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BRIEFLY

Leh | Arms Licence holders asked to deposit weapons ahead of Lok Sabha Polls

LEH, Apr 12 (Agencies): Office of the District Magistrate, Leh issues order directing all the licence holder(s) of Arms & Ammunition of Leh district to deposit their Arms & Ammunition in their respective Police Station immediately.

2 OGWs booked under PSA in Sopore: Police

SRINAGAR, Apr 12 (Agencies): Police on Friday booked two alleged underground workers (OGWs) under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Jammu and Kashmir's Sopore sub district.

Police said Ikhlaz Imtiyaz Sheikh of Watergam, Rafiabab and Irfan Farooq Zargar of Soin Sadnar, Rafiabab were booked under PSA as part of the crackdown against anti-national elements.

"They were detained after getting formal detention orders from the competent authority and were subsequently lodged in District Jail Kupwara and District Jail Anantnag," a police statement said.

"These individuals have a history of involvement in anti-national activities, as evidenced by multiple FIRs filed against them. This action has been taken to ensure that they don't continue to engage in activities detrimental to the state's security," it added.

The PSA allows detention without charge or trial up to six months, and make difficult to obtain bail.

NIA arrests two accused, including mastermind, in Bengaluru's Rameshwaram Cafe Blast case

NEW DELHI, Apr 12 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested two accused, including the mastermind, in Bengaluru's Rameshwaram Cafe blast case, officials said.

Mussavir Hussain Shazib and Abdul Matheen Ahmed Taahaa were traced to their hideout near Kolkata and

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"Of the family, by the family, for the family..." PM Modi in Udhampur slams opposition over dynasty politics

UDHAMPUR, Apr 12 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday slammed the Opposition parties over dynasty politics and said that no one has caused as much damage to Jammu and Kashmir as family-run parties adding that such political parties have come to mean "of the family, by the family, for the family."

Addressing a public rally in Udhampur, PM Modi said, "Modi is guaranteeing the creation of



developed Jammu and Kashmir for developed India. But Congress, National Conference

and PDP want to take Jammu and Kashmir back to those old days. No one has caused as

much damage to Jammu and Kashmir as these family-run parties have. The meaning of these political parties is, of the family, by the family, for the family."

The Prime Minister attacked the Congress for keeping the Shahrkandi Dam stalled for decades and alleged that the latter gave the Ravi water to Pakistan by keeping the fields of the farmers of Jammu dry.

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BJP has suspended all tiers of democracy in J&K: Jairam Ramesh



NEW DELHI, Apr 12 (Agencies): With Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing a rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur, the Congress accused the BJP-

led Centre on Friday of suspending democracy in the Union Territory and asked it when would the Assembly polls be held there.

In a post on X, Con-

gress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said while the prime minister was in Udhampur, in its attempt to retain power in the erstwhile state, the BJP-led government has suspended almost all tiers of democracy and refuses to hold fresh elections.

"PM Modi must answer for his suspension of democracy," Ramesh said while posing several questions to the prime minister.

He said the erstwhile

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"It's SC verdict to conduct elections before September 30": Omar Abdullah on PM Modi's Assembly Polls remark in J&K

SRINAGAR, Apr 12 (Agencies): Commenting on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks that "time is not far" for assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Friday said that the Supreme Court has already said that the polls have to be held before September 30 and it is compulsion for the Centre to do so.

Omar Abdullah said it would have been "a favour" if the assembly polls were held earlier by the Centre but now it has to abide by the timeline fixed by the Supreme Court.

"It is the verdict of the



Supreme Court. It would have been a favour for us if he (PM Modi) had conducted elections before the verdict of the SC. It is now a compulsion for him. It is the Supreme Court's verdict to conduct elections in Jammu and Kashmir before September 30," the National Conference leader told reporters. Asked about PM Modi's assurance of restoring

statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah said that the central government has till now not been able to explain the reason behind the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act.

"As far as statehood is concerned, he could not explain to us the reason why it was taken from us. We understand that the abrogation of Article 370 was mentioned in their manifesto but why was the statehood taken?" he asked.

PM Modi on Friday assured that the Centre is committed to restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and that assembly polls will also be held soon.

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NC fields Omar Abdullah from Baramulla, Aga Ruhullah from Srinagar Lok Sabha Seats

SRINAGAR, Apr 12 (Agencies): Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah will contest elections from the Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency, the National Conference announced here on Friday.

Making the announcement, party president Farooq Abdullah also told reporters here that influential Shia leader Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi will contest from central Kashmir's Srinagar constituency, which has been an NC bastion. After the abrogation of Article 370, and the downgrading and division of



the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories, Omar Abdullah, the NC vice president, had announced he would not contest assembly elections unless J-K's statehood was restored. Spread over 18 assembly segments, the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat would be one of the keenly watched contests as electoral dynamics in the constituency have

changed after delimitation.

The constituency, which encompasses four districts of Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora and parts of Budgam, is pegged for a key contest with a largely direct fight between the NC and Peoples Conference chief Sajad Gani Lone, the separatist-turned-mainstream politician.

The junior Abdullah would be banking heavily on Shia support as the constituency has many Shia dominated areas that include Budgam, Beerwah, Pattan, Sonawari and Bandipora, among other pockets.

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Light rainfall drops night temp in Kashmir: MeT

SRINAGAR, Apr 12 (Agencies): Light rainfall coupled with hailstorms at a few weather stations brought down the night temperature all across the Kashmir valley on Friday.

Srinagar, Pahalgam, and Gulmarg received light rainfall, while some places in north Kashmir also experienced hailstorms, causing damage to cherry and apple fruit crops during the past 24 hours.

Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Friday predicted widespread light to moderate rain/snow over higher reaches at many places, with heavy rain, snow, thunder, lightning, hailstorms, and gusty winds at isolated places during the next 24 hours over Jammu and Kashmir.

The weather is likely to remain partially to generally cloudy on Friday, with thunder in scattered places towards the afternoon and evening.

On April 15-17, there is a possibility of light rain or snow (over higher reaches) at a few places, while light rain or snow can occur at many places during April 18-20 over Jammu and Kashmir.

Some low-lying areas are likely to get waterlogged due to erratic weather conditions, while there is a possibility of landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones that can disrupt the traffic movement on important highways.

Farmers have been advised to suspend farm operations during the period.

The data available with the MeT office said Srinagar received 0.7mm of rainfall, Pahalgam 5.8 mm, and Gulmarg 1.2

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REMEMBRANCE

Seven year has passed Dad since you left us for eternal peace but there are times when we forget that you are not here with us. The pain of loosing you will never fade away, you are and will always be in our hearts. We know that you are no longer with us physically but we know that you are watching us and showering your blessings from heaven.



S. Harbhajan Singh

Deeply Missed by:
Sdri. Kuldeep Kour (Wife)
Inderjeet Kour (Daughter)
Inderpal Singh (Son)

10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Charnjet Lal Puri** S/o Paras Ram Puri 148 Gali Afgana Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 04-04-2024.

10th Day will be performed on (Saturday) 13-04-2024 Rani Talab (Tutian) from 10 to 11 AM. Kriya will be performed on (Tuesday) 16-04-2024 at 12 Noon at our residence.

Rasam Pagri will be performed on (Wednesday) 17-04-2024 from 4 to 5 PM at Brahman Sabha Parade.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Arti Puri - Deepak Puri - Daughter-in-law & Son
Neelam Gandral - Madan Gandral - Son-in-law & Daughter
Bimla Verma - Ramesh Verma - Son-in-law & Daughter
Manik Puri, Manvi Puri, Udhey Puri - Grand Children
Mobile: 9419183721, 9419147760



SH. CHARNJET LAL PURI

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **MR. C.L. GANJU (K.A.S.)** RETIRED CAO/FINANCIAL ADVISOR-J&K GOVT ORIGINALLY FROM HABBA, KADAL, SRINAGAR. PRESENTLY RESIDING AT PAMPOSH COLONY JAMMU. He passed away on the 7th of April 2024, in Bangalore.

10th day Kriya will be performed at Yeduru Varika Konda, 22nd Cross Road, Yeduru Sakamma Garden, Jayanagar, Bangalore, at 7 am, 16th April 2024.
IN GRIEF
Mrs. Girja Ganju - Wife
Sisters in Law and Brothers
Mrs. Lakta Ganju (W/o Mr. G.L. Ganju)
Mrs. Rani Ganju (W/o Late Mr. TK Ganju)
Mrs. Asha and Mr. SM Ganju
Mrs. Usha and Mr. DN Ganju
Sisters in Law and Brothers in Law
Mrs. Rajni Chakko (W/o Late Manohar Chakko)
Mrs. Nancy and Mr. Rajender Zalpuri
Mrs. Usha and Mr. BP Munshi
Mrs. Veena and Mr. Anil Moza
Mrs. Sushma and Tej Waroo - Daughter and Son-in-law
Mrs. Sunita and Saraju Bhat - Daughter and Son-in-law
Mrs. Shally and Sandeep Ganju - Daughter in Law and Son
Mrs. Sangeeta and Sudhar TS - Daughter and Son in Law
Aharva Ganju and Avyukt Sudhir - Grand Children



MR. C.L. GANJU (K.A.S.)
(RETIRED CAO/FINANCIAL ADVISOR-J&K GOVT)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

"Forever in our hearts, your love lives on."
SMT. SHEELA DASS W/O LATE SH. BANSI LAL DASS ATTAINED MOKSHA ON 05-04-2024 at her residence.

TENTH DAY KRIYA SHALL BE PERFORMED ON 14-04-2024 AT 9 AM AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, JAMMU.

IN GRIEF:
DASS & BHAT FAMILY

Contact Numbers : 9888965597, 9876074248



SMT. SHEELA DASS

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Raj Dulari Pandit (Rani Ji)** W/o. Late Shri Chuni Lal Pandit, originally from Kulgam, Kashmir, presently at Goregan, Mumbai. She left for her heavenly abode on 09th April, 2024 morning.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 18th April, 2024 at 9.00 am at Bhayandar Beach, Mumbai.

GRIEF-STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-Law
Bal Krishen Pandit and Nalini Pandit -M: 9796495850
Shyam Sunder Pandit and Vijay Pandit -M: 9419147804
Jai Mohan Pandit and Aneta Pandit -M: 9819393757
Vijay Pandit & Kavita Pandit -M: 9819393757
Massa Raina W/o Late Vasudev Raina (Daughter) M: 9469647974
Sunita Kaul & Nipein Kaul (Daughter and Son in law) M: 9023601048
Grand Children
All friends and relatives



SMT. RAJ DULARI PANDIT (RANI JI)

10th Day Kriya & Prayer Meeting

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Sumati Jatta** W/o Sh. Chaman Lal Jatta, F-702 Park View City II, Sector 49, Sohna Road, Gurgaon -122018.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Upper Ganga Canal (Chota Haridwar) Murad Nagar at 8.00 am on 14-4-2024.

Prayer Meeting will be held at "V-Club" Tatvam Villa Road, Sector 48, Sohna Road Gurgaon at 12.00 Noon on 14-4-2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Chaman Lal Jatta - Husband
Smt. Shanika Jatta - Mother in Law
Mrs. Nupur & Mr. Nitin Jatta - Daughter in Law & Son
Mrs. Romi & Mr. Vishal Bharat - Daughter & Son in Law
Aarin, Parth & Tanishq - Grand Children
Jatta's / Kakru's / Raina's
Ph : 9312498913, 9560215139, 9810146896, 9810393279



Smt. Sumati Jatta

10TH DAY KRIYA

Venue : Haridwar

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the unfortunate and sad demise of respected **Smt. Kaushalya Ganju** W/o Late Sh. Jawahar Lal Ganju original resident of Garjoo House Lane, Raghunath Mandir, 2/3 Bridge Habba Kadal, Sgr. Kashmir & permanently residing at Dehradun on 7th April 2024. 10th Day Kriya will take place on 16th April at Bhatt Sabha Haridwar, followed by 11th & 12th day at the same Venue.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-Law
Smt Usha Garjoo & Shri G L Garjoo
Smt Usha Garjoo & Shri S L Ganjoo
Smt Girja Ganjoo - Sister-in-law
Meenakshi Ganju W/o Late Shri Romi Ganju - Daughter-in-law
Anla Ganju & Rahul Ganju - Daughter-in-law & Son
Grand Daughter-in-law & GrandSon
Shubhita Pandita & Vishwaroop Ganju
Arunoday Ganju - Grandson
Anmol & Anoushka Ganju - Grand Daughters
Master Nimit Ganju - Great Grandson



Smt. Kaushalya Ganju

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, I would like to inform all my relatives and friends about the sad demise of my beloved wife **Ratni Dhar** originally from Tulumulla Kashmir Srinagar on 08-04-2024 at 09:31 pm at Pune, Maharashtra.

MOURNING will be held at H.No.34, Lane No-2, Deena Nagar, Barnai, Jammu.
10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed in Pune Maharashtra on 17th April 2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Husband - Bushan Lal Dhar
Son & Daughter in Law - Puneet Dhar & Esha Dhar
Daughter and Son in Law - Supriya Dhar & Rohin Raina
Brother - Vinnder Nath Dhar & Sabra Dhar
Sisters and Brother in Law -
Smt. Kishni Raina W/o Late Shri D N Raina
Smt. Lalita Raina W/o Late Shri Brj Krishan Raina
Smt. Bimla Bhan W/o Late Shri Sohan Lal Bhan
Smt. Babli Bazaz W/o Shri Kuldeep Kumar Bazaz
CONTACT NO - 8600246762, 7387221608 AND 6005101973



RATNI DHAR

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With Profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Shri. Ashok Sapru**.

The Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed at 8 AM on Saturday, 13th April 2024 at Murad Nagar Ghat, Uttar Pradesh.

The CONDOLENCE meeting will be held at 12 Noon, at our residence - 34 -G, R-Block, 5th Lane, Dilshad Garden, Delhi - 110095.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Krishna Sapru - Wife
Shri. Abhinav Sapru - Son
Smt. Nimmi & Yoginder Sapru - (Bhabhi & Brother)
Smt. Lucky & Surinder Sapru - (Bhabhi & Brother)
Smt. Veena & Vinod Sapru - (Bhabhi & Brother)
Smt. Kumud & Kiran Langer - (Sister & Jija ji)
Smt. Sunita & Satish Jajali - (Sister & Jija ji)
Samast Durani & Sapru Parivaar
Nieces and Nephews - Kapil, Karuna, Komal, Bhoomika, Sakshi, Mudita, Ansh and Vansh
Contact Information: 9419186223, 9419007383, 9891451144.



SHRI. ASHOK SAPRU

OBITUARY / TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our Mother **Smt. Janak Rani** W/o Late Sh. Janki Nath Raina of Hermain, Shopian presently at K-19 TRT Nagrota on 06/04/2024.

Mourning is being observed at TRT community Hall Nagrota
Tenth Day will be observed on 15/04/2024 time 8.00 am at TRT Nagrota.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son and Daughter-in-law
Sh. Chaman Lal Raina and Smt. Anita Raina
Daughter and Son-in-law
Smt. Pushpa Pandita and Sh. Bansi Lal Pandita
Grand Children
Miss. Meenakshi Raina
Mr. Pankaj Raina
Sh. Rohit Pandita and Smt. Supriya
Miss Ruchi Pandita
Mob: 9906169061, 8716021138



Smt. Janak Rani

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Tej Krishan Pandita** S/o Lt Sh. Janki Nath Pandita, originally from Tulumulla, Ganderbal Srinagar Kashmir presently at 2488, Aster Tower 24th Floor Sandrayam, Greater Noida West UP on 07.04.2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Chota Haridwar, Murad Nagar UP on 16th April 2024 at 9 AM.

Grief Stricken :

Veena Pandita - Wife
Ishan Pandita - Son
Kalpana and Kiran Handoo - Sister & Brother in law
Suneeta and Vinod Raina - Sister & Brother in law
M No. 9625649284, 9354145113



Sh Tej Krishan Pandita

SHRADHANJALI AND HAWAN

To commemorate the 4th Death Anniversary of our dear mother **Late Smt Urmil Mohan** W/o Late Dr. Virinder Mohan, we are performing a hawan on 13th April 2024 at 11 a.m. at our residence 349-A, Shastri Nagar, Jammu. All are requested to kindly attend and pay respect to the departed soul.

Deeply Missed & Remembered by :

Daughters & Sons-in-law
Aarti Mohan & Vivek Sareen
Dr. Anju Mohan & Gaurav Mahajan
Anika Mohan & Varun Gupta
Grand Children :
Avisha, Ishima, Amav, Advita & Prerak
Mob :- 9419204465, 9899103851, 9796818954



Late Smt Urmil Mohan

BARKHI

It has been a year since you left us for heavenly abode. We miss you badly, but your love and blessings are always with us and remain in our hearts, mind and soul.

BARKHI of our beloved **SMT. RATTNA DEVI** W/o Sh. Paras Ram (ex.FA/CAO Fin. Department) will be performed on 13th April 2024 (Saturday) at our residence H.No 89 sector 01 Sanjay Nagar Jammu

REMEMBERED BY
Samast Bhagat Family and
All nears and dears
9419121716, 7780987336



SMT. RATTNA DEVI

10TH DAY & KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Shanti Devi** W/o Late Sh. Munshi Ram R/o W.No. 7 Hari Nagar near Pine Villa Guest House Udhampur who left for heavenly abode on 01-04-2024.

10th Day will be performed on Wednesday, 10th April 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon at Jagriti Hall (Oldage Home) near Head Post Office Udhampur.

