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#### BRIEFLY

#### Jammu **Police raids** houses of drug peddlers

JAMMU, May 8 (Agencies): Tightening noose against drug peddlers, police team on Wednesday raided the houses of two here in the city outskirts.

Police said that acting on specific information, early this morning police party of Police Station Pacca Danga Jammu headed led by senior officers, raided the houses of two drug peddlers in R S Pura and Bishnah areas.

The raids, police said were conducted in the houses of Imam Hussain, resident of Langotian Chak Alawal, R S Pura and Manshu Ali, resident of Karel Manhasan, Pandorian Bishnah, Jammu, at present Balol Khad, Samba.

They were wanted in NDPS cases registered against them at Police Station Pacca Danga Jammu as forward linkages and involvement in the menace.

#### **MeT** predicts light rains, snow at higher reaches of **J&K on May** 11, 12

SRINAGAR, May 8 (Agencies): Meteorological Department Srinagar Wednesday predicted generally cloudy weather with light rain/ snow at higher reaches with thunder at many places on May 11 and

A MeT official said

that from May 8 to 10 generally dry weather

with A/N thundershower activity can't be ruled out at few places in Jammu and Kashmir. From May 11 to 12, partly to generally cloudy weather with light rain/snow (higher reaches) thunder is expected at many places. Few places may receive moderate rain particularly during

May 12, he said. On May 13, partly to generally cloudy with light rain at few places is expected in Jammu and Kashmir.

From May 14 to 17 there is generally dry weather expected. The official advised farmers to suspend farm operations during May 11 and 12. He added hot and dry weather likely to continue over plains of

Jammu division.

### Air India express cancels over 80 flights on cabin crew woes; Hundreds of passengers stranded at Airports

NEW DELHI/ KOCHI, May 8 (Agencies): Air India Express has cancelled more than 80 flights since Tuesday night with a section of senior cabin crew reporting sick to protest against alleged mismanagement at the Tata Group-owned airline, leaving hundreds of passengers stranded at various airports in the country.

Scores of Air India Express passengers, mostly scheduled to travel to the Gulf nations, protested at airports in Kerala against last-min-



ute flight cancellations. Some of them claimed that they were informed about the cancellations after the completion of security checks.

On Wednesday, sources told PTI that more than 200 cabin crew are

believed to have reported sick to protest against the alleged mismanagement at the airline.

The cabin crew shortage has resulted in the cancellation of at least more than 80 flights since Tuesday night and

scores of flights were delayed.

Flight disruptions are happening at various airports, including Kochi, Calicut, Delhi and Bengaluru, they added.

An Air India Express spokesperson said the airline is engaging with the cabin crew members to understand the reasons for reporting sick and also apologised for the flight disruptions.

Discontent has been brewing among a section of the cabin crew at the low-cost carrier for some time now,

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### **Poonch IAF Convoy Attack** | Search operation to track down terrorists enters 5th day

JAMMU, Apr 8 (Agencies): The cordon and search operation (CASO) to track down terrorists responsible for attacking an IAF convoy, which claimed the life of a corporal rank personnel, entered the fifth day on Wednesday, officials

Security forces, including the Army, police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), have further intensified combing and search operation in nearly 20 square kilometres area in Surankote

belt and over five kilometres of the area has been searched, the officials said.

Terrorists targeted an

Indian Air Force (IAF) convoy in the Shaistar area of Poonch district. resulting in the killing of an IAF corporal and injuries to four others on Saturday.

Armed with surveillance equipment, including drones and sniffer dogs, the search operation is underway in Shahsitar, Gursai, Sanai, Lasana, and Sheendara top in the Surankote belt and adjoining areas in Poonch district, the officials said.

The security forces are seeking identification of the terrorists, whose three to four pictures probably retrieved from the CCTV footage in the area — are public now, the officials said.

Posters offering a cash reward of Rs 20 lakh for any information leading to the arrest of the two individuals, believed to be the prime suspects, **Turn to page 9** 

#### Police in Baramulla introduces GPS tracker anklets to monitor bailed out criminals



SRINAGAR, May 8 (Agencies): Police in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday affixed Global Positioning System (GPS) tracker for monitoring round the clock movement of a bailed out drug peddler.

Police said the GPS tracking device was affixed in compliance to

an order from a Court. Police said a GPS tracking device was installed today on a bailed out drug peddler in a NDPS case of Police Station Baramulla.

The accused was arrested along with recovery of contraband and has been bailed out recently by the court.

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### **AstraZeneca withdraws** COVID-19 vaccine worldwide, cites commercial reasons

NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): The pharmaceutical giant Astra-Zeneca's COVID-19 vaccine is being withdrawn worldwide after the company acknowledged for the first time in court documents that it can cause a rare and dangerous side effect, according to a report in the British Newspaper 'The Telegraph'.

AstraZeneca has announced that the vaccine was being removed from markets for commercial reasons. It further said that the vaccine was no longer being made or supplied, having been superseded by updated vaccines that fight new variants.

The application to withdraw the vaccine



was made on March 5 and came into effect on May 7. The vaccine can be no longer used in the European Union following the company's decision to withdraw its "marketing authorisation."

Similar applications will be submitted in the UK and other nations in the coming months that have given a go-ahead to the vaccine, known as Vaxzevria.

In recent months Vaxzevria has come under scrutiny over a very rare side effect, which causes blood clots and low blood platelet counts. In court documents, AstraZeneca in the High Court in February admitted that the vaccine "can, in very

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### **ACB** files case against **PWD officers for** favoring contractor

JAMMU, May 8 (Agencies): Anti-Corruption Bureau, Jammu registered a Case FIR No. 05/2024 P/S ACB-J under section 5 (1) (d) r/w 5 (2) of J&K PC Act Samvat 2006 and 120-B RPC against officers/ officials of PWD (R&B) Division-III Jammu and the beneficiary.

The instant case FIR was registered on the outcome of a Verification was conducted by this Bureau on the basis of complaint alleging therein that the contractor Avikash Choudhary in league with concerned Engineers of PWD (R&B) Division-III Jammu and others manipulated to get the contract of upgradation of road from Lohri Chak

to Chakrali via Sohagini in block Marh under NABARD by putting the lowest rates for the allotment of said contract but on ground all clauses of the tender were violated and work has not been executed thereby caused loss to Govern-

ment exchequer etc. The verification conducted revealed that while executing the work of execution of road from Lohri Chak to Chakrali via Sohagini in Block Marh, an item viz laying of 50 mm Premix Bituminous Macadam (BM) base course was not kept in DPR whereas 19250 sqm quantity of 50mm Premix Bituminous Macadam base course was advertised

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#### Supreme **Court to pass** order on interim bail to Arvind **Kejriwal** on **May 10**

NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): The Supreme Court will deliver its order on granting interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a moneylaundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam on May 10.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who headed the bench which heard Kejriwal's petition against his arrest in the case, said, "We will pronounce the interim order (on interim bail) on Friday. The main matter related to the challenge to arrest will also be taken on the same day.'

Justice Khanna, who was sitting in a different combination with Justices MM Sundresh and

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#### **10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Jai Singh Jamwal S/o Late Sh. Rattan Singh R/o Badhori, Samba. 10th Day Kriya will be performed on 9th May 2024 at Badhori at 10 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Bhaiya and Bhabhi

Sh. Lehar Singh and Lalita Devi Sons and Daughters-in-law

Ajay Jamwal and Reena Devi Arun Jamwal and Neena Devi

Sons-in-law and Daughters Dharmender Jasrotia and Bandana Jamwal

Balbir Singh and Ruchi Jamwal

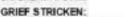
Rohit and Rahil (Nephews)

Naman, Ujwal, Charvik and Shivaksh (Grand Sons) Ankita (Grand Daughter)

Mobile No. 7006123294, 9419161966

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF SH. ROSHAN LAL KOUL (BHAISAHAB) SIO LATE SMT PRABHAVATI & LATE SH PREM NATH KOUL (ARPAN) OF BUGAM, KULGAM KASHMIR, PRESENTLY AT H.NO. 472, VINAYAK NAGAR, SECTOR-2, NEAR K S PUBLIC SCHOOL, & VODAFONE TOWER, MUTHI JAMMU, ON 02/05/2024 AT MUTHI.

THE TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD AT MUTHI GHAT, NEAR DIRECTOR SCHOOL EDUCATION OFFICE ON 11.05/2024



(BHAISAHAB) SMT PAMMY & SH. SUNL KOUL -SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW (9810985713) SMT SHELL A KOUL ( JIGRI, W/O LATE SH, NEELKANTH KOUL) -AUNTY SMT. PHOCLA KOUL (TATHEE) WOLATE SHISOON NATH KAUL BABHI (8006101560) SMT SHYAMA JI & SH. JL TICKOO-SISTER & BROTHER IN LAW (7303697287) SM. USHAJIA SH. PEARY KKOUL -SISTER & BROTHER IN LAW (9419197225) SMT RAJI & DR ROOP KRISHEN BHAT -BROTHER & SISTER IN LAW (98855553); SMT MALIN & DR ASHOK HOUL -BROTHER & SISTER IN LAW (401-4976139-USA) SMT RANJI JI & SHIG FEHARI LAL KOUL -BROTHER & SISTER IN LAW (7006467691) SMT. BABLI JI & SH. YUAY K KOUL. BROTHER & SISTER IN LAW (9419146242) SMT. NANCY JI & SH. PARDEEP KOUL. BROTHER & SISTER IN LAW (908609550) SMT SONI & SH. M. K. BHAT -DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW (9818452263)

RAHI KOLL -SON SMT. BEAUTY & SH. VIMAL BHAT DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW (8825187876) SMT NEELAM & SHI VINDIT KOLL -SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW (98(167) 250) SMT MEENAKSHI & SHIPUNEET KOUL -SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW (8699739882)

GRAND CHILDREN MEET, NIYATI, NEEV AVINI, NIMIT, SAWAN, SUPRIYA PLIGNT SHAW

SH. ROSHAN LAL KOUL

SH. JAI SINGH JAMWAL

Date of Death 30.04.24

### SHADMOS/MASWAR It has been 6 months since you last held our hands and

embraced us. The last 6 months have taught us many things, like resilience and courage, yet they couldn't teach us to live life without you. Our lives have spun around since you chose to leave us. The memories you left behind will always emain etched in our hearts.

