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BRIEFLY

Traffic movement on Jammu-**Srinagar** highway restored

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): Traffic movement on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway has been restored after repair work was done at Dalwas, officials said on Tuesday.

They advised commuters to follow lane discipline and avoid overtaking as it will lead to congestion.

"Traffic restored on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. Commuters are advised to follow lane discipline, overtaking will lead to congestion," J&K Traffic Police official informed.

He said earlier pothole filling work was in progress at Dalwas on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway which prompted authorities to halt traffic movement from both

War on Drugs | **SIA files** chargesheet against 2 narco-terror financers

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): The State **Investigating Agency** (SIA) Monday filed a chargesheet against two accused who along with their other associates were involved in operating a narco terror financing module in Jammu and Kashmir.

The chargesheet has been filed against Zaheed Ahmad Khoja and Zameer Ahmad Lone under various provisions of the NDPS Act and UA(P) Act in Special Designated UAPA Court under the NIA Act.

Duo apprehended with 90 Kgs of **Poppy Straw** in Pahalgam Anantnag

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): Two persons were apprehended with a whopping ninty kilograms of poppy-straw in Pahalgam area of Anantnag district, an official said on Tuesday. The official said that on receipt of reliable inputs, police laid a naka during which it intercepted a duo in possession of ninty kilograms of

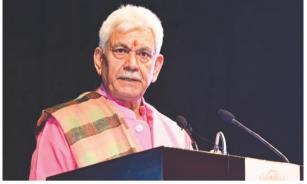
poppy-straw. Turn to page 9

In the 21st Century, Ideas will be the new wealth of the Nations: LG Sinha

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19 Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday the ideas will be the new wealth of the nations in the 21st century and the role of universities and colleges will expand further.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of 'Goonj-2024', a multi-genre mega festival hosted by the University of Jammu,



LG said this event will provide a unique platform for students to express their creativity,

showcase their talents. and engage in a dynamic learning environment. "In the 21st century, will no longer be seen as an academic institution. They will be known as the base to create young minds who will change the world," Sinha said. He added that the uni-

ideas will be the new

wealth of nations. The

role of a university and

college campus will

expand further. They

versity campus should be known for collaboration and inspiring creativity for

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Pashupati Paras resigns from Union Cabinet, **Accuses BJP of injustice**



(Agencies): Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras resigned on Tuesday and accused the BJP of doing "injustice" with his Rashtriya Lok

Janshakti Party by not including it in the seatsharing deal with allies for the Lok Sabha polls in Bihar.

Paras's announcement came at a press conference a day after the BJPled NDA announced its seat-sharing pact and gave five seats to the Chirag Paswan-led LJP (Ram Vilas).

Paras made brief remarks at the press conference about his **Turn to page 9**

Patanjali Advertising Case | SC asks Ramdev, Balkrishna to appear before it

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought personal appearance of Yoga guru Ramdev and Patanjali Ayurved Managing Director Acharya Balkrishna before it in the contempt proceedings relating to advertising of the company's products and their medicinal efficacy.

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Country fervently demanding a change: Kharge At CWC Meet



NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Asserting that the country is seeking a change, Congress president Mallikarjun

SRINAGAR, Mar 19

(Agencies): As per the

cable channels.

Kharge on Tuesday said the 'guarantees' touted by the present government would meet the same fate as the 'India

Pre-Certification for Political Ads

According to a notifi-

LS Polls: JK CEO implements

Shining' slogan of 2004. Addressing the meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party's top decision-making body, to discuss and approve the party's manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections, he urged all party leaders and workers to take every issue raised in the party manifesto to every village and town and to every household across the country.

"The country is Turn to page 9

moderate rain, snow over J&K during March 21-22: MeT

Light to

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Tuesday predicted light to moderate rain and snow at many places over Jammu and Kashmir during March 21 and

The MeT office said that the weather will remain generally cloudy on March 21 and 22, with the possibility of light to moderate rain and snow at many places with thunder, lightning, and gusty winds over the plains of Kashmir and Jammu division.

The weather will generally remain dry on March 23, while it will turn gen-March 26, the weather will again remain generally dry while partly cloudy with light rain and snow at a few places during March 27 and 28. Currently, the weather is pleasant, with a bright

SDG of BSF reviews operational preparedness along LoC in Kupwara SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): Special Director General (DG) of

Border Security Force's Western Command in Chandigarh Y B Khurania visited forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir and reviewed operational preparedness, officials said on Tuesday.

The visit comes at a time when the vigil along the LoC in J&K has been stepped up



with the announcement of the Lok Sabha polls, sources said

Additionally, the counter infiltration grid is also on a high alert as militants from across may try to infiltrate as the snow has started melting along the mountain passes.

Officials said the special DG reviewed the operational preparedness of LoC deployed

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Resident doctors threaten protest over delay in salaries



SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): The resident doctors of Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar, have threatened a protest against

the delays in salary payments.

A statement issued by the Resident Doctors Association said over the past year, resident doctors at GMC Srinagar have encountered prolonged delays exceeding five months in salary payments.

"Despite diligent efforts to seek clarification on these delays, the administration attributes them to a purported shortage of funds stemming from the institution's increased seat capacity," the statement said. It added that the resulting financial strain has prompted residents,

both local and
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Supreme Court Order dated 13-04-2004 and of organizations and associations or any contesting candidate shall be pre-certified by Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) before telecast and broadcast on TV and cable network and

cation issued here by the office of Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and including private FM channels, audio visual displays in public places, advertisements in e-news papers, use of bulk SMS/voice messages, advertisements on social media and internet websites. The pre-certification of political advertisements is also applicable on print media as well for one day before poll day (Pre-

notice to ensure that only the pre-certified political advertisements by MCMC of district or UT Level Committee be telecast/broadcast or posted in social media, internet websites and used in bulk and voice ■Turn to page 9

sun shining over the Turn to page 9



NAGROTA, JAMMU (J&K)

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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 STRIKEN:



SMT. SHANTA AIMA (SHYAMA JEE)

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) Samast Wali, Aima and Raina Parivar Mrs Suman Wali (W/o Mr. R K Wali)

Grand Daughters:

Isha, Saanvi, Saiyette and Sharika

Contact Number - 9810660346

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform sad demise of Smt. Suman Sharma / (Pinkey) W/o Sh. Ravi Ji originally resident Akura(Mattan), presently at R/o H.No. 129 Adarsh Nagar Near J&K Bank Paloura has passed away on 15th March. 2024.

10TH DAY shall take place on 24 March,

GRIEF STRICKEN FAMILIES Sharma's & Koul's

Mob: 9419118588, 9682365964



Smt. Suman Sharma (Pinkey)

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform sad and untimely demise of our dear Hari Krishan Koul (Thimu Ji) S/O Late Sh Nand Lal Koul erstwhile resident of Laribal Krandigam Bejbahara Kmr. on 11.3.2024 at Jammu. MOURNING is being observed at Community Hall, Lane No. 25 back side infront of block 151, Jagfi

Migrant Colony Jammu. 10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Bhaderkali Mandir Thalwal Jammu on 20,3,2024 and assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu at 11 AM.

Grief Stricken: Hemu Kaul-Son Rashika Kaul -Daughter Santosh Kaul (Tathi) -Babi Bansi Lal Kaul -Brother Rajinder Kaul/ Usha Ji -Brother/ Bhabi

Ramesh Kaul/Jolly Ji -Brother/ Bhabi Sandeep Kaul/ Shalini - Nephew/ Niece in law



Hari Krishan Koul (Thimu Ji)

Sunny Kaul/ Sheetu. Nephew/Niece in law B.L.Rana - Jija Ji

Dulari Kaul Raina-Sister Samast Kaul Parivar of Laribal Krandigam Cell No: 9899632033, 8307986764, 7006508583

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Ratna Koul (Behan ji) W/o Late Sh.Soom Nath Koul Originally R/o Amnoo Kulgam who left for her heavenly abode on 14th of March 2024 at Flat No.227 Mahadev Apartments Pocket 1 Dwarika Sec 23, New Dehli.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 23.03.2024 11am at G257+W7P, New Palam Vihar, Block, T, Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir Sec 109 Gurgaon Pawala Khasrupur, Haryana 122017. IN GRIEF:

Son in laws & Daughters Ram Krishen Koul and Suman Koul Vijay Raina & Neetu Raina -Daughter Lovely Pandita W/o Late. M.K.Pandita Sons and Daughters in law Sunil Koul & Shashi Koul



Mob.Nos: 9911051382, 9811579440, 9350584733

10TH DAY/KIRYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Rakshit Dhar S/o Sh. Kamal Dhar & Asha Dhar who left for heavenly abode on 10th March 2024, Sunday. 10th Day will be performed at home from 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM on 19 Mar 2024.

Kriya will be held at Home, Jib Majalta Udhampur at 11.00 AM on 20 March 2024. Uthala will be performed on 20th March at 4 PM at our residence.

Grief Stricken

Anil Koul & Vijay Koul

Sh Kamal Dhar & Smt Asha Dhar -Father & Mother

Smt Chanchala Devi -Grand Mother

Insp. Rai Kumar Dhar & Smt Neha Dhar - Chacha & Chachi Insp. Manoj Dhar & Smt Priya Dhar -Chacha & Chachi Ms Smiksha Dhar -Sister

Smt Suman Sharma -Naani

Sh Akash Sharma & Smt Isha Sharma - Mama & Mami

Dhar & Sharma family Address: Jib Majalta, Udhampur Contact: 9499453153, 6005098219



10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our mother Smt Suman Tickoo (Babli Ji) W/o Mahraj Krishan Tickoo originally resident of Mattan at present Vinayak Vihar, Paloura, Jammu. The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat & Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat on 25-03-2024 (Monday) at

11 AM. Grief Stricken

Sh Maharaj Krishan Tickoo -Husband

Sahil Tickoo & Kajal Tickoo -Son & Daughter-in-law Sapna & Sahil Sapolia -Daughter & Son-in-law M.No. 8825010828, 8899980528, 9796267034

TENTH DAY/13TH DAY (KRIYA)

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Swaran Singh Sambyal S/o Late Sh Chaggar Singh Sambyal R/o Mandi Thalora Samba Tehsil & Distt Samba, who left us for his heavenly abode on 10.03.2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on 19.03,2024 (Tuesday) at 10.00 AM at Mandi Thalora Samba.

13th Day (Kriya) will be performed on 22.03.2024 (Friday) at 10.00 AM at Mandi Thalora Samba.

Grief Stricken Smt Oma Devi- Wife

Sons & Daughters-in-Law

Mr. Manjeet Singh Sambyal & Mrs. Madhu Sambyal Mr. Daljeet Singh Sambyal & Mrs. Payal Sambyal Daughter & Son-in-Law

Mrs. Ruchi Slathia & Mr Balvinder Singh Slathia

Brothers Sh Karan Singh Sambyal Sh Gotam Singh Sambyal

Sh Jaswant Singh Sambyal

Mob. Nos.: 9906107170, 9596634448

Sh Swaran Singh

Sambyal

SMT. PHOOLA MOTA

(SAPROO)

Smt Pitty Pandita

Sh. Madan Lal Gupta

S. Jasbir Singh ji

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Phoola Mota (Saproo), W/o Dr. Bansi Lal Mota, originally from Chinkral Mohalla, Habba Kadal, Srinagar, Kashmir, presently at H.No. 58, Sector- 1, Near church, Lower Muthi Jammu, who left for her heavenly abode on 12 March 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 21.03.2024 at HARIDWAR GHAT

GRIEF STRICKEN Dr. B.L Mota (Husband)

Anchal & Sanjay Raina (Daughter & Son-in-law) Sunil Mota (Son)

Akanksha Raina (Grand Daughter)

Aarushi Raina (Grand Daughter) Samast Mota, Saproo & Raina Pariwar.

Mob.: 9820185547, 9810177033, 7303954566, 7006735895

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With heavy heart and grief that our beloved mother Smt Pitty Pandita W/o Lt Sh Prathvi Nath Pandita R/o Chogal, Handwara at present Jagti township, Nagrota, Behind Lane No. 4, Community Hall expired on 15-3-2024.

The 10th Day Kriya will be held at Sainik School Ghat Nagrota on 24-03-2024 at 9:00 AM.

The Assembly shall be held at Jagti Community Hall Back side

Lane No. 4. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** Sons and Daughters-in-law T K Pandita/ Veena Pandita

A. K Pandita/ Pinky Pandita

Susheel Pandita/Sheetu Pandita

Mob No.9419261098, 9419853053, 7051209242

Vinod Ji Pandita / Kiran Pandita Inder Ji Wali/ Pamposh Wali

Vinod Ji Pandita/Rinku Pandita GRAND DAUGHTERS & GRAND SONS :

Great Grand Daughters & Sons: SAMAST PANDITA PARIVAR

TENTH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of Sh. Madan Lai Gupta S/o Banarsi Dass R/o 215 Street No 1, Raipura Shakti Nagar Jammu. who left us for heavenly abode on 11-3-2024 Monday. Tenth Day will be held at Harl Ghat near Pawan los-Cream Cop. CID Office Canal Head from 10 am to 11 am on 20-03-2024 Wednesday.

Kriva will be performed at our residence H.No. 215. Street No. 1, Rajpura Shakti Nagar Jammu on 12.00 noon at 23-03-2024 Saturday.

Uthala will be held at Hart Ghat near Pawan Ice Cream Opp. CID Office Canal Head from 04.00 to 05.00 pm on 23-03-2024 Seturdes:

Grief Stricken Son & Daughter-in-law Munish - Neetu

Shashi Kant - Neha Mohinder - Anita

Contact No.: 9419308191, 8803177490, 9419352347

ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved S. Jastir Singh ji S/e Lt. S. Uttam Singh ji R/o 57/3 - Trikuta Nagari Jammu who left for heavenly abode on March 14th 2024. (Thursday)

Programme

BHOG SRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB JI on March 20th, 2024, at 11 AM at our residence followed by Guru Ka Langer

KIRTAN & ANTIM ARDAS will be held on March 20th, 2024 at GURDWARA SAHIB BALA PRI-TAM Trikuta Nagar Jammu from 4.00 PM to 5.00

GREIF STRICKEN

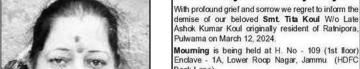
3dn. Balbir Kour - Wife

Sdn. Pritpal Kour & S. Kuldeep Singh Sethi - Sister & Brother in law

S. Prithipal Singh & Sdn. Jasbir Kour - Brother & Sister in law S. Harpreet Singh & Kamalpreet Kour - Son & Daughter in law

Daughters & Sons in law

Sdn. Parambir Kaur & S. Amarjeet Singh Sdn. Tanbir Kaur & S. Mohinder Pal Singh.



Smt Suman Tickoo

(Babli Ji)

Mourning is being held at H. No - 109 (1st floor) Enclave - 1A, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu (HDFC Bank Lane) Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on March 21. Education at 10.30 AM.

2024(Thursday) at Akhnoor Ghat and the assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School

Obituary/Tenth Day Kriya

GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt. Manu and Puneet Koul -Daughter-in-law and Son

Smt. Lovely and Ajit Koul Smt. Dolly and Ramesh Koul

Smt. Seema and Rainder Koul Smt. Neetu and Anil Koul Smt. Ginja and Pradeep Bhat Smt. Rajni and Rakesh Bhat

Smt. Aniali and Anil Koul

Adarsh, Urvaishi, Anupam, Nikhil, Hardik

ones: 965-443-4887, 7006441245, 8715048000, 7006044183

MASWAR AND WAHARVAR OF SARLA DHAR

As the time of one year has rolled by but your mem ory grows stronger and we miss you always with a deep ache in our hearts. Your beautiful memories, affection, guidance and blessings shall always remain an inspiration for us. The Maswar and Waharvar of Smt Sarla Dhar W/

March 2024 at our residence at Bhopal. Chaman Lal Dhar, Husband Son and Daughter in law Dheerai Dhar & Shiyani Dhar

Grand Child

Atharva Dhar

SAMAST DHAR PARIVAR



TENTH DAY KRIYA

Bindroo (S/o Late Sh Jialal Bindroo) Originally from Sopore (Kashmir)
At present, H No. 114 Kamal Baug, Housing Society, Wagholi (Pune) has left for Heaven on 12th March 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed at Wageswar

Smt Vijay Bindroo (Wife) 9811694972 Mr Jeevit Bindroo (Son) 8291279896

Brothers Sh Mohan Lal & Raiinder Bindroo Sisters and Brother-in-laws

Smt Santosh & Sh Pran Nath Suri

Daughters and Son in laws

With profound grief and somow we regret to inform that the untimely demise of our beloved Sh. Bharat Bhushan Gupta (Retd DySP JKP) Sio Late Sh. Sansar Chand Gupta Rio Lambi Gall Udhampur who left for his heavenly abode

The FIFTH DAY will be performed at Gorkha

GRIEF STRICKEN SISTERS IN LAW & BROTHERS IN LAW

Smt Santosh & Late Sh. Girdhari Lai Gupta Smt Neelam & Sh. Ramesh Gupta Smt Padma & Dr. Raj Gupta



Sh Sri Kant Bhat

SISTERS IN LAW & CO-BROTHERS Smt Neena & Sh. Rampal Gupta Smt Kiran & Sh. Rakesh Pargal MOBILE NO: 9419183868, 9419190133

10TH DAY KRIYA/MOURNING

sad demise of our beloved Sh Sri Kant Bhat H/o Smt Mohini Bhat, originally from Brarlangan, Anantnag Kashmir, present residence at JMC-135, Patoli Mangotrian near Shastri Memorial Hr. Sec School (Mast Bab) Ashram opposite road), who left for abode o

GRIEF STRICKEN int Mohini Bhat (Wife) Smt Asha Ji & Sh Shamboo Nath Bhat (Bhabi & Brother) omt Uma Shori W/a Lt Sh Sham Lai Bhat (Sister)

Smt Aniali & Sh Sun1 Jee Raina

Daughters in law Smt Vijay Bhan Wo Sh Janki Nath Bhan ant Jeets Pandite Wo Sh Sohen Lal Pandite Grand Children

Diksha, Akahay, Michit, Manish, Suham

RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA h profound grief and sorrow we

ret to inform the sad demise of our

CON, Dream City, Muthi Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

CAUGHTERS & SON IN LAWS Vijeveta & Amit Seth chinichi & Sudhir Cloiche **BROTHERS & SISTER IN LAWS**

Smil Asha & CP Storms Lt Smit Naresh & Govind Sharma Dr. Shebna & Dr. Sherat Shusher SISTERS & BROTHER IN LAWS Strif Neeru & Subath Chachs Brit Moora Mahajan & Sunii Guota

WORLE NO: 7006485817, 9419100498

SH. BALRAJ SHARMA

Sh. Varun

Mahajan

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demis of our beloved Sh. Varum Mahajan S/o Sh. Satish Gupts R/o H.Ko. 24 Palhotra Street Peepal Wall Gall who left for his heavenly shade on 11-03-2024. Tenth Day will be held at Mahajan Hall Shalamar Road

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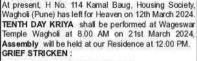
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Kaira Mahajan- Daughter

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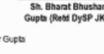
Sh Chaman Lal

Smt Desha & Late Sh Chaman Lal Ganjoo Smt Poqia & Sh Sanjay Fotedar Smt Neha Ganjoo & Sh Deepak Mishra Smt Basanti & Sh Ashok Ji Bachoo AND GANJOO PARIVAR Smt Kiran & Late Sh Anil Aggarwal



Mandir, Shiva JI Chewk Nanak Nagar Jammu on Wadnesday 20th of March 2024 from 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM.