Kriya will be performed on Saturday 13th April 2024 at our residence: W.No. 7 Hari Nagar near Pine Villa Guest House Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law
Smt. Swaran Kanta & Sh. Govind Ram Gupta - 9419215677
Smt. Sudesh Kumari & Sh. Shiv Kumar - 729866735
Smt. Bandana & Sh. Jagdish Kumar - 6005193900
Smt. Sweety & Sh. Rakesh Kumar - 9419158236
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Lakta Devi W/o Sh. Yed Parkash
Smt. Nirmal Kumari & Sh. Rattan Chand
Smt. Sudesh Kumari & Sh. Mangat Ram
Smt. Vijay Kumari & Sh. Bharat Bushan
Smt. Khema & Sh. Ja Lal
Grand Children
Smt. Kanchan & Sh. Abul Gupta
Smt. Sumali & Sh. Parkhar Gupta
Pratik Mahajan, Shubam, Pratsht, Avyukt



Smt. Shanti Devi

10TH DAY & RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Sher Singh (Retd Principal)** S/o Late Sh. Bhagu Ram who left for heavenly abode on 02/04/2024.

10th Day Kriya shall be performed on 11/04/2024 (Thursday).
Rasam Pagri shall be performed on 14/04/2024 (Sunday) at our residence Kalbari (Kathua).

Grief Stricken

Sons and Daughter in law
Hardev Singh & Smt. Neetu Panotra (Bougal)
Virinder Singh
Daughters and Sons in law
Subhash & Kamal
Suman & Suresh
Jyoti & Yash
Arpna & All Bougal Family
No. 9858287989, 7066291325



Sh Sher Singh (Retd Principal)

SHADMOS AND MAASVAR

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, always near, still loved, still missed & very dear."
Dear Papa, we pray to God to grant the highest peace and Vaikunth Vaas to your compassionate soul.

Shadmos and Maasvar of our beloved father, **Late Sh. H.L. Bhan, IPS (Retd)** will be performed on April 15/16, 2024 at our residence -1674A, Housing Board Colony, Sec 10A, Gurgaon.

Deeply Missed & Remembered By:
Bhan Parivaar
All Friends and Relatives
Ph: 0124-4221870, +91 9971880686



Late Sh. H.L. Bhan, IPS (Retd)

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INDI Alliance leading in J&K: NC

BJP's days over as masses suffered due to anti people policies: Rattan Lal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 12: J&K National Conference, District Jammu Urban, today convened a day-long convention at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan in Jammu under the chairmanship of Chandher Mohan Sharma, District President Jammu Urban. The convention was attended by senior NC leaders including Ajay Kumar Sadhotra former minister and Additional General Secretary, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC Jammu, Babu Rampal, former Minister, along with other party functionaries.

At the start of the convention, Chandher Mohan Sharma highlighted the problems faced by the people of Jammu due to the anti-people policies adopted by the present government. He also informed senior functionaries about the ongoing election campaign meetings being conducted across the district Jammu Urban to garner support for INDI Alliance candidate Raman Bhalla for the Jammu Reasi Lok Sabha seat.

Addressing the party workers, the senior NC leader Ajay Sadhotra expressed great resentment towards the incumbent government's



insensitive attitude towards public issues. He observed and stated that the general public are facing numerous problems but the BJP dispensation at the Centre and its proxy administration in J&K are doing nothing except rhetoric and showing dreams to the people. He called upon the party cadres to remain in public and make all possible efforts to address their issues.

The former minister emphasized that the INDI Alliance is presently leading in Jammu and Kashmir and expressed optimism about winning all five Lok Sabha seats in the region.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, in his address, asserted that the general public is disenchanted with the misuse of the present dispensation, which has fallen far short of meeting their expectations. He highlighted the wide-

spread suffering across all segments of society, including youth, farmers, and traders, attributable to the anti-people policies pursued by the government. He underscored the prevailing economic challenges, citing soaring inflation rates as evidence of the government's shortcomings. He said that the people will not forget this regime for decades and will definitely give a befitting reply in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls in the country in general and Jammu and Kashmir in particular in order to save constitution and democracy. He stressed the need to vote and support alliance candidate Jammu Lok Sabha seat Raman Bhalla.

The Provincial President said that the days of the BJP are numbered, citing the suffering of the masses due to policies that don't serve their interests.

Babu Rampal, senior

NC leader, raised serious concern over the challenges being faced by the weaker sections of society. He highlighted that these marginalized groups are enduring hardships due to the administration's failure in Jammu and Kashmir to deliver justice and support to them.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary JKNC, Jammu, stated that National Conference is fully committed to fight the divisive forces and to promote secularism, communal harmony and brotherhood across Jammu and Kashmir. He asked people to maintain communal harmony at all costs. He appealed to the people of Jammu district to support National Conference in the upcoming elections in J&K to get rid of all the miseries thrust upon them by the BJP Govt.

Among those who were present include Bimla

Luthra former MLA, Deepinder Kour Ex-MLC, Bushan Lal Bhat Ex-MLC, Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women wing, Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretaries Jammu, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Jugal Mahajan Treasurer, Laxmi Datta Senior leader, Shamim Begum DDC Dansal, Ankush Abrol, Surjeet Singh Manhas Joint Secretaries Jammu Province, Ragbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Ch. Rehmat Ali, Harshvardhan Singh President NCSU, Dr. Vikas Sharma Secretary Central Zone, Rita Gupta, Dilshad Malik Vice President's Central Zone, Farman Ali, Anoop Sharma District Secretaries Jammu Urban, S. Gurnam Singh Block President Jammu West A, Davinder Sharma Block President Jammu West B, S. Parvinder Singh Block President Gandhi Nagar, Rachpal Singh, Ashok Dogra, Rashida Begum, Master Aslam, Kuldeep Sharma, Shabir Sambyal, Asha Mehra, Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC, S. Sandeep Singh Zonal President Jammu Urban YNC, Nitish Gowsami, Zamir Quershii, Muzamil Teli, Sahil Kerni, Ajay Kumar, Veer Bhat, Vikram Puri, Sumita Bhan and others.

BLSKS organises three-day Baisakhi festival



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 12: To celebrate the Baisakhi Mela Festival 2024 & to promote the traditional folk culture of the JKUT i.e. Pahari, Gojri, Dogri, Bhaderwahi, Kashmiri etc., for which artists had scarified their whole life to make traditional folk of the region a house-hold item. We endeavor to carry forward unfinished task in surviving the dying folk art of the region which would diminish if not preserved / nourished properly. As you know we are engaged in mobilizing the youth for promotion of traditional folk & the role of Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS) conducted workshop cum Cultural festival which is 415th Friday Series Musical Play "Rangila Duggar" as well in collaboration with Ministry of Culture Govt of India & Sangam Tru Art Production at Durga Bhawan, Janipur, Jammu. During the 3 Day Festival, Devotional Cum Cultural programs will be staged at Akhnor and Jammu.

The function was inaugurated after lighting the traditional lamp by the Chief Guest Sh.V.K. Magotra, Former Regional Director, Directorate of Field Publicity, Government of India, J.K. Raina, Freelancer Producer Director and Dr. Anju Dogra from Health Department, J&K Government, Mr. Mukesh Singh, Media Person Jammu were the Guests of Honor.

The programme commenced with song "Ayo Sab Mil ke Baisakhi Tayor Manye", "Kanak Mandi Da tanga Chailya", "Jammu Sada Dogre Da Shaar". Speaking on the occasion Chief Guest said Baisakhi, the agricultural festival of happiness and prosperity, is celebrated every year on 13 or 14 April. It's also known as Vaisakhi and is a significant festival for the Sikh community. Baisakhi marks the beginning of the Sikh

New Year and commemorates the formation of the Khalsa.

The main aim of this NGO is to promote of traditional folk culture of the JKUT i.e. Pahari, Gojri, Dogri, Bhaderwahi, Kashmiri etc., for which artists had scarified their whole life to make traditional folk of the region a house-hold item. We endeavor to carry forward unfinished task in surviving the dying folk art of the region which would diminish if not preserved / nourished properly. As you know we are engaged in mobilizing the youth for promotion of traditional folk & the role of Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS) has become very significant in generating awareness among the masses about various social evils through Musical Play / Theatre / Drama which are still very powerful medium of communication. "Rangila Duggar" musical play written, produced and directed by Dr.M.L. Dogra (Chairman BLSKS) & highlighted the importance of the play, the music was composed by Mr. Raju Bajgal which revolves around this festival.

Welcoming the dignitaries Mr.M.L. Dogra, chairman BLSKS explained aims & objectives of the programme and said Baisakhi is celebrated with great pomp and extreme happiness, especially by the Sikhs.

The Religious places are cleaned and decorated. Many people throng to the gurdwaras

to offer prayers and seek the blessings of the almighty for the prosperous year ahead. Overall, the Baisakhi celebrations are carried out by all the People of India.

Baisakhi is a Harvest festival and like all things Punjabi, it is one that involves the society, is colourful, boisterous and involves food, music and dance. Baisakhi is observed in other Indian states too. A large number of tourists pay their obeisance to the deity during this period. This festival showcases the religious traditions as well as the popular culture of the region among the millions of pilgrims who visit the Jammu Ghat during the month of April every year. The Programme will be conclude on 14th April 2024.

M.C. Kotwal, General Secretary BLSKS said Baisakhi is also known as the harvest festival and is considered auspicious especially for marriages. Rivers, canals and ponds are thronged by devotees who unflinchingly take a ritual dip every year.

The singers, musician, actors and students of Music and Computer institute who performed in the musical play were Usha Raina, Mahesh Chander Kotwal, Rajni Gupta, Sudesh manhas, Bindia Okheda, Kuldeep Raj, Sanjeev Kumar Sodhi, and many others presented the enthralling performance. Deepak Kumar presented vote of thanks for successful conduction of the program.

VKMI, IYA celebrate World Health Day



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 12: World Health Day was celebrated as anniversary of the founding WHO, which was started in 1948.

It is celebrated annually and draws attention to a specific Health topic of concern to people all over the world. Around the world, the right to Health of millions is increasingly coming under threat.

Conflicts are devastating lives, causing death, pain, physical ailments, hunger and Psychological distress.

It was celebrated jointly by Indian Yoga Association (IYA) and Vichar Kranti Manch International (VKMI) at Chhanni Himmat.

Vikram Randhawa, former MLC was the Chief Guest, Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Chairman Indian Yoga Association & President Vichar Kranti Manch International presided over.

The burning of fossils fuels is simultaneously driving the climate and taking away our right to breathe clean air, with

indoor and outdoor air pollution claiming a life every 5 seconds.

Jain, State Yoga Commissioner, added that to address the common health Challenges, the theme for World Health Day 2024 is "My Health My Right".

The WHO Council on this Economics of Health for all has found that at least 140 countries recognize health as a human right in their constitution.

Most of the countries are not passing and putting into practice laws to ensure their population

are entitled to access health services, he said adding that the best way to justify this year's theme is to bring Yogs in practice. Indian Yoga Association is contributing a lot throughout India under the able guidance of Sri Sri Ravishankar, National Chairman & Subodh Tiwari, Nation Secretary General, by educating the masses about the upkeep of health through Yoga.

State Jt Secretary IYA Ashok Gupta threw light on underscores the importance of primary health care by adopting Hasya Yoga. He explained the effect of laughter Yoga on perceived stress, burnout calories besides opening of maximum blocks of the body.

The key operation of World Health Day is to raise awareness among people about the health issues, needs to be addressed on individual level as well as on NGOs level.

K S Samyala, advisor VKMI, rected a Bhajan

on 'Sheran Wali Mata' besides GameShark Vandna.

CM Sharma, General Secretary VKMI, related about the working and activities of the Manch by organizing Yoga camps In collaboration of Kaivlyadhama Pune (Oldest more than 100 years old organizations), distribution of Widow pensions & taking up Students Personality Development programs in Schools.

Chief Guest Mr Randhawa applauded the activities being organized by VKMI & IYA, incidentally Birthday of Chief Guest also falls on the same, which was also celebrated by the representatives of different NGOs. Some quotes were recited by Jain, Gupta, Sharma & Samyala. Ashok Khazuria, Secretary Bharat Vikas Parishad Shivalki & Narinder Wadhra President Evening Walkers Association Trikuta Nagar Sector 2 also graced the occasion by their gracious presence.

GDC Ramgarh organises Slogan Writing Competition under SVEEP

Top News Report

RAMGARH, Apr 22: NSS Unit 'Prabha' and Electoral Literacy Club of GDC Ramgarh, on Friday, organised a Slogan Writing Competition under the aegis of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) and 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 whole event was conducted under the guidance and supervision of the Principal of the College, Dr. Geetanji Andotra.

In her address, the Principal of the college appreciated the participating students for taking a keen interest in such activities. She said students must be aware of their Right to Franchise which is a

potent tool in democracy besides knowing their fundamental rights and duties enshrined in the Constitution of India. She also appealed to all the students to cast their precious votes.

The whole programme was organised by Dr. Brahm Dutt Sharma, HoD, Dogri, NSS program officer and SVEEP Nodal officer and Prof. Sandeep Kumari HoD, Education and SVEEP Nodal Officer.

The Competition was interesting and colourful as the participants made vibrant and thoughtful slogans. The students showcased their enthusiasm and expressed their views through their colourful writings in the event.

All the faculty members and students of the College enthusiastically witnessed the performance and promised to cast their votes in the upcoming elections.

Baisakhi celebration at DHSS

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 12: The students and staff of Dogra Hr Sec School celebrated Baisakhi with great Zeal and enthusiasm. A special assembly was held

to mark the occasion. The celebrations began with the recital of Shabad Kirtan followed by group songs and poems explaining the significance of the day. Tiny Tots of the school performed Bhangra in their colourful attires and made the occasion graceful.

Managing Director Kunwar Gambhir Dev Singh Charak led the festivities with an inspiring address, emphasizing the significance of Baisakhi in our cultural heritage.

Principal Devinder Kour in her address, highlighted the importance of embracing tradition while pursuing academic excellence.

She also acknowledged the diligence of students and teachers and con-

gratulated all of them for making the event possible.

The festivities were further elevated by Incharge Activity Mrs. Sheetal's heartfelt address, resonating with the spirit of unity and communal harmony symbolized by Baisakhi. Adding to the cultural fervor, students showcased their devotion through soul-stirring recitations of Shabads, encapsulating the essence of the occasion.

The solemn Ardas conducted by Balbir Kour served as a poignant reminder of the values of humility and gratitude embedded in the festival.

In the true spirit of community, Kadha Prasaad was distributed among all attendees, symbolizing blessings and shared prosperity.

Dogra Hr Sec School takes pride in nurturing not only academic excellence but also cultural awareness and communal harmony, and the Baisakhi celebration exemplifies this ethos.

MHAC Nagbani celebrates Baisakhi

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 12: The air was filled with excitement and anticipation as students, teachers and staff gathered at MHAC School Nagbani ground to celebrate the joyous festival of Baisakhi. The celebration was a kaleidoscope of cultural delights, showcasing the rich tapestry of traditions that define our school community. The highlight of the event was mesmerizing dance performances by the boys and girls that transported the audience to the heart of Punjab. A group song performance filled the air with melodious tunes that celebrated the harvest season and the spirit of unity.

The school was transformed in to a visual spectacle with vibrant decorations. Small children of kindergarten dressed in traditional attire stole the show with their radiant smiles. Principal Sh Brij Mohan addressed the students and extended his warmest wishes to everyone.

Proactive Awareness Campaign Engages Labour Voters in Ramban District

Top News Report

RAMBAN, Apr 12: Acting on the directives of District Election Officer Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, a proactive awareness campaign under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative unfolded across the district, aimed at fostering increased engagement of labour voters in the electoral process.

Led by Assistant Labour Commissioner Amit Kumar and the SVEEP team, various dedicated awareness camps were organized at Seri, Digidol, Magarkote, and Nachilana, strategically targeting voters working at various construction sites including national projects, emphasizing their pivotal role in shaping democratic outcomes.

Themed "Every Vote Matters," the

campaign underscored the importance of active participation in elections, particularly among all working sections of society. Through educational sessions and community engagement activities, participants were encouraged to exercise their voting rights on voting day, which has been declared a paid holiday by the authorities, fostering a culture of inclusivity and democratic empowerment.

Speaking at the event, the Nodal Officer directed construction agencies to implement orders regarding paid holidays for all laborers on polling day to ensure their ability to cast their valuable votes. He reiterated the SVEEP team's unwavering commitment, under the supervision of Nodal Officer SVEEP (ACP) Ramban, Ashfaq Kanji, to ensuring the active involvement of every segment of society in the electoral process.

Bukhari greets people on the eve of Baisakhi festival

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Apr 12: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari has extended greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of the Baisakhi festival, which marks the beginning of the harvest season and spreads joy and happiness among the people. Baisakhi symbolizes a deep sense of appreciation for the bountiful harvest, nurtur-

ing a spirit of unity and generosity among communities." He also hoped that the celebration of this festival would spread peace, prosperity, and brotherhood in Jammu and Kashmir. "May this festival spread peace, prosperity, and brotherhood in Jammu and Kashmir," he prayed.

EDITORIAL

BAISAKHI-THE
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Baisakhi is one of the major festivals of Sikh people in India, especially celebrated in Punjab and Haryana.

It is also known by the name Vaisakhi and it falls every year in April. This festival dedicated to welcoming the arrival of the harvest season. Also, this festival marks the new year for the Sikh community. Moreover, it is also celebrated in Pakistan because after the partition many sikhs are living there. Countries like Canada, Los Angeles, United Kingdom and Manhattan also witness this festival because a large Sikh community lives there permanently. People celebrate it with immense joy and enthusiasm. The story of the festival begins with the martyrdom of the ninth Sikh Guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur, who was publicly beheaded by Aurangzeb. At that time Mughal rule was dominant and they had an evil plan to spread Islam in India and convert everyone into Muslims. Guru Tegh Bahadur could not tolerate this and stood against them to fight for the rights of Hindus and Sikhs. Since people started believing in him, they also joined his movement and retaliated against Aurangzeb.

