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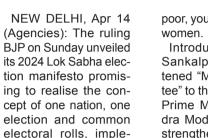
Kashmir Valley lashed by rains, snowfall at Sonamarg

SRINAGAR, Apr 14 (Agencies): Kashmir Valley was lashed by rain, while some higher reaches of Kupwara and tourist resort of Sonamarg experienced fresh snowfall during the past 24 hours, officials said.

Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir Valley experienced moderate rainfall during the past 24 hours, disrupting normal life and bringing down temperatures. Many low-lying areas were waterlogged due to the rainfall in Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir valley. It was still raining at most places across the Kashmir valley when this report was filed.

Higher reaches of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, Gurez valley of Bandipora district, tourist resort of Sonmarg, and Zojila Pass on the Srinagar-Ladakh highway experienced fresh light snowfall during the past 24 hours, Kashmir weather, an independent weather forecaster

on the issue of jobs, doubling of farmers' incomes and tackling price rise and inflation, and alleged that he was now shifting the goalposts by talking about 2047 instead.



poor, youth, farmers and

Introducing the BJP Sankalp Patra christened "Modi ki guarantee" to the people today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it would strengthen the four pillars of Viksit Bharat -poor, youth, farmers and women.

Citing growing uncertainties in the world, the PM said: "In these times of global chaos

BJP's 2024 Lok Sabha poll manifesto

and conflict, the need for a strong, full majority, stable government in India becomes even

more pronounced." Modi pledged to build India as a Vishwa Bandhu noting that over the next five years India will move forward with the promise to realise one nation, one election. "BJP considers UCC important in national interest. In the last ten

years, the party has

acted firmly against corruption. Corruption steals the rights of poor and middle class. Action against the corrupt will continue," the PM said announcing the inclusion of 70-plus people in the free hospitalisation cover scheme Ayushman Bharat which gives Rs 5 lakh free health cover to the poor and vulnerable annually. The PM announced Turn to page 9

No accountability for old guarantees, just empty jugglery of words: Cong on BJP Manifesto

NEW DELHI, Apr 14 (Agencies): The Congress on Sunday trashed the BJP Lok Sabha poll manifesto as a "jumla patra' full of rhetoric. with party chief Mallikarjun Kharge saying that Modi's guarantee is a "warranty of jumlas" as he has failed to fulfil the promises made in the past.

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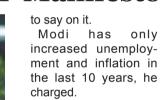
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The Congress also accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of not fulfilling promises made



"No accountability for old guarantees, just empty jugglery of words! 'Modi ki Guarantee' equals 'warranty of jumlas (rhetoric)," he said in a post in Hindi, posing 14 questions to the PM.

Addressing a joint press conference, Congress spokesperson

LG Sinha flags off Shri Mata Vaishno Devi 'Pracheen Marg Pavitra Chhari' Yatra

JAMMU, Apr 14 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended the auspicious 'Pratham Pooja' of the 22nd Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Pracheen Marg Pavitra Chhari Yatra at the holy Kol Kandoli Temple in Nagrota here



J&K fencers to represent India at World C'ship at Saudi Arabia



Yatra to start Kashmir will be repfrom June resenting India at the World Championship 29 scheduled to be held JAMMU, Apr 14 (Agenfrom April 12 to 20 at cies): The annual Amarnath Rivadh. Saudi Arabia. Yatra will start on June 29 this year and conclude on Three fencers from August 19, coinciding with Jammu and Kashmir the occasion of Shravan are selected to repre-Purnima sent India in Junior and A statement issued by Cadet Fencing World Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) headed by Championship to be Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, held at Riyadh, Saudi **Turn to page 9** said that this year's Amarnath Yatra to the holy cave shrine will start on June 29 and end on August 19. Advance registration for the Yatra will start from April 15 The cave shrine situated at 3,888 metres above sea level in Kashmir houses an ice stalagmite structure that wanes and waxes with the phases of the moon. Devotees believe that the ice stalagmite symbolises the mythical powers of Lord Shiva Pilgrims reach the cave shrine either from the shorter Baltal route in Ganderbal district or from the traditional longer route from Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Man injured in Pattan road accident succumbs at hospital SRINAGAR, Apr 14 (Agencies): A man injured in a road accident in Pattan has passed away at SKIMS, Srinagar, after 8 days. An official said that the deceased identified as Mudasir Ahmad Sofi of Sheikhpora Pattan, who was injured in the accident, succumbed to his injuries at SKIMS this morning. Last Monday, Mudasir and his brother were with **\$** +91-9086207123 an accident in the Pattan

Yatra carrying Holy Jyot. The Yatra will pass through the heritage route before reaching Oli Mata Temple Bamyal Chhapanoo. Turn to page 9 Annual Amarnath

on the city outskirts.

The Lt Governor paid

obeisance and later

flagged off the Chhari

said.

Meteorological Centre Srinagar forecasts light to moderate rain and snow (higher reaches) at many places, with the possibility of heavy rain, thunder, lightning, hailstorms, and gusty winds at isolated places during the next 24 hours.

There is a possibility of light rain or snow (higher reaches) at many places during April 15 evening to 16 morning, while the weather will generally remain dry with late afternoon thundershower activity at a few places during April 17–18.

There is a forecast of light rain or snow at many places from April 19 evening to April 20 morning, the MeT office said, adding that the weather will remain generally dry with likely afternoon thundershower activity during April 21–23.

The rainfall data available with the MeT office said Srinagar received 15mm, Qazigund 15.2mm, Pahalgam 32.4mm, Kupwara 11.6mm, Kokernag 8.4mm, and Gulmarg 9.0mm during the past 24 hours.

The night temperature at Srinagar recorded during the intervening nights of Saturday and Sunday was

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Kharge charged that the prime minister did not do any major work during his tenure which

headquarters here on Sunday. The manifesto has a special focus on the poor, youngsters, farmers and women

would have benefited

the people, youth and

farmers of the country.

Modi released the

BJP's Lok Sabha poll

manifesto at the party

Kharge said the youth are protesting for jobs and prices of food items have skyrocketed due to inflation and people are troubled by it, but the manifesto has nothing

Pawan Khera said in his 2014 manifesto, Modi had promised to bring back black money by forming a special task force, but electoral bonds came instead.

NAGROTA, JAMMU (J&K)

He also promised to strengthen law and order in the North East, **Turn to page 9**

JAMMU, Apr 14 (Agencies): Selected on the basis of their outstand-

ing performances, three fencers from the Union Territory of Jammu and

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OBITUARIES

10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

Gali Afgana Jammu, who left for heavenly

10th Day will be performed on (Saturday) 13-

04-2024 Rani Talab (Tutiean) from 10 to 11 AM.

Kriya will be performed on (Tuesday) 16-04-

Arti Puri - Deepak Puri - Daughter-in-law & Son

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED

FATHER SH. MOHAN LAL BHAT S/O LATE. SH. LAL BHAT

OF TENGPONA PULWAMA AT PRESENT JAGTI COLONY

NAGROTA, JAMMU, LANE-25, BLOCK-163, FLAT-19 & 20 WHO

LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 08 APRIL 2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI GHAT ON

SHADI LAL BHAT & AMRITA BHAT (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)

ASHWANI TURKI & SWEETY TURKI (SON IN LAW & DAUGHTER)

RAVI KUMAR ZUTSHI & JYOTI ZUTSHI (SON IN LAW & DAUGH TER)

GRAND CHILDREN: SHRIYA, JANU, SURAJ, MIKU, AYUSH, MEHAK,

KHUSHI, ANMOL, TANVI, RIYAN, SHIVI

DEEPAK BHAT & URVASHI BHAT (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)

AVINASH BHAT & MEENU BHAT (SON IN LAW & DAUGH TER)

SANJAY BHAT & SHEETU BHAT (SON IN LAW & DAUGHTER)

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 wile 'Ratni Dhar' orig-

inally from Tulmulla Kashmir Srinagar on 08-04-2024 at 09.31 pm at

MOURNING will be held at H No-34, Lane No-2. Deena Nagar, Barnai.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed in Pune Maharashira on 17th April

Neelam Gandral - Madan Gandral - Son-in-law & Daughter

Bimla Verma - Ramesh Verma - Son-in-law & Daughter

Manik Puri, Manvi Puri, Udhey Puri - Grand Children

2024 at 12 Noon at our residence.

Mobile: 9419183721, 9419147760

abode on 04-04-2024.

Brahman Sabha Parade.

7TH APRIL 2024 AT 09:00 AM.

SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW

BROTHER & BHABI) MAD SUDHAN LAL BHAT & BIMLA BHAT

SATISH KUMAR BHAT & RAJNI BHAT

GRIEF STRICKEN

PHOOLA BHAT (WIFE)

MOBILE NUMBER:

Pune, Maharashtra.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

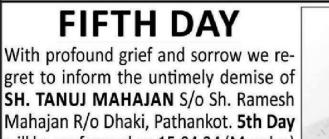
Husband - Bushan Lal Dhar

Sisters and Brother In Law -

2024

SATISH BHAT - 9419125644 SHADI LAL BHAT - 9596959880 MADSUDHAN LAL BHAT - 9796256641

GRIEF STRICKEN



Mahajan R/o Dhaki, Pathankot. 5th Day will be performed on 15.04.24 (Monday) from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Devi Dwara Mandir, R.S.Pura.

Grief Stricken

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Ashok Kumar Gupta (Govt. Contractor) Mob: 9796859026, 9796080606

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 Goregoan, 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 Aneeta 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

10TH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad

demise of our beloved Mother Smt. Prabha Shori (Prabhavati/ Durga Jee) of Hawal, Pulwama, on 10th April 2024, at her residence in Jolly Grant, Dehradun.

Cremation has been conducted on 11/04/2024 at Kharkhar Ghat, Haridwar. 10th Day Kriya will be held on 19/04/2024 at 10.00 AM, a

Haridwar Ganga Ghat. Rest days will be performed at Jammu Yatri Bhavan Trust, Rishikesh Road, Haridwar.

Mommay, It's hard to believe that you are physically no longer with us. You have been our shield and guiding light all your life. You were really kind and no one could value the family & relations the way you always did. Your Bhakti towards Almighty was extraordinary. You may not be physically with us but you will stay in our hearts forever.

As you are with the ultimate divine power now, may your soul attain sadgati

REMEMBERED BY

Smt Makhni & Sh JL. Bhat - Daughter-in-law & Son Smt Pupa & Sh Roshan Lal Bhat - Daughter-in-law & Son Smt Reeta & Sh S.L Bhat - Daughter-in-law & Son Smt Khema & Sh Ratin Lal Bhat - Daughter-in-law & Son Sm t Kishni & Sh T.N Kaul - Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Kaki & Sh B.M Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law Great-Grand Children:

Tanush, Krishna, Vaishnavi, Shivakshi (Pari). Contact: 9082502054, 9149675676, 9419133092, 9419155691

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the

demise of our beloved Mother Smt Ramesh Gaind W/o Late Sh. J.P Gaind R/o H. No 258, Jollaka Mohalla Jammu on 06th April 2024.

TENTH DAY will be held at our residence H. No 258 Jollaka Mohalla at 10.00 AM on 14th April Sunday. KRIYA will be held at our residence H. No 258 Jollak



SMT. RAJ DULARI PANDIT

(RANI JI)

SH. TANUJ MAHAJAN

Smt. Prabha Shori (Prabhavati/ Durga Jee)

Grand Children

Smt Vishakha & Sh Vishal Bhat Dr Lipy & Dr Abhishek Sharma Smt Amrita & Sh Manish Kaul Smt Nidhi & Sh Sukshm Pandita Smt Preeti & Sh Sandeep Singh Smt Nimisha & Sh Shivam Bhat Pankit, Rahul, Harsh, Jhalak



Smt Lalita Raina W/o Late Shri Brij Krishan Raina

Smt Babli Bazaz W/o Shri Kuldeep Kumar Bazaz

Smt Bimla Bhan WoLate Shri Schan Lai Bhan

Son & Daughter In Law - Puneet Dhar & Esha Dhar

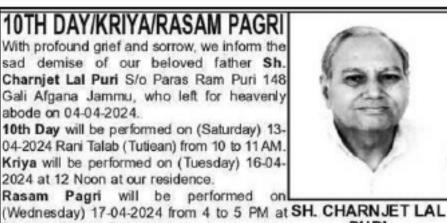
Brother - Virinder Nath Dhar & Saiba Dhar

Smt Kishni Raina W/o Late Shri D N Raina

Daughter and Son In Law - Supriya Dhar & Rohin Raina

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 0746004400



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SH. MOHAN LAL BHAT

(TENGPONA, PULWAMA)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM ABOUT THE UNTIMELY SAD DEMISE OF SHRI RAMAN GUPTA S/O LATE SHRIK LIGUPTA CHIEF ENGINEER RTD AND LATE SMT SUBASH GUPTA RIO 12/9 TRIKUTA NAGAR JAMMU, WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 5TH APRIL 2024

10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 14TH APRIL (SUNDAY) AT HIS RESIDENCE 12/9 TRIKUTÀ NAGAR JAMMU AT 10AM.

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 17TH APRIL (WEDNESDAY) AT 12:30 PM AT HIS RESI-DENCE AT 12/9 TRIKUTA NAGAR, JAMMU.

UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 17TH APRIL AT 4 PM TO 5PM AT SHIV MANDIR SEC 3. TRIKUTA NAGAR JAMMU

SHRI RAMAN GUPTA

GRIEF STRICKEN: SMT SHIPRA GUPTA - WIFE GARVIT GUPTA -SON SISTER AND BROTHER IN LAW SUPRIYA AND SACHIN SHARMA MOTHER AND FATHER IN LAW SANTOSH AND VIRENDER AGGARWAL **BROTHERS AND BHABHIS**

ASHWANI KUMAR GUPTA IFS AND RASHMI GUPTA PAWAN KUMAR AND BHARTI

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, REGRET TO INFORM YOU THE SAD DEMISE OUR BELOVED MR C.L. GANJU (K.A.S.) RETIR CADIFINANDIAL ADVISOR-JSK GOVT ORIGINAL FROM HABBA KADAL SRINAGAR, PRESEN He passed away on the 7th of April 2024. In Bangab 10th day Kriya would be performed at Yedyur Wai Kendra, 22nd Cross Road, Yedyur Sakamma Garo Jayanagar, Bangalore, at 7 am, 16th April 2024. IN GRIEF Mrs Grija Ganju-Wife



Mrs Lalita Ganju (W/o Mr GL Ganju) Mrs Rani Ganju (W/o Late Mr TK Ganju) Mrs Asha and Mr BM Ganju Mrs Usha and Mr DN Ganju sters in Law and Brothers in Law

BHAN'S, TK SHIVASHANKAR, KACHROO'S, JAILKAHNI'S AND KAUL'S.

TENTH DAY



LT SH. BANSI LAL KOUL



OUL N LAL KOUL - 7780979159 UL WO SH SHADI LAL KOUL - 9796456750 UNE KOUL WO SH SHADI LAL KOUL - 9796456750 & BROTHER-IN-LAW VIELY PANDITA W/O SH MANOU RYNNITA - 93124140 SOLA KOUL WO SH AJGAR NATH KOUL - 97962558 SANTI RAINA W/O SH PUSHKAR NATH RAINA - 9906 TER & SON-IN-LAW DENAKOLI & DR SANUAY KOUL - 9673926136 DAUGHTER HAS W/O EV KOL = - 7067866691

10TH DAY, KRIYA, UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sa lemise of our beloved Sh. Harbans Lal Gupta to LtShri Badri Nath Kalloo, R/o Main Baza

Kandoli Nagrota, Jammu on 2nd April 202 TENTH DAY will be held at Satya Narayar Nagrota on 11th April 2024 (Thursday) A.M. KRIYA: On 14th April 2024 (Sunday) at our res dence. UTHALA: On 15th April 2024 (Monday) at Saty Narayan Mandir, Nagrota at 3:00 P.M. GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Arif Gupta (Wife) SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW



Himanshu & Niteeka Gupta DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW Himani & Tarun Sharma BROTHERS & SISTERS IN LAW Dr. Romesh & Smt. Chanderkala Gupta Sh. Bhushan & Smt. Ranjana Gupta Sh. Jugal & Smt. Renu Gupta Sh. Jugal & Smt. Renu Gupta SINTERS & BROTHERS IN LAW Smt. Shubh Laxmi & Lt.Sh. Yash Pal Gupta Smt. Trijta Laxmi & Sh. Yash Pal Gupta Smt. Trijta & Lt. Sh. Saish Kumar Gupta Contact: 9070036313, 7006625653, 9796607295



MR C.L. GANJU (K.A.S.) (RETIRED CAO/FINANCIAL ADVISOR-J&K GOVT) Sisters in Law and Brothers in Law Mes Rajin (Chakoo (wo Laith Manohar Chakoo) Mes Nancy and Mr Rajender Zajpuri Mrs Usha and Mr BP Munshi Mrs Veena and Mr Ani Moza Mes Suziahma and Tej Warikoo- Daughter and Son-in law Mrs Sunita and Sarjay Bhat-Daughter and Son-in law Mrs Sunita and Sarjay Bhat-Daughter and Son-in law Mrs Sanjata and Sudiar TS-Daughter and Son in Law Atharva Ganju and Avyukt Sudhir- Grand Children



Mohalla at 12.00 Noon on 17th April Wednesday. UTHALA will be held at Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha on 17th April Wednesday from 4 to 5 Pm. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Son & Daughter in Law SMT RAMESH V.B Gaind (JE PDD) and Pooja Gaind GAIND Daughter & Son in Law Dr Rewa Gaind and Adv. Salil Sachdeva Grand Daughters & Grand Son Mobile No: 9419112899, 9419253389, 9419200766 Kamya, Aaliya, Kavish

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 Tulamulla, Ganderbal Srinagar Kashmir presently at 2488, Aster Tower 24th Floor Sandrayam, Greater Noida West UP on 07.04.2024.

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

Grief Stricken :

Sh Tej Krishan Pandita

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

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sudden and sad demise of our beloved Asha Babi Kaul W/o Late Makhan Lal Kaul originally from Naquashpora Sathu Srinagar at present Baijnath Kangra (HP) on 6th April 2024.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Shree Gauri Sankar Mandir, T-Block Phase-1 Sector 109 near Palam Vihar Gurugram Haryana on 15th April (Monday) at 5.30 am.