Late Smt Sureshta (Polli) & Sh. Vijay Kumar Gupta





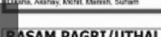




With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 25-03-2024 at Muthi Ghat at 9:00 am.

Daughters & Son-in-laws Sort Sunits & Sh Kiran Kumar Rawton



respected Sh. Balraj arma, R/o H. No 7/A /sector-1 mi Nagar, Muthi, Jammu. HALA will be performed on 20-03-P4 (Wed) from 3.00 PM to 4 PM at

Sint Meenakshi Sharna - Wife Raja Arjun & Veena Sharna - SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW



TENTH DAY

in (20-03-2024) Wednesday from 10:00-11.00 AM resent Address- H.No. 24 Malhotra street Peesal Wal

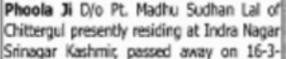
Smt Agama Gupta & Sh Ashutosh Raina Utkarsh Mahajan-Son

Mahajan Family Phone:- +917006281430, +919682598199, +918082303734



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Shamshan Ghat. 10th Day Kriya will be held at Ganpatyaar

Ghat (Badiyar Ghat) on 25-03-2024. Grief Stricken

Bal Krishan Pandita Vimal ji Pandita





Rakshit Dhar

Smt Phoola Ji

Six-Days Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) starts at SMVDU



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JAMMU, Mar 19: A Six Day online Faculty Development Programme on "Research Methodology with a Focus on Hands-on Experience of Econometric Modelling" commenced at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, scheduled from 18th March 2024 to 23rd March 2024, organized by Malaviya Mis-

sion Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC). Under the patronage of Professor Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, the FDP was inaugurated by Professor Supran Kumar Sharma, Director MMTTC; Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Coordinator of the FDP; Dr. Arif Billah Dar and Dr. R. Gopinathan Co-Coordinator of the FDP. The primary objective of

this workshop is to cover essential econometric models and methods for research application, particularly within the realm of empirical research. This meticulously crafted workshop serves as an initiative to familiarize participants with the analytical framework of econometrics, a branch of economics concerned with estimating and evaluating theo-

retical knowledge through econometric models. The workshop boasts diverse participation from various faculties, including teachers from different Colleges, Universities, and Institutions. There were four sessions, with each session of 90 minutes. Dr. Bandi Kamaiah, Chief Guest, Emeritus Professor from the School of Economics, University

of Hyderabad and Past

speaker for the first session. He highlighted the importance and art of modelling in the realm of Econometrics. Additionally, esteemed Special Guest, Dr. Bright Akwasi Gyamfi, Associate Professor, Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU), shared his invaluable experience and congratulated the university for organizing this kind of workshop, which will be helpful for the faculties and research scholars. In the afternoon session, Dr Supran Kumar Sharma delivered a lecture on the basics of Econometrics and Assumptions of the Ordinary Least Squares and Linear Stochastic regression model. In the last session of the day, Dr. Pabitra. Kumar Jena elaborated a lecture on empirical estimations of time series modelling and briefly summarized the anonymity of classical econometric modelling.

TIES President, was the

Army Sponsored Young Apirants Shine in Sainik Schools Entrance Examination at Rajouri

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Mar 19: Sainik Schools are known for their rigorous selection process aimed at identifying potential candidates to become a leader and a military officer. Sainik School written exam requires thorough preparation. To give wings to highly motivated youths to clear prestigious Sainik School entrance exam, Indian Army conducted coaching classes to prepare the talented, potential students belonging to poor and



rural background. The Indian Army sponsored coaching classes bore excellent results with 14 students including 5 girls of the Area of responsibility of Counter Insurgency Force (Romeo), clearing the written examination.

Army & JKP Commence Joint Training at White Knight Corps Battle School



Top News Report

BALRA, Mar 19: In a significant stride towards enhancing security and fostering peace in the region of Jammu and Kashmir, Indian Army in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Police has undertaken joint training activities aimed at increasing synergy, interoperability and understanding the strengths along with the ethos and culture of each other.

otner. At the White Knight Corps Battle School located in Bhalra, a fresh batch comprising of 62 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSsP) & 1042 trainee Police Sub Inspectors (PSIs) probationers have commenced their training regimen under the watchful eyes of Army & Police instructors. This batch includes

PSIs.
On completion of the training the police personnel will gain immensely from the experience of Indian Army and it

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will help them in understanding and undertaking tasks in prevalent security scenario in a better manner. The training will also further bolster the cooperation within the Security Forces.

This joint training initiative not only underscores the enduring partnership between Northern Command and White Knight Corps with the Jammu & Kashmir Police, but also reflects their shared long-term vision of a secure and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

Activation of Emergency Landing Facility on NH 16

Top News Report

NEW DELHI/JAMMU. Mar 19: Indian Air Force fighter and transport aircraft carried out operations on an Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) airstrip on National Highway 16 near Addanki in Bapatla district. Su-30 and Hawk fighters successfully carried out overshoots during the activation, while An-32 and Dornier transport aircraft landed and subsequently took off from the strip. The activation showcased the high level of synergy and liaison between civil agencies such as National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), district administration, state police and the IAF towards conduct of complex multifaceted

activities. Previously, such an activation was conducted on 29 December 2022.

The 4.1 km long and 33 mtr wide concrete airstrip has been constructed by the NHAI as per specifications provided by the IAF. While other airstrips are already operational in various parts of the country, this ELF in Andra Pradesh has been recently operationalised in peninsular India.

ELF highway airstrips enhance flexibility of air operations during contingencies and are invaluable assets during Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations in far flung areas. IAF, with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) are working jointly for creation of ELFs at suitable loca-

Police attaches illegal property worth lakh of notorious drug peddler

Top News Report

KULGAM, Mar 19: Continuing its action against drug peddlers, Kulgam Police attached property (Single storied residential house worth approx. Rs 1,014,894. measuring 976.76 Sq ft belonging to notorious drug peddler namely Ghulam Mohammad Mir@Gull Kasai Son of Mohd Abdullah Mir a resident of Budgam

resident of Budgam.
The action was taken under sections 68-E read with 68-F (1) of NDPS Act of 1985 & is linked with case FIR No. 166/2015 U/S 8/15 of NDPS act & 77/2022 U/S 8/15 of NDPS Act of PS

Kulgam.
The property was identified as illegally acquired property during

the course of investigation/enquiry conducted by Kulgam Police. The property was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in Narcotic drug and Psychotropic



substances by the drug

This operation reaffirms the commitment of Police to combat the drug menace. Local people of the area hailed the initiative of Police.

Team of Indian Yoga Association felicitated by Zonal Head HFN Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Heartfulness Institute Kanha Shanti Vanam has organized four days World Spiritual Mahotsva at Hyderabad with theme to establish inner peace to world peace.

The festival at Kanha Hyderabad was inaugurated by Draupadi Murmu, President of India and Valedictory Address was given by Indian Vice President.

The world Mahotsva was attended by 300 Spiritual, Religious & Holistic wellness organisations from India & abroad besides about 75000 delegates participated.

Different State HQs of Heartfulness celebrated the event to highlight the Indian Tradition of Universal Brotherhood and need to promote divine equalities- Love, Understanding mutual trust,

Acceptance, Purity Humality and contentment to attain inner peace.

Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner & State Chairman Indian Yoga Association, along with the team, attended the festival at Jammu HQ of HFN at Gole Gujral.

The team included S K Gupta (Retd Chief Engineer), President Consumar Forum, Ashok Gupta, State Vice President Bharat Vikas Parishad & Global Vice President Vichar Kranti Manch International. Abhinandan Jain Founder Chairman Bhagwan Mahaveer Physiotherapy & Yoga Center, CM Sharma, State Coordinator Annamalai University, Yash Pal Sharma Life and Yoga coach & Anju Bansal, 'Swar Kokila', Educationist, Social Activist & Coordinator Pb VKMI.

Dr Jain, while addressing the participants, explained in detail about meditation.

"Why, What, How, Where, when & its Aim. Yam, Niyam, Asante, and Pranayam are external parts, Partyahara is a link between Dharna, Dhyan & Smadhi are the internal parts, as per Patanjli's Eight fold Yoga. Meditation is internal journey & journey within. Depth of yoga can not be touched without this journey. We can not see the self & have self-realization. For a journey for self realization. Meditation is necessary & essential,"

he said.
Saurabh Sharma,
Zonal Head, felicitated
Dr. Jain, along with
heads of other organizations, Rashpal Singh,
conducted the proceedings of the event. Saurabh presented a vote of
thanks.

Former councilor Amit Gupta meets the CS



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Today Former councilor of Ward No. 19 of Jammu, Amit Gupta, along with Vinayak Bazaar Association President Rajeev Gupta, meet Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atul Dallu on Tuesday. During this he discussed various issues of the people living in Jammu East. He said that the water crisis in Jammu city is increasing day by day, which is going to increase further in the summer season as

the demand for water supply is not being met as per the needs of the general public. He said that please issue necessary guidelines to the concerned agency to execute the work of tube well construction as soon as possible so that the water crisis in the said areas can be resolved. He has recommended notification of the Commercial Policy of Jammu Municipal Corporation by the General House of the Corporation so as to regularize the process of allotment of commercial properties in favor of eligible persons. The recruitment rules of the Corpo-

ration, which were last notified in the year 1970, should be finalized. He said that the posts of enforcement inspectors should be filled through direct recruitment so that qualified youth can get employment and adhocism in the work of enforcement inspectors can be ended. Filling up the posts of Revenue Inspectors as at present JMC is devoid of any revenue. Commercial complex should be constructed on the available land of JMC at Parade, Jammu. The building bye-laws already recommended by the General House of the Corporation may be simplified.

Omar Abdullah questions Govt over non-conduct of J&K Assembly Polls together with LS elections

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on Tuesday asked if the Centre cannot hold assembly and Lok Sabha elections together in Jammu and Kashmir, how can it conduct simultaneous polls across the country. Abdullah was reacting to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar's remark

that the officers of the Union

Territory administration had

expressed inability to conduct



the elections simultaneously in view of the requirement of a large number of security

forces.

"When the CEC addressed a press conference, he said the ECI and all political parties are ready for polls, but the current administration (in J-K) put

hurdles, saying they need more security forces.

"In such a situation, I am forced to question that when no assembly polls are being conducted in other states like UP, and Bihar, and you cannot conduct simultaneous elections now, then when you talk about one nation, one election, and have to conduct the polls simultaneously in states like UP, MP and Bihar, then where from will you get the forces?"

Abdullah told reporters here. He said the ECI had an opportunity to conduct the assembly polls in J-K, but the Union territory administration did not want to have elections as they did not want to leave power.

"It was an opportunity to conduct the elections. But they (administration) do not want it...they have become uncrowned kings. They have all the power which they do not want to leave. But thank God for the Supreme Court order that the elections have to be conducted before September 30," he added.

The Supreme Court in December last year, while pro-

nouncing its judgement after hearing a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370, asked the government to conduct the assembly polls in JK by September 30 this year.

Asked when the party would announce its candidates for the Lok Sabha polls, the NC leader said they were in no hurry.

"Only three candidates have been announced yet, Congress and other parties have not announced (their candidates).... We are in no hurry," he said.



EDITORIAL

HUMAN INFLUENCE

he philosophical definition of life differs widely from its biological definition. Biology considers only the physical aspects of life, while philosophy considers those qualities that make life worthy of others. We will try to understand life, and try to look at it from both biological and philosophical points of view.

Most of us are of the opinion that life is a beautiful gift. Life is seen as a beautiful gift because of its value to others. Every life on this planet exists for a specific purpose. Trees, animals, birds, humans, insects, all contribute in their own way to the development of the planet and other life.

Furthermore, human life is a great gift because it is the most powerful of the existing life forms. Human beings have the power to dream, work and achieve goals, have extraordinary abilities, and there is no other species like it on the planet. Furthermore humans influence every life on the planet for both good and bad reasons. Human life is a gift because it is meant to save and preserve other weak and vulnerable lives. This was the harmony or beauty of philosophical life. Now let us pay attention to the physical beauty of life. to humans

They are created with exceptionally dexterous limbs and an efficient mind, making them superior to others. The real beauty of these powers depends on how many lives they impact for all the good reasons of life.

One of the prerequisites of life is the development of life. Where there is life there is development. As there are stages of development, so is the journey of life. Let us consider the example of human life. When a child is born, he or she is small and is not physically and mentally developed, but as time passes the child continues to grow. Similarly, it happens with all other species also.

With time life grows and becomes more prominent. As each year passes, children become wiser and older, and they soon become smart young people. The same happens with other life forms also. There are so many new things out there, and everyone learns as experience grows. Therefore it would not be wrong to say that life is a journey of growth and experiences and all to make one wiser and valuable.

It should always be kept in mind that life is a very valuable gift, but it is not only human life, even the life of the weakest species is very valuable, like the life of a wise sage among the sages.

CAA turns Bengal voters' focus from Sandeshkhali

By: Shikha Mukerjee Senior Journalist

That the rules of the Citizenship Amendment Act are indeed workable, Shantanu Thakur from the Matua community, a junior minister in the Narendra Modi regime, has declared his intent of applying for citizenship under the new rules. His impetuous declaration proves that even the strongest advocates of citizenship applications under the new rules understand there are flaws in the process.

As a minister in the union government, why Thakur has to apply to be a citizen is a question that is raising a laugh in West Bengal. His move does reveal the issue for thousands of Matua community members in the state who, even without the citizenship application confirming their status, are employed as government servants, defence personnel and in the para military services. Those not employed in government services and living in India are citizens, just as Thakur is.

For Mamata Banerjee, Thakur's confession is a bonus to the gift the Modi regime gave her by notifying the CAA rules. Having declared that people who came across from Bangladesh in 1971 were citizens with equal rights and that there would be no detention camps in West Bengal, the confusion within the Matua community over CAA is confirmation that Banerjee has been right all along and the Modi regime was intent on divid-

ing the population by sowing doubts about the identity of settlers from across the border.

The BJP's hopes of sucking up Hindu votes along the Bangladesh border by raising the bogey of citizenship may not yield the advantage it calculated would flow from the notification. The loss of opportunity in its failure to stoke the fire of communal polarisation will affect at least half a dozen Lok Sabha constituencies where the party could have expected to do well following the CAA "masterstroke" (sic).

Fast-paced events have changed the political priority of an issue like Sandeshkhali, the remote Sundarban island where a strongman currently with the Trinamool Congress is being held in CBI custody. From capturing the attention of the public nationally, it has sunk to a point where it serves as a filler for both Modi campaigning in West Bengal as well as Banerjee staging a ramp walk to introduce Trinamool's 42 election candidates at Kolkata's iconic Brigade Parade

Sandeshkhali, it now appears, was a blip on the screen that is rapidly fading as the political competitors engage in a bigger battle to capture or retain the hearts and minds of voters across West Bengal. The change is certainly a small relief for Banerjee politically, as she settles down to defend her turf, counter the accusation of being anti-women and antipeople, and challenge the BJP on its performance as a party for the poor.

The race to capture the public imagination is a competition

between the BJP on the one hand and the Congress, regional and smaller parties on the other. The fight is in large part over the fulfillment of the guarantees the Modi regime offered in 2019 and the next round of guarantees he has offered across the country. In West Bengal, the guarantees of the Mamata government to deliver immediate relief and cash transfers to women, schoolgoing students, unemployed young men and women, the sick and the old are part of the safety net she has put in place to mitigate the impact of poverty and access to opportunities.

