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BRIEFLY

Bandipora Encounter: Two Army Soldiers Injured, Stable

BANDIPORA, Apr 24 (Agencies): Two soldiers were injured in an ongoing gunfight between terrorists and security forces in Renji woods of north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Wednesday morning. A top police officer said two soldiers have received injuries in the ongoing operation who have been hospitalized. He said that helicopters have been pressed into service while more forces have been rushed to the spot to track down hiding terrorists.

School timing changed in Jammu Division

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JAMMU, Apr 24: The Directorate of School Education Jammu Wednesday announced a change in the school timings for all government and private schools in the Summer Zones of Jammu Division. According to an order issued by the Directorate of School Education Jammu, starting from the 1st of May 2024, until the 30th of September 2024, all government as well as Private recognized Schools upto Higher Secondary Level fallings in Summer Zones of Jammu Division will observe a new timing of 8:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M.

"It is hereby ordered that all Government as well as Private (recognized) Schools upto Higher Secondary Level fallings in Summer Zones of Jammu Division shall observe school timing as 8:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M w.e.f 01-05-2024 to 30-09-2024," the order reads.

10 notorious drug smugglers booked under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla: Police

SRINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police booked 10 notorious drug smugglers under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla after obtaining formal detention order from competent authority.

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'Vote Bank Hungry' Cong wants to implement quota on basis of religion: PM Modi

AMBIKAPUR (Chhattisgarh), Apr 24 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hit out at the Congress, saying the "vote bank hungry" party wanted to implement reservation on the basis of religion.

Addressing a poll rally in Ambikapur, the headquarters of Surguja district in Chhattisgarh, PM Modi also said the Congress wanted to impose inheritance tax in the country and snatch the



rights of people's children.

Some forces want a "weak" government of the Congress and "INDI"

alliance in the country as they thought that if India becomes 'atmanirbhar' (self-reliant), their shops will be shut, he said.

"Today when I have come to Surguja, I want to present the Muslim League thinking of the Congress in front of the country. When their manifesto was released, on the same day I had said, and saying today also that the Congress manifesto has the imprint of Muslim League," Modi said.

When the Constitution was being drafted, it was decided under the leadership of Babasaheb

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PM waived off loans worth Rs 16 Lakh crore of his billionaire friends: Rahul

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of waiving off loans worth Rs 16 lakh crore of his billionaire friends, and said the country will never forgive him for this "crime".

In a post in Hindi on X, he said this money could have been used to cure the pain of Indians but was spent on creating



hype for the ilk of those like 'Adanis'. "Narendra Modi has waived off the loans of

his billionaire friends amounting to Rs 1,60,00,00,00,00,000 i.e. 16 lakh crore rupees. With this much money: 16 crore youth could have got jobs of Rs 1 lakh per year, by giving Rs 1 lakh per year to 16 crore women, the lives of their families could have been changed. Countless suicides could have been prevented by waiving off the

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Supreme Court seeks clarification from EC on functioning of EVMs, summons senior poll panel official

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought clarification from the Election Commission on certain aspects regarding the functioning of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), including whether the microcontrollers fitted in them are reprogrammable, and summoned a senior poll panel official at 2

pm.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta, which has reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas seeking complete cross-verification of votes cast using EVMs with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), said it needs clarification on certain aspects as there was some confusion in answers given



by the EC in its 'frequently asked questions' (FAQs) on EVMs.

"We went through the FAQs. We just wanted three-four clarifications. We don't want to be factually wrong but doubly sure in our findings and hence we thought of seeking the clarification," the bench told Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati who

was appearing for the EC.

It asked Bhati to call senior Deputy Election Commissioner Nitesh Kumar Vyas at 2 PM. Vyas had earlier given a presentation to the court on the functioning of the EVMs.

It flagged some points on which the court wanted clarification which relates to storage of EVMs, microchip in the

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Posting photos of DGP, other officers on social media without permission will invite action under law, say J&K Police

JAMMU, Apr 24 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday appealed to the general public to be vigilant about the mischievous elements posting photos with the Director General of Police on social media platforms without permission.



The PHQ spokesman in a statement said it has come to the notice that some persons who have photographs along with

DGP, J&K or with other senior officers of police, which many a times come to be allowed because of participation in social and cultural events and occasions.

Such persons are incidentally present in the events are posting such

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Complaint forwarded to ECI over alleged discrepancies in BJP MP's Nomination Papers in Jammu

SRINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): Discrepancies in BJP MP Jugal Kishore's nomination papers prompt the office of the chief electoral officer of Jammu and Kashmir to forward a complaint to the Election Commission of India for

appropriate action, Hindustan Times reported.

Following an RTI application alleging discrepancies, variations, false information, and material facts' concealment, the joint chief electoral officer of Jammu and Kashmir sent RTI activ-

ist Sheikh Shakeel's representation, along with annexures, to BC Patra, secretary at the Election Commission, on April 15.

Shakeel, a J&K high court lawyer, reveals, "After receiving no response to my com-

plaint filed before the returning officer for Jammu Lok Sabha constituency, I filed an RTI before the chief electoral officer of Jammu and Kashmir. Today, I received their reply via mail that my letter with

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Rajouri killing: 67 detained for questioning so far, say police

RAJOURI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Police on Wednesday said that 67 persons have been detained for questioning in connection with the killing of a government employee in Shahdra area of Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir.

A police spokesman said that a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in PS Thanamandi and investigation is going on in connection with incident of firing and killing of Mohd Razaq, a Govt employee, in Kunda Shahdra area of Rajouri.

"A breakthrough achieved in initial investigation with respect to identification of one of the attacker, a foreign Terrorist with code name 'Abu Hamza', has already been shared

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EDITORIAL

Reforming Rally System

The rally system has long been a cornerstone of election campaigns in India, serving as a platform for political parties to connect with voters on a mass scale. However, in recent years, concerns have been raised about the efficacy and fairness of this system. This edit explores the need for reforming the rally system to enhance electoral integrity in India.

The current rally system often prioritizes spectacle over substance, with parties focusing more on gathering large crowds and creating a show of strength rather than engaging in meaningful dialogue with voters.

Managing large-scale rallies poses significant logistical challenges, including traffic congestion, security concerns, and environmental impact, especially in densely populated urban areas.

Rallies tend to exclude certain segments of the population, particularly those in remote or marginalized areas who may not have access to transportation to attend these events.

Organizing rallies incurs substantial costs, including expenses for venue rental, security arrangements, and transportation of supporters, which can further deepen the financial barriers to political participation.

Implementing regulations to cap the size of rallies can help mitigate the logistical challenges associated with managing large crowds. This could involve setting maximum attendance limits based on the capacity of the venue and ensuring compliance through strict enforcement mechanisms.

Shifting the focus from large-scale rallies to grassroots campaigning efforts can foster more meaningful interactions between politicians and voters. Door-to-door canvassing, town hall meetings, and community events can provide platforms for genuine dialogue and engagement.

Embracing technology, such as live streaming platforms and social media, can enable political parties to reach a wider audience without the need for massive physical gatherings. Virtual rallies and online town halls can enhance accessibility and inclusivity while reducing the environmental footprint of traditional rallies.

Encouraging political parties to diversify their campaign strategies beyond rallies can help broaden political discourse and encourage participation from diverse segments of society. This could include debates, policy forums, and interactive multimedia campaigns.

Implementing stricter regulations on campaign financing and expenditure can help reduce the influence of money in politics and ensure a more level playing field for all candidates. Transparent reporting mechanisms and oversight bodies can monitor adherence to these regulations and hold violators accountable.

Reforming the rally system is essential for strengthening electoral integrity in India. By shifting towards more inclusive, transparent, and technology-driven campaign strategies, political parties can foster greater civic engagement, promote democratic values, and build trust with voters. However, achieving meaningful reform will require concerted efforts from policymakers, civil society organizations, and political stakeholders to overcome entrenched practices and ensure a fair and equitable electoral process for all.

Climate change impact now part of the constitutional discourse

By: Prodipto Ghosh

THE Supreme Court recently expanded the scope of Articles 14 (right to equality) and 21 (protection of life and liberty) of the Constitution to recognise the right to freedom or protection from the adverse effects of climate change. What are the implications of this ruling?

First, one must be clear about what exactly is a 'right'. A right is a claim of an individual or a group (e.g. women, LGBTQIA+) that supersedes considerations of costs and benefits. For example, a policeman cannot argue that the time and money spent on recovering the stolen money of a poor widow would exceed the amount stolen, and therefore no action need be taken on her complaint. Second, a right generally involves a duty — of an individual, institution or the government — to make good on the claim.

Climate change impact is due to global emissions of a set of gases known as greenhouse gases (GHGs). Such impact on a developing country has little relation to its own emissions. Governments can, on their own, do little to limit GHG emissions worldwide. This requires international consensus, which has made tentative, slow progress since 1992, when the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was adopted.

The UNFCCC recognises that developed countries have a greater capacity for causing climate change as well as a higher capability to reduce emissions and mitigate the impact, known as the principle of 'common but differentiated responsibility'. The present

targets under the Paris Agreement of 2015 fall woefully short of the action required to maintain the global mean temperature rise to within the accepted level of 1.5°C. The realistic prospect, therefore, is that of increasingly severe climate change impact.

In these circumstances, since climate change is impacting India, for the most part, due to the actions of developed countries, against whom can a citizen claim the right of freedom from climate change? Logically speaking, the bloc of developed countries bears the major responsibility for the problem.

So far, the international climate change agreements provide only for very modest levels of funding to developing countries for adapting to climate change. So, does the SC's ruling mean that the Indian government must mitigate climate change impact irrespective of the costs?