Aurangzeb was enraged by the actions of Guru Tegh Bahadur and declared him a threat. Therefore, to create terror among the people, he was murdered publicly. After the death of Guru Tegh Bahadur, Guru Gobind Singh became his next guru. In 1699, on the occasion of Baisakhi, he transformed the Sikh community into a family of soldier saints known as the Khalsa Panth. He was the pioneer in establishing the Khalsa Panth in the presence of thousands at Anandpur Sahib. During the celebration, he had set up a tent and emerged from it with a sword and challenged to enter the tent any Sikh who was ready to sacrifice his life. He continued repeating this action until all five men voluntarily disappeared into the tent. The people present in the crowd were curious and worried to know what happened to those people. Then suddenly he saw that five men wearing turbans were returning with the Guru. The Guru baptized these people into the Khalsa. Later these five came to be known as 'Panj Pyare' or 'Priya Panch'. Guru Granth Sahib Ji is the central religious scripture of Sikhism, which is followed by Sikhs around the world. The holy book is organized in the form of hymns written in praise of God, describing the teachings of the Gurus and the right way of living. On the day of Baisakhi, water is sprinkled on the holy book (Guru Granth Sahib) and the sacrifice of Panj Pyare is enacted in front of it. After a long procession through the streets, the book is placed back on its throne and the teachings of the great gurus are commemorated. People listen to musical verses (called Nagar Kirtan) sung in praise of God. Everyone is served a community meal (popularly known as langar). This food is extremely delicious.

Langar is a vegetarian food, so everyone can enjoy it. It is called Prasad in simple language. Cleanliness of kitchen, utensils, body and mind is extremely important. Gossiping is strictly prohibited and the person preparing the food keeps reciting Gurbani Japji Sahib. This is a 24-hour free service in almost all Gurudwaras and anyone can avail it. On an average, 100,000 devotees or tourists eat langar every day in the community kitchen of the Golden Temple but on special occasions this number almost doubles. Groceries and food items are donated to the Gurudwaras by the wealthy people of the society. New Year falls on Baisakhi in North and Central India as these regions follow the solar calendar. The Earth takes approximately 365 days to complete one revolution around the Sun. This is known as the solar year. Whereas a lunar year is 354 days or 12 complete cycles of the Moon. According to the Hindu calendar, the New Year falls on the first day of the month of Vaishakha which usually falls on 13 or 14 April. Baisakhi is also celebrated as the Hindu New Year. Baisakhi is celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. The entire atmosphere is filled with vibrant colors and festive energy. A number of processions known as Nagar Kirtan pass through the streets in the morning led by five Khalsas. The Golden Temple in Punjab is decorated with twinkling lights. Devotees participate in special prayers and fairs organized at the Gurudwara. Bhangra and Giddha dance performances, music, folk songs and traditional food are the unique attractions of the festival. Kada Prasad is a special sweet which is distributed among the people. Langar is arranged in the Gurudwara where people enjoy food. The Sikh community is popular because of its vibrant energy, joyful nature and positive attitude; Therefore their festival reflects their happy condition. Family members, neighbours, friends and relatives come together to celebrate the festival. On this day Gurudwaras are decorated with lights and flowers and Kirtans are organized to celebrate this auspicious day. Nagar Kirtan processions are also taken out at many places across the country and a large number of people participate in them. During these processions people sing sacred songs, burst crackers and distribute sweets. Prayers are offered on this day and people enjoy and celebrate this festival through these huge processions. On this day many people go to nearby rivers or lakes early in the morning to take a holy bath before going to the Gurudwaras. There is a tradition of visiting Gurudwaras on this day. People wear new clothes and visit their Gurudwaras to make offerings and prayers. Many people also visit the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab, which is considered the holiest Gurudwara in Sikhism. Many people organize get-togethers at their homes to socialize with their neighbors and relatives.

Hindus also celebrate this festival by taking a dip in holy rivers like Ganga, Kaveri and Jhelum and visiting temples. They organize get-togethers as a part of the celebration and enjoy festive food with their loved ones. The festival is known by different names in Hinduism, including Pohela Boishakh in Bengal, Bohag Bihu or Rangali Bihu in Assam and other north eastern states of India, Vishu in Kerala and Puthandu in Tamil Nadu. It is the first day of the year for these communities.

Baisakhi is a festival that beautifully combines agricultural importance with religious devotion. This is a testament to the vibrant cultural fabric of India and the indomitable spirit of the Sikh community. As we participate in the Baisakhi festivities, let's remember to respect the hard work of our farmers and maintain the values of unity, courage and resilience that the festival symbolizes.

IAS officer, her spouse caught up in Haryana land deal drama

By: Dilip Cherian

A buzz-worthy land deal in Haryana, featuring a senior female IAS officer, her spouse (who happens to be the state information commissioner) and a former additional chief secretary has hit a snag due to some red flags raised by Panchkula revenue officials.

It began in September last year when Ambala divisional commissioner Renu Phulia made a swift quasi-judicial decision to lift a decades-old injunction on the sale and purchase of a 14-acre land parcel near Panchkula, originally owned by a royal family. This decision, prompted by a petition from the brother of former additional chief secretary Shashi Gulati, was surprisingly expedited within a mere 16 days.

Shortly after this decision, Renu's husband, S.S. Phulia, the current state information commissioner and a former IAS officer, expressed keen interest in acquiring five acres of this prime land. According to official records, Shashi Gulati got hold of this land parcel, but here's the catch: Some areas in Panchkula have been under a 20-year freeze on land transactions as the authorities grapple with determining surplus

land under the Haryana Ceiling on Land Holdings Act.

The Punjab and Haryana high court's directive in February 2023 added fuel to the fire, compelling Panchkula's SDM to re-evaluate surplus lands, leading to a series of procedural actions.

In their plea to the Ambala Commissioner, Shashi Gulati's family argued to scrap the stay order, insisting the land didn't fall under surplus criteria. Renu Phulia's decision to overturn the stay order came through a quasi-judicial order in September 2023. She asserted that the land in question fell within permissible areas, further stressing that all necessary government permissions were secured for the purchase. But the controversy refuses to die down.

IPS officer repatriated amid allegations and investigations

An airport drama in Guwahati, complete with allegations, investigations and an IPS officer sent packing! Quite a spicy saga unfolded as a senior IPS officer was swiftly repatriated to his parent Uttar Pradesh cadre, with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) giving him the boot. No reasons given, of course, but just a mysterious shuffle back to where it all began. The snap strike by Vistara Air pilots may have over-

shadowed this 'crisis'. Still, some tidbits are slowly emerging about what happened, which the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the home ministry were tight-lipped about.

From what is now known, the Guwahati airport police chief complained to the state police claiming that a senior officer of CRPF in the northeast zone had harassed a female employee at the Guwahati airport. Sensing a potential scandal, a female police officer quickly conducted a preliminary investigation. It was discovered that the officer made not-so-subtle advances to the unwilling recipient. However, what saved the cop was that the lady in question decided not to pursue the matter further. A heartfelt apology was all it took to smooth things over. No case was registered.

While that matter has been hopefully settled, the officer found himself packing his bags and bidding farewell to his temporary posting. What'll happen to him now, the home ministry will likely decide. For now, he'll cool his heels in his home state.

AP high court aims at healthcare fund irregularities

The recent buzz around the alleged irregularities in setting up the AP MedTech Zone at

Visakhapatnam and the mishandling of funds from the National Health Mission has set tongues wagging in Andhra Pradesh in the middle of poll fever. Further, the Andhra Pradesh high court has served notices to several key officials, including special chief secretary Poonam Malakondiah and AP MedTech Zone CEO Jitender Kumar Sharma.

The allegations swirling around the AP MedTech Zone have raised questions about accountability and oversight in the allocation and utilisation of public funds earmarked for crucial health initiatives. And, in poll season, the issue is likely to pose a problem for the state chief minister, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy who is fighting anti-incumbency.

The decision by the high court to call for counter-affidavits within three weeks demonstrates a commitment to expeditiously address these concerns and ensure accountability. The state government is hoping that the issue will blow over quickly without causing serious damage to its reputation while its opponents would be happy to have it drag. While this legal saga will occupy the time of the concerned officers, hopefully it will provide some much-needed answers to the people in the state.

Professional Courses can give Women New Heights in their Career

By: Vijay GarG

The 20th century brought industrialization with it and it also brought education which to a large extent opened the eyes of the society towards the plight of the women. Education also created a need amongst them to redeem their status and to work towards the betterment of their gender in general and the society in particular.

The advent of modern times changed the society to a great extent. This change was evident with the rise of the nuclear families wherein equal opportunities were given to sons and daughters. Daughters were no longer kept uneducated and they were allowed to further their studies. Education led to the awareness among women about the rights and privileges which were earlier denied to them. The law also supported them and female foeticide was abolished, along with strict punishments to those who indulged in Dowry System. The influence of the media, both domestic and foreign, helped them in attaining liberal views. They realized the strides of progress made by women in the advanced countries. The success of the women entrepreneurs of the west also influenced the Indian women and they felt the need to question the subjugation were being subjected to. Education, coupled with liberal views and the support of parents, helped women gain a new identity in the male-dominated society. The whole status of women started undergoing a perceptible change. Women started entering the labour market and their numbers started to rise. They also ventured in commerce and started owning and changing the face of businesses of today, both literally and figuratively. The past decade has seen a dynamic growth and expansion of women-owned businesses. The expansion in revenues and employment has also far exceeded the growth in numbers. The male-oriented conception of the sport also came under change. Women were now allowed to compete in long-distance events alongside men, women's marathons. Women have entered even those fields which were strictly considered for men, like driving, space, technology, engineering, architecture etc. Women like Kalpana Chawla, P.T. Usha, Sania Mirza, Pratibha Patil and many more, are breaking traditional paths and inspiring others

to do so.

Today, there is heightened awareness amongst them to fight discrimination. Traditional gender stereotypes that suggested that women's primary social roles were wife and mother, whereas those of men were the breadwinner, has long gone under overhauling. Women of today are contributing towards the global economy and to their surrounding communities. The presence of women in the workplace is also creating a tremendous impact on their employment and business environments. The role of women in the family life has also changed significantly. As an educated housewife, or as a working woman she has acquired a respectable place in society. Today's women, young women, in particular, are becoming more career-oriented, with high educational aspirations and greater ambitions at the same time. In spite of their careers, they are still maintaining the value traditionally placed on them, those of family and nurturing.

Effects of the Emergence of Career Oriented Women

Positive Effects of Emergence of Career Oriented Women

With relevant education, work experience, improving economic conditions and financial opportunities, women are creating and sustaining successful business ventures. This not only has an impact on the economy of the country but it is also changing the status of women in the society.

Progressive women have a positive effect on women who live in countries where women are still oppressed. They are inspired by them and it motivates them to fight the oppression.

Underdeveloped and Developing countries feel pressurized upon looking at the status of women in Developed countries. Status of women affects a country's reputation and the economy as developed or underdeveloped.

Working women help in the household income, which leads to well being of the family as a whole.

Career Oriented Women are educated. And educated population translates into high literacy rate and also ensures that the continuation of literacy in the family and the society as well. It saves a great deal of capital and effort of the country.

Sufficient availability of money also means access to medical services which is an indicator of the high population with good health.

Because Women think differently than Men, they provide a variety of viewpoints, ideas, plans etc. which are a necessary part of any organization.

Negative Effects of Emergence of Career Oriented Women

The flip side to this emergence is changed lifestyle which includes delayed marriage and subsequent delay in the birth of the first child. As more women turn working professionals, they face a host of urological disorders. These include urogynaecological diseases ranging from the stigmata-shrouded urinary and bowel incontinence to a life-threatening condition like breast cancer. Experts say that urinary disorders are triggered by physiological changes in a woman's life that damage the pelvic floor. Medical practitioners recommend simple lifestyle modifications, a balanced diet and pelvic floor exercises as preventive methods.

Conservative Elements in our societies still criticize women for abandoning the idea of mother/housewife and blame the emergence of career-oriented women for rising levels of drug use and other problems among youth.

More and more of today's women are climbing the corporate ladder and holding positions of power. And their husbands attend the chores on the home front. But the shifting of gender roles does affect a couples' relationship, as many times, it results in divorce and broken relationships.

The changing role of women is also causing a change in their infertility. Along with the increased intake of junk food which mostly contains additives and meats injected with hormones, women also encourage multiple partners and casual love-making. This results in sexually transmitted diseases and later to infertility. Venereal diseases such as gonorrhoea and syphilis combined with previous abortions and smoking, which has gradually become increasingly common among women, can prevent conception and sometimes cause miscarriages.

Women's increasing participation in the paid workforce has reduced the number of relatives available for childcare substantially. This, in turn, has resulted in women attempting to deal with childcare demands either by relying on organized child-care facilities or undergoing changes in their personal employment style, such as working from home or working part-time. In addition to

bearing the responsibility of providing adequate childcare to their children, women may also experience feelings of guilt if they do not at least devote some of their free time to this task. Some women may, therefore, reduce their amount of sleep or free time resulting in the accumulation of strain and stress.

Many men and women believe that working couples should share household responsibilities. Yet working women today are still maintaining the responsibility of household demands as housework remains being associated with women's work. This increased workload makes it difficult for women to relax properly which, in turn, threatens their physical and mental well being.

They are also prone to role overload. Women have other life roles which they may occupy simultaneously. A woman with multiple roles may play the role of a daughter, sister and community member. And as such, these personal, professional, recreational and citizen roles are to be played simultaneously. Fulfilling one or more of these roles has far-reaching consequences.

The path of a career woman has never been a smooth or easy one. Though significant progress has been made toward levelling the status of women, they still face obstacles to their professional acceptance and advancement. In many fields, women continue to be significantly underrepresented. But, most of the explicit barriers to female participation in the workforce have fallen. The mentality of Indian male is also changing to some extent. They are now accepting the view that a lot of professional courses can give women new heights in their career even after marriage and some support their wives to continue with their jobs even after marriage. Women have in fact have come farther in their quest for equal opportunity and control over their careers. The result of these trends is that women are achieving success and the measuring stick of their success can be in revenue, employment and longevity of life. This strengthens the governmental programs and policies at strengthening women's entrepreneurship.

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Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Airlifting of Security & Polling personnel initiated at Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Apr 12: In preparation for the first phase of Lok Sabha Elections 2024, a significant deployment of security personnel has been executed in the Marwah and Warwan areas of Kishtwar District today with joint efforts of District Election Office Kishtwar and Indian Air Force.

A total of 188 personnel, comprising 144 Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and 44 Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) officers, were airlifted by three Indian Air Force helicopters for Marwah & Warwan areas, which marks the maiden Airlift of Men and Material in the country under Lok Sabha Elections 2024. This deployment is part of the comprehensive security measures being implemented across Kishtwar District in anticipation of the forthcoming elections.



The logistical challenges posed by the remote and snow-bound terrain of Marwah and Warwan were efficiently addressed, with 16 sorties transporting security personnel to these areas.

The road connectivity to the Marwah and Warwan areas via Sinthan and Margamtop situated at an altitude of 12500 feet further poses transportation challenge due to the Snow clad areas. Kishtwar district falls under 4-Udhampur

Parliamentary constituency and elections are scheduled on 19th April (first phase) in the district.

Chief Electoral Officer UT of Jammu and Kashmir has made Special arrangements for the safe transportation of polling parties, election logistics, and materials

to 31 polling booths, including 19 in Marwah and 12 in Warwan.

District Election Officer Dr. Devansh Yadav highlighted the meticulous planning involved in ensuring the safety and security of polling parties, particularly in the shadow zones and sensitive areas.

He added that 05 intermediate strong rooms have been established for the secure storage of ballots, enhancing the convenience and efficiency of the electoral process.

Tomorrow, 31 polling party members & reserves will be airlifted to far-flung polling stations situated in the interiors of Marwah and Warwan, reaffirming our commitment to ensure no voter is left behind, while conducting free and fair elections.

GDC RS PURA organizes the screening of documentary on SVEEP campaign

Top News Report



JAMMU, Apr 12: Electoral Literacy Club in collaboration with the Department of Education, NSS, Viksit Bharat organized the screening of a documentary highlighting the remarkable journey and impact of the Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign.

The programme began with the welcome address of Dr. Rajni Bhagat, Principal of the College wherein she stated that this documentary screening aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voter education and participation in democratic processes.

She also told that the documentary provided an insightful narrative into the inception, evolution, and achievements of the SVEEP campaign, a pioneering initiative by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Through compelling storytelling and real-life anecdotes, the film explores how the SVEEP campaign has transformed electoral landscapes by empowering citizens with knowledge and encouraging them to exercise their voting rights.

The entire programme was coordinated by the volunteers of Electoral Literacy Club. The formal vote of thanks was given by Vijeeta Anand, Assistant Professor in Political Science.

The programme was attended by the entire teaching faculty of the College.

Voters Awareness camp was organized by NGO



Top News Report

DODA, Apr 12: To educate the voters, Hardev Singh, Chairman of the NGO Navodaya Express Helping Charitable Trust, and member of the NGO (WORK) World Organization of Religions and Knowledge organized an awareness camp at the Tehsil headquarter Kas-

tigarh and Saras village of tehsil Kastigarh.

During Voters Awareness camp Hardev Singh Manhas Chairman of the NGO Navodaya Express Helping Charitable Trust briefed about value of a vote. Chairman of the NGO special emphasis was given that you must go to your nearest

polling stations on April 19, 2024 and cast your precious vote in the Lok Sabha elections, said Manhas.

During voters awareness camp many people attended the awareness camp and appreciated NGO Chairman for organizing such type of a awareness camp.

Cong Zindabad slogans echo across every household in Bhagna Village



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Apr 12: The Congress party in the serene village of Bhagna, nestled in the heart of Sarthal, witnessed an unprecedented grassroots campaign under the dynamic leadership of President District Congress Committee Kishtwar, Adv Mohd Asif Naqeeb.

With a steadfast commitment to commu-

nity engagement and empowerment, President Naqeeb spearheaded a movement to ensure that the voice of the Congress party resonated in every household of Bhagna village. Through tireless efforts and unwavering dedication, slogans encapsulating the party's vision, values, and promises were delivered directly to the doorsteps of residents.

