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BRIEFLY

Jammu-Srinagar National Highway blocked due to mud sliding and shooting stones

JAMMU, Mar 31 (Agencies): Authorities on Sunday stopped traffic movement on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway after mudslides and shooting stones occurred at several places in Banihal. A Traffic Official said the vehicular movement on the highway has been suspended temporarily while as restoration work is in progress.

"Jammu-Srinagar NHW is blocked at Kishtwari Pather in Sher Bibi area due to shooting stones. The restoration work is in progress. People are advised to avoid any journey on NH-44 till the road is cleared," the official said. He said the highway is also closed at Mehar, Cafeteria Mord, and Gangroo areas due to mudslides and shooting stones after heavy rains lashed Banihal Ramban sector.

"To avoid congestion on the highway the traffic movement was stopped at Qazigund and Udhampur sides," he added.

Rains lash J&K, Snowfall at Gulmarg: MeT

SRINAGAR, Mar 31 (Agencies): Plains of Jammu and Kashmir received rainfall for the 3rd day, while upper reaches, including the ski resort of Gulmarg, experienced fresh snowfall plummeting the temperatures during the past 24 hours.

Some upper reaches, including the ski resort of Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, received a fresh snowfall of 2.5cm during the past 24 hours. Mountainous passes of Zabarwan, Mahadev, and Har-mukh in the vicinity of Srinagar also received fresh light snowfall.

Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Sunday predicted intermittent light rain or snow at a few places during the next 24 hours.

Jammu and Kashmir plains, including

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President Murmu confers Bharat Ratna on L K Advani

NEW DELHI, Mar 31 (Agencies): President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday conferred Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honour, on Bharatiya Janata Party stalwart and former deputy Prime Minister L K Advani at his residence here.

The ceremony was attended by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and the family members of Advani, the Rashtrapati



Bhavan said in a post on X.

President Murmu presented the Bharat Ratna to Advani at his residence, it said.

Advani, a doyen of Indian politics, has served the nation with unwavering dedication and distinction for over seven decades,

the Rashtrapati Bhavan said.

Born in Karachi in 1927, he migrated to India in 1947 against the backdrop of partition.

With his vision of cultural nationalism, he toiled hard for decades, across the length and breadth of the country, and brought about a transformation in the socio-political landscape, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said.

"When the Emergency put India's democracy at risk, the indefatigable

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South will help reach Modi target of 370; BJP has highest TRP in Country: Gadkari

NAGPUR, Mar 31 (Agencies): Avowing abiding confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's goal of 370 seats, BJP leader Nitin Gadkari says the additional seats to its current strength of 288 will come from gains in southern India in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

In a wide ranging interview with PTI at his residence in Nagpur, Gadkari said there is "no doubt" in his mind that the BJP-led NDA alliance will cross 400 seats and that Modi will take



over as prime minister for a third term because of the solid work done by the Government in the last 10 years.

He dismissed allegations that the Modi Government is "weap-

onising" central probe agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate and CBI to weaken the opposition, saying BJP's rivals should make efforts to overcome adversity by winning the confidence of the people.

"Is it our responsibility to make the opposition weak or strong? When we had just two MPs and were weak, we never got any package out of sympathy," Gadkari, who is seeking a third Lok Sabha term from

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"Will not leave INDIA Bloc till last breath...": Dr Farooq Abdullah at Ramlila Maidan

SRINAGAR, Mar 31 (Agencies): Speaking at the mammoth gathering of political leaders and activists in Ramlila Maidan New Delhi, former Chief Minister Jammu & Kashmir Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Sunday emphasized that he will not leave INDIA bloc till his last breath.

Abdullah reiterated that there is a need to make INDIA bloc stronger for the larger interest of Constitution of the country.

"Today our aim is to save Constitution of the country. You see there is an assault on our Constitution. Even Chief Justice of India (CJI)



is getting threats. This is our situation today where we are stuck into," Dr. Farooq Abdullah said.

Without naming BJP, the former J&K Chief Minister said that today people are being made ready to fight to each other. "People are fighting to each other. Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Chris-

tians and other faiths of people are fighting each other. We have to wake up and raise our voice against this deadly situation. We have to realize the sensitivity of the situation and vote against those who made us to reach to this dreaded situation," Dr. Farooq said.

Pertinently the 'Loktantra Bachao' (Save Democracy) rally is being held at Ramlila Maidan and is being seen as a show of strength and unity by the INDIA bloc ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

The rally is being attended by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, senior party

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Police arrest 3 drug peddlers in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, Mar 31 (Agencies): Police have arrested three drug peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession in Jammu Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Police said on Sunday that at a checkpoint established at Khanpora Baramulla, intercepted two persons identified as Azad Ahmad Bhat, a resident of Naidkhai, and Aqib Ahmad Gojree of Bagh-e-Islam.

"During search, 140 grams of contraband Charas-like substances were recovered from their possession. The

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RSS-BJP like poison, oppn must fight Lok Sabha Polls unitedly: Kharge



NEW DELHI, Mar 31 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday described the RSS-BJP combine as "poison" that has "destroyed" the country, and called on all opposition parties to unite to defeat the ruling party in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

This election is to save democracy, the country

and the Constitution, he said at 'Loktantra Bachao' rally of the opposition INDIA bloc at the Ramlila Maidan here.

The rally seeks to highlight the "threat to democracy" after the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren.

The wives of both Kejri-

wal and Soren were also present at the rally and addressed it.

"We need to unite and only then will we be able to fight the BJP. We won't succeed if we keep attacking and fighting each other," Kharge said.

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One killed, three injured after car fell into deep gorge in Udhampur

JAMMU, Mar 31 (Agencies): One person was killed and three were injured after a car skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in the Chenani area of Udhampur district on Sunday, a senior official said.

According to Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Chenani Gurdev Kumar, the driver of Bolero Car lost control over the vehicle near Madha on Chenani-Madha Link Road and fell into the deep gorge. Police, with the help of locals, evacuated the injured from the ill-fated vehicle and shifted them to the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Chenani for treatment.

Unfortunately, one injured person was declared dead by the

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TENTH DAY/KRIYA/ RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Kamla Khajuria**, W/o Sh. Sarwa Nand Khajuria R/o 8-A/23, New Rehari, Jammu on 22nd March, 2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 31st March, 2024 (Sunday) at our residence at 11 A.M.

KRIYA will be performed on 1st April, 2024 (Monday) at our residence at 12:30 P.M.

RASAM PAGRI / UTHALA will be performed on 3rd April, 2024 (Wednesday), at 4:30 P.M. at Gurudwara Shri Kalgidhar, Rehari Chungi, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Sarwa Nand Khajuria - **Husband**
Smt. Neelam & Sh. J.P. Sharma - **Daughter & Son-in-law**
Smt. Neeraj & Sh. Virender Khajuria - **Daughter-in-law & Son**
Smt. Neena & Sh. Dharmender Khajuria - **Daughter-in-law & Son**
Pryati, Nitish, Mrinalini, Dhananjay, Archi & Aiara - **Grand Children**



Late Smt. Kamla Khajuria

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved father i.e. **Bal Krishan S/o Shambhu Nath R/o Pohar Teh Mattan Distt Anantnag A/P Qrt No. 26 Block B Nagrota Camp Jammu.**

The **10th Day Kriya** will be performed at Muthi Ghat and assembly will be at our residence i.e. Block B/26 i.e. Community Hall Nagrota on 1st April 2024 Day Monday at 8 A.M.

Grief Stricken

Smt. Sweety Pandit - **Wife**
Vipal Pandit - **Son**
Priyanka Pandit - **Daughter**
Smt. Daizy and Daya Krishen (Brother and Bhabhi)
Sanjay Kumar and Lalita Pandit (do)
Smt. Shanti Jee and Shubhan Lal (Sister and Brother in law)
Smt. Lalita Jee and P.L. Amberdar -do- 9419215460
Smt. Basanti and Jai Krishen Pandit -do- 9796742464



Bal Krishan

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, it is hereby informed that our beloved **Sh. Hirdey Nath Kaw (Bairraaj)** originally from Khana-Kah-Sokta- Safa Kadal A/P S-31A/31, DLF Ph-3, Gurgaon attained Nirvana on the evening of Saturday March 23rd 2024.

The **Tenth Day** shall be performed at Gauri Shankar New Palam Vihar-Gurgaon at 8:00 on Monday, April 1st 2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Prabha Devi Kaw - **Wife**
Smt. Savitri and V.P. Kaw - **Bhabhi and Brother**
Smt. Veena & Er. Upender Kaw - **Daughter-in-law & Son**
Smt. Richa and Ravinder Kaw - **Daughter-in-law & Son**
Smt. Kadambari and Bhupinder Mia - **Daughter & Son-in-law**
Grand Children and Great Grand Children
Relatives & Friends
RSVP: 8860096416/9810804748/ 7011893700



Sh. Hirdey Nath Kaw (Bairraaj)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With Profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Sh. Kuldeep Kumar Khar S/o Lt. Mohan Lal Khar of NADIMARG Dist. Shopian Kashmir** at present H.No. 6, Lane No 6 Gurha Keran Barnai Bantalab Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 3rd April 2024 at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education Jammu at 9:00 AM.

Grief Stricken

Smt. Rekha Khar (Wife)
Smt. Lalita Khar & Jawahar Lal Khar (Aunty & Uncle)
Smt. Neetu & Anil K Khar (Bhabhi & Brother)
Mob. 9906777898, 9796536777



Sh. Kuldeep Kumar Khar

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform you that our beloved **Sh Vijay Kaul** son of Shri Motilal Kaul (Chaman's) resident of Rainawari, Srinagar left for heavenly abode on 28th March 2024, at Lal Kuan, Uttarakhand. An avid professional, he has been discharging his duties as CEO of Century Paper and Pulp, at Lal Kuan, Uttarakhand.

Cremation will be held on Wednesday 3rd, April 2024, at Vadodara at 4 PM
May the noble soul stay in eternal peace.

IN GRIEF

Pravina Kaul (Wife) - 9833077359
Shilpa and Gautam Kaul (Daughter-in-law and Son)
Shilpa and Siddharth Kaul (Daughter-in-law and Son) - 9833192285
Rajdulari and H.L.Kaul (Aunty and Uncle)
Sunita and Virender Kaul (Bhabhi and Brother) - 9419181918
Vanshika Kaul (Daughter)
Simran and Hrihaan Kaul (Grandchildren)
Purnima and Roop Kaul (Sister and Brother-in-law)
Mrs and Mr Pratap Kaul (Nephew)
Samast Parivar's of Chaman's, Kaul's, Shishoo's, Sinha's & Waza's



SH VIJAY KAUL

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Sukhdev Singh Sambyal** (Retd. Superintending Engineer, PDD) S/o Late Sh. Sardar Singh on 25.03.2024.

10th Day shall be held on 02.04.2024 at our residence B-51, SBI Colony, Opp UCO Bank Talab Tillo, Jammu, J&K.

Grief Stricken

Smt. Ultra Sambyal - **Wife**
Brother and Sister-in-Law
Smt. Swarna and Late Sh. Jai Pal Singh Sambyal
Smt. Bhubneshwar and Brig. (Retd) S S Sambyal
Smt. Manju and Sh. Shreshth Singh Sambyal
Smt. Kiran and Sh. Swarna Singh Sambyal
Sister and Brother in Law
Smt. Binla and Late Sh. Jarnail Singh
Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law
Smt. Shoba Jamwal and Sh. Rajinder Singh Jamwal
Daughter and Son-in-Law
Dr. Neetu and Gp. Captain J. Singh
Smt. Bharti Sambyal (Director Finance) and Sh. Raman Gupta (Director Finance)
Dr. Priyanka Sambyal and Er. Sumit Kotwal (AEE)
Grand Children: Aditya, Paras, Chhavi, Anya and Abhinay
Contact Number 9419115953



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10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of **Smt Premo Pandita (Kamla Pandita)** W/o Lt Jia Lal Pandita originally resident of Kaloosa Bandipora. Presently R/o H No. 51, Lane No. 5 Amit Nagar opposite Church Muthi.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on Wednesday 03 April 2024 at Muthi Ghat at 9 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Rainu Pandita (Daughter)
PANDITA AND BHAT FAMILY
Mobile No. 6005225376



Smt Premo Pandita (Kamla Pandita)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM ABOUT SAD AND UTMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **KARAMYOGI SH. ROSHAN LAL KAR S/O SHUDAR RAM** ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF GUND GUSHI KUPWARA KASHMIR A/P LANE 12, BLOCK 62, FLAT 20 JAGTI TOWNSHIP NAGROTA JAMMU.

10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 2ND APRIL 2024 AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR D.S.E JAMMU AT 8.30 A.M AND THEREAFTER ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT MUTHI GHAT.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

SMT. VEENA DEVI (WIFE)
SANDEEP KAR (SON) 7006271918
SMT. ANJU & SH. RAHUL AMBARDAR (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW) 9797020363
SMT. KISHNI & SH. J.L KAR (BHABI & BROTHER) 9419785227
SMT. NANCY BHAT W/O LT. SH.K.L BHAT (SISTER) 7006207745
SMT. JAYA & SH. B.L KAR (BHABI & BROTHER) 7006892910
SMT. BINDA & SH. DWARIKA NATH (BHABI & BROTHER) 9149698744
SMT. RAJNI & SH. RAJ NATH BHAT (SISTER) 9469219703
SMT. NEERU & SUNEEL KAR (NEPHEW & DAUGHTER IN LAW) 9662591997
SMT. SHIVANI & AMIT PANDITA (NEPHEW & DAUGHTER IN LAW) 9797524403
SAMAST "KAR, BHAT, PANDITA, AMBARDAR, KHAJURIA, PARIHAR" PARIVAR.



KARAMYOGI SH. ROSHAN LAL KAR

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Omkar Nath Bhat S/o Late Sh. Samsar Chand Bhat (Malla)** R/o Hawal Pulwama Kashmir on 23rd of March 2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 1st of April 2024 (Monday) at village Hawal Pulwama Kashmir.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughter in Laws and Sons
Smt. Purima Bhat/Sh. Ashok Kumar Bhat 7889333199
Smt. Deepa Bhat/Sh. Maharaj Krishan Bhat 9596258617
Daughter
Smt. Vijay Kumari
Grand Children
Abhilash Bhat, Ajay Bhat, Oshin Bhat, Aryan Bhat, Arjun Bhat, Aadesh Bhat, Krishna Bhat.



Sh. Omkar Nath Bhat

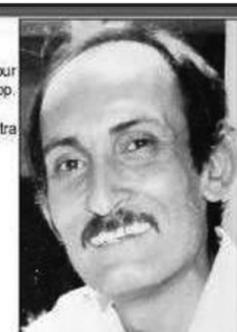
UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Jeevan Paba S/o Lt. Sh. Amar Nath Paba R/o Opp. Forest office, Udhampur** on 29-03-2024.

Uthala will be performed at Mahajan Hall, Sita Mata Mandir Gai, Chabutra Bazar, Udhampur on 01-04-2024 (Monday) from 4pm to 5 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN-

Smt. Rekha Paba (Wife)
Vanah Paba & Ansh Paba (Sons)
Smt. Kunti Paba (Chachi Ji)
Brother & Bhabhi
Lt. Sh. Prakash & Sandhya Paba
Deepak Paba & Rama Paba
Anil Paba & Vandana Paba
Sanjay Paba & Pooja Paba
Sister & Brother-in-Law
Smt. Ritu & Sh. Roshan Gupta
Smt. Prabhaj Pappi & Lt. Sh. R.B. Suri (KAS)
Smt. Anu & Sh. Kamal Gupta
Capital Store , Sabzi Mandi , Udhampur
Amar Santosh Museum , Udhampur
ABHYAAS Classes , Udhampur
Contact No:- 9419161019, 9419192771, 7006579523



Sh. Jeevan Paba

TENTH DAY/13TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Bhagwana Devi W/o Lt Shri Ram Lal Kotwal R/o Village Bhalra, Baderwah.**

Tenth Day will be held on 31/03/24 and **13th Day** on 3/04/24.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons and Daughter in laws
Baldev Raj & Udesha Kotwal
Balwant Raj & Pritima Kotwal
Daleep & Nirja Kotwal
Satish & Asha Kotwal
Rishi & Anita Kotwal
Daughters & Son in laws
Kanta Devi & Sh. Surinder Kotwal
Usha Devi & Sh. Mahesh Kotwal
Mob- 9419132452



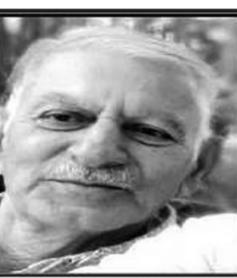
Smt Bhagwana Devi

10TH DAY, KRIYA, UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER **SH. JAGDISH RAJ PADHA R/O H.NO. 42 SECTOR 3, ROOP NAGAR JAMMU.**

THE **10TH DAY** WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE H.NO.42 SECTOR 3, ROOP NAGAR JAMMU ON 3RD APRIL 2024 WEDNESDAY AT 11:00 A.M.

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE ON 4TH OF APRIL 2024 THURSDAY AND **UTHALA** WILL BE PERFORMED ON 5TH OF APRIL 2024 AT 4 PM IN AAP SHAMBU TEMPLE ROOP NAGAR JAMMU
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW
MR. DEEPAK SHARMA & MRS. MEENAKSHI SHARMA
MR. ANKIT SHARMA & MRS. REENA SHARMA
MR. AMIT SHARMA & MRS. SHILPA SHARMA
NARAYAN SAROOP - **BROTHER**
M.N.O. 9149440482, 9858599066



SH. JAGDISH RAJ PADHA

CHOUBARSI

Four years have passed since you left for heavenly abode leaving all of us in tears. We miss you every day.

ChoubarSI of our beloved **Sh C.R. Goswami** will be performed on 1st of April 2024 (Monday) at 12 pm at our residence H.No.291-A Shastri Nagar, Jammu.