Those are the reasons we are still able to process one day at a time amidst the excruciating reality. We aren't able to fathom how to realise the loss we had to take and move forward. In our understanding, it will always be unfair that we had to let you go. We pray everyday to Almighty to bestow you with eternal peace and bliss. Knowing you, loving you and most mportantly being a part of your life has been an honour, dad. Needless to express, we miss you dearly papa. Be happy wherever you are. We love you always, May the light

SH. DALEEP KUMAR

be with you. Sanjaya Koul (Wife) Shivasti Koul (Daughter) Aditya Raina (Son-in-law)

Mob: 8082063090



KOUL

#### MOURNING FROM IN-LAWS SIDE

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Jija ji Sh. Ram Krishan Bhat (Baya ji) H/o Smt. Veena ji Bhat D/o Late Prathvi Nath Pandit originally resident of Jummoo Aishmuqam Anantnag Kashmir at present Baskar Vihar, Opposite Mangla Devi Mandir, Trilokpur Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 13th May 2024 (Monday) at Muthi Ghat, Near Directorate of Education Office, Muthi Jammu at 08:30 AM

Deeply Remembered By :-(Brothers-in-law and Sisters-in-law)

Sh. Jawaharlal and Smt. Anjley Pandit Sh. Rattan Lal & Smt.Baby Pandit (Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law) Smt. Phoola ii & Sh. Ramesh Kumar Tickoo

Smt. Dura ii & Sh. Ashok Kumar Sidha Smt. Chuni ji & Lt. Sh. Vijay Kumar Tickoo Smt. Sheela ji & Sh. Kanayalal Pandit Contact Number 7298802976, 8899375733



Sh. Ram Krishan Bhat (Baya ji)

#### KRIYA KARM/ RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Late Smt Rano Devi W/o Late Sh Angrez Singh Chib R/o H No. 13, Sec-3 Pandoka Colony Paloura, Jammu.

Kriya Karm will be performed on 5th May 2024 (Sunday) at 1200 pm at our residence. Rasam Pagri will be performed on 10th May, 2024

(Friday) at 12.00 pm at our residence **GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

#### Sons & Daughters- in-law

Late Sh Ramesh Singh Chib & Smt Sandhya Devi Late Sh Joginder Singh Chib & Smt Sureshta Devi Sh Ashok Singh Chib & Smt Sushma Rani

Sh Ranjeet Singh Chib & Smt Shivani Chib

#### Daughters & Sons in law

Smt Kamlesh Devi & Sh Ajit Singh Manhas Smt Vaishno Devi & Sh Surinder Singh Charak Smt Darshana Devi & Sh Lal Singh Manhas Smt Rama Devi & Sh Surinder Singh Langeh



Late Smt Rano Devi

Contact No. 94191-47339, 9797606216, 9906173652

Sh Maharaj Krishen

Koul

#### OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Sh Maharaj Krishen Koul S/o Lt Sh R N Koul originally resident of Sathu Barbar Shah (Nakashpura) Srinagar at present H No. 3 Sector-4, Pandoka Colony Paloura Jammu on 07/05/2024 (near Badshah Kalander Ashram).

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 16th May 2024 (Thursday) at Muthi Ghat, near Directorate of Education office Muthi Jammu at 08:00 AM.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY :-Smt Vijay Koul (Wife)

(Son & Daughter-in-law) Smt Mosmi Koul and Vikas Koul

Smt Neetu Chauhan and Sandeep Chauhan

9797533300, 9796824819, 9596844415

(Daughter and Son-in-law) GRAND CHILDREN: Aashna, Aaransh, Anshita, Anushka

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the demise of Sh. Ved Raj Goswami, a esteemed resident of Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, on April 29, 2024 The commemorative TENTH DAY Ceremony is scheduled for May 8, 2024, at 11:00 AM, to be held at 127-A Gandhi Nagar. Following this, the KRIYA rites will be conducted on May 9, 2024, at the aforementioned location. The UTHALA observance is slated to take place at 5:00 PM on May 9, 2024, at the Shiv Temple near our residence in Sandhi Nagar. Your presence and condolences during these somber proceedings would be greatly appreciated. Grief Stricken

Son & Daughter-in-law Rakesh Goswami (Rid A.E.E. JKPDD) & Anjali Goswami Daughters & Son-in-laws

Sarita & Col. Balbir Sharan Savita & Col. - Shyam Sunder Kaushal /andana & Dr. Prem Nath Sharma

Nidhi & Dr Virinder Dubey Vinod Goswami & Veena Goswami- **Nephew & Daughter-in-law** Parmod Goswami & Renu Goswami- Nephew & Daughter-in-law

Anil Goswami & Neeru Goswami- Nephew & Daughter-In-law Mrs. Shashi Dogra- Sister-in-law DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY GRAND CHILDREN AND DEAR ONES. ontact No.: 7889607454, 9419187074

Sh. Ved Raj

Goswami

Smt Rattan Rani

Kachroo

Smt Kanta Devi

(02-04-1966 to 02-05-2024)

SMT SANKARO DEVI

#### 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Rattan Rani Kachroo W/o Late Sh. Soomnath Kachroo Zangalpora, Kulgam) on 2-5-2024 presently residing at Block C, Flat 5 & 6, TRT Nagrota Camp. 10th Day Kriya will be performed on 11th May 2024 at Nagrota Ghat.

Assembly will be held at Community Hall, TRT Nagrota Camp. Ph.No.: 7006645747, 9596546413 GRIEF STRICKEN

Sister-in-law & Brother Smt. Usha & Sh. Omkarnath Kachroo Smt. Chunni Ji & Sh. Shambo Nath Raina Smt. Nancy Koul W/o Lt. Mohal Lal Koul

Daughter-in-law & Son

Smt. Shilipa & Sh. Sanjay Kachroo Smt. Santosh Shah W/o Late Triloki Nath Shah - Daughter & Son-In-law

Smt. Dazy & Sh. Anil Razdan - Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Bubly & Sh. Ramesh Koul - Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Shonu & Sh. Ashish Raina - Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law Smt. Sheetal & Sh. Kamlesh Kandroo - Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law

Grand Children: Divish Koul, Akash Raina, Aman Raina, Nirav Kachroo and Aaray Kachroo

#### TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Smt Kanta Devi W/o Sh Madar Lai Kundan (Retd H.D PHE/RTIC Deptt Jammu) R/o Vill Simblawali (Vijaypur) who left for heavenly abode on 02-05

Tenth Day will be performed at Khatri Palace near Railway Crossing Vijaypur, Thalori on 11-05-2024 (Saturday) 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Satsang followed by Guru Ka Langar. GRIEF STRICKEN :

Sh Madan Lal Kundan-Husband Daughter and Son-in-law Er. Rubia Kundan and Er Rahul Attri

Daughter-in-law and Son

Smt Sonia Angural and Er Rohit Kundan Mr Rithik Kundan- Son Sister-in-law and Brother-in-law

Smt Anita Thappa and Sh Kuldeep Thappa-**Nanand and Nanoya** Smt Kanta Kundan and Sh P L Thappa **(CEO)-Nanand and Nanoya** 

Smt Bishno Devi and Sh Rattan Lal

Smt Shakuntia Dew and Sh Bishan Lai Smt Kamlesh Kumari and Lt Sh Chhatto Ram (Retd CAO) Smt Anita Kundan and Sh Mohan Lai Kundan (Retd XEN PMGSY) Smt Sunita Kundan and Er Ashok Kumar Kundan (A.E Mech. PHE Jami

Nephew & Niece Er Sushil and Smt Madhu, Sh Sunil Kundan, Sh Anil Kundan and Smt Mamta, Er Vinod Kundan and Smt Rushali, Er Pranav Kundan and Smt Kamini

r Vikas Kundan, Dr Shivali, Er Nitin Kundan and Er Ayush

Master Avyaan Attri, Master Abish Kundan, Master Reyansh, Master Aditya, Navya, Inaya Mob: 9419314443, 9149805178

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT SANKARO DEVI W/O LATE HARNAM SINGH CHIB R/O RAIPUR SATWARI NEAR SHIVA GAS STORE, JAMMU ON 28.4.2024.

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON MO 06-05-2024 AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 10 AM RASAM PAGRI WILL BE HELD ON 10.5.2024 AT OUR

RESIDENCE AT 12 NOON. GRIEF STRICKEN:

AKHIL CHIB

SON DAUGHTER IN LAW: SH, BALWAN SINGH CHIBINEENA CHIB (DIVE SUPDT ONGC)

SH. RABINDER SINGH CHIB/VUAY CHIB SH. NARINDER SINGH CHIB/ASHA RANI (LECTURER)

DAUGHTERS AND SONS IN LAW: SURESHTA DEVIKULWANT SINGH SAMBYAL ASHOK KUMARI/SUKHVINDER SINGH CHARAK

GRAND SONS/DAUGHTERS IN LAW: NITIN CHIB/PRIYANKA CHANYAL SAHL CHIB/SWATI BHAU SHUBHAM CH B

GREAT GRAND DAUGHTERS: SPRIHA RAJPUT, RIGEL CHIB. MOB. NO. 9419205501. 9419232174, 9469753554

GRAND DAUGHTERS

**DEWASHICHIB** 

ANAMIKA RAJPUT

#### 10TH DAY/RASAM KIRYA/UTHALA YOU WILL LIVE IN OUR HEART AND THOUGHTS

Our dearest Smt Sudershan Gupta left for her neavenly abode on May 01, 2024.

10TH DAY will be held on Thursday 09 May, 2024 at our residence House No 202 Lane No 15 Talab Tillo Jammu From: 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. RASAM KIRYA will be held on Sunday 12 May

2024 at our residence House No. 202 Lane No 15 Talab Tillo Jammu from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. UTHALA will be held on Monday 13 May 2024 at Tali Sahab Gurudwara Talab Tillo Jammu from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

IN GRIEF

Om Prakash Gupta- Husband

Dheeraj Gup ta & Ruchi Mahajan (Son & Daughter-in-law) 9419196325, 9419142476

#### CONDOLENCE

On behalf of Office Bearers and Members of the J&K Offset Printers' Association, we express our heartfelt condolences to Sh. Sudesh Gupta Ji of Ambey Printing Press (Immediate Past President, J&K Offset Printers' Association, Jammu) on the sad demise of his mother Smt. Chanchala Devi w/o Lt. Sh. Onkar Nath Gupta

We solemnly place our deep sorrow on the sad demise. We also express our heartfelt condolences to all the members of the bereaved family. May the Almighty give them the courage to face this irreparable loss and, may the departed soul rest in eternal heavenly peace.

With Deep Sorrow: J&K Offset Printers' Association (Regd.)



SMT SUDERSHAN

**GUPTA** 

Smt. Chanchala Devi

### GREAT TRIBUTE

Respectful homage to noble & pious soul, SMT. RITA BHAI CHHIBBER W/o Bhai Yudhvir Chhibber , R/o #1602, Sector -22/B, Chandigarh, who left for heavenly abode on 3rd May,2024. We will always miss you.

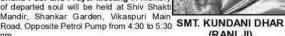


Rita Bhai Chhibbe

FONDLY REMEMBERED BY : Kanka, Nimi Pandita & Dr. Daleep Pandita.