Dismissal of M Form for Kashmiri Migrant Voters Welcomed by Vivek Bali

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Apr 12: JD(U) State General Secretary Vivek Bali applauds the Election Commission's decision to dismiss the M Form for Kashmiri migrant voters in the upcoming Lok Sabha election. The M Form, previously used by Kashmiri migrants to vote, has been a topic of contention in past elections.

Expressing his support for the Election Commission's move, Vivek Bali stated, "This decision is a significant step towards ensuring that displaced Kashmiri Hindus can exercise their voting rights with ease. It not only simplifies the voting process but also promotes inclusivity within our democratic system."

Vivek Bali emphasized that this achievement is the result of collective efforts, acknowledging the contributions of displaced Kashmiri Hindus, all political parties, and various stakeholders. "This is a proud moment for the Kashmiri fraternity, and it brings a big relief to migrant voters," he added.

Vivek Bali, along with his supporters, extends gratitude to the Election Commission of India and the CEO of Jammu and Kashmir for their proactive stance in



this matter. This decision is expected to increase voter turnout and enhance the efficiency of the electoral process.

"This decision has brought immense joy to displaced Kashmiri Hindus, who can now participate in the electoral process without any hurdles," added Vivek Bali. The community is celebrating this decision, which marks a positive development towards their representation in the democratic process.

Indri becomes Fastest growing single malt whisky in the world

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JAMMU, Apr 12: Indri Single Malt Whisky, India's 1st and most awarded triple cask single malt, by Piccadilly Distilleries, has further solidified India's growth story with Indri-Trini becoming the 'fastest growing single malt whisky in the world ever'. No other single malt whisky from Scotland, Japan, Taiwan or anywhere else in the world has ever been able to cross the 1,00,000 cases mark within two years of its launch. With this feat, Indri-Trini has shattered all expectations and broken into the elite club of top selling single malt whiskies in the world.

With an unprecedented growth rate of 599% compared to last year, Indri is not just breaking records; it's reinventing the game. Indri has trailblazed its way to capture 30% market share in India. Piccadilly Distilleries with its ambitious expansion plans envisions to become one of the top 5 selling single malt whiskies in the world.

Since its debut in November 2021,

Indri's brand journey from inception to this extraordinary milestone has witnessed over 25 global coveted accolades including 'Best Indian Single Malt' at prestigious competitions like the World Whisky Awards and the International Whisky Competition. With notable titles such as 'Asian Whisky of the Year' and a 'Gold Medal' at the New York World Wine & Spirits Competition, Indri has made India immensely proud on a global scale. Its crowning achievement came when its Indri Diwali Collector's Edition was declared 'Best Whisky In The World' at the Whiskies of the World Awards, surpassing Scotch and American rivals. This success has not only elevated the brand but also bolstered the reputation of Indian whiskies internationally, sparking a surge in demand for premium Indian single malts.

The rise of Indri is indicative of a seismic shift in the consumer behaviour and preferences with premium spirits leading the way. As per industry reports,

Indian single malt whiskies have staged a coup, outpacing their Scottish counterparts with a staggering 144% surge in 2021-22 and the momentum is only building.

Early estimates by the Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC) indicate that Indian single malts commanded a jaw-dropping 53% of total sales in 2023, leaving imported brands trailing behind.

"In a market once dominated by imported labels, Indri stands tall as a beacon of Indian excellence.

It's not just a brand; it's a symbol of national pride, elevating the status of Indian spirits to unparalleled heights. Indri isn't just leading the charge; it's leading a revolution", said CEO, Piccadilly Distilleries, Praveen Malviya

As Indri continues to redefine the standards of Indian single malt whisky, Piccadilly Distilleries remains dedicated to pushing boundaries, exploring new horizons, and delivering exceptional experiences to whisky enthusiasts worldwide.

Jal Shakti Deptt damages macadamised road in Kulgam village

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KULGAM, Apr 12: A macadamised road at Mondhole area of Devsar belt in south Kashmir's Kulgam district was damaged after Jal Shakti Department dug it to lay water pipeline two weeks ago.

Locals said that the road was macadamised by the R&B Department after decades; however, the Jal Shakti Department began excavating it to lay pipes, which caused harm to the road near sumo stand.

The locals, exhibiting their dissatisfaction, said that the task of laying pipes should have been accomplished before macadamisation of the road.

The residents appealed to the higher officials to undertake the repair the said road as soon as possible.

When contacted Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) of R&B Devsar, Rayees Ahmad Zargar said that work of installing pipes was executed by Jal Shakti Department, adding that they had taken up the matter with them, hopefully the concerned department would repaired it at earliest.

Meanwhile, upon contacting, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Jal Shakti division Qazigund, Mohd Rafiq said told VOI that they are already aware about it, adding that the said road would be repaired within a day or two.

Grand rally will be organized on April 14: Dr Preeti Bhagat

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JAMMU, Apr 12: Social activist Dr. Preeti Bhagat said that on behalf of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Jayanti Celebration Committee R.S Pura Suchetgarh, a grand rally will be taken out on April 14 this year on the occasion of the 133rd birth anniversary of Baba Saheb. In the press conference organized in Dablehar, Dr. Preeti Bhagat told that like previous years, this year also Baba Saheb Ambedkar Jayanti Celebration Committee R. Spura Suchetgarh has planned to take out a huge rally in the area.

This rally will be



flagged off at around 10 o'clock in Dablehar town. This rally will reach R. S pura town via Chak Bala, Jinder Mehlu Salaha, Chak Aslam, Chohala, where tribute will be paid by remembering baba saheb at Ambedkar Chowk. She also appealed to people from

all sections of the society to participate in this rally. She said that Dr. BR Ambedkar, the creator of the Constitution of India, has worked for the people of the country, especially the poor backward classes, which the citizens of the country cannot forget.

Kishtwar police challanes 80 vehicles under Op Third Eye

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KISHTWAR, Apr 12: In continuation to the operation 3rd Eye, Kishtwar Police challaned 80 violators under Motor Vehicle Act for wrong parking, without helmet, overloading in Kishtwar town.

Under the directions of the SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom the team so constituted for the purpose of traffic challan, the team with the help of technical aid CCTV surveillance mechanism shot photographs/conducted videography for violation of traffic rules, identifying the vehicles through number plate reading



system and subsequently, after ascertaining residential addresses of owners of vehicle and accordingly the copies alongwith photograph of violation of traffic rules sent at their residential addresses.

District Police Kishtwar appeals the General Public to co-operate and provide information, if any driver especially drivers of passenger vehicles are noticed carrying overload or drive rashly and negligently, stringent action will be taken by Police which will lead to suspension of vehicle documents and driving licence of drivers besides registration of FIRs against erring drivers.

Judge dismisses lawsuits filed against rapper Drake over deadly Astroworld concert

Hip-hop artist Drake has been dismissed from a lawsuit over the deadly 2021 Astroworld festival in Houston in which 10 people were killed, a judge has ruled.

Drake was a special guest of rap superstar Travis Scott, who had headlined the festival. He performed with Scott at the end of the concert on November 5, 2021, as the crowd surged and attendees were packed so tightly that many could not breathe or move their arms or legs. Authorities and festival organizers were trying to shut down the show.

The families of the 10 people who died during the concert, as well as hundreds who were injured, sued Drake, Scott and Live Nation — the festival's promoter — as well as dozens of other individuals and entities.

Many of those who were sued, including Drake and Scott, have asked state District Judge Kristen Hawkins to dismiss the law-

suits against them. On Wednesday, Hawkins dismissed Drake from the case in a brief order.

Lawyers for Drake, whose full name is Aubrey Drake Graham, had argued during a court hearing April 1 in Houston that he was not involved in putting the concert together so was not liable for the deaths and injuries that had occurred.

During a deposition he gave in November in Toronto, the Canadian rapper said in the moments before he took the stage, no one told him that people in the crowd were suffering cardiac arrests or other injuries.

He said when he was on stage, the crowd looked like a blur and he couldn't make out any details.

In the deposition, Drake was shown a video that the youngest victim, 9-year-old Ezra Blount, took as he sat on his father's shoulders.

"Do you see the panic in those people's eyes?"



an attorney asked Drake about the video.

"I do, sir," the rapper responded.

Later, when asked by an attorney for Blount's family about whether it would be important for him to hear from those who put the concert together about why Blount died, Drake said, "I think I would want answers for what happened, yes."

On Monday, Hawkins dismissed seven companies and individual people who had been sued. But she denied motions to dismiss that

were filed by 10 other companies and individuals, including Apple Inc., which produced a livestream of the concert, and two companies associated with Scott. Hawkins was set to hear other motions to dismiss, including one related to Scott as an individual, on Monday.

Following an investigation by Houston Police, no charges were filed against Scott.

A grand jury in June declined to indict him and five other people on any criminal counts related to the deadly

concert. Police Chief Troy Finner declined to say what was the overall conclusion of his agency's investigation.

In July, the police department made public its nearly 1,300-page investigative report in which festival workers highlighted problems and warned of possible deadly consequences.

Those killed, who ranged in age from 9 to 27, died from compression asphyxia, which an expert likened to being crushed by a car.

The first trial from the lawsuits is scheduled for May 6.

Some of the lawsuits have since been settled, including those filed by the families of four of the people killed during the concert.

The most recent settlement related to a person who was killed was announced in court filings on February 5, with lawyers for the family of 23-year-old Rodolfo "Rudy" Peña saying they had settled their case.

Priyanka Chopra lauds Dev Patel for 'impressive debut' as director with 'Monkey Man'



Actress Priyanka Chopra has heaped praise on Indian-origin British actor and film-

maker Dev Patel for his impressive debut as a director with 'Monkey Man'.

Priyanka took to Instagram stories and gave a shout out to Patel and the cast of the film, which also includes Sikandar Kher and Sobhita Dhulipala.

The actress wrote, "Bravo #DevPatel What an impressive debut!"

Priyanka also tagged Sobhita Dhulipala, Sikandar Kher, and producer Jordan Peele.

The film also stars Sharlto Copley, Makarand Deshpande, Ashwini Kalsekar, and others.

The action thriller follows the journey of a young man portrayed by Dev Patel, who embarks on a mission to seek justice for his mother's death, caused by corrupt leaders.

'Monkey Man' was scheduled to release on April 19 in India, but the release has now been delayed indefinitely.

As for Priyanka, she is currently busy filming her upcoming film, 'Heads of State'.

Margot Robbie to develop movie on board game, Monopoly

Fresh off the success of Barbie, Hollywood star Margot Robbie is developing a film based on the popular board game Monopoly.

The actor-producer, who runs the banner LuckyChap, has partnered with Hasbro and Lionsgate to bring the project alive on the big screen.

Lionsgate extended the development rights to the board game with its purchase of eOne, which was completed in December 2023.

As per the studio, Monopoly is the world's most popular board game brand, with 99 per cent global awareness, and is available in more than 100 countries across the globe, selling nearly half-a-billion copies going back to 1935.

Lionsgate Motion Picture Group chair Adam Fogelson announced the film at CinemaCon, the annual movie theatre trade show, currently taking place in Las Vegas.



Robbie, and her company LuckyChap, which she formed with her husband Tom Ackerley, most recently developed Barbie, the feature film

based on the iconic doll. The film, which was released in theatres in July 2023, amassed over USD 1.4 billion in worldwide collection.

Payal Kapadia's 'All We Imagine As Light' first Indian film in Cannes official selection in 40 years

Indian filmmaker Payal Kapadia's "All We Imagine As Light" on Thursday scripted history by becoming the first Indian title in over 40 years to feature in the prestigious Competition section of the Cannes Film Festival, where it will vie for the top prize Palme d'Or.

Iris Knobloch, president of the Cannes Festival, and Thierry Fremaux, general delegate, announced the official selection line-up for the 2024 edition of the gala at a press conference streamed live from Cannes, France.

Besides Kapadia, British-Indian filmmaker Sandhya Suri's "Santosh" will also be showcased at the 77th edition of the film gala. The movie will be screened under the Un Certain Regard section.

Kapadia's "All We Imagine As Light" will be presented under the main segment alongside 19 other highly anticipated titles, including films from master direc-



tors Francis Ford Coppola ("Megalopolis") and Yorgos Lanthimos ("Kinds of Kindness").

"Oh Canada" by Paul Schrader, "Bird" by Andrea Arnold, "The Shrouds" by David Cronenberg and "Anora"

by Sean Baker are also part of the main Competition slate.

Kapadia, an alumna of the Film & Television Institute of India (FTII), is best known for her acclaimed documentary "A Night of Know-

ing Nothing", which premiered at the 2021 Cannes Film Festival's Director's Fortnight sidebar where it won the Oeil d'Or (Golden Eye) award.

"All We Imagine As Light", also written by Kapadia, marks her narrative feature debut.

The film is about Prabha, a nurse, who receives an unexpected gift from her long estranged husband that throws her life into disarray. Her younger roommate, Anu, tries in vain to find a private spot in the big city to be alone with her boyfriend.

One day the two nurses go on a road trip to a beach town where the mystical forest becomes a space for their dreams to manifest, according to the plotline.

The last Indian film to compete for the coveted Palme d'Or award was legendary filmmaker Mrinal Sen's "Kharaj" in 1983. Before that, films like MS Sathyu's "Garm Hava" (1974), Satyajit Ray's "Parash

Pathar" (1958), Raj Kapoor's "Awaara" (1953), V Shantaram's "Amar Bhoopali" (1952) and Chetan Anand's "Neecha Nagar" (1946) were selected for Cannes Competition segment.

"Neecha Nagar" is the only Indian film ever to win the top honour at Cannes back in 1946. At the time, the award was known as Grand Prix du Festival International du Film.

Suri's "Santosh" will compete alongside 14 other movies in the Un Certain Regard, which runs parallel to the main competition.

The Hindi-language film, a character-driven neo-noir story set in the hinterlands of north India, is a UK-European co-production and stars Shahana Goswami.

Quentin Dupieux's "The Second Act" is the opening film at the 77th edition.

The film gala will run through May 14 to May 25.

In upcoming film Challengers, Zendaya plays a tennis star who, following an injury, coaches her husband

American actress and singer Zendaya relished the double duty of producing Challengers, a tense drama set in the world of professional tennis, and essaying the film's leading role.

"I think every time that you do it, you learn something new about yourself. You get to learn from your peers and grow," said the Hollywood star, who previously produced Malcolm & Marie and her hit HBO series Euphoria.

"It allows for you to have a seat at the table to protect yourself, and your fellow actors and community members," Zendaya, 27, said as she premiered the movie in London.

In Challengers, directed by Luca Guadagnino, Zendaya plays Tashi Duncan, a self-confident former tennis champion who, following an injury,



now coaches her husband Art (Mike Faist).

When Patrick (Josh O'Connor), Art's former best friend and Tashi's boyfriend during their teenage years, suddenly reappears after over a decade, problems from their intertwined past start seeping into their present. "I just wanted to tackle a character that felt very multidimensional and had such depth to her," said Zendaya. "I think there's a perception or an idea of who she is or that she's trying to portray to the world, but I think there's a lot falling apart inside," she added.

To ensure authenticity, the actors immersed themselves into the world of tennis, creating a close bond in the process. Challengers starts its global cinematic rollout on April 24.

Still get nervous on red carpet, says Jennifer Aniston



Actress Jennifer Aniston has shared that she still gets nervous during public appearances more than 30 years after she shot to fame. Asked if she still gets nervous, Aniston said: "Always. Always. Right now, literally in this chair."

Aniston shot to fame playing Rachel Green in the sitcom Friends in the early 1990s. She starred alongside Courteney Cox, David Schwimmer, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, and the late Matthew Perry.

The actress recalled the early days and described it as a 'magical' time. She said, "Oh, everything was the most exciting thing on the planet. It was just magic. And it's still exciting, but we've had more experiences."

Amit Shah slams Congress for doing nothing on Article 370 for decades

Eight parliamentary constituencies in Uttar Pradesh to vote in the first phase of Lok Sabha polls on April 19

MORADABAD, Apr 12 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday attacked the Congress over its handling of the Kashmir issue, saying the party "pampered" Article 370 like a child in its lap for decades till it was scrapped.

At an election meeting in Moradabad, Shah also slammed Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for suggesting recently that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should not be speaking about Kashmir while addressing rallies in other states.

"Tell me isn't Kashmir ours? Khargeji of the Congress asks what do people of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have to do with Kashmir," he said, adding that every child of Moradabad is ready to give his life for Kashmir. "For 70 years, the Congress



pampered Article 370 like an illegitimate child in its lap," Shah said, referring to the special status enjoyed by Jammu and Kashmir under the Article.

"You made Modiji the prime minister for the second time and he abolished Article 370 on August 5, 2019. Today our tri-

colour is flying there with pride. Under the leadership of Modiji, Kashmir has been united with India forever," Shah said.

He said, "Modiji has divided the entire country into four 'castes' - women, poor, youth and farmers. On this basis, work has been done for the develop-

ment of everyone in the entire country."

The SP has fielded Ruchi Veera from Moradabad this time against the BJP's Sarvesh Singh.

In 2019, the seat went to the SP. The Samajwadi Party had fielded ST Hasan, who was supported by the BSP and the RLD.

Sarvesh Singh is a five-time BJP MLA from the Thakurdwara assembly constituency in Moradabad.

Eight parliamentary constituencies in Uttar Pradesh will vote in the first phase of Lok Sabha polls on April 19. These are Saharanpur, Kairana, Muzaffarnagar, Bijnor, Nagina (SC), Moradabad, Rampur and Pilibhit. The counting of votes will be held on June 4.

Nirmala Sitharaman takes exception to Stalin's 'migratory bird' jibe at PM Modi



KRISHNAGIRI, Apr 12 (Agencies): Senior BJP leader Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday took exception to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin's "migratory bird" jibe made at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his recent visits to the state, saying the very usage was not proper.

She also slammed the ruling DMK over issues, including the drug

menace in the state.

"The chief minister says the PM is coming to Tamil Nadu like a migratory bird. Anyone can travel anywhere in the country. The very usage is wrong... CM is in such a situation that he makes remarks like these," she said addressing an election meeting here.