Another conception of rights is that of liberty rights versus welfare rights. Rights to life, free speech, etc. are liberty rights. Rights to education, a clean environment, including climate change rights, count as welfare rights. The former only requires that others refrain from violating the rights; the latter that the entity on whom the corresponding duty lies takes purposive action to realise it. Enforcement of liberty rights usually involves no significant costs.

However, welfare rights cannot generally be realised without large-scale resources. When resources are scarce, as in developing countries, choices must be made as to the relative priorities of different welfare rights.

Several studies have shown that

mitigating climate change impact requires a great deal of money. In the absence of significant international funding by developed nations, this means that the Indian government would have to rely on its own resources to address the matter.

If the state has to ensure various welfare rights, such realisation would be partial in each case, given the limited resources. A fuller realisation of climate change rights would require new and additional resources from developed countries under the evolving international climate change regime. The prospects of such resources being forthcoming is bleak.

In 2005, a study was conducted on Central Government funding for climate-related impact. Schemes and programmes which had among their objectives the reduction of climate change impact (e.g. irrigation and flood control, forestry, cyclone shelters) were identified and their financial expenditure added up. The result was startling: about 1.8 per cent of India's GDP was spent on these programmes, a figure which compares with India's defence expenditure. This figure has probably increased since then.

So, will the recognition of the right to freedom from climate change have significant practical implications? Clearly, it will have little, if any, effect on flows of external resources. Given the historical level of national expenditure on reducing the risks of climate change impact, there seems to be little scope to raise the share of the GDP to realise climate change rights.

However, as the country's economy grows, the absolute level of

resources will also rise. Also, as citizens become richer, they will, on their own, increase their personal expenditure on avoiding the effects of climate impact — safer housing, greater spending on healthcare, conserving water and buying insurance policies against extreme weather.

Overall, citizens' vulnerability to climate change impact will fall as the national economy grows. Development is the key to achieving freedom from this impact. The main effect of the SC judgment may be to pre-empt any possible future attempt to reduce allocations for addressing climate risks.

The SC judgment was in the context of an appeal against an order that all power lines for evacuating renewable power in the habitat of the endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB) in Rajasthan and Gujarat should be relocated underground. This was because overhead lines killed a large number of the birds from inflight collisions. It was argued by the power companies that the expenditure involved would make renewable power uncompetitive.

Apparently, the right to environmental sustainability and India's international obligations to mitigate GHG emissions are, in this case, in conflict. The loss of these renewable energy projects may make it more difficult for India to fulfil its obligations under the Paris Agreement; persisting with the projects may, on the other hand, further endanger the survival of the GIB. The court has suggested an expert study to find practical means of addressing both concerns. If a way is found, well and good. If not, perhaps policy research institutions can help resolve this difficult dilemma.

The choice in Elections 2024: A grand spectacle or a wake?

By: Sanjeev Ahluwalia

As in the stock market, good performance triggers the lemming's effect in politics, forcing opponents into a panicked, reactive counter-narrative. This sums up the election manifestos of the two major Indian political parties — the incumbent Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Indian National Congress (INC) — in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, with the counting of votes scheduled on June 4.

The BJP's election manifesto — "Modi ki Guarantee 2024: Phir Ek Bar Modi Sarkar" — unabashedly hangs onto the coattails of its star campaigner. In the now familiar manner, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's BJP comes to the public with outcomes supported by a decade of achievements as proof (guarantee) that future delivery will not flag. Most of the 900 million voters who press the BJP button, would be voting for what Mr Modi stands for — meritocracy, clawing one's way up the institutional ladder of the RSS/BJP and into executive office, directly as chief minister of Gujarat in 2002. Since then, an unbroken run, from 2014, as Prime Minister. Mr Modi's calling card is also his "report card": an ever-expanding list of targeted benefits. The veracity of some is challenged by naysayers but they proliferate faster than the data to assess them properly.

One such is a claimed reduction in the number of poor households which does not align with 880 million people (55 per cent of the population) each getting 5 kg of cereals and some lentils, for free, every month. Nor do claims of constitutional supremacy align with the erosion of even a notional separation between the State and Hinduism. Mr Modi is pictured

nursing the gold plated "Sengol", a symbol of Hindu priestly approval of the transfer of political power from the British in 1947, given to Jawaharlal Nehru, a Brahmin, now enshrined in the new Parliament building by Mr Modi. The BJP-RSS view the insertion of the term "secular" into the preamble of the Constitution in 1976 as a Congress ruse to play the minority card for votes. The Opposition parties play up minority fears about BJP rule.

The BJP is adept at collaborating with big business to push economic growth: Gujarat is a prime example. Nor has it neglected stepped-up welfare activities for the poor and aspirational classes. It is in overdrive to enhance the image of India overseas — much appreciated by the 29 million Indian origin diaspora — one such being Rishi Sunak, Sunak, for now Britain's Prime Minister. India has shed its reticence in standing up to China's bullying ways and Mr Modi is an indefatigable canvasser of votes and friends overseas, whether on the campaign trail, in the United Nations or in the US Congress. Domestically, by playing up growth in nominal GDP terms and India as the most populous "nation" (note: not economy or country), growth euphoria is widespread. All eyes are set on becoming the third largest economy by 2030, evoking national pride, which drives the credibility of the leadership. Growth is high, presently, relative to global trends and to some extent, which is visible in higher consumption and better infrastructure boosted by public spending. Can the "achche din" (good times) be far behind?

It is not a trivial task to contest the BJP on its record in welfare schemes, economic growth, or the euphoria around edging closer into the centre of the global economy. Elon Musk

might have postponed his India visit. But there is visible global confidence that India is on the right path by integrating into the Western alliance to contain China, keeping open its traditional links with Russia and expanding its presence globally.

The Indian National Congress' manifesto — "Nyay Patra: Haath Badlega Halath" (The hand of change and reform) is low key and sans braggadocio, the product of laborious consultations by a committee; not the outcome of a single person's vision or predilections. But it's a mite too plodding for a high-decibel election. It falters by not couching its vision in easily understood outcomes. It prefers the legalistic approach — new rights laws for gig workers, domestic workers, revision of minimum wages, higher wages for MNREGA workers — all a mite academic for the population segments they are targeting. New laws do not necessarily make a rosy future. Delays and dilatory procedures in the courts favour the well-off. Compare this with the BJP approach of getting the outcomes right, with the laws to follow.

The Congress has a welfare heavy agenda for the bottom 50 per cent of India. Farmers will get Minimum Support Price as a legal right with the BJP farm laws dumped. The minorities are reassured of the protection of their constitutional rights. A national socio-economic caste survey will determine the new, increased maximum level for reservations across all job categories, to reflect the 70 per cent share of Other Backward Castes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The efficiency of government

functioning is to be enhanced by populist measures, not targeted at key bottlenecks.

The promises include filling three

million vacant government positions, filling all vacancies in the courts, doubling the number of ASHA workers (voluntary health workers) and their wages, reviving five-year planning and the Planning Commission.

The "Nyay Patra" is based on good intentions, some to unwind the supposed aberrations of BJP rule. One such is shortchanged decentralisation. Negotiations with state governments to transfer money and administrative powers to local government bodies and mayors to be elected for a five-year term. Direct transfer of Rs 0.1 million a year to each poor household (presumably to substitute for the BJP's cafeteria approach to welfare); Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Vice-Chair of the Rajya Sabha to be non-partisan by law; bail to be the default outcome for detainees, not the exception; full autonomy to constitutional bodies like the Election Commission, Information Commission, Human Rights Commission and the Comptroller and Auditor-General — but how this is to be achieved is not clearly defined.

Neither party openly supports privatisation of government companies and banks — so both are votaries of "big government". Does that put the BJP in the left-conservative corner (the default option for the Congress strategy earlier) versus the Congress, now in the left-liberal corner? To neutralise Narendra Modi's humble OBC credentials, the Congress has co-opted Mallikarjun Kharge — a veteran Karnataka Dalit leader and per recent Congress practice, more than two decades older than its key leader Rahul Gandhi. We have been there before in 2004. Visually, the BJP manifesto invites voters to a grand spectacle. The Congress' sombre invitation is to a wake. Which would you choose?

Ankush, Dr Vikas meet youth; garner support for INDIA bloc candidates

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JAMMU, Apr 24: Jammu Provincial Joint Secretary Ankush Abrol and Secretary & Distt Coordinator Jammu (Urban) JKNC Central Zone, Dr Vikas Sharma held a series of meetings with youth of various colleges and universities to garner support for INDIA bloc candidates in the ongoing Parliamentary elections for bringing about much needed change in the system.

Abrol sought support for the INDIA bloc candidate Sh. Raman Bhalla who is contesting from Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary seat.

He asked the youth to play an important role in the ongoing elections by electing the candidate of INDIA bloc as the unemployment was on its peak during the rule of BJP government in



the Centre and it's high time to get rid of such an incapable government.

He asked them to wholeheartedly vote and support INDIA bloc candidates on the Parliamentary seats which were going to elections within a period of next one month.

Also speaking, Dr.

Vikas said, "Youth are the agents of change in the society. And, now it is your responsibility to lead the change by ensuring vote and support to INDIA bloc candidates. If you want to get rid of unemployment, corruption, gross mismanagement and other related problems there

is only one option i.e. voting to power INDIA alliance and ouster of BJP from Centre."

He asked the youth to understand the ideology of present dispensation at Centre, which was hell bent to destroy the democratic values and did not hesitate to amend the Constitution

as per their whims and fancies.

The NC leader also had an interaction with several faculty members and urged them to launch campaigns in support of INDIA bloc candidates so as to ensure their victory and installation of a new government in Centre.