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA/ SHANTI PATH

ith great sorrow & a heavy heart, we inform he unexpected sad demise of our belove Smt Kundani Dhar (Rani Ji) Wife Of Late Shri Brij Lal Dhar, originally from Krala Khud Habakadal, Srinagar, presently at Vikaspuri residence New Delhi on May 2, 2024. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Friday, May 10 at 7:00 am at Murad Nagar Ghat, UP. Shanti Path and Prayer Meeting in memory of departed soul will be held at Shiv Shakt



GRIEF STRICKEN Nancy Dhar Pyari Malla Dhar's, Nagari's, Gurtoo's, Malla's, Kher's R. K. Dhar: +91-9419194515

winder Dhar: +91- 9810066727 Block A, 219, Second Floor, Vikaspuri, Opposite Vikaspuri Police Station

#### **SATSANG**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform you the sad demise of Sdn. Shanth Kour W/o Late S. Baj Singh R/o Nowpura Jagee 3 aramulla.

n loving memory of Sdn. Shanth Kou Satsang will be held at Gurudwara Digiana Ashram Jammu on 10.5.2024 Friday from 4PM to 5.30 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN 6mt. Kultaran Kour (Daughter) Ichpal Singh (Son in law)

Dara Singh (Son) mt Tripath Kour (Daughter in law) 6mt Ranjeet Kour (Daughter) Gunwant Singh (Son In law)

Smt Kawal Nain Kour (Daughter) Jang Bhadur Singh (Son in law) Balbir Singh (Son)



Kundani Dhar

Koul

SDN. SHANTH KOUR

nearis that will continue to guide and inspiri us. Naman to a great prious soull Tenth Day shall be performed on 10th May a 8 AM at Murad Nagar Ghat Uttar Pradesh. Remembered Forever by: Daughter-in-Law & Sons: Smt. Seria & Sh. R. K. Char Smt. Sunita & Sh. Ravinder Dhar Creat Discobbers, but & Creat Sons.

Smt. Sunita & Sh. Ravinder Dhar Grand Daughter-in-law & Grand Sons: Smt. Shivani & Sh. Deepak Dhar Sh. Anuj Dhar Sh. Abhigyan Dhar Great Grand Kids: Master Aarav Dhar, Miss Aariana Dhar Ravinder Dhar: +91-9810066727 R.K. Dhar: +91-9419194515

#### TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we egret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Girja Dhar Koul W/o Sh.Tej Bahadur Koul A/P 602, Gayatri Appartments, Sector 45 -aridabad Haryana, who left fo

neavenly abode on 05.05.2024. Tenth Day will be performed at Muradnagar (UP) on Tuesday, May Smt. Girja Dhar

14 at 10.00 am. Grief Stricken Sh.Tej Bahadur Koul (Husband) 9871041222 4871062466

Pratigya Bhan & Neeraj Bhan (Daughter & Son in law) Puja Arora & Amit Arora (Daughter & Son in law) Rishon, Saisha, Smera (Grand Children) Kauls, Dhars, Khashus, Walis, Khers, Razdans

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform untimely sad demise our beloved Karamyogi SMT. MOHINI DHAR w/o Lt. Makhan Lal Dhar original resident of Sved Ali Akbar, Raghunath Mandir, Srinagar presently at H.No. 353 Sector 3, Gangyal Garden, Near St. Paul Convent

High School. TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on 15th May 2024 (Wednesday) at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School

KARAMYOGI SMT. MOHINI DHAR Education, Jammu Smt. Santosh & Sh. O.N. Dhar (Devar & Devrani)

Smt. Kalpana & Sh. R. K Dhar (Devar & Devrani) Smt. Geeta & Sh. Ramesh Pandita (Daughter & Son-in-law) Smt. Reeta & Sh. Rajinder Mahaldar (Daughter & Son-in-law)

#### Smt. Anju Kaloo (Daughter) Mob : 9149470679, 9419243449, 8825036833

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA (RASAM PAGRI) With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Girdhari Lal Sharma (Hotel Asia Shripati Katra) S/o Late Sh Waryan Dass Rio 75/5 Nanak Nagar Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 28th April 2024 (Sunday). 'Tenth Day' will be performed on 7-05-2024 (Tuesday) at our residence, 75/5 Nanak Nagar Jammu at 11.00 A.M.

Kriya\* on 08-05-2024 (Wednesday) at our residence at 12:00 Noon. 'UTHALA' (Rasam Pagri)' on 10-05-2024 (Friday)

at Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Gandhi Nagar from 3.00 PM to 4.00 P.M. GRIEF STRICKEN h C.L.Sharma & Smt Anuradha Sharma mt Santosh & Sh. Ramji (Sister & Brother-In-Inw)

Rahul Dev Sharma & Pooja Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law) chan Sharma (Son) anui Sharma & Rajan Sharma (Daughter & Son-In-law)

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### **VRS** employees of RTC demands release of pending dues

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 8: Voluntarily retired employees of J&K Road Transport Corporation held protest against the Management of J&K Road Transport Corporation and Finance Department for not releasing the pending dues of the VRS given/retired employees here on Wednesday.

These employees of the JKRTC under the leadership of Dev Raj Bali held protest

They demanded release of their arrears worth Rs 66.24 crores of the JKRTC employees from Jammu region.

They alleged that J&K Government has not paid COLA and 6th Pay Commission arrears of



the VRS/GHS and other retired employees of the JKRTC. They claimed that Central Government said to have paid the amount to them including payment of the arrears of the more

than 700 employees. Their total DA/COLA amount comes out to around Rs 66.24 crores in Jammu

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The event was also

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humanitarian causes.

Appreciation cum partici-

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Prof. Inam UI Haq, the

Nodal Officer of the Red

Cross Unit, extended sin-

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involvement in the com-

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Cross Day. He reiterated

the college's unwavering

commitment to nurturing

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responsibility among its

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VRS Union President Dev Raj Bali, accused a

committee constituted to resolve the issue of providing misleading information to the Board of Directors and the government.

Bali claims that bills for

their pending dues have

already been prepared and sent to the Civil Secretariat but are not being processed. He urged the Chief Secretary to address their pending dues (COLA, 6th Pay Commission, DA arrears) in a meeting on May 10th.

Bali said that most of

them are senior citizens and struggling for their hard earned money for the last 12 years and moreover, their 75 members have expired during their struggle and they could not get good treatment due to their bad economic condition. The JKUT authorities have failed to pay their arrears. The officers in J&K Administration are only harassing them and adopting delaying tactics, Bali alleged.

### **Two-Day training on Mental Health** for Medical Officers held in Leh

**Top News Report** 

LEH, May 8: The twoday hybrid-mode training for Medical Officers of Leh district under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) concluded yesterday at the Conference Hall, CMO Office Leh.

The Chief Medical Officer of Leh, Dr. Diskit Dolma, along with State Immunization Officer, Ladakh, Iqbal Ahmad, addressed that the training aimed to equip medical officers with essential knowledge and skills in addressing mental health concerns in the region.

The training featured insightful sessions by esteemed professionals, including Psychiatrist & Drug De-Addiction Specialist, Dr. Tashi Tundup, who shed light on substance use disorders,

outlining various substances and their harmful effects, along with preventive measures.

MD Psychiatrist, Dr. Samina Batool, delivered a comprehensive presentation on Mental Health Disorders, covering topics such as classification, causes, and identification of common mental disorders Dr Batool emphasized the importance of mental health first aid and provided practical guidance on approaching patients with psychiatric illness, including detailed history-taking and prescription writing.

On the second day of the training, Dr. Samina provided an in-depth guide on effectively approaching patients with psychiatric illnesses. She stressed the importance of thorough history-taking, conducting a mental status examination, and crafting precise prescriptions. Additionally, she imparted comprehensive knowledge on psychotropic medications accessible at PHCs and CHCs.

Dr. Samina Batool proposing the establishment of a WhatsApp group comprising medical officers and psychiatrists to facilitate ongoing support and discussion on pertinent issues faced in the periphery

Psychologist, Mariyah Samreen, offered valuable insights into Stress Management, highlighting the impact of stress on individuals and effective strategies for stress reduction. From mindfulness to healthy lifestyle choices, the session provided a holistic approach to managing stress effec-

### **SCS Govt Degree College Mendhar** commemorates World Red Cross Day



**Top News Report** 

MENDHAR, May 8: The Red Cross unit in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of SCS Government Degree College Mendhar, came together in celebration of World Red Cross Day.

Held under the patronage of Dr. Mohammed Azam, the Principal of the college, this event showcased the collective commitment of the college community towards humanitarian causes. The program commenced with an inaugural address by Prof. Inam UI Haq, the Nodal Officer of the Red Cross Unit at the college.

Prof. Inam UI Haq's keynote address eloquently illuminated the origins and mission of the Red Cross, defining it as a quintessential reflection of humanity. He reminded the audience that World Red Cross Day honors the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the visionary founder of the International Committee of the

Red Cross.

Dr. Gowhar Ahmad Shapoo, Lecturer in the Botany Department, shared inspiring success stories of the Red Cross, emphasizing its profound contributions to humanity. He underscored the pivotal role of the Red Cross in providing crucial

aid during times of crisis. Dr. Mohd Riaz, Assistant Professor in the Urdu Department, emphasized the imperative of active participation in Red Cross activities. Dr. Basharat Ahmed Shaheen, from the Department of Arabic. delivered a compelling speech on the essence of humanity and the Red Cross's pivotal role in nurturing it.

The program also featured poignant speeches by several students, who passionately shared their experiences and perspectives on the invaluable work of the Red

Among the esteemed faculty members present were Prof. Mohd Rafi from the Department of

### Show way out to traitors of country in Lok Sabha elections: Chandel

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: Raju Chandel, a senior leader of the BJP, characterized certain individuals as "traitors" of the country. These individuals are accused of betraying India's interests by allegedly colluding with foreign powers, specifically Pakistan and China, he said.

Chandel suggested that these "traitors" are contesting elections with support from Pakistan and China, implying that they are funded or influenced by these countries.

This accusation is serious, as it suggests a threat to national security and sovereignty.

Chandel accused these individuals of seeking to divide India along religious lines.

He claimed that they talk about breaking the country into pieces and making it an Islamic nation. This rhetoric is likely intended to stoke fears and mobilize support against the accused candidates

Chandel emphasized the need for national unity and condemns any attempts to undermine it. He appealed to the sacrifices of India's ancestors in achieving independence and warns against jeopardizing their legacy.

Despite his concerns. Chandel expressed confidence in the discern-



ment of the Indian electorate. He believed that the people have recognized the alleged actions of these candidates and are determined to reject them in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Chandel praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, attributing India's emergence as a global leader to his governance. This serves the dual purpose of highlighting Modi's achievements and contrasting them with the alleged actions of the accused candidates, he

Chandel envisioned a future where India remains united and strong under Modi's leadership. This vision is presented as a counterpoint to the alleged divisive actions of the accused candidates

Chandel's statement reflects a mix of political rhetoric, nationalist sentiment, and partisan messaging commonly seen in election campaigns.