She was canvassing votes for the party's Krishnagiri nominee for

the April 19 Lok Sabha polls, C Narasimhan here.

The PM has brought investments and the Defence Corridor, which has benefited Hosur in the district, but "they (DMK) come here only for collection," she said.

In an apparent reference to the DMK's first family, she said there was much "proof" that alleged drug kingpin Jafar Sadiq, arrested by the NCB in Delhi, recently had contacts with the "family." Stalin on Wednesday took strong exception to Modi's campaign in the state that day and likened the latter's visits to a migratory bird arriving at the sanctuary during the season and posed him questions on a series of issues.

5-year-old girl found dead near construction site in south Goa

Vasco police round up several labourers working at the site for interrogation

PANAJI, Apr 12 (Agencies): The body of a five-year-old girl was found near a construction site in Vasco town of south Goa on Friday morning, police said.

The child was found in the early hours of the day and was rushed to the health centre in Chicalim, where she was declared dead. Superintendent of Police (South) Sunita Sawant said.

"The body has been



sent for postmortem, and the cause of death will be known once we receive the report," she said.

The Vasco police have rounded up several labourers working at the site for interrogation, the official said.

Conspiracy to impose President's Rule in Delhi, claims Atishi citing sources

NEW DELHI, Apr 12 (Agencies): Delhi minister Atishi on Friday alleged that a big political conspiracy was being hatched by the BJP-led central government to impose the President's Rule in the national capital.

The minister said "Our trustworthy sources have told us that the BJP is conspiring to impose the President's Rule in Delhi".

Once the President's rule is imposed, the central government will take over the administration of a state.



"But imposing President's Rule in Delhi will be illegal and against the people's mandate as the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has proved its majority in the Delhi Assembly," Atishi added.

Speaking at a press

conference, Atishi further claimed that AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate "under fake allegations" to stop the party's programme of providing Rs 1,000 per month to women.

In the meeting, Atishi also accused the central government of plaguing Delhi's administration by not appointing officers in the city's government despite several vacant posts.

"Posts are lying vacant in departments but no postings have taken place. Bureaucrats have stopped attending meetings called by ministers, citing the Model Code of Conduct.

The lieutenant governor has been writing letters to the Union Home Ministry over the functioning of the Delhi gov-

ernment," she charged.

Notably, the administration of Delhi has been in the doldrums since the arrest of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in an excise policy-linked money laundering case.

The Enforcement Directorate has labeled Kejriwal as the 'kingpin' of the liquor policy case. He remains lodged in Tihar Jail until April 15, following the previous order of the Delhi Rouse Avenue court.

Despite his arrest, he continues to serve as the Chief Minister of Delhi.

Ghaziabad girl, 11, raped by stepfather, tortured by mother to cover up his crime

GHAZIABAD, Apr 12 (Agencies): In a shocking incident, an 11-year-old girl was raped by her stepfather in Ghaziabad. Her mother, instead of saving her daughter, beat and tortured her to cover up for the crime by the stepfather. Not only that, the accused had also molested the victim's 14-year-old brother.

The girl had escaped from her house after she was unable to bear the torture of the accused and reached Delhi. The Delhi Police later found her on a deserted road and arrested her mother and her stepfather. A

medical examination later confirmed that the girl was raped.

According to the police, the girl's father had died a few years ago, after which the victim, her mother and her two brothers went to their native village.

But after a few days, the girl, her mother and her sons returned to Ghaziabad. She then got married to a man and started living with him living in her neighbourhood. During that time, the accused, the victim's stepfather, started to force his wife into prostitution and raped the girl.



The accused also molested the victim's elder brother when he objected. When her younger sister informed her mother about her stepfather's misdeeds, the woman instead of supporting and protecting her, began to torture

her. Shockingly, the woman also threatened to kill her daughter if she had revealed the crime to anyone.

Upset and scared over the brutalities of her mother and stepfather, the girl left the house in Ghaziabad and went

towards Delhi. The Delhi Police subsequently found her on a deserted road in a dejected condition.

The Delhi Police filed an FIR on April 9 and the case was later transferred to Loni Police. Subsequently, the victim's mother and her stepfather were arrested.

A medical examination was conducted on the girl and it was confirmed that she was sexually assaulted. The victim has been sent to a children's house in Delhi, said ACP, Ankur Vihar, Ghaziabad, Bhaskar Verma.

Student jumps off high-rise building in Ghaziabad, suicide note found in pocket

GHAZIABAD, Apr 12 (Agencies): A Class 11 student allegedly killed himself by jumping off a high-rise building in Ghaziabad, police said on Friday.

They said the incident occurred at the ATS Advantage Society in the Indirapuram police station area between 8 and 9 pm on Thursday.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Swatantra Kumar Singh identified the victim as Nav Khanna (17). He said the boy was last seen with two of his friends on the 24th floor of the

building.

He was taken to a hospital, where doctors declared him dead, police said, adding that a suicide note was found in his pocket.

"Prima facie, it appears to be a case of suicide. However, we are probing all angles," the officer said, without divulging the contents of the note.

According to officials, the two friends of the deceased who were with him on the 24th floor told police that they were taking pictures at the time of the incident.

They said Khanna told them that he was going down for some work and moments later, they saw a commotion and realised what had happened.

"It appears that the deceased jumped while coming down from the 24th floor. We are looking into the CCTV footage of the vicinity to ascertain from where he jumped," the officer said.

The body was sent for a post-mortem examination and a probe was launched.

Joining Hands With BJP Catapults Raj Thackeray Onto Electoral Mainstage

Lok Sabha elections: The MNS chief -- whose party symbol is a Railway Engine -- finds a place of pride on the new posters in Baramati.

PUNE, Apr 12 (Agencies): Barely 72 hours after Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) president Raj Thackeray announced unconditional support to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the ruling Mahayuti government, he suddenly found himself catapulted from the political fringes onto the electoral mainstage, on Friday.

The MNS chief -- whose party symbol is a 'Railway Engine' -- finds a place of pride on the new posters, banners, handbills and publicity

material of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) candidate from Baramati, Sunetra Ajit Pawar.

Baramati has already made it among the handful of top Lok Sabha 2024 constituencies with a 'Big Fight' scheduled between NCP President and Deputy CM Ajit Pawar's wife Sunetra, and his cousin sister, Nationalist Congress Party (SP) Working President Supriya Sule, daughter of the Maratha strongman Sharad Pawar.

The visibly tough fight

between the 'bhabhi' (Sunetra) and 'nanad' (Supriya) has sparked huge interest not only among the locals but all over the country, even labelled as a contest between a 'rookie' and a 'veteran' -- with all the men and women coming to the aid of the party on both sides.

Now, with Raj Thackeray's entry, Sunetra A Pawar's position seems to have beefed up, and his bespectacled photo in a saffron kurta is seen rubbing shoulders with the other bigwigs, occupying a respectable



spot.

They are Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Deputy CMs Devendra Fadnis and Ajit Pawar, Raj Thackeray, RPI (A) President and Union Minister Ramdas Athawale, Rashtriya Samaj

Party leader Mahadev Jankar, and Rayat Kranti Sanghatana head Sadabhau Khot.

At the top left is perched former Deputy Prime Minister Y. B. Chavan -- who was the Bombay State's last CM and the first CM of the

newly-created state of Maharashtra, besides the founder of the original Shiv Sena Balasaheb Thackeray.

Facing an onslaught of opposition from almost the entire Pawar clan, Sunetra A. Pawar is earnestly campaigning to wrest the Baramati LS seat from Supriya Sule's clutches.

Nobody believes it will be a cakewalk for Sunetra A. Pawar -- after all, the Baramati LS has elected Sharad Pawar five times, plus one by-election, Ajit Pawar once and Supriya

Sule three times.

It has been a traditional Congress-NCP (undivided) bastion from the 1957 LS elections, barring two occasions -- during the Janata Party wave of 1977 and a bypoll in 1985.

The NCP founded by Sharad Pawar on June 10, 1999, was vertically split in July 2023, akin to Balasaheb Thackeray's Shiv Sena founded on June 19, 1966, which suffered a split in June 2022.

The upcoming electoral war in Baramati and the rest of the state

is also viewed as a sort of public referendum on the splintered factions -- Shiv Sena led by CM Shinde and NCP helmed by Ajit Pawar -- which are now touted as the 'original parties'.

In fact, Sharad Pawar couldn't resist dipping a pinkie into the boiling cauldron by impishly commenting on how the Baramati battle would be between a local Pawar (Supriya) and an outsider Pawar (Sunetra) -- which evoked open mirth though the hidden message was not lost on either side.

Pakistan: 19 killed, 55 injured over resisting robberies during Ramzan

Karachi police have engaged in 425 shootouts with robbers this year, resulting in 55 dacoits being neutralised and 439 sustaining injuries

KARACHI, Apr 12 (Agencies): During Ramzan, Karachi witnessed a surge in crime, with 19 fatalities and 55 injuries resulting from resistance to robberies, as reported by agency.

A police official disclosed that armed robbers were responsible for the deaths of 19 citizens in Karachi during robbery attempts.

This year, the city has seen a notable escalation in robbery-related fatalities, totalling 56, with over 200 individuals injured thus far. In comparison, the corresponding period last year saw 25 fatalities and 110 injuries due to resistance against robberies. In 2023, the figures were alarmingly higher, with 108 deaths and 469 injuries resulting from similar circumstances.

Karachi police have engaged in 425 shootouts with robbers this year, resulting in 55 dacoits being neutralised and 439 sustaining injuries. According to a report by the Citizens' Police Liaison Committee (CPLC), the first



three months of 2024 saw 22,627 reported crimes, including 59 fatalities and over 700 injuries stemming from robbery resistance. Additionally, 373 cars, 15,968 motorbikes, and 6,102 mobile phones were reported stolen or snatched during this period. The CPLC report also documented 25 extortion incidents and five cases of kidnapping for ransom in Karachi, agency reported.

Karachi's Police Chief, Additional Inspector General Imran Yaqoob, attributed a significant portion of the city's crime to outsiders, including individuals from interior Sindh and Balochistan. Yaqoob highlighted that

approximately 4,00,000 "professional" beggars and criminal elements flock to Karachi during Ramzan and Eid-ul-Fitr.

He also said that the city's daily crime rate of 166 cases per day, while concerning, was comparatively lower than that of other major cities in Pakistan.

Addressing Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and other stakeholders during a meeting on April 8, Yaqoob reiterated that Karachi's crime rate was relatively modest, averaging less than one case per police station, despite the challenges posed by external criminal elements, agency reported.

US has upheld world order almost alone, gets lonely and exhausting: Japan PM

WASHINGTON, Apr 12 (Agencies): Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, addressing US lawmakers, said the United States must continue to play a leading role in international affairs amid new challenges. Underscoring that the US does not have to single-handedly shoulder the burden of upholding the international order, he said, "Japan is already standing shoulder to shoulder with the United States".

The US President hosted Kishida for a White House state visit. Kishida urged the Congress to consider the importance of global commitments and encouraged Americans not to doubt the significance of their country's "pivotal" role in world affairs, as reported by the news agency.

"As we meet here today, I detect an undercurrent of self-doubt among some Americans about what your role in the world should be. The world needs the United States to continue playing this pivotal role in the affairs of nations," the Japanese



PM was quoted saying.

Kishida's speech to the joint meeting of the US Congress was the first by a Japanese leader in nine years.

"I want to address those Americans who feel the loneliness and exhaustion of being the country that has upheld the international order almost single-handedly. I understand it is a heavy burden to carry such hopes on your shoulders," he continued.

Highlighting the US-Japan

relations, the Japanese PM added, "The democratic nations of the world must have all hands on deck. I am here to say that Japan is already standing shoulder to shoulder with the United States. You are not alone. We are with you."

Kishida further noted that the international order that "the US worked for generations to build" was facing new challenges.

He stated that "Ukraine of today may be the West Asia of

tomorrow" and asked, "Without the presence of the United States, how long before the Indo-Pacific would face even harsher realities than Ukraine?"

"China presents the greatest strategic challenge, not only to Japan but to the peace and stability of the international community at large," he told the US Congress.

The Japanese leader reminded the US lawmakers of the "leading role" the US has played globally since World War II. He mentioned that after dropping two nuclear weapons on Japan to end the war, the US helped rebuild Japan, and the nations transformed from bitter enemies to close allies.

"When necessary, it made noble sacrifices to fulfil its commitment to a better world," Kishida was quoted by the news agency Associated Press.

Kishida's comments come against the backdrop of Republicans pushing for the US to take a less active role in global affairs and adopt the 'America First' policy.

Quran-burner Salwan Momika is alive, links death rumours to Islam



In the same post he went on to detail how he was detained in Norway and his phones were seized.

"I am alive and will not surrender despite the injustice I was subjected to by the Norwegian authorities. When I arrived, they arrested me immediately and stripped me of my phones," he said.

A Christian who turned atheist, Momika described himself as "a liberal atheist critic and thinker".

Momika said on Friday through his posts that he was taken to a court in Norway and was told he was "detained because you pose a threat to Norwegian national security".

"The foolish old judge seemed fond of Islam, so I told him that neither your imprisonment nor your courts would frighten me. It seems that you are happy with Islam occupying your countries and raping your daughters. So the police took me outside the court and put me in a secret prison outside the supervision of human rights organisations and away from the media and the press," Momika

added.

Sweden had earlier faced the anger of Islamic countries for hosting Salwan Momika.

Just like in Norway, Momika's anti-Islam stance and burning of the Quran was also perceived as a security threat to Sweden. Officials thought his actions could make the European nation a target of Islamist terrorists.

In his latest post too, Momika continued with his attacks on Norway and his diatribe against Islam.

"What happened to me in Norway reminds me of the oppressive dictatorial regime of Saddam Hussein, and thus Norway shot democracy when it arrested me and told me, 'You pose a threat to Norwegian national security'," Momika wrote.

"All of this is only because I exercised my freedom, expressed my opinion, and burned the Qur'an. I will mention Norway in the book that I am writing as 'paradise'. It is ruled by fools and idiots who are in love with Islam," he said.

On Eid, in June 2023, Salwan Momika stunned the world as he stomped

on a copy of the Quran, the holy book of Muslims, and then burnt it in front of Stockholm's largest mosque. A friend of his filmed this act of defiance.

Though not much is known about Momika's childhood, there are photos and videos of him as a militia leader in Iraq.

Momika introduced himself as the head of a Christian militia in Iraq, in an earlier video.

His outfit, within the Imam Ali Brigades, an organisation created in 2014 and accused of war crimes, according to France24.

The Imam Ali Brigades is a group under the umbrella organisation of the Popular Mobilization Forces. Several outfits under Popular Mobilization Forces have been integrated into the Iraqi army to fight the Islamic State.

Salwan Momika ran his armed group in the outskirts of the Iraqi city of Mosul in 2017.

He had to flee from Iraq in 2018 after a power struggle with Rayan al-Kaldani, the head of Babylon, another Christian militia outfit.

Meta Lies About Ad Metrics, X Better Platform For Advertisers: Elon Musk



SAN FRANCISCO, Apr 12 (Agencies): Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, on Friday, said that Mark Zuckerberg-led Meta does not share actual advertisement metrics while his X platform gives better returns than the Facebook owner.

When a follower posted that X has better returns than Meta by far, and that Meta lies about their ad metrics, the Tesla and SpaceX CEO replied: "True."

"Our advertising relevance has greatly improved," said the tech billionaire.

Another X user commented that the trend of increasing ad costs and

decreasing ROAS (Return On Advertisement Spend) on Meta has been noticeable for a while and seems to only be "worsening."

"Leaving advertisers with no control over ad relevance and reach on Meta. No surprise we are onboarding so many new advertisers on X now," he added.

Our advertising relevance has greatly improved <https://t.co/fKoeQd8As1> — Elon Musk (@elonmusk) April 12, 2024

In response, Musk wrote: "Advertise on X."

In February this year, the Musk-run social media platform allowed advertisers to run ads next to certain content creators on the platform via the 'Creator Targeting' programme.

The decision allowed advertisers to prevent their ads from appearing next to controversial or offensive content.

It's worth noting that in November last year, X CEO Linda Yaccarino acknowledged some advertisers left the social media platform following an outrage over Musk's endorsement of anti-Semitic content.

3 German Teenagers Detained For Planning ISIS-Like Attack

BERLIN, Apr 12 (Agencies): Police have detained two teenage girls and a boy in western Germany on suspicions they were planning an Islamist attack, prosecutors said Friday.

The trio, aged from 15 to 16, are "strongly suspected of planning an Islamist-motivated terror attack and of having committed to carrying it out", prosecutors said in a statement.

All three are from the Duesseldorf region, and had also "committed to carrying out a crime -- murder and manslaughter", the prosecutors added.

Investigators did not provide further details on the alleged plot, saying the inquiry was still underway.

But the Bild newspaper reported that the youths were allegedly plan-



ning to carry out Molotov cocktail and knife attacks in the name of the Islamic State group.

Their targets are believed to be Christians and police, according to the report, which said the suspects were also weighing whether to obtain firearms.

Germany has been on high alert for Islamist attacks since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war in October, with the country's

domestic intelligence chief warning that the risk of such assaults is "real and higher than it has been for a long time".

Police in January arrested three people over an alleged attack plot targeting the cathedral in Cologne on New Year's Eve.

Islamist extremists have committed several violent attacks in Germany in recent years, the deadliest being

a truck rampage at a Berlin Christmas market in December 2016 that killed 12 people.

More recently, two Afghans linked to IS were arrested in Germany in March on suspicion of planning an attack around Sweden's parliament in retaliation for Koran burnings.

In October, German prosecutors also charged two Syrian brothers for planning an attack inspired by IS on a church in Sweden.

The number of people on the Islamist extremist spectrum in Germany fell from 28,290 in 2021 to 27,480 in 2022, according to a report from the BFV federal domestic intelligence agency.

But Interior Minister Nancy Faeser has said that Islamist extremism "remains dangerous".

