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BRIEFLY

Vehicle overturns in Navyug Tunnel on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, all passengers safe

SRINAGAR, Apr 3 (Agencies): A speeding Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) on Wednesday overturned inside Banihal-Qazigund tunnel along Srinagar-Jammu highway.

However all passenger boarding into the vehicle have been evacuated safely.

An official said that an SUV bearing no. DL7 CS 4042 overturned inside the Navyug tunnel near Qazigund on the Jammu-Srinagar highway. He said no one has been injured in the incident.

The vehicle was coming towards Jammu, the official said. He added that all passengers are safe and have been evacuated from the overturned vehicle safely.

Beacon labourer dies of cardiac arrest in Ganderbal

SRINAGAR, Apr 3 (Agencies): A beacon labourer died after suffering cardiac arrest in Railpathri Baltal Area of Central Kashmir Ganderbal district on Tuesday late evening.

An official told news agency Kashmir Scroll that a labourer of Beacon 122 RCC Abdul Rashid Bhat son of Ali Mohammad resident of Kullian Gund fell unconscious at Railpathri Baltal Ganderbal.

He said that the labourer was shifted to PHC Sonamarg where doctors declared him brought dead.

He said that the apparent cause of his death seems to be cardiac arrest while necessary legal action has been initiated.

Widespread light to moderate rain during next 24 hours over J&K: MeT

SRINAGAR, Apr 3 (Agencies): Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Wednesday predicted scattered to fairly widespread light to moderate rain over Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24

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Home Ministry cancels FCRA registration of Five NGOs for 'Violation' of Laws

NEW DELHI, Apr 3 (Agencies): The Union Home Ministry has cancelled the registration of at least five NGOs for alleged violation of various provisions of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, sources said on Tuesday.

The NGOs whose registrations have been cancelled are CNI Syndical Board of Social Service, Voluntary Health Association of India, Indo-Global Social Service Society, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action, and Evangelical Fellowship of India, they said.

With the cancellation of their Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registration, these NGOs will no longer be able to receive



foreign contributions nor utilise the existing available funds.

The sources said the home ministry cancelled the FCRA registration of the NGOs for allegedly utilising funds for works that were not in their mandate.

The NGOs violated the laws by being involved in activities that are con-

trary to the provisions of the FCRA, they said.

There were 16,301 NGOs with valid FCRA licences as on July 17, 2023.

The Centre has cancelled the FCRA licences of more than 6,600 NGOs in the last five years for violation of the law. Overall, FCRA

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Gangster shot dead in encounter with Police, Injured officer dies during treatment

JAMMU, Apr 3 (Agencies): A gangster has been shot dead in an exchange of fire with police near Government Medical College (GMC) hospital in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua, officials said on Wednesday.

Probationary Sub-Inspector Deepak Sharma, who suffered head injuries during the encounter, died during treatment on Wednesday, they said, adding that a special police officer was also injured.

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Three OGWs arrested, 7 identified in Rajouri drone delivery case

SRINAGAR, Apr 3 (Agencies): Three people have been arrested for picking up the drone-dropped materials that were coming from across the Pakistan border, police said on Tuesday.

The three Over Ground Worker (OGW) have been identified as Gulshan Naz, a resident of Kotranka (already arrested under the UAPA), Imtiaz Ahmed, and Abid Shah, a resident of Budhal, Rajouri.

The police said that in this regard, the other seven OGWs have also been identified.

Addressing a press conference, J-K DGP RR Swain said, "In a major security development, it becomes important to bring to the public



domain those involved in transporting, hiding and delivering arms, ammunition, cash, and narcotics smuggled through drones from Pakistan."

"Three people were arrested in the case of receiving goods using drones. Searches were conducted at their homes and digital evidence was recovered as to how they used to stay in touch with their handlers in Pakistan. Their forward linkages and

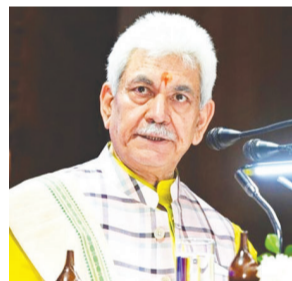
money trail are being investigated," he added. DGP Swain further stated that the mastermind behind these operations is Mohd Qasim alias Salman alias Suleiman.

"He belongs to Mahore but presently resides in Pakistan. Govt of India has declared him a designated terrorist under the UAPA. Yesterday, we declared a Rs 10 lakh bounty on him," the top cop said.

He also stated that it had been found that Mohd Qasim was involved in a massive network of weapons, cash, and narcotics being smuggled into Rajouri and Poonch districts from Pakistan.

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Kathua Shootout | Every drop of blood of our Martyr will be avenged: LG Sinha



JAMMU, Apr 3 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday while paying tributes to PSI Deepak Sharma, who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, said every drop of blood of a martyr will be avenged.

"The nation stands in solidarity with martyr's family and @JmuKmrPolice, whose dedication, resilience and courage in battling variety of challenges and adversaries continue to inspire us. Every drop of blood of our martyr will be avenged and we are committed to create a fear-free J&K," the Lt Governor posted on X.

"I salute the valour and indomitable courage of PSI Deepak Sharma, who made supreme sacrifice while valiantly fighting and neutralising a most wanted

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Lok Sabha Elections 2024 | Triangular Fight in the offing in Udhampur

JAMMU, Apr 3 (Agencies): BJP leader and Union Minister Jitendra Singh is seeking to retain the Udhampur seat for the third time while the Congress has pitted Choudhary Lal Singh, who is facing ED heat in a money laundering case.

The entry of former Minister G M Saroori on the ticket of his Democratic Azad Party (DPAP) has made it a three-cornered contest.

Though there are 12 candidates in the fray, the real fight is between the BJP candidate and his Congress rival.



Jitendra Singh had defeated former Lok Sabha seat in 2019, defeating Congress candidate Vikramaditya Singh, the grandson of erstwhile Maharaja Hari Singh, by a margin of 3,53,272 votes. Lal Singh only got 19,049 votes.

In 2014, Jitendra Singh had defeated former Union Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad from the Lok Sabha seat by a margin of 60,976 votes. He was inducted in the Modi Government as the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. Choudhary Lal Singh,

who rejoined Congress on March 20, had won the Udhampur seat twice on the party ticket in 2004 and 2009, besides being a three-time former MLA. He switched from the Congress to the BJP in 2014 and was also a Minister in the previous PDP-BJP Government in Jammu and Kashmir that collapsed in June 2018 after the national party pulled out of the alliance.

Several months before the Government's fall, Lal Singh resigned from the BJP and floated his own outfit following an uproar over his

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Farooq Abdullah won't contest LS Polls due to health reasons: Omar Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Apr 3 (Agencies): National Conference president and sitting MP from Srinagar Farooq Abdullah would not contest the Lok Sabha polls owing to his health, the party said on Wednesday.

The announcement was made by his son and NC vice president Omar Abdullah at a party function in Rawalpura on the outskirts of the city here.

"He (Farooq Abdullah) has taken permission from (party's general secretary) (Ali Mohammad) Sagar and other party members to not contest the polls this time because of his health," Omar Abdullah said.

He said it is now the party's responsibility to field the best candidate from the constituency with the hope that the voters would help him succeed so that he becomes a voice of the people in Delhi.

NC left us with no option other than to contest all 3 LS seats in Kashmir: Mehbooba

SRINAGAR, Apr 3 (Agencies): Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday said INDIA bloc partner National Conference has left the PDP with no other option other

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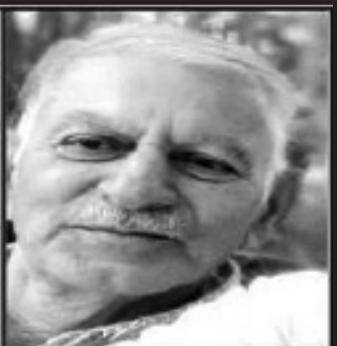
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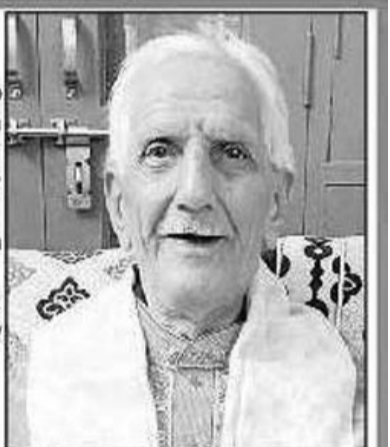
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10TH DAY, KRIYA, UTHALA
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER **SH. JAGDISH RAJ PADHA** R/O H.NO. 42 SECTOR 3, ROOP NAGAR JAMMU. THE 10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE H.NO.42 SECTOR 3, ROOP 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.NO. 9149440482, 9858599066




SH. JAGDISH RAJ PADHA

10TH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you that our beloved father **Hakim Sh Arjan Nath Kaul (Papa Ji)** R/o Kurigam Qazigund, Kashmir has left for his heavenly abode on Saturday 30th March 2024.
The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 8th April, 2024.
Our Current address- Flat No. 107, Shubam Apartments, Pocket 4, Sector 12, Dwarka, New Delhi, 110078.
GRIEF STRICKEN-
Smt Rani Kaul - Wife
Brother and Bhabhi
Sh. J. N Kaul and Smt Pyari Kaul
Son and Daughter in Law
Sh. T. N Kaul and Smt Vimlesh Kaul
Sh. Hari Kaul and Smt Geeta Kaul
Daughters and Son-in-laws
Smt Kiran Koul and Sh. Ramesh Krishan Koul
Smt Veena Raina and Sh. Shadi Lal Raina
Smt Sonali Tickoo and Sh. Vijay Tickoo
Grand Children and Great Grand Children
Relative and Friends Mobile Nos.: 7290058159, 9968314400, 8999368433



Hakim Sh Arjan Nath Kaul (Papa Ji)

10TH DAY KRIYA
With deep sorrow, we inform the passing of our beloved mother **Smt. Churni Koul (Prabhawati)** Wife of Late Sh. Ramji Koul resident of Bongam, Kunzer-Tangmarg, Kashmir/ Neel Sheel Vihar, Paloura Dok, Jammu. She peacefully departed for her heavenly abode at 4.40 am on 29th March 2024 at her daughter's residence E-6/2 Avantiika, Sun City Vistar, Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh).
The 10th Day Prayer ceremony will be held on 6th April 2024 at Ram Ganga Ghat, Bareilly (U.P.).
Grieving Families
Dura Koul (Jyoti) & Kuldeep K. Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law
Girdhani Lal Koul H/o Late Dolly Koul - Son-in-law & Daughter
Prana Pandita & Late Sh. O.N. Pandita - Sister & Brother-in-law
Tejja Koul & Pradman Bali - Daughter & Son-in-law
Grand Children
Anju, Dimple, Raju, Naveen Bali, Dorothy, Sakshi, Sameeksha, Ranjan
Also Deeply Remembered By:
All Koul Families of Bongam and Sh. K.K. Bhat, Reetaji, Ajay and Annu
Contact Nos: 94123-44945, 91030-84821, 70064-67691




Smt. Churni Koul (Prabhawati)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt Asha Ji** W/o Sh Manchar Lal Bhat R/o village Chodergund Shopian at present Swam Colony Trikpur Lane No. 1 near Shiv Mandir Gole Gural Jammu.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 7-04-2024 (Sunday) Time : 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education.
GRIEF STRICKEN :
Sh Manchar Lal Bhat (Husband)
Smt Vijay and Sh Bal Krishan Bhat (Devar & Devrani)
Daughters and Sons in law
Smt Surita Raina and Sh Ravinder Raina
Smt Usha Pandita and Sh Pintoo Ji Pandita
Smt Sheeta Malla and Sh Shiv Kumar Malla
Smt Princy and Sh Daleep Ji
Smt Rimpay and Sh Vicky Ji
Smt Preeti and Sh Rahul Ji
Son and Daughter in law
Vinod Kumar Bhat and Smt Bindra Kumari
Mob : 9018832558, 9596938794, 9419146603, 9797794937



Smt Asha Ji

10TH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved **Smt. Chuni Devi** W/o Late Sh. Moli Lal Bhat originally resident of Danow Bogund Kulgam, A/p H.No. 389/Q Sec. 2 Ext. Durga Nagar, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 27-03-2024.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 05-04-2024 at 9 AM at Muthi Ghat, near Director School Education.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Son & Daughter-in-law
Sanjay Bhat & Smt. Minu Bhat
Late Sh. Piary Lal Bhat & Smt. Viney Bhat
Smt. & Sh. Chaman Lal Bhat
Smt. & Sh. Shuban Lal Bhat
Daughter & Son-in-law
Late Baby/Usha & R.L. Ganjoo
Smt. Kishni Raina - Sister-in-law
Smt. & Sh. Janki Nath Bhat - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law
Samast Bhat Parivar of Danow & Dhar Family of Kurigam Qazigund.




Smt. Chuni Devi Rani (Bhabi)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA AND RASAM PAGRI
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THAT OUR BELOVED **SH. KARTAR SINGH** B/O SH. CHOOR SINGH DEPARTED FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 26TH MARCH 2024 AT 2:48 AM. TENTH DAY SHALL BE PERFORMED AT 10:30AM ON 4TH APRIL, 2024 (THURSDAY) AT OUR RESIDENCE H.NO.177 WARD NO.68 CHOWADI, JAMMU.
KRIYA SHALL BE PERFORMED ON 7TH APRIL 2024 (SUNDAY) AT 9AM ONWARDS AND RASAM PAGRI WILL BE HELD ON 10TH APRIL 2024 (WEDNESDAY) AT 12 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
SMT. KANTA DEVI (WIFE)
SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAWS:-
SH. MOHAN SINGH & RENU RAJPUT
SH. SHAM SINGH & RAJNI DEVI
DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAWS:-
SMT. RADHA RANI & KARAN SINGH JI
SMT. PUSHPALATA & SURESH MANHAS JI
GRAND CHILDRENS:- MS. SUKANYA SINGH, MS. DHARMIKA RAJPUT, MR. GOKUL SINGH, MS. GEETIKA RAJPUT, MS. VISHALI RAJPUT
CONTACT NO. 9086280807, 9419287251, 9906047128




SH. KARTAR SINGH

CHOUBARSI
CHOUBARSI OF OUR BELOVED SMT PREM PANDOH W/O LT. SH. P.D. PANDOH (AGRI DEPTT) WILL BE PERFORMED ON THURSDAY 4TH APRIL, 2024 AT TRIKUTA BHAWAN AMPHALLA JAMMU AT 12 NOON. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY :
Sisters & Brothers-in-law
Smt Neelam Mengi W/o Lt. Sh G L Mengi
Smt Saroj Malhotra W/o Lt. Sh V.S. Malhotra
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh Sanjay Pandoh & Madhu Pandoh - 9419222739
Sh Ajay Pandoh & Anu Pandoh - 9419185345
Sh Rajay Pandoh & Meenu Pandoh - 9419173038
Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law
Sadhika & Rahul Tandon
Aakshi & Manik Gandotra
Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-law
Sumit & Raksha Pandoh
Grand Children
Mokshi, Ayush, Manvi
Great Grand Children
Yuvraj & Aviraj
All Nears & Dears



SMT PREM PANDOH

10TH DAY/11TH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Vidya Devi**, W/o Late Sh Man Mohan Nath Sharma R/o Udrana, Bhadarwah on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 8 PM.
10TH DAY shall be performed on Thursday 4th of April 2024 at 8 am.
11TH DAY KRIYA Shall be performed at our residence Udrana, Bhadarwah on 5th April 2024 from 10 AM
GRIEF STRICKEN :
Sh. Shashi Kumar Sharma & Smt. Vijay Laxmi (Son & Daughter in Law)
Sh. Anoop Kumar Sharma & Smt. Usha Sharma (Son & Daughter in Law)
Sh. N D Sharma & Shobha Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-Law)
Smt. Vijay Devi W/O Late Sh. Prem Prakash Sharma (Daughter in Law)
Sh Ashok Sharma & Smt. Kailash Sharma (Son & Daughter in Law)




SMT. VIDYA DEVI

CHOUBARSI
Four years has passed since you left us for your eternal journey leaving us in tears and agony. Your memories are still fresh and we feel your presence everywhere, every time.
CHOUBARSI of our beloved **Late Smt. Santosh Gupta** W/o Sh. Sudeshwar Kumar Gupta (Painter Waley) R/o H.No.-123, Sector-7, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu shall be performed on Wednesday 5th April 2024, 10:00 am at our residence.
IN GRIEF:
Sh. Sudeshwar Kumar Gupta (Husband)
Alka and Swastik (Daughter-in-Law and Son)
Shiveta and Lovepreet (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Samarth, Aralyana, Nirvaan, and Tanishq (Grand-Children)
GUPTA FAMILY
MOB. NO. 9419238302, 9419100914



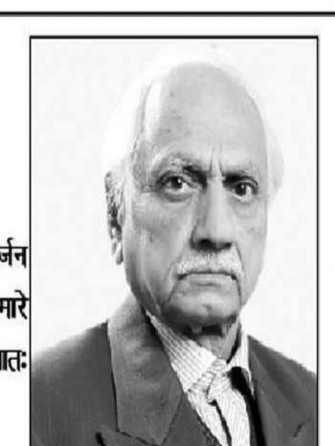
Late Smt. Santosh Gupta

TENTH DAY
The Tenth Day Kriya of **Late Smt Raj Dulari Razdan** W/o Late Sh. Sham Lal Razdan presently at Faridabad (originally from Karfalli Mohalla, Srinagar) who left for heavenly abode on March 27, 2024, shall be performed at Chotta Haridwar, Muradnagar, Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) on April 5, 2024 at 7am followed by mourning assembly at 11.30am at our residence (# 869, Sector 14, Faridabad, Haryana).
GRIEF STRICKEN
Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. Rashmi & Sh. Ravi Razdan, Smt. Nimmi Razdan, Smt. Sulakshna & Sh. Nikhil Razdan, Smt. Neena & Sh. Sunil Razdan, Smt. Anita & Sh. Deepak Razdan, Smt. Sakshi & Sh. Mickki Razdan, Smt. Kiran & Sh. Sanjay Razdan, Sh. Kaku Razdan
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Kiran & Sh. S.K. Pandita, Smt. Sneha & Prof. R.K. Ganjoo
Grand Son and Daughter-in-law
Ms. Parita & Mr. Rohit Razdan, Ms. Remya & Mr. Rahul Razdan, Ms. Aparna & Mr. Amit Pandita, Ms. Neetu & Mr. Robin Razdan, Ms. Komal & Mr. Rohan Ganjoo
Great Grand Children: Adi, Nimmo, Miland, Madhav, Kaira, Vahi, Yuvan
RSVP: 9899976502, 9313202833