The guarantee-versus-guarantee fight, between the credibility of guarantor Modi versus other guarantor Banerjee, is a pattern repeated in states where regional parties are in power. It can be argued that this is competitive populism. It can also be argued that regional parties in power like the Trinamool are compelled to find ways of covering the deficits in terms of services and entitlements left behind by the Centre's policies and welfare programmes.

In recent public rallies, it was inevitable that Banerjee focused on how the Modi government had penalised the poor in West Bengal by withholding, for two years, outstanding payments to 23 lakh people under the national rural employment scheme and release of payouts under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. It was just as predictable that Modi would attack the West Bengal regime for blocking the flow of benefits under the Ujjwala and Ayushman Bharat schemes, and obstructing the development of the state.

There is no doubt that West Bengal is for Modi, as it is for Banerjee, an important theatre of the war for votes in 2024. Quite apart from the obvious opportunity the state offers for the BJP as it scrambles to find almost 70 seats that it must add to fulfill Modi's target of a 370-seat haul, there is also the pain and the humiliation it suffered in 2021 when it made a no-holds-barred pitch to capture the state and install a BJP government.

This much was obvious from Modi's speech in Siliguri, where he declared winning big in West Bengal in the Lok Sabha would be a stepping stone to winning the state in 2026. To get to 2026, the BJP and Modi need to engage with voters across West Bengal and link them to the larger arena of politics across the country, where the idea of double-engine sarkars and vikas have succeeded in various states.

The incompetence of the national political leadership in stitching together a narrative that can include the issues of land grab and the nexus between politics, administration and crime unveiled by the incidents in Sandeshkhali and the snags in unrolling benefits under national schemes is one reason why a plan like 'one nation, one election' seems a bad alternative to a flawed system of multiple elections at different times. The diversity of challenges and the difference in the scales on which solutions need to be found defy the logic of one election.

How to use Mnemonics for JEE Main for second season preparation

By: Vijay GarG

sing mnemonics is a sure-fire way to boost your JEE Main preparation and make handling the huge amounts of information much easier.

When students are on their way to achieving academic excellence, they are often faced with the mammoth challenge of mastering a vast amount of study material.

This also applies to one of the most competitive engineering exams in India such as the JEE Main. Many students feel bogged down by the sheer magnitude of the material covered in subjects like Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.

In this daunting scenario, mnemonics become an indispensable resource for any JEE Main candidate. These memory tricks, which vary from rhymes and acronyms to association exercises and visual imagery, act as a beacon of knowledge for students as they navigate the maze of elaborate ideas and formulas. WHAT IS MNEMONICS?

Derived from the Greek word 'mnēmonikos', which means "of memory", mnemonics are mental strategies that help with remembering and retaining information.

Mnemonics make information easier to recall and retrieve by making use of the brain's innate ability to recognise patterns and associate them.

Mnemonics provide an organised method to memorise important ideas, equations, and techniques for solving problems in the context of JEE Main, where the syllabus covers a wide range of subjects.

Mnemonics offer an organised framework for arranging and storing information, be it physics laws, trigonometric identities, or the elements of the periodic table.

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Here are 4 ways using mnemonics can fastrack your JEE Main preparation:

1. INCREASING RETENTION AND RECALL

One of the biggest challenges students preparing for JEE Main face is how to retain massive amounts of information over long periods. Mnemonics provides the solution here.

It transforms abstract concepts into memorable patterns or associations, thereby facilitating long-term memory storage.

2. FACILITATING CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING

Mnemonics goes beyond rote learning by developing conceptual understanding. They facilitate better comprehension of fundamental concepts by nurturing vivid mental associations between seemingly unrelated facts. By summarising complex relationships in simple mnemonic devices, students develop a deeper comprehension of fundamental concepts, which eventually helps them in attaining mastery.

3. BOOSTING PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

Effective problem-solving abilities are a crucial prerequisite in the JEE Main environment. In this case, mnemonics are essential for enabling the application of formulas to solve problems effectively.

Take the rainbow colourmemorisation mnemonic 'VIB-GYOR' (Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red) as an example. Understanding the connection between color and wavelength is important in physics, especially when discussing subjects like optics.

Mnemonics function as mnemonic devices that facilitate rapid access to crucial information, hence speeding up the problem-solving process.

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4. NURTURING CREATIVITY
The best aspect of mnemonics
is that it is beyond the sphere
of rote learning and pushes students to showcase the elements
of their creativity and imagina-

Be it creating rhymes, or innovative stories or some image,

mnemonics encourage students to actively participate in the content and enhance the learning process.

For example, students can use the mnemonic 'Mr. Victor Everyday Morning Just Serve Us Noodles' to remember the planets in the solar system in order of their distance from the Sun (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune).

This mnemonic not only helps with memorisation but also kindles curiosity and pushes people to learn about scientific ideas outside the textbook.

Success in the fiercely competitive JEE Main exam depends on your ability to grasp and comprehend complex formulas, combinations, strategies, and concepts.

Mnemonics are a systematic approach to learning that enhances recall, develops conceptual comprehension, and sharpens problem-solving skills using association, visual aids, and creativity.

As students tread forward on their JEE Main expedition, including mnemonics in their academics will bring a difference between mere memorisation and true mastery.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

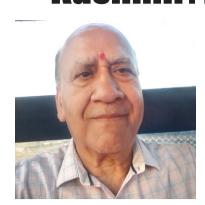
INDIA Bloc set to win all LS seats in Jammu & Kashmir: Rattan Lal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Rattan Lal Gupta, National Conference Provincial President Jammu on Tuesday asserted that BJP is bound to face a big shock in Jammu Province as India Bloc is all set to decimate the Saffron Brigade in all Lok Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued to media persons, the senior leader of NC party said his party is already on saddle and leading the fight to restore all the fundamental and democratic rights of the people snatched away by the 'draconian' central dispensation in one way or the other.

Forecasting a major setback for the BJP in the upcoming Lok



Sabha elections, the senior NC leader said that his party is at central stage to ensure once again the restoration of democratic rights and the basic amenities to the people of the Jammu region as the party in power in the centre has created dismal

rule depriving one and all from living a life with dignity and pride. He said that the situation is so critical that people had to knock the doors of the Apex court for restoring democracy in J&K by holding free and fair elections for the Assembly. Mr Gupta accused the J&K Government of sabotaging the process of conducting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections simultaneously inspite of facts that almost all the political parties of the Jammu and Kashmir categorically demanded the assembly election of J&K simultaneously with Lok Sabha elections when they met CEC at Srinagar on 12 March, 2024. He said that NC is committed to protect the land and jobs rights of J&K the people and in this pursuit the party will go to any extent as its ideology is against any kind of compromise when it comes to the rights of the people. He said contrary to BJP leadership's attempts to set wrong narratives alleging fissures in India Bloc constituents in J&K, the Lok Sabha contest shall be India Bloc versus BJP, and the crushing defeat for the Saffron party is its fate this time.

Gupta however, asked the NC cadre to act proactively at the grassroots level because it is the crucial phase ahead of LS Polls and their hard work on ground will help the India Bloc to achieve gigantic margins in the victory showing the opponents their right place.

MPDA demands for beautification of Transport Nagar Narwal



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Team of Motor Parts Dealers Association (MPDA) Transport Nagar Narwal called on Vice Chairman JDA Jammu Bhawani Rakwal and submitted the enclosed details of demands for beautification of Transport Nagar Narwal Jammu.

Delegates of MPDA was comprised of Mohinder Pal Singh, Sanjay Dogra and S. Jaswinder Singh lead-

ing by Rajinder Parshad Kakkar President MPDA Jammu.

VC, JDA listened to the details of problems which are facing by members of MPDA patiently and issue directions to the concerned authorities of his organisation and assured the delegates that in coming days there will be actions as per suggestions of team MPDA Jammu as per under law.

The delegates appreciated the dynamic directions of V.C. JDA Jammu and satisfied with the hope of early remedies in favour of transport Nagar community.

Dr. Mookherjee sacrificed his life for cause of the nation: Koul

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Nanaji Deshmukh Library and Documentation Department of Bharatiya Janata Party under its Incharge Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, organized a meeting of the veteran leaders and activists of the Praja Parishad Agitation at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Ashok Koul, BJP General Secretary (organization), while speaking on the occasion, said that today BJP has achieved the distinction of winning 300 seats and it is the result of the hard work put by the activists from the days of Bharatiya Jana Sangh and Praja Parishad. The sapling sown by the veterans in 1953, has grown into a big banyan tree and the credit for the same goes to the committed nationalist people, who left the comforts of life and jumped into the historic Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan, Ek Pradhan agitation, followed by many others from time to time.

"Jammu and Kashmir has large number of such families whose elders had devoted themselves for the cause of the nation and even laid down their lives for



the honour of the national tricolor and separate symbols like constitution and the post of Prime Minister", Ashok Koul said and added that our tallest leader Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee sacrificed his life in this erstwhile state for the cause of the nation.

Ashok Koul also appealed these veterans to share their experience for meaningful management of the campaigning activities in the upcoming LS polls so that the BJP forms the government under PM Narendra Modi for the third consecutive term and continue with its pronation, pro-people, programmes and policies. He also asked them to forward their suggestions to be included in the party's Sankalp Patra for making India Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Praja Parishad's living legend, Shiv Kumar Gupta, now crossed 90, shared various incidents of his long journey from 1945 and association with Jana Sangh, RSS and BJP and said that Jammu and Kashmir had been the land of nationalist people, whose patriction was upparalleled.

otism was unparalleled.
Kulbhushan Mohtra
spoke on the books
authored by him and
titled "A Saga of Sacrifices" Praja Parishad
Movement in Jammu &
Kashmir, Jammu Kashmir ki Sangharsh Gatha
and "100 Documents"
A Reference Book of
Jammu & Kashmir, which

carry the authentic and reliable information about various agitations and the sufferings of the people during decades of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Former MLC, Vikram Randhawa, said that the young generation has to be informed about the struggle and sacrifices of the nationalist people in Jammu and Kashmir and induce the sense of patriotism among them.

Naresh Katal, Raman Kaushal, Jugal Dogra,

Kaushal, Jugal Dogra,
Veena Gupta, Dharamveer Singh Jasrotia, Shiv
Kumar Padha, Ramneek
Manhas, MJ Mookherjee, Er. Di Bahadur Singh
Jamwal, TK Sharma
and others were prominent among those who
attended this meeting.

Aryans Cardiac Care students shine in IKG-PTU Results

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Cardiac Care students of Paramedical divisiond of Aryans Institute of Management & Technology (AIMT), Rajpura, Near Chandigarh brought laurels by giving their excellent performance in the Final Examinations. Bilal Ahmed bagged 1st position by scoring 8.68 SGPA; Ishan Manhas bagged 2nd position by scoring 8.63 SGPA and Mohd Aijaz bagged 3rd position by scoring 8.58 SGPA, in B. Sc. in B. Sc. Cardiac Care in their 3rd semester exams conducted IKG-PTU,

Jalandhar.

Dr. Anshu Kataria,
Chairman, Aryans Group
congratulated the students and faculty for their
hard work done. Kataria
further said that students
are performing well in
every field including academics, sports, cultural,
innovations etc. Apart
from regular academics,
co-curricular activities
like workshops, seminars, Industrial visits, clinical postings are being
organized to enhance
the skills and knowledge

of the students.
It is to be mentioned that Aryans Institute of Management & Technology has various paramedical courses including Cardiac Care, Anesthesia, Radiology & Imaging Technology, Operation Theatre, Medical Lab Science approved by Punjab Govt & affiliated to IKGPTU, Jalandhar.

GL Raina winds up Pravasi Prabhari tour of Jammu East Constituency



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Former MLC & JK UT spokesperson of BJP Girdhari Lal Raina has completed his weeklong interaction with the party cadres and local leadership of the Party in Jammu East Assembly constituency.

GL Raina was assigned the responsibility of Pravasi Prabhari of Jammu East by the UT leadership. During the weeklong contact campaign and interface with party cadres at Booth and Shakti Kendras, Former MLC found party cadres full of enthusiasm, zeal and passion. They are determined to ensure the victory of BJP candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma with improved

Booth Presidents and

Shakti Kendra Pramukhs have galvanized booth level teams and are in constant contact with voters in their respective areas.

GL Raina had several meetings at ward level in the city area of the constituency. Key voters and important personalities were also contacted to solicit their support. He was accompanied by Constituency convenor Hari Om Sharma and Constituency Vistarak Anil Angral besides District president Pramod Kapahi, general secretary Kuldeep Kandhari and Rajesh Gupta. Mandal presidents Parveen Kerni and Raman Sharma, former corporators, Suneet Raina, Nidhi Mangotra, Sharma and office bearers of district and Mandals GL Raina in his speech-

es highlighted the importance of the 2024 Lok Sabha election for fulfilling the Viksit Bharat Sankalp of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi. GL Raina withdrew the attention of party cadres towards venomous fake propaganda unleashed by struggling opposition parties. He also pointed out that anti -India forces at global level are openly trying to influence the outcome of 2024 election to derail pro-poor, pro-underprivileged and pro-people policies of Narendra Modi

GL Raina called upon the people and voters of the country to defeat the nefarious designs of anti-Bharat forces.

Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal allotted "Bansuri (Flute)" as Election Symbol for 2024 LS Elections

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: The Election Commission of India has allotted "Bansuri (Flute)" as Common Election Symbol in favour of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal for the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha Elections.

Addressing a Press Conference today at party headquarters at Gandhi Nagar Jammu, Ankur Sharma (Advocate; National President Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal) displayed the communication issued by Election Commission of India allotting "Bansuri (Flute)" as election symbol in favour of all the candidates of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal for the upcoming Lok



Sabha 2024 Elections.
Ekam Sanatan Bharat
Dal (Earlier IkkJutt
Jammu) is a registered
Political Party originated
in Jammu province, now
expanded pan India
which is tirelessly working
for the empowerment of
Jammu Province since a
decade now. Party President Advocate Ankur

Sharma is also on the hit list of terrorist organisations namely Hizbul Mujahideen and others. Advocate Ankur Sharma is fighting for empowerment of Sanatan Sanskriti & Sabhyata in general and working to prevent and arrest Islamisation of Jammu Province in par-

Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal will be soon declaring its candidates for the Jammu Lok Sabha; Kathua-Udhampur Lok Sabha and Rajouri-Poonch-Anantnag Lok Sabha.

Ankur Sharma accom-

panied by other office bearers of the party namely Tilak (State President); Daksheesh Maharaj (Gen Sec; Org J&K); Manoj Padha (Gen Sec Protocol; J&K); Bablu Sharma (Gen Sec Admn: J&K); Ajay Singh Saini (National President Student Wing) and others appealed people of Jammu Province to vote in favour of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal in the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections by pressing button against "Bansuri" on the EVM.

Farooq, Omar conveyed condolences

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Dr Tara Chand Senior Leader JKNC and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family. Senior leaders participated in the cremation ground today at

Jogi Gate Jammu.
In their messages, Dr
Farooq Abdullah and
Omar Abdullah prayed
for peace to the departed
soul and expressed solidarity with other mem-

bers of the family.
In the condolence
message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh
Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay
Kumar Sadhotra Addi-

tional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province, Sheikh **Bashir Ahmed Provincial** Secretary, Babu Rampaul former minister and Central Zone President, Avub Malik, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretaries. Bimla Luthra Ex-MLA, Deepinder Kour Ex-MLC, Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Jammu Province, Vijay Laxmi Datta Sr. leader, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu Province, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Chander Mohan Sharma District President Jammu Urban, Raghvir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural "A" have also expressed grief

and prayed for peace to

the departed soul.

JD(U) holds meeting to discuss preparations for Parliamentary Elections



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Janata Dal (United)
State President G M
Shaheen and State
General Secretary
Vivek Bali along with
State Organiser Qazi
Faheem and District
President Baramulla
Ayaz Darwi on Tuesday
held a meeting aimed at
discussing party preparations for upcoming
parliamentary elections.

While Speaking on the occasion G M Shaheen exhorted upon the cadre to gear up for upcoming Parliamentary elections and said that it was a big opportunity for them to make

another new beginning.
"The high-level meeting delved on different prospects of the unfolding political scenario in Jammu and Kashmir and engaged in an active discussion to

take review of the party preparations for upcoming parliamentary elections. The participants sought suggestions from one another in a bid to fully gear up for the elections", Shaheen said

Vivek Bali said the Leadership said that We as Party will be accountable for the actions that will be taken unlike the Dynasty Politics where none knew what was the occurrence of happening in J&K. They said that JD(U) puts people first as this will be public politics rather than Traditional Politics.

At last Qazi Faheem

and Ayaz Darwi said the participants resolved to conduct further meetings in coming times to go with full strength against the different political parties who have been off and on done injustices' with the mandate of the voters.

Launch fully dedicated Duggar channel in Jammu: Tarun

ticular.

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: President Nat Manch, Social, Sports and Political activist Dr. Tarun Sharma demanding the launch of a fully dedicated Duggar channel in Jammu.

"Jammu Doordarshan Kendra", the only platform to enhance



Dogra culture, has been completely paralyzed. Another glaring example of blatant discrimination against Jammu division, the attempt has made to shove Jammu Doordarshan into Kashmir division's Kashir channel,"

he said.
"Today the situation is such that all the artists including Dogri, Pahari,

Gojri etc. associated with Jammu division, are being forced to suffer and stumble,"

Dr. Tarun Sharma said and appealed for support and cooperation to all the artists and organizations who love Dogra culture to save their identity and culture so that there is a huge and successful mass movement.

