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#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Anupam Kher: I have always been the face of change; the problem is that the world has only now acknowledged it



**Direct Tax collections exceed estimates in** 

FY24; Jump 18 Pc to Rs 19.58 Lakh Crore

Tax

Collection

to Rs 3.79 lakh crore

have been issued in FY

2023-24, the CBDT said

"The provisional fig-

ures of Direct Tax col-

lections for the financial

year (FY) 2023-24 show

that net collections are

at Rs 19.58 lakh crore,

compared to Rs 16.64

lakh crore in the preced-

ing financial year i.e. FY

2022-23," it said, adding

the Budget for 2023-24

fiscal had pegged the

collections for the year

at Rs 18.23 lakh crore,

which were revised to

Rs 19.45 lakh crore

in a statement.

**BJP no longer political party**, but cult worshipping PM Modi: P Chidambaram

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During bad weather, Dubai assisted over 400,000 passengers with quality service across airports, ports

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**Integrated X Experience,** 

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**INTERNATIONAL** 

Says Elon Musk



DUBAI, Apr 21 (Agencies): Dubai's air, land, and seaport officers ensured smooth passenger flow despite recent bad weather. Their dedication minimised disruptions for travellers.

This was done under the direct supervision of Major General Mohamed Ahmed Al Marri, Director General of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) in Dubai, contributing to enhancing cooperation and smoothness in passen-

Through their dedicated and persevering

efforts, the airport, land, and sea ports team achieved outstanding performance that surpassed the aviation difficulties, providing high-quality services to passengers totalling 419,047 on April 15th, 16th, and 17th. This was accom-

plished by providing flexibility, efficiency, prompt response, and proactive handling of emergency situations, which contributed to enhancing the positive image known for the officers at Dubai's air, land, and sea ports. General Major Mohamed Ahmed Al Turn to page 9

ings of this great sage of non-violence, truthfulness, self-discipline, and peace with all living beings." He further said that let us also remember to promote unity and brotherhood among all sections of society. Maintain peace and avoid any actions that may hurt the sentiments of others.

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extends warm

greetings on

DGP J&K

Mahavir

Jayanti to

People, all

**Police and** 

families of

JAMMU, Apr 21: Direc-

tor General of Police,

J&K, R.R Swain has

extended heartfelt greet-

ings to the people, the

families of police mar-

tyrs, all ranks of J&K

Police, security forces,

and their families on the

auspicious eve of Maha-

DGP in a message

said, "As we celebrate

the Mahavir Jayanti,

the birth anniversary of

Lord Mahavira today,

let us follow the teach-

vir Javanti.

ranks of

martyrs

He has also requested citizens to support the police and other forces in maintaining prevailing peaceful atmosphere

# BRIEFLY

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#### Traffic movement halted on Jammu-Srinagar highway

SRINAGAR, Apr 21 (Agencies): Authorities on Sunday stopped traffic movement in view of some cracks developed on middle of the road at Hingni, Banihal on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

A J&K Traffic official said, Vehicular movement was stopped from both ends in view of some cracks developed on middle of the road at Hingni, Banihal on NH-44.

"Commuters are advised to avoid journey on Jammu- Srinagar NHW till the restoration work is completed. Plz ask TCUs for latest update", he said.

#### **MeT forecast** dry weather till April 25, rains thereafter in J&K

SRINAGAR, Apr 21 (Agencies): Generally dry weather has been

NEW DELHI, Apr 21 (Agencies): India's net direct tax collections surged by a massive 17.7 per cent year-onyear to Rs 19.58 crore in the fiscal year ended March 2024, surpassing even revised estimates by a wide margin, the tax department said on Sunday.

Net collections of income and corporate taxes, which make up for most of the direct taxes, in 2023-24 financial year exceeded the Budget estimates by Rs 1.35 lakh crore (7.40 per cent) and the revised estimates by Rs 13,000 crore.

While gross direct tax collections (provisional) for the FY 2023-24 rose 18.48 per cent to Rs 23.37 lakh crore, net proceeds (after accounting for refunds) surged 17.7 per cent to Rs 19.58 lakh crore, reflecting buoyancy in the economy and rise in income levels of individuals and corporates.

"The provisional Direct Tax collections (net Refunds aggregating of the refunds) have

later.

exceeded the Budget Estimate by 7.40 per cent and Revised Estimates by 0.67 per cent," it said.

DIRECT TAX

COLLECTIONS

The gross collection (provisional) of Direct Taxes (before adjusting for refunds) for the FY 2023-24 stood at Rs 23.37 lakh crore, showing a growth of 18.48 per cent over the gross collection of Rs 19.72 lakh crore in FY 2022-23.

The gross corporate tax collection (provisional) in FY 2023-24 was up 13.06 per cent to Rs 11.32 lakh crore as compared to the gross corporate tax collection of Rs 10 lakh crore of the preceding year.

The Net Corporate Tax collection (provisional) in FY 2023-24 at Rs 9.11 lakh crore showed a growth of 10.26 per cent over the net corporate tax collection of Rs 8.26 lakh crore of the preceding year. The Gross Personal

Income Tax collection including Securities Transaction Tax (provisional) in FY 2023-24 at Rs 12.01 lakh crore was up 24.26 per cent over previous year's col-

lection of Rs 9.67 lakh crore. The Net Personal Income Tax collection including STT (provisional) in FY 2023-24 at Rs 10.44 lakh crore showed a growth of 25.23 per cent over

preceding fiscal year's figure of Rs 8.33 lakh crore Refunds of Rs 3.79 lakh crore have been issued in the FY 2023-24 showing an increase of 22.74 per cent over the refunds of Rs 3.09

lakh crore issued in FY ger movement. 2022-23, the statement **Implementation Of JKHRMS:** 

School headmaster working as OGW arrested **Govt orders release of salary** with pistol, grenades in Poonch for employees missing

JAMMU, Apr 21: Secu-

added

Qamaruddin, who is

forecast in Jammu and Kashmir till April 25 but afternoon thunder showers along with hailstorm activity has not been ruled out during the time.

In view of the forecast, weather department here advised farmers to resume farm operations from today.

A meteorological department official here told GNS on Sunday that from April 21-25, generally dry weather with afternoon thundershower with possibility of hailstorm activity at isolated places can't be ruled out.

From April 26-28, he said, there is possibility of generally cloudy weather with light to moderate rain and light snow (over higher reaches) with thunder at most places.

From April 29-30, generally cloudy weather with light rain with thunder at many places has been predicted. Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a minimum of 8.4°C against 7.0°C on the previous night and it was 0.5°C below normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year. Qazigund recorded a minimum of 9.2°C against 7.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C above normal for the gateway Turn to page 9

rity forces on Sunday arrested a school headmaster working as an overground worker (OGW) of terrorists with a pistol and grenades in J&K's Poonch district. Officials said that the security forces, including the Army and police,

launched an operation in the Hari Budha area.



"A registered OGW,

a school headmaster, was caught with a foreign-made pistol and grenades in his house," said officials.

The arms and ammunition recovered were intended to be used to disturb the ongoing election in the Poonch area.

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appointment documents

JAMMU, Apr 21 (Agencies): To improve Human **Resource Management** in Jammu and Kashmir, the government has instructed the release of withheld salaries for employees not listed on the JKHRMS due to missing appointment

documents. This follows protocols outlined in recent circulars mandating service verification by department heads. These officials must confirm the accuracy of service books and document evidence of proper Turn to page 9 Insurance Regulator IRDAI abolishes age restriction on health insurance product

NEW DELHI, Apr 21 (Agencies): With a view to widen the market and foster adequate protection from healthcare expenses, insurance regulator IRDAI has removed the age limit of 65 years for individuals buying health insurance policies.

This marks a significant departure from the conventional constraints that limited individuals in securing comprehensive coverage.

By abolishing the maximum age restriction on purchasing health insurance plans, the Insurance Regulatory and **Development Authority** of India (IRDAI) aims to foster a more inclusive and accessible healthcare ecosystem, ensuring adequate protection against unforeseen medical expenses.

As per the earlier guidelines, individuals were allowed to purchase a new insurance policy only till the age of 65. However, with the recent amendment, which has been

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**Top News Report** 

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JAMMU, Apr 21: The Director of J&K State Sericulture Development Department, Shri Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS), engaged in a meaningful interaction with the students of the Department of Sericulture, Poonch Campus during his visit to the Central Silk Board (CSB) located at Miran Sahib. Jammu. This visit aimed to foster closer ties between the department and its students, as well as to explore avenues for enhancing their learning

experiences Accompanied by Incharge Department of Sericulture, Poonch Campus Dr. Rubia Bukhari and officials of CSB. Director J&K SSDD interacted extensively with the students under going a 45-day training program at the CSB premises. He reassured them of the department's commitment to organizing exposure tours. enriching their practical knowledge in sericulture During the interaction Director Bhat commend ed Dr. Rubia Bukhari for her pivotal role in driving



transformative initiatives such as the Cocoon Artistry Initiative and the promotion of sericulture in the region. He emphasized the importance of such initiatives in the socio-economic development of Jammu and Kashmir

In addition, Director Bhat assured the students of exploring opportunities for collaboration between the department and the students of Poonch Campus, fostering a symbiotic relationship aimed at mutual growth and development. Director of Poonch Campus. Professor Rakesh Vaid, also recently visited the P.G.

Campus. University of Jammu, who are currently engaged in their 45-day dissertation program at the Regional Sericultural Research Station in Miran Sahib, Jammu During his visit. Professor Vaid assured the students of the campus's commitment to exploring opportunities for organizing various programs aimed at exposing them to the latest techniques n sericulture promotion This pledge reflects the campus's dedication to providing students with comprehensive learning experiences to enhance their knowledge and skills in the field.

scholars from Poonch Director of Poonch Campus, Professor Rakesh Vaid, expressed appreciation for the teaching faculty's dedication in imparting knowledge to the students of Poonch Campus, emphasizing their crucial role in shaping the students' educational journey. Dr. Rubia Bukhari, Incharge Department of Sericulture, Poonch Campus, underscored the significance of seri-

culture in the region and expressed gratitude to Director Sericulture for dedicating his valuable time to interact with the students. She highlighted the importance of such interactions in motivating

and inspiring the students towards excellence in their chosen field.

The interaction concluded on a positive note, with both students and officials expressing enthusiasm for future colaborations and endeavors in the field of sericul-

P.G. scholars from Poonch Campus, Universitv of Jammu, recently completed their 45-day dissertation program at the Regional Sericultural Research Station in Miran Sahib, Jammu. Guided by Dr. N.S Gahlot and Dr. Santosh Kumar Magadum, the scholars delved into both Pre-Cocoon and Post-Cocoon sectors, enhancing their skills and knowledge in sericulture.

Under the supervision of Incharge Department of Sericulture Poonch Campus Dr. Rubia Bukhari, the Students after the completion of dessitation program returned back to Poonch from Miran Sahib Jammu This initiative forms a crucial part of their coursework, contributing significantly to their academic iournev

# **Mahant Rohit Shastri**

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JAMMU, Apr 21: Chaitra Purnima holds special significance in the Sanatan Dharma tradition. Shedding light on the importance of Chaitra Purnima, Chairman of Shri kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic sansthan Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri, explained that it falls on the full moon day of the Chaitra month. The beginning of the full moon day of the Chaitra month starts on 23rd April, Tuesday, at 03:26 AM This date extends till the next day, 24th April, Wednesday, till 05:19 this day, the worship of story of Lord Shri Satyanarayana or to perform puja. Additionallv. the worship of Lord Shri Ganesh, Mother Parvati, Lord Shiva, and the Moon holds special

moon day.





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JAMMU, Apr 21: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Com mittee (JKPCC) Chief, Vikar Rasool Wani, launched a scathing attack on their arch political rival, the BJP asserting that the BJP seeks to suppress any dissenting voices but will ultimately be ousted due to its authoritarian style of governance and antipeople policies. Speaking at a large election rally at village Tootre Miran Sahib in RS Pura Jammu South constituencv in favour of Congress candidate Raman Bhalla organized by Working President District Jammu Rural Badrinath Sharma. Wani stated "The BJP's leaders have become intoxicated with power and have forgotten

ousted numerous autocracies and rulers worldwide. Prominent among those present on the occasion include former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma, former MP TS Bajwa, JKPCC SC Cell Chairman Karan Bhagat, former VDC Member and Vice Chairman Kissan Cell Dalip Kumar, Chairman JKPCC Minority Cell Rajinder Singh, former MoS Bushan Dogra, JKPCC General Secretary Shashi Sharma besides others. Wani claimed that BJP's days in power are numbered because they

have started challenging the power of ordinary citizens." Wani continued, "The fear of losing power has compelled the BJP to delay assembly elections and indefinitely defer ULB and Panchayat elections, but the same will be cleared in Parlia-

ment elections and that BJP will be voted out in Jammu & Kashmir.' He argued that the BJP has disrupted the democratic atmosphere in the country and abolished democracy in J&K. He highlighted that the Congress has always worked to restore democracy and the statehood that was taken away from Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed confidence in the Congress's resurgence throughout the country and its eventual victory in state assembly elections

Wani while speaking on the occasion expressed serious concern over the extremely volatile situation in J&K describing it as fall out of wrong policies adopted by both J&K and Central Governments as a result, the situation has turned from bad to worse, besides

vitiating atmosphere of peace and tranguility in the State especially in Valley. Reiterating that Congress has bigger responsibilities at national and international level, Wani claimed that his Party was the only alternative before people of Jammu and Kashmir for aetting their regional aspirations fulfilled. He said that Congress is the only option left before the people of Jammu and

Dr Manohar in his address alleged that BJP betraved the massive mandate of the people of Jammu & by dividing and downgrading the Princely Historical state of Jammu and Kashmir into 2 Unions territories. He said the people of Jammu & Kashmir are

eelina deceived & disjusted by BJP's uncalled or moves in J&K, the people of Jammu, especially Youth are feeling robbed of their jobs, land and BJP has pushed the beople towards Identity & Culture crisis. People of Jammu and Kashmir are fed up with the hollow slogans and Jumla politics of BJP. He said that J&K has peculiar issues since ndependence because of its geography as well as cultural diversity and these concerns cannot be addressed while sitting in New Delhi Badrinath Sharma

speaking on the occasion said that people will give their full support to the Congress being a time tested Party that can feel the pulse of the people and fulfil the genuine urges and aspirations of the people.. especially youth. He claimed that Congress, during its tenure had proved how to provide pro-people governance to the people by bringing total transparency and accountability in the functioning of the Government. We set an example of good governance during Congress's regime wherein every individual was provided with the equal opportunity of growth and development", he said. He said that the trust and confidence shown by people in his party was the guiding force to transform Jammu

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JAMMU, Apr 21: Congratulating the electorates of 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constitu ency for enthusiastic participation in the elections has reflected the faith of people in democratic setup and a sign of

Addressing media persons here today at PCC HQ Jammu, President JKPCC Shri Vikar Rasool Wani while congratulating the voters for larger participation in the Lok Sabha elections in 4-Udhampur Constituency, despite rain and bad weather. most of the areas witnessed heavy polling is an indication of change He said people are fed up from BJP and wanted a change, which is expected 1st phase heavy polling

He expressed conf dence that congress would emerge stronger and victorious in 5-Jammu-Reasi Constituency and its alliance partner NC from 3 Lok Sabha seats of Kashmir Vallev which will go to poll in 2nd and following phases

Wani said, Congress makes programmes for ameliorating the lot of the people by providing

# IHRSC skaters shine in 67th SGFI National Championship, bag 12 medals

#### **Top News Report**

that people's power has

JAMMU. Apr 21: In a remarkable display of skill and determination, Indian Hawks Roller Skating Club (IHRSC) emerged as one of the standout performers at 67th School Games Federation of India (SGFI) National Skating Championship held at Satna, Madhya Pradesh from April 11 to 15, 2024 by securing a total of 12 medals across various categories.