It portrays the BJP as the guardian of India's unity and accuses its opponents of being unpatriotic and divisive.

### **Awareness Programme organized** by Civil Defence Jammu



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: One day awareness programme was held at NCC camp Nagrota, which was organized by Civil Defence, Jammu under the supervision of Dy. Controller Civil Defence Jammu. Awareness about the basic knowledge of First Aid, Fire fighting especially as per the advisory from NDMA for heat wave 2024, the NCC Cadets were make aware about heat wave risk and reduction.

They were also made aware of all possible ways to avoid heatstroke during summer season. The main aim of the awareness programme was to educate students with regard to preventive measures during summer season.

The programme was organized in the premises of the NCC Camp, Nagrota where 300 NCC cadets of 1st Girls Bn. have participated. Col. S.P Tiwari Commandant 1st Girls NCC Bn. appreciated the role of Civil Defence organization and thanked the Civil Defence team for organizing such important awareness-cum-demonstration programme.

Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu S.M Anil Kumar S.M. Duvesh Kumar and other staff of the NCC Camp, Nagrota were present on the occasion.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION SOUTH JAMMU NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT PHEJ/MS/03 of 2024-25 Dated 04-05-2024

Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu, on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered/ reputed firms.

Name of the Work Name of the Cost of Tender **Earnest Money Deposit** Validity of Document/Tender Fee(In Rs) 5 PHE Mech. Rs. 200.00 Bid shall be @ 2% of estimated cost/ Replacement components to LT control Division South (Non-Refundable) In the shape of tender value In the shape valid for 180 e-challan/single window challan of CDR/FDR pledged to panel of Tubewell no 6 Executive Engineer, Jal Boria and Gorkha Nagar of JMC pledged to Executive for 50 HP HC motor Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Shakti PHE Mechanical installed at CPS Boria Division South Jammu Division South Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link http://www.jmcjammu.org/onlinepayment.html

1) Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 06-05-2024 (10:00 AM) and uploaded from 07-05-2024 (10:00 AM) to 13-05-2024 (1:00 PM). The complete bidding process will be online <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a>.

Bids must be accompanied by EMD and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table. 3) The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the tenderer shall be debarred from participating in tendering process for a period of 1 year.

4) The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu on 14-05-2024 at 3:00 P.M or any other day convenient to the Ex. Engineer in the Office chambers of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu.

5) The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division South Jammu during office hours and shall be communicated separately.

6) Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html

7) The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L<sub>1</sub> bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division South Jammu within 05 days after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L<sub>1</sub> bidder within 05 days after opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.

8) Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

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### Water scarcity, erratic power supply hits Jammu region amid scorching heat: Kesri

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: Amid the scorching heat, residents of various parts of Jammu are experiencing an acute shortage of drinking water. This was stated by Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Raiesh Kesri while addressing media persons during a press conference in Jammu today. Addressing media persons, Kesri accused the authorities concerned of being indifferent to their problems amid scorching heat. He said government had claimed that they would ensure proper electricity and drinking water supply during summer but it is just beginning and already there are crisis of water and power supply. No one is concerned to provide relief to people amid the scorching heat," he said. Like every year, this year too people are facing shortage of water, especially



in areas like Janipur, Indira Colony, Muthi Sainik Colony, Bathinda. Narwal, Greater Kailash, Satwari, where there is shortage of water and electricity. Big cuts are also taking place when water comes, electricity gets switched off due to which people are not able to store water, added Kesri.Kesri demanded government that the way the government offers tankers in these areas every summer, water should be provided to these people through tankers so that their daily water needs can be fulfilled and people can get some relief because people need a lot of water in summers.

They need water to drink, cooking, washing and bathing .These are the basic needs of every human being and it is the responsibility of the government to fulfill them. This is why the government is elected by the people so that it can provide some facility to the people and give some relief to the people, but on the contrary, as soon as the summer starts, there is a shortage of water in the city. The government should pay proper attention to this so that people can have immediate relief, added Kesri.

#### **Badminton Tournament Top News Report** exhibited commendable

Heritageans shine at

JAMMU, May 8: Heritage students showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship at the prestigious Pt. D.D. Magotra Memorial Jammu Open Sub-Junior Badminton Tournament, held at M.A Stadium from May 4 to 6, 2024.

The students participated across various categories and emerged with impressive victories, bringing laurels to the school.

Kanishk Mall of 8th B, demonstrated outstanding prowess by clinching multiple victories. He is the Winner of U/15 Singles, Winner of U/15 and Runners-up in U17 Doubles

Param Raina, of 10th A, displayed remarkable skill and determination securing victory in U/17 Doubles(Winner). Shreya Gupta of 11D

and Rishit Kumar of 8thB,

performance achieving Runners-up position in U 17/Doubles and U/13 Doubles respectively.4. Aarav Mall of 4th B displayed promising talent by securing Runners-up position in U/11 Singles and U/13 Doubles. In addition to the above

medal winners, other Heritageans who were awarded Consolation Prizes for their notable efforts are: Dheeraj (6th E), Sarvagya (6th A), Aviraj (6th E), Kavish (6th F), Adhwik (5th B) and Aditya Choudhary (5th E).

The achievements of all these students reflect Heritage School's commitment to nurturing talent and promoting sportsmanship among its students. The school congratulates all participants for their remarkable performance and wishes them good luck for their future endeav-

### **EDITORIAL**

### THALASSEMIA RESEARCH

orld Thalassemia Day is an occasion of both reflection and action, highlighting the global effort to raise awareness about thalassemia and its impact on individuals and communities worldwide. As we mark this significant day in 2024, it's essential to acknowledge the progress made in the field of thalassemia research, treatment, and support, while also recognizing the challenges that remain.

First and foremost, World Thalassemia Day serves as a platform to educate people about thalassemia, a genetic blood disorder that affects hemoglobin production. Through increased awareness and understanding, we can combat misconceptions and stigma surrounding the condition, fostering empathy and support for individuals living with thalassemia and their families.

In recent years, advancements in medical research and technology have led to improved diagnosis and treatment options for thalassemia patients. From blood transfusions and iron chelation therapy to bone marrow transplants and gene therapy, there are now more avenues available to manage thalassemia and improve patients' quality of life. However, access to these treatments remains uneven across different regions and socioeconomic backgrounds, highlighting the need for greater equity in healthcare systems worldwide.

On World Thalassemia Day 2024, it's crucial to advocate for increased access to affordable and comprehensive healthcare services for all individuals affected by thalassemia. This includes not only medical interventions but also psychosocial support and counseling to help patients and their families navigate the emotional and practical challenges associated with the condition.

Furthermore, raising awareness about the importance of genetic counseling and screening is paramount in preventing the transmission of thalassemia to future generations. By empowering individuals to make informed choices about family planning and reproductive health, we can reduce the prevalence of thalassemia and its associated burden on individuals, families, and healthcare systems.

In addition to medical and public health interventions, World Thalassemia Day is an opportunity to celebrate the resilience and strength of thalassemia patients and their families. Despite facing significant challenges, many individuals living with thalassemia lead fulfilling lives, pursuing their dreams, and making valuable contributions to their communities. Their stories inspire us to continue our efforts to improve thalassemia care and support worldwide.

As we commemorate World Thalassemia Day 2024, let us reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that every individual affected by thalassemia receives the care, support, and respect they deserve. Whether through advocacy, fundraising, or simply spreading awareness, each of us has a role to play in building a more inclusive and compassionate world for thalassemia patients and their families.

In conclusion, World Thalassemia Day is not only a day of remembrance and solidarity but also a call to action. Together, let us work towards a future where thalassemia is no longer a barrier to health, happiness, and opportunity for individuals and communities worldwide.

### Will climate change trigger social unrest, future wars?

By: Abhijit Bhattacharyya

**7**hether you call it a fad or a more serious changemaker, from the high table of diplomacy to the ordinary citizen's dining table, "climate change" is today's real buzzword. One doesn't need to be a scientific or technological expert to understand the obvious: that climate change is an engulfing conflagration which must be controlled and tackled through a consensus and with collective wisdom. Across the world, severe "climate change" symptoms are creating scary scenar-

Military Balance 2022 (International Institute for Strategic Studies, London) put across the issue crisply: "First-order physical effects of changing climate include storms, floods, heatwaves and droughts. Secondorder effects include degradation of water supplies, reduced agriculture productivity and damage to infrastructure and disruption to energy generations, with all these having potential consequences for economics, employment". All these, the receding glacier line, reduced ground water level, deforestation, rising sea levels, tsunami, tornado, migration, flood, and forced displacement are creating formidable challenges to governance, which will make mass social unrest inevitable.

No doubt the 194 members of the United Nations are relentlessly pursuing it in various international platforms as treaties are signed, promises made, lofty ideas floated to the delight and appreciation of politicians and diplomats, yet virtually nothing so far appears workable. On the contrary, regressive actions are ruthlessly revived by the human hunger for cash and commerce, culminating in multi-dimensional conflict and combat. To them, talking climate change is a good topic for optics at the UN, but not implementable in a materialistic world, which cannot distinguish between the lure for dollars and the plebeian's right to live.

Simple and basic questions, therefore, need to be addressed to get into "climate change" and chalk out an implementable action plan to ensure that things don't go out of control to inflict wholesale disaster, which would threaten the survival of the human race.

What are the main reasons for this fiery situation? Who are responsible, and what can be a way out? Is it impossible to ensure a stable climate, air purity, water and soil preservation, preventing degradation by mankind?

No doubt, the leaders of various nations do realise the threat as efforts are on for a consensus at the UN. While setting goals at the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change, it was gloomily estimated that "up to 14 per cent of land species face a very high risk of extinction". The reasons for this grim realisation could be pointed to innumerable sources of origin, attributable to unbridled human greed to "control" the trajectory of science and tech advancement. From the North and South Poles to the Himalayas, the oceans to teeming megalopolises, the fertile arable land of various continents to the Amazon basin, and South Asia's natural forestry inhabited by tigers, lions and rhinos, nothing has been spared under the guise of "development projects" of nation states by plundering monopolists or other merchants who can dictate terms to any small, medium or even large nation in need of stateof-the-art technology. They often offer astronomical financial benefits to the rich elites of various nations to sweeten the deal.

The most harmful of all actors responsible for killing the climate/atmosphere system today, however, are the profit-seeking mega arms corporations, which have little or no concern whatsoever even

if the world gasps for fresh air, or the thirsty die without potable water or agricultural land for global food security is bombed out to permanent sterility. Along with arms merchants selling everything from machine-guns to warplanes, these shark-like predators whose commercial interests from environmentally harmful mining to manufacturing show little concern for resource-rich but poor Third World countries who often emerge as "basket cases", depending on alms and loans which turn into non-returnable debt, leading to their loss of sovereignty. Their outlook of "only money matters" overrides the survival interests of ordinary people facing the adverse effects of climate change.