Biz tycoon Truong My Lan sentenced to death in Vietnam's largest fraud case



HANOI (VIETNAM), Apr 12 (Agencies): Real estate tycoon Truong My Lan was sentenced on Thursday to death by a court in Ho Chi Minh City in southern Vietnam in the country's largest financial fraud case ever, state media Vietnam Net said today.

The 67-year-old chair of the real estate company Van Thinh Phat was formally charged with fraud amounting to \$12.5 billion — nearly 3 per cent of the country's 2022 GDP.

Lan illegally controlled Saigon Joint Stock Commercial Bank between 2012 and 2022 and allowed 2,500 loans that resulted in losses of \$27 billion to the bank, reported state media VnExpress. The court asked her to compensate the bank \$26.9 million.

Despite mitigating circumstances — this was a first-time offense and Lan participated in charity activities — the court attributed its harsh sentence to the seriousness of the case, saying Lan was at the helm of an orchestrated and sophisticated criminal enterprise that

had serious consequences with no possibility of the money being recovered, VnExpress said.

Her actions "not only violate the property management rights of individuals and organizations but also push SCB (Saigon Joint Stock Commercial Bank) into a state of special control; eroding people's trust in the leadership of the Party and State," VnExpress quoted the judgement as saying.

Her niece, Truong Hue Van, the chief executive of Van Thinh Phat, was sentenced to 17 years in prison for aiding her aunt. Lan and her family established the Van Thinh Phat company in 1992 after Vietnam shed its state-run economy in favor of a more market-oriented approach that was open to foreigners. She had started out helping her mother, a Chinese businesswoman, to sell cosmetics in Ho Chi Minh City's oldest market, according to state media Tien Phong.

Van Thinh Phat would grow to become one of Vietnam's richest real estate firms, with projects including luxury residential buildings, offices, hotels and shopping centers. This made her a key player in the country's financial industry. She orchestrated the 2011 merger of the beleaguered SCB bank with two other lenders in coordination with Vietnam's central bank.

The court found that she used this approach to tap SCB for cash. She indirectly owned more than 90 per cent of the bank — a charge she denied — and approved thousands of loans to "ghost companies," according to government documents. These loans then found their way back to her, state media VnExpress reported, citing the court's findings.

Felicitation Ceremony On Culmination of Computer Classes

Top News Report

AKHNOOR, Apr 12: The Indian Army's recent initiative in Village Jaurian has been a beacon of progress as they conducted Computer Classes for Girls from March 18th to April 7th, 2024. This certification program has opened new horizons for 45 girls of nearby Villages, breaking gender stereotypes



and equipping these young women with digital literacy skills crucial for today's world, which got culminated with a Felicitation Ceremony.

The efforts were heartily appreciated by their parents as also resident populace. It not only enhanced individual capabilities but also contributed towards the socio-economic development of the community.

Ajeet Bhagat seeks votes for Cong candidate Ch Lal Singh

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Apr 12: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Senior Leader, Spokesperson of Chenab Valley Zone Ajeet Bhagat said People have made it clear that they will not vote for BJP this time because BJP has failed to provide employment opportunities and control inflation.

The J&K National Con-

ference Senior Leader said BJP promise of providing jobs to two crore unemployed youth every year has failed. Bhagat said People have come to know that BJP only lies on lies. He said During the BJP era, only those close to him earned money, the common man did not benefit.

The J&K National Conference leader said BJP only does divisive poli-

tics, pits Hindus against Muslims and wants to rule by creating conflicts. Bhagat said they are resorting to blackmail through the Enforcement Directorate. We have lost faith in BJP. This time we will vote for India Alliance Member Parliament Congress Contesting Candidate Kathua, Udhampur Choudhary Lal Singh and successful with our prominent votes.

CUJ organizes Lecture on Dr. Ambedkar's Vision of "Vikshit Bharat"

Top News Report

JAMMU, April 12: The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu under Shiksha Shastrarth Lectures' Series organised a thought-provoking lecture on "Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Vision of Viksit Bharat".

The event was started with introductory remarks by Dr. Kiran. The lecture delved into the profound insights and visionary ideals of Baba Saheb Ambedkar regarding the development and progress of India. Dr Ambedkar, revered as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution and a stalwart in the fight against social discrimination, envisioned a Bharat that transcended the shackles of inequality and embraced holistic development.

The event commenced with a warm welcome extended by the Dean of Students' Welfare (DSW), who greeted the esteemed guests and

keynote speakers. Reminiscing about Ambedkar's enduring legacy, the DSW exhorted the youth to embrace and carry forward his vision of social justice and equality. Highlighting Ambedkar's inclusive role in education and employment generation, attendees were encouraged to actively participate in the democratic process by exercising their right to vote.

The keynote address was delivered by Vinay Dhiman, Dean of the School of Basic and Applied Sciences, who shed light on Dr Ambedkar's pivotal role in shaping the Indian Constitution and championing the cause of social justice. Dhiman's insightful discourse emphasized the importance of Dr Ambedkar's life and teachings in contemporary society. It was followed with an address by Jai Bhawani Singh who eloquently summarized key points from Dr Ambedkar's 1949

speech. He emphasized the inseparable relationship between social and political democracy, highlighting Dr Ambedkar's advocacy for constitutionalism over anarchy and the exclusion of Bhakti from politics.

Before his address, the Head of the Department, Prof. Asit Mantry conveyed his thanks to the Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, for his guidance and blessings in organizing such academic activities in the University. Prof. Asit Mantry reflected upon the significance of the lecture series "shastrarth" and the five pillars of social harmony: environmental consciousness, family structure, social inclusivity, and civic duties. Prof. Mantry further engaged in discussions on Dr. Ambedkar's struggles and the profound influence of figures such as Buddha, Kabir, and Phule on his life and thoughts.

On this occasion, facul-

ties from various departments Prof. Ajay Pal Sharma, Prof. Neerendra, Prof. Ashok Yadav, Prof. Praveen, Prof. Naresh Sharma, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Mohan, Dr. Arvind, Dr. Aarushi and Dr. Shivali Khajuria were present. Research Scholars and students also participated by speaking and reciting poems on Dr. Ambed-

kar. It was followed by a Vote of thanks by Dr. Yad Ram, who expressed his utmost gratitude to all the participants for their active involvement and reaffirmed the commitment of the Department of Educational Studies and Central University of Jammu to perpetuating Dr Ambedkar's legacy of social justice and equality.

Cop dies of 'Heart Attack' in Kulgam

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Apr 12: A Selection Grade Constable died of a 'heart attack' while at his home in Y.K Pora District Kulgam on Friday, an official said.

Reliable sources said that one Azad Hussain Mir, son of Ghulam Mohiuddin Mir, resident of Y.K Pora, suffered a massive heart attack.

"The cop was removed to a nearby hospital, where he was declared as brought dead on arrival," they said. "The cop performing his duties in native district Anantnag, was on leave," the official added.

Drug Awareness Drive at Sunderbani, Rajouri

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Apr 12: A 'Drug Awareness Campaign' for residents at Village Rah in Sunderbani Sector was conducted by Indian Army. Awareness lectures were conducted by representatives of Indian Army and NGO, ex Sunderbani.

Approximately 80 residents including Bakarwals and school children attended the events. Residents were educated of the risks associated with drugs and were inspired to live a healthy life with a healthy diet and routine. Bakarwals were also briefed on the prevailing security scenario. Awareness drive was appreciated by residents and they took a oath to 'Say No to drugs'.



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elections before September 30": Omar Abdullah on PM Modi's Assembly Polls remark in J&K

"The time is not far when assembly elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir also. Jammu and Kashmir will get back its state status. You will be able to share your dreams with your MLAs, and your ministers," PM Modi said at a rally in Udhampur.

The central government had in August 2019 abrogated Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated it into two Union Territories (UTs) - Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

While upholding the government's decision to abrogate of Article 370 of the Constitution, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, the Supreme Court had in December last year directed the Election Commission of India to hold polls before September 30, 2024.

The Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir will be held in the first five phases on April 19 (Udhampur), April 26 (Jammu), May 7 (Anntnag-Rajouri), May 13 (Srinagar) and May 20 (Baramulla).

NC fields Omar Abdullah from Baramulla, Aga Ruhullah from Srinagar Lok Sabha Seats

Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency was redrawn in the delimitation exercise, undertaken after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, to include two assembly seats of Budgam district - Budgam and Beerwah - both Shia dominated, and one each new assembly segment in Baramulla and Kupwara.

Before delimitation, the constituency has been a forte of the NC as the party has wrested the seat ten times since 1957. The Congress has won four times and the PDP once.

"In the last general elections in 2019, NC candidate Mohammad Akbar Lone secured 133,426, defeating his nearest rival Raja Aijaz Ali of the Peoples Conference who polled 1,03,193 votes.

Independent candidate, Sheikh Abdul Rashid polled 1,02,168 votes to grab the third spot, while the PDP candidate Abdul Qayoom Wani with 53,530 votes stood at number four.

Rashid, who contested the last elections but is under NIA custody on terror-funding charges, has an influence in Langate assembly segment of the constituency which he represented in the erstwhile J-K legislature twice.

His party, Awami Ittehad Party (AIP), has announced it will field Rashid, who is

currently in detention in New Delhi's Tihar Jail, from the seat for the Lok Sabha polls.

The PDP, which stood at a distant fourth place in the last elections, has fielded former Rajya Sabha MP Fayaz Mir. This will be the first time since the 2009 general elections that Omar Abdullah will contest the Lok Sabha polls.

He was first elected to Lok Sabha in 1998, at the age of 28, when he won the elections from Srinagar, becoming the youngest member. In 1999, he was re-elected to 13th Lok Sabha, and on October 13, 1999, took oath as Union Minister of State, Commerce and Industry.

On 22 July 2001, he was made Union Minister of State for External Affairs.

However, Omar Abdullah resigned from the post on December 23, 2002, to concentrate on party work.

In the run-up to the 2002 legislative assembly elections in J-K, the junior Abdullah was chosen to lead the NC, while Farooq Abdullah shifted base to the Centre. However, Omar Abdullah lost assembly polls from Ganderbal constituency.

While Farooq Abdullah was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 2002 from J-K, and then re-elected in 2009, Omar Abdullah contested and won the Lok Sabha polls from Srinagar constituency in 2004.

During the vote of confidence vote in the Lok Sabha on July 22, 2008, Omar Abdullah gave a fiery speech in Parliament which was praised by many.

Omar Abdullah then went to become Jammu and Kashmir's chief minister when his party entered into an alliance with the Congress in January 2009 after the assembly elections.

In 2009, his father resigned from the Rajya Sabha and won a seat in the Lok Sabha from Srinagar.

When the senior Abdullah contested the Srinagar Lok Sabha seat again in the 2014 elections, he was defeated by the People's Democratic Party (PDP) candidate Tariq Hameed Karra.

However, Karra resigned from Lok Sabha in 2017 leading to a by-election for the Srinagar parliamentary seat which Farooq Abdullah won defeating the PDP candidate Nazir Ahmed Khan. The NC president won the Lok Sabha polls again in 2019.

Omar Abdullah won the assembly elections in 2008 from Ganderbal constituency. He had contested and won the 2014 assembly elections from Budgam's Beerwah segment which is now a part of the Baramulla Parliamentary constituency.

After the delimitation exercise in J-K in 2022, the re-drawn Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency is now spread over the districts of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Budgam, and parts of Pulwama and Shopian comprising 19 assembly segments.

Considered the party's stronghold, Srinagar seat has been wrested by the NC 12 out of 15 times it went to polls/bypolls since 1967. The Congress, the PDP and an independent have won from the constitu-

ency once each.

The party has already fielded senior Gujjar leader Mian Altaf from Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat.

The party, which is a part of the opposition's INDIA-bloc, is contesting on three seats in Kashmir valley, while it has left two seats in Jammu and one seat in Ladakh to its ally Congress.

Srinagar goes to polls on May 13 while voting in Baramulla will be held on May 20.

Light rainfall drops night temp in Kashmir: MeT

mm during the past 24 hours.

The night temperature witnessed a drop all across the Kashmir valley during the intervening nights of Thursday and Friday. Srinagar had a low of 7.1 degree Celsius against the 8.9 degrees recorded during the intervening nights of Thursday and Friday. It was 0.5 degree Celsius below normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this period of the season.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 1.2 degree Celsius against the 4.5 degree Celsius, and it was 1.6 degree Celsius below normal for the tourist spot of south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The night temperature dipped to a low of 0.5 degree Celsius at Gulmarg against the 0.6 degree Celsius recorded the previous night, and it was 1.0 degree Celsius below normal for the ski resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday, the MeT office said.

NIA arrests two accused, including mastermind, in Bengaluru's Rameshwaram Cafe Blast case

apprehended by an NIA team, they said. Shazib was the one who placed the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) at the cafe and Taahaa was the mastermind behind the planning and execution of the blast, the officials said.

"In the morning hours of April 12, 2024, NIA was successful in tracing the absconding accused near Kolkata where they were hiding under false identities," an official said.

This pursuit was supported by coordinated action and cooperation among the NIA, central intelligence agencies and the state police agencies of West Bengal, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala, the official added.

The NIA had last month announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh each for information leading to the arrest of these two accused. An IED explosion rocked the cafe located on ITPL Road, Brookefield, Bengaluru, on March 1.

"Of the family, by the family, for the family..." PM Modi in Udhampur slams opposition over dynasty politics

"Modi ki guarantee yani guarantee pura hone ki guarantee. You remember how the weak governments of Congress kept the Shahpurkandi Dam stalled for decades. The fields of the farmers of Jammu were dry and the villages were in darkness, but our water of Ravi was going to Pakistan. Modi had given a guarantee to the farmers and has fulfilled it also," he said.

Recalling his visit to Udhampur in 2014, PM Modi said, "In 2014, I had come back after visiting Mata Vaishno Devi and on this very ground, I had guaranteed you that I will free you from whatever several generations of Jammu and Kashmir have suffered. Today, with your blessings, Modi has fulfilled that guarantee."

A huge rush of people gathered and raised slogans in support of PM Modi in Udhampur. The enthusiastic turnout underscored the significant support for the Prime Minister and his party in the region.

The BJP has fielded Union Minister Jitendra Singh from Udhampur who has been representing the constituency since 2014. Singh had defeated former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad from Udhampur in 2014.

The Congress has fielded Choudhary Lal Singh from Udhampur. The Congress took Lal Singh back into its fold six years after he was forced to resign following his participation in a rally held in support of the Kathua rape accused, in which a child was raped. The Peoples Democratic Party, partner in the INDIA bloc, has extended their support to Lal Singh.

Udhampur will vote in the first phase on April 19. The BJP had won three out of six seats in Jammu and Kashmir in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The National Conference won the remaining three seats.

BJP has suspended all tiers of democracy in J&K: Jairam Ramesh

state of Jammu and Kashmir has been under the Centre's direct rule ever since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) withdrew support to the Mehbooba Mufti-led government in 2018, citing a "deteriorating security situation".

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir have been left without an elected government since then. Four seats in the Rajya Sabha also remain vacant because of the delay in holding assembly polls. The Centre has often blamed the Election Commission of India for the delay in holding elections but

now the Chief Election Commissioner has turned around and blamed the Centre for the delay after 2022's delimitation exercise," the former Union minister said on the microblogging platform.

He added that eventually, the Supreme Court had to step in and give the Centre a deadline of September 2024 to conduct the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Why has the BJP waited so long to conduct polls in the state? Are they afraid of the verdict of the people? How long will the PM cling to power in a state where the people never chose him as their leader?" Ramesh asked.

He said the terms of 4,892 panchayats and 316 block development councils (the second and third tiers of Panchayati Raj) in Jammu and Kashmir came to an end on January 9 and with the tenures of the urban local bodies having ended in November last year, the people of the Union Territory no longer have elected representatives at most levels of governance.

"Once again, the ruling BJP has been unwilling to hold fresh elections in the state. Why has PM Modi so ruthlessly suppressed the will of the people?" the Congress leader asked.

Ramesh said in his speech in Parliament on December 11 last year, Home Minister Amit Shah said full statehood would be restored in Jammu and Kashmir at an "appropriate time".

"Like the assembly and panchayat polls, will this commitment also be delayed till the time is 'appropriate' for the BJP?" he asked.

The Congress general secretary said the new industrial policy announced in January 2021, along with the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution, was supposed to usher in "development and progress. However, till date, only 414 units have been registered and actual investment on the ground is just Rs 2,518 crores".

Although there was much optimism about the hospitality sector, investment proposals worth only Rs 87 crore have been received till date, he noted.

"Where is all of the 'development and progress' that PM Modi has promised?" Ramesh asked, using the hashtag "#ChuppiTodoPradhanMantriji".

Addressing a poll rally in Udhampur, Modi said after decades, the Lok Sabha election is taking place in Jammu and Kashmir without the fear of terrorism and threat of cross-border firing.

He urged people to repose their trust in him, saying he will get rid of all the problems plaguing Jammu and Kashmir for the last 60 years.

Modi also challenged any political party, especially the Congress, to bring back Article 370 and said they cannot do it.

"It's SC verdict to conduct

Moody's retains India's stable outlook, warns against potential escalation of political tensions

NEW DELHI, Apr 12 (Agencies): Global rating agency Moody's retained the stable outlook for the Indian government, pegging the long-term rating at Baa-3 and short-term.

However, the agency said the escalation of political tensions would undermine India's long-term growth potential and put pressure on the rating. "In general, durably weaker growth than currently projected would contribute to an ongoing rise in the debt burden, which would weaken the sovereign's fiscal strength and put downward pressure on the rating. In addition, a resurgence of finan-



cial sector stress that is unlikely to be addressed promptly and effectively would also be credit negative," the Moody's report read.

Moody's said India's

stable outlook is based on the calculations that the country's fiscal metrics would improve gradually amid strong growth prospects compared to peers.

"India's fiscal metrics will continue to gradually improve amid robust growth prospects compared to peers. Upside risks to inflation and correspondingly higher

interest rates could challenge efforts to rein in spending and exacerbate already weak debt affordability," Moody's stated.