Grief Stricken :

Smt Dulari Kaul - Sister in law

Dr Jyoti and Dr M K Matoo -Mrs Renu and Mr K K Kaul-Mrs Indu and Mr Shailesh Raina- Daughter & Son in law

Daughter & Son in law Daughter & Son in law

SAMAST KAUL PARIVAR Contact : 9596958456, 9876384453, 9418002820, 9418041272

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Shakuntla Sharma on 10th of April 2024, W/o Sh S M Sharma Ex Sub/Maj. Ex QM Sainik School Nagrota.

10th Day will be performed on 19th April 2024 at our residence. Kriya Karam /Uthala will be performed 20 April at our residence 72/6 Lane-7 Nanak Nagar Jammu between 9 AM to 12.30 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

S M Sharma-Husband

Pardeep Sharma & Nisha Sharma - Son & Daughter in law Rakesh Sharma & Anita Sharma- Son & Daughter in law Rajni Sharma & Ashwani Sharma- Daughter & Son in law Nikhil Sharma Grand Son (U.K) Akhil Sharma Grand Son Abhishek Sharma - Grand Son Shreya Sharma- Grand Daughter Janvi Sharma - Grand Daughter



RATNI DHAR

of sorrow in our hearts and disappointment in our minds we inform the untimely lemise of our beloved Usha Muku Koul (Rtd ZEO) W/o Ravinder Kumar Koul R/o House no 187 Ward no 14 Opposite Green Bar Dhar Road Udhampur on 6/04/2024.

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Tenth Day Kriya will be Performed on 15/04/2024 (Monday) at Devika Ghat Udhampur at 10:30 am and assemble at our



residence Usha Muku Koul Our entire family pays homage to the departed (Rtd ZEO) soul praying for eternal peace. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Ravinder Kumar Koul (Husband) Garima Koul & Gaurav Koul (Daughter in Law & Son) Ishan Koul (Son) Koul's, Bhat's, Raina's, and Fotedar's Contact No 7006980233, 9419270977, 7006310740

TENTH DAY, KRIYA, RASAM PAGRI

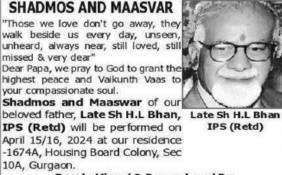
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sac lemise of our beloved Sh Angrez Singh Jasrotia 6/o Late Mustaq Singh R/o Barwal, Kathua on 06 April 2024. Tenth Day will be held at Barwal near J&K Grameen Bank on 15 April 2024 (Monday) at 10.00 AM Kriya on 18 April (Thursday) at our residence. Rasam Pagri on 19 April (Friday) at our residence **RIEF STRICKEN :** on & Daughter in law beepak & Sunita - Mob No. 8082686774

RINCE, RIYA, PARV AND RIDHU



Smt Shakuntla Sharma

ajeev & Neelar ughters & Sons in law dhu and Joginder S anju and Rakesh Singh RAND SON AND GRAND DAU GHTER



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

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Asha Babi Kaul

8:30 AM on 16/04/2024 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

IN GRIEF:

Sh. Amar Nath Ganjoo (Husband)

Smt. & Sh. Rajesh Ganjoo (Daughter-in-law & Son)

CONTACT NO: 7006232576, 7055507507



Mob. 7006969134, 9107207294, 7006905089, 9149444294

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Roopa Devi W/o Sh. Amar Nath Ganjoo original resident of Pinglena, Pulwama presently at H.No. 156 Sector-3 Durga Nagar, Jammu on Sunday dated 07/04/2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at

SMT. ROOPA DEVI

Smt & Sh. P.K. Koul (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Top News of J&K Jammu, Saturday, April 14, 2024

LOCAL

NC pays rich tributes to Baba Saheb Dr BR Ambedkar



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 14: Paying glowing tributes to Baba Saheb Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar, National Conference former minister and Central Zone President Babu Rampaul today described the architect of the Constitution of India as a great visionary, saying the legendary leader worked tirelessly to foster egalitarian society and shed caste discrimination across the country. "The people will always

remember Baba Saheb for giving the country

best constitution of the world." Mr Babu Rampaul said while leading the party leaders and workers in paying tributes to Baba Saheb on his 133 birth anniversary at a function held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here this morning.

Babu Rampaul said that Dr Ambedkar was a great reformer who dedicated his entire life for the welfare of weaker sections and his contribution in that regard was exceptional." There is greater need for collectively working for welfare of weaker sections of the

society so that social inequality could be minimized," he maintained. Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu said the best tribute to the great leader would be to imbibe the spirit oneness which alone can lead the nation towards peace, progress and prosperity. Dr. B.R Ambedkar, describing him as Messiah of millions who shaped the destiny of millions of

> try. Throwing light on various facets of the life and struggle of Dr. B.R

Ambedkar, Mr Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell said his unflinching commitment towards social justice brought about a revolutionary transformation in Indian social order and helped in carving a society based on equality, justice and opportunities for all. The best tribute to Baba Saheb would be to work for carving out a society where opportunities of progress are available to people across the counall irrespective of caste, creed, and colour, he added

Prominent among those present on the

occasion included: Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik **Provincial Secretaries** Jammu, Bushan Lal Bhat Ex-MLC, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu Province, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Dr. Vikas Secretary Central Zone, S. Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC, S. Gurnam Singh Block President Jammu West, Ashwani Charak Block President Jammu East, Waris Gill President Chrisitian Cell, S Surjeet Singh Sasan, Harbans Lal, Advocate Rajinder Chanyal, Raja Naveed, Ashok Tayagi, Sham Lal, Manohar Lal, Ramesh Lal, Nitish Gowsami, Zamir Quershi, Prabhat Kapai, Master Baldev Raj, Satpal Block President Ramgarh, Mangat Ram **District Vice President** SC Cell Jammu Rural A, Som Raj Taroch, Bahadur, Bishan Dass, Devi Dass, Prem Kumar Verma, Satpaul, Sharma, Rajinder Kumar, sumita Bhan, Veer Ji, Charan Dass, Arjun Tayagi, Gulshan, Lal Kumar Panch, Tej Ram, Master Aslam, Dr. Vikas Puri and

Farooq, Omar express grief over deaths in tragic Doda road mishap

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JAMMU, Apr 14: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Mr Omar Abdullah on Sunday expressed deep grief over the deaths of six persons including two minor sisters have lost their lives and four others were injured in a tragic road accident the ill fated van Eeco was on its way to Kathawa from Thathri when it plunged into a deep gorge at Khanpura in Phagsoo area in District Doda

"My heart goes to all those who have lost their dear ones in the accident", Dr Farooq Abdullah said in a message and wished early

recovery to the injured. In a separate message, National Conference Vice President Mr Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the deaths and prayed for early recovery of the injured. Dr Farooq Abdullah and

Mr Omar Abdullah conveyed their condolences to the bereaved families, prayed for peace to the departed souls and strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

National Conference General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal and Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu, Khlaid Najeev Suhar-

wardhy Vice President Jammu Province, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo Zonal President Chenab Valley, Qazi Jalal Ud Din Ex-MLA, Dr. Chaman Lal Bhagat Ex-MLA, Sajjad Shaheen District President Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan Chairperson DDC Ramban, Zaffarullah Rather District President Doda, Abdul Qayoom Baghwan

District President Doda Rural (Bhaderwah), Tanveer Ahmed Kichloo District President Kishtwar, Mehboob Iqbal, Pyare Lal have also expressed grief over the deaths, praved for peace to the departed souls and conveyed condolences to the bereaved families.

Satguru Madhu paramhans delievers religious sermons at Akhnoor

others.



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Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandagi, while delighting the Sangat with the nectar of his sermons in Akhnoor Jammu today, said that the sorrow of birth and death is very great. That's why people want liberation. But one thing is clear that only when the inner intellect is pure, man will understand this. How will it be missed? Effigies of the five elements were made. The king in the form of mind is present in it. The mind rules. Atmadev is not able to know his form. He is understanding that I am the body. So the traffic started. This is where the bond lies. The mind is the cause and effect of bondage. The mind itself has expanded sin and virtue. This whole world is mind. No one can see the mind. Whatever you see is all mind. Man works according to the resolution of his mind. The mind is the originator of every action. The man says I wish. You have no desire. You are the soul. The lust of the mind gives rise to anger. These waves raise the mind.

These are not yours. But man thinks that they are my waves. These things are not in the soul. Our skin feels cold and hot. Surati can experi-

ence the mind. Medita-

BJP's "Yuva Chaupals" connecting party to youths: Rekha Mahajan



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 14: The BJP government led by PM Narendra Modi is going full throttle to achieve the mission of 400 plus all-round development with no room left for any kind of prejudice, as stated by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan. During the BJYM "Yuva Choupal" campaign, the Bahu constituency of Jammu South drops under District Jammu South. Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, Rekha Mahajan said, "Yuva means empowerment, development, passion, growth, and commitment." She emphasized that India's Yuva is so committed that the country has become the third biggest start-up hub in the past 10 years. Rekha Mahajan highlights numerous projects in the last ten years of successful good governance under the banner of PM Narendra Modi. Rekha Mahajan accompanied by national media incharge and Prabhari yuva morcha J&K Amandeep Singh, **BJP** District Secretary Jammu south and Prabhari yuva morcha Rohiin

Chandan, Abhishek Salathia General Secretary state BJYM, Luv Sharma BJYM state secretary, Sultan Chib District Vice President BJYM and others were present on the occasion. The meeting in connection with "Yuva Choupal" was organized by BJYM District President Jammu South Monu Salathia.

While guiding the yuva morcha unit, Rekha Mahajan asserted that the future road map for the party's crucial youth wing is on the LS polls on cart. The BJP party has launched various campaigns in Jammu South to reach out to the people, and BJYM is working hard to ensure the victory of Prime Minister Narendra Modi" in the upcoming polls. Rekha Mahajan added that we are the biggest Yuva-Shakti in the world, and we must strive to achieve our immense potential so that we can cross the mission 400 plus mark.

Further, Rekha also urged the BJP Yuva cadres to pick one social cause that was close to their hearts and work to find solutions to these issues. "Youth are the builders of tomorrow. Rekha said that the BJP

should win by casting its precious vote and also encourage all the youth so that they know that whatever the governments could not do in the last 70 years, the Modi government has done it in just ten years of its tenure. Rekha Mahajan elaborates that the youth is shaping the future of India and that the term yuva has nothing to do with age. There is a lot of awareness among today's youth, the BJP leader said, adding that they also know about their rights. She claimed PM Narendra Modi is the best, as he is strict at work but kind towards the citizens of India. Along with encouraging first-time voters to take part in Yuva Choupal. Amandeep Singh also

made an appeal to the youth, urging them to remember that India is a is a democratic country and to exercise their right to vote and support the BJP party in order to help the nation in advance. Rekha added that she understood the PM Modi motto of "Viksit Bharat," and we all help the Modi-led government win by voting with our important votes for the nation's advancement.

Grand Rally taken out on Ambedkar Jayanti, pledge taken for equality

Contaminated drinking water supply triggers protest in Jammu



JAMMU, Apr 14 (Agencies): Protest sparked on Sunday in one of the localities here due to supply of contaminated tap water amidst slogans against the Jal Shakti Department (formerly Public Health Engineering).

Shouting slogans, the residents of New Company Bagh, Old University Campus Lane including women, staged protest alleging contaminated water supply for the last one-month in view of the ongoing repair and construction work of drain (nallah) opposite Indian Institute Management (IIM) Campus office lane.

Fearing spread of water-borne diseases if no prompt action is taken, the protestors alleged that the water pipes have damaged because of the ongoing repair work of the nallah, adding, "for the last more than onemonth, contaminated water from the drain is supplying to the households of the locality but the Jal Shakti Department has turned deaf ears to the several requisitions and appeals made

by the residents." "Are they (Jal Shakti Department) waiting for any tragedy to happen? We are forced to consume stinky drain water,

which has unsafe levels of germs or chemicals and may lead to the spread of water-borne diseases," they said.

> The protestors have once again requested the concerned department to immediately resolve the matter before it is too late and also appealed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to issue directions from the chair for early redressal to the grievance.

"Our lives are at risk and it is high time the Jal Shakti Department must take action to make clean water supply available to the residents at the earliest," they said.

tion is the soul. Seasonal change is having an impact. The man is getting depressed. When the spring season comes, you remain in full bloom. Due to global warming all seasons are changing. If a person has even a little trouble, he becomes depressed. All these things are of the mind. The whole world is under the influence of mind and illusion. A terrible betrayal of the soul is taking place. Every pore of the body is obedient to the mind. As if everything seems true in a dream. No matter how intelligent one is, when one gets burnt in the dream, it will seem true. In this way, no matter how intelligent one is, this world will seem real. Just as water bubbles, so is the creation of the world. The soul is very badly bound by the mind. Apart from the name, whatever feelings are arising in you, all is the mind. Without Sadhguru, no one can get rid of it by his own strength.



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 14: A grand rally was taken out on the occasion of the 133rd birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr b.r Ambedkar by Baba Saheb Ambedkar Jayanti Celebration Committee r.spura Suchetgarh. rally reached r.a pura town via Chak Bala, Rathana, Jinder Mehlu, Chak Aslam, Chauhala where homage was paid to Baba Saheb. Paying tribute, social activist Dr Preeti Bhagat recalled the contribution of Dr Ambedkar in the freedom struggle and post-independence era, saying that after India gained independence in 1947, Ambedkar served as the first Law Minister of the country. Accepted the Congress proposal and Appointed Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee in August, 1947. The Indian Constitution formed under his

chairmanship is the best constitution in the world which takes care of the aspirations of the world's largest pluralistic society. He was the messiah of the poor and Dalits in the country and dedicated his life to their upliftment and social integration by protecting their interests in the Constitution. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar will be remembered for ages for his tireless efforts for the rights of the deprived sections of the society.

1.4 Kgs heroin recovered in Rajouri

JAMMU, Apr 14 (Agencies): Over 1.4 kgs of heroin has been seized in Rajouri district, taking the overall recovery of the narcotic drug to 9.98 kgs from three crossborder smugglers who were arrested near the Line of Control (LoC) on Wednesday, police said. Naveen Kumar, Sukhvinder and Davinder alias "Munna" were arrested on April 10 with a bag containing 8.5 kgs of heroin after a Village

Defence Guard (VDG) member from Makri village raised an alarm after noticing four persons carrying a bag and moving suspiciously in the forward village. Their fourth associate,

however, managed to escape and efforts are on to nab him, officials said.

The Makri village falls ahead of the Anti-Infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS), referred to as LoC fence, in Nowshera



sector of Rajouri. The fresh recovery of 1.44 kgs heroin was made on Saturday night

on disclosure of the arrested narcotic smugglers, who have admitted to their involvement in the crime during sustained auestioning, a police spokesman said During preliminary investigation, it was found that three vehicles - a dumper, a motorcycle and a load carrier ---were used for smuggling of the drugs, he said.

All the vehicles were seized in instant case registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

The spokesman said further investigation is underway and all forward and backward linkages will be identified and dealt with strictly.

"Drug peddlers should shun the path of spoiling our generation and must return to the mainstream otherwise they will be dealt with iron hand," Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Amrit

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EDITORIAL

CLIMATE CHANGE

Limate change refers to changes in global climate patterns. Our planet has seen changes in climate patterns over the centuries. However, changes since the middle of the 20th century are more clearly visible. There has been a huge increase in the proportion of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, due to which there have been many major changes in the climate of the earth.

In addition, several natural forces such as solar radiation, changes in Earth's orbit, and volcanic eruptions have influenced Earth's climatic conditions over the centuries. Here we have discussed the main causes of change in climatic conditions and their negative effects.

There are many factors that have been responsible for bringing changes in the weather in the past. These include variations in solar energy reaching the Earth, volcanic eruptions, orbital changes, and plate tectonics. Apart from this, many human activities have also been responsible for bringing changes in the climatic conditions in the last few decades.

The recent change in climate conditions is also known as global warming. Let us learn about each of these reasons in detail:

The rate at which energy is received from the Sun and the speed at which it spreads all around determines the balance of temperature and climate on our planet. Winds, ocean currents and other systems of the atmosphere carry this solar energy all over the world, affecting the climatic conditions of different regions.

Long-term as well as short-term changes in the intensity of solar energy affect the global climate.

Those volcanic eruptions, which release more than 100,000 tons of SO2 into the stratosphere, are known to influence Earth's climate. Such eruptions occur several times a century and continue to cool the Earth's atmosphere for the next few years because this gas partially blocks the transmission of solar radiation to the Earth's surface. Even slight changes in the Earth's orbit lead to changes in the seasonal distribution of sunlight over the Earth's surface. There are three types of orbital changes – changes in the eccentricity of the earth, precession of the earth's axis and changes in the tilt angle of the earth's axis while rotating on the earth's axis, etc. Together these three have a huge impact on the climate.

Madhav says no vacancy at top; Vadra's curious pitch for Amethi

By: Anita Katyal

hough he usually keeps a low profile, businessman Robert Vadra, husband of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, has been unusually vocal these days. He has given a spate of interviews pitching himself as the perfect candidate for the Amethi Lok Sabha constituency, once a Gandhi stronghold but now lost to the Bharatiya Janata Party. Robert Vadra maintains that the current MP Smriti Irani has failed to live up to expectations and that the people of Amethi want him to represent them in Parliament. Mr Vadra's statements have predictably confused and intrigued the party. In fact, a few Congress leaders went into a huddle the day Mr Vadra gave his first interview to decode what he meant and to figure out their response to it. One senior spokesperson was ready to give a media bite on this issue but was asked to step back just as he was about to go on air. With the Congress top brass failing to clarify matters, party leaders are left wondering if Mr Vadra has been asked by the Gandhi family to project himself through his public pronouncements, or is he doing so on his own accord? This will remain a subject of animated discussion and speculation in the Congress till the party announces its candidates for the Amethi and Rae Bareli seats.

