this be his final season? No one knows. He just seems to be this diesel engine that never ends. He keeps running. What an incredible player, what an

incredible captain," he added.

After winning the IPL 2023 title, Dhoni underwent arthroscopy, a minimally invasive keyhole surgery, on his knee on June 1st, 2023. The surgery, performed in Mumbai by renowned sports orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala, was successful, setting Dhoni on the path to recovery. By October 27th, 2023, Dhoni shared an optimistic update on his fitness, confirming his rehabilitation phase was progressing well and that he was on course to play for

CSK in IPL 2024. 'CSK ARE AN INTIMIDATING TEAM'

AB de Villiers believes CSK backing their core group once again is great news for the franchise, who are bidding to win their 6th title. The Super Kings made only a handful of additions in the auction, signing the likes of Daryl Mitchell, Rachin Ravindra, Mustafizur Rahman and bringing back Shardul Thakur.

"I believe it's through their presence, it's through the leadership of MSD, a calm coach in Stephen Fleming, senior players in Ravindra Jadeja and others who have really set this incredible culture alive.

"They are a very intimidating team to play against. They are never easy to beat. That is always a great characteristic of a very successful unit, of a very successful franchise," he added.

Chennai Super Kings will open their campaign on March 22 against Royal Challengers Bangalore at the MA Chidambaram Stadium.

Commandos to counter pitch invasion during IPL 2024

CHENNAI, Mar 14 (Agencies): During the ODI World Cup final between hosts India and Australia at the Narendra Modi Stadium last year, a pro-Palestine pitch invader breached the security cordon and got as far as star batter Virat Kohli before being apprehended and escorted out.

The pitch invasion happened again during the first Test against England in Hyderabad in January. A fan wearing Kohli's Test jersey reached the middle to meet India captain Rohit Sharma before the start of the hosts' innings. He touched Rohit's feet before being escorted out by security personnel.

These incidents apparently made the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) come up with a plan to counter frequent pitch invasions. It put an arrangement in place on an experimen-

tal basis since the third Test in Rajkot and implemented the same during the ongoing Women's Premier League. Buoyed by the positive results, the ACU is going to execute the plan on a large scale during the IPL, the first phase of which will begin in Chennai on March 22. Defending champions Chennai Super Kings will host Royal Challengers Bangalore in the season opener at MA Chidambaram Stadium.

While the WPL is being played only in two cities — the first leg was held in Bengaluru followed by matches in New Delhi, the first phase of IPL will be held across 10 cities.

"A dedicated security liaisoning officer (SLO) will be stationed at each venue and he would be accompanied by around 20-25 commandos," a source in the know things told

this daily. The ACU hires ex-Army officers as the SLOs. For commandos, it has hired former cops from state and central armed forces, ex-personnel from the Army, Navy and private guards.

"The only responsibility of the designated SLO is to counter pitch invasion threat. He will continuously move around the ground and will be assisted by commandos to keep a check on any unwanted movement into the playing area. The commandos would be scattered around the boundary ropes," the source added.

For the WPL, the ACU has hired around 15-20 commandos. Earlier, the ground used to be manned by the local police. "We used to leave it on local police in the past but it was not yielding desired results so we thought of giving responsibility

to our SLOs, who anyway are responsible for the security of teams."

"The point came up for discussion after every series and tournament and it was noted that somehow, this (pitch invasion) menace could not be countered effectively. Given the situation, the ACU after consulting BCCI decided to take the responsibility," added the source.

The ACU has also started briefing players and other stakeholders about possible corrupt approaches during the IPL. It has started briefing and educating them apart from encouraging them to report any corrupt approach. The schedule for the second leg of the tournament is likely to be announced once the dates for the general assembly are out. It is learnt that the matches will be played across 13 venues in the second leg.

England star Harry Brook out of IPL after grandmother's death



LONDON, Mar 14 (Agencies): England batsman Harry Brook has withdrawn from the Indian Premier League following the death of his grandmother.

Brook pulled out of England's recent Test tour in India in January, citing personal reasons. The 25-year-old has now revealed the reason was because his grandmother "was ill and didn't have long left".

Brook on Wednesday confirmed he will not be joining up with Delhi Capitals, who paid £380,000 (\$486,000) to sign him in December. "I can confirm that I have made the very dif-

ficult decision not to play in the upcoming IPL," he wrote on Instagram.

"I was so excited to be picked by Delhi Capitals and was so looking forward to joining up with everyone.