Deeply Remembered By:

Smt Ratna Goswami - **Wife**
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Rajesh Goswami & Smt. Sonia Goswami
Sh. Deepak Goswami & Smt. Nisha Goswami
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Anuradha Sharma
Smt. Sunita Dubey & Sh. Vishal Dubey
Grand Children: Arushi, Archita, Lakshya, Kanav, Aditi, Anshul, Nivedita, Anuj, Krishna, Rujula



Sh C.R. Goswami

TENTH DAY

Those we love do not go away they walk beside us every day, your presence is missed, your memory treasured.

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Jia Kumari Raina** W/o Sh. Baskar Nath Raina of Zangalpora Kulgam, Kashmir at present H.No.19, Lane-5/A, Adarsh Nagar Bantlab Jammu on 25-03-2024 (Monday).

Tenth Day will be performed on 03-04-2024 (Wednesday) at 9 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education Office.

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY:-

Sh. Baskar Nath Raina - **Husband**
Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Deep Raina & Smt. Deepali
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Sushma Bhat & Sh. Rahul Bhat
Sh. Makhan Lal & Smt. Sweety Raina - **Devar & Devrani**
Smt. Binia Ji & Raj Nath Foleidar - **Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law**
Smt. Toshi Ji & Sh. Churni Lal Raina - **Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law**
Krishna, Sindu, Harsh & Pahi
M.No: 9149706261, 9419383203, 7889400846, 9717352198



SMT. JIA KUMARI RAINA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Rahul Pandita S/o Lt. Smt. Mahalaxmi and Lt. Sh. Chaman Lal Pandita** originally R/o Waterkhan, Kupwara presently residing at Jagti Colony (L.No. 11, Block 59, Flat 22) on 25th March, 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 3rd of April, 2024 (Wednesday) at 9 AM at Tawi Ghat near Sainik School Nagrota.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Sunita Pandita - **Wife**
Master Harshit and Himanshu Pandita - **Sons**
Smt. Padi & Sh. Vinod J. Raha - **Sister & Brother-in-law**
Smt. Sunita & Sh. Ashok Pandita - **Brother & Sister-in-law**
Smt. Phoola Ji W/o Lt. Brijnath Pandita - **Aunty & Uncle**
Smt. Toosha Ji W/o Lt. Roshan Lal Pandita - **Aunty & Uncle**
Contact No: 7006334646, 9419100792, 9419828519



Sh. Rahul Pandita

TENTH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Madan Lal Kohli** (Retired. A.E. PHE) S/o Late Sh. Shanku Ram R/o 190-A, Shant Nagar, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 29th March 2024.

Tenth Day will be performed at our residence at 11:00 am on 01-04-2024 (Monday).

Uthala will be performed at Han Mandir, Rehari, Jammu from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on 01-04-2024 (Monday).

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Sudarshan Kohli - **Wife**
Son & Daughter-in-law
Er. Anil Kohli (AEE, PWD) and Dr. Kavita Kohli (Dental Surgeon)
Daughter & Son-in-law
Ms. Anjali Kohli
Smt. Alka Khanna W/o Lt. Er. Rajender Khanna
Smt. Sankita Verma & Sh. Rajender Verma (Austalia)
Dr. Rishi Kohli (Lecturer) & Sh. Sarajeev Verma (Asstt. Professor)
Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law
Smt. Ashi Khanna & Sh. Nalin Gupta (Classic Electric Appliances, Gangotri)
Grand Children:
Muskan Kohli, Tanvi Kohli, Mahak Verma, Mahesh Verma, Aadarsh Khanna, Agam Verma, Anya Verma
Kohli & Anrol Family
Mob. No: 9469793404, 9469647752
Ms. A.K. Trades, Bantlab, Jammu



Sh. Madan Lal Kohli (Retired. A.E. PHE)

10TH & 13TH DAY

"With pain and sorrow would like to inform that the **10th and 13th Day** of my Mother **Mrs Lalita Jamwal, Retd Headmistress** W/o Late Sh. S S Jamwal (Retd Distt. Employment Officer), at their Residence Tara Nagar, Kathua, will be performed as under:-

10th Day - 29 March....10.30 am
13th Day (Kriya) - 01 April....10.30 am

GRIEF STRICKEN-

Son and Daughter in Law
Vikram Singh Jamwal (Supdt. Of Police) and Rakhi Jamwal
Son in Law & Daughter
Col Sukhvir Singh Mankotia and Neena (Leclt)
Sons-in-Law & Daughters
Sukhvir Singh Pathania and Bandhana (Teacher)
Dr. Manish and Nidhi
Grand Children: Dr. Aashwarya Jamwal,
Er. Digvijay Singh Mankotia, Er. Aditya Vikram Singh Jamwal,
Yuvraj Pathania, Surya Pathania, Hansuja, Shreshth



Mrs Lalita Jamwal (Retd Headmistress)

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Raj Kumari Kotwal (Lado Mam)** W/o Sh. Asha Kumar Kotwal R/o near Dak Bungalow Doda A/P H.No 134A, Ram Vihar near Amba theater old Janipur Jammu who left for heavenly abode on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 11.50 pm.

10TH DAY shall be performed on Monday 1st April 2024 at JDA Park Patoli Morh Old Janipur near Shiv Mandir Jammu at 8am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Asha Kumar Kotwal (Husband)
Smt. Shruvi & Sh. Arjun Singh Kotwal (Daughter in law & Son)
Smt. Poonam & Sh. Vishal Kotwal (Daughter & Son in law)
ALL KOTWAL & PARIHAR FAMILY
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Smt Raj Kumari Kotwal (Lado Mam)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

Our beloved mother, **Smt Shanta Wali (Bengashi)** W/o late Sh. Makhan Lal Wali, of Chanpora Housing Colony Kashmir and presently at H.No 22, Lane 1-A, Near KK Resorts Udaivalia Bohri left for her heavenly abode on 24.03.2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat near the Directorate of School Education Jammu on Tuesday, 02.04.2024 at 9 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN-

(Daughter-in-Law)
Smt. Nimi Ji W/o Late Sh. Raies Kumar
(Son & Daughter-in-law)
Sanjay Wali & Savita (8825034537)
(Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Veena & Sh. AK Koul
(Brothers & Sisters-in-law)
MK Bakshi & Sunita Bakshi
VK Bakshi & Sarita
JK Bakshi & Aro
Smt. Santosh Bhat W/O late Sh. Autar Krishan Bhat (Sister)



SMT SHANTA WALI

Smart City must rectify water coolers and water ATMs: Rajeev Charak

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: Ahead of commencement of Chaitra Navratras, Bahu Fort Development Committee (BFDC) conducted a workshop with volunteers on the preparation.

As per press release, the meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Committee President Rajeev Charak, in which volunteers were sensitized about security frisking, crowd management, good conduct of behavior with pilgrims, using first aid tools etc so that there should not be any inconvenience to the pilgrims.

On the occasion the committee also advised people not to park vehicles on the side and use designated parking lots so that there is no disturbance to the pilgrims.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajeev Charak said that the volunteers of the committee are ready to serve the devotees of Maa Kali Mandir 24 hours a day during Navratras. While talking to the volunteer, he said that we are all sayyamsevaks and are engaged in the service of the mind by our own motivation.

He said that Jammu Smart City should pay attention to the street lights so that everything should be operational before Navratri. He said drain work at press morh should be stopped till Navratras so that the traffic is not blocked and the devotees do not face any inconvenience. He said



that water coolers and water ATMs installed by Smart City and Municipal Corporation should be operational before Navratri starts.

Speaking in the context of cleanliness, he said that the team of Health Officer Jammu will have to see that no drain is blocked; Tap water should not come on the road.

While conducting the meeting, Ishant Mahajan taught the volunteers how to serve and Haradesh Khokhar along with the vote of thanks asked the volunteers to strictly follow the instructions given in the workshop.

Bahu Fort Development Committee Vice President Haradesh Khokhar and Ishant Mahajan, Sunny Kumar, Rampal Sohan, Verma Rahul Kumar, Nitin Kumar Verma, Surendra Kumar, Tanish Mehra, Krish Mehra and other volunteers were present on

this occasion. Volunteers workshop was organized by the committee to prepare for the upcoming Chaitra Navratri in Vava Wali Mata Temple.

Devotees should not park their vehicles on the road. Water coolers and water ATMs should be repaired before the start of Navratri: Rajeev Chadhak.

Jammu, March 31: A workshop was organized by the Bahu Fort Development Committee regarding the preparation of Chaitra Navratri and the formation of the Shrine Board, under the chairmanship of the committee head Rajeev Chadhak ji, in which the Blue-tees were taught the tricks of security service so that the people of Mata Mahakali Baba Wali could be protected. The visiting devotees should not face any kind of inconvenience and the people of Jammu were

requested that when they come to the temple, they should not park their vehicles in the parking lot so that the visiting devotees do not face any disturbance.

Speaking on this occasion, Chairman of Wahu Fort Development Committee, Rajeev Chadhak said that the volunteers of the committee are ready to serve the devotees of Mother Goddess 24 hours a day during Navratri. While talking to the volunteers, he said that we all are volunteers and engage in the service of our hearts with our own inspiration. He said that this time the heat will increase during Navratri, the devotees do not have to go far to drink water, hence the volunteers provide water to the devotees standing in the lines. Will also do the work of feeding.

He said that Jammu Smart City should pay attention to the street lights so that they should

be operational before Navratri. He said that the ongoing development works by Smart City and Municipal Corporation Jammu should be completed before Navratri which will be visible in front of Bagh-e-Wahu and The work has been done in press mode. The work on the drain should be stopped till Navratri so that the traffic is not blocked nor any inconvenience is caused to the devotees.

He said that the water coolers and water ATMs installed by the Smart City and Municipal Corporation should be repaired before the start of Navratri.

Speaking in the context of cleanliness, he said that the team of Health Officer Jammu will have to personally see that no drain is blocked and tap water should not come on the road.

While conducting the meeting, Ishant Mahajan should teach the volunteers the Guru of Service and Haradesh Khokhar along with vote of thanks asked the volunteers to follow the instructions given in the workshop in letter and spirit.

On this occasion, Vice President of Bahu Fort Development Committee Haradesh Khokhar and Ishant Mahajan, Sunny Kumar, Rampal Sohan, Verma Rahul Kumar, Nitin Kumar Verma, Surendra Kumar, Tanish Mehra, Krish Mehra and other volunteers were present.

Manjit Singh pays rich tribute to martyr of Army soldier Vipan Kumar at Ramgarh



Top News Report

RAMGARH, Mar 31: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today paid rich tributes to martyr Indian Army soldier, Vipan Kumar at his native village Radwan in Ramgarh in Vijaypur, District Samba.

A function was organized at the village Radwan to observe the martyrdom of Vipan Kumar who laid down his life while fighting terrorists during Raghunath Temple terror attack in Jammu's famous temple in which the soldier had

gunned down the terrorists in 2002.

During the function, the participants, prominent people, ex-PRIs, and others paid floral tributes at the statue of the martyr, and they remembered.

The Apni Party's Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh was accompanied by District President Legal Cell, Samba, Adv Sahil Bharti.

After paying his tributes to the martyr, the Former Minister said that the people should not leave the families of the martyrs alone because they

give their lives for the country and for defending her borders. Therefore, it becomes the duty of fellow countrymen to remember the martyrs every year and they shall be proud of the soldiers in the defence forces.

He said that the martyrs and their families both play their important role in protecting the borders of the country.

"The passionate patriotic border residents defend borders in J&K and on the other hand, their sons defend Indian borders in other parts of the country. Hence, we are proud of them," he added.

BJP blemished democracy by tacitly abetting authoritarian rule: Sadhotra

Rattan Lal urges party workers to ensure victory of INDI Alliance candidates

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: Stepping up his attack on BJP Government, Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary JKNC and former minister on Sunday alleged that the structures of Indian democracy are under brutal attack and there is a full-scale assault on the institutions of the country. He said that the Saffron party has blemished democracy by toying a line of dictatorial regime, which is painful and bad for the people of the country.

The senior NC leader was addressing a day-long convention organised at Govindpur, Sattari area of Jammu City. The convention was organised by Jitender Singh Lucky, former Vice Chairman Cantonment Board, Jammu, who apprised the NC leadership about the problems and issues being confronted by the general masses.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, in his



address, emphasized the growing disillusionment among the populace with the current administration's inability to fulfill the basic needs and aspirations of the common citizens. He underscored the palpable desire among the public in Jammu and Kashmir for a fresh alternative, viewing the I.N.D.I Alliance as the most promising option on the horizon.

Rattan Lal pointed out that a prevailing sentiment for comprehensive transformation permeates the Union Territory, fueling widespread support for the INDIA bloc.

He predicted a landslide victory for the I.N.D.I. Alliance in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, suggesting that all five seats in the region are poised to fall under its sway. This surge of support reflects a resounding call for change and a renewed faith in the vision and leadership offered by the I.N.D.I. Alliance, he added.

The Provincial President appealed to the party workers to work hard dedicatedly and ensure the victory of Alliance candidates of India Bloc in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls.

Emphasizing on the need to strengthen secularism, Abdul Ghani Malik, Zonal President Reasi Udhampur and former minister said that INDIA bloc will ensure reviving the pluralistic ethos in J&K as the BJP being highly divisive had created deep fissures among the communities just for meager political gains. He said people need to support INDIA bloc alliance for once again restoring the communal brotherhood and bonhomie.

Babu Rampal, Zone President Jammu, Samba and Kathua, said

that the weaker sections have been ignored badly under the incumbent government thus to provide justice to poverty-ridden communities ouster of BJP from power corridors is a must.

Bimla Luthra, Senior NC leader and former MLA said that National Conference has always stood for women rights and will continue to do the same as it is indigenous to the party's norms and ethos. She urged women of the area to support India Bloc candidates wholeheartedly in the upcoming Lok Sabha in Jammu and Kashmir.

Among those who were present include Abdul Ghani Teli, Laxmi Dutta, Chander Mohan Sharma, District President, Tejinder Singh District President Youth, Parvinder Singh Block President, Rakesh Singh Raka, Ankuash Abrol, Dr Vikas Sharma, Harshvardhan Singh, Surjeet Singh Sasan, Somraj Taroch, Gandhi Singh and Aaya Singh.

Wave of change going on in J&K: Darshan Rana



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: The election campaign has been intensified by Bahujan Samaj Party for the elections to be held on Reasi - Lok Sabha Seat. On Sunday, under the chairmanship of Bahujan Samaj Party State President Darshan Rana, Candidate Jagdish Verma and Party leaders reached Tara

Chak, Pandoria, Pasgal, Gandli, Pachel, Chak Jagir and Salaher along with other villages under Bishnah Assembly constituency and informed the people about the policies of Bahujan Samaj Party. Made them aware about this and appealed to them to contribute in making Jagdish Verma, the Bahujan Samaj Party candidate from Jammu State Lok

Sabha seat, successful. During this tour, senior Bahujan Samaj Party leaders Tilak Raj Bhagat, Hari Chand, Madan Lal, Bansi Lal and Satpal Baboria and others were also present with him. Addressing the meetings on this occasion, BSP State President Darshan Rana said that the governments of BJP, Congress, National Conference and PDP in

Jammu and Kashmir have ignored the border people. Every time these political parties promise that the border people will be given five-maria, s plots at safe places, but after winning, these people are not listened to. He said that unemployment is constantly high in the border areas and farmers are not getting the right price for their crops, due to which there is a lot of anger among the people towards the present government. He said that Bahujan Samaj Party always talks about the welfare of the people. He said that whether it is a matter of saving democracy or the rights of the border people, BSP has always put forth its stand strongly

on these important issues. He said that in the Lok Sabha elections to be held from Jammu Reasi Lok Sabha seat on 26th April, voters should contribute in making the Bahujan Samaj Party candidate successful so that the problems of the people can be solved and their views can be put forward in the Parliament. On this occasion, senior BSP leader Tilak Raj Bhagat said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir now want change because all the governments in Jammu and Kashmir till date have not fulfilled the promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. During the meeting other people also expressed their views.

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No: 103 of 2023-24/10116-21-GDated:29.03.2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of Tender document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG complete-on	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contr.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Arrangements for Lok Sabha elections 2024 at Kathua	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	83.07	1500/-	166140/-	01 Month	06.04.2024 on or after 1300 Hrs	A

Position of AAA : - **Accorded**
Technical Sanction : - **Sanctioned**

(i) If the contractor / firms fails to complete the work within the time mentioned in the NIT / Contract, then the allotted contract will automatically have treated as cancelled after forfeiting the performance security of the contractor / firm and work put to fresh tender without serving any notice from this office.

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
2	Date of publish	29-03-2024 at 1500 Hrs
3	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 29-03-2024 at 1600 Hrs to 04-04-2024 up to 1600 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	From 29-03-2024 at 1600 hours to 04-04-2024 up to 1600 Hrs
5	Bid Submission End Date	04-04-2024 up to 1600 hours
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	06-04-2024 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. name of work e-NIT No.&dt: duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua and upload the same i.e. treasury challan Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua. The date of both should be in between publishing and Closing of NIT. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of LI be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua within 07 (Seven) days after the date of receipt of the Letter of Acceptance.
- The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential-Submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The **Financial-bids of responsive bidders** shall be opened online in the **Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua**. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

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EDITORIAL

TEENAGERS
AND DRUGS

The meaning of intoxication is not spoken for any one type of intoxication, it includes all types of intoxication, whether it is drug intoxication, charas, ganja, alcohol or any similar intoxication, all these are forms of intoxication.

Addiction is the biggest enemy of today's young generation, which is making its grip on the youth, don't know how many people have ruined their lives.

In today's time, children start getting into the grip of these drugs from school itself, then gradually their trend towards drugs increases in colleges and then they get so immersed that it becomes difficult to get out of it.

In today's time, the influence of drug addiction is maximum among the youth in India. If we investigate all the schools and colleges in India, then you will get to see the effect of drug addiction in the schools and colleges of big cities.

Nowadays, drug trafficking is also seen in the poor settlements of the cities, where it is supplied on a small scale and the children who live on the footpath are also very addicted to drugs.

But in today's time, the outbreak of drug addiction among the upper class people is on a large scale and NCB is seen taking very strict action on it and for the last few years, raids against drugs have been active in India, in which the names of many big personalities had come

At the time of June 2020, when Sushant Singh Rajput died, there were many raids against drugs in Bollywood and many big names came to the fore, which is known to everyone today and now again in Bollywood, Shahrukh Khan's son Aryan Khan and many big names who have been caught in the context of drugs.