Ram Madhav, India Founda-

tion president and member of the RSS national executive, was left searching for an appropriate answer when asked at the launch of senior journalist Priya Sahgal's book, The Contenders. Who Will Lead India Tomorrow, who among the current crop of young leaders have the potential to occupy the country's top post. Tying himself in knots, Mr Madhav refused to pick any names, insisting it was an irrelevant discussion since there is no vacancy at the top and unlikely to be one for many years to come. Mr Madhav's evasive answers and the mandatory high praise for Prime Minister Narendra Modi drew a sharp response from the two other panellists, Abhishek Singhvi of the Congress and former diplomat Pavan Varma, who came down on him like a ton of bricks on issues ranging from the Modi government's misuse of investigative agencies against Opposition leaders and the promotion of a personality cult in the Bharatiya Janata Party. Given Mr Modi's dominating persona, Mr Varma remarked no one understands more than Mr Madhav the consequences of getting into a discussion on future leaders. Mr Varma was obviously referring to Mr Madhav's abrupt fall from grace four years ago when he was removed as BJP national general secretary and sent back to the RSS.

Former foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla may

have lost out on a Lok Sabha ticket from Darjeeling but it appears he is still hoping that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pick him up for a plum assignment or even a Rajya Sabha seat when he returns to power. This is the current buzz in the Indian diplomatic community which is aghast at how a seasoned and respected diplomat who had such a stellar career is bending over backwards to please the ruling dispensation. For instance, Mr Shringla recently posted on X about how he was "honoured to call on the external affairs minister" and "receive the benefit of his advice and guidance." He then went on to say that "as an added bonus, he got an autographed copy of the minister's latest book" which he had already started reading. Mr Shringla's former colleagues maintain that his latest actions have robbed him of the credibility he enjoyed as a diplomat. There is clearly a lack of

coordination between the respective teams handling the election programmes of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief Rahul Gandhi. This was clearly on display when Mr Kharge launched the party's "Ghar Ghar Guarantee Initiative" in Delhi North-East parliamentary constituency recently where he distributed pamphlets on the party's "Paanch Nyay Pachees Guarantee" schemes. However, the Congress president's effort and message was virtually lost as the timing coincided with Rahul Gandhi's speech after he filed his nomination papers from Wayanad. Naturally, this event hogged the limelight while Mr Kharge got no play in the media. Rahul Gandhi does not hold any office but it does not appear so as the Congress communications department continues to publicise his programmes and speeches as they did when he was party chief.

Former Maharashtra chief minister Prithviraj Chavan was initially tipped to be fielded by the Congress from the Satara Lok Sabha constituency. He is currently the MLA from Karad, an Assembly constituency in Satara. There were tough behind-thescenes negotiations between the three partners in the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance. Nationalist Congress Party (SP) leader Sharad Pawar apparently even agreed to concede the seat to Mr Chavan provided he contested on his party's ticket. Mr Chavan was unwilling to do so though he fell foul of the Congress leadership as he was among the 23 Congress leaders who had written to former party president Sonia Gandhi to press for internal elections and organisational reforms. In the end, Mr Chavan lost out as the Satara seat has gone to Sharad Pawar's party which has given the ticket to Shashikant Shinde.

Job oriented Career Options in Music Industry

By: Vijay GarG

usic is one of the greatest human achievements. Music can create emotions and express feelings. It also soothes the mind. Music today has turned out to be a great career option. With the immense growth of the entertainment industry, a career in music is increasingly turning out to be a good option. Success in the field of music can be surely achieved with the talent, genuine interest, sincerity and willingness to work hard. Having an inborn talent to sing is a wonderful gift. But making a career out of this talent demands a lot of practice and hard work. Joining an institution and getting training is one of the first steps towards making a career in Music but the man emphasis should be real dedication and commitment. A person who wants to make his career in music should have a genuine love for music, a musical sense, which means a sense of time and rhythm, creative ability and also stage confidence.

ducer is creating quality sounds that satisfy the all other members. A degree such as the Bachelor of Music in Music Production and Engineering or Music Business will be helpful in you want to become a music producer. An experienced producer can earn up to

music theory, music composition, or in a specific instrument. An average annual salary of a music director is around Rs.9,00,000.

Music Editor: Music Editors help directors to achieve their musical ambitions on films and provide a crucial link between the film and the composer. They structure the soundtrack, ensuring that all the components work together. For film music to work successfully it must be beautifully written, well performed and appropriate to the story and setting. In addition, it must be very carefully placed within the film, in order to complement the action, rather than detract from it. Their responsibilities vary according to each film's musical content and budget. They are usually responsible for all the music featured on film soundtracks, including performed music, all sourced and the score, written by the composer specifically for the film. A bachelor's degree in the relevant field is required for pursuing your career as a music editor. A music editor can make up to Rs.6,00,000 yearly. Music Teacher: Music teachers provide music lessons about how to sing or play a musical instrument to pupils i.e. adults and children within home, school or college. Some music teachers also teach people about music theory. They are responsible for teaching people instrumental techniques, scales, sight reading, and music theory, the majority of music teachers help pupils to prepare for music examinations, auditions, and live performances. Some might even teach people about recording software, such as Pro Tools and Logic. While sharing the gift of music can be rewarding and fulfilling, teaching music isn't just about music. You'll need to have effective classroom management skills and know how to assess and grade your students' progress. Music teachers need to have at least a bachelor's degree in music education, but many teachers also earn master's degrees or doctoral degrees in music performance or music education. A music teacher can earn near about Rs.4,50,000 per year. Recording Engineer: The job of a recording engineer is not only to record audio but to edit and mix it in such a way as to make the audio sound the best it possibly can. You will set up and operate sound equipment in live events, recordings or post-production to ensure the best acoustic result. The equipment typically used by recording engineer includes digital recorders, listening equipment, mixing boards, and sophisticated computer programs and software. The recording engineer must carefully balance art and science and be able to communicate and understand the artist's needs in order to make their musical dreams a reality. It requires a bachelor's degree in computer, engineering or information science or equivalent. The average salary for a Sound Engineer is Rs.4,00,000 per year.

Music Studio Manager: Studio Managers ensure the studio runs efficiently by overseeing building maintenance and studio prep ahead of sessions. Studio managers working in the music industry usually oversee the recording studio and schedule artists for recording. Some music studio managers are also owners of the recording studios. They also oversee the marketing and advertising, designing budgets and acting as the link between clients and the engineers. Because they often handle financial matters, aspiring recording studio managers also benefit from having a financial background. They are responsible for providing for all the necessary equipment and facilities required of a professional recording studio. The more contacts a Studio Manager has in the music business, the better the recording studio's chances of commercial success. They usually have an educational background in communication, broadcasting, music production or engineering. The starting salary of a studio manager is around Rs.4.00.000 per annum. Instrumentalist: An Instrumentalist is a musician who plays one or more musical instruments and performs a variety of musical genres. The Instrumentalist may perform as a soloist or play in recitals with accompaniment, or as a member of a musical group such as an orchestra or a band. There will also be opportunities to perform in live performances and participate in recordings in music studios. There are several qualities that help in the success of an instrumentalist including a high level of education and experience in the field of music skill at playing one or more instruments, an ability to read musical sheets and play from them and adaption to the way they pay their instrument depending on the specific style desired by the audience. In order to be successful in this career, it is essential to be a flexible person and be willing to perform in front of many types of groups. While there is no specific educational requirement for an instrumentalist, they must be highly skilled at playing the instrument of their choice which can only come with years of practice and training. The income of an instrumentalist depends on the kind of instrument played by him/her. If you have a passion for music, you can see there are a variety of careers related to music available. Each music career requires a unique skill set and other essential backgrounds. It is important to spend time figuring out which path is right for you. You can choose any of the above profession as your career according to your desire and interest.

The movement of tectonic plates changes the shape of land and oceans on Earth, as well as changing the topography over a period of millions of years. Due to this the global climatic conditions also change.

CO2 generated due to the combustion of fossil fuels, vehicular pollution, deforestation, animal agriculture and land use are some of the human activities that are causing climate change.

The weather condition is getting worse everyday. Due to the natural factors mentioned above, the negative effect on the climate cannot be controlled, but such human activities, which are the cause of air, land and water pollution and which have a negative effect on the climate, must be banned. Each one of us should do our bit to control this global problem. Career Options in Music Industry Just as there is a wide variety of forms in music like classical, folk, jazz, rock, pop, fusion etc, in the same way, there are also a variety of opportunities in this field. There are numerous career options in this industry as discussed below.

Composer: A composer is who writes and arrange original music in a variety of musical styles. They create original music ranging from pop to jazz to classical. The musical themes and background music for television shows are created by composers. A composer's job is to help tell a story in a film, television story, play or video game without distracting the viewer. The soundtrack they create must suit the project and convey the appropriate mood and tone. The qualities like patience, musical talent, knowledge of instruments, networking, and marketing, singing etc should be present in a composer. A bachelor's degree in music composition will be needed to become a professional composer. A music composer can earn around Rs.7,00,000 annually, rest depends upon the work and experience.

Producer: Music producer oversees all aspects of a recording session, from planning the sessions to the finished product. As a music producer, you will be responsible for providing instruments, scheduling studio times and handling funds, costs and other expenses. A music producer should possess in-depth knowledge of music, be a musician with performance experience and know everything there is to know about recording equipment and sound engineering. The final product you produce should be the creation and publication of a quality musical work. A major aspect of your job as a music proRs.12,00,000 per year.

Musician or Singer: Musicians and singers play instruments or sing for live audiences and in recording studios. They perform in a variety of styles, such as classical, jazz, opera, hip-hop, or rock. It is the job of musicians to play instruments as well as sometimes sing songs for both live audiences and during recording sessions. Whereas, a singer performs the lead vocals of a song. A singer sings the main vocal line of a track. He or she is the main focus of the performance, in contrast to a band, which has regular members who tour, record, and generally play equal roles in a performance together. A bachelor's degree in Music theory or Music performance is recommended. The annual income of a singer or musician totally depends upon the capability and talent of the singer.

Sound Designer: The Sound Designers are responsible for obtaining all sound effects, whether recorded or live for a specific production. They are also responsible for setting up the sound playback equipment and must make sure the board operator is properly trained. Sound Designing is an artistic component of the production. The Sound Designer needs to have the imagination to create sound effects and not just rerecord them. An important part of understanding and realizing the director's creative vision for the atmosphere of a film, good sound recording can save a production time and money in post-production. For a sound designer, a good understanding of electronics and sound recording, playback and editing equipment excellent aural skills and ability to give and accept direction should be there. A bachelor's and master's degrees in sound design are needed to become a sound designer. A sound designer can earn up to Rs.6,00,000 per year.

Music Director: Music Directors are also known as conductors, they lead musical groups such as orchestras etc. They select music to perform, arrange performances and work with musicians to ensure that they perform well. They also lead rehearsals and performances. They are often responsible for many of the administrative details of leading the musical group. Music directors work with a variety of different types of musical groups, including school bands, youth orchestras, and performance companies, or may even work for a television or radio shows. A successful music director is creative, tenacious and dependable. They have the excellent interpersonal skill and shine in front of a crowd. A music director in the performing arts tends to have a master's and PhD in musical programs like conducting,

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BJP leaders Pay Tribute to Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb B R Ambedkar on his Birthday Anniversary



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 14: Yudhvir Sethi (Vice President BJP) along with Braham Jyot Satti (Senior leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir), Raman Sharma (Mandal President BJP) and other leaders Paid Floral Tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his Jayanti (Birth Anniversary) at Ambphala Chowk, Jammu

Programs were also organized

by Raman Sharma (Mandal President BJP) and Rakesh Pandey (Mandal President OBC Morcha)

Perveen badyal (Dist vice President OBC), Rothi (mandal vice President bjp), Karan (mandal general secretary bjp), Puneet Chawla (mandal IT cell), Sunil Bindru (media), Vicky Pandey (OBC morcha mandal president), Ajay Mehra (vice President obc). Ramesh (general secretary OBC), Aman (general secretary), Vishal (secretary), Robin (sc mandal president) were present on the occasion

In the programs they paid Floral Tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar and briefed life story of him to general public . They also reminded the works of Baba Saheb

Speaking on the occasion Yudhvir Sethi said that Baba Saheb was born in a middle class family but he never compromised with education He was Chairman of drafting

Committee who made our Constitution . Later on awarded with Bharat Ratna

He said Baba saheb belongs to lower middle class family but he never compromised with education and became successful with his hard work and dedication. He said that Dr Bhim Rao

Ambedkar has did alot for society and break various social ill practices which were not suitable for public

Braham Jyot said Bharat Ratna Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar was popularly known as Babasaheb Ambedkar . He is the architect of the 'Constitution of India'. He was a well-known statesman who fought for the rights of the Dalits and other socially backward classes.

He fought for people's right and succeeded . He fought for education . His whole life is a lesson for us and Everyone should follow his teachings He Said that Baba Saheb

never compromised with education . He was Chairman of drafting Committee who made our Constitution . Later on awarded with Bharat Ratna BJP always follow his principles and he remain alive in our hearts, he added

Big Jolt for NC, DPAP Party as Several Join BJP at Kishtwar



retary BJP Kishtwar &

Prabhari Mandal Mughal

Maidan, Sh. Prashant

During the event,

Prashant Bhandari

addressed party work-

ers and the newly joined

members, laying out

key points to shape the

narrative for the forth-

coming elections. He

emphasized the impor-

tance of grassroots-lev-

el engagement, urging

party workers to engage

positively with the public,

Bhandari.

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Apr 14: In a significant development, the BJP Mandal Chatroo organized a joining program at Bunda Chingam to bolster support for the BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Hundreds of youths from Bunda (Chingam) Joined the BJP in the presence of BJP Mandal Pradhan Chatroo, Sh. Santosh Bhandari, District Sechighlighting the achievements of the Central Government during their door-to-door visits.

The new entrants were also addressed by BJP Mandal Pradhan Chatroo, Sh. Santosh Bhandari, ST. District President Jnb. Master Amaan, ST. Gen. Secretary Jnb. Nazir, and State Executive Member Sh. Roshan Lal Koul, further solidifying their commitment to the BJP's cause.

Narinder pays rich tributes to Dr Ambedkar on his birth anniversary



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 14: Social Activist and senior PDP leader Narinder Sharma along with others at Kotli Shah Doula, RS Pura paid rich tributes to Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar on his birth anniversary, popularly known as one of the architects of India constitution. Narinder, while paying rich tributes to Dr Ambedkar termed him a messiah of downtrodden oppressed and suppressed people of the country. He said Dr Ambedkar fought against caste system and worked for equality among people irrespective of their caste, creed, colour

and religion. He said Dr Ambedkar was a great socialist and a thinker ahead of his time.Terming Dr Ambedkar a great luminary, Narinder highlighted the contribution of architect of Indian Constitution and described him as a leader of poor and downtrodden who struggled for their cause.Narinder further said that Dr. Ambedkar's contribution is matchless and would continue to inspire the generations to come. He said real tribute to the leader is to follow his teachings and services towards the mankind. Dr. Ambedkar, throughout his life, highlighted the plight of the deprived

sections of the society and tried to provide them justice in the society. The nation is proud of

such a leader and will continue to remember his remarkable services, Sharma added.Narinde said unflinching commitment of Dr Ambedkar towards social justice brought about a revolutionary transformation in Indian social order and helped in carving a society based on equality, justice and opportunities for all. He called upon the politicians and all over the country to show their respect and regard for Dr Ambedkar by following his advice and wishes.

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is well-equipped with

found to be remarkable.

District President People's Democratic Party Doda Sympathises with families of **Thathri Accident Victims**

Top News Report

BHADARWAH, Apr 14: District President People's Democratic Party Doda Shuhab UI Haq Butt has expressed his deepest condolences over the loss of precious human lives in a heart wrenching road accident at Phagsoo of Sub Division Thathri on Saturday. In a condolence message, Butt has conveyed his profound grief and sorrow over the irreparable loss of lives and further extended his sympathies to the families of the deceased and wished a speedy recovery for those injured in

rounding the accident to ascertain the causes and take necessary measures to prevent similar incidents," he further asserted adding,

"As a community, we stand together in solidarity during this difficult time, offering support and comfort to those affected by this heartbreaking accident". He, however, urged

the UT administration headed by Lieutenant Governor to compensate the loss of precious human lives by granting ex-gratia relief to the next of kins of the deceased persons immediately.

Stray Dog attack claims lives of Sheep, leaves Shepherd in distress in Karnah



Top News Report

KUPWARA, Apr 14: A distressing incident unfolded in the village of Jada, as a pack of stray dogs viciously attacked the herd of Mushtaq Ahmad Bajard, son of Nizam ud Din Bajard, a resident of the area. Mushtaq Ahmad, a shepherd by profession, solely relies on his flock to provide for his family's livelihood. However, the brutal attack resulted in the death of 10 sheep, with several others sustaining severe injuries. Mushtaq Ahmad, a poor man struggling to make ends meet, now finds himself burdened with

the loss of his valuable livestock. With his primary source of income devastated, he faces an uncertain future in provid-

family during this challenging time. Such support from the authorities is not only essential for the welfare

of Mushtag Ahmad Bajard

the accident.

Butt also observed that the accident which left four individuals injured has further added to the sorrow and trauma of the incident.

"This unfortunate incident serves as a stark reminder of the importance of road safety and the need for continuous efforts to prevent such tragedies from occurring in future. Authorities are urged to conduct a thorough investigation into the circumstances sur-

It may be recalled that in a devastating turn of events, a private van carrying passengers met with a tragic accident late on Saturday night in Doda district.