Late Smt. Raj Dulari Razdan

अस्थियां विसर्जन
ॐ शान्ति ॐ
हमारे पूज्य पिता जी श्री प्रेम कुमार दत्ता जी की अस्थियां विसर्जन के लिए वीरवार दिनांक 04/04/2024 को हरिद्वार के लिए हमारे घर से प्रतः 8:00 बजे खाना होगा। अस्थियां दर्शन का समय प्रतः 7:30 से 8:00 बजे तक घर में ही रहेगा।
उसी दिन दोपहर 1:00 से 2:00 बजे
Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony, Jammu में अस्थियां दर्शन के श्री प्रेम कुमार दत्ता जी लिये करेंगे।
KUSUM DATTA (WIFE)
SANJAY DATTA (SON)
JYOTI DATTA (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)
RUBY KHAJURIA & VIPAN KHAJURIA (DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW)
PALVI & AMIT BAKSHI (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
ANIKET DATTA & HITASHI DATTA (GRAND SON AND DAUGHTER)
VARUN, VAIBHAV, MANYA, ARYANSH
MOBILE NO. 7006156404, 9419633414



10TH DAY / UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform about the sad demise of **SH. SHASHI KANT KHAJURIA** S/o Late Sh. S. N. Khajuria R/o H.No. 3A, Karan Nagar, Palooza Road Jammu on March 25, 2024.
10TH DAY will be observed on April 3 (Wednesday) at Rani Park (Tulyan), Opposite Women College Parade, Jammu at 11 am.
UTHALA will be performed on April 5 (Friday) at Trikuta Yash Niwas, Vaid Mandir Complex, Anapathla Road Jammu from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Madhu Rana - Wife
Vijayesh Khajuria - Son
Shrut - Daughter
Kusum & Rama Kant Khajuria - Sister-in-law & Brother
Sushma & Rani Kant Khajuria - Sister-in-law & Brother
Meenu & Chander Kant Khajuria - Sister-in-law & Brother
Meera & Neharika Khajuria - Sister-in-law & Brother
Chau & Kanti Kant Khajuria - Sister-in-law & Brother
Rani & Sunder Sharma - Sister & Brother-in-law
Mob: 9419143132, 7006201948



SH. SHASHI KANT KHAJURIA

TENTH DAY/13TH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Madan Gopal Puri** S/o Late Sh. Nathu Ram Puri R/o Ward No. 2, Opposite District Veterinary Hospital Court Road Kathua.
10th Day shall be held on 02-04-2024, Tuesday at 11:00 AM and **13th Day** shall be held on 05-04-2024, Friday at our residence.
Rasam Pagri/ Uthala shall be performed on 10-04-2024, Wednesday at 1:00 PM at our residence.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Smt. Champa Devi - Wife
Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. Medha Anand & Sh. Veavik Puri
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Monika Abrol & Sh. Anil Abrol
Smt. Arti Nagotra & Sh. Rajesh Nagotra
Smt. Bharti Abrol & Sh. Swarn Abrol
Grand Children
Divyanshu, Lavanya, Jaishresh, Vedika, Nanameesh, Anmol, Shaurya & Shivanya
CONTACT NO. 9419150193, 9419330272, 6006346776



Late Sh. Madan Gopal Puri
Exp. On: 24-03-2024

10TH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved father **Sh. Chuni Lal Kaul** S/o L.T. Sh. Keshav Nath Kaul originally resident of Kalwal Mohalla Rainawari at present House No. 259-P, Sector 21C, Faridabad Ex-Director J&K Fire Services who left for heavenly abode on 31st March 2024.
The 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Moradnagar (Chotta Haridwar) on 8th April.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Kishni Kaul - Wife
Ajay Kaul - Son - 9811484246
Anjali Kaul - Daughter-in-law
Sidharth and Siddhani - Gand Children
Anjali Kaul Deb - Daughter
Ranjana Deb - Son-in-law
Ayush & Piyush Deb - Grand Sons
Samast Kaul Parivar



Sh. Chuni Lal Kaul

TENTH DAY & KRIYA
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **LATE SH. RAJ KUMAR CHOPRA** S/O LATE SH. GIRDHARI LAL R/O WARD NO. 11 BILLAWAR DISTT KATHUA. TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT BILLAWAR MAIN MORH ON 03/04/2024 AT 11 AM
KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT BILLAWAR MAIN BAZAR ON 04/04/2024
GRIEF STRICKEN
SMT NEENA KUMARI - WIFE
BROTHERS :
SH SURINDER, SH RAMA KRISHAN, SH ASHOK, SH DARSHAN
SON & DAUGHTER
ROHAN CHOPRA
KARTI CHOPRA, NANCY CHOPRA
MS. HEEMA, JEWELLERS MAIN BAZAR BILLAWAR
M.9622841235, 8999160840




LATE SH. RAJ KUMAR CHOPRA

10th Day, Karam Kriya and Pagdi Rasam
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Smt Poli Devi** W/o Late Sh. Madan Gopal residence Sector-2, Laxmi Nagar Muthi, near Baba Laji Mandir.
10th Day will be on 3 April at 9:30 a.m. and **Satsang** of Guru Sachidanand Ji on 3 April at 11:00 a.m.
Karam Kriya will be on 6 April at 10:00 a.m.
Pagdi Rasam will be on 12 April at 1:00 PM.
Family members
Sons & Daughters in law
Sh Sanjay Kumar & Nisha Devi
Sh. Sham Raj & Suman Devi
Sh Sohan Lal & Anu Radha
Sh Pawan Kumar & Anju Bala
and ALL SAJGOTRA FAMILY
Contact No :
9149743289, 9596973945, 9149107014, 9906045895




Smt Poli Devi

BARKHI
One year has passed since you left us for heavenly abode. We feel your presence in every moment. We all pray for eternal peace of your noble soul.
Barkhi of our beloved **Sh. Sham Lal Gupta** S/o Late Shri Shankar Dass Gupta (Kote Wale) will be performed on 04-04-2024 at 12 Noon at our residence H.No.114 Nai Basti, Jammu.
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-
Surinder Kour Gupta (Reid. SO Irrigation) - Wife
Sakshi Gupta - Daughter
Mob.No: 7006209931




SH. SHAM LAL GUPTA (RETD. SO IRRIGATION)

MOURNING FROM MALUIN SIDE
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sister-in-law (Behan Ji) D/o Lt. Gopi Nath Bhat** of Chimmer Kulgam. **MOURNING FROM MALUIN SIDE** is being observed at Q.No. 11 Block 45 Lane- No. 09, Jagti Nagrota.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Bhabhi's
Smt. Doura Bhat W/o Lt. D.N. Bhat
Smt. Shoba Bhat W/o Lt. M.K. Bhat




Smt Gouri Shiri
Contact No:
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Dogra Brahman Pratidindi Sabha, Chanakaya Chowk, Parade, Jammu condotes the sad demise of **Sh. Shashi Kant Khajuria** active member of the Sabha. We pray to Almighty God to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.
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LS Polls: Bali Bhagat emphasizes maximum participation, active engagement of East Constituency people

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JAMMU, Apr 3: Bali Bhagat, senior BJP leader and former Minister, spoke fervently about the transformative changes witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Highlighting the government's commitment to inclusive governance, he emphasized the BJP's unwavering dedication to ensuring that every community receives the attention, benefits, and opportunities they rightfully deserve.

The senior BJP leader was speaking while chairing a meeting of Election Management Committee of East Constituency at Pandit Premnath Dogra Bhawan, Kachi Chawani Jammu.

With a firm belief in the principles of equality, justice, and progress for all, the BJP has spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at the welfare and development of



all sections of society. He articulated how these endeavors have not only empowered the people of Jammu and Kashmir, but also provided them with a profound sense of belonging and security—a sentiment that was lacking in the past.

"The transformative shift toward inclusive governance has been the cornerstone of our government's vision under the visionary lead-

ership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said, adding "By prioritizing the welfare of every community, we ensure that no one gets left behind in our journey towards progress."

Bali Bhagat, who is the Election Incharge of East Assembly Constituency, highlighted the critical significance of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Recognizing the pivotal role that

these elections play in shaping the future of the nation, he emphasized the need for maximum participation and active engagement from the citizens of East Constituency. He echoed the Party's commitment to transparent governance, accountability, and progressive policies, ensuring a prosperous and harmonious future for the constituency and the nation as a whole.

The former minister impressed upon the senior leaders of East Constituency to redouble their efforts in reaching out to every single voter of the constituency. He urged them to engage in steadfast outreach initiatives, tapping into the grassroots level, ensuring the key achievements of Modi Government with regard to progress and development reaches every nook and corner of the constituency. Through their unwavering dedication to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and their tireless efforts in enhancing access to opportunities and resources, the BJP will continue to pave the way towards a brighter future for all.

Among others who were present in the meeting include State Vice President Yudvir Sethi, Jammu district President Paramod Kapahi, former Dy Mayor Purnima Sharma, East Constituency Coordinator Hari Om.

KDP Wing of DPAP seeks votes in favour of Ghulam Nabi Azad

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JAMMU, Apr 3: In a Joint statement issued by the KDP Wing of DPAP leaders through Sanjay Dhar, President, Piaray Lal Pandita Chairman, Raj Kumar Ticku General Secretary, Roop Krishen Koul Vice President, Daizy Dhar Mahila President, Gawhar Wani Spokesperson, Naveen Gosani Youth President, Renu Razdan Mahila Vice President and others have congratulated the Democratic Progressive Azad Party to nominate our Dynamic Mehboob Leader Ghulam Nabi Azad as Contesting Parliamentary Candidate for Anantnag-Rajouri Poonch Constituency.

The leaders have also congratulated the Core Committee of the DPAP for taking a right and appropriate decision to declare nomination of such a brilliant Candidate for this prestigious Constituency.

The leaders have expressed that by achieving success during the

Parliamentary elections by our Mehboob leaders, all rays of hopes for restoration of all lost rights by the displaced people have awoken to get rid off from the thirty four years sufferings let to face by the Govt during past three decades of excitement.

The Leaders have appealed the displaced people to fill up their M.Forms and Form 12/C without any hindrance with a view to cast their valuable votes to the best Candidate like Ghulam Nabi Azad, with whom all hopes of our resettlement, rehabilitation back in valley are connected, as has been expressed by him starting from his maiden speech delivered in the Parliament on his retirement farewell occasion and also during his any public rally, even in Jagti and other platforms. The Leaders have especially appealed the voters of Anantnag-Rajouri Poonch Constituency to poll their valuable votes for the development of J&K, resettlement, rehabilitation of displaced

people back in valley for creation of employment avenues, improvement of educational, medical, social and women empowerment, and upliftment of below poverty line People.

The Leaders have appealed the displaced people living either in Jammu or outside to decide to vote for a National level renowned leader keeping in view his contributions during his limited Government either in State or in Centre, especially the attention and contributions made by him towards welfare of exiled community in particular and overall developments of the State in general.

The Leaders have again appealed the displaced people of Anantnag, Zainpora, Dooru, Kulgam, Kokernag, Shangus, Phalgam, Srigupwara, Bijbehara to cast their votes for getting the sufferings of last three decades exilement ended to start a new era of the generations among our community.

JU organizes lecture on "Total Quality Management in Libraries"



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JAMMU, Apr 3: Department of Library and Information Sciences, University of Jammu organized a captivating lecture on "Total Quality Management in Libraries" The lecture was delivered by Dr. Mahendra Singh, DLIS, University of Rajasthan.

Dr. Mahender Singh Rao, an expert in library science, shared invaluable insights into the principles and practices of Total Quality Man-

agement (TQM) specifically tailored for libraries. Drawing from his extensive experience Dr. Rao highlighted the significance of TQM in enhancing library services, optimizing resources, and meeting the evolving needs of patrons in the digital age.

Dr. Rao emphasized the importance of aligning library operations with the goal of delivering superior service quality, thereby enriching the academic and research experience for students,

faculty, and researchers. Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head, DLIS University of Jammu expressed her gratitude to Dr. Mahendra Singh Rao for his illuminating presentation and praised his dedication to motivate the young minds.

The lecture witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members Dr Pramod Kumar Singh, Dr Bindu, Ashwin Kushwaha, Dr Reenu Arti, scholars and students, who actively engaged in discussion.

Chairman AJBRCEAK calls on Lt Governor

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JAMMU, Apr 3: Vipan Kumar, Chairman All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir (AJBRCEAK) called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan on Tuesday.

He drew the attention of the Lt Governor towards the issue of jammu based reserved category employees working in Kashmir including early notification of comprehensive transfer policy, restoration of reservation in promotion, leave settlement issues of all other departments which are still pending. Moreover confirmation of Incharge Masters of 2014, inclu-

sion of new subjects in school education department like Public Administration, rural development, social work, journalism and mass communication, IT Food Science etc. also came under discussion.

Chairman AJBRCEAK also put forth various other welfare issues of the employee community like provision of Govt accommodation for all jammu based employees and appointment of nodal officer at Govt. level to address the concerns of inter district/division appointed employees.

The Lt Governor assured the Chairman, AJBRCEAK of the appropriate action on the issues projected by him during the interaction.

GDC Udhampur organizes Poster making Competition under SVEEP

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UDHAMPUR, Apr 3: In the continuum of activities under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) during the Azaadi Ka Amrit Kaal, the Electoral Literacy Club of Government Degree College Udhampur, organised a poster making competition under the banner of "Chunav ka Parv, Desh ka Garv" to inculcate constitutional obligations and to encourage students to uphold democratic traditions of the country. The event held under the guidance of patron and Principal Prof. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta.

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

The Program started with the interesting and colorful poster making competition by the participants.

The students showcased their enthusiasm and expressed their views through their colorful depictions in the event. The introductory speech was given by Prof (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal GDC Udhampur, in his address he appreciated the efforts of Dr Jagjeet Singh, Conve-ner SVEEP and his team



of volunteers for organizing so many innovative programs as per the schedule and apprised all present about the Value of Vote and a Voter in the Electoral Process for a vibrant and powerful democracy.

He appealed to all the students to get registered as voters and have in the pocket the most powerful ID Card of India, that is Voter ID Card, that has the Power to select the best leader and change the governments even. He further said that all must gear up to vote fearlessly and show commitment towards the nation.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Shweta Sharma, Head Department of Political Science said that the poster making competition served as a platform for students to voice their thoughts about significance of voting rights in a creative manner.

The competition invited young minds to come

forward with their innovative ideas and compelling words to inspire a meaningful change.

The poster making competition showcased the artistic talents and commitment of the students, with Mohit Singh from Semester-IV, securing the 1st position, followed by Nitish Kalotra of PG-I Semester, Department of English, GDC Udhampur in the 2nd position, and Ambica Thakur of Semester-IV in the 3rd position.

Participants used their creative expressions for voter education, spreading awareness and promoting voter literacy.

The program concluded with Dr Shweta Sharma delivering concluding remarks, and Prof Rahul Sharma tendered the formal vote of thanks. The event's proceedings were conducted by Prof. Sanjeet Singh. The event finally concluded with National Anthem.

J&K Joint Association of Career Counsellors expresses concern over increasing suicide rates among J&K Students

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JAMMU, Apr 3: The J&K Joint Association of Career Counsellors, a newly established initiative dedicated to providing free career counseling to students of Jammu & Kashmir, is deeply troubled by the alarming rise in suicide cases among J&K students enrolled in colleges outside their home state, particularly in Punjab and other regions.

The association has been closely monitoring the distressing trend of students from Jammu & Kashmir succumbing to mental health challenges and resorting to extreme measures while pursuing higher education in colleges located outside their familiar surroundings. The isolation, cultural differences, and academic pressures faced by these students often exacerbate their vulnerability, leading to tragic outcomes.

Moreover, the association highlighted the pervasive issue of fraudulent schemes and deceptive practices employed by certain institutes and counsellors to lure students from J&K with promises of scholarships and financial aid, only to betray their trust upon admission.



Such exploitative tactics not only prey on the aspirations of vulnerable students but also contribute to their emotional distress and sense of betrayal, Association members said in press conference here on Wednesday.

In light of these distressing developments, the J&K Joint Association of Career Counsellors urgently appealed to the School Education and Higher Education Departments to intensify their oversight and regulation of institutes and counselling services operating within and outside Jammu & Kashmir.

It is imperative to hold accountable those responsible for launching fake and fraudulent scholarships, thereby safeguarding the well-being and interests of students, they said.

The association underscores the critical importance of fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for students

from J&K pursuing higher education away from home. Timely intervention through accessible mental health support services, culturally sensitive counselling, and community outreach programs can play a pivotal role in addressing the underlying challenges and mitigating the risk of tragic incidents, they said.

As part of its commitment to promoting the holistic well-being and academic success of students, the J&K Joint Association of Career Counsellors remains steadfast in its mission to provide comprehensive career guidance and support services to the students of Jammu & Kashmir. Through collaborative efforts with stakeholders and educational authorities, the association aims to create a conducive environment where students can thrive academically and emotionally, members said.

Altaf Bukhari saddened over loss of PSI Deepak Sharma

SRINAGAR, Apr 3 (Agencies): Apni Party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari Wednesday expressed deep sadness over the loss of Police Sub-Inspector Deepak Sharma who lost his life during a faceoff in Kathua.

Bukhari expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members of the cop and

prayed for his eternal peace.

"Deeply saddened by the loss of PSI Deepak Sharma, who bravely sacrificed his life while confronting gangsters at GMC Kathua. His legacy of courage and dedication will inspire generations. Heartfelt condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace," Bukhari said on X.