Just imagine how big Bollywood is in India, where everyone dreams and takes inspiration from their favorite people, there is the highest consumption of drugs today and no one can deny this. |

Action is taken against such accused but they are later acquitted and again take the same steps. Many such names which do not come in front of the world, it has become difficult to root out this addiction from our society.

Some time ago, 2 to 3 thousand kg of drugs were recovered at the port of Adani Group, whose value was said to be 20 to 25 thousand crores, but this thing got suppressed after coming there, just imagine if so many drugs would have spread all over the country, then you can imagine. Can't imagine that at this level the society would have taken hold.

This matter has been ignored by our media as if nothing has happened and in other way the media has become so active that it will end all the drugs and the government has also taken any step regarding this or not. I did not give any information which is quite worrying.

How drugs are supplied in our country, where is it from, who does it, till now there is no catch on this side, a lot of drugs are smuggled here from neighboring countries and what level of dominance of drug mafia in India. Yes, you must have understood this. Till date, the government has not taken any concrete step on this, irrespective of whose government it is. You can see that at what level the drug trade is in states like Punjab, Haryana, you can know from your research.

To eliminate drug problem in India, the government should make a strict law in this matter; all the people who are in this trap should be made aware against drugs; anyone who smuggles drugs should be arrested and action should be taken against those who are such chaotic elements in their area.

We should run an awareness campaign against drugs in our cities. Until and unless we do not stand ourselves against the addiction, it becomes very difficult because we have seen for many years that there is no improvement in this matter, it is increasing day by day.

Will Raghav Chadha be arrested next? Kanhaiya loses out once again

By: Anita Katyal

Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's refusal to resign after being taken into custody by the Enforcement Directorate has led to considerable speculation about his reasons for not stepping down. There is a view in the Aam Aadmi Party that Mr Kejriwal is deliberately pushing the Centre to impose President's Rule so he can play the victim card, which happens to be his strong suit. It is also being surmised that Mr Kejriwal is not putting in his papers because he does not have a succession plan in place for the party. As it is, a host of second-rung leaders are positioning themselves for a stint as Delhi chief minister. Had Manish Sisodia not been in jail, he would have been an obvious choice but currently Atishi, Gopal Rai, Saurabh Bhargava and even the Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel are not averse to throwing their hat in the ring. However, none of them have the capacity or the credibility to stand in for Mr Kejriwal. It is little wonder then that Mr Kejriwal's wife, Sunita, is being mentioned as his possible replacement.

A hot media favourite and a permanent fixture on television news channels, Aam Aadmi Party's Rajya Sabha member Raghav Chadha has been miss-

ing from the scene of action. He is away to London ostensibly for an eye surgery. According to the Capital's political grapevine, Mr Chadha is delaying his return to India as there is talk that his name figures on the list of AAP leaders who could be arrested next. He is, therefore, biding his time before coming home. There are others who see a connection between the ongoing conjecture about Mr Chadha's likely arrest and well-known movie star Priyanka Chopra's recent visit to India when she paid obeisance at Ayodhya's Ram Temple. Known to be close to the current ruling dispensation, Priyanka Chopra, it is said, possibly used this opportunity to put in a word for Raghav Chadha who is married to her cousin Parineeti, also an actor.

Well before the Bharatiya Janata Party finalised its list of Lok Sabha candidates for Uttar Pradesh, there had been a buzz in party circles that the mother-son duo — Maneka and Varun Gandhi — would not make the grade. Maneka Gandhi had been out of favour with the leadership for some years now while Varun Gandhi had upset the BJP bosses by publicly criticising the party. It was, therefore, no surprise when Varun Gandhi was not fielded from Pilibhit for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. But it was also surprising that Maneka Gandhi was named the BJP candidate from

Sultanpur. This was clearly a well-considered move. Maneka Gandhi is a popular leader in Sultanpur and benching her could have backfired on the BJP. There was also a possibility that mother and son could rebel against the party if both were denied tickets. But by fielding Maneka and denying Varun a ticket, the BJP has effectively silenced both. Varun Gandhi has little option but to keep a low profile and support his mother's campaign. He broke his silence last week by penning a heartfelt letter to the people of Pilibhit to say his doors would always be open for them and that he would continue to serve them even though he would no longer represent them in the Lok Sabha.

This story has an ironic twist to it. In 2019 when former student leader Kanhaiya Kumar was fielded for the Lok Sabha election from Begusarai constituency in Bihar, he was with the CPI. His candidature led to considerable tension between the Left Party and the Rashtriya Janata Dal which insisted that their candidate would contest this seat. The RJD leadership refused to heed pleas from the other parties of the Mahagathabandhan who wanted the coalition to field a common candidate and went ahead with the nomination of Tanveer Hasan for this seat. As a result, the BJP ended up notching up a handsome victory. However,

RJD leader Lalu Prasad Yadav sprung a surprise this time and has generously offered the seat to the CPI for the coming Lok Sabha election as part of their seat-sharing pact. Kanhaiya Kumar, then with the CPI, has since joined the Congress and had hoped the party would name him for the Begusarai seat this time. Clearly, the young leader has lost out once again.

Politicians shifting loyalties and parties on the eve of the upcoming Lok Sabha election cite a host of reasons for this change. These days, leaders facing the heat from enforcement agencies rush to join the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party because they know their cases will go into cold storage after their move. On record, however, they maintain, they are joining as they are inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership or that their party has lost connection with the people. In most cases, though, leaders leave when they are denied a ticket. But Rajesh Mishra, former Congress MP and senior party leader from Varanasi, is said to have moved to BJP for unusual reasons. Though he has not said so, his aides revealed that Mr Mishra left the Congress as he was nervous he would be given a ticket and would have to fight a losing battle against the Prime Minister.

The Most Important & Popular Science Magazines

By: Vijay GarG

If you have a fascination with science and are intrigued with how the universe works, you should look to find ways to fuel this fascination and expand your scope of scientific knowledge. Now, we know that the internet provides you access to loads of 'scientific information' that you can access from with a simple Google search.

However, we must point out that a lot of this 'scientific information' is made available without scientific research and established experiments to back up these claims. This is why it is essential to only rely on scientific data and research that have been carried out by reputed and trustworthy institutions, individuals and labs.

The best way to keep yourself up to date with the latest scientific happenings from around the world is to tap into a trustworthy source of reliable scientific information. We have put together a list of the top 10 most important and popular scientific magazines that will give you access to the latest discoveries, inventions, experiments and findings.

Who Will Enjoy These Magazines? The magazines featured on our top 10 list have been around for a long time and are widely respected by the global scientific community. Whether you are just curious and wanting to learn more about science or whether you are a scientist in the making, these magazines will provide you with expert information, advice and stats that will take your knowledge of science to a whole new level.

Our top 10 most important and popular science magazines have been ranked in no order of importance. Some of the criteria that we used to make the shortlist include their reputation in the global scientific community, number of years they have been around, their social media following, scope and quality of scientific content and global appeal.

National Geographic The National Geographic TV channel has millions of viewers from around the world who tune in on a daily basis to watch some of the most mesmerizing programs that cover environmental science and the exploration of all that is both old and new.

The popularity of the National Geographic TV channel has certainly helped boost the popularity of the National Geographic magazine and it is one of the reasons why we have it first on our list. The magazine content is not heavy and hence perfect for those just getting into the sciences.

National Geographic concentrates mostly on natural sciences and provides fantastic pictures and information about the world we live in, space, animals and inventions. This magazine is available in both print and digital form and can be read by all ages. The magazine is issued on a monthly basis and has a subscription fee.

If you are looking to get your kids or grand kids interested in science, then a great way to do this is to give them a National Geographic magazine subscription as a gift.

Discover Magazine If you want to get a little heavier with scientific knowledge and facts, the next step is definitely Discover Magazine. This

magazine has been around since the 1980s and focuses on all of the different sciences in order to cover all bases. Different magazine editions are devoted to different scientific topics which range from maths and physics, medicine and health, evolution, life sciences, inventions and space.

Discover Magazine is for all ages and is available in both digital and print form. This magazine in our opinion is most suited for young adults and above as the content is heavy. If you are researching a particular topic or just want to expand your scientific knowledge, you should think about getting a subscription to Discover.

If you are not certain whether to subscribe to Discover, you can check out the Discover website and read some of the free articles that cover physical sciences, natural sciences and environmental sciences. In-depth and well researched articles are also present on the website but they are released every couple of weeks. You can whet your scientific appetite with these articles and then decide if you want to subscribe to Discover.

Popular Science Has to be on the list as this is one of the oldest scientific magazines that is still going strong. Popular Science has been around since 1872 and has evolved quite a bit over the last 148 years. This magazine has a bigger male following than a female following and one of the reasons for that is due to the fact that the magazine focuses a lot on Technology, Gadgets, Cars and DIY items.

While these themes are dominant, Popular Science also goes deeper and focuses on important issues such as data hacking, space, gene-based treatment discoveries for incurable diseases and the latest cutting edge research and experiments. The magazine is available in both print and digital form. We recommend it for both our male and female readers as it provides a wealth of information on a variety of topics.

If our female readers think that this magazine might be too male oriented, we suggest you check out the digital version and read a few articles that interest you as you could end up missing out on some great information due to the stereotyping that Popular Science magazine has experienced in recent years.

Scientific American The name of the magazine lets you know that it focuses on the American market but the Scientific American makes useful reading for anyone who is keen on finding out more about the latest research, inventions, discoveries and experiments in the world of science. This magazine is available in both digital and print form.

We believe that this magazine is suitable for those who are familiar with the sciences and are looking to further their research or study into different fields of science. If you are just starting out, the information and content found here might be a little too heavy. However, the writers do a great job in presenting and breaking down their information and insight to make it easy for the readers to grasp.

If you are wondering whether you should subscribe to the Scientific America, we suggest you check out their online website and spend a little time checking out their blog which is very information. This will give

you an idea into what kinds of scientific topics and content you can expect to find in the magazine.

The Smithsonian It is another Science magazine that has very strong American influences but will capture the attention of anyone who loves science and research. The magazine is built on detailed research on a variety of topics ranging from paintings, literature, history and the sciences.

This magazine is perfect for those individuals who need access to detailed research. If you are a casual reader, you might find this magazine a little too heavy and detailed oriented. However, the 'Most Popular' section in the magazine should be fine for the casual reader and provide them with interesting information that will make them appear super-intelligent at the dinner table.

So if you are looking for a magazine that focuses on the sciences as well as provides detailed research on different topics, The Smithsonian will be perfect for you. You can subscribe online to The Smithsonian.

The Scientist If you are looking to become a scientist, you should definitely think about subscribing to The Scientist Magazine. If you are already a scientist but have never heard about this magazine, then read on to learn why this should be a must read for you.

Life science professionals will enjoy this magazine that stresses on providing accurate, factual and entertaining scientific content. The topics range from molecular biology, stem cell studies, genetics and a range of life science interests. The team at The Scientist are highly qualified and get readers up to date with the latest research methods, scientific discoveries, latest technology and innovative procedures being adopted around the world.

If you would like to get a glimpse of what The Scientist is all about, do check out the online website as there are numerous article posts made throughout the week. The Scientist Magazine Facebook page also provides interesting information and currently has over 2 million followers.

New Scientist Magazine This magazine has its roots in the United Kingdom and has been around since 1956. New Scientist promotes itself as the most popular weekly science and tech magazine in the world. The magazine has a growing fan base in multiple parts of the world including the UK, Australia and the United States. The magazine is available in both online and print mode.

Some of the common topics addressed by this magazine include what it is to be human? Life questions and scientific answers, latest scientific discoveries and the latest scientific news in the industry.

Do check out the online version of the New Scientist as multiple articles are posted on a daily basis that keep you up to date on the most important scientific research and breakthroughs across the globe. The New Scientist Magazine has a thriving Facebook page with over 3.6 million fans and a Twitter following of over 3 million.

Cosmos Magazine It focuses on the Science of Everything and is perfect for those who are just wetting their feet in the vast ocean of the sciences as well as for those hardcore science

nerds. The magazine covers a number of different themes ranging from core sciences, health, nature, earth, space, technology and history.

There is something for everyone at Cosmos Magazine as the writers put out light and heavy content to appeal to their growing list of subscribers. Cosmos Magazine has its roots in Australia and has been around since 2005. You can sign up for the free newsletter or go ahead and subscribe to the magazine.

Cosmos Magazine will give online subscribers the opportunity to go into the archives and dig up old issues that will keep them busy for a long time. The Cosmos Magazine Facebook page currently has over 500,000 followers.

Popular Mechanics This pop-science magazine definitely favours a male audience as it focuses on 'how your world works'. The topics cover a wide range of do-it-yourself topics covering outdoor, technology, electronics and science related topics. The content can be both light and heavy in order to appeal to readers who are not very hands on as well as those who can quickly grasp the DIY model.

The magazine has been around since 1902 and has continued to evolve in order to stay relevant and in demand. The U.S version of the magazine has only 10 editions per year. The magazine is available in both English and Russian. Readers who would like to learn more about the latest gadgets, tools, space and aviation will enjoy this magazine.

Popular Mechanics has won the National Magazine Award in 1986 and 2008. If you would like to know more about Popular Mechanics, check out its website as there are two podcasts that also shed more light on the topics covered by the magazine.

Science News This magazine was established in 1921 and since then has been providing readers around the world with the latest news on science, medicine and technology. The magazine requires a subscription fee as the tagline makes it clear that trustworthy journalism comes at a price.

This magazine is suitable for all readers as the focus of the magazine is to inspire, inform and educate readers about science. The magazine can be accessed in print and digital form. If you would like to check out some of the science news that has been published in recent weeks, check out the online website. You will find breaking news on topics such as space, physics, earth, life and humans.

The magazine is published by the Society for Science & the Public and an annual subscription to the magazine gets you a 12 month free membership into the Society. The annual subscription to Science News gives you access to 22 issues. There is also a free digital newsletter that gets delivered to your inbox providing you headlines and summaries of the latest scientific news.

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Principal district judge, rejects the challan filed by the CBI regarding the multi-crore loan advanced

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: Principal district judge, rejects the challan filed by the CBI regarding the multi-crore loan advanced to famous businessman Raj Kumar Gupta. The case was led by prominent advocate Parveen Kapahi, who has been in the noble profession for more than 30 years. Heard the arguments in the case on charge-discharge as well as on the issue whether Sec. 17-A of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 has got any application to the cases in hand. 2. Briefly stating the aforesaid three charge-sheets have got genesis based upon three FIR's registered with CBI Special Task Branch New Delhi, being 1. Jhelum Industries RC/ DST/2019/A/0003 dated 26.08.2019, 2. Jhelum Infra Project India Pvt. Ltd No. RC/ DST/2019/A/0004 dated 26.08.2019, besides, New Jammu Flour Mills RC/ 059/ 2021/ A/0005 dated 11.06.2021. 3. The aforesaid FIRs had been registered on account of alleged illegal transactions in loan accounts of the accused and diversion of funds by them to other sisters concerns of the accused having loan accounts in the same bank i.e. Bank of India who happened to be the complainant and at whose behest the aforesaid cases had been registered.

The criminal prosecution is based upon all the transaction made in the accounts to demonstrate that there were deflection and diversion of funds besides there was falsification of balance sheets in order to garner high returns leading to the commission of offence under section 420/ 467/468/471/ 120-B of Ranbir Penal Code. 4. The factual background leading to the aforesaid three cases happened to be that accused Raj Kumar Gupta alleged to be promoter of all aforesaid three companies at one point of time was having business accounts with Punjab and Sindh Bank and in the year 2013 because of mutual exchange between him and the representatives of Bank of India (complainant) in respect of M/S Jhelum Industries accused was availing Cash Credit limit of Rs.25 Crore from Punjab and Sindh Bank which account was taken over by the complainant bank with enhanced limits and accordingly the complainant bank sanctioned credit facility of Rs.32.50 crore which was subsequently reviewed. Similarly in respect of M/S Jhelum Infra Project Ltd. cash credit facility/cash credit limit of Rs. 35 crore maximum limit up to 50 crore was also availed by CBI versus Raj Kumar Gupta & Ors. Page no. 4 of 24 its pro-

moter and with regard to M/S New Jammu Floor Mills the company was availing cash credit facility from Punjab and Sindh Bank which was taken over by the complainant and later on enhanced the limits to 14 crores. All the three transactions therefore took place between 2013-14 so in pursuance to the exchange of letters complainant sanctioned loan facility of Cash Credit to the tune of Rs. 91 Crore including bank guarantee of 06 crore subject to compliance of various terms and conditions mentioned in the sanction letter with collateral security of land, buildings of the company. It is relevant to state here that at the time of taking over of loan account from Punjab and Sindh Bank, the complainant had verified the title of the properties to be mortgaged and even the valuation was conducted by the penal value of the complainant bank. It is alleged that the accused companies indulged in large remittance in favour of groups and to the parties with which companies had some private concern. The bank got the account of the companies audited through forensic auditor M/S Satya Prakash Mangal and Co. who gave a report on 06.09.2016 that there had been diversion and siphoning of funds, so much so the companies had

indulged in heavy cash withdrawal of Rs. 5 lac and above and accordingly the bank declared that the loan accounts had become fraudulent. It transpired that the companies had misrepresented their financial position to obtain loan and further dishonestly utilized the funds allocated to the company for causing wrongful loss to bank. Accordingly, the complainant bank through communication dated 09.08.2019 through its Deputy General Manager Bank of India, Amritsar Zone lodged complaint in respect of Jhelum Industries and Jhelum Infrastructure Project. Similarly, with respect to New Jammu Floor Mills, similar allegations were made by the bank on 26.05.2021 therefore on strength of said complaints aforesaid FIRs were registered by CBI Delhi Branch. 5. All the three cases have been investigated, in respect of investigation into the loan account of Jhelum Industries revealed CBI versus Raj Kumar Gupta & Ors. Page no. 5 of 24 that in pursuance to criminal conspiracy by accused Raj Kumar Gupta who happened to be the promoter of Jhelum Industries had approached his auditor Sanjay Gupta CA and obtained audited balance sheet and provisional balance sheet containing false and fictitious/ inflated figures which would facilitate

the promoters in obtaining high credit facilities which data was handed over to Raj Kumar Gupta CA who signed the same at instance of accused Sanjay Gupta. He also happened to be the auditor of the sister concerned of M/S Jhelum Industries. Whereas, accused Ashok Kumar Mahajan did valuation of the plant and machinery of the company though he was not authorized to do so. The Cash Credit facility obtained by the accused in the account of Jhelum Industries was diverted to sister concerned of M/S Infrastructure private limited, M/S New Jammu Flour-Mill Pvt.Ltd. which were made by the accused no. 2 and 3, Radhika Mahajan who happened to be wife of promoter/ director Raj Kumar Gupta and Rajat Mahajan son of the promoter which revealed that the borrower (promoter) and other directors who comprise family had adopted modus operandi of obtaining loan in the name of a particular company with other sister concerns guarantors and further obtaining cash credit facility in the name of the sisters concerns with the present borrowers and directors as it is guarantor. But neither the parent company nor sisters' concerns have repaid the loan amount resultantly all accounts have turned NPA (Non- Performing Assets).