The van, for reasons yet to be ascertained, veered off the road and careened into a deep gorge resulting in the loss of six precious lives. Among the deceased were four members of a single family, leaving the community shattered and in mourning.

ing for his family's basic needs.

administration to provide

compensation to alleviate

the financial strain on the

shepherd and enable him

to meet the needs of his

and his family but also In light of this tragic serves as a demonstraevent, the local administion of the government's commitment to safetration of Karnah is urged to intervene promptly. A request has been made to direct the concerned department to conduct a thorough inspection of the area and extend assistance to Mushtaq Ahmad Bajard. Moreover, it is imperative for the

guarding the livelihoods of its citizens, particularly those vulnerable to such unforeseen calamities. As the community rallies behind Mushtaq Ahmad Bajard in solidarity, it is hoped that swift action will be taken to address his plight and ensure that he receives

and assistance to rebuild his life and livelihood.

the necessary support

DRDO & Army conduct successful trials of indigenous Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile Weapon System



Top News Report

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Apr 14: Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Weapon System, indigenously designed and developed by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), has been field evaluated in different flight configurations several times with the objective of proving the technology with high superi-

ority. The system consisted of the MPATGM, Launcher, Target Acquisition System, and the Fire Control Unit. Adequate number of missile firing trials have been successfully con-

ducted towards achieving compliance of complete operational envelop as stipulated in the General Staff Qualitative Requirements (Infantry, Indian Army). The Warhead Flight Trials were suc-

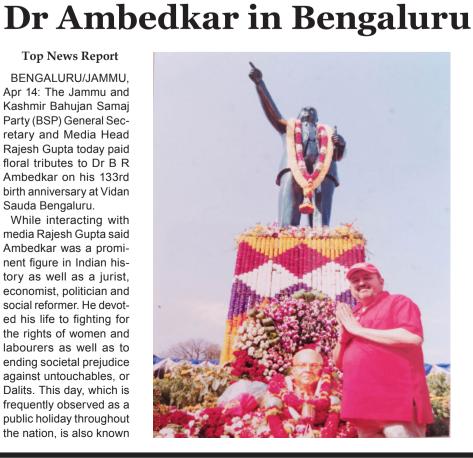
day/night and top attack capability. Dual mode seeker functionality is a great value addition to the missile capability for tank warfare. With this, technology development and successful demonstration have been concluded and the system is now ready for Final User **Evaluation Trials leading**

towards its induction into the Indian Army. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has complimented the DRDO and the Indian Army for the successful trials of the system, terming it as an important step towards achieving self-reliance in advanced technology-based defence system development. Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat also congratulated the teams associated with the trials.

Top News Report

BENGALURU/JAMMU, Apr 14: The Jammu and Kashmir Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) General Secretary and Media Head Rajesh Gupta today paid floral tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar on his 133rd birth anniversary at Vidan Sauda Bengaluru.

While interacting with media Rajesh Gupta said Ambedkar was a prominent figure in Indian history as well as a jurist, economist, politician and social reformer. He devoted his life to fighting for the rights of women and labourers as well as to ending societal prejudice against untouchables, or Dalits. This day, which is frequently observed as a public holiday throughout the nation, is also known



Rajesh Gupta pays floral tributes to

as Equality Day since the leader fought for equality and the just treatment of all Indian residents under the law throughout his life.

He said our party has a big cadre in the country and I appeal to those BSP workers to be united because we have the potential to give a big defeat to our opponents and we can make BSP Govt if we all United.

BJP is making slaves by giving free ration instead of employment. BJP's working style is communal and casteist. Politics is being done under the guise of religion. Baba Saheb's dreams have to come true. He spent his life for the welfare of the poor.

ENTERTAINMENT

Dil Le Gayi Kudi singer Jasbir Jassi on his latest collab: I have always taught my sons Simbaa and Jerry to be humble

After making a household name of himself, Punjabi singer Jasbir Jassi is set to introduce his sons Jerry and Simbaa to the world of the music industry. Known for his track Dil Le Gayi Kudi Gujarat Di, Jassi is happy to see his children grow in the same arena. "I always thought of going International and even tried a lot back in 2004," he reminisces about his dream to train at Berklee College of Music in the US, a dream he now sees his son Sakaar fulfilling. "I wanted to get training from there, but I couldn't. I thought that I will send Sakaar, mera sapna poora karega yeh. He went there after training for their audition in Delhi. Even my younger child Jerry has studied sound and music producing from Point Blank in London. Bahut zyada acha lagta hai yeh dekh ke.'

Even his younger son Jerry is following his footsteps now. "Even my younger child Jerry has studied sound and music producing from Point Blank in London. Bahut zyada acha lagta hai yeh dekh ke," mentions the 54-year-old.



Despite the generational gap he experienced with his own father, Jassi emphasises the importance of communication with his sons, stating, "Bahut zyada acha lagta hai yeh dekh ke. Music ab 2-3 maheene mai hi change horaha hai, pehle saalon lagjaate the. Now, we are working together and making tracks. Sometimes, I feel that I am more advanced than them. It makes me feel really happy that fresh and young minds collaborate with me." "There is a generational gap, I couldn't talk to my dad my whole life due to that, but I am always there to talk to

are clashes whenever there is a difference of opinion due to that, but I also understand modern and advance music, par yeh clash hona bhi chahiye, yeh zaruri hai learning ke liye," the singer further adds.

For Simbaa and Jerry, the pressure to carry forward their father's legacy is not about delivering hit songs but about embodying the essence of hard work and dedication. Simbaa shares, "When me and Jerry were kids, dad used to keep travelling between Delhi and Punjab. He used to come with nursery rhyming casettes with English ones for kids. So, he has always kept us influenced them as a father. There

with that sound. Hume Global jaana hai, so there was not any pressure to make hit songs. But yes, there is a pressure to take the hardwork legacy forward. We are learning so much from him.'

Even Jerry agrees with his thought and adds, "Hits dene ka pressure kabhi bhi nahi tha. I keep going back to his old songs to learn and improve my work today. We watch him everyday doing Riyaas and working so hard, that's the learning that we take. His work energy gives us motivation and right now we are in a wave of releasing back to back songs," also sharing, "We just released a song

called Psycho recently and we also have a song coming on the 19th." Ask if there are any upcoming collaborations of the father and sons together, and Simbaa answers, "We have done a song together, the three of us, which will release soon. Mere dad ne apne style ki writing and pop singing daali hai, I have sang in my style, and Jerry has produced it. That's a collaboration that we are excited for people to listen to." To which Jerry adds, "We have many things coming up. But, this is one of the songs that we loved working on. He gave his best, Sakaar put his flavour, so this will be an exciting one, for sure!' Jassi also elaborates on the teachings he

imbibes in his sons. "I have given very less time to them while growing up, but we still used to stay connected everyday. I used to try ki Kalaakaari ka rang inke upar na chadhe, I wanted them to stay grounded. Agar bachpan ya zindagi miss hojaaye, toh aapki kalaakaari ka koi fayda nahi hai," he concludes.

Raveena Tandon reveals she said no to 'five films' before her debut with Salman Khan in 1991



The actress revealed that she had received multiple film offers before accepting her debut role

"Before that, I had already said no to five films," Raveena said on 'Kiska Brand Bajega'.

Raveena shared how excited she and her friends were about this offer.

"I was in the college canteen, and I came in and said, 'Guess who I got offered a film with,' and they said, 'Who?' and I said, 'Salman Khan', and all my friends were like, 'Yayyy!' "she said.

The actress then revealed that the process from accepting the film to starting work on it was very quick.

Raveena said, "So I said yes. The next day I did the photoshoot with Salman, and the third day I was filming."

Directed by Anant Balani and written by Salim Khan, 'Patthar Ke Phool' revolves around a young police officer and the daughter of a gangster who fall in love at first sight.

After 'Patthar Ke Phool', Raveena and Salman worked together in several movies, including 'Andaz Apna Apna', 'Kahin Pyaar Na Ho Jaaye', and more.

Mahi Bhanushali's incredible transformation into Bhola

Mahi Bhanushali aka Doree has transformed herself into a boy named Bhola in Colors' show Doree. In the new avatar, she hesitates to reveal herself to those who know her. As Bhola tries different ways to jog Agni's memory, the adorable actress essaying the role is receiving immense love and support from her co-stars.

Toral Rasputra, essaying the role of Mansi, says, "Mahi looks cute in her new look as Bhola. It's challenging for her to play a character different from



Rashmika Mandanna reveals why she doesn't take success lightly: 'I know there are girls prettier than me...'

Tandon revealed that

she turned down five

films before making her

Actor Rashmika Mandanna has been on a roll. After Pushpa: The Rise and Sita Ramam, she tasted massive success with Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Ranbir Kapoor-starrer Animal. Despite polarising reviews, the film did well at the box office. In an interview with Lifestyle Asia, the actor opened



that there are a lot of girls out there who are prettier and way more skilled and talented than I am, but I have been given this opportunity to be at the place that I am in today and I'm truly grateful. No joy in life or the success you achieve in your career should be taken lightly -I have learned this over

Phool' in 1991, along-

side superstar Salman

Khan

ments and criticisms and has many opinions which is perfectly normal - but if you're not thickskinned, it can affect you mentally and emotionally, in ways that people are not very aware of." Rashmika has numerous projects she's working on, both in Telugu and Hindi. She is reprising her role as Srivalli in Sukumar's Pushpa 2: The Rule with Allu Arjun, the film will release on August 15. Apart from that she's acting in a Telugu-Tamil bi-lingual called Rainbow and a film called The Girlfriend, directed by Rahul Ravindran

what she's been portraying. Adapting to a boy's body language and dialect is tough, but she's doing a fabulous job." Amar Upadhyay, portraying the role of Agni, adds, "Mahi is a versatile actor. She was portraying a female character, but now she essays the role of Bhola, a boy, due to a twist in the story. She executes the role beautifully; the appearance of a boy and the short hair suit her."

Sudhaa Chandran, who is playing Kailashi, shares, "It's a very interesting turn. People believe that Doree is dead,

but she has transformed her appearance and returned as Bhola to evoke memories of her father. She is performing the role outstandingly well.'

up on why she doesn't take that success for granted.

Talking to the publication, Rashmika stated that she doesn't believe in taking either joy or success lightly, because she knows there are people more talented or prettier than her out there and she wants to make the most of what she has been given. She said, "I know

the last few years. In the same interview, Rashmika spoke about being judged for her every move since gaining fame, calling it

'normal. However, she also pointed out that one needs to be thickskinned to deal with everything coming their way in this field, saying, "If you speak, the world listens and passes judg-

In Hindi, she's shooting for Chaava, which also stars Vicky Kaushal, Akshaye Khanna and Pradeep Rawat.

Rasika Duggal on Lord Curzon Ki Haveli going for Red Lorry Film Festival: Word of mouth can change things for a film

Actor Rasika Duggal is elated as her latest project, Lord Curzon Ki Haveli, garnered attention at the prestigious Red Lorry Film Festival in Mumbai. Sharing her excitement and initial reaction to the news, she expresses, "I am delighted that after screening at some wellregarded film festivals, audiences in India will be able to watch the film on a big screen," adding, "The Red Lorry film festival has a very interesting line up, with films like Poor Things and Civil War, and I am thrilled that they chose Lord Curzon Ki Haveli too."

Duggal, known for her candid views on the challenges faced by non-mainstream cinema in India, sheds light on the importance of film festivals in bridging the gap between such proiects and the audience. "Audiences are versatile and open to new experiences, if they are made accessible to them," the 39-year-old continues, "The films that get recognized at credible film festivals, in my opinion, are interestingly told stories and have the potential to be appreciated by widespread audiences." Addressing the struggle of such films to find

adequate distribution and promotion, the actor articulates, "It becomes a cyclical conundrum without proper distribution, these films fail to reach a wide audience, which then perpetuates the misconception that Indian viewers only want formulaic, mainstream entertainment."

"But, many such films struggle to get a reasonably good theatri-



cal release or effective promotional campaigns. And It becomes a cyclical conundrum - without proper distribution, these films fail to reach a wide audience which then perpetuates the

misconception that Indian viewers only want formulaic, mainstream entertainment," she further adds.

Highlighting the pivotal role of film festivals in amplifying the visibility

of non-commercial projects, Duggal shares her insights from her recent experience with her film Fairy Folk, an indie improvised film which was also produced by her. "I believe, word of mouth can change things for a film. And my recent experience with Fairy Folk confirmed that idea. I was so encouraged by the attention the film got just by word of mouth, given our publicity budgets were miniscule. I think, film festivals help in generating a positive buzz around the film which can possibly be the first steps towards securing distribution," she tells us.

"Some festivals have well curated film markets too - an organised space where potential producers and distributors get to meet and make pitches. I think it's

a great space and many films have seen the light of day because of these interactions," Duggal adds.

Commenting on the credibility boost garnered by films through their participation in International film festivals, Duggal emphasises the discerning nature of festival audiences. "Selection processes at film festivals are thorough, and audiences at film festivals are very discerning," she affirms. "If your film has passed muster with a respectable jury and subsequently with a film festival audience, then it definitely lends credibility to the work. Also, I love the involvement with which audiences at film festivals watch films. The love for cinema is palpable and I thrive on that energy.

Kirsten Dunst thinks being a mother has made her a better actress



Kirsten Dunst, who is the mother of Ennis, five, and two-year-old James, has said being a mother has made her a better actress. She said, "I think once you become a mom, you're just more fearless in life."

The Jumanji star, who plays a renowned war photojournalist in the new drama film Civil War, recently said she needed an actor to play an unnamed soldier in a pivotal scene of the film, so she persuaded her husband to take up the job.

NATIONAL

Former Akali MLA Pawan Tinu joins AAP; likely to be fielded from Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat



CHANDIGARH, Apr 14 (Agencies): In a setback to the Shiromani Akali Dal, former party MLA Pawan Kumar Tinu on Sunday joined the AAP here.

Tinu is likely to be the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) the Adampur assembly constituency in Jalandhar district in 2012 and 2017. He lost the 2022 assembly polls to Congress nominee Sukhwinder Kotli He had unsuccessfully contested the 2014 Lok

Sabha elections. The Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat is currently represented by Sushil Rinku, who won it on an AAP ticket in the 2023 bypoll.

Rinku was named the AAP candidate from Jalandhar seat for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls but he quit the party and joined the BJP.

The BJP has fielded Rinku from the Jalandhar reserve constituency. Polling for the 13 Lok

Sabha seats will be held on June 1.

Four killed as car falls into river in **Uttarakhand's Bageshwar**

The accident occurred on the Rima-Gharamghar motor road, near Chidag, at around 4 am, an official said.

DEHRADUN, Apr 14 (Agencies): Four people, including two brothers, were killed when their car fell into a river in Uttarakhand's Bageshwar district in the early hours of Sunday.

The accident occurred on the Rima-Gharamghar motor road, near Chidag, at around 4 am, Bageshwar Kotwali Station House Officer (SHO) Kailash Negi said.



The car fell about 250 metres down the road into the river, he said. All occupants of the car were seriously injured in the accident. Police and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel, with the help of locals, pulled them out of the river and rushed them to a hospital where they were declared dead, the officer said.

The victims were identified as Kamal Prasad, Niraj Kumar, Dipak Arya and Kailash Ram, who were aged between 25 and 30 years, Negi said. Niraj and Dipak were brothers, the SHO added. The families of the victims have been informed.

The victims were residents of Vadyuda Rima and Junyal Dofad, the officer said.

34 injured in bus accident in Himachal's Hamirpur

HAMIRPUR, Apr 14 (Agencies): Thirty-four people were injured when a Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) bus met with an accident here, officials said on Sunday.

The mishap took place at Tiale Da Ghat near Bhota Kaswa, about 16 km from Hamirpur on Saturday night, they said.

According to eyewit-

nesses, a car suddenly came in front of the bus while overtaking a sharp turn near Tiale Da Ghat. To save the car. the driver turned the bus towards the left and collided into a hill resulting in the accident. The officials said the

Hamirpur-Vrindaban bound bus was carrying about 50 passengers, of which nine people, including the driver,



sustained serious injuries and are undergoing treatment at Hamirpur Medical College. The driver had to be taken out of the bus

added. According to the officials, the other 25 were sent to Bhota Hospital in Hamirpur district for treatment. A police team led

community also helped them.

Police said a case has been registered in the incident and investigations are underway.

Ahead of Lok Sabha election, **Gujarat Government transfers**, promotes 35 IPS officers

candidate from the

Jalandhar Lok Sabha

seat, said party sources.

Puniab Chief Minister

Bhagwant Mann wel-

comed Tinu into the

Tinu, a Dalit leader,

was elected MLA from

party fold.

AHMEDABAD, Apr 14 (Agencies): The Gujarat Government on Sunday promoted and transferred 35 Indian Police Service officers amid the code of conduct in force for the Lok Sabha polls.

Important cities like Surat and Vadodara got new police commissioners due to the exercise. Vadodara police commissioner Anupam Singh Gehlot was made Surat police commissioner, while additional director general of police (administration), Gandhinagar, Narashima Komar replaced him.

IPS officers Manoj Agarwal, K L N Rao, G S Malik and Hasmukh Patel were promoted from ADG to Director



General of Police rank though they will continue to hold current posts, as per the government

order. A total of 20 IPS officers have been promoted by the Gujarat government.

Chirag Koradia, who was awaiting posting has been appointed as Inspector General (IG) of Police Border Range, while J R Mothaliya, who too was awaiting posting, will be new IG

who in turn informed the

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with a head injury and

police.

(Ahmedabad range). IPS officer Prem Vir Singh has been made IG (Surat Range).

Tarun Duggal, deputy commissioner of Police (Zone 7) of Ahmedabad city, has been appointed as Superintendent of Police of Mehsana, while Om Prakash Jat, currently Anti Terrorist Squad SP, will be new Ahmedabad Rural SP. All 26 Lok Sabha seats in Gujarat will witness polling on May 7.

6-year-old boy who fell into borewell in Madhya **Pradesh's Rewa dies**

earlier said.

Teams of the State

The boy was stuck at a depth of around 40 feet

REWA, Apr 14 (Agencies): A six-year-old boy, who fell into an open borewell in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district two days ago, has died despite hectic efforts by multiple agencies to save him, an official said on Sunday.

The child fell into the borewell in Manika village, located close to the Uttar Pradesh border, at around 3



pm on Friday when was playing near it. He was stuck at a depth of Disaster Emergency Response Force (SDERF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and local administration were engaged in the operation to bring the boy out of the borewell. The rescue teams supplied oxygen into the 70-feet-deep borewell and parallel pits were

dug to reach him.

said the child was located on Sunday after 40 hours of rescue operation but he was "unresponsive".

