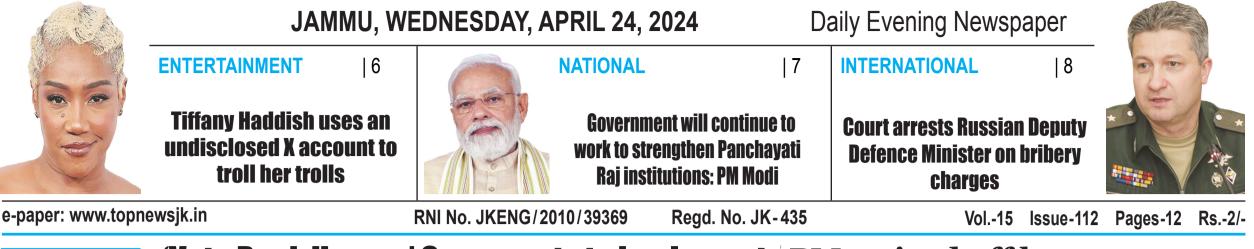
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BRIEFLY

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 terroists.

School timing changed in Jammu **Division**

Top News Report

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

'Vote Bank Hungry' Cong wants to implement PM waived off loans 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



alliance in the country as they thought that if India becomes 'atmanirbhar' Some forces want a "weak" government of (self-reliant), their shops the Congress and "INDI" 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 Turn to page 9

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 Turn to page 9

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

dren.

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 threefour 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 **Turn to page 9**

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

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

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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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 inci-

dentally present in the events are posting such Turn to page 9

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 **Turn to page 9**

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 Shahadra 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 Turn to page 9

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OBITUARIES

10TH DAY

IT IS INFORMED WITH DEEP SORROW AND PROFOUND GRIEF THAT SH. SOM NATH KOUL S/O LT. MAHESHWAR NATH KOUL ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF LOK BHAWAN ANANTNAG KASHMIR. PRESENTLY AT POUNI CHACK NEAR PLAY WAY HR. SEC. SCHOOL .

10TH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED MUTHI GHAT JAMMU AT 8 A.M ON 28/04/2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

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SMT. DURA KOUL (WIFE) SATISH KOUL & KRISHNA KOUL (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW) SHUBAN JI RAINA & BANTI RAINA (SON-IN-LAW & DAUGHTER) RAKESH PANDITA & VITTY PANDITA (DO) GRAND CHILDREN: ISHAN, AYUSH, SIMRAN, SHAGUN & HRITHIK CONTACT NO. 9796447461, 9103282656

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad & untimely demise of Shri Tej Krishan Koul S/o Late Shri S.L. Koul, originally from Pampore, Kashmir.

He left for heavenly abode on 20th April 2024 from B-304, Paramount Emotions, Noida Extension, Sector 1, Uttar Pradesh-201306. 10th Day Kriya will be performed on 29th of April 2024 at Murad Nagar Ghat (also known as Chhota Haridwar)

SH. SOM NATH KOUL

Shri Tej Krishan Koul

Arun Koul & Simran Koul - Son and Daughter-in-law Sheetal & Vishu - Daughter & Son-in-Law Ayaan & Naisha - Grand Son & Grand Daughter Samast Koul's Pariwar of Pampore, Relatives & Friends Mob: 9654478859, 9818777940

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Koushalya Devi W/o Lt Sh Mohan Lal Parihar (Retd Chief Prosecuting officer) R/o Palmar Kishtwar A/P 96 Sec 1A Channi Himmat Jammu on 13th April 2024. Tenth Day Kriya will take place at 10 AM on

Monday, 22nd April 2024 at Jia Pota Ghat Akhnoor. 13th Day Havan and Gow Puja followed by Lunch shall take place at our residence at Channi Himmat Jammu on Thursday 25th April 2024 at 1230 Hours.

Grief Stricken All near and dear ones. 9419205550, 9419124899

MOURNING FROM MALUIN SIDE

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THAT OUR BELOVED SH. PREDIMAN KRISHAN RAINA (DEEP JI) HUSBAND OF SMT. SUNITA RAINA R/O H.NO 68 D SECTOR 1 LANE 2 DURGA NAGAR ATTAINED NIRVANA ON 21ST APRIL 2024.

THE MOURNING FROM MALUIN SIDE SHALL BE HELD COMMUNITY HALL LANE NO.4 BEHIND BLOCK-19 JAGTI TOWNSHIP, NAGROTA JAMMU **GRIEF STRICKEN :-**SMT. NANCY JI (MOTHER IN-LAW) SH. BANSI LAL DHAR (MAMA JI) (SISTERS-IN-LAW & BROTHERS-IN-LAW) SMT. ANJALI & SH. SANJAY HANJURA SMT. RENU JI & SH. KAMAL JI

PHONE NO: 7889789624, 9312093386, 9419226029





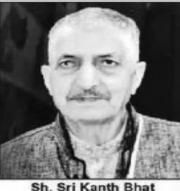


With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Sri Kanth Bhat S/o Lt. Sudershan Bhat R/o Uttersoo Anantnag Kashmir, at present H.No. 340, Lane- N, Sector-2. Durga Nagar, Jammu on 16-04-2024. Tenth Day will be performed on 25th April 2024 (Thursday) at 8:30 AM at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education Muthi Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN Vijay Kumar Bhat - Son Son & Daughter-in-law Ajay Kumar Bhat & Smt. Babeta Bhat Daughters-in-law Smt. Veena Ji Bhat W/o Lt. P.N. Bhat Smt. Sarla Ji Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. KL. Bhat Sons & Daughters-in-law Ramesh Ji Bhat & Smt. Rekha Ji Bhat Ashok Kumar Bhat & Smt. Deepa Bhat

C.L. Bhat & Smt. Renu Bhat Sha Ji Bhat & Smt. Babli Bhat

Smt. Rajni Pandita & Sh. Ramesh Kumar Pandita - Daughter & Son-In-law Smt. Neenu Bhat & Sh. Ashwani Kumar Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law Grand Children - Kartik Bhat, Sanvi Bhat, Vickey Pandita Rahul Pandita, Ayushi Bhat & Hemanshu Bhat Contact No.: 9419087413, 9419224852, 7006347241

KRIYA / UTHALA



Sh. Sri Kanth Bhat

With profound grief and sorrow, it is informed that our beloved father, Shri M. L. Ganjoo S/o Late Shri Nila Kanth Ganjoo of Malla Pora, Bana Mohalla, Srinagar, Kashmir, presently residing at 383-B, near Krishna Janj Ghar, Durga Nagar Sec 1 Jammu left for heavenly abode on 18-Apr-24. The 10th Day Kriya shall be performed on 26 April 24 (Friday) at Muthi Ghat Jammu. Assembly time: 8:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN: Smt Asha Ganjoo -Wife Shri Sanjeev Ganjoo -Son



Shri M. L. Ganjoo

Shri Rakesh & Kamna Ganjoo -Son & Daughter-in-law Shri Ratan Lal & Sheela Ganioo -Brother & Sister-in-law Smt Chuni Moza -Sister Smt Usha & Ashok Ganioo -Sister & Brother-in-law Shri Vipan & Sunita Bangroo Deeply missed by Grand Children. 08899447740, 09811173832

10TH DAY KRIYA

OBITUARY





Smt. Phoola Raina (Mother) Smt. Sunita Raina (Wife) Mrs. Monika & Mr. Rohit Mattoo (Daughter & Son-in-law) Ms. Amesha Raina (Daughter) Mr. Aman Raina (Son) Smt. Pami Koul & Sh. Nanaji Koul (Sister & Brother-in-law) Sh. Sanjay Raina & Smt. Natasha Raina (Brother & Bhabhi) Contact: 8146641289, 7986016038

TENTH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Poonam Gupta W/o Sh. Anil Gupta (Jyoti) on Saturday, 13th April 2024.

from 10 AM to 11 AM at Ram Mandir, Shastri Nagar, Jammu.

from 4 PM to 5 PM at Aap Shambu Mandir, Narwal Pain,

W/o Sh. ANIL GUPTA (JYOTI)

Mob: 9419141564 . 9419157784 . 9858110492

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to infor the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Jai Kishor Pandita (Rani) Wife of Sh. Badri Nath Pandita originally resident of Hangal Gund Anantnag Kashmir, presently at House No. 49, Lane No. 4/A, Sub Lane-2, Laxmi Vihar Tommal Bohri Jammu o 16-04-2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 25/04/2024 at 08:30 hrs at Muthi Ghat near Directorate School Education Jammu. IN GRIEF Sh. Badri Nath Pandita - Husband



Smt. Usha Ji W/o Late Sh. Bushan Lal Pandita SmL & Sh. Soni JI & Sohan Lal Pandita Smt. Phoola Ji W/o Late Sh. T.N. Raina Daughter-in-law & Son SmL & Sh. Rajni & Rajesh Pandita Sh. Vijay Kumar Pandita & Son aughters & Sons-in-law

Smt & Sh. Sunita Ganjoo W/o Vijay Ganjoo Smt & Sh. Nitu Ganjoo W/o Rinku Ji Ganjoo

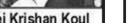
imt & Sh. Priya Darshani W/o Dileep Kumar Bhat

Grand Children - Sunaina, Kornal, Aditya, Archit, Arpit, Akriti, Rahul, Rohit Cell No.: 7006736035, 9149785323, 7051128482

og and Antim Ardaas shall be perfor lowing Scheduled Programme:-rambh SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON FRIDA 6-04-2024) at 9:00 am at residence IOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB on Sunday (28







Grief Stricken: Mahajan Family

Airport Road Satwari, Jammu

on Saturday, 13th April 2024.

W/o Sh. ANIL GUPTA (JYOTI)

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise

of our beloved Smt. Poonam Gupta W/o Sh. Anil Gupta (Jyoti)

KRIYA shall be performed on Thursday, 25th April 2024

at 12 PM at residence, H. No. 1/7 Narwal Pain, Satwari, Jammu

UTHALA shall be performed on Friday, 26th April 2024 from 4 PM to 5 PM at Aap Shambu Mandir, Narwal Pain,

10TH DAY/KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that

our beloved Sh. Rajinder Tickoo S/o Late Sh. Shamboo Nath Tickoo original resident of Bijbehara, Ananthag present address: H.No. 22 Sidhivinayak Vihar Pouni Chak Police Force Jammu passed away on 17-04-2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat, Jammu on Friday April 26 at 9.00 am. In Grief: Smt. Kiran Tickoo- Wife Paras Tickoo- Son Upasna Tickoo- Daughter Brothers & Sisters-in-Law Mr. Parey Lal Tickoo & Mrs. Renu Tickoo Mr. Ravinder Tickoo & Mrs. Sweety Tickoo Mr. Deepak Tickoo & Mrs. Archna Tickoo Sisters & Brothers-in-Law Smt. Soni Pandita & Sh. Chuni Lal Pandita

Smt. Shama Dhar & Sh. Manmohan Dhar Smt. Sunita Mahajan & Mr. Naresh Mahajan All Kids of Tickoo, Dhar, Pandita & Mahajan Families Contact No.: 7889333638, 6006577176

10TH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of Smt Sheela Devi W/o Sh Vidya Sagar left for her heavenly abode on 16-04-2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 25-04-2024 (Thursday) at our residence H No. 275/2 Sector B Sainik Colony Jammu at 11 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Mob : 9622057123, 9419389888, 9906392352

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of

our beloved Smt. Jagat Mohini Razdan W/o Late Sh.