"Whilst I don't think I should need to share my personal reasons behind this decision, I know there will be many asking why. So I do want to share this.

"I lost my grandmother last month — she was a rock to me and I spent a huge amount of my childhood in her home; my attitude to life and love for cricket was shaped by her and my late grandfather."

Brook pulled out of

England's five-Test tour to India before the squad flew out from their training camp in the United Arab Emirates.

"I made the decision to leave the India Test tour the night before we flew from Abu Dhabi to India because I was told for the first time that my grandmother was ill and didn't have long left," he said.

"Now that she has passed my family & I are grieving and I need to be around them.

"Over the last few years I have learned to prioritise my mental wellbeing and that of my family's, honestly nothing is more important to me than family."

Brook, who has made four centuries in 12 Test appearances for England, played for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL last season.

But the big-hitting star was released by Hyderabad, who paid £1.35 million for him, after a frustrating debut season in the IPL.

Delhi Capitals are due to play their first match of the new season against Punjab Kings on March 23.

Major Injury Setback For Shreyas Iyer Ahead Of IPL 2024? Report Makes Big Claim

NEW DELHI, Mar 14 (Agencies): Kolkata Knight Riders skipper Shreyas Iyer may end up missing the initial matches of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024, according to a report by Times of India. The report claimed that the batter's old back injury has flared up once again following his 95-run knock for Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy final against Vidarbha. In 2023, Iyer underwent surgery due to the same injury and the recent development can rule him out of the first few matches of IPL 2024. "It is not looking good. It is the same back injury which has

got aggravated. It is unlikely he will take the field on Day 5 of the Ranji Trophy final. He is in danger of missing the initial matches of the IPL," a source told Times of India in the report.

The IPL is a crucial tournament for Iyer after he was left out of BCCI's central contract list. KKR take on Sunrisers Hyderabad in Kolkata on March 23 in their first game of the competition. Iyer suffered back spasms during his 95-run knock and had to be checked twice by the Mumbai team physio. He also did not take the field for Mumbai on Wednesday and

the report claimed that it is highly unlikely that he will play a further part in the Ranji Trophy final.

Iyer had earlier complained about this injury during the recently concluded Test series against England.

"During the recently-held Test series against England at home, he had told the Indian team management about this injury troubling him again," the source said.

However, the National Cricket Academy (NCA) said that he has no new injury concerns.

District Level Neighborhood Youth Parliament organized by NYK Jammu in Samba

Top News Report

SAMBA, Mar 14: Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Jammu, orchestrated a District Level Neighborhood Youth Parliament at Bhargav Degree College, Samba District. The event, graced by the presence of esteemed Chief Guest Shri Keshav Dutt Sharma, Chairman of the District Development Council, witnessed enthusiastic participation from youth representatives who engaged in stimulating discussions and activities.

The event commenced with a warm welcome extended by Nissar Ahmed Butt, State Director of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Jammu & Kashmir, to the Chief Guest, resource persons,



and all participants.

In the subsequent session, participants were enlightened about the MY Bharat portal and were encouraged to register on the platform for enhanced engagement and access to government services.

During the third session, various resource persons delivered

enlightening lectures on diverse topics. Principal Natar Singh elucidated on 'Nari Shakti', delving into the historical significance and the struggles faced by women. Principal PK Dhar emphasized the importance of 'Vocal for Local', advocating for local entrepreneurship and sustainable development.

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Chief Scientist KVK Sanjay Kumar Khajuria enlightened the audience about millets, showcasing samples and highlighting their nutritional benefits. Vijender Singh Jamwal, Nodal Officer of the Entrepreneurship Development Institute, discussed 'New India, New Initiatives', guiding youth towards emerging opportunities for their future endeavors.

Following the sessions, participants engaged in a mock parliament, simulating proper parliamentary procedures and addressing local issues of significance. This interactive segment provided a platform for constructive dialogue and collaboration among participants.

The program concluded with heartfelt gratitude expressed by the Principal of Bhargav Public School Dr. Subash Kumar towards the Chief Guest and all resource persons. Keshav Dutt Sharma, in a gesture of appreciation, honored all the resource persons for their valuable contributions.

Bimlesh Kaur, APA State Office NYKS J&K, Anmol Bajaj, APA NYK Jammu, along with other staff members and NYVs of NYK Jammu, were also present during the program, adding to the vibrancy and success of the event.

The event culminated with a collective rendition of the National Anthem, symbolizing unity and patriotism.