JKBS hails Music Director Vicky Kaith's latest Dogri song 'Dillan De Pyare'

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members who joined R.L.Kaith in Surya Vihar on Tuesday, hailed Music Director Vicky Kaith's latest Dogri song 'Dillan De Pyare' sung by R.K.Manhas and Reva Katerwal

Vicky mentioned to them that 'Dillan De Pyare' is a song about the struggle to keep love alive during the hard seasons and also gently reminds the listener that things

that are meant to be will be.

This track is dosed with beautiful nature scenery with the sound of warm emotions and feelings. It's perfect to listen to on any fall afternoon or evening.

Canadian rapper Drake gifts \$25,000 to pregnant fan at Texas concert

Canadian rapper Drake's gesture at his recent concert is winning hearts.

The rapper helped out yet another fan by granting their wish at his concert in San Antonio, Texas as a part of his It's All a Blur Tour.

In a video shared on X (formerly Twitter), Drake, 37, struck up a conversation with a female fan in the crowd, who was holding up a poster that said "I'm five months pregnant, can you be my Rich Baby Daddy?" reports 'People' magazine.

The poster was a nod to the track off his latest album 'For All the Dogs', which features Sexyy Red and SZA.

"Well first of all, I don't wanna offend your real baby daddy, but I would love to -- first of all, get you out of the pit so we can put you somewhere safe like the VIP or some s***", he told the



fan.

"Cause you can't be pregnant getting bounced around. When I start playing some of these slappers, we can't have you getting pushed around."

As per 'People', Drake then offered the fan a gift, as he

said amid roaring applause, "Second of all, I'd love to give you \$25,000 so you can be a rich baby mama."

The 'First Person Shooter' rapper has made something of a habit of offering generous gifts to fans in his audiences over the

last six months.

In August, he walked on stage in Los Angeles with a pink Hermes Birkin bag and scanned the crowd for a lucky recipient.

"Drake ain't cheap", he told the audience before pointing at someone in the audience and handing them the designer purse, which costs between \$10,000 and \$30,000.

The rapper said: "This girl right here"

In October, Drake gave \$50,000 to an audience member who was originally supposed to attend the show with his girl-friend, but the pair had recently broken up.

"I like that sign", Drake said in a video captured by fans.

"That's a good sign to pick tonight. Usually I'll do something nice for a lady. I'll do something nice, I'll give away a bag or some s*** like that."

Fitness comes first for Shagun Pandey



For Shagun Pandey, who is essaying the

ley, role of IPS Veer Pratap the Singh in Colors' show

Mera Balam Thanedaar, fitness is a way of life. She shares, "Fitness is a lifestyle for me. But it is not always feasible for me to hit the gym amid the hectic schedules, so I set up a gym in my vanity room on the set. I am coached by Imtivaz Nazir (former Mr India) on video call. I think putting one's health and work above everything else is a game-changer. Having a gym within arm's reach allows me to prioritise wellness without compromising on time and convenience. I tell anyone who comes to me for fitness advice to take charge of their wellbeing and do whatever form of exercise that's comfortable for them."

Shah Rukh's son Aryan Khan's D'Yavol X's denim jacket worth Rs 99,000 sells out within 24 hours after launch

Shah Rukh's son Aryan Khan's latest collection drop from his clothing brand D'Yavol, in collaboration with Disney, has taken the fashion world by storm.

The second collection from the brand, known for its dark-themed streetwear, has once again proven to be a hot commodity, with a denim jacket worth Rs 99,000 already sold out in less than 24 hours after the launch on the brand's website.

The denim jacket, Signature X, previously sported by Suhana Khan in promotional campaigns, comes with a price tag of Rs 99,000, a price which challenges the conventional notions of a denim jacket.

Despite its seemingly basic designs, Dyavol'



X's latest collection offers exclusivity.

Tees like Nocturnal

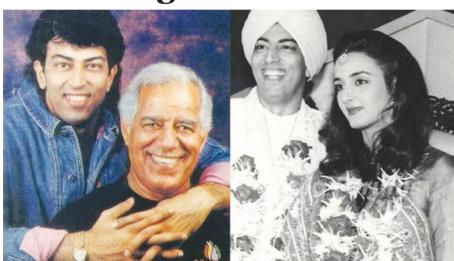
Tees like Nocturnal and Ducktaped boast price tags of Rs 15,000,

while the Killing Smokes sweatshirt, as worn by Shah Rukh Khan himself in the campaign, is priced at Rs 41,000.

Vindu Dara Singh recalls father Dara Singh's advice before his marriage with Farah Naaz: 'Realised he was right...'

Vindu Dara Singh recently indulged in a heartfelt conversation with Siddharth Kannan during an appearance on his YouTube Channel. Known for essaying the role of Hanuman in the TV show, Jai Veer Hanuman and Ramanand Sagar's Ramayana, the actor's personal life often grabs the attention of the public. Shedding life on his married life with his ex-wife, Vindu opened up on the advice that his father late Dara Singh gave him before he tied the nuptial knot with Farah Naaz in 1996.

Delving into various aspects of life, Vindu Dara Singh disclosed that his father had cautioned him against the possible complications of marrying someone from a different religious background. The actor



said, "Whatever he used to say was always right. I remember I was in love with Farah, and we were going to get married and Dad said, 'Vindu think once because love is fine but when the marriage takes place between two religions, Hindu and Muslim, it gets a little hard.' I said, No, dad nothing is hard

because we were both in love and we didn't care much about reli-

gion."
As the actor went on to elaborate further, he acknowledged the shift in dynamics due to religion and said that moving forward, he realised that his father was right. The actor remarked, "When

religion comes into the picture things change, equations change."

Vindu, then, spoke about his marriage with Farah, the sister of Tabu . He shed light on both the positives and negatives of his married life with Farah and divulged that there is no anonymity between them and instead, they

shared a good friendship. Vindu and Farah are the parents of Fateh Randhawa, whom they welcomed in 1997. After six years of their wedding, the duo decided to separate from each other in 2002.

Speaking about his wife, Vindu said that she once asked him to send her to Hajj following which she will quit smoking. The actor said that he made all the settings and sent her for Hajj but after she came back, she was a completely different woman. The former Bigg Boss winner reiterated, "Everything about her was changed. That's when I remembered whatever Dad said to me. From there, things started to go downhill. But it is ok." In the end, he heaped praises on Farah and called her a wonderful mother.

Adopt, don't shop

Meet the celebs who champion the cause of pet adoption

In a world where celebrity-influence often shapes trends and societal norms, a growing number of actors are using their platforms to advocate for a cause close to their hearts — pet adoption. These compassionate individuals champion the idea of 'Adopt, don't shop' when it comes to welcoming furry companions into their lives. Through their personal experiences, heartfelt stories, and unwavering dedication to their fourlegged friends, these actors inspire a wave of compassion and empathy towards animals in need

Let's take a closer look at seven actors who are promoting the joys and rewards of adopting pets fro shelter homes. Welcoming Bailey &

Sia John Abraham

John Abraham
Known for his macho roles on screen, John Abraham reveals his softer side through his commitment to animal welfare. His decision to adopt Bailey, a pup rescued by an animal welfare organisation, showcases his belief in giving abandoned animals a chance at a better life. Bailey, along with her

adorable daughter Sia, now shares a loving home with John.

Pavail Gulati
Pavail Gulati is a
devoted pet parent. His
affection for animals
shines through as he
proudly declares himself a "cat dad" to his
adopted stray dog and
two feline companions.
Pavail uses his platform
to spread awareness
and encourage others
to open their hearts and

Cat dad

need.
Bonding with Dosa
Kalki Koechlin

homes to animals in

Renowned for her unconventional roles, Kalki Koechlin extends her boldness to her personal life by rescuing and adopting a cat, Dosa. Dosa's journey from a stray to a cherished member of Kalki's family reflects the transformative power of love and compassion.

Her growing family Wamiqa Gabbi

Wamiqa Gabbi Wamiqa Gabbi finds herself unable to resist the urge to help distressed and abandoned dogs. Her heartwarming story of going from one dog to four during the

lockdown speaks volumes about her dedication to animal welfare. Embracing pet parenthood

Richa Chadha Richa Chadha's recent

loss of her beloved cat Madira serves as a poignant reminder of the deep bond between pets and their owners. Through her heartfelt tribute and ongoing dedication to her remaining feline companions, Richa highlights the joys and challenges of pet parenthood.

No pedigrees Raveena Tandon

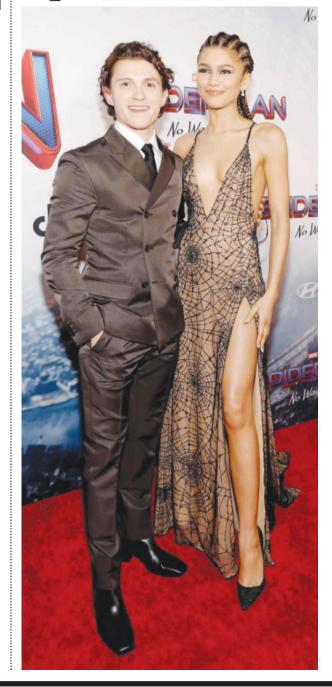
Raveena Tandon's passion for rescuing and adopting animals shines through as she opens her heart and home to a diverse array of furry companions. From her Mumbai residence to her countryside farm, Raveena provides sanctuary to a menagerie of rescued dogs and cats, each with its own unique story. Her commitment to prioritising adoption over purchasing pedigree breeds reflects her belief in the inherent value of every animal's life. Through her example, Raveena encourages others to follow suit.

In sickness & health Gulshan Devaiah

Gulshan Devaiah, known for his versatile acting skills, is also a dedicated pet parent to several cats. His unwavering support for the idea of adopting instead of shopping for pets reflects his commitment to animal welfare. Gulshan's willingness to care for his furry companions through sickness and health showcases the depth of his bond with them and his belief in providing loving homes to animals in

need.

Zendaya, Tom Holland cosy up at Indian Wells



Zendaya and Tom Holland visibly squashed rumours that they had split after they turned up "all loved up" for the BNP Paribas Open women's final at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in California.

The rumours snow-balled into a speculative tsunami in January after Zendaya had unfollowed Hollander on Instagram. It later turned out that Zendaya had done so with all the people she had been following.

Adding to the concern of fans was the fact that Zendaya and Hollander haven't been photographed together since October 25, when they were snapped grocery shopping in Los Ange-

The Emmy-winning actress, who plays a tennis coach in the upcoming film, Challengers, appeared in a tennis skirt and matching crop top at the tennis final.

Seated in the stands, a polo-clad Tom cosied up to his girlfriend, and they shared a laugh. Later, Zendaya congratulated the winner of the match, Iga Swiatek, who defeated Maria Sakkari as they posed together near the tennis court.

Lok Sabha polls: PM Modi holds massive roadshow in Palakkad

Modi's Palakkad roadshow follows his recent participation at a public meeting in Pathanamthitta town, where he rallied support for NDA candidates contesting in southern Kerala constituencies

PALAKKAD (KERALA), Mar 19 (Agencies): Asserting the importance that the BJP-led NDA has given to Kerala in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a massive roadshow here on Tuesday to boost support for its candidates from the state, where the saffron party has historically had no significant electoral victories.

The PM's cavalcade with Modi standing on an open roof vehicle heavily decorated with flowers commenced the roadshow at around 10.45 am from Kottamaidan Anchuvilakku and proceeded towards the Head Post Office in the town.

The PM arrived here in a helicopter from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu.

On the open-roof vehicle, Modi was flanked by BJP state president K Surendran and NDA candidates C Krishnakumar, who is contesting from the Palakkad constituency and Niveditha Subramanian, who has been fielded in the Ponnani seat.

Braving the scorching sun,



thousands of people, including BJP supporters with flowers, garlands, party flags, placards of Modi and wearing party hats, lined both sides of the around one km roadshow route.

As the roadshow proceeded along the route, shouts of 'Modi', 'Bharat mata ki jai', 'Modiji swagatam' and 'Modi ki jai' were heard from the people gathered on both sides of the road. They also showered flowers on Modi, who was wearing a Nehru cap in the saffron colour of his party.

Reciprocating the welcome received from the crowd, the PM also showered flowers on

the people on both sides of the

road several times.

Enduring the rising temperatures, crowds, of all ages, had gathered hours ahead of the Prime Minister's arrival and created a festive atmosphere along the route of the roadshow.

Several persons, many of whom arrived here with their families, told TV channels that they will not leave without seeing Modi.

The roadshow covered the around one km route in about half-an-hour after which the PM quickly returned to the helipad. Modi's Palakkad roadshow fol-

lows his recent participation at a public meeting in Pathanamthitta town on March 15, where he rallied support for NDA candidates contesting in the southern Kerala constituencies.

Addressing the gathering in Pathanamthitta, the Prime Minister had said that "The Lotus is going to bloom in Kerala" in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and attacked the ruling Left and the opposition Congress-led UDF, alleging that the people of the state have endured hardship under governments plagued by corruption and incompetence.

The BJP has seen an increase in its vote share from the Palakkad constituency in the Lok Sabha polls with its candidate Krishnakumar C securing 21.24 per cent of the total votes polled from here in the 2019 general elections.

This is Modi's fifth visit to the state within three months. He has already visited the state twice in January, once in February and then on March 15. These visits included both official and party functions.

BJP MLA Ketan Inamdar resigns from Gujarat assembly ahead of Lok Sabha polls, says it's not a pressure tactic



VADODARA, Mar 19 (Agencies): Ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Gujarat Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Ketan Inamdar on Tuesday tendered his resignation from the state assembly, saying he listened to his "inner voice" and that nothing is bigger than self-respect.

Inamdar also said his move was not a pressure tactic and that he will work to ensure the victory of BJP candidate Ranjan Bhatt from Vadodara seat in the upcoming parliamentary polls.

The three-term MLA from Savli seat in Vadodara district submitted his resignation to legislative assembly speaker Shankar Chaudhary.

In the letter, Inamdar said he was resigning after listening to his "inner voice".

Earlier also, he announced his resignation as an MLA in January 2020,

but it was not accepted by the speaker. Talking to reporters after tendering his resignation on Tuesday, Inamdar said it was not a pressure tactic. "For a long time, I felt that small and old workers (associated with the party since long) have not been taken care of by the party. I have apprised the leadership of this," the BJP leader said.

Inamdar said he represented the Savli seat for more than 11 years and ever since he became an active member of the BJP, he has remained associated with the party.

"But like I had said in 2020, there is nothing bigger than self-respect. And this is not the voice of Ketan Inamdar alone but of every single party worker. I have said earlier that old party workers should not be ignored," he said.

"I will work day and night to ensure that our Lok Sabha poll candidate Ranjan Bhatt wins by the biggest margin. But this resignation is the result of my inner voice," he added.

After Inamdar resigned in 2020, he had claimed senior government officials and ministers were ignoring him and his constituency and that many MLAs in the saffron party were feeling "frustrated" like him.

He first won the 2012 assembly election as an independent candidate.

He later joined the BJP and won twice in the 2017 and 2022 polls.

The BJP currently has 156 out of the total 182 seats in the Gujarat assembly.

Polling for all the 26 Lok Sabha seats in Gujarat will be held in a single phase on May 7 and votes will be counted on June 4.

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha MLA Sita Soren resigns from all party posts

RANCHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) MLA Sita Soren, the sister-in-law of former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, on Tuesday resigned from all posts of the party and also from the state Assembly.

Sita Soren is a three-time MLA and wife of the former Chief Minister's elder brother, Durga Soren, who died in 2009 at the age of 39.

In her resignation letter written in Hindi, Sita Soren said that since her husband's death, she and her family have been constantly disrespected.

"We have been separated and isolated by members of the party and the (Soren) family, which has been extremely painful for me," she added.

Sita Soren said that she expected with time, situations would get better, but lamented that the party now does not carry the legacy that her late husband had forged to make it great once.

"The party is now in the hands of people whose vision and objectives do not match our values and principles," she added.

She further said that "despite tireless efforts by JMM supremo Shibu Soren to keep us all together, I came to know that a deep conspiracy is being hatched against me and my family".



Saying she was "misreable" with the situation, she took the decision of severing ties with the JMM and the family. Sita Soren's resignation from the JMM came amid an intense political drama in Jharkhand.

In August 2022, Sita Soren raised concerns against the Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand, alleging that it had been ineffective in curbing the "loot of land" in the mineral-rich state.

In January this year, as Hemant Soren faced imminent arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the JMM in a 'Plan B' wanted his wife, Kalpana, to replace him.

But Sita Soren emerged as a contender, further fuelling the Soren family feud.

Krishna Janmabhoomi case: Supreme Court disposes of plea against Allahabad HC order on consolidation of 15 suits

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday disposed of a fresh plea challenging the Allahabad High Court order consolidating 15 suits related to Mathura's Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah Masjid dispute.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta gave the Committee of Management Trust Shahi Masjid Idgah, which has challenged the January 11 order, the liberty to pursue its recall application before the high court.

"The petitioner has called for recall of impugned judgement of Allahabad High Court. We dispose of the present Special Leave

Petition with liberty to revive the recall petition before the high court," the bench ordered.

Counsel for the Committee said the application for recall of the January 11 order is pending before the high court.

She requested the court to direct listing of the application before the high court on a specific date.

However, the bench refused to pass any such order.

On January 11, the high court - in interest of justice - directed that the 15 suits on an application filed by the Hindu plaintiff be consolidated.