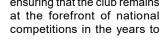
The event, which drew participants from across the nation. witnessed IHRSC skaters showcasing their prowess on the national stage. The Indian Hawks contingent ranging from novices to seasoned ones participated in a series of challenging events, each competing with grace and tenacity.

The hard work of IHRSC players paid off handsomely, as they clinched an impressive tally of medals including five gold medals, two silver and five bronze medals. underscoring the club's depth of talent and commitment to excellence in the sport of speed skating. President of the Club Ashok Gandotra (Chief Engineer Retd.) praised the skaters for their performance and dedication. He said that the success of Indian Hawks skaters not only highlights the quality of training and skill development provided by the club but also places it as a significant contributor to the national skating scene

"IHRSC's achievement has not only brought pride to the local community but also

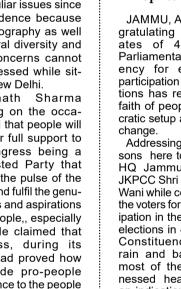


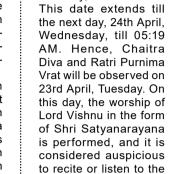
inspired many young enthusiasts in skating arena to take up the sport". he said adding that the club's continued focus on nurturing talent and promoting sportsmanship is indicative of the fact that the future of local skating is going to be promising. He said that amid celebrations of the feat by the club's skaters, plans are already underway to further enhance training facilities and support for the players, ensuring that the club remains at the forefront of national



Kashmir. He said people have bitter experience of Double Engine Govt of

and Kashmir as an island of peace and prosperity.





# LOCAL



basic amenities of life to all of them. Education. Healthcare, Provision of Modern Infrastructure, uninterrupted Power Supply, Provision of safe and pure drinking water Job creation for the unem ployed, Empowerment of the Women and Welfare Schemes for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe Handicapped persons and all the socially neglected sections of the society are on top most agenda of the

Congress party. PCC Chief reiterated that Congress regards every citizen of the state as equal irrespective of religion, caste, creed, sex and the Congress party believes in giving

best quality of life to all of them in fixed time schedule. All the policies of the Congress party like better housing facility, pollution free environment, decon gestion of the existing cities, development o model cities, development of villages enhancing the facilities of trade and industry etc. are geared towards this end

Wani said that the entire poll campaign of BJP is to cash on the personality of one person whereas Congress is approaching the voters with the history and achievements of the part which brought the country and the state to presen state of development i all most every aspect of life. Congress party will continue doing its utmost with courage and convic tion with out indulaina in hallow sloganeering.

PCC Chief appealed to the electorates of district Jammu, Samba and Reasi to cast their valuable votes in favour of Congress party which guarantees restoration of statehood, security of land and jobs, employment for locals, enhancing the salary of Anganwadi workers, Asha workers, regularization of daily wagers, need based ad hoc. contractual employees and amelio-

rating all sorts problems of the people of the state including smart meters issue, water tariff etc

Wani was flanked by PCC Vice President Vinod Sharma, General Secretary (Org)

Narinder Gupta, Gen eral Secretary Inavatullah Rathar, Pradesh Mahila Congress President Shameema Raina, Media Coordinator Neeraj Gupta, Secretary Michael Wazir Incharge PYC HQ Ricky Dalotra in the Press conference

IHRSC skaters who excelled at SGFI National Tourney in Satna, MP include Samarjot Singh (Gold, Silver) in under 19 years boys category, Udhay Narayan (Gold, Bronze) in under 17 boys, Prageet Kour (Bronze) in Under 17 girls cat egory, Puneesh Puri (Gold) in under 14 boys, Tamanna Saini (2 Gold, Bronze) and Saanvi Grover (Silver) in under 14 girls category, and Tabish Haider (Bronze) and Adwait Sharma (Bronze ) in under 11 boys category.



# **STOP CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

ndia's great leader Pandit Jawahar lal Nehru has made an accurate comment about our domestic animals in his autobiography 'Meri Kahani'.

Roaming around in the villages of India, he saw animals like cows, bulls, buffaloes etc. in very pitiable condition. He said, "In a country where kindness and benevolence towards living beings are talked about in a big way, domestic animals are not treated well. They are kept in very dirty places and their food and drink arrangements are also not good."

Really our words, our thoughts are not related to our deeds. Just calling the cow a mother does not lead to the progress of the cow race and perhaps that is why old cows reach the slaughterhouses. If we assess the services of animals, then they serve us in different ways even by eating absolutely inedible for humans like – grass, straw, bran, straw, stalk of wheat, leaves of trees, peels of fruits etc.

Cows and buffaloes make our body strong by giving nectar-like milk. Bullocks and buffaloes are considered to be the backbone of agriculture, before the construction of tractors, the entire responsibility of plowing the fields and transporting goods was on them.

The substitute of camel in the deserts has not been found till date. Horses are still used in aces, the utility of donkeys for washermen has remained for centuries. The dung of animals like cow, bullock, buffalo, goat etc. is such a good natural manure that it cannot be compared with any other manure.

Cow dung is also used in the worship of Hindus, the villagers paint their courtyards with cow dung only. Sheep are the only good source of wool. The entire leather industry of our country runs on the strength of these animals. The complete availability of meat and eggs depends on domestic animals and birds

Animal abuse is not a new problem. Animals have been mistreated for centuries. It is known from the history books that the dog became the first companion of man because till date no doubt has been expressed on its loyalty. As man started living in a house, he needed to do farming, in the same way the importance of animals also increased.

Cow-caste was of great importance in Aryan culture, the more cows he had, the more prestigious and prosperous he was. Rishis and sages also reared cows, the availability of grass was abundant in the forests. With the passage of time, the needs of man expanded, then he started rearing animals like cow, buffalo, bull, goat, camel, horse, donkey, dog etc.

Horses and elephants were more useful in the battlefields, so kings and emperors kept these animals in large numbers. Before the invention of mechanized vehicles, the horse was the fastest messenger. Whether it is the transport of things or of humans, our domestic animals were the only means of this. The usefulness of bullock carts in rural India remains intact even today.

Despite so many benefits, the oppression of animals does not pass the test of human intelligence. Domestic animals are forced to sit and stand in mud mixed with excreta. The animals being driven into the carts are often beaten so mercilessly as if they were inanimate objects.

A lot of work is taken from animals, but in the name of food, a little dry grass is put in front of them. They are kept in the open even in adverse weather. In the case of sick animals and birds, our neglect and mercilessness reaches its zenith. The devotees of cow service break their fast and cause suffering to the animals in various ways.

Like us, animals and birds also love their freedom. Where animals and birds make the soil fertile by maintaining the food chain of the earth, our environment also remains balanced. Therefore, the harassment of animals should be prohibited in every way.

## India's economic future at stake as nation votes By: Indranil Banerjie

ndia's parliamentary elections, which began on April 19, is billed as the largest electoral exercise in history, and promises to be one of the most challenging for the country's 968 million eligible voters, beset as they are by a host of conflicting issues, electoral promises and manifestos.

By the time the last ballot is cast on June 1 this year, the fortunes of thousands of political aspirants would be made or destroyed. And one of the primary issues on which electoral battles will be won or lost will be the question of the country's economic future.

On test will be the Narendra Modi government's economic performance. While economists have and will continue to debate the finer points about the economic changes of the past ten years, it is the electorate that will have the ultimate say on whether the changes have been positive and whether they presage better or worse times ahead. It is voter perceptions that will ultimately decide the matter.

For economic observers, however, the perceptions are mixed Some feel that the last ten years have been an unmitigated economic disaster marked by rising unemployment and record wealth inequalities, while others believe that the economy has bloomed and is on the verge of graduating to developed nation status. The past one year has seen acrimonious debates on the state of the Indian economy, most of which have tended to be determined as much by political inclinations as by hard economic facts.

What is incontrovertible, however, is that the economy has grown and rather well at that, despite the clobbering it took during the Covid-19 pandemic period. Virtu-

ally every independent economic institution admits to this. The Washington-based World Bank observed: "India is one of the fastest growing economies of the world and is poised to continue on this path, with aspirations to reach high middle-income status by 2047, the centenary of Indian independence... After real GDP contracted in FY20-21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, growth bounced back strongly in FY21-22, supported by accommodative monetary and fiscal policies and wide vaccine coverage. Consequently, in 2022, India emerged as one of the fastest growing economies in the world, despite significant challenges in the global environment --including renewed disruptions of supply lines following the rise in geopolitical tensions, the synchronised tightening of global monetary policies, and inflationary pressures

The World Bank and others predict that India's GDP growth will moderate to 6.3 per cent in the 2023-24 financial year from a high of 6.9 per cent in the previous fiscal. But even this is high by global standards. Equally heartening has been the concomitant reduction in extreme poverty (below \$2.15 per person per day in purchasing power parity terms). The World Bank estimates that between 2011 and 2019, "the country is estimated to have halved the share of the population living in extreme poverty". While there are various estimates and controversies regarding the extent of poverty reduction in India during the past ten years, there is little denying that the decline has been dramatic even though it may have slowed in recent years

High growth, even if skewed, coupled with fairly low levels of inflation, has meant better times for the average Indian. The digitisation push and related financial inclusion coupled with welfare schemes such as health insurance have helped the lower segments of society

Perhaps the most encouraging development in recent years has been the growth of the Indian middle class (defined as families with annual incomes between Rs 5 lakhs and Rs 30 lakhs). This class is estimated to be growing at 5.2 per cent per annum and constitutes 31 per cent of the population. This is huge and cannot but be transformative for the country as a whole in the years and decades to come. The other achievements for

which this government will be remembered are the great strides in infrastructure development: roads, ports, airports and so on. For the first time, the country has a port capable of accommodating first line container ships and expressways comparable to the best in the world.

The Narendra Modi government's success in stabilisation of the blighted banking sector and the creation of a nascent electronics sector are other achievements worthy of note. But all these might be eclipsed by the distressingly high levels of inequality in consumption, child malnutrition, rural distress, low levels of women's participation in the labour force and related issues.

At the same time, the biggest issues are structural: a huge section of the population (46 per cent) continues to languish in the agriculture sector, which accounts for just about 14 per cent of GDP, the country's savings rate despite a slight uptick in recent times continues to be low and compensatory foreign capital inflows inadequate, while manufacturing shows no sign of taking off.

The problem, as a number of economists have flagged, is the lack of bold structural reforms necessary to change the economic fundamentals. That hasn't happened during the Modi years.

festo too is silent on this. Mr Modi's focus is on economic groups -- specifically the poor, youth, farmers and women, represented by the somewhat absurd slogan "GYAN" -- Gareeb, Yuva, Annadata and Naari Shakti -- which, all said and done, is more progressive than those of caste, religion and ethnicity. The question is whether this will prove credible and compelling for the electorate.

Indians, and especially the youth who constitute 29 per cent of the population, exist in a state of intense competition for resources and opportunities. Life for them is far from easy and the line dividing prosperity from destitution thin. Yet, survey after survey suggest that most Indians, particularly the youth, are amazingly optimistic about the future. Their world might be difficult, challenging, and fraught with risk but it is not gloomy or grey.

The 2024 elections are all about choosing the most credible leader for the country and its economic future. Pitched before the electorate is the Congress scion, Rahul Gandhi, who promises caste justice and the magical end of poverty, versus the BJP supremo, Narendra Modi, an autocrat who promises development and the elevation of India as a world power. In the end, despite the competing agendas which are confusing the analysts, the choice of who is best suited to lead the country for the next five years will be largely determined by seemingly amorphous but real economic factors.

# It takes a village to save the planet!

#### By: Shreya Sen-Handley

What's on your mind?" Facebook nudged me into

the realisation that family has often been on my mind, and why, despite the changes wrought by time to this institution, it's still so essential to our lives

They call family the building block of society, but also popular culture. From I Love Lucy in the fifties to Malcolm in The Middle in the nineties to Modern Family in the noughties, sitcoms have usually focused on the highs and lows of life within a tightly-knit

They're also a yardstick of how the family has evolved from the traditional married-mom-dadkids collective to something often more elastic. There's nothing unusual now about small screen representations of same sex marriages, unmarried partnerships, single parent fams and those of other sorts. The six pals in F\*R\*I\*E\*N\*D\*S were only partially related by blood, and not by marriage at all till nearly the end, but were family to each other from the start.

Not surprising since forming families is what we, humans, instinctively do. Not just humans, animals create collectives too: schools, prides, murders, herds, colonies, and loads more huddles.

In pop music too, a large number of family bands and duos over the ages – The Jacksons, Asha and Lata, ABBA, Lighthouse Family, Sisters Sledge, The Mamas and Papas, Bee Gees, Carpenters, Oasis,

Jonas Brothers, I could go on have had us dancing to their tune. And whatever configuration a family takes, that's something they have in common – there are house rules to follow.

Equally, there have always been movements breaking away from our instinct to cohabitate. The unthinking obedience demanded before and during the world wars by groups of different shapes and sizes – armies, religions, nations, societies – pushed people into asserting their independence and individuality over subsequent decades, shaping and reshaping society as a result, and the family unit within it

Almost a century later, as growing isolation exacerbates the global mental health crisis and social cohesion problems (juvenile delinquency, gun crime, etc.), it would be easy to pin it on the breakdown of family, but our war-torn, climate-tossed planet presents many other culprits; shattered economies and the internet's unsavoury influence amongst them, sequestering people to their artificial little shells

Yet, no matter how hard these Make-XYZ-Great-Again brigades try to persuade us the past was perfect, a little learning is enough to refute it. The patriarchy's ironclad fist crushing women, children, and those perceived as different, warranted throwing over through rebellion and reformation.

I did my own share of rebelling, leaving home early to make my own way, crashing in and out of relationships, trashing a great,

almost prodigal, career in the process. Then, in my thirties, I started a family and found love and joy again, and, strangely, But if my family has been my

salvation, it doesn't mean it's for everyone. Each of us have our own paths to follow to find our brand of nirvana. Marrying under pressure breeds discontent, and never have kids if you're unsure about them, saving both the trapped parents and unwanted children a great deal of heartache. Our increasingly ailing bodies and ailing planet are amongst other good reasons not to procreate.

Yet, with every passing year, I grow more sure that discovering one's tribe, however one might gather them, through bloodlines or similar mindsets, is pivotal to individual and collective health.

I know of Western acquaintances who embraced communestyle living in the pandemic to circumvent loneliness, deciding not to abandon their shared lives afterwards, because they'd recognised it appealed to them. I've always thought communes, or for that matter, joint families, difficult to live within, with so many pushing and pulling in different directions, and some seeking to lord it over the rest. But it would appear that when VERY loosely linked, mutually beneficial groupings can indeed

work! My parents and aunt live in the same building, though floors apart. Some of my siblings and cousins as well, having returned to Kolkata after years in other Indian cities, have settled within

driving distance, with one, putting down roots just three houses down. This seems to have struck a happy balance between retaintheir freedom and helping each other out.