Expert lecture on "Role of NCC in Nation Building" held at SMVDU

Top News Report

KATRA, Mar 14: In an enlightening session at SMVD University, an Expert Lecture on "Role of NCC in Nation Building" was held for the students at SMVD University.

The event, organized by Dr. Varun Dutta, Assistant Professor at SMVDU, featured Lieut. (Dr.) Pankaj Mehta as the keynote speaker. Dr. Mehta, who also serves as an Assistant Professor at Central University of Jammu and as an NCC officer, brought forth valuable insights and experiences to the discussion.

The gathering was further enriched by the presence of two NCC cadets of 2nd JK BN, NCC, Cdt. Rohit Kumar and Cdt. Masum Raja, who showcased various activities undertaken during NCC camps. Through practical demonstrations, they exemplified the essence of discipline, teamwork, and leadership instilled by NCC training.

Dr. Mehta, drawing from his dual roles as an educator and an NCC officer, elaborated on the significance of NCC in nurturing responsible and patriotic citizens.

He highlighted how the values imbibed through NCC activities contribute to the holistic development of individuals and, consequently, to the progress of the nation.

Students attending the discussion expressed their appreciation for the com-



prehensive understanding gained about the multifaceted contributions of NCC towards nation-building. Witnessing the practical applications of NCC principles left a lasting impression on their minds, instilling a sense of pride and responsibility towards serving the nation.

Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, lauded the initiative, emphasizing the importance of such discussions in shaping socially conscious individuals capable of making positive contributions to society.

He reiterated the university's commitment to providing holistic education that equips students with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary for societal advancement. Other members present on the occasion were Registrar, SMVDU, Ajay Kumar Sharma (JKAS), Dean Student Welfare, Prof. R. K. Mishra, and Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Balbir Singh.

JKTF urges govt to redress issues of teaching fraternity

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF), affiliated with All India Secondary Teachers federation (AISTF) held meeting through virtual mode and projected various issues of the teaching fraternity of the UT and demanded their early redressal.

Addressing a meeting UT President Mohammad Ashraf Sheikh demanded restoration of Old Pension Scheme.

He said that the provisions under New Pension Scheme (NPS) are discriminative in nature and are criticized at large, keeping in view the financial insecurity to the employees in future.

He also emphasized to early release of DPC lists of Teachers to masters and their adjustment before enforcement of model code of conduct

this process was started last year and still dpc list has not released.

Moreover SSA posts of masters should be converted into non plan posts. Ashraf also requested Forum Chairman M.Amin Khan to put up the matter with higher Authority.

Ashraf also demanded revision of pay scales for teaching fraternity at par with the pay scales in other UTs of India like Delhi. He said that the employees are only getting the allowances but their pay scales haven't been revised at par with other UTs so far.

He also asserted on framing a transparent/rational/uniform transfer policy for all cadres of teaching fraternity including erstwhile RREts.

He said the transfer policy so framed should be uniform for all the officials of School Education Department irre-

spective of their mode of appointment as 'mode of appointment' can't be a ground for not executing transfers.

Others present in the Meeting were Ram Krishan Singh UT Secretary, Mohinder Goswami UT Executive, Mohan Singh UT Executive Neetan Kalyan UT Executive Raman Sharma UT Executive Sanjeet Sharma Provincial President Jammu, Rafaqat Maliq Provincial Vice President Jammu Nasir ul haq District President Jammu, Surjeet Kumar District President Rajouri, Amarjeet Singh District President Poonch, Imtiyaz ul haq District President Kishtwar, Rail Singh District President Reasi, Dr Sanjay Sharma District President Kathua, Lokesh Sharma District President EJAC Rajouri, Ajeet Singh, Shafiq Mirza etc.

Training on 'Tissue Culture Techniques' commenced at IIMM

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: A three days skill development training programme on Tissue Culture Techniques commenced at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine here today in which about 30 participants from diverse backgrounds of Biotechnology, Life sciences, Agribusiness management and agriculture enrolled for the workshop. The programme was inaugurated by Dr Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIMM Jammu.

Dr Ahmed, Chief Guest during the inaugural session in his address said that tissue culture techniques have emerged as a pivotal aspect of modern biotechnology, playing a crucial role in crop improvement, pharmaceuticals, and horticulture.

Recognizing the significance of this discipline in the contemporary scientific landscape, IIMM, following the NEP



guidelines has taken the initiative to introduce a specialized Skill Development programme aimed at equipping individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge in tissue culture methodologies.