The Hindu plaintiff submitted before the high court in the application that after the original suit was filed before the civil judge (senior division), Mathura, on September 25, 2020, several other suits were filed with regard to the 13.37

acre land.

The high court had ordered, "These suits are of similar nature. The proceedings in these suits can be taken up and the suits may be decided simultaneously on the basis of common evidence To save the time of the Court, the expenses to be incurred to the parties, and to avoid conflicting judgments it appears expedient in the interest of justice to consolidate the suits

with each other."
On January 29, the top

court had ordered continuance of the interim stay on the operation of the Allahabad High Court order for a court-monitored survey of the Shahi Idgah Mosque complex adjoining the Krishna Janmabhoomi temple in Mathura.

On January 16, it stayed the operation of the December 14, 2023 order of the Allahabad High Court allowing a court-monitored survey of the Shahi Idgah Mosque complex.

It also stayed the order of the high court by which it agreed to the appointment of a court commissioner to oversee the survey of the mosque premises.

The Hindu side claims it has signs suggesting it was once a temple.

House set on fire by angry relatives

after daughter-in-law hangs herself,

The apex court, however, made it clear that the proceedings before the high court in the dispute, including the maintainability of the suit under Order 7 Rule 11 of the Civil Procedure Code (CPC), will continue.

The top court is already seized of another petition filed by the mosque committee challenging the May 26, 2023 order of the high court transferring to itself all matters related to the dispute pending before a Mathura court.

The Hindu side had made a prayer before the high court that it should conduct the original trial like it had done in the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi title dispute.

Supreme Court asks Centre to respond within 3 weeks to pleas seeking stay of CAA

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud posted the matter for resumed hearing on April 9



NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to respond within three weeks to applications seeking a stay on the implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules,

2024.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud posted

the matter for resumed hearing on April 9.

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Solicitor General
Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre,
told the bench that he
needed four weeks to
file a reply to the 20
applications.

These applications have sought a stay on the Rules till the apex court disposes of the petitions challenging the

constitutional validity of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

"It (CAA) does not take away citizenship of any person," Mehta told the bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. The Centre had on

March 11 paved the way for the implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, with the notification of the relevant rules, four years after the contentious law was passed by Parliament to fasttrack Indian citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014.

Four Naxalites killed in 'encounter' with police in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli

GADCHIROLI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Four Naxalites, carrying a collective bounty of Rs 36 lakh, were killed in an "encounter" with police in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district on Tuesday, a senior official said.

The police received information on Monday afternoon that some Naxalites had entered Gadchiroli from neighbouring Telangana by crossing the Pranhita river with an aim to carry out subversive activities amid the model code of conduct in place for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, Superintendent of Police Neelotpal said.

Multiple teams of C-60, a specialised combat unit of the Gadchiroli police, and the Central Reserve Police Force's Quick Action team were sent for a search in the area.

While one of the C-60

lakh on their heads.
An AK-47 gun, a carbine, two country-made pistols, Naxal literature and other items were also recovered, the official said.

sonnel retaliated, the

stopped, the area was

searched and bodies

of four male Naxalites

were found, he said,

adding that they were

carrying a collective

cash reward of Rs 36

firing

official said.

After the

The deceased Naxalites have been identified as Vargeesh, Magtu, both secretaries of different Naxal comittees, and platoon members Kursang Raju and Kudimetta Venkatesh, the police said.

elderly couple burnt to death

unit teams was conducting a search on Tuesday morning in the Kolamarka mountains near Repanpalli, Naxalites fired at them indiscriminately to which the security per-



PRAYAGRAJ (UP), Mar 19 (Agencies): An elderly couple died after their house was set on fire during a fight with the parents of their daughter-in-law who had allegedly hanged herself, police said here on Tuesday.

Three more people, including the woman's husband, were injured in the fire, police said. The house was set ablaze when police personnel had already reached the spot after receiving

information about the alleged suicide and the fight.

According to the police, the 27-year-old woman allegedly ended her life late on Monday night at her in-laws' house in the Muthigani police station area.

Upon receiving the news, her parents and other family members gathered at the spot and got into a fight with the woman's in-laws, alleging that she was killed and then hanged,

Deputy Commissioner of Police (City) Deepak Bhukar said.

During the fight, some people, reportedly belonging to the woman's family, set the house of her in-laws ablaze. Police rescued five people from the house and informed the fire brigade which brought the blaze under control, the police officer said.

While searching the burnt house around 3 am, the bodies of the woman's father-in-law Rajendra Kesarwani (65) and mother-in-law Shobha Devi (62) were found, SHO of Muthiganj police station Sunil Bajpayee said.

Those who were injured in the fire were the woman's husband, Rajendra's daughter Shivani, and Lovely Kesarwani, the wife of his younger brother, the SHO added.

Blinken says US stands by 'ironclad' commitments to defend Philippines

Blinken's renewed defence pledge follows recent incidents involving Philippine and Chinese vessels near disputed reefs off the Southeast Asia country's coast, including collisions.

MANILA, Mar 19 (Agencies): US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Tuesday that the United States stands by its "ironclad" commitments to defend longtime ally the Philippines against armed attack in the South China Sea.

Blinken's visit to Manila -his second since Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos took office in 2022 -- is part of a brief Asia tour to reinforce US support for regional allies against China.

Beijing claims almost the entire South China Sea, brushing aside competing claims from several Southeast Asian nations, including the Philippines, and an international ruling that has declared its stance baseless.

Blinken's renewed defence pledge follows recent incidents involving Philippine and Chinese vessels near disputed reefs off the Southeast Asia country's coast, including collisions.

"These waterways are critical to the Philippines, to its security, to its economy, but they're also critical to the interests of the region, the United States and the world," Blinken said at a joint press conference with his Philippine counterpart



ally.

Enrique Manalo.

"That's why we stand with the Philippines and stand by our ironclad defence commitments, including under the mutual defence treaty.'

Blinken's trip comes ahead of a trilateral meeting in Washington next month between US President Joe Biden, Marcos and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

Announcing the three-way summit with the Asia-Pacific allies, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the leaders would push a "shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific".

Blinken will meet with Marcos later Tuesday where he is expected to reaffirm the United States' security commitments to the Philippines.

Top US officials have repeatedly said that "an armed attack" against Philippine public vessels, aircraft, armed forces and coastguard would invoke the 1951 US-Philippines mutual defence treaty in which Wash-

Marcos has expressed "great alarm" over the recent confrontations that have sparked diplomatic sparring between Manila and Beijing.

ington is obliged to defend its

Ahead of his meetings, Blinken toured a semiconductor plant. He described the Philippines as "an increasingly critical partner" in ensuring a "resilient" supply chain of chips.

The United States is seeking to cement its lead in the chip industry both on national security grounds and in the face of competition from China. 'Advancing the alliance'

Beijing has accused Washington of using the Philippines as a "pawn" in the dispute over the South China Sea and various

China deploys boats to patrol the busy waterway and has built artificial islands that it has militarised to reinforce its claims.

Blinken's visit was aimed at "advancing the alliance", said Renato De Castro, professor for international studies at De La Salle University in Manila.

Marcos would also likely be interested to hear from Blinken what the "trigger points" are for the United States to invoke their mutual defence treaty, said Herman Kraft, a political science professor at the University of the Philippines.

Relations between Washington and Manila were rocky under former president Rodrigo Duterte, who pivoted towards China.

Since Marcos took power, however, he has sought to deepen cooperation with the United States and regional neighbours, while standing up to Chinese aggression towards Philippine vessels in the South China Sea

Former Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif sparks controversy as he chairs **Punjab government meetings**



LAHORE, Mar 19 (Agencies): Nawaz Sharif, the supreme leader of the PML-N, who has stayed away from public view since last month's general elections, has made a conspicuous appearance by chairing three administrative meetings of the Punjab government, raising many eyebrows as he does not hold any official position in either the provincial or federal government.

The three-time former premier on Monday chaired administrative meetings of the Punjab government led by his daughter Maryam Nawaz, the Dawn

newspaper reported. An official handout issued after the meeting said the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz party supremo issued directions to ministers and officials regarding different infrastructure projects, including the underground train and metro bus, farmers' plight, electric bikes for students and Ramzan relief package.

But the 74-year-old veteran leader chairing the meetings raised many questions since he holds no official position in either the provincial or federal government and is officially only a National Assembly member.

Sharif was set to become Pakistan's premier for a record fourth time in last month's general elections, but his party failed to get enough seats in the National Assembly to form a government on its own.

Independent candidates backed by jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party won the maximum number of seats.

However, his younger brother Shehbaz Sharif, who is considered a favourite of the military establishment, managed to form a coalition federal government with the help of five other parties, including the Pakistan Peoples Party led by ex-foreign minister Bilawal Zardari-Bhutto.

Since then, he has been away from the public eye. Maryam Nawaz, 50, is the first woman chief minister in Pakistan's history. She is considered to be the political heir of Nawaz Sharif.

Benazir Bhutto's daughter Aseefa enters politics in Pakistan, files nomination papers for bye-polls on seat vacated by father Zardari

ISLAMABAD, Mar 19 (Agencies): Aseefa Bhutto, the youngest daughter of Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari and slain premier Benazir Bhutto, has taken a plunge into the country's tumultuous politics by filing her candidacy for the bye-poll at a National Assembly seat in Sindh Province vacated by her

Aseefa, 31, has been active in politics for some time but was kept away from parliamentary politics by her father Zardari, also the co-chairperson of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), until an opportune time.

Following her father's inauguration as the 14th president of Pakistan, Aseefa is poised to become the First Lady, a position traditionally held by the spouse of the president.

Aseefa submitted nomination papers on Sunday in the bye-election for the NA-207 constituency of Shaheed Benzirabad district in the Sindh province.

Her father and president, Asif Ali Zardari, won the seat but vacated it after becoming president.

Aseefa has a resemblance to her mother, who was killed in a bombing and suicide attack in 2007 in Rawalpindi. Aseefa was then a teenager and suffered more emotionally as compared to her two elder siblings, Bakhtawar and Bilawal



Bilawal, a former foreign minister, is the chairperson of the PPP.

It may be the reason that she was driven closer to her father, who, after becoming president, designated her the First Lady.

Although her 35-year-old brother Bilawal had already taken over the party, Aseefa is considered a natural heir to her mother, who took over the party after her father Zulfigar Ali Bhutto was hanged in 1979 due to alleged involvement in a murder case.

The bye-elections will be held on April 21, and Aseefa is almost sure to win. By becoming part of the parliament, she would strengthen her party and also family politics.

North Korea says Kim Jong Un supervised tests of rocket launchers targeting Seoul

SEOUL, Mar 19 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised a live-fire drill of nuclear-capable "superlarge" multiple rocket launchers designed to target South Korea's capital as he vowed to boost his war deterrent in the face of deepening confrontations with rivals, state media said Tuesday.

The report came a day after South Korea and Japan said they detected North Korea firing multiple short-range ballistic missiles toward waters off its eastern coast, adding to a streak of weapons displays that have raised regional tensions.

Experts say North Korea's the boundaries between artillery systems and ballistic missiles because they can create their own thrust and are guided during delivery. The North has described some of these systems, including the 600mm multiple rocket launchers that were tested Monday, as capable of delivering tactical nuclear war-

Photos published by the North's official Korean Central News Agency showed at least six rockets being fired simultaneously from launch vehicles and flames and smoke blanketing what appeared to be a small



island target.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said later Tuesday that it assesses North Korea conducted more launches than what was shown on the photos. Lt. Col. Lee Chang-hyun, a deputy JCS spokesperson, said that South Korea categorizes the North Korean weapons system tested Monday as a ballistic missile in view of its characteristics and capacities.

KCNA also said North Korean troops in a separate test simulated exploding an artillery shell at a preset altitude. The report didn't specify whether that test was to rehearse how a nuclear weapon would be detonated over an enemy target.

Kim called the 600mm multiple rocket launchers key parts of his arsenal of weapons that are supposedly capable of destroying Seoul if another war breaks

out on the Korean Peninsula. "(Kim) said that it is necessary to further impress upon the enemies that if an armed conflict and a war break out,

they can never avoid disastrous

consequences," the KCNA said. He called for his army to "more thoroughly fulfill their missions to block and suppress the possibility of war with the constant perfect preparedness to collapse the capital of the enemy and the structure of its military forces." Lee, the South Korean deputy spokesperson, said South Korea and the United States have been bolstering their response capabilities against North Korea's increas-

North Korea's launches came days after the end of the latest South Korean-U.S. combined military drills that the North portrays as an invasion rehearsal.

ing nuclear threats.

It was unclear whether the North timed the launches with a visit to Seoul by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who on Monday attended a democracy summit and held talks with South Korean officials over the North Korean threat.

Tensions on the Korean Peninsula have risen since 2022, after Kim used Russia's invasion of Ukraine as a distraction to accelerate his testing of missiles and other weapons. The United States and South Korea have responded by expanding their combined training and trilateral drills involving Japan and updating their deterrence strategies built around strategic U.S.

There are concerns that North Korea could further dial up pressure in an election year in the United States and South Korea.

In a fiery speech to Pyongyang's rubber-stamp parliament in January, Kim declared that he was abandoning North Korea's long-standing goal of reconciliation with the South and ordered the rewriting of the North's constitution to cement its war-divided rival as its most hostile adversary. He said the new charter must specify North Korea would annex and subjugate the South if another war broke out.

Two Indian criminals arrested in Nepal

KATHMANDU, Mar 19 (Agencies): Two Indian criminals along with weapons have been arrested by authorities here while they allegedly attempted robbery in Southern Nepal.

Both criminals were arrested from the Sarlahi district in Southern Nepal.

The suspects, identified as Jitendra Raut and his accomplice Shani Singh, both from Motihari, were intercepted by the police while they allegedly attempted robbery on Monday, according to District Police Office Sarlahi.

The police had to open fire to take them under control as they attempted to flee after seeing the police.

During the arrest, Raut sustained an injury to his knee from police gunfire. He is currently undergoing treatment at the provincial hospital in Malangwa, they said.

According to the Police, the arrested individuals are wanted in connection with around a dozen cases of kidnapping and looting in India.

The police have initiated further investigation into the matter.



China says US has 'no right' to interfere in South China Sea



BEIJING, Mar 19 (Agencies): China said Tuesday the United States had "no right" to interfere in the South China Sea, after Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Washington stood by its commitments to defend the Philippines against armed attack in the disputed waterway

"The United States is not a party to the South China Sea issue and has no right to interfere in maritime issues that are between China and the Philippines," foreign ministry spokesman Lin Jian told a regular press conference

Blinken is in the Philippine capital Manila -- his second visit since President Ferdinand Marcos took office in 2022 -- as part of a brief Asia tour to reinforce US support for regional allies against China.

"Military cooperation between the US and the Philippines must not harm China's sovereignty and maritime rights and interests in the South China Sea, and still less be used to provide a platform for the Philippines' illegal claims," Lin said in a response to a question on Blinken's earlier comments.

"China will continue to take necessary measures to resolutely defend its territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests, and uphold peace and stability in the South China Sea," he

Beijing claims almost the entire South China Sea -- a crucial route for global trade -- brushing aside competing claims from several Southeast Asian nations, including the Philippines, and an international ruling that has declared its stance baseless.

700 people stranded by Australia cyclone



CANBERRA, Mar 19 (Agencies): About 700 people were stranded in far northern Australia Tuesday after a tropical cyclone barrelled through their remote community, cutting off links with the rest of the country.

Australian The Defence Force tried to evacuate residents of the small Northern Territory community of Borroloola, but attempts to land aircraft Monday were hampered by wild weather.

Residents were

urged to find shelter in the community as the cyclone hit on Monday afternoon.

The Category 3 storm pummelled the area with heavy rainfall and intense winds of around 170-200 kilometres (100-125 miles) per hour, according to the Bureau of Meteorology.

"Poor weather prevented evacuations yesterday, but we expect new deployment will occur today," said Emergency Minister Murray Watt.

Ex-tropical cyclone Megan has now been downgraded to a tropical low as winds have eased, but heavy rains continue as the storm system moves inland.

Japan farewells era of radical policy, ends negative rates

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New Delhi, Mar 19 (Agencies): The Bank of Japan (BOJ) ended eight years of negative interest rates and other remnants of its unorthodox policy on Tuesday, making a historic shift away from a focus of reflating growth with decades of massive monetary stimulus.

While the move was Japan's first interest rate hike in 17 years, it still keeps rates stuck around zero as a fragile economic recovery forces the central bank to go slow in any further rise in borrowing costs, analysts say.

The shift makes Japan the last central bank to exit negative rates and ends an era in which policymakers around the world sought to prop up growth through cheap money and unconventional monetary tools.

"The BOJ today took its first, tentative step towards policy normalisation," said Frederic Neumann, chief Asia economist at HSBC in Hong Kong.

"The elimination of negative interest rates in particular signals the BOJ's confidence that Japan has emerged from the grip of deflation."

In a widely expected decision, the BOJ ditched a policy put in place since

2016 that applied a 0.1% charge on some excess reserves financial institutions parked with the central bank. The BOJ set the overnight call rate as its new policy rate and decided to guide it in a range of

at the central bank. The central bank also abandoned yield curve control (YCC), a policy that had been in place since 2016 that capped long-term interest rates around zero.

0-0.1% partly by paying

0.1% interest to deposits

But in a statement announcing the decision, the BOJ said it will keep buying "broadly the same amount" of government bonds as before and ramp up purchases in case yields rise rapidly. The BOJ additionally decided to discontinue purchases of risky assets like exchange-traded funds (ETF) and Japanese real estate investment trusts.