Jagar Nath Razdan originally from Chowgam (Qazigund)

Distt. Kulgam A/p Block-68, Lane No. 12, Jagti, Nagrota

who left for the heavenly abode on 22nd April, 2024.

Grand Children : Vidushi, Ridhima, Navidhi, Yaksh, Nandni, Akrshit

Son & Daughter-in-law

Vinod Kumar & Sheetal

Daughter & Son-in-law

Anil Kumar & Sanju

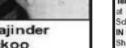
All Chalotra Family

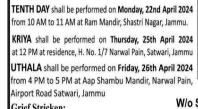
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Sh. Rajinder Tickoo



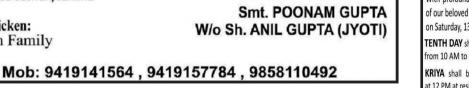




Grief Stricken: Mahaian Family









RAINA (DEEP JI)

BARKHI

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform that Barkhi of our beloved Lt. Smt. Veena Gupta W/o Dr. Tilak Raj Gupta (Retd. Deputy Director Health Services, Jammu) R/o H.No. 139- Sector-A, Subash Nagar Near Main Water Tank Rajpura Road, Jammu will be performed on Thursday 25th April 2024 at our residence from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. Grief Stricken

Dr. Tilak Raj Gupta - Husband

Sons & Daughters-in-law



Lt. Smt. Veena Gupta

Sh. Sanjay Gupta & Smt. Puja Gupta Sh. Sanjeev Gupta & Smt. Shruti Gupta Sh. Sunil Gupta & Smt. Malvi Gupta Sh. Susheel Gupta & Smt Tania Gupta Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law Sh. Kasturi Lal Gupta & Smt. Swama Gupta Sh. Subash Gupta & Smt. Anjana Gupta **Grand Children** Anurag, Anant, Anuradha, Pragati

Mobile No: 9419140532, 7006353498, 9906904668

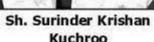
MOURNING FROM MALUIN SIDE TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Surinder Krishan Kuchroo S/o Late Sh. Maheshwar Nath Kuchroo R/o Kamdhenu Homz Flat No. C-404, Toph Sherkhanian, Jammu on 18th April 2024. The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 27th

April 2024 (Saturday) at 8.30 AM near Directorate of School Education Muthi Ghat, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Sushma Kuchroo (Wife) Sh. P.N. Dhar (Father) Sh. Krishan Kumar Dhar (Brother) Smt. Veena Koul (Sister) Smt. Rajni Bali (Sister) Smt. Dimpy Dhar (Sister) Contact No.: 9868062748, 9070810144



Kuchroo





2024 (Thursday) at our residence at Smt Rachna Samyal 11am.

Kriya will be performed on 27th April 2024 (Saturday) at our residence at 1pm. GRIEF STRICKEN Sh. Mohan Singh Samyal -Husband Ritesh and Anju -Son & Daughter-in-law Dinesh and Sandeepa -Son & Daughter-in-law Rakesh and Anjna -Son & Daughter-in-law Grand Children: Aparna, Kritika, Arvind, Harish, Jaivardhan, Abhiraj (Ph- 9419237245, 9419104797)

KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the untimely demise of Sh Shiv Kumar Padha S/o Late Sh Hargopal Padha R/o 107-108. Sector-II ane No. 14, near New Era Mother School Guru Nanak Nagar, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 16th April 2024. Kriya will be performed on 26th April



2024 Friday 12 PM at our residence. Shiv Kumar Padha Uthala will be performed on 26th April 2024 Friday from 5 PM to 6 PM at Shiv Mandir Sector-3 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu **Grief Stricken** Sons & Daughters in law Maheshwar Padha (Tinku) & Sarita Sharma Bhisham Padha (Youshe) & Karamjeet Kour Vikas Padha (Nishu) & Bharti Sharma 6005290943, 9419122900, 7006028920

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With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved father Lt. Sh. Rajinder Kumar Pandita (Raja Ji) S/o Lt. Aka Lal Pandita of Qazi Mohalla Anantnag Kashmir at present Flat No. 15, Block No. 50, Lane No. 9, Jagli Colony Nagrola Jammu on 18-04-2024. The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 27th April 2024 (Saturday) at 8.00 am near Directorate of School Education Muthi Ghat Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Reena Pandita - Wife Smt Bimla Ji - Bhabi Sh. Rahul Pandita - Son Sh. Ratish Pandita - Son Miss Nishu Pandita - Daughter Smt Anu & Anil Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law Smt. Savita & Pralful Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law Mobile No: 9622338515, 7006240902



TENTH DAY KRIYA

Smt Jagat Mohini Razdan

LOCAL/ ADVT

BLSKS mounts awareness campaign on World Malaria Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: To observe the World Malaria Day 2024 & to aware the masses, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan in coordination with STAP organized special three days awareness campaign through its 419th Regular Nukkad musical Play " Machardani", we unite under the theme "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world." at open air theatre Durga Bhawan, Janipur Jammu to draw attention of the masses living with vector borne diseases including dengue, malaria and their treatments.

The Program was inaugurated by as Chief Guest V.K.Magotra, Former Regional Direc-tor of Directorate of Field Publicity ,Ministry of Information and Broadcasting ,Government of India , Mukesh Singh, Media Person Jammu and Former Chief Medical Officer, Jammu and Kashmir Government, Udhampur Dr. Tara Singh Charak presided over the function. The day as well with sole aim of rejuvenating the traditional, primitive Folk, Art, Culture of J&K Region in particular and Indian nation in general

Folk Songs were presented to aware the



masses. The Chief Guest lauded the efforts of the organizers in making such awareness programmes colorful, effective & result oriented theme wise contents to promote love & peace as advocated by the stalwarts of theatre, National Unity & Communal Harmony, Indian Democracy Health etc and also said World Malaria Day, which takes place on 25 April each year, is an internationally recognized day, highlighting the global efforts to control malaria and celebrating the gains that have been made. In few years the world has made historic progress against malaria, saving millions of lives. However, half the world still lives at risk from this preventable. treatable disease, which costs a child's life every

two minutes In addition to the above

program the artists of BLSKS also presented songs on "Savdhan Savdhan Corona Mahamari se bacha lo apne Pran". During the Campaign, BLSks will presents two other program at Bhalwal and Raipur Satwari Villages of Jammu District. The song were written by Dr.M.L.Dogra & the Music was assisted by Mr. Mahesh Chander Kotwal General Secretary cum Music Director, BLSKS . The said songs were recorded and uploaded on social media for aware

the general public. Earlier welcoming the audience M.L.Dogra chairman said World Malaria Day by celebrating the achievements of countries that are approaching - and achieving - malaria elimination. They provide inspiration for all nations that are working to stamp out

said, "We do not want

to lower the political dis-

course. We also appeal

them to balance the dis-

course. The people here

are in distress, they have

no interest in such argu-

ments and accusations.

They want to know what

to the people and we

hope we will win all three

Earlier, Parra travelled

from Pulwama district

of south Kashmir to Sri-

nagar with hundreds of

his supporters. He then

reached the deputy

commissioner's office

here after making a brief

stopover at the historic

Clock Tower in the city

NIOS Stream 2 offers

lifeline to students:

Boards can join and

save precious year

Top News Report

JAMMU Apr 24. National Insti-

tute of Open Schooling (NIOS)

is extending a helping hand to

students who have failed from

any boards to join Stream 2 and

prevent the loss of a precious

year. With the recent declara-

tion of results by various exami-

nation boards, many students

find themselves grappling with

failure or unsatisfactory performance, leading to uncertainty

and anxiety about their future.

In a bid to prevent the loss of

a precious year, one may join

NIOS under Stream 2 where a

failed students have the oppor-

tunity to transfer two passed

subjects from their previous

board examinations and appear

for only three subjects from

NIOS in the upcoming October

2024 examinations. The result

will be declared in December

2024. NIOS is also offering On-

Demand Examination (ODE)

under Stream 3 and Stream 4

where also failed students have

the opportunity to transfer two

passed subjects from their pre-

vious board examinations and

appear for only three subjects

In ODE Students have the

from NIOS in the Examination.

freedom to choose their exami-

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individual preferences and pre-

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is conducted every week and

result is declared in next month

may visit www.nios.ac.in, www

sdmis.nios.ac.in or may call

at the NIOS Regional Centre

Jammu on 0191-2374640,

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For details of admission you

Failures of other

"PDP will give voice

we can give them.'

seats." he added.

lations. Dogra Also said Malaria is a mosquitoborne infectious disease that affects humans and other animals. Malaria causes symptoms that typically include fever, tiredness, vomiting, and headaches. In severe cases, it can cause yellow skin, seizures, coma, or death. Symptoms usually begin ten to fifteen days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. If not properly treated, people may have recurrences of the disease months later. In those who have recently survived an infection, reinfection usually causes milder symptoms. This partial resistance disappears over months to years if the person has no continuing exposure to malaria. Malaria is caused by single-celled microorganisms of the Plasmodium group. The disease is most commonly spread by an infected female Anopheles mosquito. The mosquito bite introduces the parasites from the mosquito's saliva into a person's blood. The parasites travel to the liver where they mature and reproduce. Five species of Plasmodium can infect and be spread by humans.

this deadly disease and

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livelihoods of their popu-

highlight the responsibility we all have to end malaria within a generation and urge leaders to step up the fight and get us closer to a malaria-free world. "Zero malaria starts with me" is the rallying cry for World Malaria Day. The slogan was designed to keep malaria initiatives on the political agenda, mobilize resources by making the message more personal, and impress on communities and individuals to take ownership of certain aspects of malaria prevention like from vector control, to malaria eLearning, to proper case management utilizing carefully designed protocols, proper training, and governance oversight, to emergency standby treatment kits, to Assistance Centres staffed by health professionals trained in our malaria response protocols The singers , musician ,actors and students of music and computer insti-

tute who performed in the musical play were Usha Raina, Kranti Kant Joshi, Sanjeev Kumar Sodhi, Kamla Devi, Neelam Gandotra, Rahul Kumar, Bindia Okheda, Naiya Meenia, Renu Bala and many others presented the enthralled performance. Deepak Kumar presented vote of thanks for successful conduction of the program.