"The boy was located at around 8 am. We made all efforts but could not save the child as the borewell was too narrow." Pal told reporters at the spot. The body was sent to a

hospital for postmortem, she added.

by cutting the steering wheel of the bus, they injured passengers

by ASI Rajesh Kumar reached the spot and carried out relief and rescue operations. The local business

Nagpur man kills live-in partner with hammer, strangles son; dies by suicide

NAGPUR, Apr 14 (Agencies): A 30-yearold man allegedly committed suicide after killing his live-in partner and their three-year-old son in a hotel room in Nagpur city of Maharashtra on Saturday evening, police said today

The bodies of Sachin Vinodkumar Raut, Naznin (29), and their son Yug were found in a room in Golden Key hotel situated near Gajanan Colony in MIDC area by staff, a hammer with blood stains lying nearby. No injuries were found on Yug's body," a police official said. Preliminary investigation suggests that Raut fatally attacked Naznin with the hammer before either poisoning or strangling the boy to death.

He then hanged himself,



the official added. A truck driver by profession, Raut was already married with two children. He was having an extra-marital affair with Naznin, originally

from Madhya Pradesh, he said.

Raut never divorced his wife and started living with Naznin. "He later started avoiding Naznin. This led to frequent arguments between them. Finally, they decided to stay separately. On Friday, both signed a mutual agreement on a stamp paper of ₹ 500 that they would stay separately. Police have seized the stamp paper for investigation," the official said. Raut, Naznin, and the boy checked in at the

hotel in the afternoon, he said, adding that further investigation is on. Police have registered a case of murder against deceased Raut.

Fire Breaks Out In Hostel Building In Rajasthan's Kota, 8 Students Injured

KOTA, Apr 14 (Agencies): A massive fire broke out on Sunday morning in a boys' hostel building injuring eight students here with preliminary reports suggesting that the short circuit led to the blaze, police said.

The incident happened at around 6.15 am in Landmark City under Kunhari police station, Superintendent of Police (SP) Kota city Amrita Duhan said.

According to initial investigation, a short circuit in an electric transformer installed on

the ground floor of the five-storey hostel building led to the fire, the police said. The forensic team, however, is trying to ascertain the exact reason for the incident. Rakesh Vyas, a fire officer at Kota Municipal Corporation, said the hostel building was not equipped with fire safety measures and did not have fire NOC. He added that it's alarming that the transformer was installed inside the hostel building. The police said the

six injured students,

including one who sus-

tained severe burns, are receiving primary medical treatment at Maharao Bheem Singh (MBS) Hospital here. One student, who suffered a fracture in his

leg after he along with 14 others jumped from the building's first floor to escape the fire, is being treated at a private hospital, they added.

Bhavishya, a NEET aspirant from Bihar's Chindwara who lived in the building, was also injured in the incident. He said he was woken up by a loud noise at

around 6.15 am and when he came out of his room, he found thick smoke everywhere.

He said the students decided to jump from the first floor as the staircase was filled with smoke and there was no other way out of the building.

The building had 75 rooms of which 61 were occupied, SP Duhan said.

She added that fire tenders rushed to the spot in time and doused the fire before it could spread to upper floors.

been rescued from the building, circle inspector at Kunhari police station Arvind Bhardwaj said. The parents of the students are being contacted to assure them that

their wards are safe, he added. Bhardwaj said that as most students couldn't carry their mobile phones while they were being rescued, a helpdesk is also being set up for the students and their parents.

The matter is being investigated, the CI said.

Eknath Shinde speaks to Salman Khan after firing outside home, assures security

Collector Pratibha Pal



MUMBAI, Apr 14 (Agencies): Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Sunday spoke to Salman Khan over the phone and assured him of increased security after two bike-borne assailants fired several rounds of shots outside the Bollywood actor's residence in Mumbai. The police have already launched a search for the suspect, while heightening security arrangements around the Galaxy Apartments in Bandra.

The Chief Minister decided to call the actor as tension simmered following the shooting incident

Shinde held a discussion with the Mumbai Police Commissioner. after which it was suggested to increase Salman Khan's security. The incident occurred at 4.51 am on Sunday when the two perpetrators fired three rounds and another four rounds outside the Galaxy Apartments before flee-

ing the spot. **CCTV** footage showed the bike-borne men speeding towards Salman Khan's house. However, the Opposition has blamed the Shinde-led government in Maharashtra for a dangerous law and order situation in the state which led to Sunday's incident.

Addressing reporters. Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut asked where the state's Home Minister was, adding that "he is in election mode 24 hours". "Law and order is in

danger in the state. Where is the Home Minister? He is in election mode 24 hours, sometimes in Delhi, in an election campaign meeting, sometimes sitting in a conspiracy to eliminate his opponent. Who will look after law and order by the BJP?" Raut further said that the "Home Minister is busy in politics but the Mumbai Police is not doing politics, right? They are also doing politics behind his back". "The firing that happened outside Salman Khan's house is a sign. Bullets can be fired anytime and anywhere in this Mumbai.

On her part, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Privanka Chaturvedi said "Home Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis and this illegitimate government are directly responsible for the breakdown of law in Maharashtra".

In a post on X, she added, "The shoot out outside Salman Khan's house is not just shocking but also shows their inability to focus on governance over their politics.'

Sunday's incident came more than a year after Salman Khan's office received an e-mail threatening the Bollywood actor in March 2023. The Mumbai Police had registered an FIR against gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldy Brar and another person under Sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 506-II (criminal intimidation) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC.

Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldie Brar have announced several times to kill Salman Khan.

According to sources, they had also sent their shooters to Mumbai to kill the actor.

All the students have

INTERNATIONAL

countries where Iranian

proxy forces operate -

and also is next door to

Israel and the Israeli-

It has watched Israel's

war against the Pales-

tinian group Hamas,

another Iranian ally,

with rising alarm for

fear of getting caught in

Late last year, Amman

asked Washington

to deploy Patriot air

defence systems to

Jordan to bolster its

Officials say the

Pentagon had since

increased its military aid

to the kingdom, a major

regional ally, where

hundreds of U.S. troops

are based and hold

exercises with the army

throughout the year.

border defences.

a crossfire.

occupied West Bank.

Iran fires 200 drones, missiles at Israel; warns US to 'stay away'

The attack marked the first time Iran has launched a direct military assault on Israel, despite decades of enmity dating back to the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

JERUSALEM, Apr 14 (Agencies): Booms and air raid sirens sounded across Israel early Sunday after Iran launched hundreds of drones, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles in an unprecedented revenge mission that pushed the Middle East closer to a regionwide war.

The attack marked the first time Iran has launched a direct military assault on Israel, despite decades of enmity dating back to the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution. Condemnation from the United Nations chief and others was swift, with France saying Iran "is risking a potential military escalation," Britain calling the attack "reckless" and Germany saying Iran and its proxies "must stop it immediately."

The Israeli military's spokesman, Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, said Iran fired scores of drones, cruise missiles and ballistic missiles — with the vast majority intercepted outside Israel's borders. He said warplanes intercepted over 10 cruise missiles alone, also outside Israeli airspace.

Hagari said a handful of missiles landed in Israel. Rescuers said one strike critically wounded a 10-year-old girl in a Bedouin Arab town in southern Israel. Hagari said a missile struck an army base, causing light damage but no injuries.

"A wide-scale attack by Iran is a major escalation," he said. Asked whether Israel would respond, Hagari said only that the army "does and will do whatever is required to protect the security of the state of Israel."

U.S. forces downed some of the Iran-launched drones flying toward Israel, according to a U.S. defense official and two U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the matter. Israel's military said its Arrow system handled most interceptions and noted that "strategic partners" were involved.

Iran had vowed revenge since an April 1 airstrike in Syria killed two Iranian generals inside an Iranian consular building. Iran



mented on it.

Israel and Iran have been on a collision course throughout Israel's six-month war against Palestine. Israel's military offensive in Gaza has so far killed over 33,000 people, including more than 14,000 children and a considerable number of women. Almost immediately after the recent war erupted, Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed militant group in Lebanon, began attacking Israel's northern border. The two sides have been involved in daily exchanges of fire, while Iranian-backed groups in Iraq, Syria and Yemen have launched rockets and missiles toward Israel

In a statement carried late Saturday by Iran's state-run IRNA news agency, the country's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard acknowledged launching "dozens of drones and missiles towards the occupied territories and positions of the Zionist regime."

In a later statement, the Revolutionary Guard issued a direct warning to the U.S.: "The terrorist U.S. government is warned any support or participation in harming Iran's interests will be followed by decisive and regretting response by Iran's armed forces."

IRNA also quoted an anonymous official saying ballistic missiles were part of the attack. A ballistic missile moves on an arch trajectory, heading up into space before gravity brings the weapon down at a speed several times faster than the speed of sound.

Israel has a multilayered airdefense network that includes meeting of the National Security Council to discuss the attack. Biden again said in the face of Iran's threats that his commitment to Israel's security is "ironclad" — a change from the harsh criticism voiced in recent weeks over the war in Gaza. Gen. Erik Kurilla, the head of

the U.S. military's Central Command, was in Israel over the weekend consulting with Israeli defense officials. The Central Command oversees U.S. forces in the Middle East. Iran's mission to the United

Nations issued a warning to both Israel and the U.S. "Should the Israeli regime make another mistake, Iran's response will be considerably more severe," it wrote online. "It is a conflict between Iran and the rogue Israeli regime, from which the U.S. MUST STAY AWAY!"

For days, Iranian officials including Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei had threatened to "slap" Israel for the Syria strike.

In Iran's capital, Tehran, witnesses saw long lines at gas stations early Sunday as people appeared worried about what may come next. Dozens of people however demonstrated in support of the attack at Palestine Square.

Lebanon's state-run National News Agency reported heavy Israeli airstrikes and shelling on multiple locations in south Lebanon following Iran's launch of drones. The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah said it launched "dozens" of Katyusha rockets at an Israeli military site in the Golan Heights early Sunday. It was not immediately clear if there was any damage. Iranian missiles or drones were intercepted in the sky above the Jordanian capital, Amman. In Lebanon's capital, Beirut, and elsewhere in the country, residents reported seeing missiles in the sky and hearing explosions, likely from interceptions. In Syria, explosions were heard in the capital, Damascus, and elsewhere. Britain-based war monitor the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that Syrian air defenses tried to

Jordan Air Force shoots down Iranian drones flying over to Israel

Iran warns Jordan over any moves to support Israel



AMMAN, Apr 14 (Agencies): Jordan's air force intercepted and shot down dozens of Iranian drones that violated its airspace and were heading to Israel, two regional security sources said.

They said the army was also in a state of high alert and radar systems were monitoring any drone activity coming from the direction of Iraq and Syria.

Residents in several cities in the northern part of the country near Syria and central and southern areas heard heavy aerial activity.

In neighbourhoods south of the capital Amman, 60 km (37 miles) from Jerusalem, several downed drones were seen.

Residents gathered around the remnants of one suspected large drone that fell in a com-

In January, three U.S. service members were killed and dozens wounded in a drone attack by Iran-backed militants on U.S. troops in northeastern Jordan A security source had near the Syrian border. earlier said the country's It was the first deadly air force was intensifying strike against U.S. reconnaissance flights. forces since the Israel-Jordan had earlier said Hamas war erupted in it closed its airspace October, and marked a starting on Saturday night to all incoming,

departing and transiting

aircraft in what officials

told Reuters were pre-

cautionary measures in

the event of an Iranian

strike across its border.

"The relevant authori-

ties took the decision to

close the airspace for

precautionary reasons

as a result of the sur-

rounding security situa-

tion," Jordan's govern-

ment spokesperson

Muhannad Mubaideen

Mubaideen denied

media reports that

the kingdom had

announced a state of

emergency, adding

there was no cause for

concern among its citi-

said.

zens

major escalation in tensions that have engulfed the Middle East. Iran warns Jordan over any moves to support

any moves to support Israel, Iran's Fars news agency says

Iran is watching Jordan for any moves in support of Israel during Tehran's retaliatory attacks, warning the country may become the "next target", a military source told the semi-official news agency Fars on Sunday.

"A military informed source said (we) are closely monitoring Jordan's movements during the punitive attacks ... and if they participate in any possible action (to back Israel), they will be the next target," Fars reported.

long-range missiles, cruise missiles, drones and short-range rockets. However, in a massive attack involving multiple drones and missiles, the likelihood of a strike making it through is higher. Iran has a vast arsenal of

drones and missiles. Online videos shared by Iranian state television purported to show delta-wing-style drones resembling the Iranian Shahed-136s long used by Russia in its war on Ukraine. The slow-flying drones carry bombs. Ukraine has successfully used both surface-toair missiles and ground fire to target them.

Some Israelis watched the interceptions light up the night sky.

Air raid sirens were reported in numerous places including northern Israel, southern Israel, the northern West Bank and the Dead Sea near the Jordanian border.

Israel's army ordered residents in the Golan Heights — near the Syrian and Lebanese borders as well as the southern towns of Nevatim and Dimona and the Red Sea resort of Eilat "to stay near protective spaces until further notice." Dimona is home to Israel's main nuclear facility, and Nevatim has a major air base.

The army's Home Front Command canceled school Sunday and limited public gatherings to no more than 1,000 people. Israel and some other countries in the region closed their airspace.

Earlier, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned: "Whoever harms us, we will harm them."

accused Israel of being behind the attack. Israel hasn't com-

systems capable of intercepting a variety of threats including In Washington, President Joe Biden convened a principals shoot down Israeli attempts to intercept Iranian missiles.

Two of the victims are said

to have no family in Australia

and attempts are being made

A Facebook profile said

Cauchi came from Toowoom-

ba, near Brisbane, and had

attended a local high school

A distinctive grey, red and

yellow dragon tattoo on his

right arm was used to help

Prime Minister Anthony Alba-

nese said Australians were

struggling to understand an

"unspeakable" attack that is

"really just beyond compre-

"People going about their

Saturday afternoon shopping

should be safe, shouldn't be

at risk. But tragically, we saw

a loss of life, and people will be

grieving for loved ones today,"

and university.

identify him.

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to contact relatives overseas.

'Beyond comprehension'

mercial area of the city's Marj al Hamam suburb. Jordan neighbours Syria and Iraq – both

Sydney mall attacker identified, 'nothing' to suggest terror motive

SYDNEY, Apr 14 (Agencies): Australian police on Sunday said a 40-year-old itinerant with mental illness was behind a Sydney shopping centre stabbing rampage that killed six people, including a new mum whose nine-monthold baby is still in hospital with serious wounds.

New South Wales police Assistant Commissioner Anthony Cooke said the assailant -- who was shot dead by a senior police officer at the scene on Saturday -- was Queensland man Joel Cauchi.

Five women and one male security guard were killed in the attack as Cauchi roved through a packed shopping centre in the city's Bondi Junction neighbourhood with a large knife. Twelve more people are still in hospital.

"The sound of people screaming was horrific," said eyewitness Daphi Kiselstein, who was shopping at the time of the attack and took refuge in a store with other terrified people.

Cooke said there was no evidence to suggest Cauchi was "driven by any particular motivation, ideology or otherwise."

"We know that the offender in the matter suffered from, suffers from, mental health," he added.

Cauchi was tracked down and shot dead by solo senior police officer Amy Scott, who was instantly hailed by Australia's prime minister as a "hero" who had saved countless lives.

Cauchi's parents said their son had been living in a vehicle and hostels of late, and was only in sporadic contact via text messages.

Police said he was diagnosed with a mental health issue at age 17, but they had no indication about why he may have become violent. His parents issued a statement through police offering

condolences to their son's victims and their families.

They had also sent a message of "support" to the officer who shot him dead, "expressing their concerns for her welfare."

Queensland police said Cauchi had been in contact with police several times over the last four to five years but has never been arrested or charged with any offence.

He is believed to have travelled to Sydney about a month ago and hired a small storage unit in the city. It contained personal belongings, including a boogie board.

'Outstanding human'

The attack has caused sorrow, outrage and shock in Sydney, where residents are relatively unaccustomed to violent crime.

The shopping centre is the



focal point of a well frequented suburb near the famed beach, and is always filled with shoppers and families going for meals or to the cinema.

Among the victims was 38-year-old mother Ashlee Good, who succumbed to her injuries after desperately passing her baby to two strangers in the hope they could save the child's life.

Good's family described her as "a beautiful mother, daughter, sister, partner, friend, all round outstanding human and so much more".

"To the two men who held and cared for our baby when Ashlee could not -- words cannot express our gratitude", they said in a statement to Australian media.

The baby, named Harriet, was said to be recovering well after lengthy surgery. he said.

"We also know there are many people still in hospital dealing with recovery, and our thoughts and prayers are with them."

Albanese said he had received messages from US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon among others.

Outside the shopping centre early on Sunday, a collection of flowers started to build.

Families embraced as they lay flowers. One man stood silently and wiped away tears, before moving on.

Sydney resident Paul Hoolahan said he came to pay his respects to those who died at the shopping centre, where he often has coffee with his grandchildren.

"It is emotional," Hoolahan told AFP. "It shouldn't happen. It hit here," he said pointing to his chest.

New South Wales premier Chris Minns flew back from Japan on news of the attack. He said it had been "incredible to see complete strangors immp in run towards the

ers jump in, run towards the danger for their own lives in harm's way to save someone that they've never met before." "We've got some wonderful

people in our city," he said.

Iran wouldn't have attacked Israel 'if I were President': Donald Trump



WASHINGTON, Apr 14 (Agencies): Former US President Donald Trump has slammed Iran's retaliatory attack against Israel and said "this would never have happened if I were President". He also claimed that President Joe Biden's address to the nation on the unprecedented attack was "taped".

In a post on his Truth Social app, the Republican presidential candidate said, "ISRAEL IS UNDER ATTACK! This should never have been allowed to happen - This would NEVER have happened if I were President!"

Trump's post came shortly after Iran on Sunday launched a barrage of drones and missiles directly towards Israeli territory in retaliation against the April 1 airstrike on its consulate in Damascus that killed seven Revolutionary Guards, including two commanders, and six Syrian civilians. Israel, however, has not acknowledged the airstrike.

In response to the attack, President Biden said the US's support for Israel's security is "ironclad" and Washington "will stand with the people of Israel and support their defence against these threats from Iran". But, Donald Trump also criticised Biden's address to the nation on the Iranian attack, saying it was "taped".