Patients suffer as SDH Gandoh faces shortage of doctors

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GANDOH, Apr 24: Acute shortage of staff at SDH Gandoh Bhalessa has badly impacted patient care but the authorities of the Health Department are completely unmoved.

Ch. Salam Din a senior citizen of Gandoh said that non-availability of specialist doctors like anaesthetist, gynaecologist, paediatrician, ophthalmologist, surgeon ENT etc at SDH Gandoh has badly affected the patient care.

He also said that the doctors, who were posted in the SDH Gandoh Bhalessa got themselves attached to their parent districts, adding that for a minor surgery, the attendants of the patients have to visit District Hospitals at Doda or Kishtwar and sometimes to hospitals in Jammu.

G.R. Choudhary a local resident said that



in this SDH there are around ten prime posts, which are lying vacant since long, due to which people including the children and women suffer a lot, adding that despite being aware about the shortage of the staff, no steps have been taken by the concerned authorities to fill the vacancies and provide better medical care to the people.

"The absence of a visible OPD (Outpatient Department) roster displaying doctors' names and specialities at SDH Gandoh has sparked frustration and inconvenience among local resi-

dents, prompting calls for improved transparency and accessibility in healthcare services. Patients and community members have expressed concerns about the difficulties they face in accessing vital information regarding doctor availability and scheduling appointments."

They appealed to the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha to direct the concerned authorities to depute medical staff including surgeons at the SDH Gandoh so that people may have a sigh of relief.

Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre organises free Health Camp



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JAMMU, Apr 24: Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre, Udheywala, Jammu organised a free health camp focusing on Gastroenterology and Oncology on April 24.

The camp headed by Dr. Vishav Dev Singh, MBBS, MD Medicine, DNB Gastroenterology and Hepatologist from Narayana Hospital and Dr. Arjun Singh Chib, MBBS, MD Medicine, DNB Oncology from BEE Enn Hospital.

A total of 415 patients benefited from the expertise of 14 doctors at this camp.

Apart from the gastroenterology and oncology camps, the participants also provided free consultations in Physician (Allopathy), Physician (Ayurvedic), ENT, Dental Surgeon, Orthopaedics,

Eye Specialists, Gynaecologist and Physiotherapists.

In addition to these specialized services, the health camp offered free consultations in various other medical disciplines, including Allopathic and Ayurvedic Physicians, ENT specialist, Dental Surgeons, Orthopedic Surgeon, Ophthalmologist, Gynecologist, and Physiotherapists.

The camp also facilitated 75 Fibrosan tests (for Liver), 70 Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C tests, 120 free blood sugar tests and distributed medicines free of charge.

Dr. Arjun Chib commended the Centre's efforts in alignment with Swami Vivekananda's vision and urged public support for such humanitarian initiatives. Dr. Vishav Dev praised

the Mission's commendable work and encouraged local citizens to make the most of these medical services.

Swami Yajnadharananda, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, highlighted the organization's commitment to the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada, and Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing service to humanity as a form of divine worship. He also announced plans to organize such free camps monthly.

For other information contact us on number 9596984032. Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu provides cultural, educational and medical services following the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda.

Cybercrime investigation unit of Police recovers online defrauded Rs. 56,920

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KISHTWAR, Apr 24: Cybercrime Investigation Unit of District Police Kishtwar has once again demonstrated its commitment to combating cybercrime by successfully solving a case and recovering online defrauded funds amounting to Rs. 56,920.00 (Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty only).

District Police Kishtwar, while sharing the details, stated that they received various complaints:

Rajkumar S/o Bal Krishan R/o Palmar for a defrauded amount of Rs. 30,920.00.

Fayaz Ahmed S/o Ghulam Haider R/o Dachhan for a defrauded amount of Rs. 11,000.00.

Suresh Kumar S/o Budhi Ram R/o Saroor for a defrauded amount of Rs. 15,000.00.

These complaints were related to online frauds involving mobile recharge and installation of third-party mobile apps, among others. The Cybercrime Investigation Unit swiftly initiated an investigation and recov-

ered a total amounting to Rs. 56,920.00.

The Cybercrime Investigation Unit Kishtwar, led by ICPSI Amrinder Singh along with his team, displayed relentless efforts and advanced technical skills, leading to the successful recovery of the defrauded amount of Rs. *5,30,076.00 (Five Lacs Thirty Thousands seventy six)*. Investigations into the remaining amount are ongoing.

District Police Kishtwar reiterated its appeal to the general public to remain vigilant and promptly report any suspicious online activities to the National Cybercrime Helpline Number 1930 or CCIU unit Kishtwar at 9103416100, or PCR Kishtwar at 9906154100, 9103454100. Police also encouraged citizens to lodge complaints online at www.cybercrime.gov.in and www.ceir.gov.in for lost or stolen mobile phones. District Police Kishtwar, equipped with advanced technology and skilled personnel, remains at the forefront of the fight against cybercriminals.

Deptt of Botany, SCS GDC Mendhar organises 'Two Days Green Thumb Boot Camp'



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MENDHAR, Apr 24: The Department of Botany at SCS Govt Degree College Mendhar took a significant step towards environmental stewardship by organizing a "Two Days Green Thumb Boot Camp" from 23rd to 24th April 2024.

Aimed at empowering both college students and local fund employees, the event focused on imparting knowledge and skills in landscape maintenance and beautification.

Under the esteemed guidance of Dr. Mohamad Azam, the worthy Principal of the college, and the diligent supervision of Dr. Mahroof Khan, Head of the Department of Botany and Convener of the Beautification Com-

mittee, the boot camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of B.Sc Semester 2nd and local fund employees alike.

The event garnered appreciation from various esteemed members of the college faculty, including Prof. Sarshad Hussain, IQAC Coordinator; Dr. Bashir Ahmed, Head of the Department of Physics; Prof. Inam Ul from the Department of Zoology; Dr. Mohd Riaz from the Department of Urdu and Mr. Mohd Rashid Senior Lab. Assistant other staff members. Their commendation underscored the significance of such initiatives in fostering a culture of environmental responsibility within the college community.

Dr. Gowhar Ahmad Shapoo, Lecturer in the Department of Botany, shared invaluable insights and experiences on landscape designing and maintenance with the attendees, enriching their understanding of sustainable practices in this domain. Both local fund employees and students showcased their creativity by designing beautiful shrubs and trees, contributing to the aesthetic enhancement of the college campus. and in the spirit of collaboration and gratitude organizers extended their heartfelt thanks to all local fund employees and student contributors for their invaluable efforts in making the event a resounding success.

NDS releases Dogri poetry book



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JAMMU, Apr 24: A Dogri Poetry Book "Mere Chetin Ch" (Lyrics) penned by Subhan Mohammad was released at KL Sehgal Hall Jammu.

Dr. Om Goswami, Former Additional Secretary JKAACL, Prominent Dogri Writer and Sahitya Academy Awardee Presided over the Function whereas Padamhri Mohan Singh Slathia Sahitya Academy Awardee and Convener Advisory Board Sahitya Academy New Delhi was Chief Guest.

Dr. Shahnwaz was

Guest of Honour. Abdul Qadir Kundaria known Dogri Poet was Special Guest and Vijay Verma Famous Dogri Poet and Sahitya Academy Awardee was Special Invitee on the occasion.

Dogra Harish Kaila President NDS and Capt Lalit Sharma Convener NDS also shared the dias. Yash Pal Yash General Secretary NDS and Famous Lyricist conducted the proceedings in his unique style.

At the outset Pt. Kuldeep Sharma read a detailed paper on the book.

Capt. Lalit Sharma in his opening and welcome remarks said that Subhan Mohammad's book is welcome addition to the Dogri Literature and described the lyrics as heart touching.

Om Goswami critically appreciated the book and described it a successful attempt of the lyricist. He said his Dogri Songs have flavour of rich Dogra traditions, values and way of life laden with soft and sweet tones.

Mohan Singh while congratulating the poet for his creative work said that the lyrics sweeten

our lives and are soft and tender reflections of our aspirations, emotions and feelings besides these touch various dimensions of our lives.

Vijay Verma said that each lyric has inbuilt music which when explored in conjunction with the feelings and tenderness of words, touches our insight and provide solace and warmth. The flight of a lyric carries us along for a blissful journey and one lands back fully charged.

Dr. Shahnwaz said that our Dogri Folk is our invaluable treasure which provides motivation and direction to the lyricists to take forward the lyrical traditions of Duggar.

Abdul Qadir Kundaria while applauding the new book of lyrics said that lyrics make our lives musical and positive.

Harish Kaila said that we have lot of expectations from Subhan Mohammad, a promising poet in future as well.

Vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Chanchal Sharma Famous Dogri Poet and Organising Secretary NDS.

CUJ Organizes Corporate Connect "Parshikshan Pe Samvad" 2024



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JAMMU, Apr 24: Training & Placement Office, Central University of Jammu under the aegis of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain has organised "Parshikshan Pe Samvad" 2024, a Corporate Connect Pep talk to prepare students from various departments for getting Job ready.

Opendar Koul, Senior

Manager from Times of India & Mr. Bhanu pratap Singh, CEO from Lady Bird-Faveo along with their team members talked about how internships could enlighten the way forward for students and help them be a better professional and learn hard skill and soft skills like networking which would eventually help them in getting the desired job in this com-

petitive job market. Rajesh Gupta from ICA Edu Skills and his team members talked about how interns can leave their mark in the organisation and can finally get the job in the same organisation where they do their internship. This event concluded with special remarks by Dr. Ajay Pal Sharma Head Department of Marketing and Supply

Chain Management, Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman Associate Professor, Dr. Anju Thappa Assistant Professor, and Training & Placement officer Mr. Viraj Magotra also shared his view point on how Internships fostered truly motivated and compassionate professionals in a dynamic work environment through the support of Corporate and Academic mentors.