It added that the economic and social benefits of digitalisation could be larger than predicted currently. "The outlook also assumes broad financial and external stability as represented by resilient credit growth, ample domestic liquidity to meet the funding requirements of the public and private sector, manageable current account deficits and sufficiently large foreign-currency reserves to meet the country's external payment obligations," it added.

Waiting for rains and pent-up demand post elections to save Indian auto!



NEW DELHI, Apr 12 (Agencies): What's the best part about a protracted election campaign period when business and policy activity goes into a limbo and retail sales slow down? If you believe the dozens of India's automobile industry, it's the promise of future bounty. "The pent-up demand!" exclaimed Vinod Aggarwal, president of the Society of Indian Automobile Association (SIAM) in New Delhi on Friday afternoon.

"Decision making (and sales) slow down during elections, but it means a huge pent-up demand post-June," Aggarwal explained. "That coupled with good monsoon could augur well for categories like commercial vehicles and two-wheelers to do better."

Therein lies the crunch. India's auto industry may appear to be growing — sales figures for financial year 2024 (April 2023 to March 2024) shows an increase of 12.5 per cent

overall to 2.3 crore from 2.1 crore.

But go into the finer details and the worry lines are simply too clear. The biggest, of course, is the fact contrary to the rosy 'India Shining' impression created on mass and social media — sales of commercial vehicles, an indicator of commercial activity, as well as those of two wheeler bikes, an indication of rural confidence, still leave a lot to be desired.

Both categories have not shown solid indications of having recovered —two-wheeler sales are growing slowly, but still way lower than the peak sales achieved back in 2018-19.

Commercial vehicles growth have been more in passenger carriers (38 per cent) while good carriers, the requisite for business activity, has declined on 2024 compared to 2023.

Another area of concern for the overall economy is that of exports. Overall exports are down

by 5.5 per cent, with stark contraction even in categories like SUVs, where otherwise domestic sales have been stellar.

All types of commercial vehicles and three wheeler passenger and goods carrier have contracts, some as much as nearly 29 per cent. Geopolitical issues like ongoing wars as well as including forex issues faced by countries which usually import vehicles from India were the reasons touted by SIAM officials for this.

This led SIAM secretary general Rajesh Menon to admit, "There is growth only in passenger vehicles, de-growth in goods segment." The figures raise question over the state of the economy, despite top line GDP growth.

However, Aggarwal believes in keeping his chin up, feeling the end of elections, pent-up demand, good monsoons etc would proffer 'hope' for a recovery in the coming months.

Govt mulls allowing excess stock of B-heavy molasses for ethanol making

NEW DELHI, Apr 12 (Agencies): The government is considering allowing sugar mills to manufacture ethanol using their excess B-heavy molasses as feedstock, amid comfortable sugar supply and stable prices in the market, according to sources.

Currently, sugar mills are holding an excess stock of more than 8 lakh tonnes of B-heavy molasses — a byproduct of the sweetener — produced before the ban on its use on December 7, last year.

A week later, the government reversed the ban and allowed the use

of both cane juice and B-heavy molasses but it permitted within the overall cap of a sugar diversion of 17 lakh tonnes for ethanol production for the 2023-24 supply year (November-October).

"The industry has stored B-heavy molasses for making ethanol after the crushing gets over. But the government banned it suddenly and imposed a cap. Mills now have excess stock of B-heavy molasses," the sources told PTI.

Now that the crushing is coming to an end, the sugar industry has been demanding the government to permit the use of available excess stock

of B-heavy molasses for ethanol production, the sources said.

"The proposal is under consideration. Discussions are going on," the sources said.

Sources said the proposal may be approved considering domestic sugar output which has reached more than 300 lakh tonnes so far in the 2023-24 season (October-September), which is sufficient to meet the demand and even retail prices are ruling stable.

Sugar production is estimated to be between 315-320 lakh tonnes in the ongoing 2023-24 season excluding diversion of 17 lakh tonnes.

FPO alert: Vodafone Idea fixes price band; dates, minimum bid and all you need to know

MUMBAI, Apr 12 (Agencies): Vodafone Idea Ltd has fixed the price band for its Follow-on Public Offer (FPO) between Rs 10 and Rs 11 per share, according to an exchange filing.

The move comes after the company's board approved raising Rs 20,000 crore via equity on February 27.

When will the issue hit capital markets? The FPO will open on April 18 and close on April 22. The anchor investor bids will get approval on April 16.

Investors can bid for a minimum of 1,298 shares. Going by the price band, the minimum application amount would cost between Rs 12,980 and Rs 14,278 for one lot of shares. The company plans to raise up to Rs 18,000 crore through the FPO.

Vodafone Idea stocks were trading 4.25 per cent lower at Rs 12.40 per share on the National Stock Exchange at 10 am on Friday.

Earlier the telecom firm's board had approved raising of Rs 2,075 crore from promoter Aditya Birla group and increasing its authorised share capital to Rs 1 lakh crore. The company is set to seek the approval of shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting on May 8.

Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrated at Chapta

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Apr 12: The Kargil war has become an unforgettable event in the history of India. The Kargil War ensured a feeling of Nationalism, Patriotism and Unity amongst every Indian. A motivational movie on Kargil war was screened by Indian Army at Govt Primary School, Chapta, Rajouri. (To remember the glorious history of our people, culture, achievements and also create awareness amongst the stu-

dents on Kargil War Heroes, who fought against the enemy in Kargil War in 1999) The attendees were enlightened on the bravery and sacrifices made by the soldiers of Indian Army, who fought in harsh terrain and unfavorable weather conditions of Kargil.

Drass and Batalik Sub Sectors of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The celebration started with 'Unfurling of the National Flag' followed by singing of 'Rashtra Gaan' to lead the mes-

sage of unity, integrity, brotherhood and patriotism amongst all. Interaction was carried out with the residents, which included encouraging children to pursue their aim in their respective fields & contribute towards environment, society and the country as a responsible citizen. The celebration was overflowing with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm and Indian Army once again extended a great gesture towards consolidation of 'Nationalism and Unity'.

Govt mulls allowing excess stock of B-heavy molasses for ethanol making

NEW DELHI, Apr 12 (Agencies): The government is considering allowing sugar mills to manufacture ethanol using their excess B-heavy molasses as feedstock, amid comfortable sugar supply and stable prices in the market, according to sources.

Currently, sugar mills are holding an excess stock of more than 8 lakh tonnes of B-heavy molasses — a byproduct of the sweetener — produced before the ban on its use on December 7, last year.

A week later, the government reversed the ban and allowed the use of both cane juice and B-heavy molasses but it permitted within the overall cap of a sugar diver-



sion of 17 lakh tonnes for ethanol production for the 2023-24 supply year (November-October).

"The industry has stored B-heavy molas-

ses for making ethanol after the crushing gets over. But the government banned it suddenly and imposed a cap. Mills now have excess stock of

B-heavy molasses," the sources told PTI.

Now that the crushing is coming to an end, the sugar industry has been demanding the govern-

ment to permit the use of available excess stock of B-heavy molasses for ethanol production, the sources said.

"The proposal is under consideration. Discussions are going on," the sources said.

Sources said the proposal may be approved considering domestic sugar output which has reached more than 300 lakh tonnes so far in the 2023-24 season (October-September), which is sufficient to meet the demand and even retail prices are ruling stable.

Sugar production is estimated to be between 315-320 lakh tonnes in the ongoing 2023-24 season excluding diversion of 17 lakh tonnes.

Army holds interaction with Gujjars & Bakarwals at Solki

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Apr 12: Gujjars and Bakarwals are one of the most rustic ethnic groups of the Himalayas and are considered as one of the most historically rich tribes of the region due to their culture and ethnic traditions. These tribes comprises of approximately 11% of the total population of Jammu & Kashmir.

A large number of Gujjars and Bakarwals follow nomadic lifestyle. Every year these Gujjars and Bakarwals migrate to the higher reaches of Pir Panjal Ranges as part of their customary seasonal

migratory practice. In continuation of its efforts to maintain connect with these tribes and resolve their issues, Indian Army interacted with the Gujjars and Bakarwals on Friday.

The interaction was carried out in the areas of Kesri Hill in Rajouri District. Indian Army has always been at the forefront of helping this migratory population during migration as well as during their stay at the higher reaches by providing necessary Medical and Veterinary Assistance, Education to their children and other basic

necessary items.

The interaction was aimed at understanding their problems and issues faced by the community during their migration to higher reaches, their basic requirements pertaining to documentation for migration awareness about Forest Rights Act of 2006 and education of their children.

The residents lauded the efforts of Indian Army for organizing such a unique event for Gujjars and Bakarwals prior to migratory season and listening to various issues and problems faced by the community.

Natrang show series 'Loktantra Ka Asli Mantra' reaches Samba

Top News Report

SAMBA, Apr 12: Natrang travelling show 'Loktantra Ka Asli Mantra' reached here today at Samba where it was presented at the Auditorium of Kristu Jyoti Convent School with amid jam packed audiences. Organised by the district administration Samba and supported by Chief Electoral Office, J&K, this highly motivating electrifying theatre performance effectively educated the masses about the importance of voting.

Written by Padamshree Balwant Thakur and directed by Neeraj Kant this mesmerising play aims at creating a strong awareness movement ensuring maximum participation of voters in the electoral process.

Theatre is the most powerful medium of mass awareness and today's professional per-

formance by J&K's most popular theatre group Natrang was a testimony of that.

The play 'Loktantra Ka Asli Mantra' opens with the aggression of the disillusioned, frustrated youth who are struggling to survive in the contaminated air of corruption, scandals and dishonesty.

They do not see any hope in the future as their present is being rotten by the corrupt system. They want to devastate everything around them in rage but when questioned by an educated person that 'what are they doing to come out of this unfortunate situation?'

Busy in their illusionary world created by the social media, they are speechless as they just want the things to happen but are not ready to be part of that change and want everything without making any



required effort. Terming them as the most vibrant human resource of the world, the educated person prompts them to come forward, take the command and change their fate.

The most effective way of changing the fate of a country is the way of voting, this is the highly peaceful and effective way to bring big reforms of their choices.

As the play proceeds, different age groups and varied sections of people are shown in satirical manner who

have their petty reasons to not vote and also whom to vote.

This ignorance and arrogance of the masses leaves huge space for the vested interests to exploit this situation.

Through this play all the sections of society are prompted not to run away from their ultimate responsibility of voting for the stronger democracy of India. Vote has the only and ultimate power to change the fate of the country and everyone through this play is motivated to ensure that

this right of voting of every citizen should not go waste. Let's pledge to vote!

The artists who participated in the play Loktantra Ka Asli Mantra included Neeraj Kant, Subash Jamwal, Mohd. Yaseen, Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Vishal Sharma, Palshin Dutta, Payal Khanna, Priya Kashyap, Aadesh Dhar, Kushal Bhat, Sanket Bhagat, Amit Rana, Arun Sharma and Vansh Pandotra. The music of the play was operated by Chaitanya Shekhar.

BSP intensifies election campaign to garner votes in LS polls

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 12: Intensifying its election campaign for the Kathua-Udhampur Lok Sabha seat to be held on 19 April, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) State President Darshan Rana along with BSP J&K coordinator and ex MP Dr. Avtar Singh Karimpuri on Friday held Nukkad Meetings in Village Lournay, Jakhani, Sial and more falling under the area.

They appealed to the people to vote for Bahujan Samaj Party in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Other leaders of Bahujan Samaj Party were also present during the visit.

On this occasion, State President of Bahujan Samaj Party Darshan Rana raised the issue of unemployment rate, which is the highest in recent years in J&K UT.

People from all walks of the society listened to the speakers and promised that they will vote for BSP in this election and every election now onwards in J&K. Advocate Mohinder Attri and Ranjeet Singh were also present during the meetings.

Rohit Sharma not thinking about retirement: Really want to win World Cup with India

India captain Rohit Sharma said that he will continue playing for a few more years and intends on winning a World Cup with the side. Rohit will be leading India in the T20 World Cup in the West Indies and the US.

MUMBAI, Apr 12 (Agencies): India captain Rohit Sharma has stated that he isn't thinking about retirement at the moment and is keen on winning a World Cup with the side. Rohit also suggested that he is going to continue playing for a few more years while talking to Ed Sheeran and Gaurav Kapur on special edition of Breakfast with Champions on April 12.

Rohit had come close to winning the World Cup last year when he guided India to the final, without tasting any defeat during the league stage. The India skipper's batting at the top helped India have a great start in the first powerplay overs and he ended up scoring 597 runs. However, India would lose the final to Australia in Ahmedabad. Answering a question from Sheeran about retirement, Rohit said that he is still playing well at the moment and wants to win a world title with India.



Rohit also said he wants India to make it to the WTC final in 2025 in England.

"I haven't really thought about retirement. But, I don't know where life takes you. I am still playing well at this point in time - so I am thinking I am going to continue for a few more years and then, I don't know. I really want to win the World Cup and there is a WTC final in 2025, hopefully India makes it," said

Rohit.

The India skipper also opened up on the loss in the World Cup final last year and said he didn't feel anything could stop India at the moment. He said that India had a bad day that time and Australia played slightly better than them.

However, the India skipper felt that his side didn't play bad cricket in the final.

"50-over World Cup for me

is the actual world cup. We've grown up watching that World Cup. More importantly, it was happening in India in front of our home crowd. We played so well up until that final. When we won the semi-finals, I thought, now we're just a step away. We're doing all the things right."

"What's the one thing that can make us lose the World Cup? Not a single thing came to my mind. Because I thought we ticked all the boxes, we were playing good cricket. Confidence was there."

"We were all supposed to have one bad day and that I guess that was our bad day. Don't think we played bad cricket in that final, certain things didn't go our way. But Australia were slightly better than us," said Rohit.

Rohit will have a chance to win the T20 World Cup in June as he will be leading the Indian team, as confirmed by BCCI Secretary Jay Shah.

IPL 2024: Suryakumar Yadav races to 7000 T20 runs, 4th fastest Indian to the landmark



MUMBAI, Apr 12 (Agencies): Suryakumar Yadav became the fourth-fastest Indian to reach the landmark of 7000 runs in T20 cricket. The 33-year-old batter reached the milestone in Mumbai's match against Bengaluru in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 on Thursday, April 11 at the iconic Wankhede Stadium.

Suryakumar achieved the feat in his 249th innings in T20s. KL Rahul remains the fastest amongst Indian batters after he got there in his 197th innings during Lucknow's IPL 2023 match against Gujarat. Overall, Rahul is the third fastest to the landmark after Babar Azam (187) and Chris Gayle (192).

Virat Kohli is the second-fastest Indian to 7000 T20 runs after he reached the landmark in his 212th innings back in 2017 during a T20I against New Zealand in Rajkot. Shikhar Dhawan got to the milestone in his 246th innings.

Suryakumar Yadav shows his brute force

Suryakumar was at his very best in the match against Bengaluru. He brought up his half-century off 17 balls and went on to score 52 runs off 19 deliveries with 5 fours and 4 sixes. On the back of his knock, MI chased down a stiff target of 197 with 27 balls to spare.

Suryakumar failed to open his account when Anrich Nortje dismissed him in the match against Delhi. However, he returned to his very best against RCB. Suryakumar recently came back from a break after recovering from injuries.

"It is always good to be back in Wankhede. Joining the squad was great. Mentally, I was here, just physically in Bangalore. Great to be back, Coming at Wankhede chasing 200 if there is dew it is important to take a chance. Wanted to finish early for the net run rate," Suryakumar said.

With the win, MI moved to seventh in the table with 4 points and a net run rate of -0.073 courtesy of victories in 2 out of 5 games.

Ishan Kishan Breaks Silence On BCCI Contracts Snub, Ranji Trophy Controversy

MUMBAI, Apr 12 (Agencies): Wicket-keeper batter Ishan Kishan looked in fine form as Mumbai Indians hammered Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 match on Thursday. Ishan showed his true potential in the shortest format of the game, scoring 69 runs off just 34 balls to lay the perfect foundation for Mumbai Indians in the chase of 197 runs. Speaking to media after the match, Ishan opened up on the controversial few weeks before the start of the IPL where his future in the Indian team was under question.

Ishan withdrew from the South Africa series over mental fatigue and reportedly didn't make himself available for international selection in the following months. He decided to prepare for IPL with his MI captain Hardik Pandya despite head coach Rahul Dravid and Board of Control for Cricket in



India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah urging him to play Ranji Trophy.

Opening up on the saga, Ishan said: "I was practicing. When I took time off from the game, people were talking a lot. Many things came on social media. But you should also realize that many things are not in the hands of the players."

Ishan has brought about a big shift in his mindset during the break. His gave a deep insight into his thought process, especially about handling the low phases in his career.

"The only thing you can do is utilise the time properly. Also the

mindset to think about the previous Ishan Kishan, I would never leave a delivery in the first two overs even if they are bowling well. With time I have learnt that even 20 overs is a big game, you can take your time and you can go ahead. Even though we have lost matches, we want to work together as a team. Changes have come like even if I am not performing and if I know someone else is not performing, I talk to them. I want to know what they are thinking. So these are things which helped me in the break," he further added.

Candidates: Two of a mind: Praggnanandhaa, Gujrathi romp home but Gukesh held

TORONTO, Apr 12 (Agencies): Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa and Vidit Gujrathi scored crushing victories, while D Gukesh held on to the joint top spot with a draw in a brilliant sixth-round outing for the Indian men's team at the Candidates chess tournament here.

Praggnanandhaa prevailed over Nijat Abasov of Azerbaijan, while Gujrathi got the better of Frenchman Alireza Firouzja. Gukesh's draw came against American Hikaru Nakamura. With eight rounds still remaining, the 17-year-old Gukesh and Ian Nepomniachtchi continue to share the lead in the men's section with four points each in their kitty.

Russian Nepomniachtchi, who is playing under the FIDE flag, played out a draw with top-seeded American Fabiano Caruana.