I myself rue the distance I have to travel every time I visit my parents. Besides forty whopping hours, much else is lost in travel, including sleep and good health, emerging as I do, nearly every time, with an infection caught on the plane. The aggravation of which feels like nothing compared to the anxiety of living so far from ageing parents!

As I walked arm-in-arm with my two teenagers this Easter through a pretty Yorkshire village, I shared a smidgeon of the wisdom that had come my way in my years of wandering, urging them to explore the world and find themselves, but maybe, if they were in a position to do so, to come back home with their own clans when ready, to roost again near their parents. A tentative suggestion at best, as we'd be behind them whatever they decided, I was glad to see it hadn't been outrightly dismissed.

Isn't feeling connected what most humans desire above all else? Considering the conflict and polarisation in our world today, shouldn't we be doing everything in our power to pull together again? Drawing our family (of every ilk) around us once more might just be that first step. Because it takes a village, a wise woman once said, to make a change. Then, surely, cohorts of cohesive, well-meaning villages will get us there in the end!

Sadly, the BJP's 2024 poll mani-

**Top News of J&K** 

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Apr 21: Voting

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in the ongoing Lok Sabha

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This was stated by

senior BJP leader and

Member of Parliament

(Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali

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Bathindi area of Jammu

on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

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Khatana urged the

Jammu, Sunday, April 21, 2024

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Sahib ji further said that you are in the middle. On one side there is Niranjan, on the other side



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The senior BJP leader

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ship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, historic developments have taken place in the country especially in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. "The Avushman Card enabling even the poorest of the poor to avail

medical treatment up to Rs. 5 lakhs free of cost is the world's largest welfare measure which even attracted international

attention," the BJP leader

also said that schemes like Ladli Beti, Sukanya Samridhi Yogna and others have ensured education and welfare of the girl child.

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J&K UT BJP President

Ravinder Raina: Ex.

Deputy CM, Kavinder

Gupta and former MLA

and senior BJP leader

Davinder Singh Rana

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present on the occasion

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ers-Vinav Gupta and

Ankush Gupta along with

prominent local leader and

Ex-Sarpanch, Noor Alam:

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PM Modi

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ther said.

"There is an unending list of achievements as far as developments under PM Modi are concerned while on the other hand during the rule of Congress the country only witnessed 2G Scam, Coal Scam, Stamp Paper Scam, Common Wealth Games Scam, commission culture and numerous other scams which put our country in deep crisis." he continued While PM Modi is usher

ing the nation to progress and prosperity. Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir is working hard to take the Union Territory to the new heights of suc-

"A vote in favour of BJP candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma will in turn strengthen the hands of PM Modi and the BJP will cross the mark of 400 in the Lok Sabha elections from across the country to give PM Modi a third term to helm the affairs of

#### The meeting was organised by Rafiq Choudhary, Liyakat Ali, Adv. Mohd. Ravaz Khatana Wasim Choudhary and Ashraf Choudhary who assured to vote & support with other community mem-

# **Mendhar works**

#### **Top News Report**

POONCH, Apr 21: Not withstanding the tall claims of development, after the passing of 14 years mini-secretariat Mendhar works is still incomplete, which is adding

woes among mendhar residents. Expressing strong resentment against the authority concerned. Social activist and a Law student Dilshad Qadri said, "The saga of the incomplete mini secretariat in Mendhar sub-division of district Poonch prompts a crucial question: Who bears responsibility for this monumental failure? Is it the lack of leadership or the administrative apathy that plagues our region? Asked dilshad.

Initiated with great fanfare over a decade ago, the mini secretariat project aimed to consolidate public service offices under one roof, enhancing accessibility for residents. However, the reality is starkly different. Since its inception in 2010, the construction has languished leaving the people of Mendhar in a state of perpetual limbo

Official sources paint a troubling narrative: Despite an initial allocation of Rs 14 Crore, only half of the funds were utilized, with construction halting at the roof level due to alleged funding shortages. Consequently, the project remains a symbol of unfulfilled promises and shattered dreams

Local voices echo a chorus of frustra tion and disappointment. Dilshad Qadri representing the concerns of Mendhar's

# **Delayed construction of Bhaderwah** Indoor Stadium raise concern



**Top News Report** DODA, Apr 21: In a surprising turn of events, the construction of the muchanticipated indoor stadium in Bhaderwah has ground to a halt as the Sports Council Jammu abruptly halts the project, leaving executing firm in a state of uncertainty and financial Since being awarded

2, 2022, with a completion imeframe of 12 months, The firm has been diligently working towards bringing the indoor stadium to fruition. However, with work at a standstill for the past year, the firm now faces significant losses, with both manpower and nachinery lying dormant. Residents and authorities alike are expressin dismay over the situation. as the delays hinder cru-

cial infrastructure development and impact the overall progress of the

Reports suggest that the decision to halt the project originated from the Sports Council Jammu itself, raising questions about the reasons behind the sudden cessation and its impact on the future o the indoor stadium. As the construction firm grapples with the fallout. concerns loom over the timely completion of the much-need ed sporting infrastructure n Bhaderwah

Efforts to seek clarification from the Sports Council Jammu regarding the project suspension have elded no response, leav ng stakeholders and the ocal community in limbo With uncertainty shroud ing the fate of the indoor stadium project, the implications for sports deve opment in Bhaderwah remain uncertain.

#### Bovine smuggling bid foiled, five bovines rescued, vehicle seized naka near Chann Mat-**Top News Report**

SAMBA, Apr 21: Fightening noose on bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has foiled a bovine smuggling attempt during the early morning hours in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, rescued five bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers and seized vehicle used in the transportation of bovines

Acting on reliable information regarding smuggling of bovines from Kathua side towards Samba via border road, a police team headed by SHO Police Station Ghagwal laid a special

working. You have full

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You are at such a point

that from one side there

is the pull of Satya Puru-

sh's strength and from

the other side there is

the pull of Niranjan's

strength. Why Did you

loni and intercepted a Mahindara Bolero bearing registration No. PB08EN-2719 during vehicle checking. Upon checking of the vehicle. five bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. The drive

**Top News Report** KATRA, Apr 21: B Tech students in the third year and final year of the School of Civil Engineering (SoCE), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University presented a technical paper at an International Conference on "Sustainable Development in Chemical and Environmental Engineering (SDCEE 2024)".

Kevin Somra and Pooia Kharra presented a paper titled "Use of Spent Ballast as a Column Material for Enhancing Load Carrying Capacity of Soft Clay Bed: Numerical Analysis' Another group of students Sashwat Singh, Abhijeet Gupta, and Rishikesh Kanitkar also presented a paper titled "Utilisan of fly ash as a ton laver of foundation under

Numerical Study".

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JKBS members congratulate CRPF Havildar Om Parkash now its strength is not

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Apr 21: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha ( JKBS) members on Sunday congratulated CRPG Havildar Om Parkash Nandan on being felicitated with a memento by his Unit colleagues. After serving the Indian Army from 1981 to 2000, Havildar Om Parkash Nandan joined CRPF in 2001 and is

about to be superannuated on April 30. 2024 "Havildar Om Parkash Nandan has a soft heart. He treats everyone with kindness. Infact, he is a unique person who serves as a good citizen. His personality has made us admire and respect him the most. He acts like a friend and as a parent whenever he needs to", said JKBS

General Secretary R.L.Kaith.

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# Mahant Rajesh Bittu inaugurates tile unit at Samba

**Top News Report** JAMMU, Apr 21 : Today Mahant Bittu, Chairman of Jammu Kashmir Religions Tourist and Heritage Cultural Trust inaugurated a cement tile unit in Jakh village of Samba district of Jammu Kashmi on Sunday. During this, he told the youth of Jammu Kashmir to become selfreliant instead of depending on the government and become iob givers instead of job takers.

Mahant Rajesh Bittu ji said that this cement tile



unit has been opened by Raghav Dubey, who is an example for the youth. He wished him all the best for his business in the future. He said that the youth their own business.

# Sadhguru Madhuparamhans delivers religious sermons

**Top News Report** 

the project on November

JAMMU, Apr 21: Sadhguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandgi, while enthralling the devotees from all parts of the country at Satwari Chowk, School Ground, with the nectar of his sermons, said that whatever body you go into in the dream. the consciousness gets reduced. But consider it to be true. But when we go into deep sleep the consciousness reduces 1000 times. It is a game of status. Even after waking up, he does not regain consciousness for some time. In this way, if an ant, animal, bird, tree enters any body, it considers that body as true. But when we go into Turiya state, our consciousness increases

the universe.

I didn't eat, drink or even breathe. But you don't do this. Your work is getting



there is Sahib. It's your choice where to go. Niranjan spoke to Kabir Sahib and said that if vou use strength, not a single living being will remain in the world. All the truth will go away. But then your words will be cut off. I have been given the kingdom of 17 innumerable Chaudari Yugas of this universe. Leave some souls for me too.

It will take only a moment for the Supreme Person to free all the souls from this world and take them back to where they came from. But doing so will cut off his words

Kabir Sahib also thought the same thing. When due to Niranian's trap no living being was listening to Sahib, then Sahib thought that after eliminating Niranjan, he

beings with him. But then the thought came that the Supreme Lord has given the kingdom of this world That word cannot be cut. This is where the problen

After the name, the game is in your court. Now the mind is under standing you. Earlier I used to get whatever I wanted done, but now l am not able to get it done. You have control over your mind. But don't slack off. The power of name has come within you. Further the entire matter was handed over to the Guru. percent dominant. You had 10 percent control. Your mind might have made vou commit such mistakes that you would

will take all the living

Earlier Niranjan was 90 feel ashamed even remembering them. But

#### do this If a true man wants, he will pull everyone. Said to keep it in the middle. If he wants. he can come to us. if he wants, he can come to you. Niranjan wants vou to make some such nistakes. But am not able to get it done. The hypnotism of the mind is not working on you. That means you have already

won a big bet. That is why it is said that the name should be true then the Guru should also be true. Many gurus are giving names. There are a lot of names. But the teacher should also be truthful. Who will give the name of true Guru. This is the condition. Otherwise it will be a fake name and it will not work. Then if you are also truthful then you will go to that country

Whatever I had to give you, I have given it along with your name. There is nothing to give now. Now you have to become Gurumukh. Satsang is to strengthen you

A case FIR No istered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

of the vehicle managed to escape from the spot taking advantage of the darkness. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to safer place. 50/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been regembankment loading:





should move forward inspired by this and open Mahant Shri Naravar Das Shastri Ji, who was present on the occa-

Raghav Dubey for his business. He said that he has done a great job by opening a cement dairy unit and he will pray to God that he progresses by leaps and bounds and in the end. evervone also chanted Jai Shri Ram.

During this, Mahant Shri Narayan Das Shastri ji Neeraj ji, DDC membe Shilpa Dubey, Rakesh Sharma. Chandra Prakash Pradeep Sharma and other prominent people of the area were present on the occasion.

Stage is set for a showdown between Netflix's documentary series 'African Queens: Njinga' and three long-standing daytime dramas: CBS' 'The Bold and the Beautiful', 'The Young and the Restless' and Peacock's 'Days of Our Lives'

The nominations for the 51st annual Daytime Emmy Awards have been unveiled, setting the stage for a showdown between Netflix's documentary series 'African Queens: Njinga' and three long-standing daytime dramas: CBS' 'The Bold and the Beautiful', 'The Young and the Restless' and Peacock's 'Days of Our Lives'.

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As per The Hollywood Reporter, each of these productions has snagged an impressive dozen nominations. Following closely behind is the enduring ABC soap opera 'General Hospital' with 11 nominations.

In the talk show realm, 'The Kelly Clarkson Show' has garnered the most nods with nine nominations, followed by 'The View' with seven nominations.

Some newcomers to the Emmy scene include 'Downey's Dream Cars' on Max for Best Lifestyle Program, 'Selena + Chef: Home for the Holidays' on Food Network for Culinary Series, 'Neighbours' on Amazon Freevee for Daytime Drama,



and 'Extraordinary Birder with Christian Cooper' on Nat Geo for Travel. Adventure and Nature, along with a nod for Best Davtime Personality in a non-daily format.

Among the surprises is the nomination of Fric Braeden who received his first Emmy nod in 20 years for his portrayal of Victor Newman on 'The Young and the Restless.' Braeden, who

previously declined submissions for consideration, last won the

Television Arts and Sciences has introduced changes to this year's categories, including the elimination of Outstanding Younger Performer in a Daytime Drama and Outstanding Promotional Announcement categories

Personality Non-daily

categories, covering a wide array of daytime programming The ceremony, set to air live on June 7 on CBS and Paramount+, promises to be an exciting celebration of excellence in daytime television. Updates on the lifetime

achievement honourees, hosts, presenters, and Silver and Gold Circle honourees will be announced soon

The Daytime Emmy Awards continue to honour outstanding achievements in davtime television, showcasing the talent and creativity of the industry's finest.

## **Drake uses AI-generated voices** of Tupac Shakur, Snoop Dogg on diss track 'Taylor Made Freestyle'

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'Call him a b\*\*\*\* for me. Talk about him liking young girls as a gift for me." According to 'Variety', Drake then uses Snoop Dogg's computer-generated vocals to directly address Lamar. Snoop Dogg's Al-generated voice raps, 'World is watching this chess game, but oh you out of moves Dot. You know that the OG never fucking doubted you. But right now it seems like you posted up without a clue or what the

fuck you 'bout to do There's speculation that Drake rapped the Shakur and Snoop Dogg verses and used AI to alter their sound Drake closes the song with his own verse, stating that it's a stopgap until he receives a response from Lamar. 'The first one really only took me an hour or two. The next one is really 'bout

quess'

The song features AI vocals from Tupac Shakur and Snoop Dogg on a stopgap between diss records as he awaits Kendrick Lamar's response to his latest release 'Push Ups', reports On the track, an imagined Shakur addresses Lamar directly, question-

ing his silence since the release of his verse on 'Like That' a diss that initiated this feud last month. 'Kendrick we need ya, the West

The beef between Drake and Kend-

rick Lamar is escalating to new heights.

Drake dropped a track on his social

media titled 'Taylor Made Freestyle'.

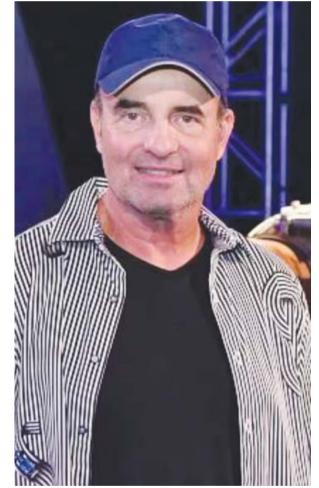
Coast saviour. Engraving your name in some hip-hop history,' raps an artificial to bring out the coward in you,' he said. On Instagram, where he shared the song, he wrote, 'While we wait on vou He also suggests that Lamar is delaying his response track due to the massive cultural moment surrounding Taylor Swift's new album 'The Tortured Poets Department', and how everything else will be overshadowed by its release 'But now we gotta wait a fucking week 'cause Taylor Swift is your new Top,' he remarked, referencing Lamar's former record label Top Dawg Entertainment. 'And if you 'bout to drop, she gotta approve. This girl really 'bout to make you act like you not in a feud.'