Punjabi actor Anjum Batra, who has made a mark with Chamkila, says for essaying the role he totally surrendered to the ever-so-talented director Imtiaz Ali

Imtiaz Ali's Amar Singh Chamkila is shining, and basking in the glory is not just the man at the helm and its lead actor, but also many in the supporting cast. Anjum Batra, our Punjabi man from Abohar, who plays Kesar Singh Tikki in the film, has no hesitation in admitting that Imtiaz and Diljit Dosanjh's stardom is rubbing on to him. "I am reaping the reward of their fandom," he says.

Humility aside, Anjum sure is winning plaudits for his part of close associate of Chamkila and the biggest compliment has come from Tikki's family, which for him is like a badge of honour. Interestingly, though hailing from Punjab, he was not clued into the life of Tikki. "The referral points were Imtiaz sir's sterling writing." The more he delved, the more he realised how it was not a one-note character, but one of many shades who loved Chamkila as much as he cursed him.

On Imtiaz, the director, he says, "I just surrendered to him. He is a down-to-earth director who not only knows what he wants from his actors, but is indulgent to a point of spoiling you forever. On the sets, there is no distinction between a lead and a minor actor." Of all the lessons he has learnt from the gifted director, this 'ability to



treat everyone equally' stands above all.

As for the celebrated co-actor Diljit, he divulges a secret. "Before the director calls out action, he is always busy chanting Wahe Guru and Om Namah Shivay. It is so humbling to watch such a big star connecting with divinity."

Atrangi co-stars

He is equally enamoured by the lead and co-star of Maamla Legal Hai, Ravi Kishan. But, yes, when he signed the series, he was a tad nervous before meeting this legend, 'a man with 700 films behind him, a shining political career and more'. But

a few minutes into a conversation with the Bhojpuri superstar, 'a jovial, dil phaink person and spontaneous actor' put him at absolute ease. Even otherwise, the makers, including the director Rahul Pandey of Maamla Legal Hai, ensured making of the series was as much fun and frolic. He says, "They are as atrangi as the show is. And when the set itself is a playground, vibe does get translated on to the screen too."

Life as it comes

Anjum does not believe in making any plans, but lets the Almighty decide the flow. Today as the series, Maamla Legal

Hai, has been renewed for the second season, he is keeping his fingers crossed and hopes he will get to reprise his part.

Playing a turbaned Sikh, also in some episodes of Crime Patrol and Kabir Khan's '83, comes naturally to this Bhangra expert.

Soon, we will see him once again don the turban in the Netflix film Wild Wild Punjab, which is to be directed by Luv Ranjan. To aspiring actors, this alumnus of the Department of Indian Theatre, Panjab University, Chandigarh, has only one-word advice — patience.

Worth its while

Coming from a farming background, he knows, 'no seed bears fruit overnight'. For him too it has been a long wait since he made his foray into the entertainment industry way back in 2008 with Dev D. But all the wait has certainly been worth its while.

Watch out for the actor who learnt the ropes in Chandigarh and to which he returns each year almost like a ritual, reliving the days when they would perform impromptu at Student's Centre. Today, insecurity does not plague him as his confidence comes from starting at ground zero from where you can only go up and up!

Tiffany Haddish uses an undisclosed X account to troll her trolls



Actress Tiffany Haddish talked about how she felt the need to give her army of critics a taste of their own medicine. Haddish, who revealed last month she had been sober for more than two months after

being charged with driving under the influence in November 2023, when she allegedly fell asleep at the wheel in Los Angeles, shared the details during an appearance at the Los Angeles Times Festival

of Books at the University of Southern California.

She talked about the motivation behind her bogus X account: "The Internet came out and people got the freedom to talk about whatever they wanted to talk about. And now I wish I was back to being illiterate again. So, people talk about me. I don't know why all are talking about me so damn much, but that's okay. I like to talk about you too. I made me a fake page and now I'm talking about stuff — how about that? You talk about what goes around comes around, don't worry." Haddish added she had restricted her secret account to X. She said: "I don't know about fake Instagram, but I definitely got fake Twitter... I mean a fake X."

Additionally, she said that her forthcoming memoir I Curse You With Joy, slated for release on May 7, is full of 'mistakes' she had made in her life and career.

Anne Hathaway recalls the time when she had to fake excitement about kissing 10 boys

Actress Anne Hathaway recently talked about the beginning of her career and recalled an audition where she had to fake excitement about kissing 10 boys, describing it as 'gross'. In an interview, Hathaway, shared that back in the 2000s it was 'normal' to ask actors to 'make out' with potential co-stars during chemistry tests. "Which is actually the worst way to do it," she said.

"I was told, 'We have 10 guys coming today and you're cast. Aren't you excited to make out with all of them?' And I thought, 'Is there something wrong with me?' because I wasn't excited. I thought it sounded gross. And I was so young and terribly aware of how easy



it was to lose everything by being labeled 'difficult', so I just pretended I was excited and got on with it. It wasn't a power

play, no one was trying to be awful or hurt me. It was just a very different time, and now we know better."

Know Lara Dutta's candid take on Ranneeti: Balakot & Beyond

Former Miss Universe and Bollywood actress Lara Dutta, who has consistently captivated audiences with her versatile performances, right from a stellar debut in Andaaz to her recent venture Bell Bottom, is now all set to redefine the narrative with her upcoming web series Ranneeti: Balakot & Beyond. In this eagerly awaited series, Lara Dutta portrays the role of a power broker delving into the intricacies of modern warfare and geopolitical dynamics. Directed by Santosh Singh, the series promises to unravel untold stories behind a major operation, shedding light on the amalgamation of traditional and contemporary warfare tactics.

Lara Dutta talked about her deep-rooted connection to the sub-



ject matter. Hailing from a military background, with her father and sister serving in the Air Force, Lara emphasised her innate sense of patriotism and duty towards the nation. She remarked, "First comes your country and then your family, or whatever will always be in the number two position." She also shared insights into her personal connection to the storyline, rooted deeply in her family's military background. "For me, choosing this story was a special thing because when the Balakot air strike happened, we got more insider information than the civilians," she said. Addressing the scepticism surrounding patriotic narratives, Dutta highlighted the need to recognise and appreciate stories from India's own soil. She

remarked, "People will always say that this is propaganda. But we don't say that when we watch other Hollywood films. So, why do we always apply this to our country's things?"

Embracing the opportunity to showcase the nation's untold tales, Lara expressed gratitude to the producers for bringing these narratives to the forefront.

Scheduled for release on April 25, Ranneeti: Balakot & Beyond is poised to captivate audiences with its gripping narrative and stellar performances. The series also stars Ashutosh Rana and Ashish Vidyarthi. Apart from her role in Ranneeti: Balakot & Beyond, Lara Dutta has an exciting line-up of projects in the pipeline, including Welcome To The Jungle, Suryast and Ramayana.

Academy changes rules for 2025 Oscars ceremony

Hollywood's most prestigious film awards, the Oscars, are undergoing significant changes as the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) has introduced updated rules and campaign protocols for its 97th edition, slated for March 2 next year.

In a bid to bolster traditional movie theatres, the Academy has revised the eligibility criteria for films.

From now on, films must screen for at least one week in select metropolitan areas, including Los Angeles County, New York City, the Bay Area, Chicago, Atlanta, and a new addition — Dallas-Fort Worth. Additionally, films must meet expanded theatrical standards in multiple US markets and international territories. An interesting development is the convergence between the animated feature



and international feature categories. Animated feature films submitted by foreign countries can now be considered for both categories, provided they meet eligibility requirements.

Composers are set to benefit from the changes as well. The best original score category will now feature a shortlist of 20 titles instead of 15, and up to three com-

posers can now receive individual statuettes for their contributions to a score. Writers aiming for Oscars' recognition must now provide a final shooting script, a move that may impact films with extensive improvisation.

Special awards presented during the Governors Awards ceremony are also undergoing modifications. The Irving

G Thalberg Memorial Award will no longer be in the form of a bust but an Oscar statuette, while the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award has been redefined to honour humanitarian efforts promoting human welfare and addressing inequities. Furthermore, two awards presented at the Scientific and Technical Awards have been renamed to honour tech-

nological contributions more effectively.

Key submission deadlines have been announced, emphasising the importance of timely submissions for various categories, including animated short films, documentary features, and international feature films.

The Academy has also updated campaign promotional regulations, outlining guidelines for promoting Oscars-eligible motion pictures and performances to its members.

These changes reflect the Academy's commitment to adapting to the evolving landscape of the film industry while maintaining the integrity and prestige of the Oscars. As Hollywood gears up for the 97th Oscars, anticipation is high for a ceremony that promises to celebrate excellence and innovation in filmmaking.

Aamir Khan launches 'Papa Kehte Hain 2.0' from RajKummar Rao's 'Srikanth'



Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan on Monday evening launched a new rendition of his iconic song Papa Kehte Hain from Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak, which was his debut film as a lead actor.

Titled Papa Kehte Hain 2.0, the track is from the film Srikanth, which features RajKummar Rao. Singer Udit Narayan, the voice behind Papa Kehte Hain, was also present at the event. In Srikanth, RajKummar plays Srikanth Bolla, an Indian entrepreneur who founded Bol-

lant Industries, employing unskilled and differently-abled individuals. Born visually impaired in 1992 near Hyderabad, his life story is inspiring.