Bimla Luthra former MLA and State Vice President Women wing address women workers meet



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Mrs Bimla Luthra former MLA and State Vice President Women wing addressed women workers meeting at Village Parode in Katra yesterday. The meeting was organized by Santosh devi.

Addressing the meeting Mrs Bimla Luthra said that National Conference has always stood for women rights and will continue to do the same. She urged women of the area to vote and support INDIA alliance candidate for Jammu Reasi Parliamentary Constituency Raman Bhalla with a huge margin saying this will be a victory of the secular forces. Luthra said that the National Conference during its regime in the

Abdullah left no stone unturned in fully empowering the women of this region. She said that it is known to one and all that the National Conference has during every phase of its rule worked relentlessly for providing equal rights to each and every section of the society. Those who were

well as later by Omar

present in the meeting included:- Anil Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Joginder Kour, Bharti and others.

PDP's Waheed Rehman Parra files nomination from Srinagar LS Seat

SRINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): PDP youth president Waheed Rehman Parra on Wednesday filed his nomination papers from the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency in Jammu and Kashmir which is going to polls in the fourth phase of elections on May 13.

Accompanied by senior party leaders, including PDP general secretary Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura, Parra filed the nomination papers before Srinagar Deputy Commissioner Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, who is the returning officer of the constituency.

Talking to reporters later. Parra said the PDF will raise the voice of people of Kashmir in the Parliament.



people of Kashmir will make Mehbooba Mufti's team successful so that we raise your voice in the biggest institution and represent your issues there," Parra said

"PDP is the only party which has raised the voice of people in the last five years. Our endeavour is to take this voice to New Delhi, Parliament and to the people of the country," he added.

DPS Kathua Students Excel at Zonal Mastogi-Do Championship

Top News Report

On World Malaria Day

we mark successes in

the fight against malaria,

KATHUA, Apr 24: Eleven students from Delhi Public School Kathua exhibited their exceptional martial arts skills at the Zonal Mastogi-Do Championship held in Kurukshetra, Haryana, securing a total of four medals, including two silver and two bronze.

Among the standout performers, Akarshan and Lovepreet Kour, both from the 10th class, clinched silver medals, showcasing their prowess and dedication to the sport. Nitin from the 12th

the 10th class demonstrated remarkable skill to secure bronze medals in their respective cat-

egories. These achievements underscore the students' commitment, hard work, and the quality training provided by DPS Kathua. The success not only brings honor to the school but also shines a light on the immense potential and talent present in the region.

DPS Kathua extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the participants for their exemplary performance and wishes them continued success in

Congress' Manifesto has 'Unnerved' BJP: Mehbooba Mufti

erstwhile state of Jammu

and Kashmir headed by

Dr. Farooq Abdullah as

SRINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday said the Congress' manifesto for the Lok Sabha polls is "pro-people" and has "unnerved" the BJP, which is showing its "frustration" by trying to fan communal tension. "The manifesto of the INDIA alliance which says 50 per cent reservation will be given to women, MSP will be provided to farmers, the NDA is unnerved because of that The alliance is doing

a good job," she told reporters after addressing an election campaign meeting here. Mufti, who is contesting the general elections from the Anantnag-

Rajouri constituency,

said it was for the first time in 70 years that "such a good, propeople manifesto" has been released which talks about poor people, unemployed youth and farmers. "This has unnerved them (BJP) and the BJP leaders are issuing statements to fan Hindu-Muslim tension. This shows their frustration," she added.

Police apprehended notorious bootlegger with 13 bottles of illicit liquor

Top News Report

"In this election, our endeavour is that the

Asked about National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah's jibe that PDP is the 'C' team of the BJP, Parra

centre.

The last date for filing nominations for the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency is April 25, while it goes to polls on May 13.

Rain, **Snow** predicted in coming week

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): Despite a rise in mercury at most places in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, officials reported that night temperatures continued to remain below normal. A meteorological department official said that the city recorded a minimum temperature of 7.0°C, compared to 8.2°C the previous night, marking a deviation of 1.9°C below normal for this time of year. In Qazigund, the gate-

way town of Kashmir, the minimum temperature was recorded at 7.2°C, compared to 5.4°C the previous night, registering a deviation of 0.3°C below normal Pahalgam, the famous

resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of 3.6°C. compared to 2.4°C the previous night, marking a deviation of 0.4°C below normal

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of 7.7°C, compared to 5.5°C the previous night, showing a deviation of 0.1°C above normal.

Kupwara town recorded a low of 6.7°C, compared to 6.2°C the previous night, with a deviation of

0.9°C below normal.

skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, the minimum temperature was recorded at 2.5°C, compared to 1.0°C the previous night, marking a deviation of 0.8°C below normal.

For Jammu, the winter capital of J&K, the minimum temperature was recorded at 18.6°C, compared to 19.1°C the previous night, indicating a deviation of 2.4°C below normal

Meanwhile, Banihal recorded a low of 8.6°C, Batote 9.7°C, and Bhaderwah 7.1°C, the official said. Regarding the forecast, the official mentioned that until April 25, generally dry weather is expected, but afternoon thundershower/hailstorm activity at isolated places cannot be ruled out.

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

From April 29-30, generally cloudy weather with light rain with thunder at many places has been predicted. Generally dry weather has been forecast from May 1-3.

In Gulmarg, the famous

class and Brijesh from

their future endeavors

Medical Health Check up drive launched in **GRP** Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: A medical health check up drive has been initiated In GRP Jammu Basic Health Check Up

Jammu.

As a welfare measure the initiative has been taken to promote health awareness among officers and Jawans for a better healthy life. General Counseling/ Briefing regarding a disciplined life style for better health and life is also being

KISHTWAR, Apr 24: In a significant crackdown on illegal activities, District Police Kishtwar have recovered 13 bottles of illicit liquor from Shalimar area of Kishtwar town.

A surprise checkpoint was established at Indranagar by the IC SHO PS Kishtwar Insp DilRaj Singh assisted by PSI Vishal Singh under the supervision of DvSP Hqrs Dr. Ishan Gupta. During checking of vehicle and pedestrian, naka party stopped a suspicious person during checking naka party recovered 13 bottles of illicit liquor and arrest was made on spot. The arrested person disclosed his identification



as Parshotam Singh S/o Hari Chand R/o Keshwan In this regard case FIR No. 107/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at PS Kishtwar and investigation taken up **District Police Kishtwar**

remain steadfast in their

No. : 30 & 31-2024-25-ADEN-II-ASR

activities and ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens. They urge the public to continue providing valuable information to assist in maintaining law and order in the district

commitment to eradicat-

ing all forms of illegal

LS Polls | Sajad Lone seeks support of former J&K Dy CM Muzaffar Hussain Baig

SRINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): People's Conference chief and party's candidate from the Baramulla parliamentary constituency, Sajad Lone has sought the support of former Jammu and Kashmir deputy chief minister Muzaffar Hussain Baig for his candidature.

Lone called on Muzaffar Hussain Baig and his wife Safina Baig, who is the District Development Council (DDC) chairperson, Baramulla, at their residence here on Tues-

"It was a pleasure to call on @Muzaffar__Baig sahib and @SafinaMBaig ji. As the conversation predictably veered towards elections, I stressed that



I have a right. And seeking their support is my right," Lone said on X on Wednesday.

Muzaffar Hussain Baig was the deputy chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir from 2005 to 2008 when Ghulam Nabi Azad was the chief minister and the Congress and PDP

shared power Muzaffar Hussain Baig tipped to join the People's

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Date : 22.04.2024

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Sr.DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-14.05.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not ion logon to www.ireps.gov.in

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	Similar Nature of work:- "Any civil work other than track work".					
2.	31-2024-25- ADEN-II-ASR.	Provision of standard Duty hut at 8 no. level crossing & toilet facilities at 15 nos. level crossing on ASR-KEMK section under ADEN-II/ASR.				
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of officers, NGOs and others including SPOs Of GRP Jammu is being conducted in a phased

provided to the Jawans/ manner by a team of Officials coming for Health Officials Of GRP Check Up by the officers Jammu in GRP Lines of GRP Jammu.

a Padma Bhushan awardee and co-founder of the PDP, was made the party's patron following Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's death in 2016. However, he quit the party in 2020 and was

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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 technologydriven 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 largescale 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 con-

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

s in the stock market, good performance trig-**L** gers 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?

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 socioeconomic 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

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 BJPs 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?

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

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

The promises include filling three

Top News of J&K Jammu, Wednesday, April 24, 2024

LOCAL

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

Top News Report

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



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.

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

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

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

Top News Report

GANDOH, Apr 24: Acute shortage of staff at SDH Gandoh Bhalessa has badly impacted patient case 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 dis-

playing doctors' names and specialties at SDH Gandoh has sparked frustration and inconvenience among local resi-

ency 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."

for improved transpar-

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 heave a sigh of relief.

Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre organises free Health Camp



Top News Report

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

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 Fibroscan tests (for Liver), 70 Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C tests, 120 free blood sugar tests and distributed medicines free of charge. Dr. Ărjun Chib commended the Centre's efforts in alignment with Swami Vivekananda's vision and urged public

tarian initiatives.

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

vices 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

his opening and welcome

remarks said that Subhan

Mohammad's book is

welcome addition to the

Dogri Literature and

described the lyrics as

Om Goswami critically

appreciated the book and

described it a success-

ful attempt of the lyricist .

He said his Dogri Songs

have flavour of rich Dogra

traditions, values and

way of life laden with soft

Mohan Singh while

congratulating the poet

for his creative work said

that the lyrics sweeten

and sweet tones

heart touching

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

Top News Report

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

ered a total amounting to Rs. 56,920.00. The Cybercrime Inves-

tigation Unit Kishtwar, led by IC PSI 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

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



Top News Report

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 landsc naintenance

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 UI from the Department of Zoology; Dr. Mohd Riaz from the

Department of Urdu and

Mr. Mohd Rashid Senior

Lab. Assistant other staff

members. Their com-

mendation 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.

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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,

For other information contact us on number 9596984032. Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu provides cultural, educational and medical services following the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, support for such humani-Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda. Dr. Vishav Dev praised

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-

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.

encouraged citizens to

lodge complaints online and beautification.

Under the esteemed guidance of Dr. Mohammad 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-

NDS releases Dogri poetry book



Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: A Dogri Poetry Book "Mere Chetein 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

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.

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 conjuction 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



Top News Report

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. Opender Koul ,Senior

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-

Manager from Times of 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.