**Captain America action director** Spiro Razatos comes on board for Hrithik Roshan, NTR Jr's War 2

International action director Spiro Razatos, best known for his work in Captain America, has been roped in by YRF for War 2, which is headlined by Hrithik Roshan and NTR Jr.

A source said, "Awardwinning action director Spiro Razatos, who is known for his stunts in blockbuster action films like Captain America: Civil War, Captain America: The First Soldier, Fast X, F9-The Fast Saga, to name a few, will now design and execute an action sequence that will blow people's minds. He has started working with Ayan closely and has very ambitious plans to give Indian audiences action set pieces that they have never seen before!

Directed by Ayan Mukerji, War 2 is scheduled to hit theatres on Independence Day 2025



prestigious award in 1998. The National Academy of

# Vidya Balan: 'Family should not come in between a married couple'

Variety

Vidva Balan has a relationship advice for married couples and their friends and families. She believes people should not meddle in a couple's business and let them sort out their issues themselves. In a new interview, she stressed on the importance of communication between a couple. 'Communication is cru-

Speaking to agency, she said, "To realise that marriage is between two people and should remain between two people at all times. whatever it takes to achieve that, communi-. and sharing. is very crucial.

"You can't bring in another person, whether that's family or friends no one can be a part of the relationship between two people, especially a marriage. It's so deliciously layered, intricate intimate and personal that no third person can



know what one feels for the other. There is a beautiful line in the film that says, 'Just show up every day.' That's the relationship," she added

In another interview, with ANI, the Parineeta actor spoke about the importance of open communication in relationships. On marriage with Sid-

dharth "I believe every couple has their own unique

mantra, but in my opinion, if we openly communicate with each other about everything, it can be very helpful," the actor said

Discussing her relationship with her husband Siddharth Roy Kapur, Vidya Balan shared, "Siddharth and I discuss everything, if someone feels bad or gets angry, or if there's love, we express it honestly to each other, which is very important.

courtship Do Aur Do Pyaar is directed by award-winning ad filmmaker Shirsha Guha Thakurta. It marks her feature debut and hit the theatres on April 19, 2024. The trailer, released earlier this month offers a glimpse into the exities of modern relationships, inviting audiences of all ages to embark on a journey filled with laughter, tears, and love. Also starring Pratik Gandhi, Illeana D'Cruz, and Sendhil Ramamurthy,

# tivate viewers.

# Anupam Kher: I have always been the face of change; the problem is that the world has only now acknowledged it

Actor Anupam Kher is currently busy shooting for his second directorial. Tanvi The Great in Lansdowne. On the acting front, he has multiple projects in the pipeline including Vijay 69, Metro... In Dino, Emergency, The Signature, amongst others. Ask him about the same and he says, "I am very proud of my body of work, but I feel there is still so much more to do in life

Vijay 69 will be one of my best five films and am already announcing it. People will also be surprised by The Signature.'

While he is busy now, this recognition came to Kher a bit late, especially after the success of the 2022 film The Kashmir Files. It changed the industry's perspective towards him, and he acknowledges that: "I have always been the face of change; the problem is that the world has only now acknowledged it. I started as a leading actor, did films like Khosla Ka Ghosla (2006), Saaransh (1984), Daddy (1989) or A Wednesday (2008) but it took a lot of time for people to change their mindset. It's their issue not mine. All this work, even films like Maine Gandhi Ko Nahin Maara (2005) and Sansar (1987), the world has appreciated now."

Reflecting on his struggles to break out of the box, the 69-yearold shares. "I remember the days I was struggling to find work. And when I got it, I showed my full honesty towards it. When vou know your job, and you have struggled enough on the streets of Mumbai, it gives you great strength.



Eventually, good work begets good work. I am not saying it with arrogance, but I like to make iv own rules." The actor insists it has been integral for him to stay up to date with the changing times. Ask him how he ensures that, and he says, "I don't

take myself so serious-

ly, so I don't carry the

burden of being Anupam Kher. The less burden I take of it, the higher I can fly." Having won a lot of accolades for his work over the years, the actor doesn't let it get to his head. "When you don't have the fear of failure, you can do a lot of things. The fear of failure makes you feel mediocre," he ends.

## Parineeti Chopra weighs in on favouritism in **Bollywood: 'There are camps'**

Parineeeti Chopra is currently receiving accolades for her performance in Imtiaz Ali's Amar Singh Chamkila. Parineeti, who has seen several ups and downs in her career, has made some revelations about favouritism in Bollywood. The actor, in a recent interview with news agency, spoke about 'camps' in the Hindi film industry. Parineeti Chopra opens up on 'Bollywood

camps Parineeti opened up about lack of work opportunities in a recent interaction with Pinkvilla. She said, "I am just saying that there are camps, there are circles, there are favourites. Two people who are similarly talented, who can bring the same thing to the table, one will be a favourite and one will be not and the one who is not will lose the work opportunity which is why



becomes a meritocracv

So if I am able to bring

that talent, if I am able to

bring that same amount,

then I must also get the opportunity and not lose it because I don't have a relationship or I am not in your camp or I am not

#### Additionally, they merged the categories for Outstanding Writing for a Daytime Nonfiction Series and Outstanding Writing for Daytime Non-fiction Special into Outstanding Writing for a Daytime Non-fiction Programme Moreover, the Daytime Programme Host category has been divided into two: Daytime Personality Daily and Daytime

The nominees span various

Sharing everything is crucial for a couple. And spending a lot of time together, especially enjoying biryani together, is very important." Vidya Balan and Sid-

dharth Roy Kapur got married in Mumbai on December 14, 2012, following a few years of

the film boasts a stellar cast that is likely to cap-

in your clique.' Parineeti Chopra's gratitude post for fans On receiving praises from fans and movie critics, Parineeti recently penned a gratitude post on her Instagram handle. She captioned it as, "Curled up in my blanket. Overwhelmed with your words, calls, and movie reviews. (tears are not stopping) "PARINEETI IS BACK." These words are ringing loud. Hadn't thought of this. Yes I am back, and not going anywhere!" Amar Singh Chamkila features Diljit Dosanjh in the titular role. The Imtiaz Ali directorial

is a musical biopic on the late Punjabi singer. Amar Singh Chamkila was nicknamed as the 'Elvis Presley of Punjab' because of his popularity among fans. The Diljit-Parineeti starrer is avaialable for streaming on Netflix



He cited his government's promotion of Indian heritage like yoga and Ayurveda, asserting that the country's new generation now believes that self-pride is its identity

The country is now projecting the mantras of truth and nonviolence globally as a solution to problems facing the world with self-confidence, he said



At a time of global conflicts, the teachings of tirthankars, revered spiritual Jain gurus, are more relevant. he said The Prime Minister also sug-

gested to the audience that they should use their franchise early in the day and added in a lighter vein that saints have links to lotus, a flower often used in holy events which also is the BJP's poll symbol

The event is a rare occasion and is happening at the beginning of 'Amrit Kaal', Modi said, adding the country is working to make centenary year of freedom a "golden centenary".

The idea of 'Amrit Kaal' is not merely a resolve but India's spiritual inspiration, he asserted. India is not only the oldest living civilisation but a safe shelter for humanity too, he said.

The Prime Minister also said that "Bhagwan Mahavir's message of peace, compassion and brotherhood are a source of great inspiration for everyone".

kar, 25, and Rahul, 20,

all of them from Bagari

Mohalla of Jhalawar's

Eklera village, he said.

Rohit, 22, and Ramkis-

At least 10 occupants

of the bus received inju-

ries in the accident, the

After being alerted,

ambulances were sent

### BJP no longer political party, but cult worshipping PM Modi: P Chidambaram



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Apr 21 (Agencies): Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Sunday lashed out at the BJP-led NDA government and said the saffron party is no longer a political party but has become a cult which worships Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Targeting the Modi government, Chi-

dambaram said there is a "grave erosion" of freedom of speech and expression happening under the ten years of Modi rule and urged the people to "restore democracy". He also assured that even though the contentious Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) was not mentioned in the Congress manifesto, it will be repealed once the INDIA bloc comes to power. Chidambaram also expressed hope that the INDIA bloc will win all the 39 seats in Tamil Nadu and

# Naxalite killed in encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur

(Agencies): A Naxalite was killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Sunday, police said. The gunfight took place in a forest near Keshkutul village under Bhairamgarh police station area at around 5.30 am when a team of the **District Reserve Guard** (DRG) was out on an anti-Naxal operation, a senior police official told agency. The operation was

BIJAPUR, Apr 21

launched based on information about the presence of division supply team commander of Maoists, Kawasi Pandaru, and 15-20 other cadres in Keshkutul-Keshmundi forests, located around 400 km from the state capital Raipur, he said After the exchange of

fire stopped, the body of a Naxalite, a weapon and explosives were recovered from the spot, the official said. Search operation was

still under way in the area, he added. With this incident, 80 Naxalites have been killed so far this year in separate encounters with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region, comprising seven districts including Bijapur, according to police.

On April 16, 29 Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in the region's Kanker district, police earlier said

# Wedding tragedy: 3 brothers among 9 dead as car, truck collide head-on in Rajasthan's Jhalawar

KOTA, Apr 21 (Agencies): Nine men returning from a wedding died in a road incident in Rajasthan's Jhalawar when the car they were in collided head-on with a truck early Sunday, an officer said.

The men, all of them aged 16-30, were returning from a wedding in Dungri village of Madhya Pradesh. Among the victims

were Rohit, 16, Sonu, 22, and Deepak, 24, all of them brothers. Eklera Police Station SHO Sandeep Vishoni said. The other victims were identified as Ashok, 24,



the incident, were from Khanpur area of Jhala war and Harnawda in Baran district. Manish Bagari, 18, is

# 10 police personnel injured as bus overturns in Chhattisgarh's Bastar

JAGDALPUR, Apr 21 (Agencies): At least 10 personnel of the Madhya Pradesh police were injured when a bus ferrying them for poll duty overturned in Chhattisgarh's Bastar

district on Sunday, a senior official said A local police officia earlier said the injured personnel belonged to the CRPF.

Later, a senior police official from Jagdalpur said those injured belonged to the Madhva

Pradesh Police. The incident took place near Raikot village on Geedam-Jagdalpur road under Geedam police station limits, the official said.

After the poll duty in Bastar Lok Sabha seat, where voting was held on April 19, the security personnel were heading from Faraspal (Dantewada) to Gariband in Mahasamund parliamentary constituency which will go to polls on April 26, he



The bus, with 36 personnel from the Madhva Pradesh police on board, skidded off

#### to the spot and the injured personnel were shifted to a medical colthe road when its driver took a turn in order to

save cattle which suddenly arrived there and the vehicle overturned.

#### Bulldozer action on house of Guna man who raped, glued woman's mouth shut time, police said.



GUNA, Apr 21 (Agencies): An illegally built house of a man accused of raping and torturing a woman for a month in Madhya Pradesh's Guna, was demolished by officials on Sunday. Ayan Pathan had allegedly held hos-

tage a 23-year-old woman living in his neighbour and tortured her for a month. The two were in a relationship for some

# **BJP leader attacked during** TV channel debate in Madhya Pradesh's Tikamgarh; 1 held

TIKAMGARH (MP), Apr 21 (Agencies): Two persons allegedly attacked a local BJP leader during a poll debate organised by a national news channel in Madhya Pradesh's Tikamgarh, police said on Sunday.

The police have arrested one person in connection with the incident that occurred at a ground in Nazarbag where a news channel organised a debate on Saturday night, an offi-

cial said Representatives from the BJP and Congress, among others, participated in the debate, he said.

The accused, Himanshu Tiwari and Babar, allegedly raised slogans against the BJP and made objectionable

remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kotwali police station in-

charge Anand Rai said. The BJP's district media cell in-charge, Prafull Dwivedi, objected to this, and the duo allegedly threw a chair at him, he said.

Some local leaders intervened to protect Dwivedi, which led to a scuffle, the official said. Based on Dwivedi's complaint, a case was registered against the alleged accused under sections 499 (defamation), 294 (obscene act), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the

Indian Penal Code, he said While Babar has been arrested, a search is

on for Tiwari, who is

absconding, the official

said District Congress president Naveen Sahu clarified that the accused had nothing to do with his party, and they were present as spectators. This is the second

such incident during a poll debate organised by news channels in Madhya Pradesh.

Earlier on April 13, workers and leaders of the Congress and BJP allegedly attacked each other with sticks and plastic chairs during a debate organised by a news channel at a public park in Jabalpur.

A video of the incident surfaced on social media, in which some people were seen scuf fling and throwing plastic chairs at each other.

# **Congress A Synonym For Scams, Terrorism** And Maoism, Says Yogi Adityanath

Addressing an election rally in Chhhattisgarh's Kabirdham district, he said the wait of 500 years for Ram Lalla (installation of his idol) in Ayodhya ended because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

RAIPUR, Apr 21 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday hit out at the Congress, claiming the grand old party is a synonvm for scams, terrorism and Naxalisn

Addressing an election rally in Chhhattisgarh's Kabirdham district, he said the wait of 500 years for Ram Lalla (installation of his idol) in Ayodhya ended because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Kabirdham district comes under the Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha constituency.

"Congress is a synonym for scams, terrorism and Naxalism. At the age when a tablet and a good book should be in the hands of youth and they should have the spirit to take the world ahead, the Congress handed over pistols in the hands



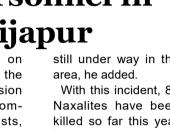
of those youth. The Congress instigated them to fight against the country in the name of Naxalism and terrorism," Adityanath claimed

Under the leadership of PM Modi, people have seen the country changing in the last 10 years, the senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader said. "Modi ji has said that this country has to be made a big power in the world. A developed India has to be made ... to create a self-reliant India, where every citizen feels safe. Be it a daughter or a businessman, only the BJP can provide complete guar-

#### lege at Dimrapal in Jagdalpur, he said. Five of them were admitted in the hospital while the others were discharged after being administered preliminary treatment, he added.

he said

official said



Country believes new journey into future will begin from

NATIONAL

2024 General Election: PM Modi PM was addressing gathering at 2,550th Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvan Mahotsav in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Apr 21 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra

Top News of J&K

Jammu, Sunday, April 21, 2024

Modi on Sunday said that India

is now projecting with self-con-

fidence the mantras of truth and

non-violence globally as a solu-

tion to the problems facing the

world and its cultural image is

Addressing the 2,550th

Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvan

Mahotsav here, Modi said his

government put emphasis on

promoting heritage as well as

material development when it

came to power in 2014 at a time

when the country was engulfed

in despair, a swipe at the previ-

Referring to the 2024 Lok

Sabha polls, he said a big festi-

val of democracy is happening

"and, the country believes from

here a new journey into future

ous UPA dispensation.

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playing a big role in it as well.



the one seat in Pondicherry where the elections were ove

The BIP constituted the manifesto in 14 days which is not titled manifesto. They called it Modi's guarantee. The BJP is no longer a political party. It has become a cult and the cult worships Narendra Modi," Chidambaram said. He claimed that "Modi ki guarantee reminds everyone of the countries where there was cult worship. "That cult worship in India has started gaining strength and will lead to dictatorship, he said

He alleged that there is a gross censorship of the freedom of expression under the ten year Modi rule. "If Modi is voted back to power for the third time he may amend the constitution...We have to restore democracy." Chidam baram said.