Rao spoke about the challenges of depicting a visually impaired person, "Born in a very poor family, Bolla achieved so much in life; he established a million-dollar company. I have never played such a role, so it was very challenging for me."

Talking about his preparation, he added, "The preparation was very important for this role. We used to go to blind schools for hours. We used to spend time with visually impaired people. So to observe how they see the world was important. I spent a lot of time with Srikanth. Because we are putting his life on the screen. So, to understand things from his perspective, how he made decisions and more was important as well."

Produced by T-Series and Chalk N Cheese Films Production LLP, the movie has been directed by Tushar Hiranandani, and written by Jagdeep Sidhu and Sumit Purohit.

Srikanth is slated for a theatrical release on May 10.

Government will continue to work to strengthen Panchayati Raj institutions: PM Modi

Ministry of Panchayati Raj observes April 24 as National Panchayati Raj Day

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday greeted people on the Panchayati Raj Day, asserting that his government will continue to work to strengthen local body institutions.

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj observes April 24 as National Panchayati Raj Day, marking the enactment of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992, which came into force on this day in 1993 and paved the



way for empowering of local bodies.

Modi said on X, "On Panchayati Raj Day, greetings to all those working at grassroots to transform rural India and

ensure a better quality of life for the people. Our Government will continue to work to strengthen Panchayati Raj institutions and give wings to people's dreams."

'PM Modi is afraid of invisible voters,' says AICC chief Kharge

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Apr 24 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday unleashed a tirade against Prime Minister Narendra Modi citing that he is acting like a "petty politician".

He said after the first round of voting of the Lok Sabha polls got over, Modi became apprehensive of "invisible voters" which has led him to criticize the Congress party.

Talking to reporters at Indira Bhavan, Kharge demanded to know that if the Congress is nothing, why should PM Modi be this bothered. Kharge who reached Thiruvananthapuram late on Tuesday came to Indira Bhavan for the first time after becoming the Congress president more than two years ago.

The veteran politician recalled that Modi's tall claims during



the 2019 Lok Sabha elections that all Indians would receive Rs 15 lakhs each in their accounts remain hollow.

Modi's new promise that 2 crore jobs would be generated is also going to remain a pipe-dream, Kharge said.

"Modi is frustrated. I have travelled 10 - 12 states for election campaigning and have been getting very good reports from the public and voters alike. I want Modi to read more about our country's history and learn how to keep the country

united from divisive politics," the Congress leader said.

"Modi has got a huge washing machine," he said adding that when Congress leaders who joined BJP comes out of it, "they come out clean."

Referring to Modi's hate speech in Rajasthan against the Muslim community, Kharge said that he has got five children and Lalu Prasad Yadav has got nine children.

"So, is it a particular community which has got maximum children? How can Modi say so? This is highly deplorable," said Kharge.

The press conference held at Indira Bhavan also saw the two Congress candidates from Thiruvananthapuram and Attungal Lok Sabha constituencies, Shashi Tharoor and Adoor Prakash.

Tharoor's presence in the

press meet, despite the fact that he had fought against Kharge in the Congress presidential election, showed that there are no permanent enemies in politics.

While Kharge eulogized Tharoor, he did not spare Rajeev Chandrasekharan, the BJP candidate in Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha constituency.

"Tell me about one contribution Rajeev has made to Karnataka when he was an MP from there. The people of Karnataka thus told Rajeev, 'enough is enough' and asked him to prove his mettle in his home state," he said.

Speaking highly of Shashi Tharoor, Kharge said, "Tharoor has not only been a national figure, but an international personality, an excellent speaker in Parliament.. where we used to request him to speak about international affairs."

Congress distances itself from Sam Pitroda's 'inheritance tax' remarks; Pitroda says 'statement twisted to divert attention'

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): The Congress on Wednesday distanced itself from Sam Pitroda's "inheritance tax" remarks, saying sensationalising them are attempts at diverting attention from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "malicious" poll campaign.

Pitroda, the president of the Indian Overseas Congress, had talked about the inheritance tax law in the United States and referred to the "redistribution of wealth" issue.

AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh said Pitroda has been a mentor, friend, philosopher, and guide to many across the world, and has made numerous and enduring contributions to India's developments.

"Mr Pitroda expresses his opinions freely on issues he feels strongly about. Surely, in a democracy an individual is at

liberty to discuss, express, and debate his personal views.

"This does not mean that Mr. Pitroda's views always reflect the position of the Indian National Congress. Many times they do not. Sensationalising his comments now and tearing them out of context are deliberate and desperate attempts at diverting attention away from Mr. Narendra Modi's malicious and mischievous election campaign; that is anchored only in lies and more lies," Ramesh said in a post on X.

With his remarks triggering a row, Pitroda said on X that "It is unfortunate that what I said as an individual on inheritance tax in the US is twisted by Godi media to divert attention from what lies the PM is spreading about the Congress manifesto. PM's comments on Mangal Sutra and gold snatching is



simply unreal."

"I mentioned US inheritance tax in the US only as an example in my normal conversation on TV. Can I not mention facts? I said these are the kind of issues people will have to discuss and debate. This has nothing to do with the policy of any party including Congress," he said.

"Who said 55 per cent will be taken away? Who said something like this should be done in India? Why is BJP and media in panic," Pitroda asked.

Attacking the Congress over Pitroda's remarks, Modi said at a rally in Chhattisgarh that, "The Congress party's dangerous intentions have come to fore yet again. Now these people are saying they will impose inheritance tax on properties bequeathed to children by their parents".

Home Minister Amit Shah also flayed Pitroda's remarks, saying "The appeasement politics of the Congress stand exposed today with Sam Pitroda's statement on wealth redistribution. He reaffirmed the party's intention to seize the property of the majority and distribute it among the minority.

"It yet again brings to the fore that the empowerment of India's poor, Dalits, youth, tribes, and backward classes was never on Congress's agenda," he said on X.

IED explosion damages bridge in ethnic violence-hit Manipur's Kangpokpi; traffic hit



IMPHAL, Apr 24 (Agencies): A bridge on the National Highway-2 in ethnic violence-hit Manipur's Kangpokpi district was partially damaged in an IED explosion early on Wednesday, disrupting traffic movement in the area, police said.

The blast occurred on the bridge between Sapermeina and Koubru Leikha areas around 12.45 am, an officer said.

No casualty was reported so far in the improvised explosive device (IED) blast, he said.

Three craters and cracks on both ends of the bridge were noticed, the officer said.

Movement of heavy vehicles has been stopped on the bridge connecting Manipur's capital Imphal with Nagaland's Dimapur.

Minutes after the explosion, police personnel rushed to the spot and cordoned off the bridge, he said, adding that an investigation into the IED blast has been initiated.

Some two-wheelers, however, were seen plying on the bridge this morning.

The IED explosion occurred hours after gunfights broke out between village volunteers of the two warring communities in Imphal West district.

Over 200 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence in Manipur between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjacent hills-based Kukis since May last year.

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh accuses BJP of flip-flop on spectrum allocation

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh on Wednesday alleged that the BJP, which once opposed a first-come, first-served basis in spectrum allocation before coming into power, now wants the same policy to be implemented.

Addressing a press conference here, the AAP leader said that in 2012 the Supreme Court delivered a historic judgement, stating that the spectrum allocation and licensing should be auctioned rather than distributed on a 'first-come, first-served basis'.

"But PM Modi and his



government have now been exposed before the entire nation. When 150 MPs in 2023 were outside the Parliament, they passed the same policy that BJP opposed -- the first-come, first-served policy. This was passed after committing the murder of democracy by suspending 150 MPs," said Singh.

The Rajya Sabha MP said that now they (BJP) have reached the Supreme Court to seek permission to allocate the 5G spectrum on a first-come, first-served basis, i.e., based on administrative grounds.

"First, they passed the law, and now they have gone to the Supreme Court," said Singh.

By inducting Ashok Chavan, BJP also became part of Adarsh Society scam, alleges Uddhav Thackeray

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday hit out the BJP, saying that by inducting former Congress leader Ashok Chavan, the ruling party has also become a part of the multi-crore Adarsh Housing Society scam now.

Earlier, the BJP used to target Chavan saying the families of martyrs were fooled in the Adarsh scam, but now the same party is involved in fooling them, he alleged.

Thackeray was addressing a press conference at Nanded in Maharashtra, where he arrived to campaign for the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) candidate Vasant Chavan from the Nanded Lok Sabha constituency.

Ashok Chavan, a former Maharashtra chief minister, is an accused in the Adarsh Housing Society scam wherein a 31-storey posh building in south Mumbai was constructed allegedly on land owned by the



Defence Ministry without getting the requisite permissions and clearances.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 2014 sought to delete Chavan's name from the case but this was rejected both by the special CBI court and later by the Bombay High Court in 2015.

The matter is pending before the Supreme Court which in 2018 stayed proceedings in the case.

Chavan joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in February this year and was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha after being fielded by the party.

At the time of joining the

ruling party, Chavan termed the Adarsh case as a "political mishap" and said he considered it a "non-issue" now.

Thackeray said, "The Adarsh scam case is yet to be decided by the court. Now, BJP has inducted Ashok Chavan into the party fold and made him a Rajya Sabha member. So this way, BJP is also involved in the Adarsh scam now."

"There are videos (of BJP leaders) saying that Adarsh Society was formed and the families of martyrs were fooled. But after Chavan joined the BJP, he was also praised on stage," he said.

Earlier the BJP leaders used to say that families of martyrs were fooled in the Adarsh scam, Thackeray said.

"Now it is my allegation that BJP is also involved in fooling the martyrs' families," he said.

Thackeray also said that after Chavan quit the Congress, several new faces came up in the party.