Fifty educationists honoured at Moga

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JAMMU / MOGA, Apr 3: As many as 50 educationists were honoured during Crack Academy's Management and Principal's meet cum Award of Excellence ceremony at Moga on Wednesday. The Academy has already launched the 'Mere Seher Ke 100 Ratan' scholarship program in Punjab under which 11700 scholarships worth Rs 58 cr to the selected 100 meritorious students from each constituency of Punjab will be given, said Neeraj Kansal founder of Crack Academy.

Dr Parneesh slams Opposition's Loktantra Bachao Rally, accuses them of protecting dynasty politics, corruption

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JAMMU, Apr 3: Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convenor Department of Training, BJP, J&K, took a strong stance against the recent Loktantra Bachao Rally organized by the opposition parties in New Delhi.

In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader expressed his concerns regarding the detrimental impact of dynasty politics on the democratic fabric of the nation. He underscored the need for a level playing field, where meritocracy and capability take precedence over familial connections. He emphasized that political positions should be earned through hard work, dedication, and a genuine commitment to public service, rather than being determined solely by lineage.



Furthermore, Dr. Parneesh exposed the alleged corruption deeply rooted within these opposition parties. He condemned their dependence on family-centered politics, viewing it as a tactic designed to foster communal, regional, lin-

guistic, and caste divides. He contended that their ultimate goal is to acquire power and manipulate the system for the benefit of their own families, rather than serving the greater interests of the nation.

The senior BJP leader firmly believed in the core values and principles upheld by the Bharatiya Janata Party. He strongly championed transparency, good governance, and equal opportunities for all, emphasizing the need to eradicate the pernicious influence of dynasty politics and corruption from the political landscape. He asserted that BJP, under the dynamic leadership of PM Modi, remains steadfast in its resolve to combat corruption and cultivate an environment where every individual has an equal opportunity to contribute to the nation's progress.

EDITORIAL

HUMAN RIGHTS

Human rights are indisputable rights because every person on earth is entitled to them as a human being. These rights are available to every human being free from the constraints of his gender, culture, religion, nation, location, caste, creed or economic status. The idea of human rights has been around since human history, although there was considerable variation in the concept in earlier times. At the international level human rights are broadly classified into: civil and political rights and social rights which include economic and cultural rights. It is very important for the simple and normal life of every person that he should get the necessary human rights in every situation. On the basis of these, different types of human rights have been classified. Civil right limits the power of the government with respect to actions that affect the autonomy of the individual. It gives people a chance to participate in the government and contribute to the determination of laws.

These rights direct the government to act in a positive and interventionist manner so that the needs essential for human life and development are met. The government of every country hopes to ensure the well-being of all its citizens. Every person has the right to social security. In today's time, human rights are such a facility, without which our life would become very scary and miserable because without human rights, we can be subjected to all kinds of atrocities and we can be exploited without any fear. In fact, human rights have been very important not only in today's time but also in the entire history of human civilization. Even in India, in ancient times, citizens of many republican states enjoyed many special human rights. In today's time, human rights ranging from prisoners to prisoners of war have been decided at the international level. These rights are monitored and regulated by many major international institutions and organizations. If there are no human rights, our life will become worse than that of animals, we can see its direct example in many dictatorial and religiously run countries today. Where a person is given a harsh punishment like death penalty just for expressing his views or for making a small mistake because neither there are no human rights rules or any kind of law, and in such countries, even after being punished, the prisoners are treated worse than animals. On the other hand, in democratic countries, human rights are given a lot of importance and every person, whether he is a criminal or a prisoner of war, is given full opportunity to present his side, along with this, even after being punished, he is definitely given basic facilities. She goes. From this we can understand how much importance human rights have in our lives.

Human rights are the basic rights given to individuals, which are almost the same everywhere. Every person in every country is given these rights ignoring the caste, creed, colour, sex, culture and economic or social status. Although sometimes these are violated by individuals, groups or the state itself. People should not be deprived of any human rights. There is a need to raise voice against violations.

West's disquiet about India: Meddling or friendly nudge?

By: K.C. Singh

The rumblings were audible in India for months as investigative agencies like the Enforcement Directorate and the income-tax department had been selectively targeting Opposition leaders and parties. It was expected that once the elections to the Lok Sabha were announced the Model Code of Conduct would compel balanced restraint till the elections were over. However, if anything, the arrest of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on March 21 and exaggerated income-tax claims from the Congress, the main Opposition party, defied that logic. The un-leveling of the playing field continues under the very nose of the Election Commission.

Germany was the first country to express discomfort over this scenario. India reacted with calculated diplomatic ire, advising the Germans to mind their own business. But when the US state department expressed similar anxiety, the ministry of external affairs first strongly protested, although less stridently, and then followed up by summoning acting US deputy chief of mission Gloria Berberna. India's expectation was that the matter would end there, both sides having appeased public opinion in their respective countries.

However, US state department spokesman Mathew Miller, when asked about the summoning of their diplomat, in seniority next only to the ambassador, had no hesitation in reiterating that "we continue to follow these actions closely, including the arrest of the Delhi CM". Not stopping there, he added that the US was also aware of tax authorities hampering the electioneering ability of the Congress Party by freezing their accounts. Mr Miller concluded that

they "encourage fair, transparent and timely legal processes for each of these issues". Justice and fairness of the proceedings was also emphasised.

Amongst those who were trolled in India was an anchor of a major television channel when he simply tweeted the latest US reaction. This writer's comments a day earlier on a major business television channel, when posted on X and YouTube, generated huge viewership and some acerbic comments. The main line of counterattack by pro-BJP elements was that comments on the fairness of Indian elections by foreign powers was a breach of Indian sovereignty and interference in India's internal affairs. All those reporting such criticism, and especially those pointing out the misuse of the agencies only against government's opponents were anti-national.

This writer, in his social media response, pointed out that the "bhakts", or hardcore BJP supporters, failed to perceive the difference between the government and the nation. Mark Twain's quote captures it perfectly that "loyalty to the country always, loyalty to a government when it deserves it".

The fracas raises the broader question about the validity of the Indian defence that any criticism of the Indian electoral processes is a breach of Indian sovereignty. US President Joe Biden came into office in January 2021 promising a summit of democracies, intending thereby to globally advance the values that the liberal democratic model represents. But the United States has a poor record historically of such evangelism. Late US secretary of state Zbigniew Brzezinski had named his memoir Power and Principle, underscoring the conflict in the conduct of foreign policy between ethics and realpolitik. A case

in point is Pakistan. The minute the Soviet Union militarily intervened in Afghanistan in 1979, the US sidelined its ire over Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq's military coup, the hanging of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Pakistan's clandestine nuclear weapons programme. A similar long rope was offered again to military dictator Gen. Pervez Musharraf after Al Qaeda's 9/11 terrorist attack on the United States.

However, India presents a separate case. Even during the Cold War, the US was drawn to India as a citadel of democracy in Asia. Thereafter, India became additionally attractive for its economic rise, huge market, increasing military strength and as a counterfoil to China. But its basic relevance persists as an established democracy, which shares the American commitment to a global liberal democratic order. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promoted this soft power of India by coinages like India as the "mother of democracies".

Understandably, thus, India's friends among the Western nations get concerned about any democratic slippage in India. In the European Union itself, they have similar anxiety about democratic recession in member nations like Hungary. Brazil, as the 21st century opened, was seen alongside Germany, India and Japan as a natural candidate for permanent membership of the UN Security Council. But after the short and democratically destructive presidency of Jair Bolsonaro, that edge is gone.

On March 28, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' spokesman also commented on the Indian elections, hoping in "India, as in any country that is having elections, that everyone's rights are protected, including political and civil rights, and everyone can vote in an atmosphere that

is free and fair". India may tell the UN to stick to more pressing issues like the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the protracted war in Ukraine. However, the fundamental question of partisan conduct by the investigative agencies cannot be ignored.

The Indian legal system is basically sound, but faces questions about its independence. One is symbolised by an anti-Opinion judge of the Calcutta high court quitting overnight to become the BJP's candidate in the forthcoming election. Similarly, an excessive number of sensitive political cases have gone to a Supreme Court judge with past Gujarat government links. This may be a coincidence but the Chief Justice must ensure, as the phrase goes, that "Caesar's wife must be above suspicion".

What can happen next? It is possible that, diplomatic demarches aside, the Indian government realises the damage that it is doing to India's reputation as a robust democracy. It may curb its inexplicable desire to overplay its winning hand, with possibilities of diminished gain. Separately, the highest court may freeze the income-tax orders and also start de-weaponising the Prevention of Money Laundering Act by restricting the detention powers of the ED. A warning signal was one member of the Election Commission suddenly resigning.

Hopefully, like the US institutions defending the democratic framework when defeated incumbent President Donald Trump attempted to subvert the verdict, Indian institutions will not completely wilt. It would be a mistake to ignore warnings from the US and other Western powers as mere bluster. The people of India may be thinking analogously and vote accordingly.

Benefits of an Aptitude Test in Education

By: Vijay GarG

Aptitude Tests access your logical reasoning and thinking ability. They consist of multiple choice questions and are held as proper exams. The tests are strictly timed. Generally, the time given depends on the number of questions in the test. Mostly, 60 to 90 seconds is given for one question. There are many different types of questions which can be asked in an aptitude test. These different types of questions can be categorized as:

Verbal Ability: It comprises the English speaking skills of a person. Spelling and grammar are included in it. It is based on the understanding of the accurate meaning of the words, formation sentence or sentence structure, idioms and proverbs. It tests the skills like understanding the information, recalling the information, and understanding of language concepts. The questions included in verbal ability can be of the following types:

- Spelling questions
- Missing word questions
- Missing word questions
- Synonyms and antonyms
- Word pair questions
- Comprehension
- Reasoning questions

Numeric Ability: It includes basic mathematics like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. In some tests, data interpretation is also present which means the interpretation of charts and graphs. The numeric ability can be categorized as a speed test. A speed test means that the questions are very simple and the methods used to solve them are very clear. It is just considered with how many questions you can answer correctly within a given period of time. You are not allowed to use a calculator. The questions included in numeric ability can be of the following types:

- Arithmetic questions
- Sequence and series
- Numbers represented by the alphabet
- Data interpretation

Abstract Reasoning: It includes the questions which have a very little or no application in the real world. The question tests your understanding of patterns and figures and also the similarities and differences between shapes and figures. This test does not require any educational qualification.

Spatial Reasoning: It includes your ability to draw or interpret drawings. It tests your imagination. The question may require you to imagine a given drawing rotated at some angle or visualize a 2-dimensional drawing in a 3-dimensional view. It may also include visual assembly or disassembly of an object. The questions included in spatial reasoning can be of the following types:

Your score significantly depends on your knowledge. The various aspects included in it are:

- Lever
- Gears
- Pulleys
- Electrical circuits
- Springs
- Tools

Fault Diagnosis: It tests your ability to find faults in mechanical and electronic systems. This type of test is taken by those who want to work as technical personnel.

Data Checking: It tests that how accurately and speedily you can find out errors in the given data. Mostly, you would be given two columns of data and you have to find the differences between the two. The data is not much meaningful. This type of test is done for clerical jobs, administrative jobs, or jobs related to banking and accounting.

Work Sample: In this, you will have to give the sample of the work you are expected to do after you get the job. Therefore, it will involve a specific skill.

What is the Importance of an Aptitude Test?

The Aptitude Test can be used as a measure of the abilities of a person. These tests give the complete picture of a person's mind. The aptitude test is of a great importance for the students studying in school or those people who want to change their profession. The test will give them a precise result of what is the actual abilities of a person. The importance of an aptitude test can be understood by the fact that they being widely used now for various purposes. Some of them are:

Placement Purpose: If a job requires some specific skill or some particular trait in the person, it is evaluated by aptitude tests. For example, if you have applied for a data entry job, they will test your data checking skills or if you have applied for a job in the technical field they will test your mechanical reasoning or fault diagnosing ability. Mostly, the aptitude test is used in conjunction with a personal interview or a group discussion or both for job placement. It is difficult to cheat in an aptitude test, therefore, they are considered reliable by most of the interviewers. These tests give the interviewer an idea of the natural abilities, strength, and weaknesses of the interviewee.

Choosing a Career: The result of the aptitude test tells us about the skills or abilities of a person. This result is of great help in choosing a career. A person will get to know what he is good at and he should choose a career accordingly. For example, a person takes an aptitude test and the result shows that the person's verbal skills are excellent but the numerical skills are very poor. In this case, rather than choosing a career which requires him to enhance his numeric ability, it would be beneficial for him to choose a career which requires his verbal skills. Therefore, an aptitude test becomes guidance in choosing a career. One should definitely opt for an aptitude test before choosing a career. The right time for this test is after passing the 10th standard exam. It will guide you to choose the correct stream.

Academic Improvement: If a student takes an aptitude test, it will directly or indirectly tell him his strong and weak subject. The student can, therefore, work on his weak subjects and improve them.

It is very important to include aptitude tests in education. As most of the multinational companies take the aptitude test of the person trying for the job, the tips and tricks for solving the aptitude tests must be taught to the students from the very beginning. If the students practice aptitude tests from the very beginning they will be able to solve them in proper time correctly. This would be beneficial for them when they go for recruitment. The schools should test the aptitude of the students at regular intervals so that the faculty can know the weak areas of their students. Moreover, it will tell the faculty if there is any fault in the curriculum or teaching methodology.

How to Prepare for an Aptitude Test?

If you are appearing for an aptitude test which is competitive or for placement purpose, here are some tips which could be helpful to you.

Learn Basics: There is no particular syllabus for aptitude test. Anything could be asked of you in the test. So, it becomes necessary that all your basic subjects, especially mathematics, is clear to you. You should know all the basics you learned in the school.

Everything is Important: In a competitive exam, even a single mark become very important. So, you should not leave any topic while preparing. Even if you find a topic difficult, do not leave it. Read that topic again and again or take help from your teachers. You do not know what will come in the exam, so you should prepare all the topics very well.

Practice: As it is said, practice makes a man perfect. You should go for mock aptitude tests. There are many books available for aptitude. The internet is flooded with aptitude tests which are free of cost. Go for them. The more you will practice, your speed will increase. You will also come across many different types of questions, which might increase your knowledge. It is also possible that you may get the same question you practised in the test.

Know your Weak Points: You should know in which topics you lag behind. You should prepare those topics first because you do not need much time to prepare those topics which you are good at.

Do not Waste Time: Time is very precious. If you get stuck on a question and you do not find any way out, leave it for that particular time and come back to it later.

Be Careful while Attempting: Most of the tests have negative marking. So just do not attempt the question if you are not sure about the answer. Do not assume your answer to be right. A zero is always better than a minus one.

Avoid Gaps: Avoid gaps in your practising routine as it can decrease your speed. Large gaps can make you forgetful. If you have a busy schedule on a particular day, try to take out at least 30 minutes for practising questions. Do not waste any day without

practising.

Have a Fresh Mind: Aptitude needs a lot of concentration which can be devoted only to a fresh and peaceful mind. If you had a fight with someone or you are feeling low or you have diverted mind, do not practice aptitude. If you will practice aptitude at this instance, you will get all your questions wrong because you will not be able to devote full concentration.

Take Care of Yourself: Body and mind are interlinked. For a healthy mind, the body should also be healthy and vice versa. Sleep well and eat well. Take at least 6 hours of sleep.

Disadvantages of an Aptitude Test

With all these advantages of aptitude tests, there also come disadvantages attached to them. The disadvantages of aptitude tests are:

Costly: It is quite costly to make an aptitude test or to administer it. To meet this cost, the institutes or organizations which hold these tests charge a huge sum of money from the students appearing for it. The companies which use aptitude test for recruitment have to spend a lot of money on these tests as the number of people appearing is quite a lot. For every different type of the job, the company has to modify the test which adds to the cost.

Stressful: Aptitude tests are quite stressful. A person appearing for the test devotes his entire mind to it before and during the test. If the person appeared for the test for placement or some other fruitful purpose, he would be tensed for the result. This increases the stress level.

Cannot Tell Everything: Aptitude tests can only tell your weak and strong areas, but it cannot tell how well you can learn new things. It only tells about your natural abilities and intelligence, not about your interests. Moreover, it only tells about your mind, not about your personality. For example, your aptitude test results say that you would be good in the field of sales and marketing but you lack those speaking skills and confidence required for conversing with the customers, you will not be able to find success in these fields. Also, the tests cannot predict your artistic capabilities.

Conclusion

Considering both the advantages and disadvantages, it is concluded that do not stick to what your aptitude test result says. For choosing a career, there is no harm in taking the test but doing exactly what the result says is not right. Have a deep thought and connect the test result with your interest and your personality and then make a decision for choosing a career. If you are appearing for the test for other purposes, that is, placement or something else, prepare for it. The test will not be easy.

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All India Dharma Prachar Seva Samiti is starting "Shri Ram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa recitation"



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 3: The All India Dharma Prachar Seva Samiti is starting the collective recitation of "Shri Ram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa" in temples that are considered centers of faith. In this context, All India Dharma Prachar Seva Samiti organized a program in Chhanni Himmat

at Gaurishankar Temple. The program was inaugurated by lighting a lamp. With the chanting of Vedic Mantras, the entire atmosphere was immersed in devotion. The program was presided over by Sunil Sharma, National Convener of All India Dharma Prachar Seva Samiti and the chief guest was scholar Manoj

Dwivedi who came from Ayodhya.

A large number of students, youth and women including people of all age groups participated in this program. The tiny students made the whole atmosphere charming by singing the prayer "O Lord Anand Daata, Gyan Hamko Dijiye" with great love! Everyone recited "Shri Ram Stuti"

in unison and after that Shri Hanuman Chalisa was recited! After that, offerings were made to the Lord and then a collective Aarti was performed.

Expressing his views on this occasion, National Convener of All India Dharma Prachar Seva Samiti, Shri Sunil Sharma told that earlier also the committee

had done free "Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta" distribution campaign, "Gangajal distribution campaign", Shrimad Bhagwat Katha, Sant Sammelan, etc. Many works of national upliftment and social upliftment have been done by All India Dharma Prachar Seva Samiti for a long time and the committee has started from Durga Ashtami that the program of "Shri Ram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa" should be held in every temple of India so that we can provide good values to the coming generations and can make our incomparable contribution in recognizing India as the world Guru.