He said the gravest challenge faced by the country was unemployment. Chidambaram added that the Congress manifesto talks about job creation and wealth generation about which the CPI(M) is silent. "CAA will be repealed in the first session of the Parliament when the INDIA bloc comes to power," Chidambaram added.

#### undergoing treatment in a critical state at a hos-

nital. Vishoni said. The truck driver was detained and ques-

tioned, he said. Deputy Superintendent of Police Hemant

Gautam said the car, a Maruti Suzuki Omni was completely man-

According to Gopal Bagari, a relative, around 35-40 baraatis had left from Dungri in three Omnis and two pick-ups vehicles at around 12.30 am.

On the way, Bagari stopped in Khimchi village on Bhopal road for tea, while the other car sped ahead.

After around 10 min utes break, Bagari resumed his journey, and after a few minutes travel, around 2.15 am, found a car in a manuled state stuck in a truck near Pachola village.

The rescuers had to break open the rear gate of the car to bring out the severely injured men, at least two of them were stuck in front.

Five of them were rushed to a private hospital and four to a com munity health centre. All nine were soon declared dead

Ayan, who worked as a labourer, allegedly had his eyes on the woman's property, which was under her mother's name. When she refused to hand over the property, he beat her up, stuffe chilli powder into her eyes and mouth and even sealed her mouth with adhe-

He had also physically abused the woman several times with the assistance of his kin

Ayan was arrested after the woman was admitted to a hospital with severe injuries and filed a complaint

Officials found that Ayan's house was built on government land using forged documents, after which it was demolished



Only the Bharatiya Janata Party can respect your faith," he said Adityanath asked the gather ing whether the Congress could have given free ration to the people, built the Ram temple reduced the problem of Naxalism and given security to the

antee of security to all of them

daughters and businessmen "Congress is the synonym for problem, it gives the problem while the BJP is the name of solution," he said.

Adityanath appealed to the people to vote for the BJP candidate from Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha seat- Santosh Pandey. He further targeted the Congress, saying it has fielded former CM Bhupesh Baghel

who was allegedly involved in multiple scams during the previous government in the state.

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# 1 dead, 7 missing after 2 Japanese Navy helicopters crash in Pacific Ocean during training

#### The cause of the crash not immediately known

TOKYO, Apr 21 (Agencies) Two Japanese navy helicopters carrying eight crew members crashed in the Pacific Ocean south of Tokyo during a nighttime training flight after possibly colliding with each other, the country's defence minister said on Sunday

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One crew member who had been recovered from the waters was later pronounced dead, while rescuers searched for seven others who were still missing

The two SH-60K choppers from the Maritime Self Defence Force were carrying four crew each and lost contact late Saturday near Torishima island about 600 kilometers (370 miles) south of Tokyo, Defence Minister Minoru Kihara told reporters.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but the two helicopters might have collided with each other before crashing into the water. Kihara said.

Rescuers have recovered a flight data recorder, a blade from each helicopter, and fragments believed to be from both choppers in the same area, signs that the two SH-60Ks were flying close to each other. Kihara said Officials will analyse the flight data to try to determine what led to the crash

The MSDF deployed eight



warships and five aircraft for the search and rescue of the missina crew

The helicopters, twin-engine multi-mission aircraft developed by Sikorsky and known as Seahawks, were modified and produced in Japan by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. They were on nighttime anti-submarine training in the waters, Kihara said. One lost contact at 10:38 p.m. (1338 GMT) and sent an automatic emergency signal a minute later

Only one distress call was heard — another sign the two helicopters were near the same place, because their signals use the same frequency and could not be differentiated, Kihara

One belonged to an air base in Nagasaki, and the other to a

base in Tokushima prefecture. The SH-60K aircraft is usually deployed on destroyers for antisubmarine warfare, but is also used for search and rescue and other missions. Japan has about 70 of the modified helicopters that are license-produced by

Saturday's training only involved the Japanese navy and was not part of a multinational exercise, defence officials said. They said no foreign aircraft or warships were spotted in the

Japan, under its 2022 security strategy, has been accelerating its military buildup and fortifying deterrence in the southwestern

Japanese islands in the Pacific and East China Sea to counter threats from China's increase ingly assertive military activities Japan in recent years has conducted its own extensive naval exercises as well as joint drills with its ally the United States and other partners

Saturday's crash comes a year after a Ground Self-Defence Force UH-60 Blackhawk crashed off the southwestern Japanese island of Miyako, due to an engine output problem known as "rollback", leaving all 10 crew members dead, which shocked the nation. In January 2022, a Air Self-Defence F-15 fighter jet crashed off the northcentral coast of Japan, killing two crew.

In 2017, a Japanese navy SH-60J, an earlier generation Seahawk, crashed during a nighttime flight training off Aomori, due to human error. In the US, a fatal crash of a MH-60S Seahawk during training off California in 2021 was attributed to mechanical failure from unsuspected damage during maintenance, according to the Navv

Japan's NHK public television said no weather advisories were issued in the area at the time of Saturday's crash

claims Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Apr 21

(Agencies): After the

US imposed sanctions

on four entities (three

from China and one

from Belarus) for their

alleged involvement

in supplying missile-

applicable items to

Pakistan's ballistic mis-

sile programme, Islam-

abad claimed they were

based on mere specu-

Pakistan Foreign

Office spokesperson

Mumtaz Zahra Baloch

said. "While we are not

aware of the specifics

of the latest measures

by the US, in the past

we have come across

many instances where

listings have been

made on mere suspi-

lations.

Iran disputes reports of first delivery of Russian **Su-35 fighter jets** Iranian media had referred to a report by SNN

news agency



Islamic Revolution ary Guard Corps. The agency itself denied the report on its Telegram page after consulting with the Ministry of Defence

Iran's Ministry of Defence announced last vear that the country had acquired Mi-28H combat helicopters and Yak-130s from Russia in addition to the SU-35 fighter jets

According to Fararu, however, the aircraft were not delivered due to protests from Iran's

Iran is also said to be supporting Russia with military logistics in the war against Ukraine. In particular, the West accuses Iran of supplying Russia with socalled kamikaze drones, which it says have been used several times in the Ukraine conflict which Tehran denies. Both Iran and Russia have been subject to sanctions due to the accusations

## **Tesla Cars To Soon Have Integrated** X Experience, Says Elon Musk

SAN FRANCISCO Apr 21 (Agencies): Elon Musk, on Sunday, said that Tesla car users will soon have an integrated experience with X social media platform

Replying to a follower who asked if we can get the X app integrated into Tesla cars, the tech billionaire said: "Coming soon.'

It means that the electric car owners will be able to use X via a software update in Tesla user interface (UI)

"That is really good news. At the moment I can't read X notifications on my iPhone while on FSD (full-self driving) without getting a nag. Native ecosystem integration will be



way better. How will the Tesla UI look like for X?" Asked a Musk follower However, some people did not like the idea.

"Waste of engineering time. There's no way anvbodv can activelv use the application while they are driving and it is uncomfortable to use in terms of typing because of your back having to



The social media users also demanded that Musk integrate Grok Al into Tesla cars as well "Don't forget Grok inside the Tesla fleet too," a Musk follower commented



cion or even when the involved items were not on any control lists but were deemed sensitive under catch-all provisions.'

"We have pointed out many times that such items have legitimate civil commercial uses It is, therefore, important to avoid arbitrary application of export controls. There is a



TEHRAN, Apr 21

(Agencies): Iranian

officials have denied

media reports about

the imminent delivery

of new Russian Sukhoi

Su-35 fighter jets to

Reports in the Iranian

media that the country is

to receive the latest gen-

eration of aircraft in the

next few days are incor-

rect, according to the

The media had

referred to a report by

the SNN news agency,

which is close to Iran's

Fararu news website.

Iran.

ed Washington of the various leverages extended to many other countries, stating, "It is a reality that the same

jurisdictions, which claim to exercise strict non-proliferation controls, have waived off licensing requirements for advanced military technologies for some countries.

"The ultimate goal of sanctions is not to punish, but to bring about a positive behave ior change," a statement issued by the US State Department said The entities sanctioned by the US are -the People's Republic of China-based Xi'an Longde Techlology Development Limited Tianjin Creative Source International Trade Co. Ltd, Granpect Company Limited and Belarusbased Minsk Wheel Tractor Plant As per the US imposed sanctions under Executive Order 13382, all property and interests in property of the designated entities that are in the US or under the control of US persons are now blocked. Furthermore, any indi-

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# Israeli strikes on southern Gaza city of Rafah kill **13**, mostly children, as US advances aid package

RAFAH, GAZA STRIP, Apr 21 (Agencies): Israeli strikes on the southern Gaza city of Rafah overnight killed 13 people, including nine children health officials said Sunday, as the United States was on track to approve billions of dollars of additional military aid to its

close ally. Israel has carried out neardaily air raids on Rafah, where more than half of Gaza's population of 2.3 million has sought refuge from fighting elsewhere. It has also vowed to expand its ground offensive to the city on the border with Egypt despite international calls for restraint, including from the U.S.

The House of Representatives approved a \$26 billion aid package on Saturday that includes around \$9 billion in humanitarian assistance for Gaza.

The first strike killed a man, his wife and their 3-year-old child, according to the nearby Kuwaiti Hospital, which received the bodies. The woman was pregnant, and the doctors managed to save the baby, the hospital

The second strike killed eight children and two women, all from the same family, according to hospital records. An airstrike in Rafah the night before killed nine people, including six children



The Israel-Hamas war has killed over 34,000 Palestinians, according to local health officials, devastated Gaza's two largest cities and left a swath of destruction across the territory. Around 80% of the population have fled their homes to other parts of the besieged coastal enclave, which experts say is on the brink of famine.

The conflict, now in its seventh month. has sparked regional unrest pitting Israel and the U.S. against Iran and allied militant groups across the Middle East. Israel and Iran traded fire directly earlier this month. raising fears of all-out war between the longtime foes.

Tensions have also spiked in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. The Israeli military said troops

"neutralized" two Palestinians who attacked a checkpoint with a knife and a gun near the southern West Bank town of Hebron early Sunday. It was not immediately clear if they were killed. No Israeli forces were wounded

At least 469 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli soldiers and settlers in the West Bank since the start of the war in Gaza, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. Most have been killed during Israeli military arrest raids, which often trigger gunbattles, or in violent protests

The war in Gaza was sparked by an unprecedented Oct. 7 raid into southern Israel in which Hamas and other militants killed around 1,200 people, mostly

civilians, and abducted around 250 hostages. Israel says militants are still holding around 100 hostages and the remains

of more than 30 others. Thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets to call for new elections to replace Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a deal with Hamas to release the hostages. Netanyahu has vowed to continue the war until Hamas is destroyed and all the hostages are returned

The war has killed at least 34.049 Palestinians and wounded another 76,901, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. The ministry does not differentiate between combatants and civilians in its count but says at least two-thirds have been children and women. It also says the real toll is likely higher as many bodies are stuck beneath the rubble left by airstrikes or are in areas that are unreachable for medics.

Israel blames Hamas for civilian casualties because the militants fight in dense, residential neighborhoods, but the military rarely comments on individual strikes, which often kill women and children. The military says it has killed over 13,000 Hamas fighters, without providing evidence

# North Korean agriculture delegation visits Russia amid food shortage



(Agencies): A North Korean delegation led by a high-ranking agricultural official is visiting Russia, the North's official KCNA news agency said on Sunday. in the latest exchange between Moscow and Pyongyang, which is grappling with chronic food shortages

Vice premier of the cabinet Ri Chol Man left for Russia on Saturdav leading an Agricultural Commission delegation, KCNA said. The Russian ambassador to North Korea. Alexander Matsegora, said in a Facebook post Ri's schedule will be "very heavy

Ties between the two

countries have strengthened dramatically following North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's visit to Russia's far east in September and a summit with President Vladimir Putin.

At a major policysetting meeting of the ruling Workers' Party in December, Kim devoted a considerable portion of his remarks to the need to boost agricultural productivity, calling for modernization of farm equipment and improved irrigation system

While he touted success in efforts to improve farm production, North Korea has long grappled with food shortages, in part due to prolonged

disasters Ri, who is considered a career technocrat in the agricultural field according to the South Korean government database, was promoted to chairman of the Agricultural Commission at the Workers' Party meeting. The two countries have exchanged a number of delegations since their leaders' meeting in September and the frequency has increased in

recent months, according to North Korean state media. US and South Korean

Top News of J&K Jammu, Sunday, April 21, 2024

arch-enemy Israel and some Arab states in the Persian Gulf. According to unofficial reports, the deal was supposed to involve a total of 24 new fighter

Since the failure of the 2015 Vienna nuclear deal, which was intended to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, and the subsequent continuation of Western sanctions. Iran has intensified its relations with Moscow.

# **US-imposed sanctions based on mere speculations**,

viduals or entities with ownership, directly or indirectly, of 50 per cent or more by the designated persons are also subject to these sanctions. Under these sanctions, the entry of designated individuals into the US has been suspended under Presidential Proclamation

UN sanctions over its weapons programmes and seasonal natural

officials have expressed concern that the centrepiece of closer cooperation is military. accusing the North of shipping weapons to Russia for use in its war in Ukraine. Both Moscow and Pyongyang have denied the accusations even though their leaders have vowed to deepen

military cooperation.

Top News of J&K Jammu, Sunday, April 21, 2024

# **Stop sale of more Eriksha in Jammu city: Dimple**

**Top News Report** JAMMU, Apr 21: Jammu Kashmir Black Auto Union held a strong protest in which five hundred auto drivers, owners, Jammu kashmir black auto union demands Govt, RTO, transport commission er to stop sale of more autos, Eriksha in Jammu city as Jammu city the auto industry has totally collapsed & control e-rickshaw, they should operate in their zones allotted to e rickshaw.

Addressing the protesters Sunil Dimple chair man Jammu Kashmir Black Auto Union and president Mission Statehood, demanded LG Manoj Sinha, RTO, & the Transport Commis sioner to stop sale of more autos, Eriksha in jammu city a



Dimple gave one week ultimatum to j&k govt to control e-rikshaw. threatening to hold protest marches, rallies, agitation in Jammu city. In which five thousand

autos. drivers. owners will take out a massive rally in jamymu city. Dimple alleged after starting battery buses. small battery ten seats autos. The govt is totally

destroyed the 50 years old auto & matador transport industry Sanjay Sethi president said in spite of the directions from RTO, SSP traffic to e-rickshaw, they are

# Vibodh urges support for Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Apr 21: In a bid to ramp up direct people contact, BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta led a day-long extensive doorto-door election campaign in Nanak Nagar, Digana, and Janipur in support of BJP's candidate Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma from the Jammu-Reasi parliamentary seat. During the door-todoor campaign, the BJP adel populariz achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi especially in the Union Territory of J&K. While addressing the gathering Vibodh Gupta said that the NDA government, under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, has fast-tracked economic growth, strengthened rural infrastructure, and launched schemes for the empowerment of all ir Jammu and Kashmir. He maintained that the INDI alliance is a regrouping

During bad weather.