Slowly, however, some kind of realisation is beginning to dawn about the harmful effects caused. The armed forces of some advanced nations are thinking of how to reduce the carbon emissions from combat hardware to achieve sustainable and achievable goals. But for now, these still seem to be a mirage.

In today's world, there are two broad ways to multilateral diplomacy: first, through 46 "arms control and disarmament agreements", and second, through 74 "international security co-operation bodies", which include the United Nations, NATO, the European Union and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

All these have effectively entangled the entire world. But one can also understand how varied and bizarre these binding systems can be from the bewildering variety of titles given to them, creating the impression of a global exercise in futility, making every diplomatic act appear artificial. All these agreements and alliances end up looking useless as they cannot contain or control the bilateral or multilateral arms trade between nation states, some of which are making astronomical profits by killing thousands and often destroying environment and climate forever.

Just consider two major conflicts of our times. First, the ongoing intra-Slav Russia-Ukraine race war, over two years old, in which more than 50 nations have now got entangled, killing the environment, contaminating water, destroying fertile land, murdering humans and injecting poison in air. What is the future of Europe, the cradle of recurring, prolonged mayhem since the days of the Roman Empire?

Second, the Levant's religious war of hatred between Muslims and Jews also spells disaster for both climate and human race. Starvation, famine, poisonous air, water and soil degradation will surely inflict generational damage to future children of congenital mental disability and incurable physical deformity.

Who should then bell the cat of catastrophe? Why is the entire Christian West, the advanced Jewish state and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation not trying to stop the potential Armageddon for the sake of "climate change", on which the politicians and diplomats of all countries talk long but act short? No wonder the types and numbers of bilateral, trilateral and multilateral "agreements" between nations have names which would be a true reflection of the indifference to, and collective failure of, the League of Nations between the two world wars and now the lame duck United Nations.

Frankly speaking, "climate change" will continue to degrade human life and help depraved political leaders, diplomats and others to lead us to inevitable doom. Most ambitious plans about tackling the warming planet are a joke: all talk and no action. The world's arms bazaar rules the roost and overrides all other factors. The West's "military industrial complex" is on the march, and any reversing of climate change is its first casualty.

### Harmonises with the fundamental tenets of self-leadership



By: Vijay GarG

s work dynamics evolve towards multi-location, knowledge-driven autonomy, employees' proactive task management is essential

While some suggest that work from home (WFH) offers greater autonomy, leading to increased family time and reduced commuting, others argue that it blurs the boundaries between work and home, potentially diminishing productivity. The co-location of work and home during WFH blurs the traditional separation between the workplace and the family domain. This integration can exacerbate conflicts between work and home

responsibilities, resulting in heightened levels of job dissatisfaction, anxiety and disengagement from

As individuals possess finite personal resources such as energy and attention, focusing on one role often depletes resources for another. For instance, individuals working from home full-time may frequently transition between work responsibilities and home duties, such as pausing work to attend to childcare or household tasks. These transitions can further strain individuals' capacity to effectively manage both work and personal responsibilities.

Boundary theory has become increasingly relevant in the context of WFH. Expanding upon this theory, it is observed that employees are more likely to transition between different roles on days when they are telecommuting compared to when they are physically present in the office. When employees work from home, both their work and home roles converge within the same physical space, creating a unique dynamic.

According to boundary theory, the nature of these role transitions can significantly impact conflicts between work and home domains. Certain types of role transitions may facilitate the blending of work and home responsibilities. For example, interrupting work to attend to familial duties, such as picking up children from school, can lead to conflicts arising from the home encroaching upon work time (home-work conflict). Subsequently, resuming work after attending to such responsibilities may trigger conflicts stemming from work encroaching upon home life (workhome conflict).

Organisations play a pivotal role in supporting employees by offering flexibility, particularly on days when they work from home, thereby assisting them in managing conflicts that arise when their work and home roles intersect. However, relying solely on organisational support may not offer a comprehensive solution.

The concept of self-leadership becomes invaluable during periods when employees face challenges arising from the blurred boundaries between work and home, particularly on remote workdays. The considerable expansion of remote and hybrid work in the aftermath of the pandemic underscores the importance for employees to proactively manage their responsibilities. Although remote work was not unprecedented, its widespread adoption during and following the

pandemic has been unmistakable. Evidence suggests that diverse remote work arrangements, encompassing hybrid models and full-time remote setups, are poised to remain prominent in the future of work.

While remote work has revealed advantages such as increased flexibility and job satisfaction, its implementation has also presented new hurdles. These include diminished managerial support, which can dampen professional creativity, hinder the willingness to share new ideas and diminish confidence.

The complexities of remote work, ranging from varying locations and home working conditions to frequent interruptions and diminished focus, emphasise the importance of self-leadership in today's professional realm.

Moreover, in the remote work setting, there is a heightened need for adaptability and the ability to navigate challenges independently, which harmonises with the fundamental tenets of self-leadership.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

### **GDC R S Pura commemorates World Red Cross Day**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: 'World Red Cross Day' is also known as Red Crescent Day. It is celebrated on May 8 every year to marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who is the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). He is also a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

With an objective to educate students to protect life, health and to ensure respect for every human being, the Red Ribbon Club in collaboration with IQAC of GDC R. S. Pura celebrated World Red Cross Day by organising a First Aid Activity to save lives under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Rajni Bhagat, Principal of the college and guidance of Prof Neelam Kumari,



Convener RRC.

During this activity, students were apprised about the Do's and Don'ts in situations like injuries, bee stings, fire accidents and electric shock. They learnt about the importance of administering first aid immediately by

using the material in First Aid Box like Cotton, Band Aid, Antiseptic Liquid, Medicines etc.

The students of the college were shown a PPT to create awareness about the seven Principles and history of Red

As youth are the future of our country, it's our responsibility to enrich their mind with beautiful experiences and promote the sense of safety. It was a lively fulfilling activity

The College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Rajni Bhagat of First Aid which promotes the sense of safety and security among stu-

She emphasised that students with good knowledge of First Aid are likely to be more alert and active. In the end, a tribute was paid to the volunteers who support millions of people in times of conflict, natural disaster and crisis.

The day was dedicated to the people who suffer from the shortage of food, natural calamities and war. The event was coordinated by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, Member, RRC.

The faculty members who's cooperation make the event successful were Prof. Priva Darshni. Dr. Rakesh Choudhary, and Zenab Ara Khan.

### Shradhanjali Samaroh organised to pay tributes to Rano Devi

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: A Shradhanjali Samaroh was organised in Municipal Community Facility Hall at Krishna Nagar here on Tuesday, wherein a large number of people from social and political fields paid tributes to Rano Devi, the most respected

While paying tribute, the religious teacher said, our whole life is nothing but a school; one huge life long school. We take many courses. Some are easy, and some are very tough. Our human bodies are special hosts that we merge with, in order to experience existence in this physical world. Every class we take in this school is customized for each and every one of us. Our ultimate goals are to elevate our souls to higher spiritual levels.

Basically, the higher you go, the more satisfaction you have, and the happier you become. The real you and I are the souls, not our human hosts. We souls are immortal, and cannot die. When our human hosts die, we just slip back to our real homes in the afterlife. We stay there



for varied periods of R&R, learning new things, and preparing for our next life, usually on earth.

Among others who paid tributes to Ex Corporator Jeet Angral, Ex Corporator Sham Bassan, Ex Corporator Balbir Kumar, R.K Kalsotra, R.L Kaith, Surjeet Heer, Tarsem Lal, Pawan Kumar, Chaman Lal. Sat Paul Surinder Kumar and Ram Lal.

### Army organises medical patrol for Gujjar & Bakarwals at Dera Ki Gali

**Top News Report** 

RAJOURI, May 8: Army carried out outreach medical drive to provide medical assistance to the Gujjar and Bakkarwals community living in remote villages of Der Ki Gali (DKG), Rajouri district to provide healthcare and advisories to their doorsteps

Through the mobile camp and patrol, Indian Army has addressed their healthcare needs with compassion prior to their routine nomadic migration to valley.

The Gujjar and Bakkarwals, owing to their migratory lifestyle often face healthcare issues ranging from infectious disease to maternal complications, exacerbated by factors such as poverty, illiteracy and geo-



representatives of Indian

Army provided medical graphic isolation. Medical facilities to the villages.

### TDF hails crusade against corruption by DC Doda

**Top News Report** 

DODA, May 8: Thathri Development Front (TDF)
District Doda Kuldeep Kumar Rao, along with its executive Members, in a press release issued here, have strongly hailed termination of two GRS (Gram Rozgar Sahayak) of Rural Development Department, posted in Jakyas Block of District Doda for their corrupt and unethical practices during the discharge of their legitimate & lawful duties on multiple occasions.

The Members of the Front further termed the action of DC Doda-Mr. Harvinder Singh IAS as most spectacular as a bold step to curb the menace of corruption in Rural Development Department.

The Members farther demanded that job cards in the entire District may

be scrutinized so that only deserving and most poor persons can get the

benefit of the scheme. The Members urged upon all the concerned to eulogize so that huge mess of corruption in all blocks gets a blow to cleanse the corrupt practices at the cost of poor and deserving people.

They further said that Rural agency in respect of developmental activities have got a very bad name and is being termed as den of corruption particularly when so called popular government is not in place. The bold action of DC Doda Harvinder Singh need be hailed by the government and all Deputy Commissioners may be encouraged to follow the path shown by Deputy Commissioner Doda so that death blow is given to the

### **Greening GDC Thannamandi: Plantation Drive Transforms College Landscape**

**Top News Report** 

THANNAMANDI, May 8: GDC Thannamandi, a quaint institution renowned for its natural beauty, witnessed a remarkable transformation as the Beautification Committee in Collaboration with NSS Unit of the college spearheaded a comprehensive plantation drive.

This initiative, conducted under the guidance of Dr. Farooq Ahmed Principal of the college, as part of the campuses' beautification efforts, aimed to enhance GDC Thannamandi's aesthetic appeal while fostering a culture of environmental responsibility

The plantation drive saw enthusiastic participation from a diverse array of students, NSS volunteers, including staff

Kicking off with a vibrant inauguration ceremony by Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Senior most faculty, each participant underscored the significance of sustainable development and community engagement. Armed with shovels and saplings, volunteers then dispersed across Thannamandi, planting trees and greenery in strategic locations inside the campus

The plantation drive represents a collective commitment to preserving our natural heritage and promoting a greener, more sustainable future for Thannamandi," remarked Prof. Fatima Parveen, Convener Beautification Committee. Through collaborative efforts, we aim to create inviting green spaces that enhance

community well-being and environmental resilience.

The impact of the plantation drive extends far beyond the addition of greenery to GDC Thannamandi's landscape. It serves as a testament to the power of collaborative action and environmental stewardship in effecting positive change. By nurturing a sense of pride and responsibility among residents, the initiative lays the groundwork for a more vibrant, resilient community.