On this occasion, Dr. Vijay Sharma, Girija Sharma, Bhuvaneshwari Sharma, Ayushman Sharma, Ashok Khajuria, Arjun, Guddu, Vishesh Pal Mehtai, Sanjeev Kabotra, Sanjeev Sharma were present.

Holy Gates International School organizes awareness rally on "Drug Abuse"



Top News Report

ANANTNAG, Apr 3:- The Holy Gates International School Hiller Shahabad of Dooru Anantnag organized an awareness rally against drug abuse in Hiller Village on Wednesday. The aim of the rally was to spread awareness among the common people about the harmful effects of drugs and most importantly to bring awareness among the parents to have a close vigil on their children so that they do not fall prey

to any untoward situation with regard to drug addiction. Around 300 students participated enthusiastically in the rally. The Rally started from the School premises and covered the Ujru, National Highway Tool Post, & Pranigam village and then reached the Jamia masjid Hiller.

Thereafter, Childrens returned back via market area of Hiller Shahabad.

On this occasion, the students said that it is the need of the hour to hold such awareness rallies to end the scourge of

drugs, because by holding such rallies, the message about drugs and its harmful effects reaches the people.

While the principal of the school Sabzar Ahmed Wani said that today's rally has only one purpose to inform people about drugs and its harmful effects in the society. He said that it is our responsibility to eradicate this evil. He urged the parents to pay attention to their children saying that their child is not going to do anything wrong.

Debate on "Importance of Votes in Democracy" held at GDC Padder



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Apr 3: A thought-provoking debate on the topic "Importance of Votes in Democracy" was organized by the Electoral Literacy Club at Government Degree College (GDC) Padder, as part of the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative. The event aimed to foster awareness and understanding of the fundamental role of voting in a democratic society.

The program commenced with a compelling keynote address by Prof. S. R. Chauhan, Assistant Professor of Political Science and College Coordinator of

SVEEP who emphasized that political participation promotes accountability, transparency, and legitimacy, which are essential elements of good governance.

Six students participated in the debate, articulating their views on the significance of voting in democracy. Following their presentations, the esteemed jury members, Prof. Rishi (Assistant Professor of Sociology) and Prof. Dorjee (Assistant Professor of Education), evaluated the performance of the participants.

Both Raj, Sunil Kumar, and Pawan Kumar emerged as the winners, securing the first, second, and third positions, respectively.

In an inspirational address, Dr. Subhash Chander, Vice Principal of the college, commended the initiative, affirming that such programs contribute significantly to institutional growth. He also extended his congratulations to the Electoral Literacy Club for their commendable efforts.

The event witnessed the active participation of all staff members and approximately a hundred students.

Prof. Rishi concluded the proceedings with a formal vote of thanks, followed by the recitation of the Voters Pledge, symbolizing the commitment to uphold democratic principles and exercise voting rights responsibly.

GDC Vijaypur spreads message on 'Casting Vote'

Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Apr 3: NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of GDC Vijaypur organized a short video shooting event on "Casting vote" for the first time under the banner of Vote ka Parv Desh ka Garv & Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye.

The video shooting event was a great inspiration for the students and NSS volunteers as they are very excited to cast vote for the very first time in their lives. NSS volunteers and other college students participated in the video shooting event with great enthusiasm, fervor and zeal.

The short video shooting event deliberated upon the purpose to inculcate constitutional obligations and to encourage staff and students to cast their vote.

It also deliberated upon how the first-time voters should vote keeping in mind while casting their votes.

The parameters they said should be casting vote irrespective of party, religion, community and cast. The event was organized under the able guidance of Dr.

(Prof.) Vandana Gupta, esteemed Principal of the college where she briefed the students that casting vote is a fundamental right and one should not come under influence of anyone while casting vote.

The idea of making video is to aware the first time voters about the importance of voting. She further said that voting is an important civic duty that can significantly impact the future of our country.

The event was organized with the full support of the senior faculty members like Prof. Anita Jamwal (HOD Political Science), Prof. Mamta Kundal (HOD Commerce) and Dr. Anoop Kumar Bhagat (HOD Sociology).

The event was coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan (HOD Environmental Sciences), Dr. Manoj Heer (HOD Dogri), Dr. Naseem Chowdhary (NSS PO) and Prof. Meetu Sharma (HOD Geography). The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo, Dr. Radhika Rasyal, Prof. Renuka Kundal, Prof. Rakesh Kumar and Prof. Mazid Malik.

Manjit Singh demands Tehsil status to Parmandal Block



Top News Report

SAMBA, Apr 3: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister Manjit Singh on Wednesday demanded tehsil status to Parmandal Block of District Samba.

As per a press release, a meeting was organized at Nagrota (Uttarbehni) in Parmandal to discuss problems being faced by the people regarding development and other related issues.

In his address, Manjit Singh said that the people are concerned about their long travel to Vijaypur and Bari Brahmana regarding revenue or other certificate relat-

ed works. He said that the people suffer because of the entire day for their lesser works, and it further delays the work that requires immediate attention from the authorities.

The people of Nagrota have to go to Naib Tehsildar's office at Parmandal and then to the Tehsil office at Bari Brahmana. If the issue pertains to the Sub Divisional Office (SDM), they go to Vijaypur from Parmandal for minor work at the SDM office that makes a travel of over 40 kms a day, he said, while citing the difficulties faced by the people.

In these circumstances, he said that it becomes

imperative for the Govt to give the status of Tehsil to Parmandal Block for the welfare of its residents.

He said that the granting of Tehsil status would help in timely disposal of grievances and other related issues at Parmandal.

Besides, other issues of developments were also discussed by the Apni Party leaders. After listening to their grievances, he assured that he would highlight their issues with the concerned authorities.

Apni Party's District President, Samba, Raman Thappa and other leaders were also present in the meeting.

Kurigam Quazigund main road near Railway bridge in dilapidated condition, admin unmoved



Top News Report

QUAZIGUND, Apr 3: Residents of Kurigam Quazigund area of Anantnag District Wednesday expressed resentment over dilapidated condition of road stretch which they said has not been macadamized.

They said that administration has failed to repair this road. School children, drivers and shopkeepers are the worst sufferers due to the bad condition of the road," residents said.

Zahid ahmad a local driver told Voice of india (VOI) that they are facing

inconvenience as road had turned into 'death trap' for them.

He said government macadamized other link roads in the locality last year but their "deliberately" left unattended.

Another driver said from past 8 years nothing has been done for them, it's getting worse day by day," he said.

"We approached Concerned authorities, but they turned deaf ears to their pleas," he said.

He said during emergencies they have to use alternative routes to reach on the main road.

Despite living in adjacent to Srinagar-Quazigund highway, the main Quazigund to Kulgam road near Railway bridge kurigam are craving for attention, he said.

"We face problems when it rains as the road turns into a dam. Even we registered problem to concerned department but things remain unchanged on ground," he said.

Residents appealed Lt. Governor led administration, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag to look into the matter, so that they could get a sign of relief.

GHSS Boys RS Pura launches Door-to-Door Enrollment Campaign

Top News Report

RS PURA, Apr 3: In a proactive initiative to bolster enrollment and foster community engagement, the staff of Government Boys Higher Secondary School RS Pura commenced a door-to-door enrollment campaign today, targeting residents within the school's catchment area.

Under the visionary leadership of Principal Neelam Gupta, the school staff embarked on a spirited outreach effort to showcase the myriad benefits of enrolling in a government school.

With a focus on promoting inclusivity and accessibility to quality education, the campaign aims to increase participation in Government Boys Higher Secondary School RS PURA.

During the campaign, the enthusiastic staff highlighted the school's modern infrastructure, including well-equipped classrooms, a cutting-edge ICT lab, and extensive sports facilities and playground.



Emphasizing the importance of a holistic educational experience, Principal Neelam Gupta also spotlighted the qualifications and dedication of the teaching faculty.

During the campaign, Senior Lecturer Physics Sh. Rahul Dev Raina and Lecturer Physics Sh. Sunil Sharma, introduced residents to the school's advanced astrophysics lab, designed to ignite students' passion for

astronomy and scientific exploration.

Principal Neelam Gupta underscored the school's illustrious legacy of nurturing talent and shaping future leaders, citing numerous successful alumni in various fields, including administration, politics, and the armed forces. Additionally, as the cluster/complex head of RS PURA cluster/complex, Principal Smt. Neelam Gupta directed

all heads/incharges of schools under the cluster/complex to initiate similar comprehensive door-to-door campaigns.

The door-to-door enrollment campaign serves as a proactive measure to inspire local families to choose Government Boys Higher Secondary School RS PURA for its commitment to academic excellence and holistic development opportunities.

"Government Boys Higher Secondary School RS PURA is committed to providing quality education and fostering holistic development among its students. With a rich heritage and modern facilities, the school strives to cultivate a nurturing environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and personally," the principal told the locals.

The challenges involved with emoting through voice alone are enticing actors to try out the audio series format

The audio scene is booming! Audible, an audio streaming app, released its fourth season of Marvel's *Wastelanders*. This Audible Original podcast is one ambitious collaboration between Marvel Entertainment and Audible and is released in French, German, Hindi, Italian and Japanese.

The Hindi version of Marvel's *Wastelanders: Wolverine* features Sharad Kelkar as the voice of Wolverine, Mithila Palkar as Sofia and Neelam Kothari as Jean Grey. The English language version of *Wastelanders: Wolverine* is written and directed by Jenny Turner Hall. The Hindi adaptation is done by actor-director and presenter Mantra Mugdh.

Wolverine is not the only superhero who has caught the Indian's audiences' attention. This extensive audio series also features other popular superhero characters such as Captain America, Crossbones, Professor X/Charles Xavier, Red Skull, Cyclops and more.

We talk to voice-actors Sharad Kelkar (Wolverine), Aadil Khan (Captain America), Chandan Roy Sanyal (Crossbones) and director Mantra to know the challenges and rewards that come with working on this medium.

For Sharad, voicing for the titular character of Wolverine and bringing it to life in Hindi language was a unique experience. He says, "Wolverine is my favourite superhero. Channeling his emotions from guilt to failure to resilience and courage through the voice alone was



demanding yet satisfying for me as an artist. I hope listeners feel the intensity and depth of Wolverine's story and can take away something meaningful from his journey."

Director's hat
Director Mantra has been associated with Audible since its inception and believes that the coming decade will witness a surge in fiction podcasts, audio dramas, and audio films.

Talking about his experience of directing *Wastelanders*, Mantra says, "Adapting such a renowned series came with a responsibility, considering the massive fan base Marvel enjoys in India. It was crucial to give a local flavour to the content while preserving its original essence.

Our primary aim was to maintain authenticity and remain faithful to the original source material."

Mantra's favourite podcast is *Kaali Awaazein* featuring Amitabh Bachchan as the narrator. For him working with first-time audio performers, guiding and leading them towards the goal was fulfilling. "Saif Ali Khan brought immense enthusiasm, making it a pleasure to collaborate. Witnessing these actors transform through the power of voice was truly amazing," Mantra says.

Eyes vs ears
Aadil, who is the voice of Captain America, couldn't believe when he was offered to the part in the audio series. He calls it a truly surreal feeling. "Explor-

ing the world of Hindi-dubbed superheroes was truly captivating. Working alongside a team of immensely talented individuals, including voice-over artists and actors, made the process all the more thrilling."

According to him, audio stories have always been an integral part of our lives and considering our hectic lifestyle, audio series give us an opportunity to consume engaging content. Having worked as a radio jockey, Khan understands the impact that audio can have. "Many believe that what you hear can often create a stronger connection than what you see."

Flight of imagination
This is first-time for actor Chandan Roy Sanyal to be associated with Marvel Entertainment. He says, "To identify a character just by the voice is intriguing. To be part of this audio world, where people listen to a story based on sound design and voices, where your imagination becomes the deciding factor, is pretty interesting. And to be able to deliver through voice and keep the listeners hooked is where the challenge lies. I just hope that we ignited people's curiosity and brought more listeners into the audio world."

Sanyal recalls the old times when he used to listen to radio while growing up and believes that such audio podcasts are only helping in bringing back that golden era. "When we used to play cassettes in the 90s, it sharpened our imagination. While giving voice to my character, I could visualise the scenes."

Priyanka Chopra Jonas lends voice for Tiger



Priyanka Chopra Jonas announced the release date of her new project, titled Tiger. She said it was fun lending her voice to this incred-

ible story and exploring the jungles through this film.

Taking to Instagram on Tuesday, Priyanka treated fans with the film's poster along with a note.

The note read, "Tiger... a story that captures the wild and brings out everything that happens within it — tales of love, conflict, hunger, survival and so much more."

Tiger was in the making for eight years.

Sharing more details about the film, she wrote, "In the bustling jungles of India, where creatures big and small, timid and majestic roam, there's Amba — a tigress with a timeless legacy. She cares for her cubs with so much love that the beautiful bond between mother and child shines through so magnificently. This film was shot over eight years following this beautiful family."

Tiger will be released on screens on April 22, which is observed as World Earth Day.

Excited about its release, Priyanka concluded, "I had so much fun lending my voice to this incredible story and exploring the jungles through this film. I can't wait for you all to enjoy the jungle with us! Tiger on your screens this Earth Day, 22nd April. @disneyplus #DisneyNature."

Samantha says action in Citadel is very different from what she did for The Family Man

Samantha Ruth Prabhu revealed that the action in the upcoming series *Citadel: Honey Bunny and The Family Man* are very different.

The action sequences Samantha performed in *The Family Man* as Raji got her a lot of appreciation.

Shedding light on the stunts she has performed, the actress revealed the rigorous training and prep that went into executing the sequences for the upcoming series starring Varun Dhawan.

Samantha said, "It is very different in terms of the action from what I did for *The Family Man* for the character of Raji. So it is different and I'm very excited about the action in *Citadel*."

"Definitely it is something I wanted to get from Raji and I think that has happened," she added.



Megan Fox gives an honest list of all the plastic surgeries she's got done: Nose job, breast implants...

Megan Fox appreciates it when women are transparent about all the cosmetic procedures they have got done. On the same vein, she revealed all of her own plastic surgery procedures during a podcast, *Call Her Daddy* with Alex Cooper.

Megan did mention that even if she revealed with all honesty all the things she's got done, people (especially women) would still troll her. She gave Kylie Jenner's example. "I still won't win because there are some girls who have been who have been transparent...I don't want to like bring people in... but someone like a Kylie has been very transparent. That is not helping her people or women are still brutally dragging her just the same. And totally undeserved. She's a beautiful, healthy, young, gorgeous girl. And I actually feel for whatever reason, very protective when I watch other girls



go through this, I want to defend them or go to war for them," Megan said.

What she didn't get done

Megan then began listing all the work that she has not got done. "Okay. I've never had a facelift of any kind. So no mid facelift. No like lateral brow lifts. Although I would like one or no regular brow lift. I've never done threads I have researched them. That's not because of some moral thing. I just don't really believe they work and I'm also afraid that they would interfere when I do need to have a facelift," she said. She added that she never had any buccal fat removal or liposuction as she is already very lean. She is not averse to getting fillers though.

What she got done
Megan finally revealed the procedures she did get done. "I had my boobs done when I was 21 or 22 I had them

redone after I was done breastfeeding my kids because I don't know where they went but they went and then I had to have them read and very recently because the first set I didn't have enough body fat to disguise you could see the rippling of the implant so I had to switch them out to this set."

"And then I had my nose done when I was in my early 20s. And that's something I've literally been accused of having like 6-7-8 rhinoplasty surgeries which is impossible your nose would get necrosis and fall off. I haven't had a rhinoplasty since I was I'm gonna say 23. It's been well over a decade. I haven't touched my nose since then."

Megan broke out in early 2000s with movies like *Transformers* and *Jessica's Body*. She was dating Machine Gun Kelly for a long time and recently split with him.

Damian Hurley says filming his mom Elizabeth Hurley's racy scene felt 'totally normal'

British actress Elizabeth Hurley and her son Damian Hurley "felt totally normal" while he directed her in racy scenes.

The mother and son say they feel more like siblings, which they know seems unusual to outsiders.

Damian has spent years taking photographs of his mother wearing bikinis.

The 58-year-old actress shared there was "nothing gratuitous" shot for 21-year-old Damian's *Strictly Confidential* film, and added that she "felt very comfortable" getting intimate with another woman in front of her son, who was behind the camera.

The actress also shared that the "budget couldn't run to" hiring an intimacy coordinator on set.

"I hate to say that it felt totally normal. I don't know what that says about us," Damian said.

He added, "I was speaking to a lot of my friends who are also second generation of parents in the industry.

They say exactly the same thing, that things to outsiders that may seem totally strange



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and extraordinary, for us we'll just have grown up with in everyday life." Damian grew up without his late father Steve Bing.

He explained his relationship, "We're like siblings. I think when it's just two of you, any farce of 'I'm the parent, you're the child, I'm going to tell you off' goes out the window. "You start seeing each other as real humans way sooner than when there are two parents, two kids, and you're separated from the adults," he said.

Shraddha Kapoor croons Karan Aujla's 'Jee Ni Lagda', asks fans for night drive songs



Actress Shraddha Kapoor wants to update her playlist for night drives and requested her fans to share songs with her on social media.

Shraddha took to Instagram stories, where she was seen crooning to the Punjabi sensation Karan Aujla's 'Jee Ni Lagda', while she is seen on a drive and sitting in the passenger's seat.

The actress wrote, 'Night drive ke liye... Aur aise gaane batao (For night drives... tell me more songs like this).' She did not reveal who she was on a drive with.

On the work front, Shraddha will next be seen in 'Stree 2'.

PM Modi interacts with BJP workers in UP, asks them to ensure victory in all seats

Modi addresses digital rally of Uttar Pradesh BJP workers at 22,648 booths in 10 Lok Sabha seats through NaMo App

LUCKNOW, Apr 3 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said Opposition leaders develop cold feet seeing the enthusiasm of BJP workers, and asked them to work with a resolve to break all old poll records.