He called Tissue culture as an advanced technique, which includes molecular genetics, recombinant DNA studies, genome characterization, gene-transfer techniques, aseptic growth of cells, tissues and in vitro regeneration of plants.

These technologies have applications in crop improvement and agriculture, which is the focus of this skill development program. Dr Ahmed further said

that Plant tissue culture coupled with biotechnological approaches leads towards sustainable agricultural development providing solutions to major food security issues. Dr Ahmed described Plants are the rich source of phytochemicals with medicinal properties rendering them useful for the industrial production of pharmaceuticals and nutraceuticals.

He said there are numerous plant compounds with application in the cosmetics industry, in addition to having moisturizing, anti-ageing, anti-wrinkle effects, plant-derived compounds also possess pharmacological properties such as antiviral, antimicrobi-

al, antifungal, anticancer, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anti-allergy characteristics.

He said that in vitro propagation of industrially significant flora is gaining attention because of its several advantages over conventional plant propagation methods.

He described the advantages of this technique is the quick availability of food throughout the year, irrespective of the growing season, thus opening new opportunities to the producers and farmers.

Dr SK Bakshi, Ex Chief Scientist and renowned cytogeneticist, who was distinguished guest speaker spoke about advantageous technique

for plant propagation at a commercial scale. He also gave a lead lecture on "Development of MAPs, using Tissue Culture Techniques, for commercial utilization". He further said that Plant propagation in vitro has the potential to be a powerful tool in both fundamental and applied biology and said that Cryopreservation of genetic resources technologies have a lot of potential and are rapidly evolving around the world.

Pertinently these hands on training and skill development series have been launched by CSIR-IIMM Jammu as part of CSIR-Integrated skill initiatives.

The event was conducted under overall supervision of Er Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist & Head RMBD & IST, Dr Srinivas Kota, Scientist gave an overview of whole training program while as Dr Nasir Ul Rasheed, Senior Scientist gave formal vote of thanks.

Live Streaming of launch of Semiconductor facilities by Prime Minister organized at SMVDU



Top News Report

KATRA, Mar 14: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) had the esteemed privilege of hosting the live streaming of the momentous launch of three cutting-edge semiconductor facilities by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi held at the premises of SMVDU, this event stood as a significant milestone in India's technological advancement.

The live-streamed launch event showcased the inauguration of three state-of-the-art semiconductor facilities, exemplifying India's unwavering dedication to technological innovation and self-reliance in the semiconductor industry.

It underscored the nation's commitment to fostering indigenous capabilities and reinforcing its position as

a global leader in technology. In conjunction with the launch, SMVDU organized an insightful interaction session held in lecture theatre, focusing on "The Role of Academia in Viksit Bharat."

M Pritam Banerjee, representing Trident Tech Labs, offered invaluable insights during the session which was attended by students, faculty, and staff of SMVDU, the interaction provided a platform to deliberate on the pivotal role of academia in nurturing innovation and propelling progress in a developed India.

The event was coordinated by Prof. K. R. Jha, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, Associate Professor at the School of Computer Science and Engineering, and Ashish Suri, Assistant

Professor at the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering. Their dedication and concerted efforts ensured the seamless execution of the event, fostering meaningful discussions and facilitating collaboration among participants.

Ashish Suri, Assistant Professor at the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering, presented the introduction and delivered a formal vote of thanks for the event. His eloquent expression of gratitude encapsulated the significance of the occasion and acknowledged the invaluable contributions of all stakeholders involved. SMVDU remains steadfast in its commitment to promoting academic excellence, nurturing innovation, and contributing to India's journey towards emerging as a global techno-

PoJK DPs take swipe at LG Admin for 'undermining' struggle of displaced persons

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 14: Several organisations of Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) displaced persons on Thursday came down heavily on the UT administration headed by Lieutenant Governor for trivializing the colossal suffering and pain endured by the displaced persons, alleging that the LG administration has brazenly ignored the genuine issues confronting about 17 lakh displaced persons.

The leaders of these organizations, in a joint statement issued here, voiced their strong discontent over the wasteful expenditure being planned for the construction of a Bhawan for PoJK displaced persons in the Suketar area, situated on the outskirts of Jammu city. They particularly objected to the foundation stone laying ceremony performed by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday.