Braham Jyot organises Bhandara at Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: Braham Jyot Satti (Senior leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) inaugurated Bhandara and performed Langer Sewa at canal road, Shakti nagar Jammu. Bhandara was organized by Nathpal Choudhary on the occasion of his Grandson Ridhaan Choudhary's Birthday. Ravi Mehra (Vice President OBC), Kewal Verma (State Secretary OBC), Ashok Salgotra (Dist President OBC), Perveen Badyal (Dist vice president) and choudhary family were present on the occasion. Program started with puja by Dignitaries then they pray for peace and prosperity of Nation. After that they inaugurated Bhandara

for general public and performed Langer Seva, Served Langer among devotees.

Speaking on the occasion Braham Jyot greets Choudhary Family on this occasion and said that organising Bhandaras on birthdays make celebrations to eternal extent and promotes our sanatan culture.

He said People's faith in Sanatan Dharma is increasing and instead of cutting cake people are organizing Kirtan, Bhandaras to celebrate their family functions. They also perform special puja and hawan which holds a very high importance since time immemorial and it literally means devotion, sacrifice, offering and worship and refers to any ritual done in front of sacred fire, often with mantras.

He appreciated organisers and said social work like bhandaras is highly appreciable and Mata Rani will bless all devotees with health, wealth and prosperity.

He appreciated Nathpal Choudhary and his family for this task because these kind of programs vests religious beliefs in public towards sanatan dharma. and he urged to public that we should promote our sanatan culture instead of western culture.

He said providing food to a hungry person is real service of humanity and BJP workers are continuously organizing these kind of tasks across Jammu Kashmir.

He said BJP is always available for needies and providing helping hands to other so we don't leave anyone in hard time.

District Police Kishtwar recovered 3 stolen motorcycles



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Mar 31: District Police Kishtwar successfully recovered three stolen motorcycles, achieved through diligent investigation and swift action. SSP Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom-JKPS, revealed that Police Station Kishtwar received three different applications reporting the theft of motorcycles from different locations. Subsequently, three cases FIR No. 82/2025 U/S 379 IPC, 83/2024 U/S 379 IPC, and 84/2024 U/S 379 IPC were registered, initiating a thorough investigation into the incidents.

In response, three spe-

cial teams were constituted, led by SHO PS Kishtwar, Insp Firdous Ahmed, under the supervision of Dy. SP Hqs Kishtwar, Dr. Ishan Gupta-JKPS. Through meticulous investigative work, use of the CCTV network established in the town and the cooperation of the community, several suspects were located and brought in for questioning, which led to the successful recovery of all three stolen motorcycles. SSP Kishtwar also send a clear message to potential offenders: criminal activities will not be tolerated in Kishtwar. Our Police force is dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of all community

members, and we will not hesitate to take decisive action against those who choose to engage in unlawful behavior. SSP Kishtwar express that the whole town is under CCTV coverage and the activities whatsoever going on are being minutely monitored 24x7 by specialize team constituted at CCTV surveillance unit of Kishtwar Police. He also appeals to General Public to report such incidents happening in their area so that culprits shall be booked under law. Any kind of crime or exigency in their area can also be informed through DIAL 9906154100 (PCR Kishtwar)

Afreen clinches gold in Taekwondo C'ship

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: Afreen Clinches Gold in Taekwondo Champion Series Final, NasikNasik, Maharashtra - March 31, 2024: In a thrilling showcase of skill and determination, Afreen emerged victorious in the highly anticipated Taekwondo Champion of Cham-



pion Series Final held in Nasik, Maharashtra. The event, doubling as the trials for the prestigious Asian Championship 2024, witnessed Afreen's exemplary performance as she claimed the gold medal. Competing against elite athletes from across the nation,

Afreen displayed exceptional prowess, executing flawless techniques and showcasing unparalleled agility throughout the tournament. Her dedication and unwavering focus propelled her to the pinnacle of success, solidifying her status as a formidable force in the realm of Taekwondo. As Afreen basks in the glory of

her achievement, her triumph resonates as a source of inspiration for aspiring athletes nationwide, reaffirming the significance of dedication, discipline, and determination in the pursuit of sporting excellence.

Doda police seizes huge illicit liquor in Gandoh

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Mar 31: Continuing its special drive to tighten the noose of bootleggers, drug peddlers and other criminals, Doda Police has recovered huge quantity of illicit liquor in Dharyouth area of Gandoh. Giving details Doda Police said that based on a specific information regarding manufacturing of illicit liquor, a police team of Police Station Gandoh headed by Inspector Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday assisted by PSI Parvez Ali raided the house of one Balwant Raj s/o Dina Nath R/O Dharyouth and during search, 05 Ltrs of illicit liquor, around 50 Ltrs of Lahan and apparatus was recovered from the



spot. In this connection, case FIR No. 20/2024 under relevant section under excise act has been registered at PS Gandoh and investigation started. Doda Police has launched a special drive against bootleggers, drug smugglers, bovine smug-

glers and has reiterated the appeal to general public to cooperate and assist the police so that drug smuggling, manufacturing/selling of illicit liquor and other crime related activities are rooted out from the society and crime free atmosphere is built up.

Kaith Biradari organises congregation at Pindi Kutoyal

Top News Report

ARNIA, Marc 31: The Kaith Biradari members came in large number at the Dehri of Sankri Devta in Pindi Kutoyal here today and paid obeisance to him to seek his blessings for the welfare of their families. The festivity began with performing of Havan and Puja. All devotees present on the occasion partook parsad from the Langar. Birender

Kaith said, Sankri Devta is very kind and compassionate, believed to be protector of Kaith families. Besides, he fulfills one's wishes.

Prominent among those who participated in the congregation included Hony Captain Girdhari Lal, Hony Captain Kamal Dass, Subedar Bachan Lal (Retd), Naib Subedar Kaku Ram (Retd), Havildar Mast Ram (Retd), Parma Nand, Subash Chander, Daya Ram, Ram Lal, Ramesh Kumar, Surinder Kumar and Vinod Kumar.

Principal VK Babouria ensures smooth conduct of Exams and Results at MHSS Chatroo

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Mar 30: Principal Vinod Kumar Babouria of Model High Secondary School Chatroo (MHSS), serving as the Cluster Head, recently conducted a comprehensive visit to various schools within the Cluster to oversee the ongoing examinations for classes ranging from 3rd to 7th and 9th grades.

During his visit, Principal Vinod Kumar Babouria meticulously inspected the arrangements made for the examinations, ensuring that all necessary provisions

were in place to facilitate a fair and smooth examination process. He provided on-the-spot instructions to the Heads of Institutions (HOIs) and other staff members to conduct the examinations with integrity and fairness, emphasizing the importance of creating an environment where students face no obstacles in their academic endeavors.

Furthermore, Principal Vinod Kumar Babouria directed the HOIs to uphold punctuality among both staff and students, underscoring the significance of maintain-



ing discipline throughout the examination period. He also emphasized the need to commence the evaluation process promptly to ensure that results are declared within the stipulated timeframe.

In his directives, Principal Vinod Kumar Babouria stressed the importance of minimizing any disruption to the academic calendar and directed the implementation of NEP 2020 from the next academic session to support the Government's efforts for the Right to Education (RTE) of every child. He also

advocated for the swift commencement of the new session immediately after the conclusion of the examinations. By doing so, he aims to optimize students' learning experiences and prevent any unnecessary wastage of their time.

Principal Vinod Kumar Babouria's proactive approach and commitment to ensuring the seamless conduct of examinations and timely declaration of results underscore his efforts and dedication to academic excellence and student welfare.

Ali Abbas Zafar praises Salman Khan's exceptional ability with machine gun; says 'no other actor can' fire like him

Ali Abbas Zafar embarked on his directorial journey with the lighthearted entertainer Mere Brother Ki Dulhan. Transitioning into a different genre, he delivered the intense, action-packed film Gunday, showcasing his prowess in handling action sequences and grand scale. His collaboration with superstar Salman Khan in Sultan marked a significant milestone, followed by the blockbuster success of their next venture, Tiger Zinda Hai.

Notably, the climax of Tiger Zinda Hai, featuring Salman firing a giant machine gun, created a frenzy among audiences. This iconic scene inspired filmmakers nationwide, evident in similar sequences in films like Kaithi, Vikram, KGF - Chapter 2, Pathaan, and Bholaa. Even the gun scene in the Ranbir Kapoor starrer Animal echoes the same essence, although the scale is



bigger.

Recently, the director emphasized that when it comes to handling a machine gun on screen, no other actor can quite match Salman Khan's charisma and skill.

During a conversation with news agency, Ali Abbas Zafar was questioned about initiating the trend of machine gun scenes in films and his thoughts on it.

With a charming smile, the filmmaker acknowledged that many have attempted it, but he firmly believes that when Salman Khan executes it, there's a distinctiveness to it.

He elaborated, "There's only one Salman Khan, and there's only one gun scene, in Tiger Zinda Hai. You can give the gun to a lot of actors but the way he fires that gun, nobody can fire.

That's my ode to Mr. Salman!"

Meanwhile, Zafar is presently preparing for his next directorial project, Bade Miyan Chote Miyan. The film boasts a stellar cast, with Tiger Shroff and Akshay Kumar leading the pack. Prithviraj Sukumaran takes on a compelling antagonistic role. Additionally, Sonakshi Sinha, Manushi Chhillar, and Alaya F play pivotal roles, further enriching the ensemble cast.

Salman recently tweeted about the Bade Miyan Chote Miyan trailer and praised the film and Ali Abbas Zafar. Speaking to the aforementioned news portal, Zafar mentioned that the Tiger 3 actor believes in making movies suitable for everyone, especially families. He knows that BMCM will appeal to different age groups, including kids and older folks, and expects it to have moments that will make the audience cheer.

Karan Johar engages in shayari on his 'single status': 'Anniversary se behtar hai...another date'



Bollywood producer and director Karan Johar, who last directed 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani', shared a cryptic message on his social media.

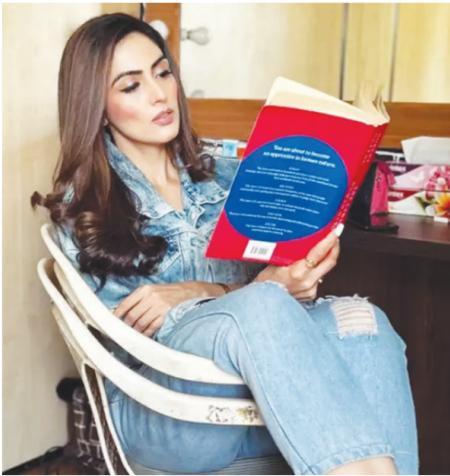
The multi-hyphenate took to the stories section of his Instagram and penned a note hinting at 'single status' and its celebration.

Karan wrote, "Will live life in the absence of a companion. The AC temperature won't change. If one can't find love, it's alright as there will be no compromise on separate bathrooms. The demand for monogamy won't be fulfilled. Life and options you don't get for the second time, it's better to celebrate single status. 'Another date' is always better than an anniversary."

Monika Khanna takes to reading

Monika Khanna, who is part of Zee TV's fiction show Ikk Kudi Punjab Di, isn't an avid reader, but is now taking out time to read some books on the sets to develop it into a habit. In fact, along with English, she chooses Hindi language novels too as she believes it helps improve her dialogue delivery and she stays connected to her roots.

Monika said, "Since I am not an avid reader, I am getting into this habit of reading on a daily basis. I also have this mini-collection of books and I make sure that when I am travelling or when I am alone, or when I just want to be by myself and not do anything, I am reading my favourites. Right now I am reading a book titled 'The Laws of Human Nature' by Robert Greene, which is



a very precious gift that my co-star, a total bookworm, Manoj Chandila, has given to me. I am someone who likes to read books that have a lot of wisdom about life, which talk about humans, feelings, and the spirit world. The first

book I ever read was The Power of Positive Thinking.

She added, "I think books help you nurture yourself. Since I have started reading loudly, I have noticed that my speech has become crystal clear."

Anne Hathaway 'didn't get roles' after Oscar win due to 'online toxic identity'

Hollywood star Anne Hathaway recently opened up about losing out on roles after her Oscar win for Les Miserables. The actor said that she 'didn't get roles' due to her 'online toxic identity' at the time.

Speaking to agency, Anne said that acclaimed director Christopher Nolan 'saved' her career as she was losing out on roles due to the backlash she was facing on the internet. The actor said that when she googled herself, she saw an article titled "Why does everyone hate Anne Hathaway?" "A lot of people wouldn't give me roles because they were so concerned about how toxic my identity had become online. I had an angel in Christopher Nolan, who did not care about that and gave me one of the most beautiful roles I've had in



one of the best films that I've been a part of," the actor said.

Hathaway was referring to her role of NASA scientist Dr Amelia Brand in Nolan's 2014 directorial, Interstellar.

Anne Hathaway had previously worked with Nolan on The Dark Knight Rises, where she shared screen space with Christian Bale for the first time.

"I don't know if he (Nolan) knew that he was backing me at the time, but it had that effect.

And my career did not lose momentum the way it could have if he hadn't backed me," Anne Hathaway concluded.

Anne Hathaway will soon be seen in the romantic drama, The Idea of You, which releases this May.

The film screened at the South by Southwest film festival in March.

Sydney Sweeney reveals she recently paid off her mother's mortgage: 'It was a really big thing to be able to do'

Sydney Sweeney is opening up about paying her mother's mortgage and supporting her family. The actor, who is basking in the success of her latest release Immaculate, recently appeared on WhoWhatWear where she shared that she was able to pay off her mother Lisa Sweeney's mortgage and how it meant a 'really big thing for' her to be able to do so.

During the interview, Sydney shared, "I recently paid off my mom's mortgage. As a kid, I always dreamt of being able to take care of my parents, so that was a really big thing for me to be able to do."

She further added how she tries to keep close to her family and spend time with them as much as possible. It also helps her stay grounded amid all the commotion of press cycles and shoots. "I try to incorporate them into my life as much as possible, whether it's talking with my cousins every other day or going home... It was hard because L.A. is very different from Spokane. The cost of a big city versus a small city is



vastly different and challenging as well."

Sydney shot to attention with her roles in HBO's The White Lotus and Euphoria. She also scored Emmy nominations for both the parts. Amid all the media speculations of when Season 3 of Euphoria will start shooting, Sydney had shared that she cannot wait to go back and play Cassie. Recently the makers also announced that Season 3 is facing delay and the actors were encouraged to pursue more projects in the meantime.

Sydney has had back-to-back releases in the last few months. It started with the romantic comedy Anyone But You co-starring Glen Powell, which grossed more than \$200 million at the box office. She also starred in Madame Web alongside Dakota Johnson which tanked at the box office. Sydney came back with the horror feature Immaculate, in which she stars as a young American nun named Cecilia who is forced to relocate to a remote Church in the Italian countryside. The film released on March 22.

Kriti Sanon explains why she'd like to date desi man: 'I need the partner to at least understand Hindi'

Kriti Sanon has started 2024 on a good note. Her first film this year, Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya, proved to be a hit, and the latest release, Crew, has also taken a good start at the box office. One of the most beautiful Bollywood actresses, Kriti recently opened up about the kind of man she'd like to date.

During a recent interview, Kriti Sanon shared that she'd prefer to date a desi (Indian) man. The Crew actress said she hasn't felt attracted to an absolute white man, except for Ryan Gosling, whom she finds hot. "You can find people hot, but I haven't fallen for someone who is not completely Indian. Never say never, but I would prefer to date a guy who is a little desi," she said.

Further explaining her preference, she said her partner should at least understand Hindi. "That's because I'm too desi. I need the partner to at least understand Hindi. He may choose not to speak the language at all. Mere moolh se Hindi nikalne waali hai (I will end up



speaking Hindi). I can't always talk in English. I can't dance for too long on English songs. I'm gonna play Hindi songs and Punjabi songs."

Kriti Sanon's latest release, Crew, opened to a positive response. The film garnered positive feedback from the public and also took a good opening of Rs 9.5 crore approx. The film took the benefit of the Good Friday holiday, but with good word of mouth, it's also expected to grow further over the weekend. Directed by Rajesh A Krishnan, the film also stars Kareena Kapoor Khan and Tabu as the lead, while Diljit Dosanjh and Kapil Sharma have been seen in special appearances.

After Crew, Kriti Sanon will next be seen in the Netflix film Do Patti alongside Kajol. The teaser for the upcoming Netflix film was released last month, and it promises an edge-of-the-seat thriller packed with some exciting performances. It's the first thriller of Kriti's career and also marks her debut as a producer.

PM Modi slams Congress over 1974 Katchatheevu island handover

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also takes a swipe at the Congress

NEW DELHI, Mar 31 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday cited a media report to assert that new facts reveal that the Congress "calously" gave away Katchatheevu island to Sri Lanka.

'Eye opening and startling! New facts reveal how Congress callously gave away Katchatheevu. This has angered every Indian and reaffirmed in people's minds- we can't ever trust Congress,' he said on X, sharing the report.