Addressing a digital rally of Uttar Pradesh BJP workers at 22,648 booths in 10 Lok Sabha seats through the NaMo App, Modi said new records are being made in polls due to the hard work of BJP workers.

The "soul of victory in elections lies in the victory of the polling booth", he said while stressing that they "will have to work with a resolve to break all old records of the polling booths".

"Be it Lok Sabha elections or assembly polls, new records are being made due to your hard work. I am happy to see your enthusiasm but seeing your enthusiasm, other party leaders develop cold feet," he said.

Modi expressed confidence that BJP workers in the state are working hard to ensure victory on every seat and at every polling booth.



"You all have to intensify your efforts in the right direction and convey your message to every voter. You are in direct contact with voters. For them, you are the face of the BJP. When you meet them, they also see Modi in you. Whatever you tell them, they feel that this is Modi who is telling them. If you give a guarantee then they trust that this is Modi only, so there is strength in this guarantee," he said.

"In the eyes of the voters you are a very big person, a very responsible person. They look at the polling booth workers as a ray of hope in solving their

problems. No matter how big our desire to win elections, but if we have not won the polling booth, we can't win elections," the prime minister stressed.

Noting that voters observe booth workers closely, he said, "How is your behaviour, how excited are you, how optimistic are you, how confident are you, all these things are very important to the voters."

"It has been seen that if even a little bit of 'ahankar' (ego) is seen then the voter goes away from us immediately, hence the polling booth workers have to be very alert in every way," Modi

said.

Elaborating on the works done by the Centre in the past 10 years, Modi said if there is a trust among people, they vote.

This time voters are saying "Phir ek baar Modi sarkar" (Modi government once again), the prime minister said.

Referring to the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, he said now Ramlalla is seated in temple, Article 370 has been abolished and law against triple talaq is in place.

"He said the law against triple talaq has given security to Muslim families. Earlier, elderly persons in families remained worried that after marriage their daughters might return home due to triple talaq," he said, adding, "when intentions are clear, good results come".

The prime minister also advised BJP booth workers to remain active on social media and make reels of beneficiaries as this would help fetch votes.

Modi also personally spoke to some of the party workers and sought information about the activities of the party.

Manmohan Singh ends 33-year-long innings in the Rajya Sabha



NEW DELHI, Apr 3 (Agencies): As many as 54 members of the Rajya Sabha including former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and nine Union Ministers are set to retire on April 2 and April 3.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh ends his 33-year-long parliamentary innings in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday (April 3), just as former party chief Sonia Gandhi will enter the Upper House of Parliament for the first time.

Mr. Singh, who is known for ushering in several bold reforms in the economy, became a member of the House for the first time in October 1991. He was the Finance Minister in the Narasimha Rao government from 1991 to 1996 and the Prime Minister from 2004 to 2014.

Sonia Gandhi will enter the Upper House for the first time from Rajasthan, filling the seat that will fall vacant after 91-year-old Singh completes his tenure on April 3.

Seven Union ministers — Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Minister Purshottam Rupala, Information Technology Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar, MoS External Affairs V Muraleedharan, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Narayan Rane and MoS Infor-

mation and Broadcasting L Murugan — end their tenure in the Rajya Sabha on April 2.

Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav will end their tenure on April 3.

Except for Mr. Valshnav, all the Union Ministers are contesting the Lok Sabha elections. Mr. Vaishnav has been given another Rajya Sabha term.

As many as 49 members are retiring on Tuesday (April 2), while five are retiring on Wednesday (April 3).

Of those retiring from the Upper House include Samajwadi Party's Jaya Bachchan who has been renominated to the Council of States by her party for another term. So is Manoj Kumar Jha, who has been renominated by his party RJD for another term in the Rajya Sabha from Bihar, and Naseer Hussain (Congress), who has been renominated from Karnataka.

Abhishek Singhvi of the Congress party, whose tenure in Rajya Sabha ends today will not be in the upper house as he lost his election from Himachal Pradesh.

Among others who will be retiring include BJP's national media in-charge Anil Baluni, who is contesting the Lok Sabha election from Garhwal seat in Uttarakhand, Besides, BJP's Prakash Javadekar, a former union minister and Sushil Kumar Modi, former deputy chief minister of Bihar, also retire from the Rajya Sabha and have not been renominated by the party.

BJP's Anil Jain also retires on Tuesday as he has not been given another term by the party and so has Saroj Pandey from Chhattisgarh, who is contesting the Lok Sabha election in the state.

Rahul Gandhi submits files nomination papers from Kerala's Wayanad LS Seat

WAYANAD (Kerala), Apr 3 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday filed his nomination papers from Kerala's Wayanad Lok Sabha seat.

Rahul, accompanied by his sister Priyanka Gandhi and other senior party leaders including AICC general secretary K C Venugopal, submitted his nomination papers to the Wayanad District Collector who is also the Returning Officer.

After submitting the

papers, he read out the oath to uphold the Constitution which concluded the submission process.

Rahul arrived in Wayanad by helicopter in the morning and then held a roadshow from Kalpetta to Civil Station here before reaching the District Collector's office to submit his nomination.

Prior to reaching the collector's office, he addressed the public towards the end of the roadshow and said he was always with the people of Wayanad on

all issues, including the human-animal conflicts which have claimed many lives in the high range district of the state.

Rahul, the sitting MP of Wayanad, also said that he was always ready to bring the issues being faced by the people of the hill constituency to the attention of the nation and the world.

Rahul will be contesting against BJP state president K Surendran and CPI leader Annie Raja from the Wayanad LS constituency. He had



won from the same seat in 2019 with a massive margin of over four lakh votes.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi won after polling 7,06,367

votes out of a total of 10,92,197 with his closest rival — CPI's P P Suneer — receiving only 2,74,597 votes.

Voting in Kerala for the Lok Sabha polls this year will be on April 26.

Rajasthan Magistrate Asks Dalit Rape Survivor To Strip, Cops File Case

JAIPUR, Apr 3 (Agencies): Police have booked a magistrate in Rajasthan's Karauli district for allegedly asking a Dalit rape survivor to strip to show her injuries, an officer said today.

Deputy SP (ST-SC) cell Mina Meena said that the survivor had filed a complaint on March 30 alleging that the Hindaun

court magistrate asked her to strip in order to see her injuries.

"She refused to strip and after recording the statement in the court on March 30, she registered a complaint against the magistrate.

The case was registered with Kotwali Police Station under charges of outraging modesty," Meena said.



The magistrate has been booked under section 345 (wrongful confinement) of the IPC and SC/ST (prevention of atrocities) Act.

According to police, the woman was allegedly raped on March 19 and an FIR in the matter was registered on March 27 at Hindaun Sadar Police Station.

7 die of suffocation after fire at tailoring shop in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR, Apr 3 (Agencies): Seven persons, including two children, died of suffocation after a fire broke out in a tailoring shop in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar city early Wednesday morning, a senior police official said.

The blaze erupted at around 4 am in the shop located at Dana Bazar in Cantonment area.

The tailoring shop and other commercial establishments were located on the ground floor of a building while people were residing on the upper floor, the official said.

"The shop suddenly caught fire at around 4 am. The police came



to know about the incident at 4.15 am. Following the fire, smoke entered the first floor where a family was residing above the shop. Seven casualties have occurred due to suffocation," Police Commissioner Manoj Lohiya told reporters.

The deceased included three women, two men and two children,

he said. The exact cause of the fire would be known after an inquiry, he added.

The deceased have been identified as Asim Shaikh (3), Pari Shaikh (2), Wasim Shaikh (30), Tanveer Shaikh (23), Hamida Begum (50), Shaikh Sohail (35) and Reshma Shaikh (22), another official said.

Boxer Vijender Singh quits Congress, joins BJP

NEW DELHI, Apr 3 (Agencies): The Congress suffered another pre-poll jolt on Wednesday with pugilist Vijender Singh, who had contested on its ticket in 2018 Lok Sabha election, joining the BJP in the National Capital.

Singh, 38, hails from Bhiwani in Haryana. He had extended support to the farmers' agitation against the agricultural reforms laws and more recently to the agitation of women wrestlers against former Wrestling Foundation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Singh had shot to fame by winning a bronze in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the first Indian to do so.

He later won bronze at the 2009 world championships and then 2010 Commonwealth Games.



In the 2006 and 2014 Commonwealth Games, he bagged silver and in the 2010 Asian Games, he won a gold.

Singh hails from the dominant Jat community and was being widely rumoured to be a Congress candidate opposite Hema Malini in Mathura.

In 2019, Singh contested South Delhi parliamentary seat opposite BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri and lost.

He was awarded

the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 2009 and Padma Shri in 2010.

Of late, Singh had been politically inactive.

However, Singh had reposted one of ex-Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's posts only 22 hours ago keeping the Congress distant from his immediate political goals and ambitions.

It remains to be seen if Singh will be fielded by the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls.

Kerala YouTuber Arrested Over Fake News On Voting Machines: Report

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Apr 3 (Agencies): The owner of a YouTube channel has been arrested in Kerala for propagating fake news about the Electronic Voting Machines ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, police said today.

The Alappuzha South police registered a case against the owner of the YouTube channel Venice TV Entertainment for allegedly propagating that EVMs involved fraud, reported news agency Press Trust of India.

He was arrested for allegedly unleashing a campaign urging people to conduct voting for the general election through ballot paper.

It was done with the intention of creating a rift and tension in society, police said on its official Facebook page today.

The police said social media patrolling has been intensified in Kerala at the state, district and range levels to monitor online content in the wake of Lok Sabha polls.

The police also shared the numbers of various officials who are in-charge of cyber patrolling and urged social media surveillance teams to inform them if any objectionable content come to their notice.

The Lok Sabha polls will be held in Kerala on April 26.

Bihar's ex-Deputy CM Sushil Modi to skip LS campaign after cancer diagnosis



PATNA, Apr 3 (Agencies): Former Bihar Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi on Wednesday revealed that he was diagnosed with cancer six months ago, and would not take part in the BJP's Lok Sabha poll campaign.

Modi, 72, was named by the BJP as one of its star campaigners for the state and a member of its election manifesto committee.

"I have been battling cancer for the last six months. Now, I feel that the time has come to inform people about it. I will not be able to do anything for the Lok Sabha elections," he posted on X. "I have told everything to Prime Minis-

ter Narendra Modi. I will always remain grateful and dedicated to the country, Bihar and the party," he added.

During his political career spanning over three decades, Modi was an MLA, an MLC, a member of Lok Sabha, and a Rajya Sabha MP.

He was the deputy CM of the state from 2005 to 2013, and from 2017 to 2020.

He joined students' politics while studying at Patna University, and became the general secretary of its students' union in 1973.

He became an MLA for the first time in 1990 from the Patna Central constituency and was made the chief whip of the BJP legislature party.

From 1996 to 2004, he was the leader of the opposition in the state assembly. He became a member of Lok Sabha in 2004 from Bhagalpur.

He gave up his Lok Sabha membership in 2005 and became a member of the legislative council, following which he was made the deputy chief minister with Nitish Kumar as the CM.

He was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 2020, and retired earlier this year.

7 Dead, 730 Injured As "Strongest Earthquake In 25 Years" Hits Taiwan

Officials said the quake was the strongest to shake the island in decades, and warned of more tremors in the days ahead.

TAIPEI, Apr 3 (Agencies): At least seven people were killed and nearly 730 injured Wednesday by a powerful earthquake in Taiwan that damaged dozens of buildings and prompted tsunami warnings that extended to Japan and the Philippines before being lifted.

Officials said the quake was the strongest to shake the island in decades, and warned of more tremors in the days ahead.

"The earthquake is close to land and it's shallow. It's felt all over Taiwan and offshore islands," said Wu Chien-fu, director of Taipei's Central Weather Administration's Seismology Center.

Strict building regulations and disaster awareness appear to have staved off a major catastrophe for the island, which is regularly hit by earthquakes as it lies near the junction of two tectonic plates.

Wu said the quake was the strongest since a 7.6-magnitude struck in September 1999, killing around 2,400 people in the deadliest natural disaster in the island's history.

Wednesday's magnitude-7.4 quake struck just before 8:00 am local time (0000 GMT), with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) putting the epicentre 18 kilometres (11 miles) south of Taiwan's Hualien City, at a depth of 34.8 kilometres.

Three people among a group of seven on an early-morning hike through the hills that surround the city were crushed to death by boulders loosened by



the earthquake, officials said.

Separately, a truck driver died when his vehicle was hit by a landslide as it approached a tunnel in the area.

Social media was awash with shared video and images from around the country of buildings swaying as the quake struck.

"I wanted to run out, but I wasn't dressed. That was so strong," said Kelvin Hwang, a guest at a hotel in the capital, Taipei, who sought shelter in the lift lobby on the ninth floor.

Dramatic images were shown on local TV of multi-storey structures in Hualien and elsewhere tilting after it ended, while a warehouse in New Taipei City crumbled.

Local TV channels showed bulldozers clearing rocks along roads to Hualien, a mountain-ringed coastal city of around 100,000 people that was cut off by landslides.

President Tsai Ing-wen called for local and central government agencies to coordinate with each other, and said that the national army would also be

providing support.

The National Fire Agency confirmed the death toll, adding nearly 60 people had been treated for quake-related injuries.

- Regional impact -

In Taiwan, Japan and the Philippines, authorities initially issued a tsunami warning but by around 10 am (0200 GMT), the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the threat had "largely passed".

In the capital, the metro briefly stopped running but resumed within an hour, while residents received warnings from their local borough chiefs to check for any gas leaks.

Taiwan is regularly hit by earthquakes as the island lies near the junction of two tectonic plates, while nearby Japan experiences around 1,500 jolts every year.

Across the Taiwan Strait, social media users in China's eastern Fujian province, which borders Guangdong in the south, and elsewhere said they also felt strong tremors.

Residents of Hong Kong also

reported feeling the earthquake.

China, which claims self-ruled Taiwan as a renegade province, was "paying close attention" to the quake and "willing to provide disaster relief assistance", state news agency Xinhua said.

Fabrication at Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company -- the world's biggest chip maker -- was briefly interrupted at some plants, a company official told agency, while work at construction sites for new plants was halted for the day.

The vast majority of quakes around the area are mild, although the damage they cause varies according to the depth of the epicentre below the Earth's surface and its location.

The severity of tsunamis -- vast and potentially destructive series of waves that can move at hundreds of kilometres per hour -- also depends on multiple factors.

Japan's biggest earthquake on record was a massive 9.0-magnitude undersea jolt in March 2011 off Japan's northeast coast, which triggered a tsunami that left around 18,500 people dead or missing.

The 2011 catastrophe also sent three reactors into meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear plant, causing Japan's worst post-war disaster and the most serious nuclear accident since Chernobyl.

Japan saw a major quake on New Year's Day this year, when a 7.5-magnitude tremor hit the Noto Peninsula and killed more than 230 people, many of them when older buildings collapsed.

7 killed, people blown from flats as typhoon-like winds ravage southern China

Rare storms with typhoon-like winds have resulted in at least seven deaths in China's southern Jiangxi province. The extreme weather has affected 93,000 people across nine cities since March 31.



BEIJING, Apr 3 (Agencies): Rare storms with typhoon-like winds have killed at least seven people in China's southern Jiangxi province since the weekend, three of them blown out of their high-rise apartments in their sleep.

The extreme weather, which began on March 31, has engulfed nine cities including Nanchang and Jiujiang with 93,000 people in 54 counties affected, said the Jiangxi provincial emergency flood control headquarters.

On Sunday, freak storms led to gusts that ripped door-size windows off frames in two apartments in a high-rise building in Nanchang, the provincial capital. Three people were pulled from their beds through the holes, plunging to their deaths, according to local media reports.

Officials on Wednesday said seven people so far have died across the province and 552 had to be evacuated. They also said 2,751 houses were damaged.

Accompanied by dramatic sheet lightning, pounding rain and hailstones the size of golf balls, the powerful storms -

the most severe in more than a decade - also caused 150 million yuan (\$21 million) in economic losses, local officials said.

China's weather bureau had issued warnings of violent winds with speeds of up to level 12 on local wind scales, equal to a Category I hurricane.

Winds of such intensity are common when typhoons, as hurricanes are called in China and elsewhere in East Asia, make landfall but are rarely found inland such as landlocked Jiangxi.

China's national weather forecaster kept its highest severe convective weather warning advisory - orange - in several areas of southeastern China as strong winds, hail and thunderstorms continue through Wednesday.

The forecaster on Tuesday issued the first orange alert for severe convective weather since 2013, state media reported.

China has a three-tier, color-coded weather warning system for severe convective weather, with orange representing the most severe warning, followed by yellow and blue.

Taiwan Detects 30 Chinese Military Planes Around Island: Ministry

TAIPEI, Apr 3 (Agencies): Taiwan said Wednesday 30 Chinese military aircraft were detected around the island in a 24-hour window -- one of the highest daily numbers this year.

China considers self-ruling Taiwan its territory, and has never renounced the use of force to bring the island under its control.

Taiwan's defence ministry said 20 of the aircraft crossed into the island's so-called Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ).

Taiwan's armed forces "monitored the situation and employed (patrol) aircraft, Navy vessels, and coastal missile systems in response to the detected activities", it said in a statement.

Last month, Taiwan detected 36 Chinese warplanes around the island over

a 24-hour period, the highest daily count this year. The uptick in incursions follows a pattern of what experts dub "grey zone" actions -- moves that fall short of outright acts of war. These have ramped up since the 2016 election of President Tsai Ing-wen, who considers Taiwan "already independent" -- a red line for Beijing. China deploys warplanes and naval vessels around Taiwan on a near-daily basis, and balloon flights over the island have also increased. Taiwan's current Vice President Lai Ching-te -- who is disliked by Beijing -- won the January 13 presidential election.

Lai and Vice President-elect Hsiao Bi-khim of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) will take office on May 20.

Ukraine lowers army draft age to 25 to plug shortfall in troop numbers fighting Russia

KYIV, Apr 3 (Agencies): Ukraine on Wednesday lowered the military conscription age from 27 to 25 in an effort to replenish its depleted ranks after more than two years of war following Russia's full-scale invasion.

The new mobilization law came into force a day after Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy signed it. Ukraine's parliament, the Verkhovna Rada, passed it last year.