Dr. Shahnwaz was

ENTERTAINMENT

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.

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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 Chamikla 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 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

a few minutes into a conversa-

tion with the Bhojpuri superstar,

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 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 Х."

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



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.



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

being charged with driv-

ing 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

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 grati-

tude to the producers for bringing these narratives to the forefront. Scheduled for release on April 25. Ranneeti:

Balakot & Beyond is

it," she said.

"I was told, 'We have 10guys 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."

Lara Dutta talked about her deep-rooted connection to the subpoised to captivate audi ences 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 Ramavana.

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



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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-

G Thalberg Memorial 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 improvi-Special awards presented during the Governors Awards ceremo-

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 technological 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 Oscarseligible 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 Bollant 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.

NATIONAL

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."



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 pipedream, 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 "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 Attingal 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 hillsbased Kukis since May last year.

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

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

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJI-NAGAR, 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.

ruling party, Chavan termed the Adarsh case as a "political fresh fillip after Ashok Chavan's departure. The barriers

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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, firstserved basis'.

"But PM Modi and his

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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, firstserved policy. This was passed after committing the murder of democracy by suspending 150 MPs," said Singh.



gone to the Supreme

Court," said Singh.

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 nishap" 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. 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.

"Congress has received a

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'.

INTERNATIONAL

US Senate overwhelmingly passes aid for Ukraine, **Israel and Taiwan with big bipartisan vote**

The Bill would send USD 26 billion in wartime assistance to Israel, humanitarian relief to citizens of Gaza and USD 8 Billion to counter Chinese threats in Taiwan and the Indo-Pacific

WASHINGTON, Apr 24 (Agencies): The Senate has passed USD 95 billion in war aid to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, sending the legislation to President Joe Biden after months of delays and contentious debate over how involved the United States should be in foreign wars.

The Bill passed the Senate on an overwhelming 79-18 vote late on Tuesday after the House had approved the package on Saturday. Biden, who worked with congressional leaders to win support, said in a statement immediately after passage that he will sign it on Wednesday and start the process of sending weapons to Ukraine, which has been struggling to hold its front lines against Russia.

"Tonight, a bipartisan majority in the Senate joined the House to answer history's call at this critical inflection point," Biden said.

The legislation would also send USD 26 billion in wartime assistance to Israel and humanitarian relief to citizens of Gaza. and USD 8 billion to counter Chinese threats in Taiwan and the Indo-Pacific. US officials said about USD 1 billion of the aid could be on its way shortly, with the bulk following in the coming weeks.

In an interview with The Associated Press shortly before the vote, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-NY, said that if Congress had not passed the aid, "America would have paid a price economically, politically, militarily."

"Very few things we have done have risen to this level of historic importance," he said.

On the Senate floor, Schumer said the Senate was sending a message to US allies: "We will stand with you."

Schumer and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell made passage of the legislation a top priority, agreeing to tie the Ukraine and Israel aid to help ensure passage and arguing there could be dire consequences for the United States and many of its global allies if Russian President Vladimir Putin's



aggression is left unchecked. They worked with House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, to overcome seemingly intractable Republican opposition to the Ukraine aid, in particular—eventually winning large majorities in both chambers.

McConnell said in a separate interview before the vote that it "is one of the biggest days in the time that I have been here". "At least on this episode, I think we turned the tables on the isolationists," McConnell said. In the end, 31 Republicans voted for the aid package—nine more than when the Senate passed a similar version in February, and a majority of the Senate GOP conference. The House approved the package in a series of four votes on Saturday, with the Ukraine portion passing 311-112.

The USD 61 billion for Ukraine comes as the war-torn country desperately needs new firepower and as Russian President Vladimir Putin has stepped up his attacks. Ukrainian soldiers have struggled as Russia has seized the momentum on the battlefield and gained significant territory.

Biden told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Monday the US will send badlyneeded air defence weaponry as soon as the legislation is passed.

"The President has assured me that the package will be approved quickly and that it will be powerful, strengthening our air defence as well as longrange and artillery capabilities," Zelenskyy said in a post on X on Monday.

In an effort to gain more votes, Republicans in the House majority also added a Bill to the foreign aid package that could ban the social media app TikTok in the US if its Chinese owners do not sell their stake within a year. That legislation had wide bipartisan support in both chambers

The TikTok Bill was one of the several tweaks Johnson brought to the package the Senate passed in February as he tried to move the Bill through the House despite significant opposition within his conference. Other additions include a stipulation that USD 9 billion of the economic assistance to Ukraine is in the form of "forgivable loans"; provisions that allow the US to seize frozen Russian central bank assets to rebuild Ukraine; and Bills to impose sanctions on Iran, Russia, China and criminal organisations that traffic fentanyl.

Those changes appear to have brought some of the nine additional Senate Republicans on board, bringing support to more than half of McConnell's conference.

South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham, a longtime hawk who voted against the foreign aid package in February because it was not paired with legislation to stem migration at the border, was one of the Republicans who switched their votes. "If we do not help Ukraine

now, this war will spread, and Americans who are not involved will be involved," Graham said. The package has had broad congressional support since Biden first requested the money last summer. But congressional leaders had to navigate strong opposition from a growing number of conservatives who question US involvement in foreign wars and argue that Congress should be focused instead on the surge of migration at the US-Mexico border.

Ohio Senator J D Vance, a Republican who is a close ally to Donald Trump, said that despite the strong showing of support for funding Ukraine's defence, opposition is growing among Republicans.

"The United States is spread too thin," Vance said, "And that argument I think, is winning the American people and it is slowly winning the Senate, but it is not going to happen overnight." The growing fault line in the

GOP between those conservatives who are sceptical of the aid and the more traditional "Reagan Republicans" who strongly support it may prove to be career-defining for the two top Republican leaders.

McConnell, who has made the Ukraine aid a top priority, said last month that he would step down from leadership after becoming increasingly distanced from many in his conference on the Ukraine aid and other issues. Johnson, who said he put the Bills on the floor after praying for guidance, faces threats of an ouster after a majority of Republicans voted against the aid to Ukraine.

Johnson said after House passage that "we did our work here, and I think history will judge it well"

Opponents in the Senate, like the House, included some leftwing senators who are opposed to aiding Israel as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has bombarded Gaza and killed thousands of civilians. Senators Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, voted against the package.

"We must end our complicity in this terrible war," Sanders said.

Who would lead if US stepped off world stage? asks President Joe Biden

person at a time organising," the President said.

Biden told his supporters that his campaign is doing great and has raised nearly half a billion USD so far.

"I am really excited. We have raised almost a half a billion dollars so far. But here is what excites me-so far, we have 1.6 million (16 lakh) contributors, 550,000 more than we had last time at this stage of the game. But here is the deal-of those 1.6 million contributors, 97 per cent contributed less than USD 200. Think of all the numbers that means," he said.

The incumbent also said he is ahead of Trump in recent polls. "In the last 23 national polls, I have been ahead in 10 of them, Trump has been ahead in eight and we have been tied in five. More importantly, the momentum is clearly in our favour. For example, we moved eight points in the latest Marquette poll and seven points in the Echelon poll. And the Marist poll now has us up by three nationwide," he said.

"The point I am making is, people are beginning to listen. This is a time people begin to focus and listen. They have generic impressions up to now, but now they are listening," he said.

At the beginning of his remarks, Biden saw kids in the crowd and approached two elementary school-aged boys who were standing to his right. He lowered the microphone, got close and whispered to them. After that he looked around to his staff and said, "You know what to do, right?"

Then he crossed the room over to two similarly-aged girls and whispered to them too. The president apparently whispered to the children about making sure that their parents get them ice cream. At the end of his remarks, he again told the kids to remember what he promised.

Biden said Florida is in play nationally. "This election is a basic, old-fashioned election," he said.

Court arrests Russian Deputy Defence Minister on bribery charges

MOSCOW, Apr 24 (Agencies): A Russian court on Wednesday formally arrested Deputy Defence Minister Timur Ivanov and charged him with bribery, the court said, following his detention on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Apr 24 (Agencies):

If the United States stepped off the

world stage, who would lead the world,

US President Joe Biden asked his

fellow countrymen as he slammed his

November challenger for making such

"Think of it this way-if the United

States stepped off the world stage,

like Trump wants us to do, who would

lead the world? Who would lead the

world?" Biden asked the gathering at

Biden is facing his predecessor,

Donald Trump, in the November presi-

dential election, which is a rematch of

"One of the things that is happening

now is that ... every international meet-

ing I attend with other heads of state-

whether it is the G7, the G20, all these

international meetings-before I leave,

literally, almost every one will walk up

to me and wait to get me in a corner

alone and grab my arm and say, 'You

have got to win'. Not because of me,

but because of the alternative. And they

say, 'Because my democracy depends

upon it', meaning their democracy,"

"So the whole world is looking, and

they are looking to see how we handle

ourselves in this election-not just on

whether we win or not, but how we

handle ourselves. One of the things

that for me, I got involved when I was

a kid in electoral politics out of the Civil

Rights Movement. It all got down to one

a campaign event in Tampa, Florida.

an argument.

the 2020 polls.

Biden said.

The court remanded Ivanov in custody for two months and said that according to the charges he had put himself in a position to benefit from hiring contractors for the ministry where he oversaw construction activities.





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Family of man allegedly died by CM Maryam's motorcade receives PKR 2.5 million compensation

LAHORE, Apr 24 (Agencies): In response to the incident involving the protocol vehicle of Chief Minister Marvam Nawaz, the government has given a PKR 2.5 million cheque to the family of the deceased youth, who lost his life five days ago in the alleged accident, Dawn reported.

Acting on the directives of the chief minister, Narowal Deputy Commissioner Syed Hasan Raza and MPA Ahmad Igbal visited the residence of the victim, Muhammad Abubakar, in village Jasar. They extended their condolences to the grieving parents and conveyed the chief minister's sympathies.

On behalf of the chief minister, they handed over a PKR 2.5 million cheque to Abubakar's father, Fakhr Ayaz, as reported by Dawn.

MPA Ahmad Igbal expressed the government's shared sorrow with the victim's family.

On April 18, 23-yearold Abubakar tragically lost his life in an accident allegedly involving the chief minister's protocol car on the Narowal-Shakargarh Road.



According to Narowal police reports, two motorcycles, one of which belonged to Abubakar, collided with each other, and subsequently, a 'government vehicle' struck him, resulting in his untimely demise.

Maryam Nawaz took prompt notice of the incident and requested a comprehensive report from the DC regarding the matter.