"We judged that sustainable, stable achievement of our price target came in sight," the central bank said in a statement explaining the decision to dismantle former Governor Haruhiko Kuroda's massive stimulus programme

With inflation having exceeded the BOJ's 2% target for well over a year, many market players had projected an end to negative interest rates either in March or April.

In a sign any future rate hike will be moderate, the BOJ said in the statement

that it expects "accommodative financial conditions will be maintained for the time being.

The language compared with the more dovish guidance that was removed from the statement, in which the BOJ pledged to ramp up stimulus as needed, and keep increasing the pace of money printing until inflation stably exceeded 2%.

Japanese shares were volatile on Tuesday. The yen fell to almost 150 per dollar, as investors took the BOJ's dovish guidance as a sign the interest rate differential between Japan and the United States likely will not narrow much.

Markets are now focusing on Governor Kazuo Ueda's post-meeting news conference for clues on the pace of further rate hikes.

The stakes are high. A spike in bond yields would boost the cost of funding Japan's huge public debt which, at twice the size of its economy, is the largest among advanced econo-

An end to the world's last remaining provider of cheap funds could also jolt global financial markets as Japanese investors, who amassed overseas investments in search of yields, shift money back to their home country

Under previous Governor Kuroda, the BOJ deployed a huge assetbuying programme in 2013, originally aimed at firing up inflation to a 2% target within roughly two vears.

The central bank introduced negative rates and YCC in 2016 as tepid inflation forced it to tweak its stimulus programme to a more sustainable one.

As the yen's sharp falls pushed up the cost of imports and heightened public criticism over the demerits of Japan's ultralow interest rates, however, the BOJ last year tweaked YCC to relax its grip on long-term rates.

PM Modi showed the path of development: Devender Rana

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: The Public Relations Society of India, Jammu Chapter, organized a discussion on the book 'Modi Consensus' The Rediscovery of Bharat'. The discussion, held at the Press Club, attended by the author of the book, Dr. Swadesh Singh, and well known political leader of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Devender Singh Rana. as esteemed guests. More than 50 educators, researchers, journalists, and social workers from Jammu participated in this discussion. The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp and was inaugurated with a welcome speech by the Vice Chairman of PRSI, Jammu chapter Opinder Sharma.

Addressing the programme, Dr. Swadesh Kumar stated that this book is important for understanding current politics. He highlighted the work done by Prime Minister Modi on issues like politics and policy-making in the last 5-10 years and the changes seen in international politics as a result. Speaking about the current political situation, he emphasized that any political party aiming to stay mainstream must focus on social issues,



which is evident under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. He illustrated that when he speaks, it reflects the history of five thousand years. In today's political scenario, politicians have started bringing their personal spaces in the public domain, which is also the demand of the day. Merely slogans like 'eradicate poverty' won't work anymore; rather, actions for the poor

and needy are necessary. Reflecting on the book discussion, Devender Singh Rana said that Prime Minister Modi has indeed shown the path of development to the country. Patriotism has always existed among the people of India, but today, people not only talk about patriotism but also take pride in it. After becoming Prime Minister in 2014, Narendra Modi worked on the concept of 'My India is great', and today, every citizen of the country feels proud of 'My Bharat, Our Bharat, Proud Bharat'. He emphasized that he is a Hindu, and he takes pride in being a Hindu, and everyone should take pride in their respective religions.

From the same platform, the Secretary of the Public Relations Society of India, Jammu Chapter, initiated a campaign to raise awareness among voters for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in 2024. The slogan of this campaign is, 'Value your vote, Vote for Values. .

In the book discussion. students from the Indian Institute of Mass Communication. Jammu region. Kashish Saxena, Shubhra, and Harshita, presented a book review. A vote of thanks was given by senior journalist and Secretary of Jammu Press Club, Dinesh Manhotra. The program was anchored by Komal Shangloo and Ms. Yashi Navya.

The discussion was attended by Regional Director, IIMC Jammu Prof. (Dr.) Anil Saumitra, Associate Professor, Center for Media Studies, JNU Dr. Archana Kumari, senior journalist Tejendra Singh Sodhi, senior journalist Sant Kumar Sharma, former director, Doordarshan Sanjeet Khajuria, retired Sq. Ldr. Anil Sehgal, Senior Journalist OP Sharma, Senior Journalist Pradeep Dutta, Senior Journalist Jorawar Singh, Associate Professor, Jammu Central University, Dr. Umesh Kumar, Assistant Professor Dr. Bachcha Babu, Assistant Professor Manish Prakash, Assistant Professor Dr Ajay Singh, PRSI members Kamal Sharma, Dr. Gopal Parthasarthi, among other participants participated in the book discussion.

No issue over seat sharing within INDIA alliance in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Mar 19 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) President Dr. Faroog Abdullah Tuesday said that there is no issue over seat sharing with the INDIA alliance partners, and reiterated that the party will contest on all three Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir.

"The three seats National Conference won earlier are the seats of the INDIA alliance and we will contest elections on these seats in the coming elections". Abdullah told reporters at Hazratbal

"INDIA alliance is not meant for seat sharing. We are all partners to defeat those who



snatched everything from us," Abdullah said.

When asked if NC went ahead, it would not leave any space for the PDP in the INDIA block, Abdullah said "the alliance aims to defeat those forces who are hell bent on destroy-

ing our identity." He said PAGD still exist

and has not finished. "Why should PAGD finish Óur enemies wish that there should be an announcement about the finishing of PAGD. It will not finish", he asserted.

J&K U.T Gorkha Community thanks PM, HM, and LG for granting OBC status

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Gorkha Community of J&K U.T special thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Lt. Govt. Sh. Manoj Sinha for granting OBC status to the Gorkha Community of J&K U.T. Gorkha Community celebrated the announcement of the OBC status and every member of Gorkha Community thanks P.M, H.M & Lt. Governor of J&K U.T.And to this effect govt. notification no.176 of 2024 dt.15/3/24 so has been issued and circulated to all newspapers



and concerned authorities for its implementation above in the letter and spirit. It is also worth mentioning for the last 7

has been approaching the state govt. and other authorities for granting of due OBC status has been done in other states of this country in a respected place but in the case of J&K Gorkha Community name has not been done except only this time. When the BJP govt. came up for the redressal of general grievances of long demand of OBC to our Gorkha Community. We shall ever remain grateful to P.M Sh. Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Lt. Governor of J&k U.T Manoj Sinha for granting OBC status to Gorkha Community.In the meeting all dignitaries of Gorkha Community were present in this event.

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In the 21st Century, Ideas will be the new wealth of the Nations: LG Sinha

"In order to make it work efficiently for the benefit of society, we must focus on relevant subjects, research, and innovation to contribute to the transformation of villages and towns," he said.

LG said that to make educational institutions relevant in the future, teachers should ignite the creativity within the students and make their consciousness pure, simple, easy, and independent.

"Education should help the students develop a consciousness full of courage, and it should be future-oriented. The education should inspire adventurous exploration and a passion for generating new ideas, new research, and innovations," he

Pashupati Paras resigns from Union **Cabinet, Accuses BJP of** injustice

resignation and did not elaborate about his future plans

The only ally in the Union Cabinet headed by Modi, he called the prime minister a big

The RLJP president said he was thankful to Modi before expressing his displeasure over the treatment meted out to him. He said he had served the National Democratic Alliance with honesty and loyalty but received injustice.

Patanjali Advertising Case | SC asks Ramdev, **Balkrishna to appear** before it

A bench of justices Hima Kohli and Ahsanuddin Amanullah took strong exception to

the failure of the company and Balkrishna in filing replies to the court's notices issued to them earlier to show why contempt proceedings be not initiated against them for prima facie violating the undertaking given to the court.

The bench also issued notice to Ramdev to show cause why contempt proceedings be not initiated against him.

The apex court was hearing a plea of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) alleging a smear campaign by Ramdev against the vaccination drive and modern medicines.

Country fervently demanding a change: **Kharge At CWC Meet**

fervently demanding a change. The guarantees currently being touted by the present government would have the same fate as that of the 'India Shining' slogan of 2004," he said in his address at the CWC

"All of us have a responsibility to ensure that our manifesto gets the widest publicity in different states and our commitments are taken to every household across the country and people at large," he added.

Kharge also said that Congress workers in villages, towns will have to rise to take the party manifesto to every household.

The Congress president said whatever has been promised in the manifesto, will be strictly implemented.

Before making promises in the manifesto, an in-depth deliberation has been made to ensure that these promises are implementable, he said.

"It is because of this very fact that, right from 1926, the Congress party's manifesto has been regarded as a 'document of trust and commitment'," he said.

Kharge also lauded the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, saying through it the Congress was able to draw the country's attention to the real issue of people.

"These were not just political yatras but will be noted for the largest mass contact movement in our political history. One can't undermine the fact that nobody in our times has undertaken such a massive exercise. Both these yatras managed to take the

issue of the people to national centre stage," he said referred to the Bharat Jodo Yatra and the just concluded Nyay Yatra.

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Kharge and former party chiefs Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi attended the meeting. Other senior leaders, including Ambika Soni, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, P Chidambaram, Digvijaya Singh, Ajay Maken and Kumari Selja, were also present at the crucial meeting, where Chidambaram read out the key elements of the party manifesto.

Chidambaram chairs the manifesto committee of the party, which has already presented a copy of the draft document to the CWC for its nod.

The CWC would grant its approval and give a final shape to the draft manifesto which carries the five 'guarantees' for jus-

The party is fighting the elections on the issue of 'five nyay' (justices) — 'Bhagidari Nyay', 'Kisan Nyay', 'Nari Nyay', 'Shramik Nyay' and 'Yuva Nyay' — giving 25 guarantees, five for each nyay, which have been announced by the Congress president and Rahul Gandhi.

Sources said the party's Central Election Committee (CEC), chaired by Kharge, would discuss and finalise its candidates for remaining seats in the evening.

The Congress has so far announced 82 candidates for the seven-phase Lok Sabha polls beginning April 19.

SDG of BSF reviews operational preparedness along LoC in Kubwara

units in Kupwara and also interacted with

"Y B Khurania IPS, Special Director General, SDG HQ BSF (Western Command), visited forward areas of #Kupwara to review the operational preparedness of #LoC deployed Units. SDG interacted with troops & applauded them for their unwavering performance in challenging situations," BSF Kashmir said in a post on X.

The BSF is deployed along the LoC in

Jammu and Kashmir and it works under the operational control of the Army

Light to moderate rain. snow over J&K during March 21-22: MeT

The night temperature improved at most of the stations, while the day temperature recorded 5-7 °C above normal in Kashmir Valley on the previous day.

Srinagar recorded a low of 2.2 °C against 3.2 °C recorded during the intervening nights of Monday and Tuesday. It was -2.2 °C below normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low of 2.2 °C, and the picnic spot of Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of 3.5 °C on Tuesday.

Pahalgam had a low of -0.9 °C against the -1.3 °C recorded a day ago. It was -1.0 °C below normal for the famous tourist hot spot of south Kashmir.

Gulmarg settled at -1.0 °C against -2.3 °C the previous night, and it was 1.3 °C above normal for the famous ski resort of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Tuesday. Kupwara recorded a low of 1.5 °C against

the 1.3 °C on the previous night. It was 1.6 °C below normal for the frontier Kashmir district on Tuesday, the MeT office said.

Resident doctors threaten protest over delay in salaries

non-local, to contemplate an institutionwide protest, accompanied by a three-day ultimatum for salary disbursement.

The RDA said it has been engaging with the Chief Accounts Officer and Principal GMC Srinagar throughout the current month to address the ongoing challenges regarding the timely disbursement of salaries for senior residents and stipends for postgraduate residents.

"The collective frustration among residents is palpable; notwithstanding their

considerable work hours, they are subjected to delayed compensation for their rightful duties and a sense of marginalization. Repeated appeals to the PMC and CAO have vielded little beyond false assurances and promises," the statement said, adding that additionally, outstanding arrears from the fiscal year 2023 remain unresolved for resident doctors, exacerbating the situation further.

The RDA said taking into consideration the escalating discontent and demoralization among the residents, a protest appears increasingly likely should salary disbursement fail to occur within the next

"The potential disruption to regular duties by the residents staying back home could result in significant hardships to the institution and the patients in its care," the state-

LS Polis: JK CEO implements Pre-Certification for Political Ads

Besides, one day before poll day and on poll day only pre-certified print advertisements by MCMC be published in news papers, print media, magazines, display hoardings, banners, pamphlets etc. Any violation by the concerned in this regard shall be viewed seriously and action as warranted shall be initiated against the

Duo apprehended with 90 Kgs of Poppy Straw in Pahalgam Anantnag

Identifying the duo as Aijaz Ahmad Bhat, son of Mohammad Jabbar Bhat and Ubaid Gulzar Lone, son of Gulzar Ahmad Lone, both residents of Takiyabal Bijbehara, the official further said that a case vide FIR number 8/24 under section 8/15 NDPS has been registered in Police Station Pahalgam for further proceedings.

India's exports may reach \$450 billion this fiscal: New FIEO President

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agemcies): The country's merchandise exports are expected to reach USD 450 billion by the end of this fiscal despite geopolitical challenges like the Red Sea crisis, newly elected president of apex exporters body FIEO Ashwani Kumar said on Tuesday.

He said that the need of the hour is to address the Red Sea crisis challenges by ensuring the availability of marine insurance and rational increase in freight charges.

The exporting sector, particularly, MSMEs, needs easy and low-cost credit, and marketing support to further boost the country's exports, Kumar said, adding early conclusion of free trade agreements such as with the UK and Oman will also help



push the outbound shipments.

"I will focus on addressing issues of MSMEs as they are going to play. They will play a key role in achieving the USD 1 trillion goods export target by 2030. They are the back-

bone of the economy and they are facing certain issues pertaining to credit. I would urge banks to come forward in extending support to these units," Kumar said.

Further, the FIEO (Federation of Indian Export

Organisations) president said that the organisation is also working on exploring more opportunities for exporters in regions like Latin America and Africa.

"Though there are challenges, I am sure that we will touch USD 450 billion

exports this fiscal," he added.

He also said that despite issues, exports rose about 12 per cent in February to USD 41.40 billion. During April-February 2023-24, exports reached USD 395 billion

"This was an impressive increase despite the Red Sea crisis, tight monetary stance by the developed world and falling commodity prices. This reflects the resilience of the exporting community, who have continuously been braving such odds since the Russia-Ukraine war," he

The main drivers of merchandise export growth in February include engineering goods, electronic goods, organic and inorganic chemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals, and

petroleum products.

Tata Sons plans to offload 0.65% stake in TCS for nearly Rs 9,400

MUMBAI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Tata Sons plans to offload 0.65% stake in TCS for nearly Rs 9,400 croreThe 2.34 crore shares represent 0.65 per cent equity of TCS. At a market capitalisation of Rs 14.99 lakh crore, TCS is India's second most-valued listed company

after Reliance Industries. Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata group, is planning to sell 2.34 crore shares of tech major Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) at a floor price Rs 4,001 per share through block deals to raise up to \$1.129 billion (around Rs 9,362 crore), according to the term sheet for the sale.

The reported price is a discount of 3.46 per cent to Monday's closing price of Rs 4,144.75 on the BSE.

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Rs 14.99 lakh crore, TCS is India's second most-valued listed company after Reliance Industries.

As of December 2023, promoters held a 72.41 per cent share in TCS, of which Tata Sons held 72.38 per cent stake, while the rest is held by another Tata company. Citigroup and JPMorgan are the joint bookrunners of the proposed share

BAT plc of the UK sold part of its stake worth Rs 16,775 crore (around \$ 2.027 billion) in ITC Ltd last week. It sold 43.68 crore shares in ITC to institutional investors by way of an accelerated bookbuild process. After the sale, BAT still owns 25.5 per cent stake in

Total revenue of Tata Sons, the unlisted holding company of major Tata group companies, on a standalone basis rose to Rs 35,058 crore in FY 2023 as against Rs 24,132.97 crore in the previous year, a rise of 47 per cent. The company's profit for the year also rose to Rs 22,132.38 crore for the year from Rs 17,171.21 crore a year ago, a growth of 28.89 per cent. The income of Tata Sons is mainly from tech giant TCS which made a profit of Rs 39,106 crore in FY2023

According to India Ratings, Tata Sons has considerable financial flexibility because of the substantial market value of its investments (Rs 11.2 lakh crore as of March 2023), which is 51 times of the total borrowings (FYE23: Rs 22,200 crore) on the standalone balance sheet. The cash flows from investee companies, including TCS, by way of dividend and share buyback (from time to time) are largely sufficient for investments in group

companies, it said.

Who is Hui Ka Yan? Once China's richest man, Evergrande founder accused of \$78bn fraud



NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Chinese regulators have banned Hui Ka Yan, the founder of property giant China Evergrande Group from the securities market over fraudulent activities, inflation of data and failure to make timely disclosures

closures. Hui, who is also the chairperson of the company, was fined \$6.53 million over financial fraud. Evergrande was fined \$580 million.

The China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) made the decision after Hui allegedly directed his staff to "falsely inflate" Evergrande's mainland

business Hengda Real Estate's annual results in 2019 and 2020. The corporates bonds issued by Evergrande in 2020 and 2021 are also suspected to be involved in fraudulent acitivities.