It was not immediately clear why Zelenskyy took so long to sign the measure into law. He didn't make any public comment about it, and officials did not say how many new soldiers the country expected to gain or for which units. Conscription has been a sensitive matter in Ukraine for many months amid a growing shortage of infantry on top of a severe ammunition shortfall that has handed Russia the battlefield initiative. Russia's own

problems with manpower and planning have so far prevented it from taking full advantage of its edge.

The average age of Ukrainian soldiers, like those on the Russian side, is around 40, military analysts say. Some Ukrainians worry that taking young adults out of the workforce will backfire by further harming the war-ravaged economy, but the problem reportedly has become acute as Kyiv girds for an expected summer offensive by the Kremlin's forces.

Zelenskyy has rarely mentioned the mobilization issue, and parliament has held long and inconclusive debates about it in recent months.

Last December, Zelenskyy said Ukraine's military wanted to mobilize up to 500,000 more troops. But he said he had asked the top brass to spell out the details on what is

"a very sensitive matter" before deciding whether to grant their wish.

Such a major mobilization would cost Ukraine the equivalent of \$13.4 billion, Zelenskyy said at the time. Other aspects to be considered include whether troops currently on the front would be rotated or allowed home leave, he said.

The need for a broad mobilization to beef up the number of Ukrainian troops reportedly was one of the areas of disagreement between Zelenskyy and Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, the popular commander in chief of Ukraine's armed forces whom the president replaced in February.

Ukrainian Defense Ministry statistics say the Ukrainian military had nearly 800,000 troops in October. That doesn't include National Guard or other units. In total, 1 million Ukrainians are in uniform.

North Korea says it tested new solid-fuel intermediate-range missile with hypersonic warhead

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un declared his country had acquired the ability to build solid-fuel, nuclear-capable systems for missiles of all ranges

SEOUL, Apr 3 (Agencies): North Korea said Wednesday it tested a new hypersonic intermediate-range missile powered with solid propellants, extending a run in weapons demonstrations that's deepening a nuclear standoff with neighbours and the United States.

With the supposed success of the test, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un declared his country had acquired the ability to build solid-fuel, nuclear-capable systems for missiles of all ranges as he pursues an arsenal that could viably threaten rivals in Asia and the United States.

The report by North Korean state media came a day after the South Korean and Japanese militaries detected the North launching a missile from near its capital toward its east-sea.

North Korean state

media said the test was supervised by Kim, who described the Hwasong-16B missile as a key piece of his nuclear war deterrent he vowed to further build up to counter his "enemies," a reference to the United States, South Korea and Japan.

Kim said the North has now developed nuclear-capable, solid-fuel systems for "all the tactical, operational and strategic missiles with various ranges," the Korean Central News Agency said.

In recent years, North Korea has been focusing on developing more weapons with built-in solid propellants. Those weapons are easier to move and hide and can be made to launch quicker than liquid-propellant missiles, which need to be fuelled before launch and cannot stay fuelled for long periods of time.

North Korea last year

tested a solid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time, adding to its arsenal of long-range weapons targeting the US mainland. The country also has an extensive lineup of short-range and mid-range solid-fuel missiles that can be fired from land vehicles, ships and submarines and are potentially capable of reaching targets throughout South Korea and Japan. The North in recent months demonstrated some of these missiles in drills it described as simulated nuclear strikes while issuing provocative threats of nuclear conflict.

The North has since 2021 also been testing hypersonic weapons designed to exceed five times the speed of sound. If perfected, such systems could potentially pose a challenge to regional missile defence systems



because of their speed and maneuverability. However, it's unclear whether the North's hypersonic vehicles consistently maintained a desired speed exceeding Mach 5 during tests in 2021 and 2022.

During Tuesday's test, the missile's hypersonic glide warhead after being separated from the launch rocket reached a peak altitude of 101 km (62 miles) and flew about 1,000 km (621 miles) while performing various flight maneuvers before landing in waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan, the KCNA

said.

The South Korean and Japanese militaries had assessed that the missile flew around 600 (372 miles) although Japan's Defence Ministry announced a similar apogee with the North Korean report.

The North had also tested a purported hypersonic IRBM in January, which came years after it flight-tested liquid-fuel IRBMs. Experts say such weapons if perfected is potentially capable of reaching remote US targets in the Pacific, including the military hub of Guam.

Kim Dong-yub, a pro-

fessor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul, said the missile tested on Tuesday was likely different from the system tested in January, which state media didn't name but would likely be the Hwasong-16A.

North Korea in previous tests have unveiled two different types of hypersonic vehicles -- a conical one and a wedge-shaped one. State media images show that the January launch involved a conical warhead while the wedge-shaped design was used for Tuesday's launch.

While North Korea had initially tested its hypersonic warheads with liquid-fuel systems, the ability to load them on solid-fuel rockets would allow for faster launches and operation, said Chang Young-keun, a missile expert at South Korea's Research Insti-

tute for National Strategy.

"North Korea, in declaring that it has fully accomplished the nuclear weaponisation of its missiles, also emphasised its commitment to arm its hypersonic missiles with nuclear weapons," Chang said. "North Korea's development of hypersonic IRBMs targets Guam, which hosts US military bases, and even Alaska." Tensions in the region have risen since 2022 as Kim used Russia's invasion of Ukraine as a distraction to accelerate his testing of missiles and other weapons. The United States and South Korea have responded by expanding their combined training and trilateral drills involving Japan and sharpening their deterrence strategies built around strategic US assets.

While supervising Tuesday's test, Kim

Jong Un called for his country to further expand its nuclear and missile programme to acquire "overwhelming power capable of containing and controlling" his enemies, who have "recently run higher fever in boosting their military alliance and staging all sorts of war drills".

Hours after the launch, Seoul's Defence Ministry announced that South Korea, the United States and Japan conducted a combined aerial exercise above waters near South Korea's Jeju island that involved at least one nuclear-capable US B-52 bomber.

The United States in recent months has been increasing its deployment of strategic assets to the region, also including aircraft carriers and missile-firing submarines, in a show of force against North Korea.

Tarun Uppal inaugurates Unity Cup U-17 Cricket Tournament

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 3: Tarun Uppal, Chairman of the Nirbhay Bharat Foundation, inaugurated a 2-day under-17 cricket tournament at Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji Mini Stadium in Gole Gujral, Jammu, organised by the Academy of Unity.

The slogan of the tournament is "Say no to drugs, yes to sports".

Speaking on the occasion, Uppal said that the event is being organised with an objective to serve a twin purpose of promoting sports in the Union Territory and involving



more and more youth in sporting activities to save them from falling prey to drugs and other allied social evils.

The sports enthusiasts should adopt sports field for better career progression and work with more zeal and dedication in

this field besides terming sports activities vital for maintaining physical and mental well being. The tournament fea-

tures teams like Ravi Das Cricket Club vs. Night Bash Masters, The Dominators vs. Tiny Tots School, Ram Rangers vs. Team Worrier, Jammu Deccan Gladiators vs. Gole Gujral Lions, JKMS vs. Pooja Public High School, Smash Kings XI vs. The Sky Star Worriers, Elite Public High School vs. Kalka 11, and K.S Public School vs. One Team One Dream.

The matches are officiated by Kajal Devi, Sangeeta, Pooja Rana, Amit Sahu, and Raghav Mehra, under the supervision of chief organiser Sunil Kumar.

FPS dealers seek clear of pending liability



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 3: No body to operate the POS machine and also suspend the distribution for the month of April, 2024 till the centre share 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 which is only meant for clear the pending liability of Fair Price Shop (FPS) dealers is not credit into the bank account of every FPS dealers of JK UT.

This was stated by Ajay Gupta, President, Fair Price Shop Dealers

Association Jammu and Kashmir, during a protest here on Wednesday.

"Director, FCS and CA, Jammu informed us that the funds with regarding commission of 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 of all FPS dealers shall be shortly release and same shall be credit into your bank account but, it is very much shocking to hear that the said centre share particularly meant for clear the pending liability of FPS dealers of JK UT as commission as the

FPS dealers already distributed the ration to the rationee during corona period 2019-20 and 2021-22 has not been release to the FPS dealers even lapse of 31st of March, 2024," he said.

He added that the FPS dealers community already hands to mouth due to down of PDS system.

He appealed to concerned department to redress their demand on priority otherwise be ready to face consequences.

Market inspection drive intensified at Dooru, fines imposed on erring traders



Top News Report

ANANTNAG, Apr 3: Following the directives of Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Syed Fakhruddin Hamid, the teams of officials from Revenue, FCS&CA and police under the supervision of SDM Parvez Rahim, conducted intensive market checking drive at Main market Dooru.

The aim of the drive is ensuring availability of standard quality products at government notified

rates, maintaining equitable price line besides curbing hoarding, black marketing and profiteering of essential commodities.

The officials stressed on the traders to display and abide by the notified rates and avoid the malafide practices. During the checking, the authorities realised suitable and proportionate fines from the erring shopkeepers.

The consumers were appealed to pay only as

per the standard rates besides informing the authorities for any violations of the same.

The DC Anantnag has directed the teams to make regular inspections of markets in their jurisdictions and take strict action against those indulging in malpractices.

It was informed the drive will continue in all district markets to keep a check on overcharging and other illegal activities by the traders.

Sant Guru Swami Paul urges PM to help Ravikant facing serious health issues in USA

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 3: Sant Guru Swami Paul appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP senior leader from

Sant Guru Swami Paul also briefed that Ravikant is working with Chardikala News Channel and currently deployed in Canada and he has been sent by Chardik-



J&K Dr Jitendra Singh to help Ravikant who hails from Bhandarwah of Doda district as he is facing serious health issues in the USA.

Sant Guru Swami Paul, while addressing a press conference in Press Club Jammu, said that Ravikant who is currently in USA, is facing serious health issues but no help is being provided by the US government.

kala News Channel for an assignment to USA where he suffered with heart attack. But neither channel nor the government of USA is responding properly which may lead to some unfortunate event.

Therefore Sant Guru Swami Paul appeals Govt of India, and Foreign Ministry to help the said person as his family is in deep stress.

Training on handling of EVMs, VVPATs for female staff concludes at Doda



Top News Report

DODA, APRIL 03: The training session on handling of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) machines for female staff members of model polling stations was successfully concluded at conference hall of DC office complex here.

During the training session, the female staff members were given hands-on experience on operating of EVMs and VVPATs, as well as instructions on troubleshooting any issues that

may arise during the voting process.

The training was conducted to ensure that female staff members are well-equipped to handle the voting machines effectively and efficiently during the upcoming elections. It is important for all polling station staff to be trained on the proper operation of EVMs and VVPATs to ensure a smooth and transparent voting process.

The training was conducted by District Level Master Trainers (DLMTs) Dr. Akhter Hussain, Nodal Officer Training

and Human Resource and Assistant Level Master Trainers (ALMTs) who provided full guidance to participants in various facets of the electoral process and operator EVM/VVPAT.

Nodal Officer Manpower Management Doda, Manish Kumar, Nodal Officer Training Doda and other concerned were also present at the event.

Faheem Saifi begins 5-day tour of Chenab Valley



Top News Report

DODA, Apr 3: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Minority Morcha National Executive Member and incharge Elections for Jammu and Kashmir, Faheem Saifi is starting five days significant visit to the picturesque Districts of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban in the "Chenab region" today.

On the inaugural day of his visit, Faheem marked the occasion by public

rally of MOS Dr. Jitendra Singh for Lok Sabha election at Dhara district Doda.

As per the directions of BJP Minority Morcha president Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, 5-days programme of the BJP, National Executive Member Faheem Saifi was accompanied by State Spokesperson and prabhari District Poonch Farid Ahmed Fani, Mubashar Azad (State Vice President and

others).

The main aim of this tour is to meet people of all religions in the entire erstwhile district Doda to make them aware of the schemes introduced by the Modi government as well as the work it has done for the people. The aim is to inform them and appeal for their support to vote for Dr. Jitendra Singh in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections with a hope to secure a significant victory.

On his 5-day tour to Chenab region, BJP Minority Morcha National Executive and incharge J&K elections met a delegation at Dhara area.

The delegation discussed several prominent issues. Faheem Saifi graciously listened to the concerns raised by the delegation and assured them that he would address these issues promptly.

Enforcement teams seize Rs.51.54 lakh cash, liquor valued Rs.39.63 lakh in Kathua

Top News Report

KATHUA, APRIL 03: Enforcement teams have seized significant amount of cash and liquor in Kathua District since the imposition of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) for the Lok Sabha elections.

The enforcement teams, operating diligently across Kathua, intercepted and seized Rs 51.54 lakh rupees in

cash along with liquor valued at Rs.39.63 lakh taking the amount of seizure to Rs.91.18 lakh.

These decisive actions underscore a collective commitment to preserve the integrity of the electoral process.

Highlighting the significance of these proactive measures, the District Election Officer Kathua, who also holds the role of Returning

Officer, 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency, affirmed that our enforcement teams are unwaveringly committed to maintain the principles of fair and transparent elections. "We are continuously working to swiftly and resolutely identify and rectify any breaches of the model code of conduct," he said.

Such efforts are pivotal in deterring illicit

activities that may compromise the democratic process and ensuring that voters can exercise their rights without any external influence or coercion.

As the Lok Sabha elections progress, the administration urges citizens to remain vigilant and promptly report any suspicious activities or violations of the poll code to the relevant authorities.

Tariq Mir condoles demise of Roshan Lal Sharma

Top News Report

MOGA, Apr 3: As many as 50 educationists were honoured during Crack Academy's Management and Principal's meet cum Award of Excellence ceremony at Moga on Wednesday.

The Academy has already launched the 'Mere Seher Ke 100 Ratan' scholarship program in Punjab under which 11700 scholarships worth Rs 58 cr to the selected 100 meritorious students from each constituency of Punjab will be given, said Neeraj Kansal founder of Crack Academy.

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Home Ministry cancels FCRA registration of Five NGOs for 'Violation' of Laws

licences of 20,693 NGOs have been cancelled in the last decade.

According to data disclosed in Parliament last year, Rs 55,741.51 crore was received in foreign contributions by 13,520 FCRA-registered associations or NGOs between the 2019-2020 and the 2021-2022 financial years.

Gangster shot dead in encounter with Police, Injured officer dies during treatment

Acting on a tip-off, a team of officials chased gangsters Vasudev, a key accused in a murder case registered at Ramgarh police station, which led to an exchange of fire near the Government Medical College hospital around 10.30 pm on Tuesday, a

police spokesperson said.

Vasudev was killed in the encounter while one of his associates was injured, she added. Vasudev was the leader of the notorious Shunoo group, sources said.

Deepak Sharma was injured in the head while 40-year-old Special Police Officer Anil Kumar also suffered injuries. They were initially admitted to GMC Hospital in Kathua and later taken to Amandeep Hospital in Pathankot, the spokesperson said. Sharma died during treatment on Wednesday. His body has been taken to GMC hospital in Kathua, she added.

In a post on X, LG Manoj Sinha wrote, I salute the valour & indomitable courage of PSI Deepak Sharma, who made supreme sacrifice while valiantly fighting & neutralising a most wanted gangster in Kathua. His supreme sacrifice will remain etched in our hearts. Deepest condolences to the family of martyr Deepak Sharma.

The nation stands in solidarity with martyr's family & @JmuKmrPolice, whose dedication, resilience & courage in battling variety of challenges & adversaries continue to inspire us. Every drop of blood of our martyr will be avenged and we are committed to create a fear-free J&K.

Three OGWs arrested, 7 identified in Rajouri drone delivery case

leader of the LeT and has been named in various terror incidents. He was the mastermind of the blast in a bus of pilgrims going to Katra, as well as the recent Narowal blast. He makes use of online messaging services with end-to-end encryption as well as VPN to lure people to work with him," Swain said.

Swain stated that this operation is a "big achievement" ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

Kathua Shootout | Every drop of blood of our Martyr will be avenged: LG Sinha

gangster in Kathua," he further wrote. "His supreme sacrifice will remain etched in our hearts. Deepest condolences to the family of martyr Deepak Sharma," posted the Lieutenant Governor.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024 | Triangular Fight in the offing in Udhampur

participation in a rally in support of the accused in a rape-and-murder case of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua in January 2018.

However, he defended his participation in the rally, stating he was there to "defuse the situation". On November 7 last year, Choudhary Lal Singh was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with a money laundering case against an educational trust run by his wife. However, he was released on bail three weeks later. Saroori, vice chairman of Ghulam Nabi Azad-led DPAP, is a former J-K minister who had won Inderwal assembly constituency in Kishtwar thrice between 2002 and 2014. He was the vice president of the Congress before leaving the party to side with Azad who floated his party in September 2022 after ending five-decade long association with the national party.

Polling will be held in the seat in Jammu and Kashmir in the first phase on April 19, officials said. A total of 2,637 polling sta-

tions will be set up for the voters across the constituency which is spread over five districts of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Udhampur and Kathua, the officials said.

The seat has 16,23,195 registered voters — 8,45,283 men, 7,77,899 women and 13 transgender persons. While there are over 23,637 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), the seat has 25,632 voters above the age of 80 years.

NC left us with no option other than to contest all 3 LS seats in Kashmir: Mehbooba

than to contest election on the three Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir.

The NC recently announced it would field its candidates on all three seats. The NC left two seats in Jammu for the Congress as part of the INDIA bloc's seat-sharing agreement. "They (NC) have left no option for us other than to field candidates and contest the elections," Mufti told reporters here.

The party's Parliamentary Board would take a final call on the candidates, she added.

Police officers imparted training on functioning of EVMs, VVPATs at Doda

Top News Report

DODA, APRIL 03: Police officers and officials were today imparted training about handling of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024 at DPL here.

Led by Dr. Akhter Hussain, Nodal Officer Training and Human Resource, the training session witnessed presence of SP, Shakeel Butt, SP Operation Sunil Ji, and other sectoral and zonal officers from the police department.

The District Level Master Trainers



(DLMTs) and Assistant Level Master Trainers (ALMTs) provided comprehensive guidance to participants on various aspects of electoral process and operation of EVMs/VVPATs.