In another post on Truth Social, the former President criticised his successor, saying "this is no time for taped speeches".

Trump further claimed that after reading his Truth Social post, "Biden's handlers convinced him not to release his taped speech".

"He'll (Biden) now attempt to do it live, probably tomorrow. He doesn't want to leave his house, with the Corvette, in Delaware!!!".

LOCAL/CONTD....

GDC Udhampur Celebrates Baisakhi Parv 2024 & Ambedkar Jayanti

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Apr 14: Government Degree College Udhampur celebrated Baisakhi Festival and Ambedkar Jayanti under the aegis of Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in the conference Hall of the college. The program was organized by the NSS and NCC Units of the college in collaboration with College Cultural Committee and IQAC to mark the significance of the Baisakhi festival and paid floral tribute to Dr Ambedkar. "Ambedkar Jayanti" was celebrated by organizing an Intra-College Declamation Competition on the topic "Different facets of B.R Ambedkar's life Journey" under the overall supervision of the Principal Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta

The program commenced by the lightening of the traditional lamp by the Principal GDC Udhampur Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Dr Parveen Singh, Dr Gurpreet Kour, NSS PO, Dr Jagjeet Singh and Prof Sanjeet Singh NSS POby invoking Goddess Saraswati. The welcome address was delivered by Dr Gurpreet Kour NSS PO who formally welcomed the audience for the day's event. Thereafter who formally welcomed the audience for dav's event.

While speaking on the occasion Principal Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta extended his warm and good wishes



to the students as well unteers, Ambica Thakur as staff members on the auspicious Baisakhi festival and briefed the audience about the festival of harvest and acquainted them with rich cultural heritage. He also reminded the audience of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters in Jallianwalla Bagh, Amritsar. Dr Gupta deliberated upon the significance of Baisakhi in the whole country and said that such festivals bring people of different religions, races and regions closer which help to maintain harmony amongst all the sections of the society. He also appreciated the organizers for organizing such a grand program and also motivated the students for their tremendous performances. Thereafter NSS Volunteers started with the cultural show which began with a Bhangra, a folk dance of Punjab which enthralled the audience. It was followed by a duet by two girl vol-

of Electronics.

of Semester four and In the Intra-College Diksha Devi of Semester Declamation Competifour who sang a Punjabi tion around 20 enthusifolk song. Following this astic students from the Baljeet Singh and Mohit various disciplines par-Singh of Semester 4th ticipated in the event. delivered a speech on The speakers emphathe cultural significance sized the many aspects of Baisakhi. The last perof B.R Ambedkar's life. formance was of Laksh Mohit Singh, a student of semester four who of semester fourth was sang a melodious Punadjudged first, whereas jabi song. Maa de bagair second and third posikoi dindanyi o loriyan... tions were bagged by which touched all hearts. Pershotaam Singh and Speaking on the occa-Nalin Sharma of semession Dr Parveen Singh, ter fourth respectively. Head Department of The principal of the col-**Computer Applications** lege, Prof (Dr) Romesh deliberated upon the Kumar Gupta greeted need of conducting such the audiences on the eve cultural events marking of the birth anniversary the significance of Indian of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar festivals on the lives of andsaid that Dr B. R. the present generation. Ambedkar was a pio-The Baisakhi Parv was neering social reformer, organized by Dr Parveen jurist, economist, author, Singh, Head Department orator, scholar of comof Computer Applicaparative religions and tions, Dr Gurpreet Kour, thinker, Dr Ambedkar NSS PO, Dr Jagjeet strived constantly for Singh, Staff Secretary of the benefit of the country the college, Dr Jasmeet and society. Having aa Kour, Faculty of Biomulti-faceted personaltechnology and Dr Jang ity, he was the principal Bahadur Singh, Faculty architect of Indian constitution and independent India's first law minister. Dr Gupta further stated that Dr Ambedkar envisaged such a society where social harmony and equality should prevail. For this purpose, he dedicated his entire life towards society and the Nation. Dr Ambedkar has gifted India with such a progressive and inclusive constitution which has been deepening and strengthening the belief of our fellow citizens in our democracy, for the past several decades. Speaking on the occa-

sion Dr Jagjeet Singh, Staff Secretary of the college said that let us take inspiration from Dr Ambedkar's great stature, struggle and values, take a pledge to imbibe his teachings and ideals into our lives and contribute towards creating aa strong and prosperous India. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Dr Gurpreet Kour, NSS PO while formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr Jasmit Kour. Among others present were, Dr Mohinder Pal, Dr Suresh Kumar Dogra, Dr S. K Bhaat, Dr Shobna Samyal, Dr Rozy Bamba, DrFirdous Ahmed Itoo, Prof Sanjay Kumar, Prof Samosh Kumar, Prof Tania Akhter, Dr Meena Gupta, Prof Sanjeev Kumar, Prof Vijay Kumar, Prof Anoksha Sharma other teaching, non-teaching staff and a large number of students.

Manjit Singh offers floral tributes to Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his Jayanti at Vijaypur



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inequality in the soci-

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country on a democratic

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He stated that the dis-

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the society was eroded

with the constant efforts

of Baba Sahab, and it

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equal terms as per the

constitution of the coun-

He recalled the preva-

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before India's indepen-

dence, but Baba Sahab

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in the constitutions so

that all the people can

get equal opportunities

to get educational, and

employment opportuni-

"The marginalized

section of society got

equal rights under the

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Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Apr 14: Apni Party, Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today paid rich floral tributes to the architect of the Constitution of India, Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar to mark the celebration of Ambedkar Jayanti here at Vijaypur amid the presence of large numbers of prominent people.

As per the press release, the program was organized in the wake of Ambedkar Jayanti in which the participants offered floral tributes to Baba Sahab, Dr

Bhimrao Ambedkar. While remembering the contribution of Baba Sahab, the Former Minister appreciated the organizer of the program as it would encourage people to understand the revolutionary steps which were taken by Dr Ambedkar for the upliftment of the downtrodden section of the society. He said that Baba Sahab worked to fight continue to remember the revolutionary leader who devoted his life for others," he said, while recalling how Baba Sahab himself faced discriminatory approaches during his school days. But his struggle provided equal opportunities to the marginalized sections of society with the help of reservation to get better education, and employment in India, he added.

and the generations will

While demanding equitable development in Schedule Caste colonies across Jammu, he however expressed concern over the plight of these colonies because of lack of basic amenities, and development.

The program was also attended by District President of the Party, Raman Thappa, SC Wing Provincial President, Lovely Mangol, District President, Legal Cell, Samba, Sahil Bharti, Youth Wing District President, Mangat Ram, Block President, Ramgarh, Bachan Choudhary and others.

One nation, one poll, UCC, anti-graft, pro-poor pitch in BJP's 2024 Lok Sabha poll manifesto

delivery of piped natural gas across homes, one bullet train per zone, zero

Singh said the manifesto panel considered the financial and diplomatic implications of any promise the BJP was about

to make. Highlights of poll manifesto

* Free ration for the poor for the next five years under the Prime Minister Garib Kalvan Anna Yojana

* The party will continue to provide free and quality healthcare services of up to Rs lakh to poor families under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

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ing technology-enabled irrigation initiatives to implement cutting-edge technology for efficient water management.

* Launching an indigenous "Bharat Krishi" satellite for farm-related activities like crop forecasting, pesticide application, irrigation, soil health and weather forecasting. * A periodic review of the national floor-

level minimum wages. * Inclusion of autorickshaw, taxi, truck

'The public is fed up with these promises of Narendra Modi and is extremely angry," he claimed

"We have strong objections to the name of BJP's 'Sankalp Patra', it should be named 'Maafinama'. Modi ji should have apologised to the Dalits, farmers, youth and tribals of the country," Khera said.

Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said, "This is not a manifesto but a 'Jumla

Sabre event fencer Shreya Gupta is a current junior national, senior national, champion in individuals and is holding first rank in Junior and Senior categories, upcoming Epee fencer Sufiyan Wahid is currently holding Seventh rank and is a junior team medallist and another Sabre event fencer, Chhavi Sharma is individual Bronze medallist in cadet nationals, the handout said. Notably, Shreya Gupta and Sufiyan Waheed are Khelo India Athlete and are presently training under NCOE Vijay Bharti at Sanskardham Gujrat and NCOE Patiala respectively whereas Chhavi Sharma is practicing under former international medallist turned coach Ujjwal Gupta posted in the Jammu and Kashmir Department of Youth Services and Sports. Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, Nuzat Gul as per the communiqué, has congratulated the fencers and have extended best wishes to them and their parents for an achievement and wished luck for the competitions. International fencer and internationally Acclaimed Referee, Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, who is also Convener, Adhoc Committee, Fencing J&K termed it a proud moment and extended wishes to fencers for the prestigious event expressing hope that the players will make country proud at the international platform. Meanwhile senior fencing coach, J&K Sports Council, Rachna Jamwal and instructor Shotu Lal alongwith battery of fencers also wished them for their upcoming endeavour.

power bills through PM Surya Ghar scheme and continuation of major pro-poor schemes, including free ration to 80 crore people, Ujjwala gas connections, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, housing for poor.

"We will extend the loan limit under Swamitva scheme, make three crore additional rural houses, host the Olympics in 2036 and make India self reliant across all major sectors," PM said choosing the sixth day of Navratri and the New Year in many states to launch the BJP manifesto.

Importantly, the BJP manifesto remains low on sops promising to build on the prowelfare, pro-poor governance structure laid down in the last ten years.

The manifesto also pledges Global Ramayana festival and establishment of global centres dedicated to Tamil poet Thiruvallur, besides "doing everything possible to propagate Tamil language", which PM described as "our pride."

Women, the PM said, who led development over the last decade, will become partners in leadership

in the next five years. Women's Reservation Law will be implemented, PM said adding that ten crore women linked to selfhelp groups will be linked to a range of markets, including tourism.

A campaign to address osteoporosis, cervical and breast cancer will also be launched.

The PM also promised to ensure national security, adding that India will work to achieve permanent membership of the UNSC, theatrisation of commands, rooting out of Naxalism and implementation of the Bharatita Nyaya Samhita.

He said the manifesto focus is to achieve dignity of living, quality of living and to move from nivesh to naukri (investment to jobs).

"I worship those whom no one cared for," said PM, who earlier dedicated the manifesto to beneficiaries of government schemes who were invited to BJP headquarters for the document launch.

The manifesto covers 24 population groups such as poor, middle class, youth, farmers, women, labour, Vishwa Karmas and is divided in 14 sectors starting with India, the friend of the world.

Manifesto panel was led by Defence Minister Rainath Singh who said "Modi's guarantee is pure as 24-carat gold.

The manifesto panel received 15 lakh suggestions.

* Free electricity to poor households under the Prime Minister Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

* Efforts to empower three crore rural women to become "Lakhpati Didis".

* Integration of women self-help groups (SHGs) with the service sector, enhancing market access for women SHG enterprises:

* Ensuring development of infrastructure, such as working women's hostels and creches, with a specific focus on locations near industrial and commercial centres to facilitate increased participation of women in the workforce.

* Expansion of the existing health services, focusing on prevention and reduction of anaemia, breast cancer, cervical cancer and osteoporosis, ensuring a healthy life for women.

* Launching a focused initiative to eliminate cervical cancer.

* Implementation of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam to ensure representation of women in Parliament and the state legislatures.

* A transparent government recruitment system.

* Enactment of a law to prevent paper leaks.

* Expansion of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana to cover senior citizens and provide them access to free and quality healthcare. Delivery of government services at doorsteps to ensure seamless access to social security benefits and other essential government services for senior citizens by leveraging the extensive reach and reliability of the postal and digital network.

Strengthening the Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme to provide sustained financial support to farmers.

* Strengthening the Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana through more technological interventions to ensure speedy and more accurate assessment, faster payouts and quicker grievance resolution.

* Increasing the minimum support price (MSP) for crops.

* Launching the Krishi Infrastructure Mission for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of agri-infrastructure projects like storage facilities, irrigation, grading and sorting units, cold-storage facilities and food processing.

* Expansion of irrigation facilities, launch-

drivers and other drivers in all social secu rity schemes.

Empowerment of small traders and MSMEs through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to help them expand their businesses using technology.

* A focused approach for tribal healthcare, measures to eliminate malnutrition among tribal children and providing comprehensive healthcare services in tribal areas on a mission mode.

* Measures to eliminate sickle-cell anaemia.

* "Modi ki Guarantee" for a secure and prosperous Bharat.

* Robust infrastructure along the borders, technological solutions on the fenced portions to make fencing smarter.

* Implementing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA).

* Making India the third-largest economy in the world.

* Expansion of employment opportunities. * Measures to make India a global manufacturing hub in various sectors, including

electronics, by 2030. * "Modi ki Guarantee" on good gover-

nance

* Bringing a Uniform Civil Code.

* Making "One Nation, One Election" a reality.

* Quality education, establishing new institutions of higher learning.

* Balanced regional development, maintaining peace in the northeast.

* Resolution of inter-state border disputes among the northeastern states through sustained efforts

No accountability for old guarantees, just empty jugglery of words: Cong on **BJP** Manifesto

but today violence is continuing in Manipur, on which PM Modi is maintaining silence, Khera claimed.

Khera also alleged that Modi promised that poverty in 100 districts will be eradicated through a special package, but the figures of the Hunger Index reveal the truth.

The BJP had promised to build 100 new smart cities but they were never made and instead China is building "smart villages' on the border, the Congress leader said.

patra'."

She said while the Congress set up its manifesto committee in December and collected suggestions from a cross-section of people across the country, the BJP's manifesto committee was set up 13 days ago and presented their manifesto without any consultations.

"PM Modi, after 10 years of rule, has started befooling people. The claim that 25 crore people were taken out of poverty is hollow and no third party has confirmed it. The truth is that every hour two farmers and two youth are committing suicide in the country.

"In a country where there is maximum joblessness, the mention of jobs comes only twice in the BJP manifesto. There is no mention of legal guarantee to MSP in the manifesto. There is no mention of Manipur or China in the BJP's manifesto," she alleged.

"People are saying enough of your jumlas, it is time to bring another government," Shrinate added.

LG Sinha flags off Shri Mata Vaishno Devi **'Pracheen Marg Pavitra** Chhari' Yatra

The Lt Governor greeted the devotees and prayed for peace, progress and prosperity of J&K.

J&K fencers to represent India at World C'ship at Saudi Arabia

Arabia, an official communiqué (received from Fencing Association of India) issued here by the Ad-hoc Committee, Fencing J&K said on Sunday.

The selected fencers are Shreya Gupta, Sufiyan Waheed Sohil and Chhavi Sharma, the press release read further stating that all made into the championship for their outstanding performances in 2023-24 Cadet and Junior National Fencing competitions.

Man injured in Pattan road accident succumbs at hospital

area. His brother died on the spot, while Mudasir was hospitalized and passed away today

His funeral prayers were held at his ancestral graveyard in Sheikhpora Kreeri, attended by thousands of people, including social activist Aadil Nazir Khan. Police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

Kashmir Valley lashed by rains, snowfall at Sonamarg

7.6 degrees Celsius against 10.2 degrees Celsius, and it was 2.4 degrees Celsius above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. Pahalgam had a low of 9.4 degrees Celsius, Kupwara 8.9 degrees Celsius, and Gulmarg 2.4 degrees Celsius, the MeT office said.

BUSINESS/HEALTH/LOCAL

Omar Abdullah rules out contesting assembly elections till J&K is UT

SRINAGAR, Apr 14 (Agencies): National Conference leader Omar Abdullah has ruled out contesting the assembly elections till Jammu and Kashmir remains a Union territory.

"I don't fancy my chances for anything. I don't aspire to the office of the Chief Minister. And I most certainly do not aspire to lead a Union Territory.

"I have made it abundantly clear that in the current situation that J-K finds itself in, I am not contesting assembly elections. I have said this all the way back from 2020 onwards and my position has not changed," Abdullah told PTI in an interview here on Saturday.

Asked about the rationale behind leaving the family bastion of Srinagar Lok Sabha seat to contest from Baramulla, Abdullah, who has been elected to Lok Sabha three times, said it was not his habit to take the easy road.

"Why should I shy away from a fight? Yes, the political wisdom would suggest that I fight from Srinagar because God forbid a setback for me would be a setback for the entire party. But this is not the first time that someone from the family has fought from a seat other than Srinagar," he said

Abdullah recalled his grandmother Akbar Jehan winning from the Anantnag constituency



in the 1984 Lok Sabha polls. "I still remember as a child campaigning with my grandmother from Anantnag in 1984 after the murder of democracy when MLAs were bought, defections were engineered and my father's government was brought down

"My grandmother fought and won from Anantnag," he added. Abdullah said his fight in the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat was not against a particular candidate but against the "might of the central government and the BJP

"The biggest onslaught of Delhi that we are seeing is in north Kashmir. The maximum effort to cobble unnatural alliances is in north Kashmir. "If you remember last Friday,

while coming out of Hazratbal, the leader of Apni Party Altaf Bukhari while referring to Sajad Lone, was a little insulting. "He had called him do *eenton

ki imarat* (a building of two

bricks). No sooner had he uttered those words, senior BJP leader Tarun Chugh came running to Srinagar, went straight to Altaf Bukhari's residence, and summoned Sajad Lone there to patch up this alliance.

"So, I am not fighting against an individual. My fight in north Kashmir is against the BJP, it is against the support it is giving to people on the ground," he said. On the claims made by the BJP

about development in Jammu and Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370, the former chief minister said by any measure of human development, J-K is far better than some of the so-called developed states of the country. "In terms of the quality of

life, J-K ranks above even the states like Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. In terms of basic things like the matrix that makes up the human development index, in terms of infant mortality, maternal mortality, development, girl child's education.

"According to them, the NC did nothing but we gave free education right up to the university level. Can you deny it? We handed over land to people without taking any compensation in our landmark land reforms which have not been replicated anywhere in the country.

"J-K is the only place in the country today where Dalits are able to walk with their heads held up high because they are land owners. Can we forget that? J-K has amongst the low levels of poverty in the country. When was the last time that you heard that somebody in J-K starved to death," he said.