"Congress has received a

fresh fillip after Ashok Chavan's departure. The barriers in the path of new leaders are now gone. The 'subhedari' in our party also crumbled," he said, apparently referring to the Eknath Shinde-led camp.

On the state government's decision to provide a Y-plus security cover to Parth Pawar, the son of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, the Sena (UBT) president said, "I have heard that rocket launchers and tanks are also being deployed for his security.

People working at the residences of those who betrayed are being provided security, but common people are not secure. Firing took place in front of actor Salman Khan's residence."

"But the people who are with them (those in power) are given security. Who is paying for their security is the question. They (government) are collecting taxes from people, who are not safe, and providing security to the traitors," Thackeray alleged.

Ex-Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren moves SC, says HC not pronouncing verdict on plea against arrest

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court, saying the high court is not pronouncing a verdict on his plea challenging arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta was told by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Soren, that the high court had reserved its verdict for February 28 on his plea but still no decision has been delivered.

Sibal said they had approached the top court against his arrest on February 2 but the bench had asked them to move the high court for relief.

"We have moved the Article 32 petition

in the Hemant Soren matter. Your lordship said go to the high court. We went to the high court on February 4 and then the matter was finally heard on February 27-28. Now, the judgement has not been rendered in the plea till date," he said.

The senior lawyer said, "We again went to the high court and said we cannot move forward or backward unless the judgement is rendered. The judge said nothing. Now, the man will be inside and the elections will be over. Then where do we go?" Justice Khanna asked whether a petition has been filed and if filed, then he can move an email to the secretariat of the Chief Justice of India for listing.

Sibal said, "If we say something, then they will say, we are attacking the judi-

ciary," and sought listing of the petition on Friday.

Justice Khanna said he cannot say anything on the listing of the petition and the Chief Justice of India secretariat will give the date for listing of the plea.

"Just give the details, it will be done. Today or tomorrow, you will get the date for listing of the matter," the bench said.

Sibal submitted that on their plea, this court will direct the high court to pronounce the verdict and then the judgement will be rendered.

"After the judgement, we will come here. Then four weeks' time will be given. This is very sad," Sibal said.

Justice Khanna told the senior lawyer that he is pronouncing the order of the apex

court.

"There is a procedure prescribed and you will have to go through it. We will deal with the aspect of the high court not pronouncing the verdict, when the matter will come up," the bench said.

Soren, in his plea filed through advocate Pragya Baghel, said there has been a pattern that has emerged, which is reflected in the actions of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for prosecuting and targeting individuals, especially political leaders belonging to the opposition, on the basis of "cooked-up allegations."

"Knowing that the elections are around the corner and with a malafide intent of paralysing the leaders of opposition political parties, of which Hemant Soren, being

the leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), was arrested on January 31, 2024," his plea said.

Soren was arrested on January 31 in the case after he resigned as the Jharkhand chief minister, and party loyalist and state transport minister Champai Soren was named as his successor.

He was arrested after being grilled by the ED for seven hours in the case.

The ED is probing the alleged "huge amounts of proceeds of crime generated by manipulation of official records by showing dummy sellers and purchasers in the guise of forged/bogus documents to acquire huge parcels of land having value in crores".

Human life should be dedicated to charity: Satguru Mata Sudiksha

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JAMMU, Apr 24: "The human life that Nirankar God has given us, every moment of it should be dedicated to humanity; when such a beautiful feeling of charity arises in our heart, then in reality the entire humanity starts appearing as our own. Then the wish for the well-being of all becomes the goal of our life." The above expressions were expressed by Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj while addressing all the devotees on the occasion of 'Human Unity Day' in Delhi.

The holy occasion of Manav Ekta Diwas is dedicated to Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji's true services towards humanity, from which every devotee of the Nirankari world is taking inspiration and doing good in his life. Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation, the social wing of Sant Nirankari Mission, organized a series of blood



donation camps in a big way at about 207 places across India today, in which about 50,000 units of blood were collected. While addressing the gathering at the blood donation camp on the occasion of Human Unity Day, Satguru Mata said that the spirit of service has always been selfless. When such a spirit settles in our hearts, then our life is truly dedicated

to the welfare of humanity. Such a life of altruism has been the basis of the divine teachings of Baba Gurbachan Singh.

Referring to the beautiful spirit of selfless service, Satguru Mata explained that when the spirit of selfless service arises in our mind, then this world starts looking even more beautiful because then our spirit of service becomes

a boon for the entire human family in the form of concrete and action. Blood donation is such a supreme service done to save human life in which the selfless spirit of altruism is inherent.

On this occasion, Nirankari Rajpita Ramit also donated blood, which was undoubtedly a source of inspiration for the devotees and young volunteers of the Mission.

In Jammu, the Camp was inaugurated by Atal Dulloo Chief Secretary Jammu Kashmir UT while speaking on the occasion he said that Voluntary blood donation camps organized by the Sant Nirankari Mission are boon to society. Together, let's create a culture of compassion and support by donating blood regularly. By working together, their will be adequate supply to save lives in emergencies and ongoing treatments. Let's unite in this life saving mission!

Ajit Singh Zonal Incharge Jammu welcome the chief guest and donors presented on the occasion.

Other dignitaries presented on the occasion were Dr Zulfiqar Ahmed Consultant, Dr. Renu Menia, Dr. Sahil Gorka from Blood Bank GMC Jammu. The camp was held in collaboration with blood & transfusion dept. of Govt. Medical College Jammu and JKSAACS.

Director Agriculture Jammu concludes two day extensive tour of District Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, Apr 24: Director Agriculture Production and Farmer Welfare, Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, accompanied by a team of officers, recently concluded a two day extensive tour of Udhampur district. The primary objective of this tour was to evaluate the progress of various Farmer Welfare Schemes and field activities being undertaken by the Department of Agriculture.

On the first day of the tour, Director Agriculture Jammu made a significant visit to the Chief Agriculture Office in Udhampur. Engaging in productive interactions with the CAO office staff and the field staff, discussions ranged from field issues to the review of projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

During the tour, Director Agriculture Jammu inspected several crucial facilities, including the

Government Agriculture Engineering Workshop and the Mushroom Development Officer premises in Udhampur. These visits aimed to assess the infrastructure and efficiency of these establishments in supporting agricultural endeavors in the region.

Furthermore, Director Agriculture Jammu undertook an inspection of the Soil Testing Lab in Udhampur, reviewing equipment, procedures, and staff competence within the lab. He also visited the Hi-Tech polyhouse owned by Hansraj son of Kashmiru Ram in village Ballian Sub-division, Udhampur, to evaluate the progress of the polyhouse under the HADP.

Continuing on the second day, Director Agriculture conducted a review meeting with the staff at the Sub-Divisional Agriculture Office in Ramnagar. The meeting included discussions and feedback on various Farmer Welfare Schemes,

including HADP and social sector schemes like PMKISAN, PMFBY and KCC.

During the tour, Director Agriculture Jammu also inspected the IFS model unit under HADP situated in Marta village, Amroh zone, to assess its implementation and effectiveness in enhancing farmers' livelihoods. He also visited the medicinal and aromatic farm in Incha, sub-division Ramnagar. The main focus was to inspect the medicinal and aromatic plants nursery developed in public sector under HADP.

Accompanying the Director on this tour was CAO Udhampur Sanjay Anand, DAO (Extension) Anil Kachroo, ADO (Veg) Ajay Sharma, MDO Udhampur Vinod Gupta, Assistant Agriculture Engineer Varun Verma, Assistant Soil Chemist Sunil Gupta, SMS-DL Arun Sambyal, SDAO Udhampur Ajay Sharma, and SDAO Ramnagar Sanjay Sharma.

Why should Sikhs vote for BJP : SPF

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: Balvinder Singh President Sikh Progressive Front along with S Manjeet Singh General Secretary, S Rajinder Singh joint secretary while addressing the press conference said that Undoubtedly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has undertaken some commendable initiatives, having emotional values for the Sikh Community as a whole at National level. But no sincere efforts are being made by JKUT Administration for addressing the issues of JKUT Sikh.

Singh urged upon Sikh Community members when BJP representative approach you and ask for your vote, must ask from them why below mentioned demands of the Sikhs have not been addressed since long :- Political Reservation: Though BJP ensured political representations to various section of society like SC, ST, OBC, Paharis, Gujjars, Pandits under Migrant Quots and POJK but Sikh community has been notably excluded. This exclusion makes them feel marginalized and deprived of their rightful place in the national mainstream.

SRO-425 : Despite assurances from Hon'ble LG of JKUT, Sh. Manoj Sinha, during a meeting with SPF delegation on March 14, 2022, where he pledged to advertise vacancies for non-migrant Sikh youths under SRO 425, no action has been taken to date.

Exclusion of Punjabi Language : JKUT official Language bill was passed in the Parliament in 2020 but unfortunately Punjabi was not included in the said Bill despite the fact that that not only Sikhs but also large number of non Sikh population of JK also speaks Punjabi. Dr Jitender Singh stated in the Parliament that only two percent peoples of JKUT speaks Punjabi and finally excluded from the Bill.

Non Implementation of

Missing woman traced out, re-united with fat

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DODA, Apr 24: In a statement issued by Doda Police that one lady namely Saniha Devi D/o Mohinder Singh r/o Goha Kai Jugasar Gandoh was running missing since long and her missing report was entered in Police Station Gandoh. A Police team headed by SHO Gandoh inspector Parvaiz Ahmed khanday

under the supervision of SDPO Gandoh sh Rajkumar Koul was constituted for the search of missing lady besides input /information was also generated by utilizing available sources to track her and ultimately after strenuous efforts of Police party, the missing lady was traced out and re-united with her family and the missing file was closed accordingly.