Modi added, 'Weakening India's unity, integrity and interests has been Congress' way of working for 75 years and counting.'

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also took a swipe at the Congress, saying these facts should concern every citizen.

He said on X, 'It is important that people know the full truth about our past.' The facts brought out by the article should concern every citizen, he added.



BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi claimed that the decision of the then Congress government at the Centre has led to the capture and imprisonment of Tamil Nadu fishermen by Lankans as they at times wander to the island, which is only 25 km off their state's coast, and are arrested.

The island was with India till 1975, he said. Tamil Nadu fish-

ermen used to go there earlier but the agreement India signed with Lanka under the Indira Gandhi government barred them from doing so, he added.

Unfortunately, neither the DMK nor the Congress is raising the issue but Modi is due to his commitment to the issues pertaining to the country and its people, he said.

The BJP is hopeful that the issue will come handy to its

efforts to gain political traction in the Dravidian territory as it gears up for the Lok Sabha polls, more so as it involves the neighbouring Sri Lanka whose treatment of its Tamilian citizens has long been a charged political issue in the state.

The report is based on a RTI reply Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai received on the decision of the then Indira Gandhi government in 1974 to hand over the territory in Palk Strait to the neighbouring country.

The report also cites first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's comments on the issue, a source of dispute between India and Lanka, that he would have no hesitation in giving up claims on the island.

In a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Trivedi asked as to why he is keeping mum on the issue and that he should tell people that not only his party but his family too is responsible for this.

PM Modi extends easter greetings, calls for unity and peace



NEW DELHI, Mar 31 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended his greetings to the nation on the occasion of Easter, which falls on Sunday. In a social media post, PM Modi conveyed his hopes for the message of renewal and

optimism to resonate across the country on this special day. He further expressed his wish for Easter to inspire unity and peace among people.

The Prime Minister's message comes as Easter is celebrated by Christians world-

wide, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Modi's gesture of extending greetings underscores the significance of interfaith harmony and inclusivity in India.

Easter, one of the most significant festivals in the Christian calendar, is observed with various traditions, including church services, family gatherings, and festive meals. The Prime Minister's acknowledgment of the occasion reflects the multicultural fabric of the nation, where diverse religious festivals are recognized and respected.

Salesman funds lavish lifestyle after stealing Rs 1.05 crore jewellery from Thane shop, held

The accused, who was responsible for overseeing sales at the shop, allegedly stole 70 pieces of jewellery, weighing a total of 1.59 kg

THANE, Mar 31 (Agencies): Police have arrested a 27-year-old salesman for allegedly stealing jewellery valued at Rs 1.05 crore from a shop in Maharashtra's Thane city, an official said on Sunday.

The accused, Rahul Jayantilal Mehta, who maintained a lavish lifestyle funded by his thefts, was nabbed from Mira Road area on March 26 when he came to meet his girlfriend, Naupada police

station's senior inspector Abhay Mahajan said.

The owner of the jewellery shop, located in Talao Pali area, approached the police on March 25 in connection with the theft, following which an FIR was registered against the accused under Indian Penal Code section 408 (criminal breach of trust by clerk or servant).

The accused, who was responsible for overseeing sales at the shop, allegedly stole 70 pieces

of jewellery, weighing a total of 1.59 kg and valued at around Rs 1,05,55,766, between November 2023 and March 2024, the official said.

The accused was absent from work since March 8, 2024, and was reported missing by his wife on March 15.

As per the investigation, he travelled to neighbouring Mumbai, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and other places to evade



being caught, the official said.

The police received a tip that he was planning to come to meet his girlfriend in Mira Road area here on March 26.

Acting on this information, the police kept a watch and caught

the accused when he arrived there, the official said.

Following the man's interrogation, the police came to know that he was maintaining a lavish lifestyle funded by the money accumulated from the thefts, including frequent visits to pubs and five-star hotels, he said.

So far, 900 gm of jewellery costing around Rs 62.10 lakh has been recovered from the accused, the police said.

PM Modi should address key issues at Meerut rally: Congress

NEW DELHI, Mar 31 (Agencies): Accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of remaining silent on key issues such as women's empowerment, MSP for crops and paper leaks, the Congress on Sunday said Modi must come clean on these issues when he would address an election rally in Meerut today.

"The Prime Minister is in Meerut today. To avoid having to come clean on his real intentions, he has maintained a studious silence on these key issues so far. The people of Uttar Pradesh are hoping to finally hear from him on them today", Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh wrote on X.

Ramesh said PM Modi loves talking about women's empowerment and "Nari Shakti" but he has repeatedly failed Indian women, even within his own party.

"Just two weeks ago, the BJP Mahila Morcha's National Vice-President quit the party, citing that female party workers were being "insulted" and "treated harshly". Another female leader, the President of the Mahila Morcha in UP's Moradabad, was physically assaulted by local leaders, and forced to turn to social media to demand justice", Ramesh wrote.

"When India's female wrestlers fought for justice last year, the Modi Government was the



first to betray them in pursuit of its political calculations, Ramesh wrote and asked, "Will Modi finally acknowledge his failures, and take action against the accused?"

While the Modi Government conferred the Bharat Ratna on two champions of India's farmers — Chaudhary Charan Singh and M S Swaminathan, the PM has failed farmers consistently, Ramesh alleged.

"Back in 2014, Modi used to often make promises to implement the Swaminathan Committee Report. Since then, he has put the report in cold storage, and suppressed attempts by India's farmers to protest for their rights and livelihoods. The Congress Party has guaranteed that it will give legal status to MSP, in accordance with the Swaminathan Commission's formula. What is the Prime Minister's stance on the same Swaminathan Commission Report that he used to once tout", Ramesh asked.

The Congress leader alleged that under the Modi regime, at least 43 papers for recruitment to government posts have been leaked over the last few years across the country, hurting at least two crore candidates.

Recently, 60 lakh applicants for the UP Police Exams had their futures disrupted by the cancellation of the exam after the paper was leaked, Ramesh wrote and added, "These are not just numbers - these are the hopes and dreams of India's youth that are hanging in the balance". Ramesh said under "Yuva Nyay Guarantee", the Congress has committed to bringing robust legislation that will design institutions and best practices to prevent paper leaks from occurring.

"What is Modi's vision to address the harm done to our youth? What is the BJP's 'Double Engine' Sarkar doing to rectify its mistakes and ensure that our youth never face such injustice again", Ramesh asked.

4 of family die of asphyxiation after fire at house in Gujarat

DEVBHUMI DWARKA, Mar 31 (Agencies): Four members of a family, including an infant, died of asphyxiation after a fire broke out at their house in Gujarat's Devbhumi Dwarka district on Sunday, police said.

The blaze erupted on the first floor of the house located on Aditya Road in Dwarka city at around 3.

30 am when five members of the family were sleeping, police inspec-

tor TC Patel said.

The family members could not escape as they failed to locate the exit door after the power supply to the house went off following the blaze, he said.

Fire personnel rushed to the spot after being alerted and found a couple, their 8-month-old daughter and the man's mother lying unconscious on the first floor of the house.

They were rushed to a government hospital



where doctors declared them brought dead, the official said.

The man's grandmoth-

er, who was sleeping in a room on the ground floor of the house, escaped unhurt, he

said.

The fire is suspected to have been caused due to a blast in an air conditioner after overheating, officials said.

Forensic experts were engaged to ascertain the exact cause of the fire, they said.

The deceased have been identified as Pawan Upadhyay (39), his wife Tithi (29), daughter Dhyana and mother Bhavaniben (69).

Tyranny won't work, can't keep Delhi CM behind bars for long: Sunita Kejriwal at INDIA bloc rally

She reads out her husband's message from Enforcement Directorate custody

NEW DELHI, Mar 31 (Agencies): Tyranny won't work and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal cannot be kept behind bars for long, said Sunita Kejriwal, reading out her husband's message from Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody at the INDIA bloc's 'Loktantra Bachao' rally here on Sunday.

In her maiden speech at a political rally, Sunita also asked people whether Kejriwal should resign as chief minister.

"The BJP is demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Kejriwal. Should he resign? Is his arrest justified? He is a 'sher' (lion). They won't be able to keep him behind bars for long," she said.

Sunita thanked people for



showing blessings on her husband.

"This tyranny will not work. My husband is getting lots of blessings," she said.

Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21 in a money

laundering case linked to the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy. He is in ED custody till April 1.

Kejriwal's message included six guarantees on behalf of the INDIA bloc—uninterrupted

power supply, free electricity for the poor, government schools, Mohalla clinics and multispecialty hospitals, minimum support price for farmers, and full statehood for Delhi.

"People of Delhi have faced injustice for the last 75 years. Their government was handicapped. We will make Delhi a full state if the INDIA bloc comes to power.

"If you give an opportunity to the INDIA bloc, we will build a great nation," Sunita said while reading out her husband's message.

"Mother India is in pain. She feels pained when people do not get uninterrupted power supply or when someone dies without getting treatment," she added.

8 Dead, 20 Injured In Car Explosion In Syria's Popular Market

BEIRUT, Mar 31 (Agencies): A bomb exploded in a market in a north Syrian city held by pro-Turkish forces early Sunday, killing eight people and wounding more than 20 others, a war monitor said.

At least "eight people were killed and 23 others wounded" when "a car bomb exploded in the middle of a popular market" in Azaz, in Aleppo province, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, adding the toll was provisional.

The Britain-based Observatory, which has a network of sources inside Syria, said



the blast caused "significant damage" and sparked a fire, adding that ambulances and rescue personnel were at the

scene. Syria's war began after the government repressed peaceful protests in 2011 and escalated

into a deadly conflict that pulled in jihadists and foreign armies.

The war has killed more than 507,000 people, displaced millions and battered the country's infrastructure and industry.

Turkey has launched successive military offensives in Syria, most of them targeting Kurdish militants that Ankara links to the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which has waged a decades-long insurgency against the Turkish state.

Turkish troops and their Syrian proxies hold swathes of the border, including several major cities and towns such as Azaz.

Donald Trump sparks outrage with video depicting President Joe Biden tied up in pickup truck



WASHINGTON, Mar 31 (Agencies): Former President Donald Trump sparked controversy by sharing a video featuring an unsettling image showing President Joe Biden tied up in the back of a pickup truck, agency reported.

Trump claimed the footage was captured on Long Island during his attendance at the wake of NYPD Officer Jonathan Diller, tragically killed during a traffic stop that week. The video showcased two trucks adorned with flags and decals expressing support for Trump, with Biden's image prominently displayed on the back of the second truck.

In response to the uproar, Trump's campaign spokesman, Steven Cheung, defended the imagery, stating, "That picture was on the back of a pick-up truck that was travelling down the highway. Democrats and crazed lunatics have not only called for despicable violence against President Trump and his

family, they are actually weaponising the justice system against him."

Biden's campaign spokesman, Michael Tyler, condemned Trump's actions, stating to agency, "This image from Donald Trump is the type of crap you post when you're calling for a 'bloodbath' or when you tell the proud boys to 'stand back and stand by.' Trump is regularly inciting political violence and its time people take him seriously—just ask the Capitol Police officers who were attacked protecting our democracy on January 6."

When asked for comment, the US Secret Service refrained from confirming or commenting on matters of protective intelligence.

This latest video adds to a pattern of Trump employing dark and violent imagery in his campaign messaging, reflecting his propensity for inflammatory rhetoric, which appears to fuel his White House aspirations.

Earlier this month,

Trump issued a stark warning, suggesting that if he were to lose the 2024 election, it would result in a "bloodbath" for the US auto industry and the nation at large. He proposed a "100 per cent tariff" on cars manufactured outside the US, arguing that only his presidency could safeguard domestic auto manufacturing.

Trump's penchant for divisive language is evident in his past remarks. In December, he stirred controversy by suggesting that migrants were "poisoning the blood" of the US, echoing Russian President Vladimir Putin's attacks on Biden as a "threat to democracy."

Furthermore, Trump has expressed admiration for foreign leaders who employ anti-democratic tactics to maintain power. At a campaign event in New Hampshire in November, he referred to his political rivals as "vermin," drawing condemnation for his language, including from Biden, who likened it to "language you heard in Nazi Germany." Trump told the crowd, "We will root out the communists, Marxists, fascists and radical left thugs that live like vermin within the confines of our country," and warned that "the real threat is not from the radical right. The real threat is from the radical left, and it's growing every day."

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif bans red carpets at government events

ISLAMABAD, Mar 31 (Agencies): Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has banned the use of red carpets at government events, reserving them exclusively for diplomatic receptions, as part of austerity measures to cut down unnecessary expenditures in the cash-strapped nation.

Sharif expressed annoyance over the use of red carpets during the visits of federal ministers and senior authorities at government functions.

According to the Cabinet Division, a ban has been imposed on the use of red carpet on the prime minister's directives.

According to a notification issued by the Cabinet division, the prime minister has instructed that the red carpet will not be used for federal ministers and government figures at official events in the future. However, it could be used as a protocol only for foreign diplomats, agency reported.

The decision to ban red carpets is more than just a symbolic gesture. It represents a tangible effort to curb unnecessary expenditures and redirect resources to more critical areas of governance.

By eliminating the use of red carpets, the government aims to save funds and promote a

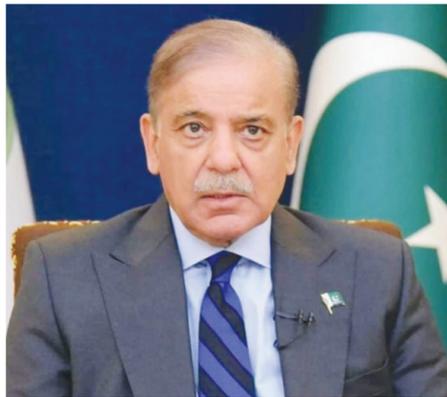
more responsible and prudent approach to public finances.

Last week, Prime Minister Sharif and members of the Cabinet decided to voluntarily forego their salaries and perks as part of the government's efforts to promote austerity.

Last month, the prime minister stated that austerity measures were the government's top priority.

Earlier, President of Pakistan Asif Ali Zardari decided against taking salary and perks, owing to economic challenges being faced by the country.

Sharif earlier this month took oath as the prime minister for a



second time since 2022 amidst staggering economic and security challenges.

Sharif said that his government is planning to approach the International Monetary

Fund for "another programme", days after the country struck a staff-level agreement with the global lender regarding the disbursement of the final tranche of USD 1.1 billion.

Crews carefully start removing first piece of twisted steel from collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge

BALTIMORE, Mar 31 (Agencies): Teams of engineers worked on the intricate process of cutting and lifting the first section of twisted steel from the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge, which crumpled into the Patapsco River this week after a massive cargo ship crashed into one of its supports.

Sparks could be seen flying from a section of bent and crumpled steel in the afternoon, and video released by officials in the evening showed demolition crews using a cutting torch to slice through the thick beams. The joint incident command said in a statement that the work was being done on the top of the collapsed structure.

Crews were carefully measuring and cutting the steel from the broken bridge before attaching straps so it can be lifted onto a barge and floated away, Coast Guard Rear Adm Shannon Gilreath said.

Seven floating cranes - including a massive one capable of lifting 1,000 tons - 10 tugboats, nine barges, eight salvage vessels and five Coast Guard boats were on site in the water south-east of Baltimore.

Each movement affects what happens next and ultimately how long it will take to remove all the debris and reopen the ship channel and the blocked Port of Baltimore, Maryland Gov Wes Moore said.

"I cannot stress

enough how important today and the first movement of this bridge and of the wreckage is. This is going to be a remarkably complicated process," Moore said.

Undeterred by the chilly morning weather, longtime Baltimore resident Randy Lichtenberg and others took cellphone photos or just quietly looked at the broken pieces of the bridge, which including its steel trusses weigh as much as 4,000 tons.

"I wouldn't want to be in that water. It's got to be cold. It's a tough job," Lichtenberg said from a spot on the river called Sparrows Point.

The shock of waking up on Tuesday morning to video of what he called an iconic part of the Baltimore skyline falling into the water has given way to sadness.

"It never hits you that quickly. It's just unbelievable," Lichtenberg said.

What happens next

One of the first goals for crews on the water is to get a smaller auxiliary ship channel open so tugboats and other small barges can move freely. Crews also want to stabilize the site so divers can resume searching for four missing workers who are presumed dead.

Two other workers were rescued from the water in the hours following the bridge collapse, and the bodies of two more were recovered from a pickup truck that fell and was submerged in the river. They had been filling potholes on

the bridge and while police were able to stop vehicle traffic after the ship called in a mayday, they could not get to the construction workers, who were from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

Rebuilding Officials are also trying to figure out how to handle the economic impact of a closed port and the severing of a major highway link. The bridge was completed in 1977 and carried Interstate 695 around south-east Baltimore.

Maryland transportation officials are planning to rebuild the bridge, promising to consider innovative designs or building materials to hopefully shorten a project that could take years.

President Joe Biden's administration has approved \$60 million in immediate aid and promised the federal government will pay the full cost to rebuild.

Ship traffic at the Port of Baltimore remains suspended, but the Maryland Port Administration said trucks were still being processed at marine terminals.

The loss of a road that carried 30,000 vehicles a day and the port disruption will affect not only thousands of dockworkers and commuters, but also US consumers, who are likely to feel the impact of shipping delays. The port handles more cars and more farm equipment than any other US facility.

Donald Trump 'hasn't got the brains' for dictatorship: Ex-adviser John Bolton

WASHINGTON, Mar 31 (Agencies): Former US National Security Adviser (NSA) John Bolton, in a sharp criticism of Donald Trump, said his ex-boss "hasn't got the brains" to become a dictator, while also questioning his professional background, commenting that "he's a property developer, for God's sake".

In September 2019, the former President sacked Bolton after they significantly disagreed on Iran, Afghanistan and a myriad other global challenges. Bolton and Trump frequently clashed on foreign policy issues, with the latter accusing the former NSA of not getting along with others in the administration and being out of step with him on policy.

In an exclusive interview, the 75-year-old Bolton was asked if Trump, the lone remaining contender for the Republican nomination for this year's presidential election, had dictatorial tendencies.

To this, he replied, "He hasn't got the brains! He's a property developer for God's sake."