**Dubai assisted over** 

400.000

passengers with quality

service across airports,

ports

Marri expressed his appreciation and

gratitude for the tremendous efforts exerted

by the working team, through collaboration

with partners and coordination in achiev-

ing public service objectives and raising

passenger satisfaction levels. He pointed

out that these achievements once again

highlight the high spirit of dedication and

professionalism exhibited by employees

at Dubai's airports, land, and sea ports,

enhancing Dubai's status as one of the

world's premier travel and tourism desti-

Al Marri emphasised that the GDRFA

works in collaboration with airport man-

agement and all partners to enhance

the safety of travellers. This is achieved

through adopting a set of policies and

procedures aimed at ensuring their safety

and providing a qualitative travel experi-

ence. He pointed out that delaying some

flights in cases of bad weather is a mea-

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of the same political parties that were accused of perpetrating scam after scam and had been voted out by the people in 2014 and 2019. Stating that India is lucky to have Narendra Modi Ji as Prime Minister, who is close to the heart of the masses. Vibodh said that by voting for BJP in parliamentary elections, people would not just elect a government but also actively participate and contribute to Modi JIS VISION OF A VIKS Vishwa Guru Bharat. Vibodh strongly asserted that Modi Ji had done away with the Congress

culture of "appeasement and caste polarization" and ushered in transformative "politics of development, performance, accountability, and reforms." He affirmed that people are determined to give Prime Minister Narendra Modi a third term to reinforce their role in combating corruption and dynastic politics.

Former MLC Charanjeet Singh Khalsa stated that every segment o society has experienced significant relief under the Modi Government as their longstanding genuine demands were met. He emphasize the Modi Government's commitment to its vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas," attrib uting this progress to the abrogation of Article 370 which had hindered the of Jammu and Kashmir Mandal president bharat Bhushan praised the Modi government for not only promising but also delivering good governance, develop ment, and transparency at the grassroots level He urged the people to overwhelmingly support the BJP, which stood for the development and empowerment of all sections of society in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections

#### sure taken by companies out of a sense of great responsibility and a high concern for

the safety of passengers. At the same time, Major General Al Marri stated that changing weather poses challenges for travel. Despite this, with good planning and teamwork, Dubai handles emergencies professionally, ensuring passenger safety and service quality without

delavs Dubai's airports received 195,803 passengers on April 15th, with 111.346 arrivals and 84,457 departures. On April 16th there were 55,520 departures and 78,281 arrivals, totaling 133,801 passengers. On April 17th, there were 74,406 passengers with 25,503 departures and 48,903 arrivals. The total number of passengers across all air, land, and sea ports on April 17th was 75,245, compared to 136,376 passengers the previous day. On April 15th, there were approximately 207,426 passengers from all ports

# School headmaster working as OGW arrested with pistol, grenades in Poonch

"The search is still in progress. Two Chi-

#### **Indian Army Ignites Young Minds of Eastern Ladakh** phases. In Phase - 1 **Top News Report**

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Madan Lal. Rameshwa

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participated in Phase

- II, which covered a

wide range of questions

on Kargil War and the

war heroes, providing a

platform to the children

to showcase their intel-

lect and knowledge. The

unique format of the

Kumar, Ashok Kumar

out proper documents

LADAKH, Apr 21: Taruk, Eastern Ladakh, 17 & 20 April. 2024-Dah Division of the Indian Army, in its continued commitment to fostering education, inculcate a competitive spirit and camaraderie in remote areas, successfully organized a guiz competition



FROM PAGE 1

nese grenades and one Pakistan-made

pistol were recovered from the OGW," offi-

The police have started an investigation

in this regard and an FIR has been lodged.

Poonch & Rajouri districts of the Jammu

division and Anantnag & Kulgam districts

of the Kashmir division form the voting seg-

ments of the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha

constituency that goes to polls on May 7.

Implementation Of

**JKHRMS: Govt orders** 

release of salary for

employees missing

appointment

documents

selection within three months, to be

reviewed further by the General Adminis-

Insurance Regulator

**IRDAI** abolishes age

restriction on health

insurance product

effective from April 1, anyone, regardless

tration Department

for children at Taruk. Eastern Ladakh.

The quiz competition, held at Government Senior Secondary School, Taruk, showcased Indian Army's empower and engage the youth in remote regions. With a focus on promoting learning and teamwork, the event aimed to bring educational opportunities to children while fostering a sense of community and unity. The event witnessed lively participation from Little Einsteins' who showcased their knowledge of science, history and general knowledge The quiz competition was conducted on two

cials said

competition was thoroughly enjoyed by the kids, creating a vibrant atmosphere.

competition, an interactive session was organsed by officers of Indian Army, to inspire the students and encourage them to pursue their passions. The success of the quiz competition reflects the collaborative efforts of the Indian Army, the School Administration and the Local Community. Such events play a crucial role in fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment among the children, ultimately contributing to the overall well-being and progress of the region.

In addition to the quiz

uncertainty. He said that Congress party would always remain steady on its principles of secula ism, and equality for all & equitable development of

regional and religious

lines and vitiated the

overall social and secu-

lar atmosphere besides

failed to deal with the

security environment and

finally left J&K in political

J&K. He expressed confi-

claimed that Congress Party will form next Government in Jammu and Kashmir Bhalla coming dowr heavily on BJP said, the party befooled the people with their false promises and they completely failed to fulfill the promises made with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The first time rule under BJP proved to be worse of its kind where the commor masses were suffering and ruling class enjoyed roval lifestyle."They never care for Jammu where from they go their votes. The people who voted them to powe faced frequent powe cuts, lack of drinking water supply, price rise of essential commodities failed to deal with Paki stan on borders, due to which many soldiers go martyred in absence o strong foreign policy, he alleged. He said that BJP has brought Jammu and Kashmir at a stage with one region is stood against other

#### of age, is eligible to buy a new health insurance policy.

In a recent gazette notification, IRDAI said, "insurers shall ensure that they offer health insurance products to cater to all age groups. Insurers may design products specifically for senior citizens, students children, maternity, and any other group as specified by the Competent Authority.' Besides, insurers have been mandated to offer health policies to individuals with pre-existing medical conditions of any kind. Consequently, insurers are prohibited from refusing to issue policies to individuals with severe medical conditions like cancer, heart or renal failure, and AIDS.

According to the notification, insurers are allowed to offer premium payment in instalments for the convenience of policvholders

Travel policies can only be offered by general and health insurers, it said. There is no limit on AYUSH treatment coverage. Treatments under systems like Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy will receive coverage up to the sum insured without any

cap, it said. Policyholders with benefit-based policies can file multiple claims with various insurers, enhancing flexibility and options, it said

The proposed regulation seeks to handle the complaints and claims of senior citizens

**BJP** believes in divide, crush and rule: Bhalla



**Top News Report** REASI, Apr 21: Huge public gatherings i favour of Congress candidates are an indication of the reality that Congress is emerging as first choice of people in Jammu region. This was stated by JKPCC Working President and Congress contesting

District President Reasi Bopinder Singh Jamwal. DDC Master Mohd Israil

Sarpanch Chatter Singh, Adv. Ayaz Hussain, Abdul Gani Block President, Ayub Ayan, Imtiaz Wami, Mohd Ul Malik, Haji Mohd Shafi, Mohd Igbalb, Ch. Sira Din, Haji Rafiq Mir, NC Leader Nawaz Ahmed

Addressing a largely attended gathering Bhalla said that Con gress is the only secular lemocratic alternative to he present dispensation which believes in divide. crush and rule. He said that winds of change are blowing in J&K and Congress is emerging as a first choice in J&K in view of the consistency in its policy and secular credentials. He said that people in Jammu & Kashmir feel cheated from BJP whom they voted to majority in 2014 2019.He said BJP so far has run govt against the wishes of the people. Still people expected them to deliver and come up

It was Congress Gov ernment which always kept J&K united as one unit. There was equal share in developmen and employment without any disparity," he said, while praising the people friendly policy of the previous Congress Government. He said Congress will continue to fight anti- people policies of the Centre and LG's Administra tion in J&K UT, besides defeating the challenges faced on various fronts especially, misleading politics of BJP."Party

# to their expectations, to which they utterly faile because of their vested Bhalla said BJP badly divided the people on



candidate from Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary seat Raman Bhalla while addressing election gatherings at Shajroo, Maore Rangli, Badar, Sungri Chasana, Sanglikot Kundan in Reasi District Prominent among those present on the occasion include Ex Minister NC Abdul Gani Malik

dence that our strength en booth units will definitely win electoral battle from Jammu-Reasi con-

stituency

Bhalla charged the Government in J&K for creating a mess of the whole situation and worst ever misrule in the history of the State. He said that 2014/2019 elections were held in a totally polarized atmosphere and the BJP not only exploited the religious emotions of people but also surrendered before the hunger of power. People saw real face of BJP when it came to nower after total sur render of their agenda Expressing hope, Bhalla

is supreme and every worker is bound to fur ther strengthen it at grass roots level and serve people as Congress has the legacy of serving and strengthening the people." Bhalla said

Former Minister said Congress will form next government in Jammu and Kashmir. He said bureaucratic rule has never been alterna tive to democratically elected Government. He said all major projects in J&K UT were mostl conceived and launche bv Congress govern ment. Bhalla said people of Jammu and Kashmir are eagerly, waiting fo assembly elections and they will teach a lessor to BJP in J&K. He said Condress Party is serving people with dedication and without self interest. Congress leade said he and his party is available for service at people 24×7.He said that Congress is only politi cal force in the country consistently playing role of healthy opposition in the country

Reiterating his resolve to institutionalize trans parency and account ability in the governance Bhalla said that the Con gress had shown the way for strenathenina demo cratic and constitutional institutions in the State by initiating various rev olutionary steps during its tenure in the power Complimenting people for their patience. Bhalla said that the trust and confidence shown by people in his party was the guiding force to trans form Jammu and Kash mir as an island of peace and prosperity

Bhalla said J&K had lost a great lot since its division. "We were told that the scene in Jammi & Kashmir will change after making J&KUT and Growth, hospitals unemployment will be taken care of. But that has not happened at all As a matter of fact, we were far better off when it was being ruled by various Chief Ministers. Bhalla said. So, we are a great loser. We have been a great loser after the state's division into two parts. We have beer a great loser ever since the Assembly was dissolved," he added.

via a specialised channel, ensuring a more tailored and responsive approach to their requirements. it added.

MeT forecast dry weather till April 25. rains thereafter in J&K

town of Kashmir. he said. Pahalgam recorded a low of 2.9°C against 1.6°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C below normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, record ed a minimum of 8.3°C against 5.8°C on the previous night and it was 0.7°C above normal, the official said.

Kupwara town recorded a low of 6.5°C against 6.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C below normal there, the official

Gulmarg recorded a low of 0.0°C against 0.5°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 3.3°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 17.1°C against 16.8°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 3.9°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 9.2°C, Batote

8.7°C and Bhaderwah 7.7°C, he added.

the two can put pressure on the country's energy needs and trade activities.

NEW DELHI, Apr 21 (Agencies): The impact of ongoing tension between Iran and Israel is being felt all over the global economy, including India. As the two nations have deep ties with India, an emerging conflict between the two can put pressure on the country's energy needs and trade activities.

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"India's trade problems due to shipping disruption in the Red Sea could get worse because of the new conflict...The conflict makes situation in West Asia unstable, forcing projects like the IMEC Trade corridor to remain on paper for a long time, said Ajay Srivastava, founder, GTRI. On April 1. Israel bombed Iranian consulate in Damascus, killing Iranian officials. In response, Iran launched strikes on Israel on April 13, escalating the Iran–Israel proxy conflict to a direct conflict. Since then, a possible retaliation by Israel is keeping the global economy on its toes.

Impact on markets

For India, the biggest impact of the turmoil is being felt on its stock market. In the first four sessions since tension escalated, India's equity market bench-



mark indices, BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty, declined by 3% each. Manoranjan Sharma, Chief Economist - Informerics Ratingshad, recently said this war has wide-ranging ramifications and repercussions across geographies, economies and sectors with volatility in bond and equity markets though temporarily. He added that bond prices will fall, the cost of credit will rise for companies, crude prices will rise and stock markets will fall both because of reduced profitability of the corporate sector and heightened uncertainty. Fluctuating oil prices

Most experts see a growing conflict between Israel and oilrich Iran could potentially disrupt oil supply from the region, leading to a rise in oil prices globally. Brent oil, the global benchmark, jumped 3.94% to \$90.54 a barrel. The rally came amid reports that Israeli missiles hit a site in Iran. Experts believe a rise in oil prices will affect India as it relies on imports to meet over 80% of energy needs. Guara Sengupta, economist

at IDFC First Bank, sees a limited impact on India's CAD due to oil prices. "We expect current account deficit at 1.3% of GDP

#### assuming prices at \$85pb,'

added Sengupta. Trade route

The conflict has impacted trade routes in the region and if it surges ahead, it could further impact trade by the important maritime passage - the Strait of Hormuz. A disturbance here could lead to delays, increased shipping costs, and instability in global trade

India's trade with Iran. Israel India's merchandise exports and imports from Israel for FY23 were \$8.4 bn and \$2.3bn, respectively

India's key exports to Israel are: Diesel (\$5.5 bn) and Cut and Polished diamonds (\$1.2

India's key imports from Israel are: Rough diamonds (\$519 mn) and Cut and polished diamonds (\$220 mn)

India's trade with Iran included merchandise exports worth \$1.7 bn and imports of \$672 mn in FY23.

Key exports from India to Iran were rice at \$1.03 bn, Organic chemicals-\$113 mn. Key exports from Iran to India

were Methenol at \$176 mn Petroleum coke-\$85 mn





Q4 FY24, up from Rs (Agencies): Jio Finan-71 crore in the previous cial Services Ltd has quarter. The standalone announced its financial PAT for the entire fiscal results for the fourth year FY24 was Rs 383 quarter of the fiscal year 2023-24 (Q4 FY24),

Jio Financial's total income for Q4 FY24 increased by 0.93% compared to the previous quarter, reaching Rs 418.18 crore, up from Rs 414.33 crore.

The announcement o these quarterly results came after the market closed, with Jio Financial's shares settling 2.17% lower at Rs 370. Jio Financial has recently formed a part

nership with BlackRock a global investment

Liver diseases in kids up due to junk food, sugar consumption

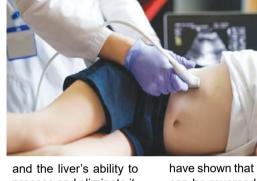
LUCKNOW, Apr 21 (Agencies): Medical experts have found that one in three children have non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), primarily caused by excess sugar consumption

It has become a significant concern even among children aged 5-16 years. Previously, children were thought to be safe from this live disease

The number of children with NAFLD has risen alarmingly from 10-33 per cent in just a decade

Paediatric hepatolo gist at Ram Manohai Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences (RMLIMS), Piyush Upadhyay said the consumption of processed meals high in sugar and unhealthy fats is a maior contributing factor to NAFLD in children

Warning against the dangers of sugary drinks and junk food, he explained that triglycerides, a type of fat, accumulate in liver cells when there is an imbalance between the amount of fat the body takes in or produces



process and eliminate it. The liver normally processes and removes fats from the body.

"This imbalance can be caused by several factors, including denetics, a sedentary lifestyle, obesity, insulin resistance and an unhealthy diet. Decades ago, fatty liver disease was primarily caused by alcohol addiction,' Upadhyay added.