Abubakar was employed at a filling station, while his father, Fakhr Ayaz, worked as a laborer. The chief minister also directed the authorities to take necessary legal actions against the driver of the official vehicle, Dawn reported

Maryam's motorcade allegedly killed a motorcyclist when she was travelling from Narowal to Kartarpur for the World order on brink of collapse due to wars, AI threat: Amnesty head LONDON, Apr 24 (Agencies):

Amnesty International said Wednesday that the post-World War II order was on the "brink of collapse", threatened by bitter conflict on multiple fronts and the rapid and unregulated rise of artificial intelligence.

"Everything we're witnessing over the last 12 months is indicating that the international global system is on the brink of collapse," Amnesty's secretary general Agnes Callamard told agency as the group released its annual "State of the World's Human Rights" report.

"In particular, over the last six months, the United States has shielded and protected the Israeli authorities against scrutiny for the multiple violations committed in Gaza," she said.

"By using its veto against a much-needed ceasefire, the United States has emptied out the (United Nations) Security Council of what it should be doing."

Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel that triggered the Gaza war resulted in the deaths of 1,170 people, mostly civilians, according to an agency tally based on Israeli official figures. Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed at least 34,183 people in the Gaza Strip, mostly women and children, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry.

The global rights monitor said that Hamas had carried out "horrific crimes" on Israeli communities bordering Gaza but that



Israel had responded with "a campaign of collective punishment".

"It is a campaign of deliberate, indiscriminate bombings of civilians and civilian infrastructure, of denial of humanitarian assistance and an engineered famine," Callamard wrote in her foreword to the report.

"For millions the world over, Gaza now symbolises utter moral failure by many of the architects of the post-World War Two system," she said.

Israel's allies, including those arming them, were complicit, she said, lamenting a lack of action by international institutions and questioning whether postwar ideals of "never again" were now at an end.

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Other "powerful actors", including Russia and China, are also "demonstrating a willingness to put at risk the entirety of the 1948 rule-based order", Callamard warned.

The report documented "flagrant rule-breaking by Russian forces during their continued full-scale invasion of Ukraine... and the use of torture or other ill-treatment against prisoners of war".

China too had acted against international law, the rights group said, "by protecting the Myanmar military" despite its attacks against civilians.

"Urgent measures" were required "to revitalise and renew the international institutions intended to safeguard humanity", Callamard said.

"What we are calling for is an urgent reform of the UN Security Council, in particular reform on the right of veto so that it cannot be used in situations of massive human rights violations," she told agency.

The rise of AI is also a cause for concern, "enabling pervasive erosion of rights... perpetuating racist policies" and "enabling spreading misinformation", the

report found.

Amnesty accused large tech firms of ignoring or minimising those threats "even in armed conflicts".

"Tech-outlaws and their roque technologies" are being left to "freely roam the digital Wild West", which the report said would likely accelerate human rights violations in 2024 -- a year of several key elections, including for the US presidency.

"In an increasingly precarious world, unregulated proliferation and deployment of technologies such as generative AI, facial recognition and spyware are poised to be a pernicious foe --- scaling up and supercharging violations of international law and human rights to exceptional levels," Callamard said.

"During a landmark year of elections and in the face of the increasingly powerful anti-regulation lobby driven and financed by big tech actors, these rogue and unregulated technological advances pose an enormous threat to us all."

She called on governments to "take robust legislative and regulatory steps to address the risks and harms caused by Al technologies and rein in big tech".

The UK-based rights group also warned that political actors in many parts of the world were "ramping up their attacks on women, LGBTI people and marginalised communities".

Her motorcade was going from Narowal to Kartarpur when the Elite Force vehicle hit the motorcyclist coming from the opposite direction at the Chandowal Stop on the Shakargarh

of the Baisakhi festival.

Road on Thursday. Despite the accident, the CM's motorcade did not stop to take the injured to the hospital.

Ali Rizwan, a cousin of the deceased, said that Abubakar was going from home to a filling station where he was employed.

After hearing the news of his son's death, Abubakar's father, Fakhar Ayaz, fainted at the shock of it.

He was then shifted to the District Headquarters Hospital, Narowal, where he remained under treatment for a couple of hours.

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NSS SMVDU, Katra organises Blood Donation Camp for Thalassemia Patients

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KATRA, Apr 24: NSS SMVDU, Katra, in collaboration with the J&K Thalassemia Welfare Society, successfully organized a blood donation camp at the SMVDU campus

This event united community members in support of a life-saving cause. The camp was organised by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Coordinator, Dr. Kamaldeep, NSS Co-ordinator and Dr. Varun Dutta, Asst. Prof., SMVDU, and supported by Dr. Pallav Sharma and Dr. Anju Sharma from the Medical Aid Centre, SMVDU, the initiative witnessed an impressive turnout. Additionally, Dr. K.K. Kaul, Former Professor & HoD, Pathology Dept., GMC Jammu,



ity.

graced the blood camp with his presence. Dr. Mitali Sharma and Dr. Rasmi from GMC, Jammu, oversaw and provided essential support at a blood donation camp

Fifty students and

staff members from the of numerous individuals University generously combating Thalassemia, donated blood during the a genetic blood disorder. camp, showcasing acts Er. Sudhir Sethi, Presiof kindness and solidardent of J&K Thalassemia Welfare Society, Jammu, This altruistic gesture emphasized the vital role of regular blood donation holds the potential to sigcamps for Thalassemia nificantly impact the lives

patients, highlighting the growing need for blood due to frequent transfusions required by many patients.

He urged the community to actively participate in mitigating the sufferings of Thalassemia children and preventing the birth of such children through genetic counseling and proper antenatal advice. Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, commended the organizing team's efforts, emphasizing that blood donation is not merely an act of kindness but a lifeline for those in need. He underscored the profound impact of collective action, illustrating how each donation represents a ray of hope for individuals bravely facing Thalassemia.

Khatana seeks votes for Jugal Kishore

'Strengthen hands of PM Modi by voting BJP candidate'

try witnessed in the last

ten years was not pos-

sible even in the long

tenure of Congress led

government as the lead-

ers of Congress remained

occupied in scams and

scandals which made

corruption a common

Khatana maintained

adding: "The Ayushman

Card facility for taking

care of health related

needs of people of the

country upto Rs. 5 lakhs

has even attracted inter-

national interests while

indigenous COVID-19

vaccine, soft landing on

moon etc have all made

He further said that J&K

under the administration

of Lieutenant Governor

Manoj Sinha has seen

tremendous develop-

ments in the last some

"Jugal Kishore Sharma

in his last two tenures

has worked a lot in this

years.

the countrymen proud."

practise in the country,

erations.

Top News Report

SAMBA, Apr 24: Seeking votes for Jugal Kishore Sharma (BJP candidate contesting Lok Sabha election from Jammu-Samba-Reasi Constituency), Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana on Wednesday said that voting in favour of BJP candidate will in turn strengthen the hands of PM Modi which will make our country strong and prosperous.

Addressing a public meeting at Nud area of Samba district, senior BJP leader Khatana asked the people to come out in large number on April 26, 2024 to cast votes as this is the only way to strengthen the democracy by electing the candidate of own choice to work for the progress and development of our areas.

"Keep the development works and the progress made in the country in the last ten years of PM Modi led government in mind before casting your votes and ensure that these developments and progress should continue further for five more years under the leadership of PM Modi," the MP of constituency and the Rajya Sabha said. people of his constituen-He said that any vote cy are now bearing fruits of those developments," the BJP MP continued casted in favour of some wrong candidate may push the nation to adding: "The third term to destruction and dark Jugal Kishore will ensure more developments in future for younger gen-Samba-Jammu-Reasi "The progress our coun-

constituency." Khatana said that voting to BJP candidate overwhelmingly will give third term to PM Modi to helm the affairs of our country which will then touch new heights and there will be more developments and more employment avenues in the country.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Parvez Iqbal Rana, Mohd Ashraf, Ch Roshan Hussain, UT President ST Morcha, Ch Mukhtiar, General Secretary JK UT, Ch Hassan Sardar, Vice President JK UT ST Morcha, Ch Shokat Ali, Sarpanch, Incharge District Udhampur ST Morcha, Ch Mohd Javed DP ST Morcha Samba, Ch Mohd Reyaz, Vice President, District Samba ST Morcha, Ch Manzoor Ahmed, Vice President Samba, Sarpanch Romesh Singh, Numberdar Ch Shafi, Ch Parvez Iqbal Khatana and others.

Hambal to Dedhni Road still hanging at Sutla

Top News Report

DODA, Apr 24: Hambal to Dedhni village has been getting a road since last 2018 but it is stuck in Sutla Village where due to non-payment of money to the forest department, the forest department has stopped the work.

In such a situation, the contractor's machine is standing there and is not working. Is getting it and the public is upset then these people had commented That we will build this road within 3 years, but due to false pretense, vote bank and neoligence of the administration, the road here is hanging,

District Administration Doda has made a mockery of this road and is playing with the sentiments of the people here and they are being subjected to a lot of travel, the road here should have been constructed properly instead of the work done in so many years. Local people requested DC Doda Harvinder Singh & LG Menoj Sinha to look over the matter immediately and take action

There is a beautiful temple Nav Durga Mata in Dedhni Village where lakhs of devotees come to have darshan of the Mother Goddess, but the administration here neither promoted tourism there nor made efforts to build a road towards the Dedhni Village

KTM CUP Season 2 Ignites with North Zone Qualifiers in Delhi

high-adrenaline event,

the North Zone qualifier

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24,: Following an exhilarating debut in Coimbatore with 240+ participants in KTM CUP S2, KTM India celebrated another success in Delhi on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Renowned as the world's leading sports motorcycle brand, KTM concluded the KTM CUP S2 selection round, India's largest racing championship, in the heart of India's motorsport scene

The North Zone qualifiers were held at Kartomania, Gurgaon over a period of two days. A of KTM CUP Season 2 witnessed outstanding riders engaging in intense competitive high-speed battles across the Pro, Amateur, and Women's divisions embodying the 'Ready to Race' philosophy of the KTM. Speaking on the occasion, Sumeet Narang, President (Probiking)

at Bajaj Auto Ltd., said, "Following the roaring success in Coimbatore, we add another feather to our caps. Season 2 of the KTM CUP witnesses participants demonstrating competitive spirit and adrenaline-fueled sportsmanship. The races The enthusiastic engagement witnessed today reaffirms KTM's standing in motorsport in India, setting a benchmark for premier racing. marks an exhilarating beginning to another thrilling season of motorsports in India. We eagerly look forward to the next round of races in Mumbai and Kolkata, where participating racers will edge closer to glory and participate in the opportunity to embrace the essence of KTM in Austria.