Others present in the program included Prof. Asif Ajaz Lone NSS Program Officer, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Dr. Gulshan Rashid, Rakesh Puri Physical Director, Prof. Rizwana Kouser, Prof. Nagina Kouser besides members of non teaching staff.

### Literary Club inaugurated at MIER **College of Education**



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: The inaugural function of the Literary Club was held in MIER College of Education with great enthusiasm. Dr Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College of Education, Rupa Gupta, Joint Director MIER, Dr Nishta Rana HOD School of Education, Dr. Monika Bajaj, HOD School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Dy. HoD Dr. Bharti Tandon, Jasleen Mohial, Coordinator IQAC, faculty members and the students of both the Schools of MIER College of Education attended the program.

The event aimed to foster a love for literature, creativity, and expression among the students. It showcased various activities including a humorous One-Act Play, storytelling session, surprising facts about great authors and book review.

The inaugural function of the Literary Club was a resounding success, bringing together students with a passion for literature and creativity. Overall, the inaugural function of the Literary Club was a testament to the power of literature to unite, inspire, and entertain. It left a lasting

impression on all those who attended, igniting a spark of curiosity and appreciation for the written word.

The event kicked off with a poem recitation by Prableen Kaur, a student of BA (Hons) Psychology semester IV. Following this, the blind-dating oneact comedy by Jonathan Rand was performed by the club members Arzoo Sharma, Yashaswi, Charu Rajput, Naman, Jaspreet, Aarohi and Aaraghya

The play, titled "Check Please," depicted humorous situations and characters, drawing laughter and applause from the

The audience was then treated to a captivating storytelling session by Charu Rajput, a student of BA (Hons) English. The storytelling session not only entertained but also highlighted the power of storytelling as a means of communication and

expression. The event also featured insightful book review presented by BA (Hons) Psychology student Sehaj Chawla on Good Vibes, Good Life authored by Vex King. She provided an overview of the content, themes, and the reviewer's personal Through this review, the audience gained valuable insights into different genres and authors, inspiring them to explore new literary avenues.

Mehak Mattoo and Yashaswi Thusoo presented some amazing facts about the great authors and personalities born in the month of April.

Dr. Adit Gupta appreciated the Literary Club for organizing the event. Speaking on the occasion he said that the Literary Club will provide a platform for expression. entertainment, and intellectual engagement.

This event will set the tone for future activities of the club, promising more enriching literary experiences for the entire student community.

The programme was ably coordinated by Dr. Reeta Dwivedi and Dr. Sahil Bhagat. Aarzoo Sharma, a student of BA (Hons) English semester IV formally welcomed the audience, Dr. Reeta Dwivedi spoke about the introduction, vision & objectives of the club. Ananya, BA (Hons), Psychology semester IV, compered the programme and Mehak presented the formal vote of

### GDC Vijaypur organises lecture on Rabindra Nath Tagore: A Naturalist Philosopher

**Top News Report** 

VIJAYPUR, May 8: NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of Government Degree College (GDC) Vijaypur organizes Special Lecture on Rabindra Nath Tagore guided by the unwavering vision of Principal of the College Dr. (Prof.) Vandana Gupta.

Lecture was organized on the theme 'Rabindra Nath Tagore: A Naturalist Philosopher' to celebrate birth anniversary of the famous poet, writer, playwright, composer. philosopher and a social reformer

The lecture was also aimed at imparting infor-



mation about the awareness of voting and its rights.

The lecture was delivered by Prof. Ritu Bhagat, Head Department of Education to provide knowledge to the students

regarding the life history of Rabinder Nath Tagore and his contributions in the field of Education, as

a naturalist philosopher. In her lecture, she focused that as a naturalist philosopher Tagore

always advocated freedom and liberty for the students in the educational environment and how his philosophy helped in developing a child-centered education system. The program was attended by faculty members, college students and NSS volunteers of the college.

The program received positive feedback from the students, who found it informative and engaging. Students actively

attended the lecture. The Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Vandana Gupta appreciated the efforts of the NSS in

organizing such an informative and educative lecture and also for making aware students about the educational contributions of Rabinder Nath Tagore.

The program was organized with the full support and coordination of the senior faculty member of the college Dr. Anoop Bhagat (HOD Sociology).

The event was coordinated by Prof. Ritu Bhagat (Coordinator NSS) and Dr. Naseem Chowdhary (NSS PO) and co-coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan (HOD Environmental Sciences) and Prof. Renuka Kundal.

### JNV Arnora hosts Multi Speciality health camp in memory of Raja Anayatullah Khan

**Top News Report** 

DODA, May 8: To pay tribute and homage to Noted Social Activist Late Raja Anayatullah Khan and continuing its mission, a one day multi speciality mega health camp was held at JNV School Arnora Ghat in District Doda, on the eve

of World Red Cross Day. The camp was organized by Social Workers Forum (NGO) in collaboration with District Administration, District Health Society and JNV School Arnora in memory of Late Raja Anayatullah Khan, who was the founder member & Chairman of the forum, which aims to enhance healthcare accessibility, ensuring that quality healthcare is within everyone's reach.

The camp was inaugu-



rated by Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh along with CMO Doda, Dr Om Kumar, CPO Doda, Principal JNV School Arnora Kheem Chand, BMO Ghat, Dr Abdul Gafoor and members of SWF Doda.

The camp provided an array of specialized medical services encompassing consultations with experts from diverse fields such as General Physician, Orthopedics, Dermatology, Child Specialist, Ophthalmology,

AYUSH OPD besides NCD screening, Hb testing and other diagnostic tests and essential medicines were rendered free of cost to all patients by the forum.

Earlier before the start of the camp, an impressive function was organized by the NGO, where the speakers paid rich tributes to Late Raja Anayatullah Khan and recalled his dedicated services towards society and his grateful contributions in the past successful

camps besides the NGO members underscored the paramount importance of such camps in elevating the overall health & well being of the community.

On this occasion, the DC Doda along with NGO members presented the Posthumous Award to the family of Late Khan. as a token of love and his laudable contribution in the field of social work.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Doda appreciated the efforts and achievements made by the SWF Doda in successfully organizing 19 camps in the past. The DC praised the services of the health fraternity towards the people and also praised the services of NGO, in organizing such a mega camp in the camp.

During the camp, a huge footfall of patients including students were witnessed in which the medical team examined more than 350 patients of different ailments. Moreover, free Sanitary Napkins were also distributed among 150 girls students of JNV Arnora.

The altruistic endeavor benefited a wide spectrum of individuals, particularly those from financially disadvantaged backgrounds.

The 20th Multi-Specialty Mega Health Camp organized by SWF Doda is a testament to the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders in the community to address healthcare needs and contribute to the well-being of the residents of Doda District, which have been commended greatly by the local population.

### Singer Drake's Toronto mansion targeted in drive-by shooting, security guard injured

Authorities secure video footage from security cameras positioned outside his home

Drake's Toronto mansion became the focal point of a drive-by shooting incident in the early hours of Tuesday morning, leaving a security guard seriously injured.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Toronto police swiftly responded to the scene at Bayview Avenue and Lawrence Avenue in the city's Bridle Path district, where a security guard, stationed outside Drake's residence, fell victim to the attack.

The wounded guard was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Inspector Paul Krawczyk, speaking at a press conference held outside Drake's residence, provided preliminary details of the incident.

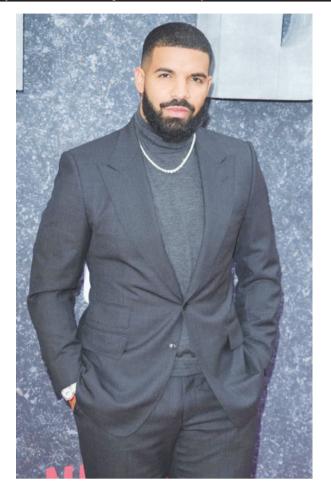
As per The Hollywood Reporter, he said, "That person was working

apparently as a security guard at the residence. He was standing outside the gates in front of the residence when the shooting occurred," Authorities have secured video footage from security cameras positioned outside Drake's home, capturing the sequence of events.

als who obviously performed the shooting, who were seen in a vehicle. I do not have a description of the vehicle or the suspects at this time. Again, it's very early on in the investigation," remarked Krawczyk, underscoring the ongoing efforts to piece together crucial information.

"We have individu-

While the investigation unfolds, speculation arises in light of the ongoing feud between Drake and fellow rapper



Recent developments in their musical spat, with Drake's release of 'The Heart Part 6' countering Lamar's allegations, have thrust their rivalry into the spotlight.

However, Krawczyk refrained from drawing direct connections, stating, "It is so early in the investigation that we don't have a motive at this time," according to The Hollywood Reporter.

As the investigation progresses, Toronto police will conduct thorough inquiries within the neighbourhood, seeking potential witnesses and additional video footage to shed light on the circumstances surrounding the shooting.

As per the reports, Drake is safe and cooperating with the authori-

#### 'Nature heals us': Nargis Fakhri wants to live in the woods



Actress Nargis Fakhri desires to live in the

woods, as she says there is nothing better

than spending days amid nature.

Nargis took to her Instagram Stories and shared a video where she is seen trekking through the woods. Without sharing details about her whereabouts, Nargis wrote, "I want to live in the woods, there is nothing better than waking up to this and spending your days in nature. I feel so grateful and blessed; nature heals us.'

Talking about her work, Nargis, who made her Bollywood debut in 2011 with the Ranbir Kapoor-starrer Rockstar, was last seen in the Hindi comedy Shiv Shastri Balboa, starring Anupam Kher and Neena Gupta. The actress will next be seen in the Telugu period action adventure film Hari Hara Veera Mallu Part 1 — Sword vs Spirit, starring Pawan Kalyan and Bobby Deol. The film is reportedly set in the Mughal era.

#### Divyanka Tripathi flies to hometown Bhopal, casts vote with 'sehat ka rakhwala' hubby

Actress Divyanka Tripathi Dahiya on Tuesday took a flight to her hometown Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, saying she is 'off to vote'.

Divyanka was accompanied by her husband, Vivek Dahiya, to cast her vote in the third phase of the Lok Sabha election.

Taking to Instagram stories, the actress shared a video from the flight, wearing a blue chikankari kurta set.

In the video, she can be heard saying, "Off to Bhopal to cast vote. Taking my hubby with me, he is my 'sehat ka rakhwala'." To which Vivek responded, "At your service, ma'am.'

In another video, Divyanka can be seen dressed up in a Barbie pink-coloured ethnic outfit, with her hair left loose and adorned with



a pink bindi and matching lipstick. She accessorised the look with sunglasses.

The actress said in the video, "Off to vote."