The joint statement was issued by Jagjit Singh Sudan, President MJR-47, Gurdev Singh, President Sharnarhi Action Committee, Rajiv Chuni, Chairman S.O.S. International, Capt Yudhvir Singh, President 'PoJK DPs' Front 1947, 65, 71 (Camp & Non-camp) and S. R. Nagyal, President Chhamb Displaced Persons Association-1971. In a scathing attack on the UT administration for willfully ignoring the plight and sufferings of the community, the leaders asked how this Bhawan would support the livelihood of displaced persons who are living in a miserable condition.

"A drama was enacted to lay the foundation stone of a Bhawan for PoJK. Fake refugees were ferried by bus to the venue while the LG administration has been raking up irrelevant issues while overlooking the genuine concerns of the displaced persons," they said.



Jagjit Singh Sudan questioned the relevance of such a Bhawan in addressing the dire needs of the displaced persons who are currently enduring miserable living conditions in different parts of the country. They emphasized that the proposed Bhawan, located several kilometers away from the refugees' habitation, was neither requested nor deemed essential by the refugees themselves.

"We would like to know as to how this Bhawan will support the livelihood of lakhs of refugees living in different parts of Jammu region. Refugees did not request such a Bhawan. Instead, various critical issues concerning PoJK refugees have been sidelined and overlooked. We've submitted numerous memorandums to LG Manoj Sinha, but it seems they have been disregarded, without even an acknowledgment," he said.

Gurdev Singh said the erstwhile state government of Jammu and Kashmir had approved a comprehensive package for PoJK displaced persons in October 2014. The package was an outcome of the decades-long struggle of community leaders. "Unfortunately, the LG administration did nothing to ameliorate the suffering of displaced persons. It made no progress to ensure that the displaced persons get financial help in a time-bound manner. We demand that the Government of India should religiously and in-principle fulfill the

package, announced for PoJK DPs before the formation of the BJP-led government at the Centre in 2014, without any further delay," Mr Chuni said.

He further said, "This LG administration has completely overlooked the rehabilitation package approved by the previous state government. The families of PoJK DPs whose cases of rehabilitation package of Rs 5.5 lakh per family approved by the administration, have not been paid a single penny till date. The LG administration has only added salt to the wounds of DPs."

He further said, "This package included Rs 25 lakh compensation for each PoJK community family, reservation in professional and technical colleges of the country for our youths and a provision of creation of 8500 jobs for the youths belonging to PoJK community. Unfortunately, the UT administration headed by Lieutenant Governor in Jammu and Kashmir has never bothered to utter a single word about this package and it continues to maintain a cryptic silence over it."

Rajiv Chuni, chairman of the 'S.O.S International', took a swipe at the Lieutenant Governor for violating his constitutional authority. "We failed to understand as to who suggested the Lieutenant Governor make a statement that the PoJK displaced persons got voting rights, permanent resident certificates and job opportunities only after abrogation of Article 370," he said.

He accused the Lieutenant Governor of deriding the Constitution and undermining the resolution passed by Parliament declaring PoJK as an integral part of Jammu and Kashmir. He found it surprising that the Lieutenant Governor questioned the native status and state subject rights of PoJK residents in

Jammu and Kashmir. "Such political statements aimed at favoring a particular party should have been avoided," he said.

He further criticized certain PoJK DPs who attended the official event hosted by the Lieutenant Governor but refrained from questioning his remarks. Chuni pointed out that the PoJK DPs are the original inhabitants of Jammu and Kashmir and have no connection with the changes following the abrogation of Article 370. Instead of granting them their rightful privileges, Chuni accused the Lieutenant Governor of depriving them of their rights.

He demanded the immediate resignation of the Lieutenant Governor on moral grounds for his constitutional transgressions, asserting that the Lieutenant Governor has effectively undermined the long-standing struggle of PoJK DPs.

Capt Yudhvir Singh, in his statement, referred to the recent ruling of the High Court wherein the Court ordered an "end to the discrimination" against Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) DPs of 1947, 65, 71 (Camp and Non-Camp).

"We were demanding that all 5,300 PoJK displaced families settled outside Jammu and Kashmir should be brought into the ambit of the package passed for PoJK DPs by the then J&K government in October 2014. This government did nothing to provide relief to these families but they have been delivered justice by the J&K High Court that directed the Central government to treat 5300 displaced families of PoJK through their successors/legal heirs settled out of J&K alike and equally with 26,319 displaced families settled in the erstwhile State and consequently work out a one-time settlement rehabilitation package for them," he said.