Workshop on 'Theatre and Acting' organized at MIER College

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JAMMU, Apr 24: The School of Social Science and Humanities (SSSH), MIER College conducted a workshop on theatre and acting by renowned theatre practitioners Rajneesh Gupta, Madan, Meena, and Tarun. The event garnered the participation of 120 students from the School of Social Sciences and Humanities. The event was chaired by Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson, MIER.

The workshop began with a welcome address by Prof. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College, who emphasized the importance of theatre and acting in personal and professional development. The participants were introduced to the fundamentals of theatre and acting, exploring voice modulation, body language, facial expressions, and stage presence.

The workshop was highly interactive with participants engaging in various activities such as improvisation, character development, and scene analysis. Participants were divided into groups, presenting short plays in Dogri and Hindi earning praise from faculty and peers alike

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

Ambedkar that there would be no reservation on the basis of religion in India, he said

those who earn by toiling hard. Now the Congress says it will impose inheritance tax. It will impose tax on the assets inherited by people from their parents. Now, the panja (Congress poll symbol) will snatch the assets from your children," he said without taking any name.

The Congress' mantra is "loot of Congress zindagi ke sath bhi, zindagi ke baad bhi", he said. "They (Congress) want to snatch your

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know is whether the microcontroller is onetime programmable. It is because there are different types of microcontrollers. It is a stand taken by the EC that the microcontroller is one-time programmable. Just confirm that," the bench told Bhati.

Justice Khanna said that third clarification relates to symbol loading units as to how many are available with the poll panel.

"We want to know how many are available with you (EC)," the bench said, adding that the fourth clarification is with regard to storage of EVMs for 45 days.

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

annexures has been sent to the Elec-

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

alongwith photograph of identification," he said.

"Till now, 67 suspected persons have

"If there will be reservation then it will be for by Dalit brothers and sisters and tribal brothers and sisters," he said.

"But the vote bank hungry Congress never cared about the words of the great personalities, sanctity of the Constitution and the words of Babasaheb Ambedkar. Years ago, the Congress made an attempt to implement reservation on the basis of religion in Andhra Pradesh. Then Congress has planned to implement it in the entire country," Modi said.

They talked about implementing 15 per cent reservation on the basis of religion and said it will be done after curtailing the guota of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, he added

In its 2009 manifesto, Congress's intention was the same and in the 2014 manifesto, it clearly said it will not leave this issue, the prime minister said.

The Congress wanted to change the Constitution and hand over rights of the SCs, STs and OBCs to its vote bank, he said.

The intention of the Congress is not good, it is not according to the Constitution, social justice and secularism. If anyone can protect your reservation, it is the BJP, Modi said.

"The Congress's eyes are not only on your reservation, but also on your earnings, your houses, shops and farms. The 'shehzada' of Congress (apparently referring to Rahul Gandhi) says they will conduct an X-ray of the property of every house and every family in the country. The Congress will snatch all these from you and they say that they will equally distribute them," he said.

Do you know to whom they will distribute it after "looting" it from you? Modi asked, to which the people replied in affirmative.

"I need not to tell you to whom they will distribute," he added.

Modi further said the "dangerous intentions" of Congress are coming to forth one by one and now it says it will impose inheritance tax.

"The advisor of shehzada of the shahi parivar, who was also the advisor to the shehzada's father, had said that more tax should be imposed on the middle class and

assets and rights of your children," Modi added.

The PM also said he had come to seek people's blessings for a developed Chhattisgarh and a developed India.

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

loans of 10 crore farmer families." he said. "The entire country could have been provided gas cylinders for just Rs 400 for 20 years. The entire expenses of the Indian Army could have been borne for 3 years. Education up to graduation could have been made free for every youth from Dalit, tribal and backward society," the former Congress chief said in his post.

Charging that the "money which could have been used to cure the pain of 'Indians' was spent on creating hype for those like the 'Adanis'," he said the country will never forgive Narendra Modi for this crime.

"Now the situation will change – Congress will run the government for the progress of every Indian," Gandhi said.

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

controlling unit of EVMs and other aspects

"First clarification needed is with regard to microcontroller. Whether it is installed in controlling unit or in the VVPAT. We were under the impression that the microcontroller is the memory installed in the control unit (CU). One of the questions in the FAQs indicates that it is also installed in the VVPAT," the bench said.

The bench said that the court was informed that VVPAT has a flash memory. "The second thing which we wanted to

The bench said that it was told that the limitation period for filing of election petition is 30 days and hence the EVMs are stored for 45 days.

"When we checked section 81 of the Representation of People Act, we found that the limitation period for filing of EVMs is 45 days. So please confirm us because it is 30 days or 45 days storage. If the limitation period is 45 days, then the corresponding period for storage needs to be enhanced," the bench pointed out.

The bench said the last point on which it needs clarification is on storage and securing of EVMs.

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

photos on their social media accounts without DGP's permission or permission of the senior officers, he said.

The spokesman added, "this is not part of good manners to post a photo in public domain taken in a social or cultural event perhaps as a goodwill gesture without the permission of the person .:

He further said, "it is outright criminal and punishable, if the photo is being used and leveraged to intimidate or influence others to extort or part with money or promise governmental benefits by brandishing the photo as a connection to authority."

Members of general public, community members, fellow citizens, brothers and sisters, gullible villagers and city dwellers, students and workers who are all dear to DGP and are valuable community members and citizens to the Jammu and Kashmir police may please note that such shenanigans by unscrupulous elements should be exposed and no one should fear of any harm from such elements, he added,

tion Commission of India for appropriate action."

Shakeel hopes that the Election Commission will uphold the rule of law. He filed a complaint before the returning officer of Jammu Lok Sabha constituency, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, on April 4, citing alleged discrepancies, variations, false information, and concealment of material facts in Kishore's nomination papers. Shakeel requested the returning officer to verify the discrepancy and initiate legal action.

Referring to the affidavit filed by BJP MP Jugal Kishore on March 30, when he filed his nomination papers, Shakeel drew attention to the liabilities/loans column. Kishore stated his liability as ₹20.42 lakh, his spouse's as ₹29.92 lakh, and his daughter's as ₹29.78 lakh.

Shakeel also pointed out Kishore's affidavit filed in the 2019 general elections from the same Jammu Lok Sabha constituency. In the 2019 affidavit, Kishore mentioned a liability of ₹34.53 crore and a liability of ₹47.25 lakh against his wife's name.

The complaint notes, "Sh Jugal Kishore has not whispered anything regarding his pending liability of ₹34.53 crore reflected in his previous nomination papers dated March 23, 2019. It appears that Sh Jugal Kishore has liquidated his huge liability, which he had earlier mentioned in his previous nomination paper of 2019. He may be directed to disclose and share the information regarding the mode of liquidating his liability." Considering the glaring contradiction, false information furnishing, and material facts' concealment, the complainant sought appropriate action under IPC/RPA and various authoritative pronouncements by the apex court on the subject.

Shakeel asserts his role as a whistleblower, emphasizing that the returning officer should take action. Pandurang K Pole, the chief electoral officer of Jammu and Kashmir, explains that nominations were filed before the returning officers, and consequently, affidavits are posted on the ECI website as a mandatory practice. He adds, "Any complaint must adhere to the guidelines and provisions of the Election Commission and must be pin-pointed."

been detained for questioning post this incident.'

He requested the media houses to refrain from publishing anything related to this case without confirmation from the investigation agency.

"Investigation of this case is going on and detentions, questioning is a routine process during investigation of any case," he said.

"Anything related to the investigation and jumping the line of secrecy without confirmation can draw legal action."

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

The notorious drug smugglers namely Bashrat Ahmad Raina son of Abdul Lateef resident of Salamabad Uri, Changez Khan son of Muneer Hussain resident of Bandi Uri, Manzoor Ahmad Lone @ Munna son of Gh Mohammad resident of Lachipora Bijhama, Nazar Din Bhatti son of Karam Din resident of Madiyan Kamalkote, Syed Mehtab Hussain son of Syed Azad Hussain resident of Paranpeelan Uri. Imran Ahmad Khan son of Mohd Zaman resident of Noorkhah, Ashiq Hussain Parray @ Elahi son of Abdul Razak resident of Lawavpora HMT, Altaf Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Mohd resident of Malpora Sopore, Amir Subhan Malla son of Mohd Subhan resident of Watergam Wagoora & Sahil Ahmad Reshi son of Abdul Samad resident of Chanpora Kunzer has been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority. The booked drug smugglers have been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu. Pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against the said drug smugglers and were involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Uri, Lachipora, Bandi, Kamalkote, Paranpeelan, Noorkhah, Nowpora, Wagoora, Kreeri, Kunzer & other areas of District. Despite their involvement in many FIRs, they did not mend their activities and were again involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth.

LOCAL

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 pre-

sented on the occasion were Dr Zulfikar 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 JKSACS.

Director Agriculture Jammu concludes two day extensive tour of District Udhampur

Government Agriculture

Engineering Workshop

and the Mushroom Devel-

opment Officer premises

in Udhampur. These visits

aimed to assess the infra-

structure and efficiency of

these establishments in

supporting agricultural

endeavors in the region.

Furthermore, Direc-

tor 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 poly-

house owned by Hansrai

son of Kashmiru Ram

in village Ballian Sub-

division, Udhampur, to

evaluate the progress of

the polyhouse under the

Continuing on the

second day, Director

Agriculture conducted

a review meeting with

the staff at the Sub Divi-

sional Agriculture Office

in Ramnagar. The meet-

ing included discussions

and feedback on various

Farmer Welfare Schemes,

HADP

Top News Report

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 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: Balvin-der 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 Narender 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.

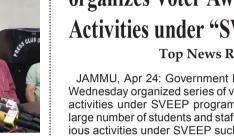
Singh urged upon Sikh Community members when BJP representative approach you and ask for your vote, must ask from them why below mentioned demands of the Sikhs have not been addressed since long : -

Political Reservation: Though BJP ensured political representations to various section of soci-



National Minority Commission ACT in JKUT despite being number of representation submitted to Govt NMC has not been set up in Jammu and Kashmir and thus deprived the micro-Scopic Sikh minority Community of their rights under NMC Act: despite being written by Iqbal Singh

Lalpura Chairman NMC. Additional Ex-gratia Compensation to the NOK's of those killed in anti Sikh Riots of 1989: File pertaining to the providing additional exgratia relief to the next of kin (NOK's) of the 14 peoples killed in Jammu during Anti – Sikh Riots



demands of POJK DP's of 1947 duly recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home affairs GOI vide its report No.183. tabled before both houses of Parliament on dt. 22nd Dec. 2014 whereby it was decided to give them one time Interim relief of 30 Lacs, but have only given 5.50 Lacs.