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Government Polytechnic Jammu organizes Voter Awareness Activities under "SVEEP"

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JAMMU, Apr 24: Government Polytechnic Jammu on Wednesday organized series of vibrant voter Awareness activities under SVEEP programme. During the event, large number of students and staff participated in the various activities under SVEEP such as Pledge ceremony, debate, poster making and quiz competition. Speaking on the occasion, Er Arun Bangotra Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu enlightened the students on various aspects of SVEEP and said that SVEEP is a flagship programme of the Election Commission of India to promote voter education and participation in elections. The electoral awareness programme was held with an aim to enhance the voter participation in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections and sensitize the young voters about the value of vote. At the start of the Programme, Pledge ceremony took place to ignite awareness among all students and staff for vigorous participation in upcoming General Elections-2024 Lok Sabha.

In the Debate Competition, more than 32 students from Automobile Engg, Computer, Information Technology and Mechanical Engg expressed their opinion on the theme "Importance of Voting in Democracy".

18 Students from Architecture, Mechanical and Medical Lab Technology participated in Poster Making competition and expressed their views about the Importance of Voting in the form of posters.

Electrical Engg Department conducted the quiz session for students. On the occasion a student's Parliament session was also organized by the Department of Instrumentation and Control Engg, Travel and Tourism and Architecture Assistantship. Students were encouraged to express their opinions on the theme of how the youth can effectively participated in the electoral process.

The events was organized successfully under the able guidance of worthy Principal, Er. Arun Bangotra and coordinated by HOD's/ Incharge Department of different departments Er. Jasdeep Kour, Er. Rani Devi, Er. Sanjay Koul, Er. Raj Kumar, Er. Sukhdeep Singh, Er. Manjeet Singh, Er. Raj Shekhar, Dhiraj Kumar (NSS), Chamel Singh PEM. All the faculty members and non-teaching staff also attended the programme.

Will fulfill long pending demands of KPs: Zafar Iqbal Manhas

KPs extend support to Apni Party, says Vijay Bakaya

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JAMMU, Apr 24: Apni Party's candidate for Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat, Zafar Iqbal Manhas today interacted with the Migrant Kashmiri Pandits here at the Press Club of Jammu and assured the community members that he would fulfill their long pending demands.

As per the press release, an interaction with the migrant Kashmiri Pandits was organized at the Press Club Jammu by the General Secretary of the Party, Vijay Bakaya in which large numbers of migrant community members were also present.

During the meeting, the demands and concerns of the migrants were discussed in detail by the Apni Party leaders.

Meanwhile, Vice President of the Party, and candidate of the Party for Anantnag - Rajouri Parliamentary constituency, Zaffar Iqbal Manhas spoke on the occasion, and assured that he would work for the rehabilitation of the migrant Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir.

Extending support to the migrant Kashmiri Pandits, he alleged that the traditional parties exploited them as vote banks. "These parties failed to fulfill the promises made with the KPs in the last three decades depriving

the community of their basic rights to get employment, and safe return to the Valley," he said.

Asserting the Kashmiri Pandits are the inseparable part and parcel of the Kashmiri society, he said that the Apni Party feels that the migrants shall be provided a sense of security and confidence so that they can return to the pending demands.

He stressed on the need to end misunderstandings spread by the traditional parties for their gains.

"We are committed to bridge the gap and bring the two communities together. We want to rehabilitate the KPs back to the Valley with honour," said Manhas.

Explaining the importance of Kashmiri Pandits in the valley, he said that the community has played a vital role in promoting brotherhood, and peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

As far as the demands of the KPs are concerned, he assured that if he gets elected as Member Parliament from the Anantnag - Rajouri Parliamentary seat, he will work for the fulfilment of the long pending demands of the migrants.

He referred to the demands of enhancement of monthly relief amount up to Rs 25000, construction of adequate residential complexes for the migrants, and other related issues which were

discussed in threadbare. Meanwhile, General Secretary of the Party, Vijay Bakaya also explained the difficulties faced by the KPs in Jammu after their migrations from different parts of the valley in 90s.

He explained to them about the policy and agenda of the Party for the rehabilitation of the migrants and providing them employment opportunities under the Prime Minister package. He said that the KPs have extended their support to Zafar Iqbal Manhas in the wake of the policy of equitable development of the Apni Party.

The community members expect that the Apni Party would work for the betterment of the migrant community, he added. He said that the Party is committed to improve basic amenities and will provide other facilities to improve the living standard of the Kashmiri Pandits in migrant camps in Jammu.

Besides, Provincial President of the Party, Manjit Singh also spoke on the occasion, while referring to the agenda of the Party. He said that the Party is committed to work for the unity in Jammu and Kashmir and to tell the truth to the people.

He criticized the politics of polarization that has created misunderstandings among the people

and sought an end to the politics of division.

Earlier, General Secretary of the Youth Wing, and Spokesperson of the Party, Abhay Bakaya also addressed the gathering.

The program was compered by Provincial Secretary, Minority Wing of the Party, Nana Ji Watal. Prominent among those who attended the interaction include Additional General Secretary, Arun Chibber, J&K Apni Trade Union President, Ajaq Kazmi, Provincial Secretary and Incharge Membership Drive, Dr Rohit Gupta, Provincial President of Women Wing, Jammu, Pavnnet Kour, Provincial President of Youth Wing, Jammu, Vipul Bali, Provincial President Minority Wing, Balbir Singh Baba, Provincial President Transport Jammu, Tirath Singh, District President, Jammu Women Wing, Ritu Pandita, Vice President of Youth Wing, Joginder Singh, Provincial Secretary, Sohail Khajuria, Additional Media Coordinator and District Senior Vice President, Sandeep Vaid, Vice President of Jammu District, Abhinav Gupta, Devansh Sompnath Dhar, Mohan Lal Bhat, Provincial TRT Nagrota, Chand Ji Bhat, social activist and leader of the Party Ashok Koul, Incharge of Bohri /Purkhuo Camp and Butta Nagar Camp, G.I Pandita, Santosh Kher, Bharat Bhushan pandita, Daizy Ji and others.

BRO opens Leh-Manali NH

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LEH, Apr 24: With onset of winters and snow accumulation the highway remains closed from November till it is opened by the BRO. The entire snow clearance operation was executed by 111 RCC/753 BRTF under Project HIMANK of BRO, in Ladakh region and 70 RCC/38 BRTF under Project Deepak in Himachal Pradesh. This challenging operation commenced from two extremities by two different Snow Clearance Teams, working simultaneously and in sync, comprising of highly skilled manpower and state-of-the-art machines, Project Deepak undertook the operation from Manali to Sarchu (Border of Ladakh and Himachal)



and Project Himank clearing the highway from Leh to Sarchu. The Teams worked in extremely challenging conditions battling snow storms and treacherous weather conditions of High-Altitude Areas, clearing the National Highway and negotiating four important passes

including the Baralacha La (15910 ft), Nakee La (15547 ft), Lachung La (16616 ft) and Tanglang La (17482 ft). As the two snow clearance teams converge to Sarchu, which is also the interproject boundaries, a 'Golden Handshake' ceremony was organized on 23 Apr 2024, in

presence of Officials of Chief Engineer Project Himank, Chief Engineer Project Deepak, Civil Administration and Local Populace. The ribbon was cut by a local kid and the road was declared open for traffic. The ceremony was graced by Col Amit Sakhre of Proj Himank, Col KS Lavana (Commander 753 Task Force), Sh Gulam Md (ADC Leh) and other Officials of security forces and civil administration of Ladakh. Chief Engineer Project Deepak Shri Navin Kumar, Commander 38 Task Force, Sh Mayank Chaudhary (SP LahaulSpiti) and other officials of BRO and Civil Administration from Himachal Pradesh were also present for the ceremony. The endeavours of BRO have been highly appreciated by

Security Forces, Civil Administration and most importantly by the Local Populace using the National Highway. The Nation owes to the grit, courage and sacrifice of the unsung and mostly unknown heroes of BRO, who perform daredevil acts day after day, with unyielding faith in their machines, unwavering trust in each other and a silent prayer on their lips. They seek no more than a pat on the back for a job well done. Under the able guidance of DGBR, Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, VSM and ADGBR(NW) Sh Harendra Kumar, AVSM, VSM, both the projects of BRO have again demonstrated its commitment of Nation First, Always First and lived up to its ethos of "Sharmena Sarvam Sadhyam".

Bob Dhillon proud of Punjabi World : Aryans

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JAMMU, Apr 24: A delegation of Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh led by Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group & President, Punjabi Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) met renowned Philanthropist Mr. Bob Dhillon in Calgary, Canada. Mr. Piyush Girdhar, Advisor, International Affairs, Aryans Group was also present.



Bob Dhillon hosted Aryans delegation at his home & discussed his vision to uplift the education sector & to help the downtrodden segment of society. Mr. Kerry B Godfrey, Dean Dhillon School of Business, University of Lethbridge, Calgary was also present. Dr. Anshu Kataria also discussed about the impact of partial ban on international admissions. He praised Bob Dhillon who is doing excellent job in education sector by various philanthropic activities. Piyush Girdhar while appreciating Bob Dhillon said that Dhillon has made around 17000 properties with his vision

in Canada and not only the Punjabis of entire world but all residents of Alberta feel proud on him. It is worth mentioning that Bob Dhillon has donated around Rs 50 Crores to support Dhillon School of Business. Kataria mentioned that this is his high act of kindness. Also pertinent to mention that Dhillon has also bought the legendary Sikh sword of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and made every Punjabi proud. It is to be mentioned that Mr. Dhillon is the founder, president & CEO of Mainstreet Equity Corp., a Calgary-based publicly traded company. He is also the founder,

owner, and president of Pan Pacific Mercantile Group, an international trading and export company focused on real estate development in emerging markets such as Belize and India. He is also the founder and co-owner of National Payments, a point-of-sale payment solutions organization for small business merchants. Bob holds an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario. He is the Honorary Consul General for Belize in Canada. He has been awarded recipient of order of Canada & Queen Elizabeth jubilee & platinum award recently.