Abdullah listed infrastructure projects like hospitals and universities started by the elected governments in Jammu and Kashmir.

"It is all very well to say that we did nothing. I am citing to you the infrastructure that we created. What can they show me? "They show me the winter games, not one piece of infrastructure that they used for Khelo India skiing has been built by them.

"This railway project that they are now talking about, how many PMs have laid the foundation stones for this. It was started by late PM Indira Gandhi, I was in school when work started, sharam karo (Have some shame)," he said.

On the security situation, Abdullah, while admitting a decline in stone-pelting incidents, said militancy was still there as terror attacks were taking place.

"If everything was normal, why did we not have simultaneous polls for Parliament and Assembly? What reasons did they give? That they do not have enough security forces.

"If they do not have enough security forces, that means the situation is abnormal, that there is still a threat of terror and that is why they need additional forces, he said.

On the decline in protests, Abdullah said it would have been a good development if the hearts of those espousing separatism had changed.

"I would claim normalcy when all this is happening by choice, when you convert people who were otherwise against the interests of India into people who are for the country," he said.

Asked about his dare to the BJP to field its candidates on Lok Aabha seats in Kashmir instead of supporting the proxies, Abdullah said. "Let them put their candidates, I am trying to get them to put their candidates." "I want to know why they are afraid ... they are reducing tall leaders to almost nothing. In spite of his recent attacks against us, I feel great sympathy for Ghulam Nabi Azad. He was a national leader in the Congress," he said.

Abdullah said Azad has been reduced to the leader of one parliament constituency.

"He has been reduced to a leader of Doda where he himself is not fighting ... His party announced his candidature for Anantnag, Delhi must have told him 'sit down'," he claimed.

Top News of J&K Jammu, Saturday, April 14, 2024

Fani Organises Workers Meeting At Billawar



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 14: Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP) Minority Morcha Jammu and Kashmir Spokesperson and district Prabhari Farid Ahmed Fani organised a workers meeting in connection with the visit of union Defence minister Raj Nath Singh. The program is also a prelude to the grand rally campaign at Nathi Billawar of district Kathua scheduled to be held on 15th of April 2024.

A statement in this regard said the main aim of this program is to interact with the people of all religions in the entire district Kathua to make them aware of the schemes introduced by the Modi government as well as the work it has done for the people. Further, the purpose is to inform masses and to appeal for their support to vote for Dr. Jitender Singh in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections with a hope to secure a significant victory, it added.

The 2 days program was organised on the directions of BJP Minority Morcha president Ranjodh Singh Nalwa. During this, Spokesperson and district Prabhari Farid Ahmed Fani was accompanied by Javed Rana(Prabhari District Reasi), Haji Mushtaq Malik(District President Reasi) and others.

Retail inflation drops to 4.85% in March, lowest in 9 months

NEW DELHI, Apr 14 (Agencies):The consumer price index based inflation rate fell to a nine-month low of 4.85 per cent in March as compared to 5.09 per cent in February mainly due to drastic decline in retail inflation for urban areas

However, there was no relief from elevated food prices with the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) for March at 8.52 per cent as against 8.66 per cent in the previous month, according to the National Statistical Office (NSO).

In the food segment, price rise continued but the rate of increase in many sub-segments in March was lower than



the previous month. The inflation in pulses was 17.71 per cent in March but lower than 19.47 per cent in February. Vegetable prices in March also rose 28.34 per cent. In Punjab, there was a marginal rise in the inflation rate. The index was recorded at

178 in March as against

Pradesh, however, saw a decline from 175.2 to

174.8. At 5.7%, IIP rises to 4-month high in Feb

Industrial production growth rose to a fourmonth high of 5.7% in February due to the good performance of mining and electricity sectors. The Index of

Payment mechanism for traders importing pulses from Myanmar simplified: Govt

NEW DELHI, Apr 14 (Agencies): The government said that the payment mechanism for traders importing pulses from Myanmar has been eased and simplified.

The importers have been asked to utilize Rupee/ Kyat direct payment system using Special Rupee Vostro Account (SRVA) through Punjab National Bank, the consumer affairs ministry said in a statement.

India depends on imports of pulses to meet the domestic shortage. The country imports tur and urad dals from Myanmar.

Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare

exchange rates and stocks held by importers in Myanmar, it said. The ministry said that the Indian Mission

informed the secretary that the Rupee/Kyat Settlement Mechanism has been operationalised from January 25 this year to simplify trade transactions and to make them more effi-

on January 26, 2024. The Indian Mission also informed the secretary that the new mechanism will apply for both sea and border trade and for trade in goods

as well as services. "Adoption of the mechanism by traders will reduce costs associated with currency conversions and eliminate complexities related

It said "dissemination about the operationalization of this mechanism among trading communities especially pulses importers is being separately done wherein they are being requested to utilize Rupee/ Kyat direct payment system using SRVA through Punjab National Bank."

Meanwhile, the government has asked importers and other industry players like millers, stockists, retailers etc to honestly declare their stock of pulses, including imported yellow peas, on a weekly basis on portal https://fcainfoweb.nic.in/ psp/ from April 15.

firmly as per various provisions of Essential Commodities Act.

States and Union Territories have also been asked to enforce weekly stock disclosure by all stockholding entities and verify the stocks declared by them.

Stocks in warehouses located in major ports and in pulses industry hubs should be verified from time to time and strict action should be taken on stockholding entities found to be reporting false information on stock disclosure portal, the statement said.

The feedback from the industry and inputs from market intelligence relating to the stock position with various market players have been collated for further verification, it added.

in the wake of revised

that in February. For instance, the inflation rate in spices was 11.4 per cent in March as against 13.28 per cent in

177.7 in February. In Harvana too, the index rose from 182.7 in February to 183.7 in March. Himachal

Industrial Production (IIP) was 4.1% in January, 4.2% in December, 2.5% in November and 11.9% in October

discussed with Indian Mission in Yangon issues relating to pulses imports from Myanmar such as import prices

cient. The Central Bank of Myanmar released guidelines for payment procedures under SRVA

to exchange rates by eliminating the need for multiple currency conversations," the ministry statement said.

The ministry has also warned that anyone found to be indulging in forward trade of pulses would be dealt with

Young people are getting unhappier – a lack of childhood freedom, independence may be partly to blame

It is essential to promote environments that foster autonomy, self-expression and independent learning

LONDON, Apr 14 (Agencies): Experts often highlight social media and harsh economic times as key reasons why young people are getting unhappier. And while those factors are important, I would like to emphasise another.

Younger generations have less freedom and independence than previous generations did. The area where children are allowed to range unsupervised outside has shrunk by 90 per cent since the 1970s.

Parents increasingly organise entertainment ranging from play dates and sports and music classes to family cinema trips - for their children, rather than letting them come up with it themselves. Perhaps this can help explain recent reports that many teenagers today choose to be holed up in their bedrooms.

The lack of childhood freedom isn't just a result of parental control. Societal expectations and school policies also have huge influences.

that constraints to freedom often stem from well-meaning intentions, such as safety concerns (for example, location tracking) or cultural norms. Understandably, nobody wants to be the parent who lets their kid take (perceived) risks if others don't. But there are risks to over-protecting children too. It can inadvertently hinder their psychological develop-

It is important to note

ment. Emotional, social and cognitive effects

Psychologist Jean Piaget emphasised the importance of exploration and experimentation in cognitive development in the 1950s. He noted that children construct their understanding of the world through active engagement with their environment. By restricting children's freedom to explore and take ageappropriate risks, we deprive them of opportunities for intellectual curiosity and innovation. A lack of independence can undermine young people's sense of agency and control over

their lives. And research in psychology consistently demonstrates that when people, young or old, feel powerless and constrained by external forces, such as parental supervision or societal expectations, it can lead to frustration, helplessness and low selfesteem.

Moreover, the absence of autonomy limits young people's opportunities for self-discovery, creativity and personal growth. When children are constantly guided and supervised, they miss out on the invaluable experiences of problem-solving, decision-making and learn-

ing from mistakes. The decline in independence can have implications for social and emotional development. Children may get love, support and attention within the family unit. But spending too much time with parents may lead to difficulties getting on with peers, who don't provide the same unconditional love and support.

Indeed, when chil-



dren are constantly surrounded by adults and structured activities, they may struggle to develop meaningful relationships, assertiveness and resilience. Research highlights the importance of peer interactions in shaping social competence and emotional intelligence. After all, parents may not require you to empathise with them, but friends will

By orchestrating play dates and entertainment, parents may therefore inadvertently limit their children's ability to navigate social dynamics.

This will include learning empathy and developing interpersonal skills independently. It will also set an expectation that children will come to internalise the idea that 'parents will do things so I don't have to' – leading to further lack of accomplishment.

The lack of independence can also contribute to feelings of boredom, restlessness and disengagement. Humans need to be engaged in activities that challenge and absorb our attention, leading to feelings of fulfilment and happiness. When children are constantly entertained and supervised, they may struggle to find activities that naturally capture their interest and provide a sense of purpose and enjoyment. This is important. In

defining happiness, positive psychology emphasises both the emotional aspect, such as experiencing positive emotions, and the cognitive aspect, which involves a sense of overall satisfaction with one's life,

including meaning and purpose.

Research has shown that parenting that supports autonomy, encouraging children to make their own decisions and take responsibility for their actions, is linked to better psychological wellbeing in adoles-

cents. Conversely, excessive parental control is associated with higher levels of emotional distress and lower levels of life satisfaction among adolescents

The school environment also plays a significant role. Zero-tolerance policies, strict disciplinary measures and standardised testing are commonplace. But overly strict and punitive disciplinary practices are associated with decreased intrinsic motivation and academic engagement among students.

Recent developments in response to safety concerns, such as increased surveillance and monitoring within schools, further intrude upon students' autono-

my and independence. Metal detectors, security cameras and random searches ultimately create an atmosphere of surveillance and control. Age-appropriate freedom

Evidence supports the idea that freedom and independence is crucial for the happiness and wellbeing of young people.

There are ways to let your children have ageappropriate freedoms. A five-year-old, for example, can be allowed and encouraged to butter their own toast, make their bed, or play on their own in the garden. A 10-year-old, meanwhile, should be able to walk to and from school on their own, be responsible for their homework and keep their space tidy. And when children

reach the age of 15, you can encourage them to cook a family meal, do laundry and arrange travel to school, clubs or friends' houses independently rather than be chauffeured by their parents.

JKDMA issues avalanche warning for 2 **Districts of J&K**

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SRINAGAR, Apr 14 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Author-ity (JKDMA) on Sunday issued an avalanche warning in the higher reaches of two districts of Kashmir valley during the next 24 hours, officials said.

An avalanche with a "medium danger" level is likely to occur above 2400 metres over the north Kashmir district of Kupwara and central Kashmir's Ganderbal districts in the next 24 hours.

People living in these areas have been advised to take precautions and avoid venturing into the avalanche-prone areas till further orders.

Kashmir valley lashed by widespread rains during the past 24 hours and some upper reaches also received a fresh snowfall prompting authorities to issue a fresh avalanche warning as a precautionary measure for the people. The authorities have also asked the people living in these districts to dial 112 for help given any emergency.

SPORTS

India must decide on style of play for T20 World **Cup before picking players: Stephen Fleming**

It has been more than 10 years since India last won a global competition.

MUMBAI, Apr 14 (Agencies): Former New Zealand captain and five-time IPL winning coach Stephen Fleming believes that India should decide on their style of play for the upcoming T20 World Cup and pick the in-form players accordingly.

India will head into this year's T20 global showpiece in the Caribbean and the USA to make yet another bid to end their wait for an ICC trophy, which extended further after they lost to Australia in the final of the 50-overs World Cup last year.

It has been more than 10 years since India last won a global competition, which has, in a way kept ageing stars like Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli in the mix despite growing calls for the T20I side to be blooded with young talent.

"The thing for me is, what type of game plan do they want to play during the World Cup? What have they identified as the right style of play for India in an away condition?," Fleming said when asked if CSK's all-rounder Shivam Dube is primed for India call-up for the



World Cup.

"Then put players into that rather than just picking players and trying to find a game plan. I would be looking at the style of play that I would want, and then pick the players that are in-form and can perform the role that will best win that design," Fleming said on the sidelines of CSK's training session ahead of their IPL match against Mumbai Indians.

Fleming said the amount of sheer power which Dube generates is good enough to compel the selectors into looking at him as one of the prospects for the T20 World Cup. "It's probably one of the hardest jobs in world cricket, isn't it, being an Indian selector. On one hand, very jealous as a added. New Zealander looking at the amount of talent that is on show

and new players every game sort of pop up," he said. "I love his power. I'm biased, aren't I? But I think when you have a bit different power like that; I would have him in the side," Fleming said.

The former Kiwi skipper said Dube is reaping the benefits of the work that he has put in to face different kinds of bowlers, which has complemented CSK in return given the rule changes in the IPL such as the introduction of the impact player.

"A lot of work last year to be honest, working him into that role and trying to use the change of rules to our advantage. He did a lot of work mentally last year on what that would look like, and then it was about opportunity. How long an opportunity would take for us to realise his potential," Fleming said.

"Or more importantly, for him to realise how good he could be. Since then, he has gone to another level. He works hard on all aspects. I know there's a short-ball aspect that has been much publicised. But there's a lot more to him than that," he

Fleming once again mentioned Dube's power-hitting which has been a standout factor in his batting.

"If anything, it deflects away from other areas. He uses that predictability to his advantage now. I haven't seen a guy hit it harder (and) consistently hit it harder. Some of the power he can generate both from spin and from seam bowling is guite unique. When he's in form like this, he's a real weapon for us during those middle overs," the CSK head coach added.

Asian Championships: Radhika settles for silver, **Shivanee gets bronze**

Radhika loses to Japan's Nonoka Ozaki in gold medal bout by technical superiority

in 2022, put up a domi-

nant show in her weight

category. She won the

first bout by techni-

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Kazakhstan's Albina

Kairgeldinova and then

pinned Kyrgyzstan's

Gulnura Tashtanbeko-

She lost to Japan's

Nonoka Ozaki in the

gold medal bout by tech-

Shivanee (50kg) lost

her quarterfinal 'by fall'

nical superiority.

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BISHKEK (KYRGYZ-STAN), Apr 14 (Agencies): Radhika settled for a silver, her second at the senior Asian Championships, while Shivanee Pawar won a bronze medal here as top of podium finish continued to elude Indian wrestlers in the tournament.

Radhika, who won a silver at the U23 Asian Championships last year and finished second at the senior to Ziqi Feng but made it to the bronze medal round after the Chinese entered the final. She edged past Mongolia's Otgonjargal Dolgojrav 9-7 in a high-scoring bout to earn a podium finish

In 55kg, Tamanna lost her qualification round by a comprehensive 0-9 margin to Moe Kiyooka but since the Japanese reached the final, the Indian bounced back into medal contention. However, she could not make full use of the opportunity and lost the repechage round 0-4 to China's Min Zhang.

Pushpa Yadav (59kg) lost her bronze play-off 8-11 to Kazakhstan's Diana Kayumova, while Priya (76kg) suffered a defeat 'by fall; in her bronze medal bout against Kazakhstan's Elmira Syzdykova.

Mitchell Marsh returns to Australia to treat hamstring tear

Marsh, who is set to be named Australia's captain for the T20 World Cup in June, was recalled after consultations with the Delhi team management, according to agency.

NEW DELHI, Apr 14 (Agencies): Delhi Capitals have suffered a major setback as their Australian all-rounder Mitchell Marsh has returned home to undergo treatment for a tear in his right hamstring.

Marsh, who is set to be named Australia's captain for the T20 World Cup in June, was recalled after consultations with the Delhi team management, according



season has only been 23 versus Rajasthan Royals, which DC won by 12 runs. He got out for a duck in their 106run defeat against KKR

ings at an average of 50.10, including three centuries, besides also taking 10 wickets. Other than Marsh, DC are also concerned with veteran Aussie opener David Warner's availability for their Wednesday's away fixture against Gujarat Titans. Warner hurt his finger while attempting a catch against LSG on Friday. He reportedly had swelling in his finger and underwent scans upon the team's arrival in Ahmedabad.

IPL 2024: RR beat PBKS in a low-scoring thriller to extend domination at top of table

MULLANPUR, Apr 14 (Agencies): Shimron Hetmyer kept his cool to guide RR to a thrilling last-over victory over PBKS in the IPL 2024 clash in Mullanpur on Saturday. Hetmyer's steady nerves and calculated strokes enabled RR to successfully chase down the 147-run target, securing a hard-fought 3-wicket win. With this triumph, RR solidified their position at the summit of the points table, further asserting their dominance in the tournament. It was one of those low-scoring thrillers where neither side could bat at their best, yet Rajasthan had just enough depth in their batting to secure the win. Shimron Hetmyer, who had been waiting all season for a chance to prove his worth, finally seized



departed after a slow innings, and Sanju Samson attempted to build another partnership with Jaiswal. Unfortunately, once Jaiswal was dismissed, the innings faltered, with no batsman able to assert control and find the boundaries consistently.

encounter. Rajasthan's skipper Sanju Samson set the tone for his team by opting to bowl first against Punjab in Mullanpur on Saturday. PBKS struggled to build significant partnerships throughout the innings despite efforts from Ashutosh Sharma,

only 10 runs coming in the last three power-play overs, PBKS found themselves at 38 for one. Their middle overs were equally challenging, with the hosts managing just one boundary in the next five overs, reaching 53 for four in 10 overs. The dismissals of Jonny Bairstow, stand-inskipper Sam Curran, and Prabhsimran Singh showcased the pitch's sluggish nature. Curran's mistimed pull-off Maharaj exemplified the difficulties faced by the batters. Shahshank Singh, their in-form hitter, couldn't capitalize either, falling to a weak pull shot off Sen.

Overall, Rajasthan's bowlers exploited the conditions well, leaving Punjab Kings with a below-par total. With the toporder struggling, PBKS relied

to agency. However, a final call on his availability for the remainder of the season is yet to be taken. Marsh last played against Kolkata Knight Riders on April 3 and missed their previous two outings against Mumbai Indians and Lucknow Super Giants. Marsh's top-score this

Marsh has been on a roll across formats for the Kangaroos, leading to him winning the Allan Border Medal for the most outstanding male Australian cricketer of the year. Since January 2023,

the 32-year-old has scored 1,954 international runs in 38 out-

the opportunity and delivered when it mattered most, ensuring his side's victory.