The hefty fine comes amid Beijing's efforts to regulate the capital market to ensure stability in the country's economic sector. Evergrande's debt has resulted in a real estate crisis in China, lasting several years.

Following this in January, a Hong Kong court had issued an order to liquidate Evergrande. Liquidators are looking into restructuring strategies, including selling the company's assets in order to pay the debts.

Fish consumption rises 81%, production twofold in India during 2005-2021 period

NEW DELHI, Mar 19: (Agencies) India's annual per capita fish consumption increased to 8.89 kg in 2021 from 4.9 kg in 2005, indicating changes in dietary mix driven by higher income and rising prosperity, according to a study. Among fish-eating populations, per capita annual fish consumption increased from 7.43 kg to 12.33 kg, an increase of 4.9 kg (66 per cent).

The study was conducted by WorldFish, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in association with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and other government bodies. The timeframe for this study was 2005-2006 to 2019-2021.

During the 2005-2021 period, the country's fish production jumped over twofold to 14.164 million tonnes, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 5.63 per cent. Out of the total fish output, the domestic consumption of fish accounted for 82.36 per cent in 2005-2006, 86.2

The rest was used for non-food purposes and exports. The study noted that there was a rapid rise in the quantity of imported fish and fishery products for consumption within the country. These increased 543 per cent over the timeframe, with a CAGR of 12.84 per cent, from about 14,000 tonnes in 20052006 to 76,000 tonnes in

per cent in 2015-2016 and 83.65 per cent in 2019-2020.

TCS shares plunge up to 3.3% after Tata Sons minority stake sale

MUMBAI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Shares of Tata Consultancy Services tanked over 3 per cent as Tata Sons is set to offload a minority stake in the IT giant.

TCS promoter Tata Sons, which held 72.38 per cent shares in the IT major as of December 2023, is planning to sell up to 2.3 crore shares, representing 0.64 per cent stake in the company through block deals.

The offer price for the block deal was Rs 4,001 per share. Going by this figure, the total transaction value of the deal goes up to more than Rs 9,202 crore.

TCS share price, which opened down-



side, touched Rs 4015 per share plunging to up to 3.3 per cent at 10.05 am on the National Stock Exchange. On Monday evening, TCS shares closed at 4,219.25, dropping 1.78 per cent lower. TCS has a market cap

of around Rs 15 lakh

largest company in the country after Mukesh Ambani-owned Reliance Industries Ltd. Tata Sons, which owns 29 publicly-listed Tata Group entities, has a market valuation of Rs

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Repetitive incidence of short amplitude food price pressures deters fall in inflation towards 4% target: RBI bulletin

MUMBAI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Even as inflation is easing, the repetitive incidence of short amplitude food price pressures deters a swifter fall in headline inflation towards the target of 4 per cent, an article published in the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) monthly bulletin said.

The monetary policy needs to guide inflation to the 4 per cent target while ensuring that the momentum of growth is sustained, it said.

As per an in-house model, the GDP growth is likely to remain robust at 7.4 per cent during FY25, the article said. This estimate is higher than the RBI's projection of the real GDP growth for 2024-25 at 7 per cent.

"Inflation is on the ebb; the steady decline in core inflation would have taken down headline inflation towards the target of 4 per cent even sooner and faster, but for the repetiamplitude food price pressures," the 'State of the Economy' article published in the RBI's March bulletin said. The article has been prepared by RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra and other central bank officials. The RBI said the views published in the article are of the authors and not of the

tive incidence of short

According to the article, consumer price-based (CPI) inflation is projected to average 4.4 per cent during 2024-25, lower than 5.4 per cent projected for 2023-24 with most of the decline occurring in H1 of 2024-25.

institution.

In February, the CPI or retail inflation stayed flat at 5.09 per cent against 5.1 per cent recorded for the month of January.

The article said that the CPI readings for January and February 2024 show that the winter easing of vegetable prices turned out to be shallow and short-lived.

short-lived. Cereal prices maintained strong momentum, and prices of meat and fish have registered a surge.

Food price pressures on the headline have been capped by core disinflation to among its lowest prints in the series. The softening of core inflation has been broad-based. Fuel prices remain in deflation and this may get pronounced in March due to the reduction in the price of liquified petroleum gas (LPG).

Overall, headline inflation's momentum turned positive in February 2024, offsetting a favourable base effect.

"Accordingly, monetary policy has to remain in a risk minimisation mode, guiding inflation towards the target while sustaining the momentum of growth," the article said.

It further said the world is confronted with large shifts in structure and sentiments, which are either underway or impending. The outlook is shrouded with layers

of uncertainty, exacerbated by geopolitical and extreme weather risks as well as fragmenting forces

"By contrast, the Indian economy is experiencing a conducive macroeconomic configuration that can be its launching pad for a step-up in its growth trajectory," the article said.

Over the period 2021-24, growth has averaged above 8 per cent; and the underlying fundamentals indicate that this can be sustained and even built upon.

During Q3 FY2024, real GDP growth accelerated to 8.4 per cent from 8.1 per cent in the preceding quarter and 4.3 per cent in Q3 FY2023.

"Looking ahead to the next year, projections from the in-house Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium (DSGE) model suggest that the GDP growth is likely to remain robust at 7.4 per cent during 2024-25," the article said.

Oil slips as Russia lifts supplies, jet fuel demand stirs caution

NEW DELHI, Mar 9 (Agemcoes): Oil prices dipped on Tuesday due in part to the prospect of rising supply from Russia, slower-than-expected downstream demand in sectors such as jet fuel, and cautious trading ahead of the Fed's decision on U.S. interest rates.

The Brent crude oil futures contract for May delivery slipped 15 cents to \$86.74 a barrel as at 0433 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) prices fell 14 cents to \$82.02. The WTI April contract, with expires tomorrow, fell 15 cents to \$82.57.

Both benchmarks reached four-month highs in the previous session, buoyed by lower crude exports from Saudi Arabia and Iraq and signs of stronger demand and economic growth in China and the U.S.

Regarding Russia, supply concern stemming from increased exports following Ukrainian



attacks on the country's oil infrastructure continued to pressure prices downward.

"Attacks will likely

reduce Russian crude runs by up to 300 kbd (thousand barrels per day), in addition to scheduled maintenance closures... Lower primary runs, however, would lead to higher crude oil exports, helping Russia to simultaneously achieve output cuts while keeping exports flat," JP Morgan analysts wrote in a client note.

Russia will increase oil exports through its western ports in March by almost 200,000 barrels per day (bpd) against a monthly plan for 2.15 million bpd, while on a daily basis, shipments will increase by 10% compared to its initial plan for March, Reuters calculations showed.

Prices were weighed down by uncertainty about how U.S. interest rates would pan out ahead of the Federal Reserve meeting on March 20 at 1800 GMT.

"The market may be in consolidation mode awaiting signals on rate cuts from this week's FOMC meeting," said DBS Bank energy sector team lead Suvro Sarkar in an email.

"Oil prices are already up quite a bit over the last two weeks, factoring in higher geopolitical risk premium after the attacks on Russian refineries ... There could be some profit-taking at these levels as we doubt price movements above US\$85/bbl will be sustainable in near term for Brent."

On the demand side, analysts were slightly cautious on demand growth coming from the jet fuel sector ahead of the summer travelling season in the third quarter of the year.

Global jet fuel prices are likely to be "higher by 5.4% over our previous forecast to USD111/bbl as soft demand is expected to give way to peak summer travel and stronger prices", BMI analysts wrote in a client note.

"However, a global economic slowdown will temper consumption of air travel and weigh on jet fuel prices limiting price upside," they added.

B2B AI applications better for revenue generation, B2C may take time: Shailesh Saraph of Tata Technologies

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): AI, artificial intelligence, generative artificial intelligence, AI newsShailesh Saraph, EVP & Global Head,

ER&D at Tata Technologies As regulators around the world scramble to figure out a regulatory approach towards the fast changing world of generative artificial intel ligence (AI), companies are refraining from using the technology in safety critical applications, and only reserving it for customer service use cases, Shailesh Saraph, Executive Vice President and Global Head for Engineering Research & Development. Tata Technologies said. In an interview with Soumyarendra Barik, Saraph also spoke about India's hardware and talent challenges for Al, and the revenue models for companies in the space. Edited excerpts: How does Tata Technologies

interplay with the other group

companies?

Al technology is definitely one of the six pillars that the group chairman has mandated for all the companies. Tata Technologies is very closely associated with working inside the group with different companies... If you take Tata Motors, that's where we created our first framework for Al. We ran a lot of deep learning algorithms for product engineering, from testing and validation to product creation. We are working on a lot of genAl applications that allow Tata Motors to leverage the front end journey while working in the backend with a lot of co-pilots and deep learning servers.

But does generative AI offer something substantive compared to the technology most cars have today?

If you take it in the Indian context, you could have a driver who may not speak English whereas someone else does. Voice interaction with the car has been around for a very long period of time, but that is mostly codified in terms of the commands that you can give and receive. It does not lend itself to natural language processing. That's where we see a large amount of applications coming in, where with a large language model you can use local languages.

model you can use local languages. For example, if the car has a fault and is going to break down at some point, the generative AI application working in the background can prompt the driver to do a lot of things ahead of time – like direct them to the nearest service station, or even guide them on what they should be doing like driving slower, or changing gears at a particular time to avoid

the break down... The model can also fetch data from the owner's manual on what they can do to address the cause of a breakdown.

We have also done an application where there's a monitoring of the

We have also done an application where there's a monitoring of the battery of an EV. Typically, the battery has a BMS (battery management system) which controls the cooling and the power balancing, but with generative AI, we are also able to predict failure in the pack in a specific module or in a specific cell – and then, there could be self healing applications which can be built, or the model could direct the technician in a particular service station to be able to either replace the battery, or do some connection, which will enable the battery

to work better.

Many regional languages, even though old, have little footprint

on the Internet, making it harder to build a model which is good at generating responses in them. How can the Indian context be made better in generative AI?

Creating large language models from scratch today is a very complicated process. One way to do it is that you take an existing model and fine tune the parameters. So the way we have done it is we have created our own framework. You also do not want to expose customer data to these models. We have built our framework and it is only codified and encrypted data that is passed to the open source model. If you see ChatGPT and Llama, they are fairly good with Hindi, and maybe Kannada. Other regional languages not so much... There is a Bhashini LLM that is being built, so we are exploring that. There

still some way to go for all Indian languages.

Monetisation is an area that con-

sumer end AI companies have not

figured out yet. Do you think business to business (B2B) is a better avenue for revenue at this point? At this moment in time, it's the B2B segment where the monetisation in generative AI is happening for service providers like us to create applications. For the likes of those who provide these open source models, they work with us because like I said, we don't want to expose the customer data to the internet, so they offer an enterprise version of their LLM. So that's the business model that will work in the near term. Monetisation in B2C application is further down the road, and I don't see that happening for the next couple of years.

IPL 2024: Rohit Sharma in usual smashing-mode in Mumbai Indians nets session

MUMBAI, Mar 19 (Agencies): India captain Rohit Sharma was seen hitting it with the bat during his first Mumbai Indians nets session after joining the MI camp on March 18. The upcoming and highly anticipated IPL 2024 will see Rohit in a new role without added responsibility for the first time since Hardik Pandya took over the captaincy of MI ahead of the new season. The 36-year-old joins his franchise on top form, since leading India to their dominant Test series victory against England. MI's official social media handle shared glimpses of their former skipper in his usual aggressive batting form from their net session on Tuesday, March 19. The video has only amped up the excitement amongst the huge fanbase of the record five-time champions,

around their favourite hitman.



The upcoming season will be important for the India skipper due to his new role and the huge load of speculation that comes along with it. Since Hardik Pandya rejoined the side during the IPL 2024 trading window for a humongous fee, MI's decision to announce the all-rounder as the new captain of the side met with criticism from MI fans, which fuelled speculation about Rohit's future involvement in the side's IPL 2024 campaign. Despite repeated emphasis by MI management regarding no change in importance to Rohit's position in the franchise, all eyes will be on Rohit from their first IPL 2024 fixture against the Gujarat Titans on March 24.

Apart from that, Rohit Sharma, along with the entirety of the Indian cricket fanbase, will be rooting for a successful IPL season with the upcoming T20 World Cup in mind. In the tournament, the right-handed batter will lead the national side in their hunt for their first ICC trophy since 2013.

Rohit had a forgettable IPL 2023 season which saw him bag only 332 runs in his 16 appearances for MI. After getting eliminated by GT in last year's Qualifier 2 clash of the tournament, Rohit along with MI will be hoping to bounce back to their usual prowess from the very start of their IPL 2024 campaign.

IOA disbands ad hoc panel, WFI in charge

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has dissolved the ad hoc committee that was constituted to run the sport of wrestling.

In an official communication signed by IOA director George Mathew, the body announced the decision, saying that after the United World Wrestling lifted the ban on the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and the trial process was completed there was no need for the continuation of the ad hoc panel.

After the Sports Ministry suspended the WFI executive in December despite fair elections in which the Sanjay Singh-led executive was elected, the IOA formed the committee, which was headed by Bhupinder Singh Bajwa and included MM Somaya and Manjusha Kanwar, to run the affairs of the sport.

"The decision to dissolve the ad hoc committee comes in the light of lifting of the ban on the Wrestling Federation of India by the United World Wrestling and the successful completion of selection trials by the ad hoc committee appointed by the IOA as per the

directive of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. Consequent upon the aforementioned developments, there is no further need for running the activities of the WFI through an ad hoc committee," the letter said.

"However, as instructed by the UWW, it is imperative that the WFI appoint a safeguarding committee/officer at the earliest to address the concerns of abuse and harassment and to ensure adherence to all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the UWW and other relevant authorities.

Furthermore, the WFI is also directed to conduct the elections of the Athletes Commission in the time bound manner, in accordance with the established procedures and guidelines. This step is essential to promote athlete representation and participation in decision making processes of the WFI," the letter added.

Interestingly, the IOA had told the Delhi High Court that the ad hoc panel was still running the game in the country despite the fact that the UWW had already lifted the ban last month.

IPL 2024: Navjot Singh Sidhu makes his comeback to commentary

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Navjot Singh Sidhu has made his comeback to commentary and will be seen during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024, which gets underway on March 22 with the season opener between Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

Stars Sports dropped a post on their official 'X' account with the caption, "A wise man once said, 'Hope is the biggest 'tope'. And this wise man, the great @ sherryontopp himself, has joined our Incredible StarCast! Don't miss his incredible commentary (and gajab oneliners) in #IPLOnStar -STARTS MAR 22, 6:30 PM onwards, LIVE on Star Sports Network!"

The 60-year-old Sidhu has been amongst the iconic voices in Indian cricket, having plied his trade across the globe. Apart from lending his voice in international



matches, Sidhu also worked for several broadcasters in the IPL.

During his time away from commentary, Sidhu was also involved in a controversy after he was removed The Kapil Sharma Show back in

Navjot Sidhu's journey in commentary

Sidhu embarked on

his commentary career during India's tour of Sri Lanka in 2001. Known for his distinctive and vibrant style, Sidhu quickly became famous for his witty one-liners. His unique blend of humour and cricket insight made him a beloved figure amongst cricket fans and commentators alike.

Sidhu's transition from the cricket field to the commentary box was seamless, thanks to his deep understanding of the game and his ability to engage audiences with his charismatic personality. His contributions to cricket commentary in India have left an indelible mark, making him one of the most memorable voices

in the sport. Sidhu was one of India's most stylish cricketers during his playing days. His career spanned 15 years from 1983 to 1998. In 51 Tests and 136 ODIs. Sidhu scored 3202 and 4413 runs respectively with 15 centuries and 48 half-centuries to his name.

When Neeraj Chopra told Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem how to acquire a new javelin

The Pakistani recently said he is struggling to acquire an international standard javelin for many years and has been 'using one for the past seven to eight years'

NEW DELHI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem and India's Neeraj Chopra are javelin superstars in their own right and a symbol of perfect friendship. They have been known for their bonhomie and camaraderie off the pitch. They may be fierce competitors but have a healthy respect for each other.

Both Arshad Nadeem and Neeraj Chopra are getting ready for the upcoming outdoor season. While Chopra is currently training in Turkey, the 27-year-old Nadeem's preparations have hit a 'snag'.

The Pakistani recently said he is struggling to acquire an international standard javelin for many years and has been "using one for the past seven to eight years."

Chopra, the world and defending Olympic champion, is rather surprised to hear this.

In an exclusive chat with SAI Media recently,



Chopra, who competed with Nadeem in the world athletics championships in Budapest last year, said, "It is hard to believe that he has been struggling to get a new javelin. Given his credentials, this should not be a big issue at all."

Arshad Nadeem, who finished second behind Chopra in Budapest, was recently quoted in the media, saying: "It has now got to a stage

where the javelin is damaged and I have

asked the national federation and my coach to do something about it before the Paris Olym-

"When I started off in 2015, competing in international events I got this javelin ... for an international athlete aiming to win a medal in the Olympic Games, you need proper equipment and training facilities,"

Nadeem added.

Chopra, whose entire training and international tours are funded by the Indian sports ministry's Target Olympic Podium Scheme, feels that Nadeem is the pride of Pakistan and must be supported.

With a 90.18m throw, Arshad Nadeem created a new javelin throw record at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham to finish on top of the podium. It ended Pakistan's 60-year wait for a CWG gold medal.

"It can't be that he (Arshad) doesn't have the means to buy a javelin. He is a champion and must be doing some brand endorsements. I reckon he has earned a bit of money too. But having said that, his government can look at Arshad's needs and support him just like how my government is doing so," said Chopra.