Modi's Guarantee a bundle of lies: AAP

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JAMMU, Apr 24: Senior AAP leader, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, in a press statement issued here has appealed the voters of J&K-UT to vote & support the INDIA bloc candidates in the ensuing polls with an aim to safe guard the unity, stability and integrity of the Nation. He said that the need of the hour is to vote & support the INDIA Alliance candidate, Mr. Raman Bhalla in the Jammu-Reasi Lok Sabha seat, on 26th April, 2024, with an aim to safeguard J&K-UT people from coming challenges. Mr. Rao said that the people from all the strata of society in India are fed up with Modi ji's repetition of the word GUARANTEES. What about the Guarantees of 2014 Lok Sabha elections? He said that none of the promises made by our PM has been fulfilled, the debt over India has risen to three times high than it was before 2014, the rupee has fallen down tremendously as compared to US Dollar, India is lagging behind in various parameters than its neighbors' like poverty, hunger, malnutrition & what about the promising/ Guarantees of 15 lacs into the accounts of each house hold, doubling the income of farmers by ending 2022, MSP to the benefit of farmers, 2 crore jobs every year, removing corruption, decriminalization of politics, lowering prices of Diesel, Petrol, domestic



gas, sand, Bajri, stones, making 100 smart cities, running of Bullet trains, constructing 1 model village in each constituency every year etc. Reacting to the chest thumping guarantee of PM Modi, at Bhopal, regarding taking stringent action against corrupt politician in the country, the BJP government at the centre instead, is admitting all the scamsters & fraudsters into his Party and shamelessly claiming to give a guarantee to the countrymen to take strict action, is now fully exposed the countrymen as also the world that whatever BJP leaders assert is a JUMLAS & nothing short of it, the AAP leader said. Rao further said that the main agenda of BJP is to stop the growth of AAP in India. It is indulging in undemocratic method of arresting the popularly elected AAP leaders on filthy grounds. The main agenda of undemocratic BJP government is to tarnish the image of AAP leaders & to stop them from election campaigning in general elections, 2024. He said that almost all media houses of India & the International Media have reported that the

arrest of a popular Chief Minister having the backing of two crore people and the CM of the Capital of Nation is the darkest event and chapter in the history of our great Democracy. In Lok Sabha election 2024, BJP cannot get even 40 seats if voted through Belt papers, as the people are against the policies of the BJP government and 99% people are against the BJP government. In order to check the growing widely of AAP at National & International level BJP is using un-ethical politics of Vendetta and misusing the power through impartial investigating agencies - ED, CBI, In-Come Tax etc. BJP is using pick & choose policy to remain in power by appointing top Posts in violation of Model Code of Conduct, which is enforce even today. All most all the policies of BJP government are un-democratic & needs to be re-studied by veterans & constitutional experts. All the guaranties given by the BJP headed by PM, Modi, till date are fake & for from reality. The word GUARANTEES has been stolen from the vocabulary of Mr. Arvind Kejriwal a highly educated, dynamic, Honest versatile & most scientific & successful leader of the masses & CM of the Capital of the largest democracy of the World. Mr Rao further said that CM, Arvind Kejriwal is treated as a criminal and his inhuman treatment in Tihar Jail is against the fundamental rights of any elected Chief Minister.

BJP, Cong are in a race to project as new well-wishers of OBC for votes: Rajesh Gupta

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JAMMU, Apr 24: Bahunjan Samaj Party (BSP) J&K UT General Secretary and Media head Rajesh Gupta today described the concept as the key to retrieving back the glorious ethos of inclusive Jammu and Kashmir to its pristine glory again by adopting the policies of BSP and to strengthening it. He said BSP is spreading its roots in Jammu and Kashmir. BSP leader said in view of the Lok Sabha elections, casteist and anti-reservation parties/elements, especially the BJP and the Congress are in a race these days to project themselves as the new well-wishers of the OBC community for votes of the bahunjan. "But the struggle for welfare of Dalits and tribals as well as OBCs and religious minorities, who are a special part of the 'bahunjan' community, and their constitutional rights, was more than anyone else after Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar," he said. Rajesh Gupta on Wednesday said that the BSP is a way forward to respect the urges and aspirations of all the regions and sub-regions of Jammu and Kashmir with none being discriminated against or dominated politically, socially,



and economically. Each one, irrespective of region, religion or caste, must have equal rights regarding resources and governance. BSP leader said that BSP alone could fulfill the aspirations of the public at large and steer the erstwhile State out of the morass of poverty, underdevelopment, corruption, and communalism. He said that having experimented with various traditional parties, both national and regional, the people of J&K were a disappointed lot desperately seeking a change in the political structure of the erstwhile State. Gupta said that the BSP has taken its birth to the service of the common man, the workers, laborers, and exploited class of society, adding that the Jammu region has hugely suffered on all these counts over the decades.

SPPND GDC Samba organizes a vibrant and educational Mock Parliament



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SAMBA, Apr 24: Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba in collaboration with District Election Office, Samba organized a vibrant and educational Mock Parliament to enhance Voter Engagement. The event was organized under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college. Mohd. Sayeed, District Nodal Officer SVEEP and Ashaq Rafiq, DIO, Samba presided over

the event. This event proved to be an immersive journey into the heart of parliamentary procedures and constitutional values. The Mock Parliament aimed to empower students with a profound understanding of the intricate workings of democracy, a cornerstone of our nation. The real magic was unfolded when students engaged in spirited role-playing and thought-provoking debates. The experience left them not only well-versed with India's democratic fundamentals

but also brimming with newfound confidence in their public speaking abilities. By addressing contemporary topics and effectively communicating their concerns, students learned to become engaged and informed citizens. At the end, Voter's Pledge was also taken by the guests, staff and students to increase voter turnout in district Samba in this upcoming election. The event proved to be a crucial step towards nurturing participatory democracy in India.

Emeritus Prof RK Uppal conferred upon 'Literary Honour' by Kalam Edu-Varsity

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JAMMU, Apr 24: Dr. Rajinder Kumar Uppal, a prolific writer, a Man of Letters, a distinguished Professor of Emeritus, an acclaimed academician, research stalwart, and the more ingenious guide has won accolades not only in the academic field but also in the genre of research. Presently, he is serving in the most exalted institution, Baba Farid College of Management and Technology (Punjab), as a Professor-cum-Principal. He is also MTC Global Chair Professor: Banking and Finance. For his outstanding contribution he has been awarded Literary honour by Kalam University. Dr. Uppal is also Research Professor in the Area of Finance at Indian Institute of Finance,



New Delhi. He was even awarded Honorary D.Litt by reputed Business University, Costa Rica in 2014. International Peace University awarded honorary D.Litt 2019 and Nelson Mandela University, USA also awarded Doctor of Letters to Dr. Uppal. University of South America also awarded honorary D.Litt. He has also successfully defended his D.Litt thesis on the very burning topic, "Managing Transformation in Indian

banks Through E-Delivery Channels- Challenges and Opportunities" in Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India in 2021. He desires to restructure and revolutionize Indian banking Industry by linking it with e-technology thereby ushering a new era of competitive banking system nor only at home but also abroad. For him, research is a never-ending process. The loss of human resources due to cancer has again caused a stir in his indefatigable research mind and he has embarked on a new project i.e An empirical Study of "Loss of Human Resources with the Extensive Penetration of Cancer in the Malwa Belt of Punjab and its Future Perspectives." Infact, he is an asset for the society. Dr. Uppal is

also actively engaged in leadership tasks that correspond with the breadth of his academic vision and energy. He has independently organized National conferences and seminars on issues catering to the current financial milieu. Being an excellent orator, he also chairs, quite frequently, technical sessions in various seminars and conferences across the whole nation. Indeed, Dr. Uppal is an academician, author and scholar, who has been one of the most productive and influential contributors to the field of Banking and Finance that our country has seen in recent times. In brief, the outstanding educational and research achievements of Dr. Uppal are simply too many to recount within the space of a short citation.

Today, the echelon he has attained academically, intellectually, socially and spiritually is even beyond the dreams of majority of the achievers. This erudite scholar's research work and academic excellence promoted various national and international organizations to honor such an inclusive academician. He, truly, is the embodiment of mission and vision of critical thinking, professionalism, excellence and innovation. Dr. Uppal through his research wishes to implement center-state govt. Policies to modernize the Indian Economy or see New India. Moreover, his research will benefit policymakers, planners, researchers, the Indian banking industry, and others interested in banking studies.

Kotwal visits different areas of District Rajouri



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JAMMU, Apr 24: Ajit Singh Kotwal, Vice President J&K Saksham visited today different remote areas of District Rajouri. During his tour, he visited Moghla, Jungrial, East and West Berwari Paltha and Treruru to aware Divyangjan about the power of their votes. On this occasion, he

said that many of Specially abled persons are still unregistered. "At a time, such persons are unable to cast their votes as per the guidelines of the Election commission of India for the reason they are not registered," he said. Stating about the importance of exercising the franchise and

demanding facilitative means for differently Abled Persons, he further commented. "You should share your democratic responsibility by casting valuable votes and elect your choicest representatives, who can raise voice to mitigate problems and grievances being faced by the community."