The training session

covered array of topics like the setup and testing of machines, troubleshooting common issues, and ensuring the integrity and security of the voting process. Participants were also given the opportunity

to engage in practical exercises, simulating a polling station environment. Additionally, a mock polling training session was conducted to further enhance their understanding. Furthermore, the ses-

sion included detailed information on the duties of the Flying Squad Team (FST) and Video Surveillance Team (VST), emphasizing their roles in ensuring a fair and transparent electoral process. Police personnel were provided insights into duty schedules and guidelines for handling FST and VST teams, further enriching the training experience.

Overall, the training session served as a crucial preparatory step in ensuring that law enforcement personnel are well-prepared to uphold the integrity of electoral process and facilitate smooth elections in Doda district.

GPC Chanderkote organises series of activities under SVEEP

Top News Report

RAMBAN, APRIL 03: Government Polytechnic College, Chanderkote has taken proactive strides in promoting civic responsibility towards the electoral process by organizing a series of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities.

Under the guidance of District Election Officer Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary and the supervision of Nodal Officer SVEEP (ACP) Ramban, Ashfaq Khanji, the endeavour aims at instilling the significance of electoral participation among the youth.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff members,



including many first-time voters. Resource persons of district SVEEP Cell emphasised the institution's steadfast dedication to nurturing democratic values and fostering civic engagement among the youth. It underscores the pivotal role educational institutions play in moulding responsible citizens and fortifying the demo-

cratic ethos of our nation.

The campaign emphasized the pivotal role of strong civic engagement in shaping the democratic landscape. The vibrant participation of youth, alongside members of the public and election personnel, underscored the collective commitment to fostering an informed electorate.

Toyota expands SUV play with Urban Cruiser Taisor

NEW DELHI, Apr 3 (Agencies): India's passenger vehicle (PV) industry had a bumper 2023-24 financial year, with wholesales topping 42 lakh units for the first time. Sports utility vehicles are among the top driver of this demand, accounting for almost half of total PV sales. Not surprisingly then, most auto makers are targeting this segment.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor on Wednesday launched the new Urban Cruiser Taisor compact SUV in the country. The Taisor is essentially based on Maruti Suzuki's Fronx, and gets some cosmetic changes for the differentiation between the two.

The Taisor will come with two engine options. Prices for the 1.2 litre petrol engine model start at Rs 7.73 lakh ex-showroom, topping off at Rs 9.52 lakh. On the other hand, the model with the 1.0 litre turbo petrol engine will be available in the Rs 10.55 lakh to Rs 13.03 lakh range. A CNG option will also be available.

Bookings for the Taisor open on Wednesday and deliveries are set to begin from May this year.

Toyota already sells several SUVs and MUVs in the country. These include the Innova Crysta and Hycross, the Urban Cruiser Hyryder, Fortuner, Camry, Hilux and Vellfire.

The company had its best ever year in 2023-24, on the back of strong demand for these products. For the full year, Toyota Kirloskar dispatched over 2.63 lakh units, a 48 per cent jump over the 1.77 lakh units it had sold in 2022-23.

The launch of the Urban Cruiser Taisor will help the company re-enter the hot selling compact SUV segment and thus target a larger customer segment. "This is placed in the A-SUV segment and will be the welcoming model for new customers as well as replacement customer. It will help us in bringing in more customers to Toyota and make them experience the 650 touchpoints we have across the country," said Sabari Manohar, vice-president, sales-service-used car business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor.

With the Taisor, Toyota is expanding the product footprint, through the partnership it has with Suzuki, where the two sell rebadged models in different markets. For instance, Toyota sells the Rumion MPV, which is a rebadged Maruti Suzuki Ertiga, the Urban Cruis-

er Hyryder is based on Maruti's Grand Vitara and Maruti Suzuki sells the Toyota Innova Hycross-based Invicto MPV.

This partnership has helped Toyota gain market share in India. In February 2024, Toyota Kirloskar had a market share of 5.91 per cent, compared with a share of 4.36 per cent in February 2023, according to data from Federation of Auto Dealers Association. "The alliance is working well for both the partners. Its a multi-faceted collaboration going beyond sharing of platforms and cross-badging. It also involves key element of learning from each other's strengths and building on that," said Vikram Gulati, country head and executive vice-president, Toyota Kirloskar.

Despite the high base of last year, Gulati expects sales to remain in the fast lane this year too.

"The demand continues to be good and therefore looking forward we are very optimistic about this year as well and we believe its going to be a robust year. Given the fact that our penetration levels for PVs is not exceptionally high, with infrastructure coming up in a very big way, all these factors will help growth trajectory," he said.

Some of Toyota's products have had a very high waiting period. For instance, the Innova Hycross hybrid has a waiting period of almost a year and the Innova Crysta has a six months waiting.

The company is taking steps to address these challenges. For instance, it has added a third shift at its first plant, which has given it additional capacity of around 33,000 units. It is also setting up a third manufacturing plant in Bidadi, Karnataka. In two years, the company's total capacity is expected to reach 445,000 units per year from 345,000 now.

"It has already started to come down significantly and we are working very hard to make sure that waiting period doesn't remain too long, because it is not a desirable situation we would like to see," said Gulati.

Toyota's strong hybrid products have been received well in the country. Gulati says India will need to adopt multiple sustainable technologies, not just electric but also bio-fuels, given the size of the auto industry and the pace at which it is growing.

Massive SVEEP campaign launched across Rajouri district



Top News Report

RAJOURI, APRIL 03: A massive Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign was today launched in Thanamandi and Gambhir Brahmana areas to spread awareness among the voters.

The District SVEEP team collaborated with SVEEP 87-Thanamandi to conduct comprehensive door-to-door campaign on the outskirts of Thanamandi, with a focus on Ward 10, 11, and 12. Simultaneously,

another District SVEEP Team mobilized efforts in Gambhir Brahmana for the same cause.

Under the supervision of District Election Officer Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat, the teams, comprising Prof. Manzoor Ahmed Dar, Prof. Khalid Rayaz, Prof. Ajaz Nazir, Mohammad Ayaz Raina, Suhail Malik, Mushtaq Ahmed and Aftab Shawl, led by DNO SVEEP Prof. Mohammad Iqbal Raina, engaged tirelessly with residents and passers-by in Thanamandi and Gambhir Brahmana.

The primary objective

of the campaign was to highlight the importance of right to vote, enshrined in the constitution. Members of both teams imparted valuable knowledge about the importance of participation in voting process, underscoring the significance of every registered voter exercising their franchise. The District SVEEP team reiterated its unwavering commitment to ensure widespread participation in upcoming elections and encourage all eligible voters to fulfill their civic duty by casting their vote.

Contesting LS Polls To Carry On Fight For Restoration Of J&K Statehood: Azad



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Apr 3: DPAP founder Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday said he has decided to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha polls to carry on his fight for the restoration of statehood for Jammu and Kashmir and for the protection of land and job rights of its residents.

Azad, the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, will contest the Lok Sabha polls from Anantnag-Rajouri constituency, the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) announced on Tuesday.

Azad left the Congress in 2022, ending his five-decade-long association with the party, and floated the DPAP.

"There are speculations that statehood will be restored in Jammu and Kashmir but on the pattern of Delhi and Puducherry where the LG has to approve every decision made by the chief minis-

ter and his government. "This is not acceptable to Ghulam Nabi Azad. Perhaps, it will not be acceptable to any Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Gujjar or Pahari of Jammu and Kashmir," Azad told reporters here.

Azad said that while he had several reasons for contesting the Lok Sabha elections, safeguarding the jobs and land of the people of Jammu and Kashmir was his top priority.

"For that to happen, we need full statehood as the Assembly can then pass laws which will reserve the jobs only for the people of the state while the outsiders cannot buy land here," he said.

Azad said he will use his experience and influence of 40 years as a parliamentarian to get full statehood for Jammu and Kashmir.

"I have fought for the people of the country in the Rajya Sabha whether it was the Congress government or the BJP gov-

ernment. I feel there is a need for another battle in the Lok Sabha," Azad said.

The DPAP leader said after the abrogation of Article 370, he fought for one month.

"The result was that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah agreed to restore the statehood. I think this fight has not been taken to the logical conclusion," he added.

Responding to National Conference leader Omar Abdullah expressing surprise at Azad's choice of constituency to contest the polls, the veteran politician said, "This is my state. It would be wrong for anyone to say that you are an outsider... We are all Indians."

"I contested my first election from Maharashtra, second and third elections also from Maharashtra... Omar was probably in school at that time."

"Here (J&K) we are talking about adjoining districts. I am not coming in anybody's way. I have a political vision, I have a political cause to fight for. If anyone has difficulty due to that, what can I do?" he said.

On accusations that he can join hands with any party, including the BJP, Azad said, "Those who want to become slaves (of people) who look for refuge. I am the Ghulam of Nabi (Prophet) and do not need to go with anyone."

Samsung showcases Bespoke Home Appliances Featuring AI Capabilities and Enhanced Connectivity

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 3: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today showcased Bespoke appliances that are powered by AI, demonstrating the future of connected and sustainable homes. With AI-powered home appliances, Samsung aims at exceeding customers' expectations in the fast growing premium appliances market.

With inbuilt Wi-Fi, internal cameras and AI chips, Samsung's latest appliances featuring Bespoke AI seamlessly connect and provide convenient home management with easy to access controls through the SmartThings App.

"We are introducing Bespoke AI, our next big innovation in home appliances which will ensure smarter living for Indian

homes and reduce energy consumption, contributing to a greener planet. With our Bespoke AI-powered home appliances, consumers will be able to customise their choices, get easy controls for elders and kids, and get seamless diagnosis for their home appliances. With the transformative power of AI, we are confident that Bespoke AI will strengthen our leadership in the digital appliances market in India," said JB Park, President & CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia.

AI also helps increase longevity and sustainability of these appliances, with users getting notified when their refrigerator is due for water filter replacement or the air conditioner needs a filter change through the SmartThings App. With the introduction of AI, Samsung aims at reducing the time required to

manage these appliances. The 'Bespoke AI' event was conducted at Samsung BKC at the Jio World Plaza.

"With AI, appliances can now be smarter, and help reduce users' time and energy spent on home chores. Through enhanced connectivity and AI capabilities, these appliances take the consumer experience to the next level by revolutionising the smart home experience. With AI appliances, our objective is to further strengthen our premium portfolio and increase our share in the premium appliances segment," said Saubrah Baishakhia, Senior Director, Digital Appliances, Samsung India.

Samsung's Bespoke appliances in India including Refrigerator, Air Conditioner, Microwave and Washing Machine are now powered by AI.

People's service is my mission: Bhalla



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 3: AICC Incharge Jk affairs Shri Bharatsinh Solanki has said that Modi led BJP government has been working for few rich people and not common people of the country, so needs to be changed.

Addressing a largely meeting at Bagh-e-Bahu area along with AICC Jt. Secretary Manoj Yadav in favour of congress candidate Raman Bhalla, AICC Congress leader lashed out at the BJP government for making life of poor people very difficult. He said that BJP has given suffering to the poor only while serving the interests of the rich.

He said Congress created lot of infrastructure in the shape of roads, health and education and in every sector but BJP has only imposed taxes on common people. He lauded the role of Congress candidate Raman Bhalla who is popular amongst the common man for his services to people.

Manoj Yadav impressed upon the people to teach BJP a lesson for down-

grading the state into UT and snatching the rights to land and jobs and resources of Jammu & Kashmir.

He said the youth of Jammu are fed up with the policies of BJP government which has destroyed their future. e said Congress party and India alliance will win this election as people know that BJP wants to hostage the democracy in the country like china and Russia.

Raman Bhalla lambasted the BJP government for turning Jammu into hub of liquor city from temple city and opening flood gates to outside contractors at the cost of locals. He said people of Jammu are being made to pay from their noose for huge taxation of all sorts, smart meters of power, water taxes, toll taxes etc. He said Jammu youth is worst hit of the policies of BJP government which has made J&K a laboratory of experiments.

The people are totally against the BJP's dictatorship and tax terrorism and the BJP leaders remained silent spectators to the bureau-

crats harassment to the common people.

He said people are up to throw the BJP out of power and give a loud message of their hardships faced under BJP regime. The delay in restoration of state and failure to safeguard the rights of the people to land and jobs besides non holding of assembly elections is cause of strong resentment to the people, who ll teach BJP a lesson.

The rally at Bahu was organised by block Congress committee led by Latish Sharma under DCC Jammu urban led by Th Manmohan Singh.

Senior leaders of Congress and NC also addressed & attended including Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, Shabir Khan, Bimla Luthra Ex - MLA NC, Neeraj Kundan, Ved Mahajan, Yasuvardan Singh & Vijay Lochan NC, Amrit Bali, Yogesh Verma, Sham Bassan, Th Kamal Singh, Dwarka Chaudhary, Bhanu Mahajan, Dr R K Khajuria, Jatinder Singh Chib, Ricky Dalotra, Dewan Chand & others.

Could have been handled better with clear communication: Ravi Shastri on Hardik Pandya captaincy row

NEW DELHI, Apr 3 (Agencies): Former India coach Ravi Shastri feels the fan backlash towards Hardik Pandya could have been avoided had Mumbai Indians shown "clarity in communication" while announcing him as captain.

Shastri also advised Pandya to stay calm and weather the storm with solid performances.

"This is not the Indian cricket team that's playing. This is franchise cricket. They have paid top dollar. They are the bosses. It's their entitlement as to who they want as captain. Okay, where I think this could have been handled better was with more clarity in communication," Shastri said told Star Sports' 'Cricket Live Show'.

"If you wanted Hardik Pandya as captain, then say that we are looking at the future. We are looking to build. Rohit has done a fabulous job, as everyone knows, and we want him to help out Hardik in these next three years as the team progresses.

"That communication, that clarity should have come out a little more for all this to die



down. So it's not a case of you saying, 'No, we don't want Rohit Sharma,' or 'He was treated badly,' and all the things that are coming out in social media," he added.

Shastri expects the tide to turn once Mumbai Indians start winning. The team is currently on a three-match losing streak.

"So, my advice to Hardik would be to be calm, patient, ignore, and just focus on your game. Get a couple of performances going. Mumbai Indians is a terrific side. If they get on a roll, they win three or four matches on the trot, everything will sub-

side," he said.

"At the end of the day, nothing beats results. You win matches, and things will change. There's a lot of bull crap out there as well. You know, and some of the stories are just planted. A lot of it is just planted on other people's names, including my name," he added.

Former Australia batter Matthew Hayden also felt that fans' affection for Rohit is understandable given his 11-year tenure as MI captain.

"See the fans are the biggest stakeholders in this and they often don't have the politics,

the insights, but they want to understand this, they love Rohit Sharma. There's going to be no getting around that.

"So potentially how it could have been handled little bit differently is to ensure that Rohit is on board with it..." he said.

Hayden said it is not fair to judge Pandya based on just three matches.

"...there are some concerns in and around Hardik's leadership but I think it's grossly unfair to look at the start of the season which is notoriously slow for the Mumbai Indians, and judge one of the iconic cricketers in India and will be for a long time to come as well, subject to his own fitness which is always vulnerable being an all-rounder as he is.

"But it's grossly unfair to misjudge his performances so far, and the team's performances and then speculate around what is and what isn't happening inside that changing room which we don't know," he observed.

MI will next play on April 7 against Delhi Capitals at the Wankhede stadium.

IPL 2024: Fast-tracking RCB's downfall

De Kock's fifty sets it up before Mayank's pace leaves hosts in a daze



BENGALURU, Apr 3 (Agencies): Quinton de Kock's astute fifty and pace sensation Mayank Yadav's youthful brilliance fashioned Lucknow Super Giants' 28-run win over Royal Challengers Bengaluru in their IPL match here.

LSG constructed their 181/5 around de Kock's 81 off 56 balls and Nicholas Pooran's unbeaten 40 off 21 balls.

RCB threatened to miraculously scale 182 briefly through Mahipal Lomror, who produced a forceful 33 off 13 balls.

However, Mayank's scorching three-wicket haul (3/14) was not to be denied as the hosts were bundled out for 153. But in reality, RCB's chase never really took off - partly due to their own follies and partly by the excellence of LSG's bowlers.

LSG opened the bowling with two spinners — Manimaran Siddharth and Krunal Pandya — and it did surprise Faf

du Plessis (19 off 13) and Virat Kohli (22 off 16).

But the introduction of pacer Naveen-ul-Haq saw Kohli upping the ante, smoking him for six over the bowler's head. Left-arm spinner Siddharth soon got the massive wicket of an in-form Kohli as the latter's attempt to go inside out resulted in a simple catch to Devdutt Padikkal at backward point.

RCB slid from that point, losing skipper du Plessis, to a mindless run out, Glenn Maxwell and Cameron Green and found themselves at 58/4 in the eighth over.

This was the period when Mayank cranked up the pace in his three-over spell (3-0-13-2). Maxwell tried to pull a 151 km/h scorcher from Mayank, but the high pace meant that the Aussie could not time his pull, resulting in a catch to Pooran at short midwicket.

Green was beaten by Mayank's raw pace as the delivery straightened a bit after pitching on the good length to rattle his off-stump.

The right-arm quick later added Rajat Patidar (27) to his kitty to reduce RCB to 103/6, and the home side was sinking fast then.

Brief scores: LSG: 181/5 in 20 overs (de Kock 81; Maxwell 2/23); RCB: 153 all out in 19.4 overs (Lomror 33, Patidar 29; Mayank 3/14).

Bronze finish for lifter Bindyarani Devi at World Cup

PHUKET, Apr 3 (Agencies): Commonwealth Games medalist weightlifter Bindyarani Devi clinched the bronze medal in the women's 55kg category at the IWF World Cup here.

Competing in a non-Olympics class, the 25-year-old lifted a total of 196kg (83kg+113kg) to finish third.

However, it was an underwhelming display by the Manipuri lifter, who had won the CWG silver in Birmingham with a total effort of 203kg in 2022.

She could manage three legal lifts in her six attempts here and her total was 38kg less than that of North Korea's Kang Hyon Gyong, who won gold for her effort of 234kg (103kg+131kg).

Romania's Mihaela Valentina Campea, who has qualified for the Paris Olympics in Mira-



bai Chanu's 49kg class, took home silver with a personal best effort of 201kg (91kg+110kg).