"Additionally, Arshad is a top javelin thrower and I believe that the javelin makers will be more than happy to sponsor him and provide what he wants. This is a piece of advice from my side," the CWG medalist added.

If all goes well, the javelin competition at the upcoming Paris Olympics could see a strong Asian field. Chopra and Kishore Jena will spearhead India while Nadeem, who finished fifth in the Tokyo Olympics, will hope to replicate another 90 metreplus throw in Paris and pose a serious threat to a sport usually dominated by Europeans.

In December 2022, the Pakistani had a serious elbow operation in the

Last year, Nadeem had a niggling knee operation done and skipped the Hangzhou Asian Games where Chopra won the gold. The outdoor javelin season starts with the Doha leg of the Diamond League in May.

Sai Kishore looks to carry forward Ranji success into IPL season

CHENNAI, Mar 19 (Agencies): Gujarat Titans, who were the runners-up in the last edition of the Indian Premier League, are gearing up for the new season under their new captain Shubman Gill. Gill will be leading this edition as the change was necessitated due to the trade of Hardik Pandya to Mumbai Indians. Nevertheless, Gujarat are a strong unit and are still one the teams that can challenge some of the revamped sides like Chennai Super Kings, Mumbai and Sunrisers Hyderabad.

R Sai Kishore, who led Tamil Nadu to the semifinals of the Ranji Trophy, is in red hot form having taken more than 50 wickets in the Indian marquee domestic tournament. IPL team combination dynamics is such that Sai Kishore could get to play a bigger role for Gujarat this time around. The simple reason being that the four foreign player rule would enable the likes of Kane Williamson, Rashid Khan, David Miller and Spencer Johnson to walk into the playing XI. A place for an Indian spinner is in the offing. Yes, some may argue the case of Noor Ahmad, but the fact that Sai Kishore is also a good batter could favour the Chennai-based player. "We are having a good time at the camp. All of us are working in a relaxed manner and at the same time focusing on our job," Sai

Kishore told this daily. Gill will be slightly under pressure as people are bound to compare him with Pandya. However, Sai Kishore backs the composed nature of Gill to come in handy. "Gill works in a relaxed manner and knows his job well. He is friendly with all the players and interacts well with them. He understands each and every player's ability and knows how to use them," insisted the Tamil Nadu captain. "Hardik led well last season for us. This year he moved to Mumbai. In professional sport. one needs to adapt and move on. We have got in our team a few players who have been captains before. So there are no worries, plus one needs to understand that in a tournament of this size (IPL) both International and Indian players need to mix and play. It is a team sport and as a team we will give our best," he added. Personally, Sai Kishore has been

in the best form of his life as one saw him bowl his heart out in the Ranji Trophy. "I have been working hard for the last three months. I had a fairly good Ranji season. I am also keen to do well in the IPL and most importantly, I always look to improve and be a better cricketer whatever be the format.' said Sai Kishore. "From red ball to white ball, it is comparatively easy. Having played Ranji Trophy, I am in sync with the game and it will be easy to move to white-ball cricket. Comparatively white to red-ball is tough at times. I am bowling well,

the ball is coming out nicely at the moment," he insisted.

The lanky Tamil Nadu spinner is once again looking forward to bowling with Rashid. The Afghan all-rounder with his unique style and variations has captured the imagination of fans world over. "He (Rashid) is a very different type of bowler. His spirit and body language is something we need to learn. He is a fearless character and I'm also fearless, so I am looking forward to an opportunity to bowl with him," observed Sai Kishore. The likes of Williamson, Miller, Gill, B Sai Sudharsan, Abhinav Manohar, Shahrukh Khan, Vijay Shankar and Rahul Tewatia have it in them to win a match of their own. Williamson's presence will add calmness at the top of the order. "Sai Sudharsan gave a good account of himself last season in the IPL. This time too we expect him to do well. He is a talented and hard working boy. I am sure he has it in him to do well this season too,' he added. Ashish Nehra, coach of the Gujarat team has played a big role in putting the new entrant into the league on track. His passion and hard work has borne fruit for the team. "Nehra is a very nice human being. He is very honest and never speaks behind your back. This honesty motivates the players to take his observations, suggestions and incorporate it into their game and play to their optimum level," signed off Sai Kishore.

Australia postpone T20I series vs Afghanistan due to concern over women's rights

SYDNEY, Mar 19 (Agencies): Cricket Australia said on Tuesday that the scheduled men's T20I series between Australia and Afghanistan in August will be postponed deteriorating human rights for women and girls in the country under Taliban rule in the Asian country. This is the third time in the last three years Australia have refused to play bilateral cricket against Afghanistan men's cricket team.

Afghanistan and Australia met in the ODI World Cup in India last year. Afghanistan players, including their T20I captain Rashid Khan, has a Big Bash League (BBL) contract. Quite a few of the superstar cricketers from the Asian nation feature in the T20 tournament, hosted by Cricket Aus-

However, Australia cancelled a one-off Test match against Afghanistan which was scheduled to be held in November 2021. Last



year, Australia pulled out of a 3-match ODI series which was set to be hosted by Afghanistan and played in the UAE.

Cricket Australia's

decision comes after they took a strong stand against restrictions on women's participation in sport by the Taliban in Afghanistan since they took control of the country in 2021. CA said on Tuesday that the decision to postpone the bilateral series came after consultation with the Australian government. Afghanistan are the only full member of the International Cricket Council without a wom-

en's team at the senior

level.

Cricket Australia said that the assessment from the Australian government is "that conditions for women and girls in Afghanistan are getting worse".

"For this reason, we have maintained our previous position and will postpone the bilateral series against Afghanistan," a statement from the board read.

"CA continues its strong commitment to supporting participation by women and girls in cricket around the world and will continue to actively engage the International Cricket Council and work closely with the Afghanistan Cricket Board to determine what actions could be taken to support the resumption of bilateral matches in the future." he added.

Notably, in 2023, Afghanistan's star spinner Rashid Khan hit out at Cricket Australia's decision to pull out from the ODI series, threatening to withdraw from the Big Bash League.

"I am really disappointed to hear that Australia have pulled out of the series to play us in March. I take great pride in representing my country and we have made great progress on the world stage. This decision from CA sets us back in that journey. If playing vs Afghanistan is so uncomfortable for Australia, then I wouldn't want to make anyone uncomfortable with my presence in the BBL. Therefore, I will be strongly considering my future in that competition," Rashid had said.

Afghanistan recently hosted Ireland in a Test, 3 ODIs and as many T20Is in the UAE.

Kashmiri Prof at Arni Univ bags Kaveri's 'Mahila Shakti Vandan Samman' for empowering students

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Hailing from the Anantnag District of Kashmir, Ms. Mehr Un Nisa had never imagined that her routine teaching and work as an Assistant Professor at Arni University in Himachal Pradesh would one day bring her national honour. The joy of receiving an Award, given by a prominent Social Welfare Organisation Kaveri, reached its tipping point when she was accompanied to the ceremony by her student who has now become an entrepreneur. Mehr Un Nisa, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology, Arni School of Allied Health Sciences, Arni University bagged Kaveri's 'Mahila Shakti Vandan Samman,' and become a source of great inspiration to young women of not only her state Kashmir but the entire nation. Apart from the academic excellence she worked relentlessly to help students and staff during the heavy flood in Himachal Pradesh that had affected the campus badly. She stood up as a wall against all odds.



The ceremony held in New Delhi witnessed a moment of pride as Mehr Un Nisa, accompanied by her entrepreneurial student, Ms. Areeba Fatima, received a standing ovation. Areeba, who once studied under Mehr Un Nisa's guidance at Arni School of Allied Health Sciences, Arni University, has since established her own Parlour and Boutique - Emaan Parlor and Emaan Collection, a testament to the mentorship and empowerment fostered within the insti-

Expressing her jubi-

lation, Mehr Un Nisa remarked, "This award serves as a profound encouragement not only for me but for my students as well. I owe this honor to Arni University, which provides an enriching environment for academic and professional growth." She credited the Chancellor of Arni University, Vivek Singh, for his visionary leadership, which integrates higher education with entrepreneurship development, thereby nurturing a culture of innovation and excellence

"Areeba's journey

and social organizations, the university endeavors to create a robust higher education landscape that fosters social change. Congratulating Mehr

Un Nisa on her remarkable achievement, Vivek Singh, Chancellor of Arni University, said, "This Award is a moment of pride for Arni University. Nisha's contributions. reflected through the endeavors of Areeba and other students, resonate with our vision of 'Skill Comprehensive Higher Education.' Our holistic educational ecosystem aims not only to enhance employability but also to instill entrepreneurial spirit among our students, empowering them to make enduring contributions to society." Moreover the university has also introduced initiatives under which books and other study materials are given free to the needed students.

Mehr Un Nisa's recognition epitomizes the transformative impact of education in shaping empowered, entrepreneurial leaders, transcending boundaries, and inspiring generations to come.

BJP Govt playing politics of obstinacy in J&K: Rajesh Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) claimed that people of J&K are not happy with BJP anti-people actions and policies in J&K.

Rajesh Gupta General Secretary and Media head J&K UT claimed that the people of Jammu and Kashmir were fed up with the "blush and failures" of the BJP Govt and are suffering on all counts. He alleged that the BJP had gained power after "betrayal of the mandate" and its experiments cost too much to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who lost their identity as a state besides all safeguards to their land and jobs. "The people will not spare BJP for its total failure and arbitrary and undemocratic decisions besides imposing heavy taxes, price hike and economic crisis.

The claims of the BJP of forming next government in Delhi and J&K aimed at misleading the public about the party's popularity," Gupta remarked. He said the BSP would not allow murder of democracy by the BJP which was desperate to register victory, be it by hook or crook. BSP leader claimed that all sections of society were suffering under BJP rule as promises made to them have turned out to be hollow. Launching attack on BJP Government, Rajesh Gupta alleged that the BJP government has left no stone unturned to destroy democratic institutions. . BJP has become mute spectator on the issue of discrimination with Jammu. Gupta said that the only achievement of BJP is to create division and hatred in society.

"The honour of Jammu people has been compromised and downgraded by the



leaders of BJP," he maintained adding that BJP has befooled PoJK refugees and sanctioned only a meager amount of Rs. 5.5 lakh per family against Rs. 30 lakh per family recommended by the then State Government.

He said that the general publics including traders, businessmen, farmers, unemployed, families of the martyrs, border residents besides daily wagers, casual workers, contractual lecturers, etc. were bearing the brunt of discrimination in all spheres. He alleged that the present BJP government is directionless due to absence of any common point in their respective agenda. BJP government has given rise to a situation of uncertainty, chaos and confusion Gupta alleged. He said the J&K was passing through the "worst ever misrule. There is total policy paralysis due to divergent vested political interests in J&K", he claimed.

BVP Shivalik Branch organises transformative Health talk

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Bharat Vikas Parishad Shivalik Branch proudly organised a transformative health talk: "Holistic Approach Towards Health and Wellbeing" in collaboration with Panch Mandir Trust at Panch to Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu to promote comprehensive wellness and inspire individuals to embrace holistic approach towards health

This enlightening event aimed to empower attendees with valuable insights and practical strategies to enhance their physical, mental, and emotional health.

Renowned expert in the field Dr. Gaurav Vaid, Consultant Physiotherapist, Chiropractor and Osteopath, shared his expertise, guiding participants on a journey towards optimal wellbe-



ing. It is a matter of pride that Dr. Gaurav Vaid had recently participated and presented papers in International Conference on this subject.

Dr. Vaid in his address covered diverse range of topics, including, understanding the interconnectedness of mind, body, and spirit, integrating nutrition, exercise, and mindfulness for holistic wellness,

harnessing the power of alternative therapies and natural remedies, cultivating resilience and managing stress effectively, fostering healthy relationships and com-

munity connections.

Audience from different walks of life was engaged in interactive discussions, and actionable tips to incorporate holistic practices into their daily lives. Wheth-

er seeking to improve vitality, reduce stress, or achieve a greater sense of balance, this event offered something for everyone committed to holistic wellbeing.

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that lies within our stu-

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motivates me to continue

nurturing and extracting

the best from our aspir-

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"We believe that true health encompasses more than just the absence of illness — it involves nurturing every aspect of our being," said B.B. Sharma, Chief Guest of the event.

H.C. Vaid, President Shivalik Branch said that our goal is to inspire individuals to embrace a holistic approach to health, empowering them to thrive and live life to the fullest.

Bharat Vikas Parishad is dedicated to promoting health and wellbeing through education, advocacy, and community engagement. We believe in empowering individuals to take charge of their health journey and thrive in all aspects of life, he further added.

Ashok Khajuria, Secretary, Shivalik Branch conducted the whole program and welcomed all the dignitaries.

T.R. Soi, Patron BVP, Ashok Gupta, Vice President, Prant, Rakesh Sharma, Treasurer, Shivalik Branch and many more office bearers, members and general public graced the occasion.

Black Auto Union holds protest



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 19: Jammu Kashmir Black Auto Union, drivers, owner registered strong protest against the wrong policies of the govt at Panjtirthi Jammu, due to which 50 years black auto industry is at the verge of starvation.

Sunil Dimple, Chairman of Jammu Kashmir Black Auto Union led high level delegation met Faisal Qureshi SSP Trafic Jammu & submitted a memorandum to the J&K govt & LG Manoj Sinha.

The high level delegation discussed the problems faced by the 50 years old J&K black Auto industry.

Dimple also discussed the rising traffic problems with ssp jamu in jammu city. Demanded construction of exclusive four way circular, ring road from Ambphala Manda to High Court.

Faisel Qureshi gave patient hearing and assured early redressal of the demands and problems and matters will be taken up with j&k gov, transport commissioner and RTO jammu.

Memorandum submitted to SSP Traffic Jammu by Jammu Kashmir Black Auto Union, by Sunil Dimple Chairman, Sanjay

Sethi president.
In the memorandum

Sunil Dimple demands RTO, SSP traffic to hold nakas in Jammu city to check that E-rickshaws travel in their zones allotted.

The prominent leaders are Sanjay Sethi, Sanjeev, Haneef Choudhary, Ajiet Singh, Amar Jeet Singh, Pawan Kumar, Chaman Lal i, o Vikram Singh, Ranjeet Singh, Ramesh Kumar, Madan Lal, Rameshwar Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Sunil, Baldev Raj, Naresh Bali, Rakesh Bali, Rajesh, Deepak, Bito Goswami, Sanjay Kumar, Ram Kumar and others.

CCI expresses serious over eviction process against permanently registered Industrial Units

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JAMMU, Mar 19: Arun Gupta, President CCI expressed serious concern and strong resentment over the move of the J&K UT Government (Industries and Commerce Department) to initiate the eviction process against the permanently registered Industrial Units for the leased out premises by SIDCO and SICOP who are operating since last about five decades but were forced to suspend their production and close their units due to various reasons including withdrawal of market support as well as purchase preference and timely disbursement of already declared incentives mainly turnover



incentive and also due to Covid, when all the activities were disturbed.

Arun Gupta said that the existing Industry is really under stress because of market dynamics and also change in new product range. The existing Industry under substantial expansion by way of change in line of activity or additional line of activity is barred from all the incentives as it does

not fall under the central incentive package or the J&K UT package.

He said that instead of providing healing touch to the existing ailing Industry the government is bent upon to snatch the land from the sick / closed units who mostly fall under Micro and Small Sector.

Arun Gupta also said that the government should come forward

for the rescue of existing ailing industry by restoring the incentives of market support, purchase preference and also provide in time the already declared incentives mainly turnover incentives, the problem of Industry becoming sick shall be solved. Arun Gupta further said that before initiating the eviction process the government should have taken all the stakeholders into confidence to resolve the issue.Arun Gupta demanded the immediate withdrawal of the said notice/order and also pleaded that the government must constitute a high powered committee to formulate the revival / rehabilitation policy for such units.

Sainik Samaj Party reiterates demand for functional of Jammu Doordarshan channel

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JAMMU, Mar 19: Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party, JK UT reiterated its demand for a separate Jammu Doordarshan, HD 24x7 channel for promotion of art and culture of Jammu region at the earliest.

Kashmir doordarshan has been functional for more than 4 decades, whereas Jammu Doordarshan, owing to discriminational policies of Kashmir centric politics of state governments, duly supported by successive union governments, have denied justice to people of Jammu region, he said.

Crores of rupees have been spent for construction of infrastructure, quarters for staff and state of art studio with latest cameras, but no functionality combined with poor maintenance and bare essential employees, he said adding that there are reports that equipment worth lakh of rupees has been



shifted from Jammu Doordarshan to Shimla Doordarshan.

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"For promoting our art and culture and project our talent to other parts of the country as well as in international media platform, setting up of a Jammu door darshan is mandatory to promote not only dongri language but Pahari, Gujari and Punjabi language also. To effectively counter the Pakistan's

propoganda in POK Doordarshan Jammu will play a vital role,as most of the people in POK and Gilgit/Baltistan do not understand kashmiri language but at much ease, when it comes to understanding of pahari and Punjabi languages," he said.

Pathania appreciated and complimented various groups of art and culture fraternity for hitting the roads and vigorously demanding the justice, denied to them for more than 77 years. He urged the people of Jammu to come out and support the just demand of seprate jammu doordarshan and maintain the momentum. Pathania also urged honourable Lt Governor and union government to consider the demand of nationalist people of Jammu region and make Jammu Doordarshan functional at priority, as very little amount is required to make a HD 24x7 channel functional, as desired infrastructure is already in place.

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