Present govt revoked ownership rights granted under 254 C of the land allotted to the displaced persons of POJK . Now they are not allowed to sell the land allotted to them seventy years. All present their in the

PC stated that Slogan Prime Minister of Our Country Sh Narender Modi ŠABKA SAATH SABKA VIKAS' proved a hollow slogan for Sikh community of JKUT. Aggrieved over that we are compelled to oppose. Sikh progressive members said that they are not opposing any particular party but right now they are asking their community to think twice before casting your vote and suggests them that during assembly elections in the state vote for party who redresses their issues or includes their just and right demands in their manifesto Other prominent members who were present in the press conference are S Paramjit Singh, S Tejinder Singh member DGPC, S Iqbal Singh, S Gurdeep Singh, S Manmohan Singh, S Satinder Pal Singh banto, S Pritam Singh, S Jaswinder Singh Jassa, S Jaswinder Singh Kuku etc.

Government Polytechnic Jammu organizes Voter Awareness **Activities under "SVEEP" Top News Report**

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

HDFC Bank educates over 2 lakhs citizens on Safe Digital Banking Practices

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core value i.e. Customer

The workshops includ-

ed real life examples,

stories and videos which

helped participants

understand various

Modus Operandi used

by fraudsters and tips

on how to stay safe from

such frauds. HDFC Bank

has been conducting

Cyber Fraud Awareness

Workshops under the

Secure Banking initia-

tive at various locations

across the country over

the past four years.

Focus.

Top News Report

JAMMU, Apr 24: HDFC Bank as a part of digital banking awareness drive, conducted a series of secure banking workshops pan India. The Bank organized over 16,600 workshops sensitizing over 2,00,224 citizens on safe digital banking practices. These workshops were aimed at educating school and college students, law enforcement agencies, senior citizens, self-help groups, customers and employees. Through these interactive sessions, participants gained valuable insights on safe digital banking practices so that they don't fall prey to cyber frauds.

Commenting on this Manish Agrawal, Executive Vice President -Credit Intelligence and that they do not share confidential banking data or click on unverified links

The objective of these workshops is to educate participants on various modus operandi used by fraudsters and the secure banking practices that they need to follow so that they do not become victims of such online frauds.

These awareness workshops are in line with HDFC Bank's philosophy and core value i.e. Customer Focus."

The Bank encourages customers to be cautious and adopt safe banking habits while transacting digitally and avoid sharing their confidential banking information with anyone. In case customers fall prey to online fraud, they should immediately report unauthorized transactions to the bank and get the payment mode blocked for safeguarding against future losses. Customers should also file a complaint by calling 1930 helpline number started by ministry of home affairs (MHA) and submit the complaint on National Cybercrime Reporting Portal https:// cybercrime.gov.in.

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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 meet-ing 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 Punabi 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

Top News Report

DODA, Apr 24: In a statement issued by Doda Police that one lady namely Saniha Devi D/o Mohinder Singh r/o Goha Kal 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.

is lying pend in the Civil Secretariat for the last three years. Exclusion of Sikh Member in JKPSC Despite long standing assurances given by JKUT Administration, no Sikh member has been included in the JK PSC.

Non Appointment of any High Court from Sikh Community. Not Granting OBC Status to Sikhs living in Valley, Sikhs living in Valley are not been included in the OBC category despite being given assurances by JKUT Adm. and number of representation submitted to government and Chairman J&K Socially & Economically in the year 2021 by SPF

Shifting Installation of Statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur from Kunjwani to Bhagwati Nagar Govt shifted the installation of Statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur from Kunjwani Chowk to Bhagwati Nagar despite being passed passed from the House of JMC on 08.06.2020

Govt failed to fulfill the

Chased by a monkey'

woman dies after falling off hill in Uri

SRINAGAR, Apr 24 (Agencies): In a bid to escape 'chase by a monkey', a woman fell off a hill, resulting in her on spot death in Busgran village in Uri of Baramulla district on Wednesday afternoon

Eyewitness told GNS that one Zohra Begum, wife of Syed Isha Shah Gilani, fell victim to a 'monkey chase as she was walking along the hilly terrain'

"While trying to escape the monkey, the terrified woman fell down the hilly slope, resulting in her on spot death," they said.

for students. On the occasion a student's Parliament session was also organised 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.

Control – HDFC Bank said, "Cybercrime is a serious threat to individuals and organisations alike. Lack of awareness causes people to fall for such cyber frauds. Therefore, it is essential to create awareness among the citizens so that they do not share confidential banking data or click on unverified links. The objective

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Will fulfill long pending demands of KPs: Zafar Iqbal Manhas KPs extend support to Apni Party, says Vijay Bakaya

Top News Report

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 Igbal Manhas spoke on the occasion, and assured that he would work for the rehabilitation of the migrant Kashmiri Pandits in Kash-

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 valley.

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 vallev 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 Igbal Manhas sahab 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, Ajaz Kazmi, Provincial Secretary and Incharge Membership Drive, Dr Rohit Gupta, Provincial President of Women Wing, Jammu, Pavneet 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 Somnath Dhar, Mohan Lal Bhat, President TRT Nagrota, Chand Ji Bhat, social activist and leader of the Party Ashok Koul, Incharge of Bohri / Purkhoo Camp and Butta Nagar Camp, G.I Pandita, Santosh Kher, Bharat Bhushan pandita, Daizy Ji and others.

SPORTS

Happy Birthday Sachin Tendulkar: Indian Cricket **Fraternity Extends Birthday Wishes To India Great**

Sachin Tendulkar Birthday: The 51-year-old made his Test debut on November 15, 1989, at the age of 16. In the same year on December 18, he played his first ODI match.

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): The Indian cricket fraternity took to social media on Wednesday to extend birthday wishes to legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, who turns 51. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the governing body of the sport in the country, took to X (formerly Twitter) to wish Tendulkar on his birthday.

The honorary secretary of BCCI, Jay Shah also wished Sachin and lauded him for inspiring millions all over the world with his batting and "immaculate display of character".

"Happy Birthday to the legend of cricket @sachin_rt as he turns 51 today! He has inspired millions worldwide with his heroics with the bat and immaculate display of character both on and off the field. Warmest wishes to the Master Blaster!," tweeted Shah.

Mumbai Indians (MI), the fivetime Indian Premier League (IPL) champion franchise with whom Sachin has been associated both as a player and an Icon, also wished the legendary cricketer on his birthday, calling him the player who made batting look "cool and magical"

"To the man who made batting look cool and magical - happy birthday, Sachin Tendulkar! #MumbaiMeriJaan #MumbaiIndians | @sachin_rt," tweeted MI. India's World Cup-winning



all-rounder Yuvraj Singh also extended birthday greetings to Sachin "Paaji", calling him one of the reasons why he learned to aim higher in life. He also attached a video, praising Sachin for the way he backs youngsters and how privileged Yuvraj feels to connect and be friends with someone who is the cricketing "god".

"Sachin brings a lot of humbleness and humility towards himself and the game. Always helpful and always there for youngsters. Things were not going well for me. I always looked up to him and he always backed me and was there for me. Someone who has scored 100 centuries, of that level, it is very hard for you to connect with them, because he is like a god to you. To connect with that person and be friends with him

was a dream come true for me," said Yuvraj.

The former Indian left-handed batter Suresh Raina also wished Sachin a very happy birthday, saying that his grace on and off the field continues to set a bar for players.

"Happy Birthday Paji, @ sachin rt! Your legendary career has inspired millions and your grace both on and off the field continues to set the bar. Wishing you health, happiness, and a year as splendid as your cover drives! #HappyBirthdaySachin," tweeted Raina.

Tendulkar, known as 'Master Blaster' for his ability to blast his way through any bowling attack and his very mastery over every skill, technique and shot in the book, this right-handed batter entertained and mesmerised the entire world with his batting from

1989-2013.

The Maharashtra-born player made his Test debut on November 15, 1989, at the age of 16. In the same year on December 18, he played his first ODI match. With 34.357 runs in 664 international appearances at an average of 48.52, Sachin is the highest run-scorer in international cricket. He has scored 100 centuries and 164 halfcenturies, most in international cricket. He is the only player to have a century of centuries. Apart from Test cricket, Sachin

has created numerous records in the ODI format as well.

With 18,426 runs in ODIs at an average of 44.83, 49 centuries and 96 half-centuries, and 15,921 runs in Tests at an average of 53.78 with 51 centuries and 68 fifties. Sachin has the highest runs in both formats as well. The Master Blaster is also the first-ever cricketer to have hit a double hundred in ODIs and to have played a total of 200 Test matches. Tendulkar is part of the Indian

Team which won the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2011. After his World Cup debut in 1992, his dream to win the prestigious trophy came true in 2011 after India defeated Sri Lanka in the final by six wickets.

Sachin was also the part of Mumbai Indians franchise from 2008-13 as a player and won the IPL in 2013.

comeback win at home

Lucknow's Super Giant: Marcus **Stoinis hundred trumps** Ruturaj Gaikwad's ton, helps **Super Giants conquer Chepauk** partly because of the



210/4.

days back.

Gaikwad.

Thus, LSG also

scored a rare back-to-

back home and away

win over CSK as they

had won the match at

Ekana Stadium a few

Stoinis' innings was

in stark contrast to the

silken smooth knock of

The Australian went

full throttle, hitting 13

fours and sixes, and

nothing was more spe-

cial than his six off pacer

Mustafizur Rahman,

who had earlier con-

sumed LSG skipper KL

At the other end,

Pooran was in over-

drive from ball one,

Rahul cheaply.

CHENNAI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Marcus Stoinis made a bustling unbeaten hundred, a perfect anti-thesis to Ruturaj Gaikwad's classy century to shepherd Lucknow Super Giants to a stunning sixwicket win over Chennai Super Kings in their IPL match here.

Stoinis (124* off 63 balls) helped LSG to surmount the highest chase - 211 - at the Chepauk in the IPL,

ending up at 213/4. Gaikwad (108* off 60 balls) and Shivam Dube (66 off 27 balls) added 104 runs for the fourthwicket stand to power CSK to a competitive Pathirana produced a 151 km/h scorcher to uproot the batter's leg stump. It mandated that Pooran, who added 70 with Stoinis, did not have the luxury of taking his time to settle in, but he was up to the task

55-run stand between

Stoinis and a struggling

Devdutt Padikkal (13 off

19), whose misery was

ended when Matheesha

and smoked Shardul Thakur for 20 runs in the 16th over including two sixes and a four. Pooran's dismissal

by pacer Pathirana left the task of taking LSG home to Stoinis, who reduced the equation milking 15 runs off the 19th over bowled by the Sri Lankan.

Stoinis needed to take 17 runs off the last over bowled by Rahman and did the job with three balls to spare, smashing the Bangladesh left-arm quick for 6, 4, 4 (+1NB) and 4.