The 39-year-old actress is currently recovering from a forearm fracture. On the work front, she last featured in 'Adrishy

am' as Inspector Parvati Sehgal.

It stars Eijaz Khan as Ravi Verma.

The show is streaming

on Sony LIV.

### Kangana Ranaut claims 'after Amitabh Bachchan, I am the one who gets respect in industry', netizen says 'chall jhuthi'

Actor and BJP candidate Kangana Ranaut--in a rally in Himachal Pradesh--compared herself to Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan.

In a video, she is heard saying: "I can confidently say after Amitabh Bachchan ji, I am the one who gets warmth, love and respect from everyone in the industry."

The video, which has gone viral, is flooded with thousands of comments with one saying "she will singly-handedly increase 30-40 seats of Congress", another wrote: "Congress ko yahi jitayegi". "Chall jhuthi," was another comment.

In a gaffe, recently, Ranaut mistakenly named her party colleague Tejasvi Surya while intending to target RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav during an election rally.

The faux pas also elicited a response from the former Bihar deputy chief minister.

Addressing a gathering in the Sundernagar area of Himachal



Pradesh's Mandi, Ranaut -- the BJP candidate from the Mandi Lok Sabha seat -- while referring to the INDIA bloc, said the opposition alliance is full of "spoiled princes".

"Bigde hue shehzadon ke ek party hai, chahe woh Rahul Gandhi ho jayen, jinhe chand mein aalo ugane ho; Tejasvi



Surya ho jayen, jo apni gundagardi karte hai, machli uchal uchal ke khate hai (There is a party of spoiled princes like Rahul Gandhi who wants to grow potatoes on the moon or Tejasvi Surya who does hooliganism and shows off while eating fish)...," she had said, after which several netizens poked fun at her on social

Tejasvi Surya is the Bangalore South MP and the party's candidate from the same constituency while Tejashwi Yadav is an RJD leader who recently came under fire from the BJP after he posted a clip in which he is eating fish during the Navratri festival.

On Saturday, Yadav reacted to Ranaut's gaffe, sharing a clip of her speech with a cryptic remark, saying, "Yeh kaun mohtarma hain? (Who is this

lady?)." Kangana Ranaut, will fight Congress candidate Vikramaditya Singh, Himachal Pradesh Public Works Minister and a scion of erstwhile Rampur estate, from the Mandi parliamentary seat.

Vikramaditya is the son of six-time chief minister late Virbhadra Singh and state Congress chief Pratibha Singh.

### AI-generated pictures of Katy Perry at Met Gala 2024 go viral, says, 'couldn't make it to the MET'

#### She is the victim of this year's AI mishap

A realistic Al-generated photo of Katy Perry at Met Gala 2024 went viral despite the pop star skipping out on the A-list event of the year, reported Page Six.

The fake photo of the singer circulated on X, depicting her on the stairs of The Metropolitan Museum of Art dressed in a light beige embroidered gown with flowers and a moss border for the subject 'Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion'. Her beautiful black hair reached her waist and was styled light waves with a middle part.

Perry, 39, was also seen sporting little makeup and a light red lip in the lovely simulated image.

More than 9.6 million people have watched the photo, with 56,000

resharing it. According to Page Six, fans were convinced the

singer made a statement at the event, most missed that the carpet in the photo matches the cream and red design from the 2018 Met Gala rather than the cream and green carpet from this year.

'I can't at everyone falling for this, this isn't even the same carpet,' one person commented under the snap.

Perry also took to Instagram to mock the Al-generated photo, captioning it, 'Couldn't make it to the MET, had to work.'

She also shared a screenshot of a text exchange with her mother, Mary Perry, in which the matriarch was similarly duped.

'Didn't know you went to the Met,' Mary wrote. 'What a gorgeous gown, you look like the Rose Parade, you are your own float.

'lol mom the AI got you



too, BEWARE!' Katy responded.

Despite the photo being fake, several agreed Katy's altered look was their favourite of the night.

'My favorite [look] so far,' a fan wrote.

'She understood. Gorgeous,' a second chimed in.

'This is AI, but would have definitely been one of the best looks if it were real,' another added.

The 'American Idol' judge hasn't attended the Met Gala since 2022 when she turned heads in a black Oscar de la Renta gown. Katy has been known

to attend the event in outrageous looks, such as a cheeseburger and a chandelier in 2019.

While she was the victim of this year's Al mishap, Selena Gomez experienced the same thing the year before.

#### Nia Sharma has got 'separate issues in life': Her pictures show why



Actress Nia Sharma, who is currently busy shooting for her upcoming show 'Suhaagan Chudail', revealed her 'separate' issue of looking "flat" while taking pictures.

Nia took to her Ins-

tagram stories and shared glimpses from the shoot, including pictures and videos.

The actress first shared a photo featuring the 'team behind the

promo'. Following that, she shared a video showcasing her back as the camera captured her while she stood on the road in a costume.

The actress then shared another video of herself posing for the camera and could be heard asking, "Do I look flat?"

Nia shared the video with the caption, 'I got separate issues in life (sic).

In the last image, she was seen flaunting her long, painted-black toenails.

The 33-year-old actress, who started her acting journey with 'Kaali - Ek Agnipariksha' in 2010, will be seen playing a negative character in 'Suhaagan Chudail', depicted as one who kills married men and gains power

Details about the show are still under wraps. However, the cast includes names such as Zayn Ibad Khan, Sachin Khurana, Subhalaxmi Das and Araddhana Sharma, among others.

through their demise.

### India won't tolerate insult on basis of skin colour: **Modi slams Pitroda's alleged racist comments**

Modi launched an all-out attack on the Congress over Sam Pitroda's remarks while addressing a rally in Telangana

WARANGAL, May 8 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday attacked the Congress over its party leader Sam Pitroda's alleged comments over skin colour and asserted that the countrymen would not tolerate insult on the basis of skin colour.

Hitting out at top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Modi said he has now understood that the national party sought to defeat President Droupadi Murmu in the presidential poll as her "skin colour is dark".

As Pitroda's reported comments kicked up a row, Modi asked, "will the ability of people be decided in my country on the basis of skin colour."

"Who gave the permission to 'shehzada' for this game of skin colour," he asked. Pitroda's alleged comments that people in the East in India resembled



the Chinese, while those from the South looked like Africans, had kicked up a row.

"I am angry today. If anyone abuses me, I don't get angry. I can tolerate that. But, the philosopher of 'shehzada' gave such a big abuse which has filled me with anger," Modi said.

Referring to Rahul Gandhi showing Constitution in his election rallies, he asked whether those who dance by keeping Constitution on their head were insulting the countrymen on the basis of skin

India would not tolerate insult to the countrymen on the basis of skin colour, he said, adding 'shehzade' (Rahul Gandhi) must answer.

Modi also said he has now come to know as to why Congress had sought to defeat Murmu in the presidential elections despite her having a great reputation.

"I came to know today that an uncle of 'shehzada' lives in America. The uncle is his philosopher and guide," he said in an apparent reference to Sam Pitroda.

"Shehzada's philosopher and guide uncle has opened a big secret. He said those whose skin colour is dark, they are all from Africa," he said

That means, he (Pitroda) has abused so many people of the country on the basis of skin colour, he alleged.

Whatever is the colour of skin, the countrymen worship Lord Sri Krishna whose skin colour was like all of us, Modi said.

### 'Times are changing': Congress chief Kharge after PM Modi's Ambani-Adani jibe

Kharge was reacting to PM's attack on Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for halting the barrage of abuses he habitually hurled at Adani and Ambani for 5 years



NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): After prime minister takes up Ambani and Adani while on campaign trail in Telangana on Wednesday the Congress said his jibes at "industralist friends" was a signal that his chair in the PMO was in danger.

"Times are changing. Friends are no longer friends...! After completion of three phases of elections, today the Prime Minister has started attacking his own friends. It is becoming clear that Modiji's chair is shaking. This is the real trend of the result,"

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Wednesday.

Kharge was reacting to PM's attack on Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for halting the barrage of abuses he habitually hurled at Adani and Ambani for five years.

PM suggested a "deal between Congress and top industrialists" behind Gandhi's silence on the business honchos whom he had consistently attacked for five years.

PM asked Gandhi how many bags of black money he had received from Adani and Ambani in exchange for his silence on the alleged crony capitalism.

#### 90 per cent of 7.55 lakh students clear West Bengal class 12 board examination

KOLKATA, May 8 (Agencies): The West Bengal Council of Higher Education on Wednesday announced the results of Class 12 with nearly 90 per cent of the students clearing the examination.

West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education President Chiranjib Bhattacharya told a press conference that the pass percentage in this year's class 12 examination was 89.98.

He said among the districts, Purba Medinipur topped the list of successful candidates with 95.77 per cent.

Bhattacharya said 7,55,324 students appeared in the class 12 examination this year of which around 56 per cent were girls.

Last year, the pass percentage in the class 12 examination was 89 per cent.

This year, 42.9 per cent of students got over 60 per cent or above marks while 1.23 per cent got over 90 per cent

58 students secured the first ten ranks. 23 among them are girls.



Avik Das from McWilliam Higher Secondary School was the topper, getting 496 marks out of 500 with 99.2 per cent. Soumyadip Saha of Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya in South 24 Parganas got the second rank (495 marks) while Abhishek Gupta of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Vidyamandir of Malda secured third position with 494 marks.

Two girls secured the fourth rank. The results were declared within 69 days of the examination held between February 16 and 29.

### CBI arrests 4 men for trafficking Indians to Russia-Ukraine war zone

NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): Four men, including a translator, were arrested on the charges of trafficking Indian nationals to Russia under the quise of better employment and then sending them to the Russia-Ukraine war zone, a CBI official said on Wednesday.

The officials said that Arun and Yesudas Junior a.k.a Priyan, both residents of Trivandrum, Kerala, were arrested on Tuesday.

Two other accused, Nijil Jobi Bensam, a resident of Kanyakumari and Anthony Michael Elangovan, a resident of Mumbai, were nabbed on April 24.

A senior Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) official said that on March 6, the agency had busted a major human trafficking network running across the country targeting gullible youths on the promise of offering lucrative jobs abroad.



These traffickers have been operating as an organised network and were luring Indian nationals through social media channels like YouTube etc. and also through their local contacts/agents for highly paid jobs in Russia.

"Thereafter, the trafficked Indian Nationals were trained in combat roles and deployed at front bases in the Russia -Ukraine War Zone against their wishes, thus, putting their lives in grave danger," said a senior CBI official.

As per CBI, it has been ascertained that some of the victims also got grievously injured in the war zone.

"A case of human trafficking was registered against private Visa Consultancy Firms and agents who were involved in the trafficking of Indian Nationals to Russia under the guise of better employment and high-paying jobs. The human trafficking network of these agents is spread over several States across the

country and beyond," said the official.