"However, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease is becoming increasingly common. I see around 60-70 children with NAFLD every month, which is more than double the number I saw a decade ago," he

Another gastroenterologist, Punit Mehrotra said, "Many studies

saic



minutes He emphasised the potential of NAFLD to ogress to liver cirr sis, a serious condition requiring a liver transplant

Director of the gastroenterology department at Medanta hospital Ajay Verma explained, "When we look at all the costs involved in the consumption of junk food and sugar and the number of healthy years of life lost, cutting down

on sugar seems to save money and keep people healthier for longer.'

#### DBS can directly measure pathological brain activity and can deliver adjustable stimulation for therapeutic effect in neurological and psychiatric disorders correlated with dysfunctional circuitry DBS is opening new therapeu-

tic possibilities for neurological and psychiatric disorders. The mechanisms of action of DBS at the cell, molecular and systems level are poorly understood and much work remains to be done. A well-positioned DBS lead is instrumental to a successful clinical outcome. We use Microelectrode recording (MER) in order to identify the physiologic target

Stereotaxy is also used to establish a 3D coordinate frame-based system by which anatomical regions can be pre-



showing a consolidated

net profit of Rs 310.63

This marks a 5.72%

increase from the pre-

vious quarter's net profit

of Rs 293.82 crore in Q3

For the entire fisca

year FY24, the compa-

ny's consolidated profit

after tax (PAT) stood at

On a standalone basis

the company recorded

a PAT of Rs 78 crore for

Rs 1.605 crore.

crore

FY24.

cisely and accurately localised and targeted deep within the

MER has been shown to mprove localisation of DBS lead placement by using intraoperative recording of electrical activity in different regions of the brair

MER can safely identify neural structures and borders, and help approximate the location within the target that will be most beneficial clinically. MER will likely continue to be an important technique in places that do not yet have access to more advanced imaging techniques. DBS targeting selection depends on target structure, the indication, the preoperative maging modalities, and the surgical team preferences

Novel MRI protocols and processing methods have been developed with the goal of improving visualisation of specific anatomical structures. Fast Gray Matter Acquisition T1 Inversion Recovery (FGATIR) sequence, Quantitative susceptibility mapping (QSM) and susceptibilityweighted imaging (SWI) may improve direct visualisation of basal ganglia structures and thalamic nuclei. Ultra-high-field imaging may improve the visualization of the STN, the GPi, and thalamic nuclei

Brain networks involved in symptom improvement with DBS in movement disorders. such as STN or pallidal DBS for PD, thalamic DBS for ET. and pallidal DBS for dystonia. Connectomic analyses of DBS in psychiatric indications may mediate improvement in Tourette syndrome, depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder

The advances in DBS technology have led to exciting implications for the clinical treatment of patients with a variety of disorders. With the rapid expansion of DBS technology.

gramming is needed in order to more efficiently determine optimal stimulation parameters. In an increasingly connected world, it will also be important to preserve the security and privacy of patients who have technology capable of remote programming This is especially relevant in the current pandemic, when increasingly important way of communicating in the healthcare world. DBS has undergone an extensive and rapid evolution. Advances in atlases, imaging techniques, and connectomics have collectively improved DBS

targeting strategies

Not just sleep, dark circles indicate underlying health problems, say experts

NEW DELHI, Apr 21 (Agencies): Dark circles under the eyes aren't just a cosmetic concern, they can also signal underlying health issues

Dermatologists suggest that having dark undereve circles should be checked as they aren't just signalling a lack of sleep.

"Deficiencies of vitamins D, K and E and some vitamin Bs could be the cause of your dark circles. Check your vitamin levels and take supplements accordingly," advised Dr Deepali Bhardwai

Dermatologist and cosmetologist Dr Shareefa Chause, Shareefa's Skin Care Clinic, said that conditions like poor sleep quality, allergies, and dehydration can all affect the delicate skin around the areas. In some cases, they might be a symptom of iron deficiency or anaemia as well. "Additionally, conditions like thyroid disorders or kidney problems could contribute to their appearance. If dark circles persist despite lifestyle changes, go to a doctor. Addressing the root cause through proper diagnosis and treatment can not only improve appearance," said Dr Shareefa Chause

Dr Bhardwaj highlighted the role of genetics in dark circles. "If people have dark circles in their teens or pre-teens, it is likely the cause is genetics. When genetics is the reason, the treatment gets a bit more difficult," the

expert said To add to a person's woes, dark circles can

worsen with age, added Dr Chause "This happens due to loosening of our skin and loss of subcutaneous fat. Due to ageing the skin loses fat and collagen, causing the bluish blood vessels to start appearing and a loose translucent skin overlying the muscle and one may have dark circles," she said. Besides this. Dr Bhardwai said that deepe eye sockets can create the illusion of dark circles, since a shadow appears under the eyes. "If you have dark sockets, dermatologists can inject a filler which is a hyaluronic acid base and fill up the space and the illusion of the shadow would go," said Dr Bhardwaj While lack of sleep does affect dark circles other factors leading to deeper undereye tones are causes of medical conditions such as low haemoglobin, frequent rubbing of eyes, consuming over-the-counter pills. drv skin, and atopic dermatitis or eczema which is a chronic (long-lasting) disease that causes inflammation, redness, and irritation of the skin. Having a proper nutritious diet. sleeping adequately every day and lowering

stress levels can improve dark circles. "Stress increases chronic inflammation which causes dark undereye circles. Have lesser refined, sugars, carbs, oily and deepfried foods." said Dr Bhardwa

However, don't waste your money on undereve creams, the doctors advised. "Don't burn vour hard-earned monev on

undereye creams because most of them don't work for dark circles. Even vitamin C also doesn't work." added Dr Bhardwai Among the market products you use, look for ingredients that have vitamin K, azelaic acid and retinol. Dr Bhardwaj advised apply-

ing these three ingredients two days each during the week but not together. On the day you're not applying any of these ingredients. apply petroleum jelly or almond oil to keep the skin moisturised. But make sure sunscreen is applied every day, she said.

Dr Chause said that massaging can help reduce fluid retention and improve circulation, ultimately helping to diminish the appearance of dark circles over time.

One should also have a balanced diet inclusive of all the vital nutrients. One overlooked tip for managing dark circles is to incorporate more magnesium-rich foods into your diet.

"Magnesium plays a crucial role in skin health and can help reduce inflammation and puffiness around the eyes. Foods like almonds, pistachio, spinach, and avocados are excellent sources of magnesium that can contribute to brighter, healthier-looking skin. Use sunscreen and moisturisers recommended by the doctor only," said Dr Chause.

# Scientists decode abnormal build-up of proteins in neurons that cause Alzheimer's



NEW DELHI, Apr 21 (Agencies): A team of Japanese researchers has identified how proteins collect abnormally in neurons which is a feature of neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's.

Diseases such as Alzheimer's and Amvotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) are known to be accompanied by an abnormal build-up of proteins in neurons

However, the trigger behind this accumulation remains unknown, according to the study that appeared in the journa el ife

The team, led by Associate Profes-

sor Kanae Ando of Tokyo Metropolitan University, focused on the presence of mitochondria in axons, the long tendril-like appendages that stretch out of neurons and form the necessary connections that allow signals to be transmitted inside our brains It is known that the levels of mitochondria in axons can drop with age, and during the progress of neurodegenera-

tive diseases The team used fruit flies to show that depletion of mitochondria in axons can directly lead to protein accumulation. At the same time, significantly high amounts of a specific protein were found. Restoring the levels to normal led to a recovery in protein recycling.

Such findings promise new treatments for neurodegenerative diseases, said researchers

nesses." the study noted.

management corporation. The company disclosed that it has entered into an agreement with BlackRock Inc and BlackRock Advisors Singapore Pte Ltd to establish a 50:50 joint venture (JV) for launching a wealth management and broking business in India.

This marks the second

ioint venture between Jio and BlackRock, following their collaboration in launching an asset management venture last year. "This JV further strengthens the company's relationship with BlackRock, with whom Jio had announced a 50:50 joint venture on July 26, 2023, to

## **Unlocking the potential of Deep Brain Stimulation** in treating diverse disorders NEW DELHI, Apr 21 (Agen cies): Deep brain stimulation (DBS) has evolved substan-

tially over the past decades. The technology first appeared in mainstream practice in the 1980s to treat Parkinson's disease (PD).

Since then, innovative updates to DBS technology have led to an overwhelming expansion in ts use and its applications.

Technical advances include more lead contacts and an increased number of algorithms and stimulation patterns as well as an emergence of increasing treatment indications

transform India's asset management industry through a digital-first offering and democratise access to investment solutions for investors in India " said the NBFC earlier.

updates in IPG systems have led to increased flexibility with programming strategies and rechargeable capabilities These advances in combination with segmented leads offer an overwhelming potential of stimulation paradigms.

However, more extensive work needed to determine which patients will benefit most from these types of technology, and a systematic approach to pro-

Improvements in lead design has allowed segmented contacts to be used for directional stimulation, and improvements in IPG design have led to smaller, longer-lasting, batteries that are MRI compatible

"As populations age and the prevalence of neurodegenerative conditions continues to increase, the team's findings present a vital step in developing therapies to combat these serious ill-

# **IPL 2024: Sunrisers Hyderabad "Head" and shoulders** above Delhi Capitals, register 67-run win

Pant, himself, wasn't in his element as he could hardly get his timing right en route a painstaking 44 off 35 balls which did more harm than good to DC's cause.

NEW DELHI, Apr 21 (Agencies): Rishabh Pant's emotional homecoming didn't pan out into a dream script as Sunrisers Hyderabad adhered to their season's template by out-batting Delhi Capitals in a 67-run win in an IPL match to consolidate their position in the league table here.

Top News of J&K

Jammu, Sunday, April 21, 2024

It was Travis Head's 32-ball-89 and his carnage in unison with Abhishek Sharma (46 off 12 balls) that ensured another match-winning total of 266 for 7 for SRH in their 20 overs.

A record Powerplay score of 125/0 gave SRH the base and at one point, the first-ever 300plus total in IPL looked a distinct possibility

In reply, Jake-Fraser McGurk's equally aggressive and attractive 18-ball-65 raised visions of an improbable win as he added 84 runs for the third wicket along with Abhishek Porel (42 off 22 balls) in just five overs.

Once Fraser-McGurk was gone, DC went off the boil and they were all-out for 199 in 19.1 overs

T Natarajan's superb use of slower bouncers and figures of 4 for 19 went a long way to ensure that SRH are now second behind Rajasthan Royals (12 points) in the points table with 10 points

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taking 44 off 35 balls which did more harm than good to DC's cause

When DC started the chase Prithvi Shaw (16 off 5 balls) hit an out of rhythm Washington Sundar for four boundaries before a soft dismissal to set the tone for McGurk to tee off in an unbelievable fashion.

With minimal footwork, stable base and no pre-determined positioning while executing his shots, the rookie Aussie, who has been a last minute replacement, hit a 15-ball-50 but that wasn't enough in the end as the home team slowly but surely slipped out of qualification zone. Earlier, on a shirtfront of a track, Pant's decision to bowl first could be debated for the longest time to come as an IPL record Powerplay score of 125 set the tone for a big total.

The Capitals were hit by a tornado named Head and cyclone called Abhishek, who added 131 in little over six overs, raising visions of IPL's first-ever 300run total as Head, followed up his hundred in the last match against RCB, with a scintillating 89.

He had Abhishek matching his tempo with a 46 with both the openers helping themselves to half a dozen sixes.

Khaleel Ahmed, the left-arm seamer, whose career has been dogged by inconsistency, helped Sunrisers in getting a 'Head start' as the short balls were summarily dispatched over deep mid-wicket for sixes with 19 coming off the first over. On a track, where it required

them to pitch it on a fuller length,

Delhi pacers bowled short as Head and Abhishek would just stand deep in their crease and make merry

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More so his decision to give the second over to Lalit Yadav whose off-breaks in Delhi cricket circuit is jokingly referred as right-arm nothing" was even more contentious.

Head and Abhishek both sent all the bowlers on a leatherhunt. The normally brave Kuldeep Yadav (4/55 in 4 overs), started by giving the ball air but Abhishek carted him into the Kotla stands repeatedly, forcing him to adopt a flatter trajectory. It paid dividends as he dismissed Abhishek, Aiden Markram and Head in successive overs while Axar Patel (1/29 in 4 overs) stood tall amid ruins

with the best economy rate. His dismissal of Heinrich Klaasen (15) also ensured that 30,000 viewers at the Kotla didn't get to witness a 300-plus

Kuldeep had the highest number of dot balls (8) among Delhi bowlers but he also conceded the maximum numbers of 'maximums' --7, a rare contrasting double by a bowler in the same match

Towards the later half, Shah baz Ahmed (59 not out off 29 balls) also got a fifty but his innings was paled in comparison to the heavy artillery fired by Head and Abhishek upfront

# Hardik Pandya Suffering **Mental Health Issues Due To Booing In IPL Games: Star Slams MI Captain's Trolls**



MUMBAI, Apr 21 (Agencies): Since the time, the IPL 2024 began, one player who has been at the receiving end of fans' criticism is Hardik Pandya. His replacing Rohit Sharma as the captain of Mumbai Indians did not go down well with most fans. Every time Hardik Pandya appeared for toss or did something on the field, he was mostly booed by the fans present. It happened at MI's homeground Wankhede Stadium too. While he has not publicly spoken about it, Hardik Pandya is under pressure.

The inconsistent start of MI at the IPL 2024 has added to his woes Former Indian cricket team plaver Robin Uthappa, member of the 2007 T20 World Cup winning team, spoke in detail about Hardik Pandya's ordeal on The Ranveer Show. ""He is a guy who has got the calibre and potential to be an alltime great for Indian team. He was let go by the team which discov ered him, he went to another franchise. After winning 3-4 titles with them, he left. He must have felt a little bad; that will be there. He went to GT, won a title and finished runners up in another. Then the conversation began," Uthappa said. "The mocking, trolling the memes about his fit

# Novak Djokovic withdraws from Madrid Open, Jannik Sinner top seed in Masters 1000

MADRID, Apr 21 (Agencies): Novak Djokovic has pulled out of the upcoming Madrid Open, scheduled to take place from April 24 to May 5. After the 36-year-old pulled out, Jannik Sinner will now be the top seed in the clay-court tournament It is also the first time that Sinner, who won the Australian Open earlier this year, is the No.1 seed at an ATP 1000 event.

In place of Djokovic, the organisers named Belgium's Luca Van Assche from France as a replacement. Diokovic last played in the Monte-Carlo Masters where he lost to Casper Ruud in the semi-final earlier this month. The veteran is a 3-time winner of the men's singles title in Madrid after he came up trumps in 2011, 2016 and 2019.

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GT were the last team

PBKS won their match

against in the IPL, when

they had visited the

Shubman Gill team in

Djokovic also missed the championship last year. Had he played this year, he could have had a chance of facing Rafael Nadal, who



recently made a comeback in Barcelona. Carlos Alcaraz won the Madrid Open last year. but his participation this season is still under the clouds. The vounaster recently missed the Monte Carlo Masters due to an injury on his right forearm. He is also racing against time to aet fit for the French Open, scheduled to be played from Monday, May 20. As far as Djokovic is concerned, he is the defending champion of the French Open and will be looking to put up a similar performance Recently, he broke Roger Federer's record for the oldest No.1 in the history of the sport in men's singles. He also completed 400 weeks

as the World No.1, the

missed experience at the

first to do so.