Chasing a modest target of 148 runs, Rajasthan began steadily with the new opening duo of Yashasvi Jaiswal and debutant Tanush Kotian forging a 50-plus partnership, the first for Rajasthan's opening pair this season. However, they failed to capitalize on the start as Kotian

In the women's cat-

at the international level.

Just as the situation seemed dire, Shimron Hetmyer stepped up, finding boundaries, and with contributions from Rovman Powell, Rajasthan regained their winning momentum, ascending to the top of the table.

Earlier, RR bowlers Avesh Khan and Keshav Maharai made the most of a challenging pitch to restrict PBKS to a modest 147 for eight in their recent IPL

Jitesh Sharma, and Liam Livingstone. Although Atharva Taide provided a brisk start, his departure marked the beginning of Punjab's woes. The pitch, particularly helpful for left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj and leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, made scoring difficult.

Trent Boult's tight bowling in the power play further compounded Kings' struggles. With

on Livingstone and Jitesh to reach a competitive total. Jitesh Sharma's aggression, including a six off Chahal and another off Kuldeep Sen, was noteworthy before Avesh Khan dismissed him for 29. Livingstone's flurry of boundaries, including a six and a four, and Ashutosh's late hitting helped PBKS add 61 runs in the final five overs, but it was a tad too late.

Amit Panghal returns to Indian squad for last **boxing Olympic qualifiers**

NEW DELHI, Apr 14 (Agencies): World Championships silver medallist Amit Panghal has returned to the Indian squad, which saw wholesale changes for the final Olympic qualifying event, set to be held in Bangkok from May 25 to June 2.

After Indian boxers' horrid run at the Olympic qualifiers in Italy last month, when not even one boxer could secure a quota, as many as five pugilists have lost their spot in the team for the second World Qualification Tournament.

The dismal show also led India's High Performance Director Bernard Dunne to step down from his post.

In the latest assessment, 2023 World Championships bronze medallist duo of Deepak Bhoria (51kg) and Mohammad Hussamudin (57kg), the six-time Asian Championships medallist Shiva Thapa (63.5ka), reigning national champion Lakshya Chahar (80kg) and 2022 Commonwealth games bronze medallist Jaisimine Lamboria (60kg) have lost their spot in the Indian team. The country's lone

men's world championships silver medallist (2019) Panghal, who won gold at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and the 2024 Strandja Memorial tournament, will get his first and final chance to seal his passage to his second Olympic Games, having competed in the Tokyo edition. He had lost out to

Bhoria repeatedly in the assessment, hence missing out on the two qualifying events for the Paris Olympics -the Asian Games and the first World Olympic Qualifiers.



Another Strandja gold list Nishan Dev (71Kg), medallist and nationthe lone boxer to go al champion Sachin beyond his opening Siwach (57kg) has also round in Italy, Sanjeet returned to the squad, (92kg), and Hangzhou replacing two-time Asian Games bronze CWG medallist Hussamedallist Narender Berwal (+92kg) have mudin. Sachin had also competed at the Asian retained their spots. Games last year. No male boxers from

Himachal Pradesh's India has won a quota Abhinash Jamwal, who till now. has dropped down from 67kg, scored more than egory, Ankushita Boro, who failed to win a quota the seasoned Shiva to earn a chance to comin the 66kg weight class pete in the light welin Itay has dropped to the 60kg category. terweight (63.5kg) category, while Abhimanyu She replaces Jaismine, Loura replaced Lakshya whose performance in 80kg. has been disappointing

Worlds bronze medal-

Reigning national champion and two-time world junior medallist Arundhati Choudhary emerged as the top performer in the 66kg weight class.

India have secured four 2024 Olympic quota places so far with Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Preeti Pawar (54kg), Parveen Hooda (57kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) clinching their places at the Asian Games last year.

India had nine boxers competing in the Tokyo Olympics. Squad:

Men: Amit Panghal (51kg), Sachin Siwach Jr. (57kg), Abhinash Jamwal (63.5kg), Nishant Dev (71kg), Abhimanyu Loura (80kg), Sanjeet (92kg), Narender Berwal (+92kg). Women: Ankushita Boro (60kg), Arundhati

Choudhary (66kg).

MS Dhoni Craze: Data States Crowd Noise Peaked In IPL 2024 During This Moment ogy of calculating the

NEW DELHI, Apr 14 (Agencies): MS Dhoni's fan following has got no bounds. The former India captain called time on his international cricket career in 2020 and since that he has been available only for the Indian Premier League, playing for Chennai Super Kings. It means that the Dhoni fans have to wait for around ten months to see their favourite player in action.

Despite the lack of appearance among fans in the past three-four years, Dhoni's craze has only increased with the passage of time. The study of the official TV broadcaster for IPL 2024 too backs this opinion with some unique data. Star Sports has come

up with the technol-

crowd's noise levels at different junctures during the course of the tournament and Dhoni holds the top two spots.

As per the data, the top noise from the crowd is 130 Decibel which was attainted during Dhoni's entry into the MA Chidambaram Stadium before the toss for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Chennai Super Kings match, which happened to be the opening game of the ongoing tournament. At the joint-second spot in the list is the moment when Dhoni smashed a four against Delhi Capitals in the 17th over. The crowd's noise peaked in the game at that moment

with a record of 128

Decibel. Coming in at

the 8th position in the

match, this was the first time Dhoni batted in IPL 2024

In the over of DC's Mukesh Kumar, Dhoni opened his account with a four. It was a short of length delivery and the former CSK captain hit it away towards the longleg boundary. Dhoni ended up scoring 37 not out off 16 balls, albeit in a losing cause.

Another one at the second position in the list was Royal Challengers Bengaluru wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik's six against Punjab Kings in the final over of the game at Bengaluru.

Karthik had slammed Arshdeep Singh for a six over the fine leg fence in the tense chase. The crowd's noise was 128 Decibel during the game.

LOCAL

AAP appeals LG Sinha look seriously over the increasing road accidents in Chenab Valley Top News Report District Doda, has sent seven

JAMMU, Apr 14: While expressing grief & anguish over the road accident at Khanpur, Phagsoo area of Sub-Division Thathri, in Doda District on Saturday evening around 7.15 PM, when a Maruti Suzuki Eco vehicle on its way from Thathri to Kathawa met with an accident, where at least five persons including a lady were killed while four others were injured. The Five persons were declared brought dead at Sub-Division Hospital Thathri while four others were referred to Govt Medical College Doda for specialized treatment. Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Sr. AAP leader, in a press statement issued here have expressed grief over the loss of precious lives and expressed solidarity with the bereaved family & also prayed for speedy recovery of the injured persons. Mr. Rao has appealed to the Lt. Governor of J&K-UT, to immediately release Rs. 10 Lakh as ex-gratia relief in favour of Kins of poor deceased & also Rs.2 lakh to the seriously injured ones in the Khanpur Phadsoo road accident, in Sub-Division Thathri, Doda District,

He also expressed concern over the increasing road accidents in Chenab Region due to overloading of the vehicles / bad conditions of roads. He wondered as to how, heavy toll of lives occurred in the road accidents have failed to wake



up the concerned Department particularly the state government from deep slumber over the years and miserably failed to formulate concrete policy aimed to the safety of the commuters? Is it that the concerned traffic authorities have no concern for the lives lost or that they take the things as a matter of routine happening? What the huge deployment of traffic sleuths are doing on the roads? Passengers often see them negotiating with transport operators at different points on the road and simply share with themselves the unholy nexus between them desperately. The government in general and the concerned departments in particular owes an explanation to the public at large as to who is responsible for the loss of lives in road accidents, Mr. Rao said and expressed great astonishment that the public has never come to know about punishment handed to any traffic constabulary ever since

? Is it a simple game of state managed money extortion on the road to share the booty from bottom to top? Why the outdated & overloaded busses & Tata Sumo are plying on these roads and there is no check on these outdated Minibuses & Tata Sumos. Why the enquires are not conducted by special technical exports in all types of irregularities in construction of roads, including wrong Surveys of roads & wrong constructions of roads by PWD department?

He fervently appeals the Lt. Governor of J&K-UT & concerned authorities, to look seriously in to all these irregularities which have not so far been controlled sternly. Mr. Rao has appealed to initiate enquiries into all types of irregularities including wrong Surveys of roads, wrong constructions etc in the construction of all roads in Chenab Region and stern action taken against the defaulters, All the outdated vehicles should be immediately banned from plying on the roads & The traffic sleuths should be strictly watched so that they do not compromise with the drivers regarding speed & overloading. The concerned authorities, public representatives & administration remain pre occupied with their own commissions and throw all other norms including safety angle to winds. It is irony of fact that erstwhile

District Doda, has sent several Cabinet Ministers in the state as well as central council of Ministers but sadly the socio, economic, Health system & educational conditions did not change, however changing the conditions of our said leaders & Ministers significantly, Mr. Rao said & added that for example Thathri Sub-Division of District Doda is surrounded by 8 Tehsils namely Tehsil Phagsoo, Bhella, Chiralla, Kahara, Drabshalla, Bonjwah, Mahalla & Thathri and the only Medical facility centre called **"TRAUMA CENTRE THATHRI"** is located at H/Q Thathri, on National Highway, which sans the required basic facility of X-ray, Ultra sound, Pathological tests, gynecological facility etc as a result the poor patients of these 8 Tehsils are either referred to District H.Q Doda or Kishtwar which is a grave injustice with the people of these Tehsils. He further urged upon the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, for up gradation of Trauma Centre Thathri immediately without any further delay, by appointing of specialist staff like Children Specialists, Gynecologist & Surgeon etc. Even surgical equipments for operation Theatre are available but the same is not being used due to non availability of Technical staff. In addition there is a dire need of Digital X-Ray, Ultra Sound facilities. proper Laboratory for all tests etc.

Hindus SC don't vote unitedly in LS elections, Country become a Mughal nation: Chandel

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JAMMU, Apr 14: Today, Hindu nationalist leader Guruji Raju Chandel addressed journalists, Baba saheb Ambedkar Jaiyanti Today emphasizing the urgent need for unity among Hindu communities SC Valmiki, in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He warned that failure to unite and vote as one could lead to the transformation of our nation into a Mughal state On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, Chandrapal Chandelia Pushpendra Suryavanshi ji Harkishan Pindora Mansi Chandel Moti lal ji was on stage in this program. Chandel while speaking said that, highlighted the external threats posed by Islamic nations and



gion were rampant. He emphasized that today, our Muslim brethren who remain rooted in Sanatan Dharma are the true inheritors of our cultural legacy. However, they are being misled by the machinations of Pakistan, China, and Islamic nations' leaders to turn our *"country into a Mughal state*

He called upon the awakened Hindu populace to enlighten those who have strayed and to secure a brighter future

He implored everyone to vote wisely in the upcoming elections, stating, "Those who have brought Ram, we will bring them to power." Only through unity can we achieve the vision of a Vishwa Guru and an undivided Bharat. He concluded by call-

ing for Hindu solidarity and the concerted exercise of our electoral rights for the greater good of the nation.

Balwant Thakur's acclaimed play 'Jaal' staged at Mansar Lake



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MANSAR, Apr 14: 2024:The picturesque Mansar lake witnessed Balwant Thakur's hard hitting Hindi play 'JAAL' here today under the direction of Neeraj Kant. The play was presented under Natrang's weekly theatre series ' Sunday Theatre'. At the very outset while addressing the large crowds gathered at the lake for a holiday, Natrang Director, Balwant Thakur said that Natrang travelled all way to this tourist destination to showcase the biggest challenge of the humanity in the contemporary times. The menace of drugs amongst youth is all set to take its toll. Before it becomes 'Udta Jammu', it becomes the responsibility of every one to come forward and fight out this growing menace before it catch hold every home. Natrang being a responsible cultural institution has volunteered by taking this message to every nook and corner of the region through the effective use of theatre. In a very effective manner this powerful play 'Jaal' innovatively showcases as how the Drug-menace is ruining the generations like a rapid fire, crippling the developing nations like India. The youth of the country, the largest energetic and most productive human resource of the country, sometimes unknowingly slip into this dangerous trap of drug menace.

The play 'Jaal' was not based on any one storyline but as an experiment Balwant Thakur has woven multiple stories in one theme focusing the spread of drug menace like a mesh, this taking the toll of the strongest workforce of the country. Jammu is no exception. We are a witness to lots of youth losing lives. In a sequence a young boy is shown struggling for a good company after his passing of the school and entry in the college. He is isolated for not being the consumer of intoxications. All around him treat him like a child which really frustrates him and to prove that he has grown-up as a young man now, he finds the easiest way and demonstrates his coming of age by consuming a variety of intoxications. In another sequence a rural inhabitation particularly the men-folk are shown drowned in the menace of alcohol. All the miseries of the village like poverty, domestic violence, and other ailments are attributed to the constant growth of consumption of alcohol in the village. In a sequence the daily routine of a villager is shown who consumes the whole of his daily earn-

ings in alcohol. Being

drunk completely he has looses his way home. By the time a local escorts him to his place where in the middle of the night this drunken man starts beating his sleeping wife and kids for not receiving him on his arrival. When the escort intervenes to save the poor lady and children, he is blamed for having malicious intentions towards his wife. This fight further messes up when a drunken man after losing senses damages his household belongings as well. The play unfolds a series of incidents where people influenced by drugs, alcohol and other intoxications create hell for themselves as well as for others. Many precious lives are being charred in this fire of the growing drug menace which is to be fought unitedly to bring them out of the mesh of drugs menace. Through this play Balwant Thakur has tried to make an appeal to save mankind from this dragon who is extending its constituency day by day. Actors who outshined in their respective performances and left an

impact of their acting included Neeraj Kant, Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Aadesh Dhar, Palshin Dutta, Vishal Sharma, Vansh Pandotra, Sanket Bhagat, Kushal Bhat and Chaitanaya Shekhar. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen

like Pakistan and China, aiming to foster an atmosphere of hatred in our nation. He stressed that unless all divisions based on caste and creed are eradicated, we will regret it tomorrow. To witness a capable and powerful India. it is imperative to thwart the

conspiracies of Western and Islamic nations by transcending all societal divides and embracing our Hindu identity.

"Chandel remarked on the historical* subjugation endured under Mughal rule, where forced conversions and division based on reli-

for our coming generations. Only then can our nation be saved, paving the way for a *"Hindu Rashtra and the establishment of Ram Rajya*". "Chandel urged the disillusioned Hindus*"to understand the ulterior motives of Islamic nations and China's manipulation and emphasized the neces-

sity of ensuring the

strength of our nation.

R.L.Kaith honoured with Award in Ambedkar Jayanti Mela

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R.L.Kaith has been honoured with an Award. Ambedkar Javanti Mela Celebration Committee organized the award ceremony at Ambedkar Chowk today which was graced by Former Chief Secretary Shri B.R.Kundal, IAS as the Chief Guest. Head of the Celebration Committee Advocate Pawan Kumar Kundal said that Kaith dedicated a huge span of his life to social welfare at a very young age and has fought

against casteism and other forms of discrimination. He founded the Jammu University SC/ST Employees Association in 1984 and valiantly fought against injustice done to SC/ST employees in the matter of reservation in promotion.

After being honoured, Kaith said, "I am truly overwhelmed by this incredible recognition. I am thankful to Celebration Committee for bestowing upon me this prestigious award, which will forever hold a special place in my heart".

Government of India select Aditi Sharma

While Kaith's community members, who were also present on the occasion, shared their reactions with celebration committee members, "We have no words to describe this feeling of euphoria and joy. It is such an honor to feel this moment of pride and honour. Kaith is truly deserving of this award and we are so grateful to the celebration committee for honouring Kaith for this prestigious award. We are so grateful and full of joy right now."

Batwal community members join Ambedkar Jayanti Nela

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treacherous*"countries

JAMMU, Apr 14: To join Ambedkar Jayanti Mela, a large number of Batwal community members hailing from different corners converged at Ambedkar Chowk here today.

Paying tribute to Baba Saheb on the occasion R.L.Kaith said, Dr Ambedkar was a legal luminary, visionary statesman, outstanding constitutional expert, brilliant parliamentarian and social reformer. He was the voice of the socially oppressed and dedicated his life to the upliftment of the mar-



ginalized sections of society. His iconic life and noble thoughts continue to guide the nation. Besides, he called for working towards the unity, harmony and brotherhood to steer India to become Vishwa Guru.

On the occasion, Hans Raj Loria, Inspector Darshan Kumar Bassa, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu, Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Dr Gurdas Sargotra, Master Naresh Kumar Kaith also paid floral tributes to Dr Ambedkar and remembered his outstanding contribution for the upliftment of the downtrodden people in this country.

as MyGov India Ambassador

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JAMMU, Apr 14 : The Ministry of Electronics, & IT Government of India, is proud to announce the appointment of Aditi Sharma as the Ambassador of MyGov India, the world's largest citizen engagement platform. Hailing from the vibrant district of Jammu in Jammu & Kashmir, Aditi Sharma's selection for this prestigious role has been met with jubilation by her supporters and well-wishers.

As a resident of Jammu district, Aditi Sharma brings a unique perspective and fervent dedication to her new position. Her commitment to public service and her passion for fostering citizen engagement align perfectly with the objectives of MyGov India.

MyGov India, operating under



the Ministry of Electronics, serves as a cornerstone for facilitating meaningful dialogue between the government and citizens, ensuring active participation in governance and nation-building initiatives. Aditi

Sharma's appointment underscores the government's commitment to leveraging technology for inclusive governance and transparent decision-making processes.

Expressing her gratitude for the appointment, Aditi Sharma remarked, "I am deeply honored to serve as the Ambassador of MyGov India under the Ministry of Electronics. This appointment is a testament to the collective efforts of the people of J&K in promoting citizen engagement and participatory governance." In her role as Ambassador, Aditi Sharma will advocate for increased citizen participation, raise awareness about government initiatives, and foster collaboration between citizens and policymakers. Her appointment heralds a new chapter in the iourney towards inclusive governance and digital empowerment.

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