Bolton's remark came months after Trump, while addressing the New York Young Republican Club's 111th Annual Gala in



December 2023, said he wanted to be a dictator for "one day".

"You know why I wanted to be a dictator? Because I want a wall, and I want to drill, drill, drill," he said in reference to the wall along the southern border with Mexico and drilling in the US.

In the past as well, the former President has praised autocratic leaders, including North Korea's Kim Jong Un, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who he met earlier this month, the Guardian newspaper reported.

During the interview, Bolton was also asked about what would be the consequences for American foreign policy if Trump

returned to the White House after the November election.

He said it would be a mistake to consider Trump a "normal politician".

"Donald Trump doesn't have a political philosophy, he doesn't get involved in policy analysis or decision-making in the way we normally use those terms. For him, everything is episodic, anecdotal, transactional. And everything is contingent on the question of how it would benefit Donald Trump, politically or personally," Bolton said.

"When people talk about his policies, they are talking about something that does not exist. Trump made thousands of decisions during his presidency," he added.

The former NSA also said that if his former boss was re-elected for a second term, it was "very likely" that he would leave Nato.

"Trump, when he has an idea, comes back to it again and again, then gets distracted, forgets, but eventually comes back to it and acts on it. That's why leaving Nato is a real possibility. A lot of people think it's just a negotiating tool, but I don't think so," Bolton was quoted as saying.

When he was in office, Trump was a vocal critic of the military alliance, repeatedly threatening to pull out of it. He cut defence funding to Nato and frequently complained that the US was paying more than its fair share.

In February, he faced widespread criticism after the former President complained about what he called "delinquent" payments by Nato members and recounted what he said was a past conversation with the head of "a big country" about a potential attack by Russia.

"No, I would not protect you. In fact I would encourage them (Russia) to do whatever the hell they want. You gotta pay," Trump said he told the unnamed leader.

Israeli attack kills 400 people in al-Shifa hospital siege

GAZA, Mar 31 (Agencies): Gaza's media office says more than 400 people - patients, war-displaced and healthcare staff - have been killed in Israeli attacks during 13-day siege of al-Shifa Hospital, Al Jazeera reports.

The WHO says about 9,000 patients in Gaza urgently need to be evacuated abroad for life-saving treatment.

Many are suffering from chronic illnesses. An international medi-



cal team has travelled to the north of the strip to rescue a critically ill 12-year-old girl.

Meanwhile, The Associated Press said that a three-ship convoy left a

port in Cyprus on Saturday with 400 tons of food and other supplies for Gaza as concerns about hunger in the territory soar.

The World Central

Kitchen charity said the vessels and a barge carried enough to prepare more than 1 million meals from items like rice, pasta, flour, legumes, canned vegetables and proteins. Also on board were dates, traditionally eaten to break the daily fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

It was not clear when the ships would reach Gaza. The first ship earlier this month delivered 200 tons of food, water

and other aid.

The United Nations and partners have warned that famine could occur in devastated, largely isolated northern Gaza as early as this month. Humanitarian officials say deliveries by sea and air are not enough and that Israel must allow far more aid by road. The top UN court has ordered Israel to open more land crossings and take other measures to address the crisis.

Dimple announces unconditional support for Congress Party candidates Raman Bhalla



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: A political rally and public meeting organized by Mission Statehood, featuring Congress Party MP candidate Raman Bhalla and Sunil Dimple, the president of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir. The rally was attended by around 500 people and featured speeches from Raman Bhalla, Congress Par-

ty's MP candidate from Jammu seat, and Sunil Dimple, the president of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir. Sunil Dimple announced unconditional support for Congress Party candidates Raman Bhalla (Jammu seat) and Choudhary Lal Singh (Kathua Udhampur seat). He emphasized that Congress is a like-minded party and mentioned

past collaborations with various political groups like NC, PDP, ANC, CPM, and Shiv Sena. Raman Bhalla criticized the BJP, accusing them of being anti-poor and implementing policies that harm the people, such as increased taxes, unemployment, and neglecting the state's interests. He promised to fight against these policies and work towards rein-

stating the old pension scheme. Sunil Dimple reiterated the mission's goals, including the restoration of J&K's special status, holding talks with stakeholders, conducting assembly elections, and providing employment opportunities for local youths. He criticized BJP's reluctance to engage in dialogue regarding statehood

restoration and other crucial issues.

Future Plans and Alliances: Dimple mentioned plans to restart the Darbar Move if their alliance secures five MPs in the parliament elections. He demanded clarity from BJP on various issues like PRC (Permanent Resident Certificate), land protection, and the unification of J&K, Ladakh, POK, Gilgit, and Baltistan.

Several other Congress leaders and senior figures also spoke at the rally, expressing similar sentiments and supporting the mission's objectives.

Overall, the rally focused on highlighting the grievances against the BJP-led government, emphasizing the need for unity among like-minded parties, and outlining future strategies to address the challenges faced by the region.

Mayor inaugurates evening OPD at Paras Health Panchkula



Top News Report

JAMMU / CHANDIGARH, JAMMU, Mar 31: Panchkula Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal inaugurated multi speciality evening OPD at Paras Health, Panchkula on Sunday.

Among others, Seema Chaudhary ex-Mayor Panchkula and office bearers of Senior Citizen Associations and RWA were also present during the occasion.

The hospital has launched evening OPD

in internal medicines, gynecology, neurology, general and gastro surgery, nephrology, orthopedics, pediatrics and pulmonology.

Speaking during the occasion, Mr. Kulbhushan Goyal appreciated Paras Health's decision to start evening OPDs.

He said that this will help Panchkula and in and around area people to avail expert consultations for their health problems in evening hours also.

Dr. Pankaj Mittal Facility Director said that experts from each of these specialties will be available at Paras Health for evening OPD from Monday to Saturday between 5 pm to 7 pm.

He further said, "Being a leading health care provider in the region, Paras Health Panchkula has taken another big step in ensuring quality medical consultations in evening hours also. We are hopeful that this evening OPD will help people of the area in a big way."

Dr Preeti organised free medical camp, distributed medicines

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: Social activist Dr. Preeti Bhagat organized a free medical camp at dablehar town of of Suchetgarh assembly constituency. During the camp, Dr. Preeti Bhagat and her team conducted free checkups of more than 100 patients and distributed medicines to them. People who came to the camp for checkup said that usually social organizations organize



medical camps only once or twice a year, but the passion of Dr. Preeti Bhagat takes out time from her busy schedule and organizes camps in some village every week. The villagers said that by getting checkups done in such camps, they remain aware of their health. Otherwise they do not have the facilities to get their health checkup done. Dr. Preeti Bhagat said that the passion for social service has been in her mind

since the beginning. She wants to do something for the society. This was the purpose of joining the medical profession and now she is serving people through this profession. Such camps will be continued in future also. Dr. Preeti Bhagat also gave many tips to the people to stay healthy without medicines. She said that if you follow a good routine and maintain proper eating habits, you can stay safe from diseases to a great extent.

GBM school Bugam organises farewell party on retirement

Top News Report

KULGAM, Mar 31: Today Govt High school bugam organized a farewell party by the Teachers of Govt Boys Middle school bugam in respect of honorable retirement of their beloved and honest teacher Mohammed shafi Dar of sunigam kulgam. The said Mohammed shafi has highly contributed to the Education Department since his tenure.

He has not only performed his duties regularly but also fought for best interest of teachers and students on every situation. He always used to standup against the injustice and remained firmly associated with the different associations through out his life. Whenever asked to contribute financially for the Departmental cause, he never refused.

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President Murmu confers Bharat Ratna on L K Advani

crusader in him helped guard it against authoritarian tendencies," it said in the post on X and shared pictures of the ceremony. Advani (96) served as the deputy prime minister from June 2002 to May 2004 and as the Union Home Minister from October 1999 to May 2004. He had been BJP president multiple times — from 1986 to 1990, 1993 to 1998 and 2004 to 2005.

South will help reach Modi target of 370; BJP has highest TRP in Country: Gadkari

Nagpur, said.

Gadkari launched his campaign with a massive road show on Saturday through Nagpur, his motorcade crawling through a sea of supporters who withstood 40 degrees Celsius temperature to welcome the local hero. The programme, which was to take two hours ended four hours later as supporters covered him with gulal and insisted on offering him snacks every time he stopped.

Gadkari said the BJP emerged stronger over the years due to the sheer hard work of its workers and the opposition too has to make efforts to earn the people's confidence.

"The nature of democracy is such that this keeps changing. Whatever role you play, you always have to make efforts and overcome adversity. This is important for any opposition party," he said.

He was also asked to explain the arithmetic of 370 seats for BJP and more than 400 seats for the National Democratic Alliance, given that they have already maxed out in their stronghold states.

"There is no need to make a state-wise analysis. This time we will taste success in the South. The work we have done in the south and the northeast over the last 10 years under Prime Minister Modi's leadership... we have started getting results of the same," he said.

"We have worked hard in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. We had very little presence in these states. This time we will do well in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. We have been performing well in north India. So, I feel the BJP will alone get 370 seats and the NDA will cross 400," Gadkari said.

The senior BJP leader said the people of the country want to see development and have faith in the leadership of Modi, which will be reflected in the elections.

To a question on the claims by certain quarters that the BJP will fall short of the majority mark, which in turn could trigger a race for the post of the prime minister, Gadkari responded vehemently: "Not at all!"

"We are completely confident that we will get a complete majority and will also cross the 400 mark and Narendra Modi ji will become the country's prime minister for the third consecutive term. There is no doubt about this in my mind," he said.

Questioned about his personal agenda for the centenary celebrations of the RSS in 2025, the ideological fountainhead of the BJP, Gadkari said his "personal agenda" was only towards his constituency that has elected him.

"I do not have any personal agenda. RSS will spell out its agenda. Whatever their expectations, it is our responsibility to fulfil them," he said.

He was also asked if there is lack of level playing field in the elections due to the arrest of opposition leaders, including Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, and the income tax notices amounting to Rs. 3,500 crore on the Congress party.

The Union minister said the law was "taking its own course" and the BJP or the Government had nothing to do with it.

"We have not taken any action on our own. The cases have been registered as per the law. This has nothing to do with the BJP or Modi ji. The agencies keep doing their jobs," Gadkari said.

The senior BJP leader dismissed opposition allegations of the Government weaponising the ED, CBI and Income Tax department, which were taking action in cases related to opposition leaders.

"This is completely wrong. We are not weaponising anybody. The law takes its own course. Now, if Rs 300-400 crore are found in anybody's home, people also see it. Then there is an inquiry. If anyone has done wrong, action is taken. If anybody is aggrieved, they have the option to move court," he said.

Gadkari was also dismissive about the uproar over the revelations of donations made through electoral bonds and said it was but natural for the BJP, which is the ruling party, to get a major share in the donations.

"Even in television media, those who have greater TRP get a good rate in advertisement. Those who have less TRP, get advertisements at a lower rate. Today, we are the ruling party, hence we get more donations. If tomorrow any other party comes to power, it will get more donations," he said.

Gadkari said the ground reality was every political party required money and there was need to find a legal way to raise resources.

"I do not wish to say anything as the matter is sub-judice. After the Supreme

Court has its say, all political parties should get together. In some countries, the Government finances political parties. We will have to look for some options, this is what I feel," he said.

Gadkari said there is no substance in the opposition's claims that the BJP is indulging in "washing machine politics" — absolving opposition figures facing corruption charges if they agree to join the party.

"There is no such thing. The law takes its own course. The agencies do their work on the basis of the evidence they gather. This allegation is completely wrong and baseless. No such work takes place," he said, responding to opposition allegations of BJP being a "great washing machine".

On the CBI clean chit to NCP leader Praful Patel in the Air India corruption case, Gadkari said the action had nothing to do with the BJP or the prime minister.

"The truth came out in the inquiry," he said.

Gadkari recalled former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee's remarks on remaining true to the ideology and the principles of the party when asked about any advice to the opposition to revive itself.

"Having a difference of opinion is necessary for a democracy. But the real problem is having no opinion. (Aaj hamarey desh mein mat bhinnata yeh loktantra ke liye awashyak bhi hai. Usmey problem nahi hai. Para mat shunyata yeh hamari samasya hai.) Whatever party you are in and its ideology, it is important to stand by it with conviction — in victory or in defeat," he said.

"I remember when I entered politics against the Emergency and started working with Jayprakash ji, the conditions were not favourable for us. But we kept on working in adverse conditions and one day Atal Bihari Vajpayee became the prime minister. Today, Modi has ruled the country for the last 10 years. Sure, the people give you an opportunity, but you have to have patience and work hard," Gadkari said.

Gadkari who won with a margin of more than two lakh seats in the 2019 elections said his goal this time is to win by a five lakh margin. He said he is confident of getting minority and Dalit votes this time. Pitted against him is Vikas Thakre of the Congress, a former mayor of Nagpur who also has good grassroots connect with people.

BJP won 303 seats on its own in the 2019 elections but its tally in the outgoing Lok Sabha is now 288. This follows some bypoll losses and resignations of some MPs after they recently moved to state assemblies.

"Will not leave INDIA Bloc till last breath...": Dr Farooq Abdullah at Ram-lila Maidan

must fight unitedly," he said.

Training his guns at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kharge said, "There is no level-playing field in this election. PM Modi has dug up the ground and is asking the opposition to play cricket there." He said he told BJP chief J P Nadda at a recent

leader Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar) supremo Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren, National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, Trinamool Congress' Derek O'Brien, and others.

The rally also extended solidarity to Aam Admi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal, Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren and others who have been arrested by Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Dr. Farooq Abdullah while commenting on the arrest of Kejriwal and others said, "People should step ahead and vote with full vigor in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections against those who are hell bent to destroy the essence of democracy, and its institutions in the country.

"We have to be united. Be it Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian or others. We have to walk should-to-shoulder in odd and even. We have to make India Bloc stronger so that the nefarious plans of divisive forces in the country will be dusted," Dr. Farooq added. "We are with you. We are not leaving this alliance till our last breath," Dr. Farooq maintained.

Police arrest 3 drug peddlers in Baramulla

duo was arrested and shifted to Police Station Baramulla, where they remained in custody," police said.

Similarly, "a police party of Boniyar at a checkpoint established at Bimyar Boniyar intercepted a motorcyclist, and during search, 40 grams of contraband Charas-like substances was recovered from his session," they said.

The accused was later identified as Mudasir Rashid Wani, a resident of Gantamulla. He was arrested, and the motorcycle was also seized on the spot.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at police stations Baramulla and Boniyar, and investigations have been initiated.

Police urged the people that if they witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near, contact the nearest police establishment or dial 112.

RSS-BJP like poison, oppn must fight Lok Sabha Polls unitedly: Kharge

must fight unitedly," he said. Training his guns at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kharge said, "There is no level-playing field in this election. PM Modi has dug up the ground and is asking the opposition to play cricket there." He said he told BJP chief J P Nadda at a recent

meeting that this election is "not fair" as the Congress' funds have already been "stolen".

"The BJP and the RSS are like poison, don't taste it. They have destroyed the country and they should not be allowed to destroy it further," the Congress chief added.

Kharge said the country cannot prosper until Modi and his ideology are removed.

He also accused the prime minister of misusing institutions to threaten opposition parties and its leaders, and toppling their governments to form BJP governments.

One killed, three injured after car fell into deep gorge in Udhampur

doctors upon arriving at the hospital. Meanwhile, the treatment of three injured people is underway, he added.

A case was registered, and an investigation is going on.

Rains lash J&K, Snowfall at Gulmarg: MeT

Srinagar, were lashed by intermittent light to moderate rains, inundated several low-lying areas, and witnessed a drop in temperatures.

The weather is likely to remain dry from April 1 to 5, with rain at isolated places on April 3, while there is a possibility of rain and snow at scattered places during April 6-7, and thereafter, the weather is likely to remain dry till April 11.

As per the MeT data, Srinagar received 20.0mm of rainfall, Qazigund 21.4mm, Pahalgam 25.2mm, Kupwara 17.4mm, Kokernag 26.2mm, and Gulmarg 10.8mm during the past 24 hours till Sunday morning.

In the Jammu division, Jammu received 13.8mm, Bnihal 19.8mm, Batote 30.0mm, Katra 14.0mm, Bhadarwah 14.2mm, and Kathua 4.8mm during the period.

The night temperature witnessed a dip, with Srinagar recording a low of 4.8°C against the 6.8°C the previous night. It was 1.3°C below normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this period of the season.

The maximum temperature in Srinagar was recorded at 1.7°C below the normal of 17.6°C the previous day.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district settled at 0.8°C against the 1.3°C the previous night, and it was 0.8°C below normal for the tourist spot in south Kashmir. Gulmarg had a low of -1.2°C against the 0.5°C recorded a day ago. It was 0.4°C below normal for the ski resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Sunday, the MeT office said.

Inefficiency and wrong policies of BJP Govt pushed country into darkness: Bhalla

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla Sunday said that BJP is bound to face setbacks in all upcoming polls in J&K as the Government under its ambit has been callously neglecting the significant issues being confronted by different sections of society. "The BJP government, which promised two crore jobs annually, could neither provide existing jobs nor create new ones. The Prime Minister gives guarantees in elections. In reality, his guarantee is the guarantee of unemployment," Bhalla said.

JKPC Working President addressed public meetings at different places in Jammu East Constituency and Jammu West Constituency and Jammu North constituency, Sidra, Rehari, Krishna Nagar, Julakha Mohalla, Jewel, Shakti Nagar, Janipur. Prominent among those who accompanied Bhalla include Mulla Ram, Tarlok Singh Bajwa, Yogesh Sawhney,



Neeraj Kundan, Rajnesh Sharma, Manmohan Singh, Narinder Gupta, Ifhkar Ahmed, Dwarika Choudhary, Rajinder Singh Randhawa, Amit Pathania, Ajay Lakotra, Anirudh Sawhney, Ajaz Choudhary, Balkul Jawa, Anmol Kohli Zaffar Iqbal, Vijay Sharma, Rajni Baia, Bhanu Mahajan, Jatinder Chib, Hoshiar Singh, Soamnath Sharma, Subansh Mahajan, Parshotam Singh, HS Bhagi, Surinder Kumar, Fakirchand, Madan Singh, kaka Ram, Jhanu, Pammi Manhas, Ganesh Kumar, Cp Khushi Ram, Rampal, Parveen Akthar,

Tarun, Chander mohan, Jungbhadur, Devraj, kamal Singh, Harbanslal, Gama, Ramsingh, Ch Hameed, Shahbaz khan, Bhal Krishan, Uttam Chand Sharma, K K Singh, kuleep Kumar, Madan Lal, jungbhadur Singh, Ohm Prakesh, Dr Raj pal, Bittu Chib, Kisturial, Sunny Jatt, Baber, Ranjoot, Happy, Shami, Sunil Rajput, Aju Manhas, Dhya Chand, Krishan Kumar, Mela Ram, Barkat Ali, Raj bibi, Mamta Devi, Varinder Mehta, Kuldeep Baru and others.