Brief scores CSK: 210/4 in 20 overs

(Gaikwad 108*, Dube 66, Henry 1/28) vs LSG: 213/4 in 19.3 overs (Stoinis 124*, Pooran 34; Pathirana 2/35).

Shooter competes in trials despite not meeting criteria

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): The national shooting federation (NRAI), which is fighting a court battle to uphold its selection criteria in the ongoing trials for the Paris Olympics. seems to have bent the rules for one marksman recently, allowing him to participate despite lower-than-requisite scores Trap marksman Karan missed the NRAI criteria for shotgun selection trials by two points but was allowed to compete, while several others who shot identical scores during last year's National Championships were not considered. A letter issued by the NRAI in November announcing the trials states that shooters with a score of 110 in senior men's trap at the 66th National Championship were eligible. Karan, an Army marksman, shot 108 but his was the only recommendation accepted by the NRAI, while the same exception was not made for a dozen more shooters. The shooter competed in a series of four selection trials and is

said Bhatia. "We cannot simply go

by the rule book. There was a recommendation from the Army to allow him because he had shot very well at the National Games," he added

Karan finished sixth at the National Games. The NRAI, ironically, is locked in a legal battle

with some Olympics

cies): DC are set to face Shubman Gill's GT once again in the Indian Premier League. After a massive hammering against SRH in their previous game, DC could not have hoped for a better opposition. Earlier in the season, DC put in their best performance with both bat and ball against GT and will be hopeful of repeating the same. At the Narendra Modi Stadium

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agen-

earlier in this tournament, DC



DC vs GT: Rishabh Pant's men hope to stage

CONDITIONS AND WEATHER Delhi saw a little bit of rain on Tuesday and it is once again expected that the evening will be cool and breezy at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. One can expect good runs from the pitch, much like what happened in the DC vs SRH game. If the conditions aid swing at the start, things might get interesting for both teams. DC vs GT: PREDCITED XIS AND IMPACT SUBS DC Probable XI

national squad. NRAI secretary Rajiv Bhatia said that since Karan is a "budding" shooter and his "recommendation" had come from the Army, an exception was made for him.

currently ranked 15th.

thus failing to make the

"We did give an exception as he is a budding shooter. There was a difference of just two points and he has been shooting good scores. That's why we introduced him in the trials."

aspirants in the Delhi High Court, where it is insisting that no more than the top five shooters in rifle and pistol would be allowed in the ongoing trials.

The process has come under criticism from no less than former national coach and legendary pistol shooter Jaspal Rana, who has said that the federation is not following international norms.

bowlers were able to bundle out GT for just 89 runs. Kuldeep Yadav, Khaleel Ahmed and the rest of the bowlers enjoyed their stunning spell as DC achieved their most dominating victory in the IPL this season.

Rishabh Pant's team will have to show resolve in their upcoming game, if they want a deeper run in the tournament. DC have 6 points from 8 matches and stand in the 8th position in the points table.

GT on the other hand are coming off a tricky victory against PBKS. GT top order had struggled in that game but a blinder from Rahul Tewatia managed a 3-wicket win for GT against struggling PBKS, GT would have to be wary of the DC spin duo in Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel, who have been in fine form this season.

DC vs GT: IPL HEAD TO HEAD

DC and GT are tied 2-2 in their previous four fixtures. Both of DC's win have come in Ahmedabad. Earlier this season, DC handed an epic mauling to GT when they travelled to the Narendra Modi Stadium. DC vs GT: TEAM NEWS

Head coach Ricky Ponting has not indicated any changes. DC might bring in Ishant Sharma in their bowling innings for more experience. The pacer had missed DC's last game against SRH due to back spasm and his availability will be decided last minute.

It is unlikely that GT will change their winning combination from the PBKS game. The team huffed and puffed against Sam Curran's side but will be happy to see Rahul Tewatia back in form

DC vs GT: CHENNAI PITCH

rankings.

Prithvi Shaw, David Warner, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Rishabh Pant (c & wk), Tristan Stubbs, Axar Patel, Lalit Yadav, Kuldeep Yadav, Anrich Nortje, Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar.

Impact Player: Abishek Porel. GT Probable XI

Wriddhiman Saha (wk), Shubman Gill (c), Sai Sudharsan, David Miller. Azmatullah Omarzai, Shahrukh Khan, Rahul Tewatia, Rashid Khan, R Sai Kishore, Noor Ahmad, Mohit Sharma.

Impact Player: Sandeep Warrier.

Indian golfers Aditi, Diksha set to participate in Paris Olympics Golf Union. Haran (10), are also

NEW DELHI, Apr 24 (Agencies): Indian golfers Aditi Ashok (46) and Diksha Dagar (138) are set to participate in the Paris Olympics whereas Shubhankar Sharma (197) and Gaganjeet Bhullar (232) also have a strong chance of making it to the Games. While it will be a third appearance for Aditi at the Olympics which is also the most for an Indian, Diksha will be competing for the second time. For Sharma and Bhullar, it would be their maiden appearance at the Olympics.

India's best performance at the Olympics came from Aditi who finished fourth in the Tokyo Games 2020.

The Olympic entries are sent by the Indian

Qualification for Olympics is determined by rankings, limited to 60 men's and as many women's players through the Official World Golf Rankings (OWGR).

The top 15 players in the OWGR are eligible for the Olympics with a maximum limit of four golfers allowed from a single country.

The Olympic Golf Rankings (OGR) after the top 15 players consists of up to two top eligible players per country, as long as it does not have at least two golfers in the top 15.

Meanwhile, Sahith Theegala and Akshay Bhatia, the two Indian-Americans making waves on the PGA Tour, have both reached



career-high rankings this week. Theegala, who logged a second runner-up

finish in 2024 and Bhatia. who won his second PGA Tour title and qualified for the Masters, are

now ranked No 12 and No 33 respectively. However, neither Theegala nor Bhatia have a

possibility of making an Olympic appearance since the top 15 in the world rankings have as many as eight Americans.

In 11 starts, Theegala has been a runner-up at the season-opener the Sentry and at the RBC Heritage and was fifth at WM Phoenix Open and tied-sixth at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Bhatia, in his 12 starts, has won once at the Texas Open and been in top 20 as many as six times. He also missed cut four times.

The top four Americans are Scottie Scheffler (1), Wyndham Clark (3), defending Olympic champion Xander Schauffele (5) and Patrick Cantlay (8). Two other Americans, Max Homa (9) and Brian

en's world rankings, her best so far.

The next two Indian women are Pranavi Urs, playing her rookie season on LET, at 403 and amateur Avani Prashanth at 531.

Among Indian men, Sharma, the lone Indian in top 200, has a best finish of tied-seventh at the Singapore Classic and tied-16 at Dubai Desert Classic.

Bhullar's best in 2024 has been tied-43 in Oman on Asian Tour, but he also won once at Chandigarh Open on the Indian Tour, for his second win in four months in India.

The next best after Sharma and Bhullar are Veer Ahlawat at 380 and Karandeep Kochhar at 434

While only four players can be entered for the Olympic Games, provided they in world's top 15, only US has four or

more in the list. All other countries can send a maximum of two players provided both are in top 60 of the Olympic

starts on the Epson Tour.

Diksha has also

touched 138 in the wom-

ahead of Theegala,

who is the seventh best

American in the world

qualifiers. Meanwhile, in the women's section, Aditi, despite a modest 2024 so far, stays on in top 50. Diksha, who has been solid form, has been in top 10 thrice in five starts on the Ladies European Tour, and also been tied-26 or better in her two

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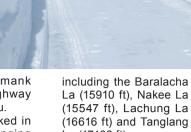
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LEH, Apr 24: With onset of winters and snow accumulation the highway remains closed from November till it is opened by the BRO. The entire snow clearance operation was executed by 111 RCC/753 BRTF under Project HIMANK of BRO, in Ladakh region and 70 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-theart 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 stormsand treacherous weather conditions of High-Altitude Areas, clearing the National Highway and negotiating four important passes



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

arrest of a popular Chief

Minister having the back-

ing of two crore people

and the CM of the Capi-

tal of Nation is the dark-

est 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 gov-

ernment 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 impar-

tial 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 govern-

ment are un-democratic &

needs to be re-studied by

veterans & constitutional

exports. All the guaranties

given by the BJP headed

by PM, Modi, till date are

BRO opens Leh - Manali NH

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 **Top News Report**

> JAMMU, Apr 24: A delegation of Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh led by Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group & President, Punjab 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 owner, and president of the Punjabis of entire Pan Pacific Mercantile

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.

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-ofsale 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

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

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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 strate of society in India are fed up with Modi ji's repetition of the word GUAR-ANTEE. What about the Modi ji's all the promises/ 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 vari-



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 fake & for from reality. main agenda of BJP is to The word GAURANTEE stop the growth of AAP has b 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

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: Bahujan 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 bahujan. "But the struggle for welfare of Dalits and tribals as well as OBCs and religious minorities, who are a special part of the 'bahujan' commu-



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 disap-

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 collabora-

the event. This event proved to be an immersive journey into

the heart of parliamenta-

ry procedures and consti-

tutional values. The Mock

but also brimming with newfound confidence in their public speaking abilities. By addressing contemporary topics and effectively communicating their concerns, stu dents 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.

ous 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

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.

nity, 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,

pointed 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.

tion 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 Ashag Rafig, DIO, Samba presided over

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

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. H 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 home but also at abroad. awarded Honorary D.Litt For him, research is a nevby reputed Business er-ending process. The University, Costa Rica in loss of human resources 2014.International Peace due to cancer has again University awarded honorcaused a stir in his indeary D.Litt 2019 and Nelson fatigable research mind Mandela University, USA and he has embarked also awarded Doctor of on a new project i.e An Letters to Dr. Uppal. Uniempirical Study of "Loss versity of South America of Human Resources also awarded honorary with the Extensive Pen-D.Litt. He has also sucetration of Cancer in the cessfully defended his Malwa Belt of Punjab and D.Litt thesis on the very its Future Perspectives." burning topic, "Managing Infact, he is an asset for Transformation in Indian

also actively engaged in banks Through E-Delivery Channels- Challenges leadership tasks that corand Opportunities" in respond with the breadth Utkal University, Bhuof his academic vision and baneswar, Orissa, India energy. He has indepenin 2021. He desires to dently organized National restructure and revolutionconferences and semiize Indian banking Indusnars on issues catering try by linking it with e-techto the current financial nology thereby ushering milieu. Being an excela new era of competitive lent orator, he also chairs, banking system nor only at 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 the society. Dr. Uppal is 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



cially 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,"

Stating about the

importance of exercis-

ing the franchise and

he said.

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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 Trereru to aware Divyangjan about the power of their votes. On this occasion, he 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."

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