Bindyarani also bagged the silver medal in the clean and jerk section for her 113kg lift. Medals are awarded separately for snatch, clean and jerk, and total lift in continental, World Cups and World Championships.

Despite her medal-winning performance at the final Olympics qualifying event, Bindyarani is out of contention for the Paris Games.

She had moved up to the 59kg class that features in the Paris Olympics and competed in the 2022 World Championships in that category, finishing 25th. But she switched back to her old 55kg division, in which she won an Asian Championships silver last year.

She is currently ranked 29th in the 59kg Olympics qualification ranking (OQR) and is out of reckoning as the top 10 lifters in each class will qualify for the Games.

IPL 2024, DC vs KKR: Rishabh Pant, Delhi look to end Kolkata's unbeaten run

VISAKHAPATNAM, Apr 3 (Agencies): It's Match 16 of the IPL 2024 season with the unbeaten KKR going up against an upbeat DC side in Vizag on April 3, Wednesday. Rishabh Pant and Co will be going up against Shreyas Iyer's side, who have made an unbeaten start to the new campaign and find themselves in the second spot on the points table behind RR. Gautam Gambhir's arrival seems to have made a positive impact to the side, who seem to have got vintage Andre Russell and Sunil Narine back for the season.

DC were able to get back among the points with a 20-run win over CSK and the biggest positive from the game was Pant. The Delhi captain scored his first IPL fifty since returning to field and was supported by the performances of a returning Prithvi Shaw, David Warner



and Khaleel Ahmed. They would be looking to round off their Vizag home phase with a win and snap the winning run of KKR.

Kolkata, on the other hand, has looked strong with their batting and bowling so far, despite Mitchell Starc's uneven start. The costliest buy in IPL history has conceded 100 runs in his 8 overs so far this season and KKR will be hoping that the seamer does return to form soon.

Their aim will be to return to the top of the table with a win on Wednesday.

matchup against his former side. Kuldeep has a stellar record against KKR as he has picked up 10 wickets in three matches at an average of 6.4.

The form of Anrich Nortje and Tristan Stubbs has been a worry for DC this season. Both men have looked off the pace so far and could make way for Jhye Richardson and young sensation Jake Fraser-McGurk or Shai Hope.

For KKR, they will be hoping that Nitish Rana returns for them against DC. Else, Angkrish Raghuvanshi could come in to the game much like he did against RCB as the impact sub. Anukul Roy, Suyash Sharma and Varun Chakravarthy could be fighting it out for the final spot in the side.

DC vs KKR: Pitch conditions

There was a lot of swing and seam movement during the previ-

ous match between DC and CSK, with the ball doing a lot more under the lights. There was a good coverage of grass on the track and we could expect the same tonight as well.

DC vs KKR: Predicted XI

DC Playing XI: Prithvi Shaw, David Warner, Rishabh Pant (capt, wk), Mitchell Marsh, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Axar Patel, Abishek Porel, Anrich Nortje/Jhye Richardson, Mukesh Kumar, Ishant Sharma, Khaleel Ahmed.

Impact Player: Rasikh Salam/Lalit Yadav.

KKR Playing XI: Phil Salt (wk), Sunil Narine, Venkatesh Iyer, Shreyas Iyer (capt), 5 Angkrish Raghuvanshi/Nitish Rana, Rinku Singh, Andre Russell, Raman-deep Singh, Mitchell Starc, Anukul Roy, Harshit Rana.

Impact Player: Varun Chakravarthy/Suyash Sharma.

Sri Lanka sweep Bangladesh Test series with crushing win

Hosts Bangladesh, chasing a mammoth 511 in their second innings, added just 50 after resuming on 268-7.

CHITTAGONG, Apr 3 (Agencies): Lahiru Kumara finished with 4-50 to help Sri Lanka thump Bangladesh by 192 runs in the second Test and sweep the two-match series 2-0 on Wednesday.

The fast bowler dismissed last man Khaled Ahmed to wrap up a one-sided contest before lunch on the fifth day in Chittagong.

Hosts Bangladesh, chasing a mammoth 511 in their second innings, added just 50 after resuming on 268-7.

Mehidy Hasan Miraz staged a lone fight to stay unbeaten on 81 after completing his sixth Test half-century.

With a Sri Lankan triumph all but inevitable when the day began, Mehidy played some



positive strokes to bring up his fifty off 68 balls.

He lost overnight partner Tajjul Islam for 14 when the batsman drove off-spinner Kamindu Mendis to Nishan Madushka at gully.

Kamindu finished with 3-32 to go with his unbeaten 92 with the bat in the first innings, earning him the man of the match award.

He was also named

player of the series after scoring a hundred in both innings of the first Test.

"The bowlers did their basics on this wicket and the batters did their job as well," Sri Lankan captain Dhananjaya de Silva said.

"The batters were a bit disappointed about not getting runs in the first Test, but we have experienced players. I was

confident they would get runs," he added.

"There wasn't a lot of spin on offer. So I thought about reverse swing as a way to get wickets. The pacers were really on the spot."

Sri Lankan pacers accounted for 33 of the 40 Bangladesh wickets to fall, a rare feat on Bangladesh's generally spin-friendly pitches.

Bangladesh captain

Najmul Hossain Shanto said the home side's poor showing for the red-ball series would provoke some soul-searching.

"If you look at our batting, everyone got set but didn't get a big score. That's something to think about," he said.

"If you get set, you have to make a score. We have to play more first-class cricket."

Sri Lanka won the first Test in Sylhet by 328 runs. They also triumphed in the three-match T20 series 2-1 but lost the one-day international series by the same margin.

Bangladesh will host Zimbabwe for five T20s in May in their next international engagement, ahead of the T20 World Cup starting in June.

India women tour of Bangladesh begins on April 28

CHENNAI, Apr 3 (Agencies): The India women's white-ball tour for the 2024 T20 World Cup that will be played in Bangladesh later this year.

Since the Australian series, the Indian players have been playing non-stop with the domestic season and then the Women's Premier League.

Currently, most India internationals are taking part in the InterZonal multi-day tournament that is being played in Pune. After the final of the tournament, that begins on April 9, the players will have a brief break before arriving in Bangladesh on April 23.

The last time India women toured Bangladesh was in 2023 when the visitors won the T20I

series 2-1 and the ODI series was shared 1-1 with the third match getting tied.

From an Indian perspective, what will be interesting to see if any of the players from the WPL breakthrough or comeback into the Indian team.

Arundhati Reddy and Shikha Pandey were among the leading Indian pacers while Shreyanka Patil was the top spinner. Patil made her India debut in December but whether any other youngster makes through the Indian team from the 2024 season is yet to be seen.

After the five-match series, Indian contingent will return home on May 10.

ABVP CU Jammu submits memorandum to DSW, demands to extend E-Bus Service to University Campus

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 3: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Central University of Jammu unit submits memorandum to Dean Students Welfare Prof Ritu Bakshi regarding the transportation facilities of the University.

ABVP demanded to putforth the students concern to CEO Jammu Smart City Project, DC Samba & Kathua.

ABVP CU Jammu unit President Manoj Verma said that JKSRCTC Bus which is running from Ambphalla to University was stopped by the authorities and is not running on this route now.

He said that Government of Jammu Kashmir started E-Buses Services on various routes in Jammu under Smart



City Project which is a welcoming step. E-Bus Service is also started from Ambphalla (Jammu) to Badhori which is around 4 Km away from Central University campus due to which hundreds of students who are coming from Jammu to Central University on daily basis are suffering a lot.

ABVP to putforth the demands to the CEO,

Jammu Smart City Project and other concerned authorities regarding to extend the E-Bus Service to Central University Jammu campus i.e., from Ambphalla (Jammu) to Central University Jammu via Smailpur, Badhori.

ABVP also proposes one more route of E-Bus i.e., from Ambphalla (Jammu) to Central University Jammu via

Bari Brahmana, Sarore, Rahya Morh.

This route will be beneficial for other students also who are coming from Samba, Kathua and other local areas.

ABVP CU Jammu unit Secretary Abhishek Choudhary said that University is facing a lack of transport from the starting days.

There is no public transport to univer-

sity due to which students and other people coming to university are facing problems. Also there is no bus service to university from Kathua and Samba, Students' coming from these areas have to change buses twice which is time consuming and expensive.

ABVP requested DSW to putforth this demand to DC Samba, DC Kathua and other concerned authorities to solve the local transport problems and to start the JKSRCTC Bus service from Samba and Kathua to Central University Jammu which will help the students coming from these areas.

Shivangi, Ritika, Vaishali, Meenakshi, Rashu, Aastha, Pallavi, Mahendar, Arsh and others also remain present.

Shiv Sena appeals to ensure victory of Congress candidates

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 3: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has taken assurance to fulfil some of its resolutions based on public aspirations in exchange for supporting Congress candidates in the Lok Sabha elections.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that as per the instructions of the party high command, following the coalition dharma, Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit will leave no stone unturned to ensure the victory of Congress candidates Raman Bhalla and Chaudhary Lal Singh on both the Lok Sabha seats of Jammu division. Sahni said that in return for support, an assurance has been taken from the Congress candidates to fulfil some of their resolutions based on public aspirations.

Both the candidates



have been made aware of the demands like full statehood for Jammu and Kashmir restoration and increase in pension without any bar to senior citizens, widows and disabled, 24x7 Jammu DD channel to protect our language, culture, art and glorious heritage, improving health facilities and setting up trauma centres equipped with facilities at district level, restoration of concession to elderly and women in railway tickets, starting metro project, unemployment allowance for educated youth, regularization of daily wagers, safe return of Kashmiri Pandits, etc. and a promise has been taken to fulfil

them. Sahni said that the BJP, which got full support of the people by raising its voice against discrimination against Jammu, during its rule, has divided Jammu and Kashmir into two parts, snatched away the status of the state and is trying to destroy our cultural identity.

Along with this, all the promises like return of Kashmiri Pandits, development, employment, restoration of peace have also proved to be my rhetoric today. Sahni has appealed to the people to teach a lesson to those who cheated and betrayed and to vote in favour of the Congress candidates.

Modi Govt is committed to empower weaker sections: Sat



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JAMMU, Apr 3: During its Ongoing Shakti Kendra Path Sabha Programme today a Public Jansabha was Organised at Sehora of Talab Tillo Mandal in which Former Minister Sat Sharma, Mandal President Talab Tillo Keshav Chopra, former Dy Mayor Dharamveer Singh Jamwal, Ex Sarpanch Rajkumar, Pritpal Singh, Gurnaam Singh addressed the gathering. The Programme was organised by Kala Ram Ex Panch Sehora.

Speaking during the Programme, Sat Sharma said that the public policies of Modi Government has brought drastic change in the lives of people of J&K, Modi's

passion to serve the nation and its people is unparalleled and has earned him the distinction of being the most trustworthy and respectable Prime Minister.

Keshav Chopra while speaking said the people have availed benefits of various welfare schemes and many of them are beneficiaries of more than one scheme. This has all been possible due to the concern and commitment of PM Modi.

While speaking during the programme, Dharamveer Singh Jamwal said that the good governance model of PM Narendra Modi has invited the attention of all sections of society and people in every region want to contribute in further strengthening BJP to see Modi

lead the nation for a third consecutive term. Ex Sarpanches Rajkumar, Pritpal Singh, Gurnaam Singh while speaking hailed the Modi government for the overall development and assured full support to the BJP Candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma.

District General Secretary Adv Rajesh Gupta managed the proceedings of the programme and Ex panch Kala Ram Presented vote of thanks.

Deepak Sharma, Anil Rakwal, Kewal Verma, Mushtaq, Bunt, Arun Sharma, Kuldeep Angral, Karnail Sodhi, Lambaradar Sohan Lal, Sikanar Chowdhary, Vinod Kumar, Kala Ram, Dev Raj, Sunil Kumar and others were also present during the programme.

Manjit Singh grieved over martyrdom of PSI Deepak Sharma

Lauds police for tough stance against criminals, drug peddlers in Ramgarh, Samba

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VIJAYPUR, Apr 3: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, Manjit Singh has expressed condolences on the martyrdom of a Probationary Sub Inspector (PSI) of Jammu and Kashmir Police, Deepak Sharma during an encounter with the gangster in Kathua, last night.

In his condolence message, the Former Minister said that the police did a commendable work to control the criminal activities and drug peddling in Ramgarh and other parts of Samba District.

"We express our grief and sorrow to the bereaved family members of the PSI Deepak Sharma, who have lost their son," said Manjit Singh in his condolence message to the family

members. He also prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul, and courage to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

He demanded that the Govt should recognize the act of bravery shown by the PSI and he shall be awarded suitably.

Meanwhile, he commended the role of Samba police under SSP Vinay Sharma who have taken a tough stance against the criminals.

"Samba police deserves appreciation for their action against the criminals, and drug peddlers for the last several months. The police have become active, and the people expect that the growing numbers of criminal incidents can be curbed, and the accused be put behind the bars," he said.

Modi 3.0 will have path breaking decisions: Manhas



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JAMMU, Apr 3: Former Member-Parliament and Ex State President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir Shamsheer Singh Manhas on Wednesday campaigned for Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma at Khour in Chhamb Assembly Constituency.

While interacting with the residents of the area Manhas said that the Country has seen unprecedented development during the past ten years under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that the country will see pathbreaking decisions in Modi 3.0 which the people of the country haven't dreamt of.

Manhas said that during

the last 10 years Jammu and Kashmir has seen a new dawn of development & prosperity. Establishment of two AIIMS, IIT & IIM has placed Jammu & Kashmir at par with other states.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has revolutionised the Health sector immensely by opening new medical colleges and improving the infrastructure, he added.

Manhas said under Hydro Power Generation, MoU's signed for development of 05 Mega Projects with an investment of Rs 34,882 Cr to flow in J&K. Manhas said during the last 03 years under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), 6912 km road length constructed in Jammu & Kashmir.

While lambasting Congress, Manhas said that

the Congress misrule had slowed down the pace of Country and its Prime Minister Narendra Modi who took the charge of the country in 2014 and placed India at the Global level. India's GDP has improved and is heading towards 5 trillion economy in the coming years.

Narinder Singh Bhau, State Executive Member said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi able leadership, J&K has moved from terrorism torn state to Tourism State.

The influx of tourists in J&K has opened the gateway of income for the people of Jammu & Kashmir. Those who were present on the occasion were GS Chib, Deepak Singh, Subash Singh and Roomi Khajuria.

Several OBC families vested their trust in BJP: Braham Jyot

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JAMMU, Apr 3: BJP organised Public Interaction meeting and Party Joining Program at Ward 16, Jammu West.

Yudhvir Sethi (Vice President BJP), Braham Jyot Satti, (Senior leader and incharge BJP OBC Morcha JK-UT) and Raman Sharma (Mandal President BJP) were present in the program.

Program was organised by Rakesh Pandey (Mandal President OBC Morcha) and Sanjay Mehra (Mandal Vice President OBC Morcha). Karan (general secretary), Rohit (vice President), Ravi Mehra (obc morcha jkut Vice President), Perveen Badyal (Dist Vice President OBC), Omkar Bose (District Secretary BJP), Ajay Mehra (Vice President mayndal), Varun Jamwal (Yuva Morcha Mandal President), Tahir (District General secretary BJYM) others were



present on the occasion. All dedicated workers of BJP Ambphalla Mandal and Prominent citizens and locals were also present on the occasion.

In the Program Dignitaries interacted with OBC Families of the area after that party joining program

was organised by them where prominent citizens and several OBC families join BJP and said BJP is a hard working party and PM Modi Ji led BJP making India strong. They said BJP is only political party who thinks for OBCs and working for the upliftment

of OBC samaj. They raised slogans in the favour of PM Modi and BJP. Dignitaries briefed various different schemes which are running by Central Government and urged people to take benefit of these schemes and he said BJP's ideology is

best for public.

Yudhvir Sethi interacted with OBC Families and assured them that all issues will be sorted out as early as possible.

Speaking on the occasion Yudhvir Sethi welcomed and congratulated newly joined members and he appreciated the working Jammu west Mandal for doing Commendable tasks.

He said BJP always follow Ideology of Nation's First and this policy is better for India and its Citizens. He said only BJP is working for upliftment of all segments of Society and BJP has raised OBC reservation from 4 percent to 8 percent and it may rise more in future.

He also said people are inspiring from working of BJP and joining us. BJP always available for the well being of public.

There is huge number of highly beneficial schemes which are running by Government especially

for OBC and public should take benefit these schemes, he added.

Braham Jyot extended greetings to new entrants and said OBC Samaj is backbone of our nation and people belongs to OBC are vesting interest in BJP because of good work by the government in favour of OBCs.

He said Nation's first ideology of BJP is best and it works in nation's interest and prominent citizens are joining hands with BJP which is highly appreciable.

He said under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji India is achieving new heights at International level.

He said bjp is available for the help of every needy person and our priority to reach every needy of state.

He said definitely with the support of our nationalists supporters BJP will get clear mandate again upcoming elections.

Holy Yatra to "Sri Harmandir Sahib" flagged-off by Gurmeet Singh



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JAMMU, Apr 3: The first batch of "Sri Harmandir Sahib and Dera Baba Murad Shah and Baba Lal" was flagged-off from Jammu East City, by Gurmeet Singh General Secretary JKPCCA senior congress Leader & President Beopar Mandal, Jammu East Constituency, by the virtue of bending towards religious activities where many times awarded by different Sangathans, Sansta's, Governments etc., last fifteen years many times regarded & honored as "Chief Guest" by different organizations, etc. and now by seeing in highly involvement in such religious works, privileged for flagged-off for such a pious journey to "Sri Harmandir Sahib Ji, Amritsar, Dera Baba Murad Shah Ji, Nakodar and Baba Lal ji", Dhanpur.

Besides to the Gurmeet Singh, other members who accompanied in flag-off are ward no 3, President Hardavinder Singh, Mohalla President Manohar Joshi, Suman Gupta, Vishal Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Brij mohan, Babu Ram, Vimal, Sahil Dogra, Ajay Sharma, Anamika, Amarpreet Singh and others.