Bhalla alleged that there was neither any vision nor any plan to create new

jobs during last ten years of BJP Govt, and said the "biggest misfortune" was that this govt did not say a single word on unemployment. He also claimed that the BJP-led government has failed to curb inflation and unemployment, and this govt has disappointed every section of the society. He maintained that BJP led Centre and its proxy rule in Jammu and Kashmir has remained phlegmatic over the important issues being faced by the public including the Saffron party's hardcore supporters leading to disillusionment of all as what was prom-

ised has not been delivered and the chances are also bleak that the Government will change its course listening to common man's plight.

Elaborating unattended issues, Bhalla said that despite number of rounds of talks and discussion, and promises, the disgruntled daily wagers are struggling for their demands and protesting but the Government is nonchalant as if it has nothing to do with this section comprising thousands of individuals and their families. He termed the situation as the Government's cruel joke with the hapless worker community. He raised the issue of lakhs of youths wasting their youthful days in dilemma as the Government has no concrete policy to ensure safe career to this segment as under the incumbent but incapable Government, the future of these educated unemployed youths is likely to perish. He said over 7 lakh deserving unemployed youth is presently longing for jobs

in J&K but the Government has failed to complete recruitment process.

Bhalla asserted that the future of youth is bleak in Jammu and Kashmir due to hollow and anti-youth policies of present Government. He mentioned that those serving on Academic arrangement in the Schools/ Higher Education Department till date the govt has failed to regularize them since they have been serving for the last more than 15 to 20 years which is unjustified and against the norms of natural justice. He highlighted the scarcity of drinking water as well as irrigation water in many areas of Jammu city/region which lately has become a big problem as the present Government has no plans to counter the same.

Bhalla said that BJP by downgrading J&K and dividing it into two Union Territories, has caused disrespect to the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that Congress played a decisive role in

the overall development of the country and always worked towards strengthening every section of the people with great conviction and commitment, besides respecting their urges and aspirations, but the BJP Govt at Centre failed them on all fronts. He said people in the country in general and J&K in particular are feeling demoralized and dismayed given the betrayals and deceitful policies of BJP.

Bhalla asserted that Congress is committed to work towards strengthening the people while having played a decisive role in the overall development of the country and empowerment of people without any discrimination, assuring that there will be no compromise on people rights. He said Congress will continue to fight for safeguarding just rights of the people and ensure deliverance of justice, adding that people are feeling victimized and harassed by the dictatorial rule of BJP. He assured that Congress shall con-

tinue to work vigorously to bring back their dignity and honour, which have been snatched aiming to complete BJP's political agenda.

Taking a dig at BJP Govt for creating hurdles in the restoration of democratic process in J&K, Bhalla said this is for first time in the Indian history that a full-fledged state was downgraded and divided into two UTs with a stroke of pen, which is a humiliation and disrespect to people's aspirations, but the Congress shall continue to fight for restoration of democratic setup and statehood to J&K. He also expressed serious concern over the issues confronting people on account of shortage of electricity, poor supply of ration, lack of development and extreme joblessness and emphasized the LG Govt to take cognizance of the people's issues for their resolution at right earnest. The ten years of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) rule has caused a loss of ₹28 lakh crore to the country, Bhalla said.

Commercial Stitching Course at Budwal Village, Akhnoor



Top News Report

AKHNOOR, Mar 31: Indian Army has been undertaking Sadhbavana Projects in multifarious domains for engaging youth, women empowerment, employment generation, infrastructure development, provisioning of basic amenities, educational projects to count a few. Vocational Training Institutes have also been created as part of the same and a large number of courses have been run for all sections of the society accruing massive benefits. Unit deployed on Line of Control adjoining remote border villages of Budwal, Gigriya of Khaur Tehsil, envisioned entrepreneurship for the

female folk and organized an eight week long Commercial Stitching Course at Vocational Training Centre, Budwal.

National Skill Development accredited course had a well-crafted curriculum with an aim to create a garment production line with target customers as Schools of the area where liaison was established for sale of all kinds of school uniforms, which is a cyclic and reoccurring requirement and has the potential of transforming into a self-sustaining commercial venture. Procurement of modern state of art stitching equipment was done, qualified instructors provided extensive practice of stitching.

Industrial visit to a garment factory in Bari Brahamana as part of the course, provided the participants with correct understanding of the line based garment manufacturing process. Such meaningful and result oriented projects undertaken by the Indian Army have been winning 'Hearts and Minds' of resident populace. The Commercial Stitching Course opened an avenue for women of underdeveloped border areas towards huge revenue generation model and steered them towards the path of financial independence, eventually contributing towards 'National building and Women Empowerment'.

Over 1,000 probationary police officers undergoing training at Army's counter-Terror Facility in J&K



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31 (Agencies): Over 1,000 probationary police officers, including 62 deputy superintendents of police, are undergoing a six-week long training at the Army's counter-terror White Knight Corps battle school in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, officials said.

The integrated training programme — a first of its kind in the Union Territory grappling with over three decades of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism — commenced on March 19.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in a recent interview, said the government has plans to pull back troops from Jammu and Kashmir and leave law and order to the Union Territory's police alone.

"We have plans to pull back troops and leave law and order to the Jammu and Kashmir Police alone. Earlier, the Jammu and Kashmir Police was not trusted but today they are leading the operations," he had said.

According to police, the integrated training programme was aimed at enhancing the coordination and combined operational capabilities of both forces, which for over three decades have combated terrorism side by side.

"The training is focussed on operational tactics, intelligence sharing, and counter-terrorism strategies, drawing on the Indian Army's extensive experience in these fields. This joint training marks a continued commitment to security and the well-being of the region's residents," a police official said.

He said it is a stride towards a future where the alignment of the Army and local police play a pivotal role in maintaining peace and safety in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The valour and sacrifices of both forces in the face of adversity have been instrumental in maintaining national security. The synergy achieved during train-

ing will pave the way for the restoration of peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir. This will also facilitate the police in emerging as a more potent and well-trained force," the official said.

Referring to successful counter-terrorism operations in south Kashmir's Pulwama and the strategic containment in north Kashmir's Sopore, considered a transit for infiltrating terrorists, he said these operations have not only disrupted terror activities but also restored law and order, paving the way for peace and stability.

The operations are also testaments to the collaborative excellence of the Army and police. The integrated training programme is expected to solidify this partnership, leading to even more effective counter-terrorism operations, the official said.

Director General of Police R R Swain, who is said to be the brain behind the initiative, and General Officer Commanding (GOC) of White Knight Corps Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva separately visited the battle school on March 23 and 27, respectively, and reviewed the training of the officers that included 989 newly inducted sub-inspectors.

Of those undergoing training, 128 are female officers, including 19 DSPs and 109 sub-inspectors.

Lt Gen Sachdeva mentioned that he was sure that the training would result in enhanced jointness between the two organisations through sharing and understanding each other's strengths, ethos, culture, values and best practices.

"The joint training initiative not only underscores the enduring partnership between the Dhruva Command (Udhampur-based Northern command) and White Knight Corps with the Jammu and Kashmir police but also reflects their shared long-term vision of a secure and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir," the GOC had said.

Preference to local youth in all recruitments is my priority: Ch Lal Singh



Top News Report

HIRANAGAR, Mar 31: Ch. Lal Singh, two times former MP, and three times Ex. Cabinet Minister and Congress candidate for Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency addressed a series of roadside meetings and public rallies enrooted from Rajbagh, Mirpur, Mangatian, Chann Rorian, Bann, Seswan, Chandwan, Chann Datyal, Chadwal, Dayala Chack, Talli, Jasrota Palace, Patyari, Mela, Hiranagar Morh, Hiranagar City, Gura Mundiyan, Kootah and culminated in Chhan Khatrian. While addressing a huge gathering at Hiranagar City, Ch Lal Singh said that BJP which ruled the nation for 10 years and indulged only in vote bank politics, exploitation of masses and communal policies. They divided people on the name of religion and caste as it fitted their policy of vote bank. Ch. Lal Singh said that that present MP discusses Amethi in Kathua and

Udampur and forgets that he has given toll plazas to the people of J&K. Mutations of lands of the poor people of the constituency have been canceled and now the poor people cannot plough the land which they were doing since independence. During the time of elections the present MP starts demanding the district status for the people of Basholi. When BJP has taken away 370 and reorganized the state, what the present MP was doing during this period? Can't he grant the district status to Basholi? Ch. Lal Singh said the Congress is the party of the poor while the BJP exists to serve only the big businessmen. BJP government has sold the public assets and all the resources of the Jammu and Kashmir to big corporate and their friends. He further lambasted that this if this dictatorial form of the government has done so much of the developments then why are they running away from the assembly elec-

tions for the last 10 years.

Addressing a huge gathering in Hiranagar town, Ch. Lal Singh reiterated that if voted to power, the present administrative apparatus which is in deep slumber for the last 10 years will not merely wake up but would reach to the people's doorstep to address their grievances. He further said that local employees which has been totally neglected and sidelined by the present regime will be given due respect and honor. He also assured the youth present in the gathering that all the companies which are working in this region would have to recruit the local youth on priority. Meanwhile Ms Kanta Andotra Ex MLA instenified the campaign in favour of Ch. Lal Singh by addressing a series of meeting at various places in the Hiranagar which included Korepunnu, Dollia Jattan, Chak Sotra, Chak Shama, Mukandpur, Salapur, Hariachak, Sultan pur, and Chak Mansa.

Literacy and Health Wellness Drive For Bakkarwal Community at Dhanwal, Akhnoor



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AKHNOOR, Mar 31: Indian Army organized a free Literacy and Health Wellness Drive for the Bakkarwal community at Village Dhanwal Akhnoor, Jourian and Bhalwalto foster everlasting bond between Army and Bakkarwal community. Free medicines for humans and livestock were distributed, ensuring access to essential healthcare services. Books too in vernacular language were provided to the children to improve

literacy and education for community. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the Bakkarwal community.

The distribution of medicines and books underscores the Indian Army's commitment to serving and strengthening the community in the state. Spokesperson for the Indian Army, expressed gratitude to all individuals involved in making the campaign a resounding success. He emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering holistic development and

developing community bonds.

The Indian Army remains dedicated to undertaking similar initiatives in the future, reaffirming its commitment to supporting marginalized communities and promoting their wellbeing.

The head of the tribe appreciated this thoughtful gesture and said that these initiatives will not only promote literacy but also ensure access to healthcare, fostering stronger bonds and empowerment within the community.

Nation First, Always" - Indian Army Embarks on a Path of Service and Care

POONCH, Mar 31: The Indian Army continues its unwavering commitment to serving the nation with the launch of its latest initiative. In line with the ethos, the Army has undertaken a transformative project aimed at enhancing the quality of life for citizens residing in remote regions.

As part of the #WeCare campaign, the Indian Army has recently revitalized four gates at the LC fence located in Poonch. The rejuvenation efforts encompass a comprehensive upgrade of infrastructure and amenities, underscoring the Army's dedication to ensuring the welfare and comfort of all citizens, especially those in underserved areas. The revamped facili-

ties boast aesthetically pleasing gate structures, designed to elevate the visual appeal of the surroundings. Moreover, special attention has been given to addressing the needs of female visitors, with improved wash-room facilities tailored to enhance convenience and hygiene standards.

Recognizing the importance of providing a seamless experience for visitors, the initiative includes the establishment of a dedicated waiting area, equipped with comfortable seating arrangements. Additionally, provisions for water facilities have been augmented, ensuring that visitors have access to clean and safe drinking water during their time at the AIOS.

One of the key highlights of the project is the integration of RFID card facilities, aimed at reducing waiting times and streamlining entry processes. This technological innovation not only enhances operational efficiency but also reflects the Army's commitment to leveraging modern solutions for the benefit of the community.

Through initiatives such as #WeCare, the Indian Army reaffirms its role not only as a defender of the nation but also as a compassionate force dedicated to the well-being of its citizens. The revitalization of infrastructure in remote areas underscores the Army's steadfast commitment to the principles of service, compassion, and inclusivity.

LSG's pace card

Mayank makes it Super Giants' day as Punjab Kings fall short by 21 runs

LUCKNOW, Mar 31 (Agencies): India unearthed a new fast-bowling star in Mayank Yadav who stole the limelight with his searing pace amid the usual flurry of monstrous hits as Lucknow Super Giants humbled Punjab Kings by 21 runs in the IPL here.

Asked to bat first, opener Quinton de Kock top-scored for LSG with a 38-ball 54 but it was stand-in skipper Nicholas Pooran's 21-ball 42, which injected life into his team's innings in the middle overs. Then, floater Krunal Pandya's late blitz, on the back of two sixes, four boundaries and at a strike-rate of 200 allowed him to finish on a 22-ball 43 and give his side the much-needed cushion with the scoreboard reading 199/8.

The total proved to be enough for LSG, who registered their first win of this IPL, thanks to Mayank's exploits. Punjab, who ended at 178/5, missed Liam



Livingstone's service as he was injured.

In the 12th over of Punjab's innings, Mayank bowled the tournament's fastest ball at 155.8 km/h.

It was Mayank's extra pace that rattled Jonny Bairstow, Prabhsimran Singh and Jitesh Sharma and led to their downfall. He consistently clocked 150 and above on the speedometer during his four-over spell, emerging as the night's hero.

This was after the dashing opening combo of Shikhar Dhawan (70 off 50 balls) and Bairstow (42 off 29 balls) quickly got the measure of what looked like a very good surface for batting, both getting a few boundaries to set the ball rolling.

PBKs skipper Dhawan made a statement of sorts when he reverse-swept M Siddharth over backward point. Thanks to their attacking approach, PBKS raced to 61/0 in the powerplay

and continued in the same vein with Dhawan bringing up his fifty with a six off Ravi Bishnoi.

Bairstow was equally marauding and struck Krunal for two successive sixes as the visitors crossed 100 in the 11th over.

Bishnoi put the brakes on PBKS' scoring with a tight 11th over, giving away just three runs, and that forced Bairstow to go after Mayank but the batter miscued and ended up throwing away his wicket. It was the fast bowler's maiden IPL wicket.

Prabhsimran blazed away to a seven-ball 19 before becoming Mayank's second victim.

Dhawan tried hard to keep his team in the game, but PBKS could not keep up with the asking rate.

Brief scores: Lucknow Super Giants: 199/8 in 20 overs (de Kock 54, Pooran 42, Krunal 43; Curran 3/28 Arshdeep 2/30); Punjab Kings: 178/5 in 20 overs (Dhawan 70, Bairstow 42; Mayank 3/27, Mohsin 2/34).

CSK doesn't have hierarchy, I can just be myself: Rachin Ravindra



CHENNAI, Mar 31 (Agencies): Chennai's newly roped-in New Zealand batter, Rachin Ravindra, shared that the mentality in the franchise has played a pivotal role in his preparation for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024. The batter explained how every member is treated equally in the franchise, starting from the coaching staff to the players. The IPL 2024 season is Rachin's maiden stint in the popular franchise league, after Chennai picked him for Rs 1.8 crores in the auction back in December 2023.

Rachin's name was one that carried a lot of hype during the auction, owing to his prolific performance in the 2023 ODI World Cup in India. The 24-year-old was one of the best batters for New Zealand

land during the tournament, having amassed a total of 578 runs, which included 3 centuries. Rachin marked an emphatic start to his IPL career by scoring 37(15) during Chennai's season opener against Bengaluru, followed by his brilliant 46(20) knock against Gujarat.

"It was pretty special. I think when we were watching the auction and as soon as it (getting signed by CSK) happened, I had Dave (Devon Conway) call me, Santner messaged me and then obviously, Flem (Fleming). So that's pretty cool... a lot of the lads, not just the overseas guys, but the Indian guys are such good people. So it's very easy to get along with people in a team like this," Rachin said on joining Chennai. Speaking to Chennai's

media team ahead of their highly anticipated clash against Delhi on March 31, Rachin shared a few insights from his bond with the rest of the team.

"It's more from players being able to be comfortable, players knowing their roles and quite a relaxed environment, which makes everyone feel a bit more chill and can get along a bit better, and doesn't feel like it's a hierarchy because you can always have a nice conversation with Flem if you want to, you can have a conversation with Hussey, you can have a conversation with MS Dhoni, you can have a conversation with Rutu.

"It's all pretty chill, which for me, helps me a lot means I can come in and just not try to be anyone else. I can just be myself in that environment and let it happen," Rachin added.

Rachin will be hopeful of continuing his prowess throughout the remainder of the competition, and more specifically during the highly anticipated clash against Delhi at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium in Vizag on Sunday.

Danielle Collins beats Elena Rybakina to claim Miami title in farewell season

MIAMI, Mar 31 (Agencies): American Danielle Collins overcame fourth seed Elena Rybakina to win the final of the Miami Open 7-5 6-3 on Saturday and claim the title on home soil in her farewell season.

Collins won nearly 75% of her first-serve points while claiming three of her seven break points on the way to victory in just over two hours after a stunning second set that left the crowd, including former Miami champion Andre Agassi breathless.

"This is my first WTA 1000 (title) and I worked so hard, it has taken me a bit longer than a lot of the other players," said 30-year-old Collins of her triumph.