# I'm 100 per cent ready to play T20I World **Cup: Dinesh Karthik** KOLKATA, Apr 21

(Agencies): Veteran wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik, who has been in phenomenal form in this IPL, has not given up on his dream to play for India again and would do "everything he can to be in that flight" to the T20 World Cup in the USA and West Indies next month.

Karthik, who will 39 by the time the World Cup starts on June 1 was part of the last edition of the T20I World Cup in Australia in 2022, which was also his last appearance for Team India

Since then he has become an off-the-field cricket expert, involved in commentary stints. Returning to IPL this

season, he has taken his batting to a new level and displayed some astonishing power-hitting to strike at a rate of 205-plus. He is also the third

leading run-getter for RCB with 226 runs, behind Virat Kohli (361)



and skipper Faf du Plessis (232).

"At this stage in my life, it would be the greatest feeling for me to represent India. I'm verv. verv keen to do so. There is nothing bigger in my life other than representing India in this T20 World Cup," the RCB wicketkeeper-batters

said ahead of the clash against KKR. With Karthik's also emerging as a contender, the wicketkeeper slot will be a hotly-contested one for which the Team India think tank may pick two at the most.

Making a comeback from a near-fatal acci-

dent, Rishabh Pant has also showed positive intent while captaining Delhi Capitals, and Sanju Samson (Raj asthan Royals), Ishan

Sharma and chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar -- decide.

"I also feel there are three very, very stable, honest people who are at the helm to decide what should be the best Indian team for os during practice to enhance his batting repertoire. "These days as a player, you need to understand your strengths. I'm not a Russell or a Pollard who can just mishit a ball and get a six for it, rather," said Karthik The other day Karthik

# Shubman Gill's GT aim comeback vs PBKS in reverse fixture

MULLANPUR, Apr 21 Ahmedabad on 4 April. (Agencies): PBKS are Shashank Singh and set to face GT at their Ashutosh Sharma had home in Mullanpur on put in a masterclass Sunday, 21 April. While chasing down 200 runs with only one ball to generally, home teams have enjoyed domispare. The trend of lastnance in the first part over thrillers has conof the Indian Premier tinued for PBKS from League, things have thereon and the team not quite worked out has lost the last three for Punjab so far. Three matches in the final over back-to-back losses at of the game. home have pegged the

The trend has infuriated stand-in captain Sam Curran, who had said that PBKS are in love with final-over thrillers and are failing to reach the desired result. The absence of Shikhar Dhawan has really

hurt Punjab as they have

top. The lack of Dhawan has led to PBKS collapsing at the top, only to be picked up down the order by the uncapped ndian duo of Ashutosh Sharma and Shashank Singh, who have been a bright spark in their campaign

GT on the other hand are coming off an epic mauling at the hands of DC. Shubman Gill's side were bundled out for just 89 runs in their last game and ended up losing the match with 67 balls to spare. The loss had a big hit on GT's NRR and the team



knows that they have to make it up if they want to qualify for the playoffs this season PBKS vs GT: HEAD

TO HEAD The two teams have played 4 matches so far and at the moment the spoils are shared. Both teams have won two matches each

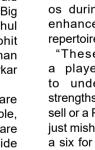
PBKS vs GT: MUL-LANPUR PITCH CON-DITIONS

The Mullanpur pitch has exhibited help for the seamers at the start of the innings. It is expected to remain the same. There are no chances of rain on Sunday during NEWS PBKS are sweating impact

**DICTED XIs** PLAYING XI

# the match hours.

#### Kishan (Mumbai Indians), KL Rahul (Lucknow Super Giants) are also in the fray. Karthik said he would respect whatever the Big Three -- coach Rahul Dravid, captain Rohit



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ness. You don't think it hurts him? It hurts him. It hurts any human being How many people actually know the reality of

it? Hardik is dealing with mental health issues. for sure. We, as people, I understand, as Indians, we are emotional. But it is not right to impose this kind of treatment on any human being. It is unbecoming as a soci ety for us to do that to someone and be okay with it. We should not be laughing along with it. We should not be for warding these memes. Uthappa added that

the all-rounder is right in securing his career "It's our job, yes it's passion too, but it's what puts the food on the table for me. My job is on display for you to criticise. A corporate person's job is not on television to criticise, or have an opinion about either. When that is the case, you have to exercise a certain amount of empathy and dignity to the other person to allow them to fail. One of the most beautiful things we did as a country is our expression to love and our reaction to ou Indian team after we lost the World Cup. That's how we should be as a society, and as Indians. said Uthappa.



the World Cup -- Rahul Dravid, Rohit Sharma and Ajit Agarkar. "And I'm completely with them. I respect any decision that they take. But all I can say is I'm 100 per cent ready, and I'll do everything I can to be on that flight to the World

'I'm no Russell or Pol-

Karthik further empha sised the importance of understanding his strengths as a player, focusing on precision rather than power-hitting like an Andre Russell or Kieron Pollard.

He said he analyses bowlers' patterns to strategise his shots, visualising scenari-

PBKS vs GT: TEAM

over the availability of Shikhar Dhawan. In case they do not have their captain back the question will be if they want to continue with Rilee Russouw or not. PBKS brought in Russouw in place of Jonny Bairstow, but the batter failed to create any

PBKS vs GT: PRE-GT PREDICTED

Shubman Gill (c), Wriddhiman Saha (wk), Sai smashed seven sixes and five fours in his 35-ball 83 in pursuit of a record 288 but eventually RCB fell short by just 25 runs.

"So, I need to under stand how I can beat gaps, what sort of balls I can hit for boundaries And I realised there was a certain pattern in which bowlers were bowling to me, so I needed to try and work out a solution for that. Hence, when I practice, I try and understand, okay, if this is what they're going to bowl at me, how am I going to get a boundary, visualising a field that is going to be in place for me. So, I worked like that, and I worked backwards, and that helped me, you know, really learn a couple of shots more, at the back end. It's been great to go out there and express myself, and it's been thoroughly enjoyable to do what I'm doing for RCB as a finisher," he added.

# Sudharsan, Abhinav

Manohar, David Miller, Rahul Tewatia, Rashid Khan, Mohit Sharma, Noor Ahmad, Spencer Johnson, R Sai Kishore Impact Player: Shahrukh Khan.

PBKS PREDICTED PLAYING XI

Rilee Rossouw, Prabhsimran Singh, Sam Curran (c), Jitesh Sharma (wk). Liam Livingstone, Shashank Singh, Ashutosh Sharma, Harpreet Brar, Harshal Patel, Kagiso Rabada, Arshdeep Sinah

Impact Player: Harpreet Bhatia.

#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Sunday, April 21, 2024

# LOCAL

# **Bar Association, Patiala & Aryans College** organizes seminar on Cyber Security



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Apr 21: "Cyber security" was discussed in a seminar jointly organized by Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh and Bar Association, Patiala. Adv Manvir S. Tiwana, President, Bar Association, Patiala & Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Raj-

pura, Near Chandigarh graced the occasion as special guest. Dr. Anuj Kumar, Subject Expert & Faculty, Panjab University, Chandigarh, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Devinder Singla, Principal, Aryans College of Law & Prof. B S Sidhu, Registrar, Aryans Group were present. Adv Jagdish Sharma, Secretary, Bar Association was also present.

Dr. Anuj highlighted the importance of cyber security in today's world. Cybercrime is illegal activity that uses computers, the internet, or network devices for harm. Cybercriminals can commit identity theft, phishing scams, malware, and other digital attacks. He delivered a talk on the importance of securing critical information infrastruc-

ture, endeavouring to equip participants with insights into Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) exercises

Dr. Anshu Kataria while addressing all the delegates, mentioned that the rapid evolution of cyberspace also brings new threats and vulnerabilities. Staying informed about the latest trends in cyber security

can help individuals and organizations protect themselves from cyberattacks data breaches and other online security threats

Later Adv. Manvir S Tiwana while addressing said that keeping up with cyberspace trends is not only beneficial for businesses but also for individuals seeking personal or professional growth. Learning new technologies and techniques in digital marketing web development and cyber security can open up new career opportunities

In the valedictory

# Shiv Sena appeals to teach lesson to selfish, religious politicians



Sabha seats of Kashmir

suffered the consequences of lack of unity and a breach in Hindu-Muslim brotherhood.

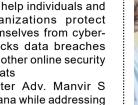
He said that in the interest of the people and following Hindu Muslim brotherhood and coalition dharma, he has announced support to India Alliance's party NC and PDP on three Lok Sabha seats of Kashmir.

After which some fundamentalist leaders including People's **Conference** President Saiiad Lone have started having stomach pain. He said that these language for their personal interests.

Sahni took strong cognizance of the comments made by Sajjad Lone on Shiv Sena in an interview given to a media channel and said that Shiv Sena has always raised its voice in favor of the nation and the people. We have a problem with traitors and not with any religion.

Sahni said that he did not know Sajjan Lone, but when he searched, he came to know that Saiian is the son of late

# NC pays tributes to Bodhraj Bali on 21st death anniversary



speech Dr. Singla said that the emerging trends in cyberspace highlight the rapid pace at which technology is advancing. But it is essential to remain vigilant about the potential risks and challenges faced in a digitally connected society. We can create a more secure inclusive and innovative cyberspace for all, emphasized Singla, On the occasion Dr. Garima Thakur, Deputy Director; Manpreet Maan, Dean, Scholarship; Er. Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh, HoD, Aryans Group were present.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Apr 21: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Sunday paid glowing tributes to former minister and senior party leader Bodh Raj Bali on his 21st death anniversary, describing him as a leader par excellence who devoted all his life in service of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Leading the party cadre in paying floral tributes to Bali, at a function held at Sher-e- Kashmir Bhavan here this morning, Provincial Secretary Jammu Sheikh Bashir Ahmed highlighted the immense contribution of the veteran leader in the development and progress of Jammu and Kashmir.

Paying tributes to Bali, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu said that the departed leader worked with a sense of commitment.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed said that Bali worked tirelessly for the upliftment of the poor and down-trodden in different capacities. His contribution in strengthening National Conference at the gross root level in the Jammu Province remains a high point of his political career, he said, adding that the veteran leader made a distinct mark by serving the people, which will serve as a source of inspiration for the coming generations. Sheikh Bashir further said that Bali worked for strengthening the fabric of secularism and brotherhood in the state of J&K. Paying tributes to Bali, former minister and

Central Zone President Jammu Babu Rampaul said the towering leader left an indelible mark on the National Conference cadre by dint of his determination and hardwork besides strengthening the party at gross root level. He said the best tribute would be to strengthen the party at gross root level and make it a vibrant force to satiate the urges and aspirations of the people. He said that the late leader will

be remembered for his high political caliber and having passion for serving the people, especially poor and down-trodden. Several senior leaders, including Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretaries Jammu, Bushan Lal Bhat former MLC, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu Province, Vijay Laxmi Datta Senior leader, Pyare Lal Sharma, G. H Malik, Rita Gupta Vice President Central Zone, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Dr. Vikas Sharma Secretary Jammu Province, S. Tejinder Singh Aman **District President Jammu** Urban YNC, Ashok Dogra Vice President District Jammu Urban, Master Aslam Secretary Central Zone, Ashwani Charak Block President Jammu East, Nitish Gowsami Provincial Secretary Jammu Province YNC, Som Raj Taroch, Ajay Kumar, Sewak Singh and

# **Prof. Sahay reappointed as** Director, IIM Jammu

past successes as a

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confidence in me. Their

guidance and leadership

have been instrumental

in shaping the strategic

direction of our institute.

and I look forward to our

continued collaboration

in achieving our shared

goals. At this juncture. I

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fraternity for their stead-

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our collective efforts and

shared vision that we will

continue to advance the

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Apr 21: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu is pleased to announce the reappointment of Professor B. S. Sahay as the Director, IIM Jammu for a second term.

Prof. B.S. Sahay's reappointment comes as a testament to his visionary leadership, dedication, and contributions to the growth and success of IIM Jammu during his initial tenure. The appointment of Prof. B.S. Sahav is done as per IIM Act amended in 2023. Having served with distinction in his first term, Prof. B.S. Sahay has demonstrated exemplary vision, managerial acumen, and a deep commitment to advancing the institute's academic and research agenda. Under his guidance, IIM Jammu has achieved significant milestones and scaled new heights of excellence. Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, expressed his profound gratitude, stating, "I am happy to be entrusted with the privilege of serving as the Director of IIM Jammu for a second term. I am deeply com-



JAMMU, Apr 21: On the announcement of conditional support by Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit to National Conference on two Lok

and to PDP from Anantnag, it is natural for those who make their political bread on selfishness and religion to have. severe stomach pain, stated by Shiv Sena (UBT) state

In a press release issued from the party's state central office Jammu, state chief Manish Sahni said that the people of Jammu-Kashmir have already

leaders have become puppets of those who divided Jammu and Kashmir into two parts, take away the status and violate the rights of the people, speaking their

Hurriyat leader Abdul Ghani Lone. He broke away from Hurrivat and formed People's Conference Party and contested Lok Sabha elections in 2009, 2014 but lost.

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frontiers of management education and research to make it a world-class Institute.

Prof. B.S. Sahay's continued leadership will provide stability and continuity to IIM Jammu as it embarks on its journey towards greater excellence and impact in management education and research. His innovative and visionary approach, coupled with a strong focus on fostering academic rigor and industry engagement, will further elevate the institute's standing in the national and international arena The Board of Governors and IIM Jammu fraternity congratulate Prof. B. S. Sahay on his reappointment as Director, IIM Jammu

#### JKBS commends Neha Kumari for securing 97.23% marks PSEB Exam

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Apr 21: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) members on Sunday commended Neha Kumari for bringing grace to her Board Examination Neha belongs to a mediBatwal community. JKBS members said, "Dear Neha, you have worked so hard to achieve a new feat. We have always believed in you and your great potential. Thank you for making us proud".

Members also congratulated Neha's parents on their daughter's achievement.

Sat, Keshav, Neelam commence door to door campaign

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Apr 21: Former Minister Sat Sharma along with Mandal President BJP Talab Tillo Keshav Chopra, Ex Councillor Neelam Nargotra, District General Secretary Adv rajesh Gupta and other leaders commenced Door to door campaign for BJP's Candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma at Ward No 40 of Talab Tillo Mandal.

During the campaign Sat Sharma met with residents and highlighted the welfare schemes and programmes initiated by Modi's government. Sat Sharma said that the door to door campaign aims to communicate with the voters and inform them about the development work done by the Modi govt during its 10yrs. The PM's welfare schemes for the poor are realizing the goal of making Jammu Kashmir a developed UT, These schemes are working to change and raise people's standard of living Sat further added.

Keshav chopra while speaking highlighted the pace of development in the country under PM Modi Government, Keshav said under Prime Minister Modi JK UT has achieved many milestones. IIT, IIM, AIIMS and lots are live examples of the development. Keshav also urged the Voters to cast their Vote in favour of Jugal



Kishore Sharma. Neelam Nargotra while speak-

ing claimed that the third term for Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister is the mood of the nation whatever has been done in the last 10 yrs are unmatchable she

further added. Abhishek Sharma, Nitish Kumar, Karan Banotra, Vikas Kumar, Rajesh Langar, Ravi Kumar, Shobhit Sharma, Ashok Kumar, Goglu, Pradeep, Subhash Sharma and others were present.

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