Praggnanandhaa shares the third spot with Caruana on 3.5 points and Gujrathi is not far behind on the joint fifth spot alongside Nakamura with three points.

It was the end of the road for Alireza and Abasov who both are reeling with just 1.5 points close to the half-way stage in the biggest event of the year.

There was disappointment for India in the women's competition as R Vaishali suffered a reversal, losing to Kateryna Lagno



of Russia. Vaishali, who is the elder sister of Praggnanandhaa, now has a lot of ground to cover if she has to come back in the tournament.

Koneru Humpy also lost, Tingjie Lei of China, while Nurgul Salimova of Bulgaria found her nemesis in Aleksandra Goryachkina of Russia.

Zhongyi Tan of China scored a win over Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine. With 4.5 points in her bag from six games, Tan

seems to be running away and the only threat can come from Goryachkina, who is a half-point behind.

Lagno stands third on 3.5 points, half-a-point ahead of Lei. Vaishali and Salimova remained on 2.5 points and surprisingly Humpy is at the bottom of the tables on two points with Muzychuk.

At their best Praggnanandhaa started as a huge favourite against Abasov

and did not disappoint his fans. The Tarrasch defence has found more than a few takers here in the event but Praggnanandhaa was at his technical best.

The middle game saw the queens getting traded and the Indian had to find some real resources with his knights doing a sort of tango.

Picking up the last remaining pawn on the queen side, Praggnanandhaa ensured he was faster in the race to make a new queen and after 45 moves it was all over for Abasov. Looking at the volatility in the game, Praggnanandhaa said one needs to play well. "Every day I am hoping for a calmer game but I am not getting them, it is just that you need to play well whatever position we get," he said.

Gujrathi was at his best out of a Classical Sicilian too. The Sicilian Classical by Alireza did not pose much of a challenge as the Indian went for the Sozin variation as a surprise factor early in the opening. "I used to play it myself, the Classical, I just thought this will have a mini-surprise effect," he said.

The plan worked well as Alireza made an opening error and Gujrathi was on top early on. The tactics were handled well by Gujrathi in the ensuing position as he won an exchange and pawn to romp home easily.

RCB don't have enough bowling weapons, so batters need to score extra: Faf du Plessis

MUMBAI, Apr 12 (Agencies): Royal Challengers Bengaluru skipper Faf du Plessis feels his side doesn't have enough firepower in the bowling department, and therefore, the batters will have to compensate for that weakness going forward in the IPL.

RCB endured their fifth loss in six matches here on Thursday.

"I feel like from a batting perspective, we have to push for that 200. We don't have as many weapons in our bowling. So it comes down to the batting."

"From a bowling perspective, we have lacked penetration. We have to get them two or three down in the powerplay. Always feels like we are on the back foot after the first four overs," Du Plessis said after seven-wicket loss to MI.

Du Plessis feels RCB were few runs short of a winning score as the dew played a big part in the second innings.

"Very tough pill to swallow. It was very wet out there, it will be nice to win a toss somehow. Credit to MI how they came out and made our bowlers make a lot of mistakes. Anyone that came in and found the middle of the bat."

"We spoke about it (dew). We knew the dew would play a big part. We needed 215-220. 190 wasn't enough. It is a big thing at some venues. When the dew settles in, it was very tough. We changed the ball many times. It is the only sport where the changes in conditions make a difference," he added.

Asked about Jasprit Bumrah's (5/21) terrific last spell, where he scalped four wickets, Du Plessis said: "He has been the difference in the two innings. We put them under pressure but the one guy, being out there myself, and you see him with the ball in his hand."

"You want to put him under pressure, but the variety does everyone in. He has got a really good bouncer, slower ball. Someone like (Lasith) Malinga was the best bowler in T20 cricket, but Bumrah has taken over the reins.

"You know you can bring him on and take the wickets but also be defensive."

The winning captain Hardik Pandya was also in awe of Bumrah's performance.

"I am lucky to have Bumrah on my side. He does this over and



over again and every time I ask him and he gets the wickets. He practices in the nets. He has so much experience and the confidence," he said.

He also lauded the effort of Suryakumar Yadav, who struck 52 off just 19 balls in the pursuit of 197-run target to make life easy for MI.

"I did tell him (Yafav), welcome back when he scored the fifty. I have been opposition captain to him as well. Some place he hits, I have never seen any batter hit him. Whatever the situation requires," Pandya said.

The MI skipper also said their motive was to chase down the target quickly to better their net run rate.

MS Dhoni Said "Failures Are Certain", Reveals Star Who Was Compared To the India Great

NEW DELHI, Apr 12 (Agencies): Dhruv Jurel was one of the star debutants in India's Test series against England. The wicketkeeper-batter also earned MS Dhoni comparisons from the legendary Sunil Gavaskar. "Watching the presence of mind of Dhruv Jurel makes me think he's the next MS Dhoni in the making," Gavaskar said on Sports 18 during commentary. However, Jurel said he was happy to be just 'Dhruv Jurel'. "Thank you so much Gavaskar sir for comparing me with Dhoni sir. But I want to say personally that no one can replicate what Dhoni sir has done," Jurel had said.

Now, Jurel has revealed a message from MS Dhoni regarding finishing games.

"Every wicketkeeper-batter has his designated batting position, and



people often criticise players without understanding their job. Batting at No. 7 or No. 8 is always difficult. I had a conversation with (MS) Dhoni bhैया regarding this, and he told me that "if you bat at No. 7 or No. 8, failures are certain. You need to cut out the noise and not think about what people say. If you manage to win two out of 10 games for your team, that's enough," Dhruv Jurel told Sportstar.

"Those words inspired

me a lot. When you bat down the order in a high-pressure situation, you don't know what the bowlers are thinking, and you can't afford to waste time. People often consider wicketkeepers as additional batters, but it's not always easy to bat in tricky situations. (Smiles) The competition will be there, but you just need to focus on your game and move on."

Jurel was recently asked if he is hoping to break the T20 code and

get into the Indian team for the World Cup, he made an honest remark and said he doesn't see himself anywhere.

"I don't see myself anywhere. It has always been a dream of mine (to play in the World Cup for India). But, I won't think about it. If I get that opportunity, good. If I don't get it, fine. It's about scoring runs for me, play good cricket, help my team win. That's all I think, no matter what match is," Jurel said in a chat with News 24.

Jurel doesn't face competition for the T20 World Cup squad from outside but also within his IPL team, Rajasthan Royals. Samson, one of the finest wicketkeeper batters in white-ball cricket that India have, would also be hoping to leave a lasting impression and bag that elusive T20 World Cup spot.

Senior Citizens celebrate Baisakhi Milan keeping tradition alive in city of temples

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 12: Senior Citizens Service Support Club celebrated Baisakhi Milan at their Club premises at Chowadi. The senior citizens club turned into a fair, with colourful festivities - dance, music and full on entertainment marking the occasion of Baisakhi. Many retired govt and private sector officials, industrialists and professionals from various walks of life also attended the event. A large number of its members were entertained by melodious songs, drama, dances and other activities.

Dr. Kasturia Lal, Former Principal GMC Jammu and Chairman of the Club had made all the arrangements befitting the occasion. The traditional 'spring' festival is celebrated with much fanfare. He informed that the club has taken up a vital social issue of neglect of Dogri language in the schools and colleges of Jammu region. He gave out his plan to revive this language with the help of the govt and the public. He narrated the importance of Baisakhi, which is not only important for the farmers in terms of harvest



ing, but also of prime importance in Sikhism as a foundation day of Khalsa Panth.

"Baisakhi marks the newness of the solar year, a significant astrological shift, and the coming of light into our lives," he added.

Sh. Ashok Gupta, former Drug Controller J&K and President of the Club welcomed all the participants and thanked for their overwhelming participation. Maj Gen SK Sharma, General Secretary of the Club informed that Basakhi, known as Basoa in Dogri, is the first day of the Dogri Calendar which was initiated about 5,000 years ago. Then he took to the stage and conducted all the events in a systematic manner.

Programme started with a delightful speech on Importance of Basakhi by Ashok Gupta, former Bank Manager. He also rattled out several funny jokes which giggled all. SK Jain, Vice President of the club talked on the naturopathy and gave valuable points to increase longevity and remaining healthy during the advancing years of life.

Anju Bansal and her team members Raj Kumari and Sambyalji of Vichar Kranti Manch, entertained everyone. NK Sharma connected all the senior citizens with the melodious song of their times.

Dr. Navneet Kour, the Founder Chairperson of NGO SUPPORT & Gender Equality, Women

and Child Protection, UNESC, member of Senior Citizens service Support Club motivated senior citizens to use their energies termed the function community-minded saying, "Pass your culture along the younger generations". Dr Kaur added that the purpose of the function was to instill a sense of security and belongingness among senior citizens, and to uphold their dignity and respect as festivals promote diversity, they bring neighbours into dialogue & cultivate brotherhood, they increase creativity, they offer opportunities for civic pride, they improve our general psychological well-being. In short, they make cities better places to live, helping make eco-

friendly planet.

The most interesting part of the programme was the mesmerizing performances by young Trishisva Proch, a student of Magic Stars Dance Studio. Even Chandan Mondal, the choreographer, with his ingenuity, made all the senior citizens dance with Bhangra steps with women swaying phulkari's on the soft musical beats.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Vijay Sharma, former Technical Officer, Door Darsan and Media Secretary of the Club.

Dr. Shafika Bano, Yesh Paul Sharma, Abhinandan Jain, and Dr. Vijay Sharma captured the event in the camera.

Those who attended included Kailash Langer, Patron of the Club, NC Prabhakar, Raj Kumar, Malhotra ji, Raman Gandotra, Anil Gupta and Subhash Dutta.

Delicious Basakhi refreshments were served to conclude the Baisakhi Milan. The event was attended by senior citizens from different parts of Jammu City. Dr Kaur stated, "Even difficult times should not deter these senior citizens from celebrating such festivals in life".

Jammu administration's raid against book mafia is just to throw dust in eyes of people: Amit

'Why no action against schools whose sets were seized'

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 12: Amit Kapoor, President of Parents Association Jammu, has raised several serious questions about the entire action by Jammu administration against some select book mafias, terming it as an attempt to throw dust in the eyes of people.

He said why was the action stopped after one day's action when all the evidence of them looting parents has been given to the administrative officers. Amit Kapoor said this while addressing a press conference in Jammu.

He said that all this action seems to have been taken only to throw dust in the eyes of parents and also with the intention of setting things up.

Perhaps this is the reason why no action was taken against those schools whose sets were seized from shops nor did those parents get back the excess money extorted for books.

Amit Kapoor said that the Chairman of JKFFRC has also completely failed to take action against private schools.



He said that the schools whose fees have been fixed by JKFFRC are also looting the parents by charging arbitrary fees. But the Chairman of JKFFRC is not ready to take any action against them and neither are the officials of JKBOSE taking any action.

Due to this, the parents are helpless and they had a hope from the raids of the administration that now these private schools will be reined in, but by taking action against a few selected shops and not taking action against other shops and schools, the action of the Jammu administration has also come under question.

Along with this, Amit Kapoor said that the DCs of other districts should also take such action.

He said that if this is not done within a month, then when the admissions will end and the private schools and book sellers will loot the parents, then there will be no justification for taking any action after that.

Amit Kapoor said that the schools which have charged high fees and have used books other than NCERT and JKBOSE should get their money back. He said that this is a scam of crores of rupees and private schools are looting parents in the name of books, stationery, uniforms and high annual fees. Therefore, the administration should continue this action and take strict action against the book sellers as well as those private schools which are looting parents by violating the rules.

Tilak Shan submits memorandum to Commissioner Secretary Labour



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 12: Tilak Shan Shiv Sena President Chenab Valley submitted memorandum to Commissioner Secretary Labour seeking delivery of natural justice regarding Employment Transition whereby seeking continuation of our services on Outsourced roll in place of Labour Supply. Shan informed some facts in consideration of commissioner secretary the management of MEIL Company as inform to 36 employees maintain our employment through Labour Supplier, which was never made aware to us at the initial stage of our employment. Wherein from last about one year, we have been working on the outsourced arrangement under the direct

control of MEIL and we were paid our emoluments/ wages directly by the MEIL authorities, which can be well understand from our society statement and other pertinent record.

The project higher authorities assured that the employee of outsourced will be engaged in company when diversion of the river will be completed what company has failed fulfill their promise to the 36 outsourced employees and now 36 employees has been changed in supply labour.

This is open violation of rules and regulation of Govt. Laws, my request to Commissioner Secretary that please look into the matter as soon as possible and get back to those 36 outsourced employees from the labour supply to company role.

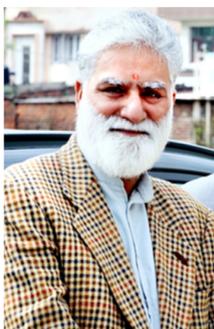
Commissioner Secretary Labour forwarded approved letter No: LE-LAB/58/2021-11-L&E Part-I(E7429214) dated March 15, 2024.

After processing of file Today labour commissioner J&K issue a approved letter no No: LC-ENF/28/2024-2 (E743932) Dated: 08.04.2024

natural justice regarding Employment Transition whereby seeking continuation of our services on Outsourced roll in place of Labour Supply.

This has reference to the communication no. LE_LAB/58/2021-11- L&E Part-1 (E7429214) dated 15.03.2024 received from Administrative the Department along-with its enclosures on the subject. In this regard, I am directed to request you to look into the matter in accordance with Labour Laws and submit a report to this office by April 15, 2024, positively.

KPs welcome the modification in M form system: Yogi



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JAMMU, Apr 12: A Meeting of camp & non-camp inmates was held today at Jagti under the Chairmanship of M.K.Yogi Senior KP Leader in connection with modification of M_ form system by Chief Election commission of India that has provided a big relief to Kashmiri Migrants to large extent.

In a statement issued today M.K.Yogi said today's modification in M form system will

surely pave a smooth way for participation of Kashmiri Pandits in the electoral Process for which expresses heartiest gratitude to Election commission of India.

Yogi also expressed gratitude to Chief electoral officer J&K and Relief and rehabilitation commissioner J&K for taking keen interest in this direction

Yogi appealed to community members to come forward in large numbers and participate in electoral battle with great enthusiasm for sake of democracy.

Avtar ji Koul, Moti Lal, Pran Nath Pandita, Ashwani Bhat, Babloo Singh, Ravi Pandita Rakesh Kaul, Autar Krishan Bhat Ashok Bhat, Daizy Bazaz, Rita Dhar, Urmila and others spoke on the occasion and expressed gratitude to Election Commission of India for fulfilling the long pending demand of Kashmiri Migrants.

Baba Badbhaag Singh Jatha left from Jammu



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JAMMU, Apr 12:-On the occasion of Baisakhi festival, a group of thousands of devotees left from Jammu today to visit the Holy place of Dera Baba Badbhaag Singh Ji, a famous religious place located in Mandi of Una district of Himachal.

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni flagged off the yatra with a saffron flag. Sahni said that every year on the occasion of Baisakhi, a three-day annual fair is organized at the Dera Baba

Badbhaag Singh Holy place located at Mandi in Una, Himachal.

Today, a group of about 3000 devotees left in about 60 buses from the Dera Baba Badbhaag Singh place located at Mishriwala in Jammu for the Holy place of Dera Baba Badbhaag Singh located in Una, Himachal.

There is a two hundred year old Gurudwara Sahib at this Holy place. Baba Banda Bahadur Singh had performed penance sitting under a banyan tree at this place. Baba Banda Bahadur Singh's weap-

ons are also kept inside the Gurudwara, which were used to defeat the enemies during the war. Sahni said that just by visiting this Holy place, mentally ill people and those trapped in the clutches of evil spirits become healthy and childless people get the blessing of having children. On this occasion President female wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Baba Lakhdeep Singh, Baba Gopal Singh, Balwant Singh, Subedhar Bhola Nath were present.

GDC Basohli hosts workshop on Automatic Speech Recognition Pilot for Dogri

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BASOHLI, Apr 12: Department of Dogri, Govt Degree College Basohli under the patronage of the Principal GDC Basohli, Dr Nidhi Kotwal organised a three days workshop on Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) Pilot for Dogri under the research Project A14 Bharat in collaboration with Govt. Degree college Basohli from 10th April, 2024 to 12th April 2024. The Program started with the welcome address by Dr.Vaishno



Devi Head Department of Dogri in which she welcomed all the ASR team members Dr.Preeti Dubey mam, Navidika Mishra, Rakesh Kumar, Sunil Kumar ji and all the

faculty members of the college. Speaking on the occasion the patron and the chief guest at the very outset thanked Dr Nidhi Kotwal Principal of the college Basohli for giving the

opportunity to contribute to the A14 Bharat project. She congratulated and applauded her efforts of Dr Preeti Dubey, her team, the department of Dogri and other faculty of the college. Dr Preeti Dubey told all the present about the different aspects of the Dogri part of A14 Bharat and she also discussed that around 500 samples of different tones, accents, and dialectical variation of Dogri would be collected from district kathua and in the same manner

a lot of samples would be collected from other district and spoken areas for covering the variety of spoken Dogri, that would be used for benefit of the maximum for creating localized IT software and AI project. At the end of Dr.Anu Sharma Department of Dogri tendered the vote of thanks on the occasion. The programme was attended by Dr.Shivali Kapoor, PTI Parveen Singh, PTI Roshan Sharma, Dr Sushil Kumar Prof. Vishal Sharma.

Dimple welcomes PM Modi's statement of restoration of J&K statehood, holding of assembly elections

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JAMMU, Apr 12: Sunil Dimple, President of the Jammu Kashmir Mission Statehood, welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement regarding the restoration of J&K statehood and holding of assembly elections.

Addressing a press conference here on Friday, Dimple emphasized the victory achieved through efforts in the Supreme Court and demanded



immediate action from the PM to restore J&K state before the assembly elections.

Dimple stressed the importance of implement-

ing the conditions of the Instrument of Accession and vowed to continue the political fight for the integrity, dignity, and culture of Jammu Kashmir.