"This whole week has been tough - I have played against some of the best players in the world, including being out here and sharing the court with Elena in the final," Collins said. "Thank you to the fans. I've

played a lot of tennis and in a few finals, but nothing compares close to this." Collins, who said in January she would retire from tennis at the end of the season, was the surprise winner at the East Coast tournament, going one step further than her performance at the 2022 Australian Open when she reached the final.

She joins Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert, three-times champion Venus Williams, eight-times winner Serena Williams and Sloane Stephens as the sixth American woman to claim the crown.

The unseeded American relied on her strength to hold the lead at the start, converting break points against Rybakina, who kept levelling the score, before closing out the opening set with a stunning cross-court backhand winner on the hour mark.

Rybakina refused to go qui-



etly after her opponent took a 2-0 lead in the second set and worked her way back, capitalising on unforced errors to draw level at 3-3.

However, the American regained the advantage after saving three break points to take the seventh game with the former Wimbledon champion unable to recover.

Rybakina, who lost last year's Miami final to Petra Kvitova,

missed Indian Wells this month with a gastrointestinal problem. She returned to the courts and put in a superb run, beating Belarusian Victoria Azarenka in three sets in the semi-finals, but admitted she did not expect to fight for the title.

"We didn't expect coming here to be in the final, to be honest, but it was a great two weeks. A lot of tough matches and great battles," the 24-year-old said.

Babar Azam returns as Pakistan ODI, T20I captain, Shaheen Shah Afridi loses role

ISLAMABAD, Mar 31 (Agencies): Babar Azam has returned as the Pakistan ODI and T20I captain. The decision was taken after a unanimous recommendation from the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) selection committee. PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi re-appointed Babar as the national skipper in the limited-overs formats. Babar's appointment meant that Shaheen Shah Afridi would not remain the T20I skipper of the Pakistan team anymore.

Shaheen struggled as the captain in the series against New Zealand that Pakistan lost 1-4. Under him, Lahore Qalandars also could not qualify for the Pakistan Super League (PSL) 2024 playoffs. Babar will be in charge when Pakistan lock horns with the Black Caps in a 5-match T20I series to be played from April 18 to April 27 in Lahore and Rawalpindi. Earlier, it was learnt that Shaheen was con-



templating quitting captaincy for Pakistan. As per reports, the speedster was disappointed after not being a part of discussions surrounding his future as the skipper. A source close to Shaheen said that the pacer was upset because neither Mohsin Naqvi nor the national selectors reached out to him.

Big challenge ahead for Babar Azam Last year, Babar stepped down as the skipper of the Pakistan team after the Men in Green failed to advance to the semi-final of the ODI World Cup on Indian soil. Babar was subjected to criticism after Pakistan could

not finish in the top four despite starting their campaign with wins over the Netherlands and Sri Lanka.

Babar's own form with the bat was also not all that great, as he failed to score a single century. After the end of the mega event, he dropped a post on his social media handles, putting forth his decision to step down from his position across all three formats. While Babar returned to lead in ODIs and T20Is, Shan Masood stayed as skipper in Test cricket.

Babar happens to be amongst the most successful captains in T20Is, having won 42 out of 71 matches.

GT out to bring SRH back to ground

AHMEDABAD, Mar 31 (Agencies): A depleted Gujarat Titans' bowling attack will have to raise its game if it intends to stop a marauding Sunrisers Hyderabad team fresh from its record total against Mumbai Indians in their IPL match here today.

SRH are coming into the game on the back of breaking the ceiling for all-time IPL total when they plundered 277

against Mumbai Indians to secure their first win of the season.

Skipper Shubman Gill's GT, who started off with a win at home against MI, were defeated by Chennai Super Kings in their previous game.

The profligate Umesh Yadav is not like-for-like replacement for injured Mohammed Shami and that is proving to be a big factor for GT.

Up against the likes of Travis Head, Abhishek Sharma, Aiden Markram and Heinrich Klaasen, Rashid Khan too will have his hands full.

The resounding 63-run defeat affected GT's net run-rate, too, as it plummeted to -1.425 — worst among the league's 10 teams — which could cause some problems towards the business end of the tournament. "We know that teams

end up on the same points and you know one goes through (based on NRR). So, it's something that we are constantly mindful of," GT's mentor Gary Kirsten said on the eve of the game.

"Gill embracing captaincy" GT might have made a topsy-turvy start but Kirsten backed Gill, and said the young captain will learn the nuances of making tactical deci-

sions in the fast-paced world of T20 cricket.

"It's a fast game. You are making tactical decisions on a regular basis. It's not like Test cricket where it unfolds over a long period of time. I think he's embraced it (captaincy) really well. He's shown some good leadership qualities. He's a young captain, and there's lots to learn, especially in T20," he said.

AIFF member arrested for hitting Himachal Pradesh women players

NEW DELHI, Mar 31 (Agencies): All India Football Federation (AIFF) executive committee member Deepak Sharma was arrested by the Goa police on Saturday for allegedly physically assaulting two women players, an official said today.

Two footballers of Himachal Pradesh-based Khad FC, taking part in the Indian Women's Football (IWL) League second division here, had alleged Sharma, the owner of the club, had barged into their room and physically assaulted them on the night of March 28. "Sharma was called



for questioning during the day after a formal complaint was received. He was arrested by the Mapusa police for causing hurt, using force against women and other charges," DSP

Sandesh Chodankar said. The AIFF, meanwhile, formed a probe panel to investigate the matter and asked it to submit the report within seven days.

Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden win prestigious Miami Open Masters 1000 crown

MIAMI, Mar 31 (Agencies): Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden won the Miami Open doubles crown, reigning supreme in the second of two prestigious Sunshine tournaments, in Florida on Sunday. Bopanna and Ebden defeated 2nd seeds Ivan Dodig and Austin Krajicek in a thrilling battle that lasted an hour and 42 minutes in Miami. The Indo-Australian duo fought back from behind and won the deciding tie-breaker to win their second title of the year.

Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden won the Australian Open crown earlier in the year, scripting history in Melbourne. The 44-year-old Indian became the World No. 1 in men's doubles as he brought incredible joy to the nation in the New Year. Bopanna and Ebden have now



reached 3 finals in 2024 and won 2 of them, raising hopes of more success at the highest level in the long season.

Bopanna and Ebden, who seem to have gained the confidence of closing out high-pressure matches after the Australian Open triumph, went down in the first set tie-breaker, only to make a strong comeback and

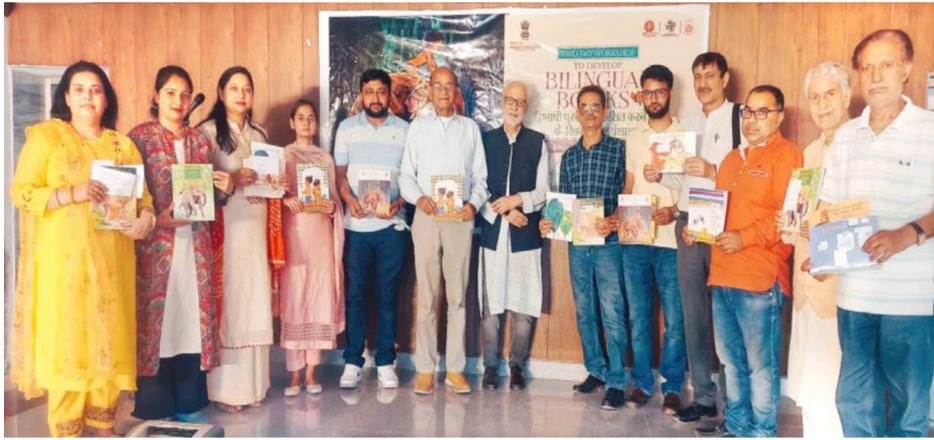
force a deciding 10-point tie-breaker. Bopanna and Ebden were switched on from the word go in the tie-breaker to take the match and the Miami title 6-7 (3), 6-3, 10-6. Bopanna and Ebden served well, winning 78 percent points on first serve. However, it was their second serve win percentage that brought trouble as they faced 9 break points,

albiet saving 7 of them.

Rohan Bopanna broke his own record on Sunday for the oldest man to win a Masters 1000 title. When he won the Indian Wells Masters last year in California along with Ebden, the Indian player, at 43, had become the oldest man to achieve the feat. A year later, Bopanna shone in Miami, proving once again that age is just a number.

Rohan Bopanna is all set to regain the top spot in the ATP doubles rankings after losing it briefly in the lead-up to the Miami Open. Bopanna and Ebden suffered a shock first-round exit in Indian Wells as their title defence came to an early end. But the duo was charged up in Miami and made the most of their hunger to reign supreme.

National Book Trust India organizes two day translation workshop



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 31: National Book Trust, India in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts & Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and languages organized a two day workshop at K.L. Saigal Hall to develop Bi-Lingual Books from English

to Dogri and English to Kashmiri during ongoing Tawi Sahitya Lok Utsav Jammu.

Dwijendra Kumar, Assistant Editor looking after Dogri and Kashmiri languages at National Book Trust, India who coordinated the workshop said during the inaugural session that translation of children literature in regional

languages is the necessity of time and NBT is stressing upon the revival of ancient old concept of storytelling to create awareness about nature and our surroundings among the children to groom them into good and responsible citizens. Such workshops are important as in addition to translation the writers involved therein

get an added value for creating at their own also.

During the workshop, Dr. Manoj Heer, Dr. Sheetal Devi, Dr. Sonika Jasrotia, Dr. Radha Rani and Bharti translated ten children books from English to Dogri whereas eminent Kashmiri, Hindi writer and translator Vijay Wali, Pyare Hatash,

R.L.Jowhar, Rinku Koul and Tahir translated ten books from English to Kashmiri. As per NBT, these books will soon be published and made available for the readers of both languages.

Prof. Lalit Magotra and Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' eminent Dogri and Hindi writers were resource persons for Dogri whereas Rattan Lal Shant and R.L. Talashi, eminent Kashmiri and Hindi writers performed the duties of resource persons for Kashmiri language.

While presenting vote of thanks, Dwijendra Kumar thanked all associated with the workshop for successful execution of the task and hoped that such creative efforts will become a regular feature in future also from time to time thus fulfilling the mission of NBT to reach to maximum readers of all regional languages.

Punjabi Actor Comedian Binnu Dhillon & renowned singers to perform in Aryans "Roshaan"



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JAMMU, Mar 31: Punjabi Actor Comedian Binnu Dhillon will enthrall the audience of Aryans Group of Colleges in its 17th Cultural Extravaganza "Roshaan" to be held on 4th April at Aryans Campus in association with MH One & The Providers studioz as event partners. Thousands of Students, Alumni of Aryans Group would attend this mega cultural

function.

In this cultural extravaganza, world renowned artists including Amar Noorie, Alaap Sikander, Sarang Sikander, Satwinder Bitti, Ash Singh, Navjeet, Gursewak and Gurman Maan etc. The event would be hosted by Anchors Minto (Comedian) & Preetrman Kaur (Artist).

Actor Binnu Dhillon will also perform and will also promote his upcoming movie "Jeonde Raho

Booth Ji" which is a Punjabi horror and comedy film. It stars Binnu Dhillon, Smeep Kang, and B. N. Sharma, and was directed by Sumeep Kang. The film is scheduled to be released on April 12, 2024.

It is to be mentioned that every year Aryans Group hosts two cultural events where Roshaan is the Cultural Extravaganza & Rajni is a celebration for fresher's welcome.

J&K Wallball team wins Trophy 1st National Wall Ed Ball C'ship



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JAMMU, Mar 31: A Team of 11 Players from J&K Represent U.T of Jammu & Kashmir In 1st National Wall ball Championship AT Sports Complex The MOUNT School, Sirsa Haryana About 120 Players From 5 States of India Participated In This Tournament. In The Championship J&K Wins Overall Champion Trophy , 6 Gold, 3.Silver

And Haryana Runner Up Champion

Pooja Malhotra (founder patron jksab) Applauds The Efforts of The Players And Their Chief Coach India Sunny Nanda Who Puts His Best Efforts To Help J&K To Fetch 1st Place. And Congrats The Parents of The Players For This Achievement And Boost The Motivation of The Players By His Inspirational Speech And Give His Best Wishes To Play-

ers For Their Upcoming Events. The Medal Winners Were Are Ranveer Verma (Jss),Rehaan (Jss),Pratul Kumar(Jss), Rajveer Singh(Rmps), Shushant Thakur(Dhss), Rakshit Bali(SNS) Prikshit Sharma (SPS), vinayak Sharma (CPS), Aashish Padha (CPS), Master Rehaan (student of Jammu Sankriti School) selected for international wall ball championship at Ireland.

Health Department Doda accords warm farewell to Shahnaz Begum on retirement

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DODA, Mar 31: To accord warm farewell to Senior Assistant Mrs Shahnaz Begum posted at CMO Office Doda on her retirement, a grand farewell function was organized by the Health Department Doda at CMO Office Doda.

Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Om Kumar, DIO Doda Dr Versha Sharma besides staff of CMO and Dy CMO Office were present on the occasion.

The speakers on the occasion highlighted the achievements of Shahnaz Begum during her 34 years of dedicated services in the health department.

While recalling the services of Shahnaz Begum, the speakers said that she worked with dedication for which every employee would remember her services and contribution.

On the occasion, various gifts were presented to her as a token of love

and appreciation for her tireless services in the health department.

CMO Doda Dr Om Kumar and other speakers in their speeches lauded the efforts of Shahnaz Begum and termed her as one of the dedicated, hardworking and reliable employee of the health department who always remain available at the beck and call of her seniors and colleagues for which she would be remembered for her utmost services.

The staff on this occasion, expressed their gratitude and wished her good health and a prosperous post retirement life. While speaking on the occasion, the retiring official thanked the staff of the health department who arranged the farewell in her honour and assured that her doors will always remain open for every possible help to the department after her retirement.

RVS honours retired Sanitation Inspector Mohan Lal Vaid for his exemplary service



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JAMMU, Mar 31: The National Chairman of Rashtriya Valmiki Sena (RVS), Raju Chandel, today honoured Mohan Lal Vaid, retired Sanitation Inspector, for his exemplary services, during a farewell ceremony.

Addressing the journalists, Mr. Chandel praised the dedicated service of Ved and extended gratitude for his years of service in the Sanitation Department.

During the ceremony, Mohan Lal Vaid, a resident of MCD Flats, was presented with a certificate of appreciation and honored with a bouquet by Mr. Raju Chandel, the National Valmiki Chairman.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Chandel emphasized the need to continually uplift the morale of sanitation officers and staff, as they have dedicated their invaluable time to serve society. He also recognized their contribution as the "corona warriors" who, by risking their lives, have helped keep the nation clean and free from diseases. He extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the sanitation personnel.

Mohan Lal Vaid, the retired Sanitation Inspector, was further felicitated by the Valmiki Army with a bouquet of flowers and a certificate of honor. The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt wish for his bright future, acknowledging

the fortunate nature of those who complete their tenure and return to their families.

Chandel also highlighted the need for officials and officers to take strong steps towards providing timely benefits and recognition to the employees, as they selflessly serve the society and the nation for 40 years of their lives. He assured that the department will take necessary measures to ensure timely benefits for the employees.

The event was graced by the presence of esteemed guests, including Surendra Singh Chandel, Anil Chudiwala, State Spokesperson and National Executive Vice President, and Mr. Rahul Tak prominent social activist.

Balwant Thakur's hard hitting play 'Inqlaab' shakes masses

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JAMMU, Mar 31) Balwant Thakur's hard hitting play 'Inqlaab' shakes masses here at Rani Park, Jammu under its weekly series 'Sunday Theatre'. Directed by Neeraj Kant this rebellious thought provoking play mesmerised everyone in the open environs of historic Rani Park. Aimed at lending eyes and ears to the majority masses who always keep them shut and never apply their own mind, this play of Balwant Thakur proved to be a shining example of effective theatre which revolutionises mass movements.

Set in unconventional alternative theatre style, the play opens with a group of youth representing the larger human resource of the country shown extremely disillusioned and pessimis-



tic about the system. Everyone has a horrifying story to share and disseminate aimed at shaking the masses about the current state of affairs. Dejected and demoralised with the peak corruption of all kinds, nepotism, maladministration, kleptocracy and anarchy, all are desperately looking for a way to set the system right. At this stage where they have totally lost faith in the system including in themselves, they are

shown prone to separatist elements. Finding them in a surrendered state, the anti-nationals prompt them to start arms struggle, others push them to restore to vandalism to take revenge with the corrupt system. Aware of the end result of such misadventures, few still hope to find an amicable way. In this total state of uncertainty and to be or not to be situation, there emerges a saviour who is in possession of a non-

violent invisible missile. Curious to know about this invisible supernatural weapon all succumb before this savior to seek hold over that missile. He surprises everyone by showing them a small piece of paper where the power of a single 'Vote' is described elaborately. Terming that as the most powerful invisible non-violent weapon of the citizen of a democratic nation, he prompts them to use this in a rightful manner, ensuring a

system of their dreams and aspirations in place. He illustrates further that a new revolution 'Inqlaab' aimed at changing the fate of this nation is possible, provided we all vote and that too without any fear, influence, fully valuing the power of your finger. He concludes with the poem of Guru Rabindranath Tagore "Where the mind is without and head is held high...let my country awake"

The artists who enlivened this empowering theatre included Neeraj Kant, Palshin Dutta, Kananpreet Kaur, Arun Sharma, Aadesh Dhar, Vansh Pandotra, Sanket Bhagat, Priya Kashyup, Payal Khanna, Vishal Sharma and Kushal Bhat. The music of the play was operated by Mohd. Yaseen whereas the show was coordinated by Subash Jammal and Chaitanya Shekhar.

Punjab Police busts MP-based illegal arms smuggling ring, four smugglers arrested

JAMMU / CHANDIGARH, Mar 31 (Agencies): A major illegal arms smuggling ring based in Madhya Pradesh was busted and four smugglers were arrested, Punjab Police officials

said on Sunday.

The arrested smugglers were involved in supplying weapons to criminal gangs, they said.

"In a major breakthrough the Internal Security Wing of @PunjabPoliceInd

has busted a major illegal arms smuggling ring from #MadhyaPradesh and arrested 4 smugglers along with 9 illegal pistols," Punjab's Director General of Police, Gaurav Yadav posted on X.