The official further said that Nijil Jobi Bensam was working in Russia on a contract basis as a Translator and was one of the key members of the network operating in Russia for facilitating the recruitment of Indian nationals in the Russian Army.

"Michael Anthony was facilitating his co-accused Faisal Baba based in Dubai and others based in Russia in getting the Visa processing done in Chennai and booking the air tickets for victims to go to Russia," said the official.

"Arun and Yesudas were the main recruiters of Indian nationals belonging to Kerala and Tamil Nadu for the Russian Army. The investigation is continuing against other accused persons who are part of this international network of human traffickers," the official added.

#### Malayalam news channel cameraman killed in elephant attack; Kerala CM, LoP condole his death

PALAKKAD. Mav 8 (Agencies): In a shocking incident, a cameraman of a leading Malayalam news channel was killed in a wild elephant attack while reporting in this north Kerala district on Wednesday.

A V Mukesh (34), working with Mathrubhumi News, was seriously injured in the elephant attack when he and the reporter were capturing visuals of the movement of the strayed elephant herd, channel sources said.

The tragedy struck the hapless cameraman when he was shooting the visuals of jumbos crossing a river in a place located between Malambuzha and Kanjikode.

It is an area that witnesses frequent straying of wild elephants, locals

Though the reporter and the driver of the vehicle could manage to run away to safety, Mukesh was attacked and seriously injured by a jumbo.

He was rushed to a nearby hospital but he could not be saved, they

Hailing from Parappanangadi in Malappuram district, Mukesh had been working in the Palakkad bureau of the Mathrubhumi News for the last one year.

He had been part of



the New Delhi bureau of the channel for several years.

Mukesh also proved his skills in reporting by penning over 100 articles in Mathrubhumi online as part of

a column titled "Athiieevanam," in which he depicted the lives of marginalised people.

His colleagues remembered that his articles in the column helped invite attention of authorities

and the general public to the plight of the poor and marginalised.

They also said Mukesh used to provide financial assistance to those persons whom he had mentioned in his column by collecting money from

his salary. He is survived by his

Meanwhile, people from various walks of life, including Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly V D Satheesan and ministers A K Saseendran, M B Rajesh, Saji Cheriyan and others condoled the shocking demise of the cameraman.

### Man live-streams from poll booth in Gujarat, detained for bogus voting

DAHOD, May 8 (Agencies): A man has been detained for alleged bogus voting after he live-streamed from inside a poll booth in the Dahod Lok Sabha constituency, officials

said on Wednesday. The Congress has claimed that the man, Vijay Bhabhor, is the son of a local BJP leader and accused him of "insulting democracy" by going live on Instagram from the booth.

The police in the state's Mahisagar district detained Bhabhor and another man after the opposition complained to the Election Commission with a copy of the video. Though Bhabhor deleted the video after it drew criticism, the clip had gone viral on social media by then.

The incident of a man relaying a video live on Instagram after going to a poll booth to cast his vote is being probed, Dahod Returning Officer Nirgude Babanrao said.

"We have received the video with a complaint and an investigation is underway," he said.

Of the 26 Lok Sabha seats in Gujarat, polling was held in 25 constituencies on Tuesday in the third phase of the

general elections. The BJP candidate in Surat has won unopposed.

The incident happened at a polling booth at Parthampur in Mahisagar district under Dahod parliamentary constituency, Mahisagar Superintendent of Police Jaydeepsinh Jadeja

"We have detained two persons and action is being taken based on the FIR registered by the presiding officer under the Representative of the People Act for bogus voting," Jadeja said.

He said Bhabhor went to the poll booth to cast his vote at 5.49 pm and left by 5.54 pm.

In those five minutes, he went live on Instagram and also allegedly cast votes on behalf of two other electors, resorting to bogus voting, he said.

Prabha Taviad is the Congress candidate in the constituency. She is pitted against incumbent MP Jasvantsinh Bhab-

Congress spokesperson Manish Doshi said they have repolling at booth number 220 in Parthampur over the incident.

"Son of a BJP leader

at Mahisagar played with the EVM machine and abused the Election Commission by creating a live video of booth capturing and thereby insulting democracy,' Doshi said.

A Congress leader shared the purported video on his X handle. "BJP leader's son Vijay Bhabhor captures the booth in Parthampur Village, Santrampur. He goes live on social media while doing the same and is seen threatening poll officials," he claimed.

The video shows Bhabhor purportedly focusing the camera on **EVM** (Electronic Voting Machine) and VVPAT (Voter verifiable paper audit Trail) machine and seeking five to ten minutes from a poll official even when he is asked to leave. Bhabhor purportedly also says that "only the BJP works here". His accomplice was also seen in the

"The machine belongs to my father. Only one thing works - that is BJP," says Bhabhor before pressing a button on the EVM, as per the video. "Only Vijay Bhabhor works here," he purportedly says.

### Ghaziabad Woman's "Jealous" Ex-Lover Kills Her Daughter, **Injures Son-In-Law**

GHAZIABAD, May 8 (Agencies): An extramarital affair, a deadly clash, and lives shattered in the wake of a lover's fury - Ghaziabad's latest crime story looks like a page taken out of a David Baldacci novel. The victim, an 18-year-old woman named Jyoti, had travelled from her in-laws' home in Uttar Pradesh's Babrala town to care for her ailing mother, Champa Devi who is a cancer patient, in Ghaziabad's Indirapuram area.

Lalitesh, Jyoti's husband and an e-rickshaw driver accompanied her to Champa Devi's home. On Tuesday, a man identified as Bobby unleashed a frenzied knife attack on Champa Devi. In an attempt to shield her, Jyoti and Lalitesh intervened, only for Jyoti to die in the clash, and Lalitesh to sustain



serious injuries. The couple had married just

six months ago.

As the dust settled on the ghastly scene, the details behind the attack began to unravel. According to the police, Bobby was released from the Gautam Buddha Nagar jail merely 15 days ago. He was romantically involved with Champa Devi whose affections had shifted towards another man named Ajay during Bobby's absence. Champa Devi's first husband is dead and his second husband is disabled and lives in Bihar.

Enraged by Champa Devi's affair with another man, Bobby had first called Ajay and threatened him before paying the family a visit. He was accompanied by another man when he arrived at Champa Devi's residence.

During Bobby's knife attack, with Jyoti and Lalitesh tussling with him, Champa Devi dashed for the police station near her home. Police personnel soon arrived on the scene arrested Bobby and took a bleeding Jyoti to a hospital where she later died. An investigation is underway to track down the man who had accompanied Bobby, police said today.

### **US, Australian and Philippine forces sink ship during** war drills in disputed South China Sea

China has warned that deepening security alliance between Washington and Manila should not harm its security and territorial interests or interfere in territorial disputes

LAOAG (PHILIPPINES), May 8 (Agencies): Military force from the United States, Australian and the Philippines launched a barrage of highprecision rockets, artillery fire and airstrikes to sink a ship on Wednesday as part of largescale war drills in waters facing the disputed South China Sea that have antagonized Beijing.

Military officials and diplomats from several countries, along with journalists, watched the display of firepower from a hilltop along a sandy coast in Laoag City on Wednesday in Ilocos Norte, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s northern home province.

More than 16,000 military personnel from the United States and the Philippines, backed by a few hundred Australian troops and military observers from 14 countries were participating in annual combat-readiness drills called Balikatan, Tagalog for shoulder-to-shoulder, which started on April 22 and will end on Friday.

It's the latest indication of how the United States and the Philippines have bolstered a defence treaty alliance that started in the 1950s.

Marcos has ordered his military to shift its focus to external defense from decadeslong domestic anti-insurgency operations as China's increasingly aggressive actions in the South China Sea become a top concern. That strategic shift dovetails with the efforts of President Joe Biden and his administration to reinforce an arc of alliances in the Indo-Pacific region to counter China.

China has angered the Philippines by repeatedly harassing its navy and coast guard ships with the use of powerful water cannons, a military-grade laser,



blocking movements and other dangerous maneuvers in the high seas near two disputed South China Sea shoals that have led to minor collisions. Those have caused several injuries to Filipino navy personnel and damaged supply boats.

"We're under the gun," Philippine ambassador to Washington Jose Romualdez told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"We don't have the wherewithal to be able to fight all of this bullying coming from China so where else will we go?" Romualdez asked. "We went to the right party which is the United States and those that believe in what the U.S. is doing."

China has accused the Philippines of setting off the hostilities in the disputed waters by encroaching into what it says are its offshore territories, demarcated by 10 dashes on a map. This has often prompted the Chinese coast guard and navy to take steps to expel Philippine coast guard and other vessels from that area. The Philippines, backed by the U.S. and its allies and security partners, has repeatedly cited

torical grounds. China did not participate in the arbitration complaint filed by the Philippines in 2013, rejected the ruling, and continues to defy it.

a 2016 international arbitra-

tion ruling based on the United

Nations Convention of the Law

of the Sea that invalidated

China's claim over virtually the

entire South China Sea on his-

After an hour of the combatreadiness drills, black smoke started to billow from the stern of the mock enemy ship that was struck by missile fire and it started to sink ,as shown on a monitor watched by foreign military guests and journalists. US and Philippine warplanes later dropped bombs on the BRP Lake Caliraya, the target ship, which was made in China but decommissioned by the Philippine navy in 2020 due to mechanical and electrical issues, according to Philippine

military officials. Philippine military officials said the maneuvers would bolster the country's coastal defence and disaster-response capabilities and claimed they were not aimed at any country. China has opposed military

drills involving U.S. forces in the region as well as increasing U.S. military deployments, which it warned would ratchet up tensions and hamper regional stability and peace.

Washington and Beijing have been on a collision course over China's increasingly assertive actions to defend its vast territorial claims in the South China Sea, and Beijing's stated goal of annexing Taiwan, by force if necessary.

In February last year, Marcos approved a wider U.S. military presence in the Philippines by allowing rotating groups of American military forces to stay in four more Philippine military camps. That was a sharp turnaround from his predecessor Rodrigo Duterte, who feared that a larger American military footprint could antagonize Beijing.

China strongly opposed the move, which would allow US forces to establish staging grounds and surveillance posts in the northern Philippines across the sea from Taiwan, and in western Philippine provinces facing the South China

China has warned that a deepening security alliance between Washington and Manila and their ongoing military drills should not harm its security and territorial interests or interfere in the territorial disputes. The Philippines countered that it has the right to defend its sovereignty and territorial interests.

"An alliance is very important to show China that you may have all the ships that you have, but we have a lot of firepower to sink all of them," Romualdez said.

### Pakistan court orders ex-PM Imran Khan's wife to shift to jail from house arrest, lawyer says



ISLAMABAD, May 8 (Agencies): A court in Pakistan granted a request on Wednesday by the wife of former Prime Minister Imran Khan to be moved to jail, her lawyer said, instead of the house arrest ordered by the gov-

In her petition to the Islamabad High Court, Bushra Bibi had accused authorities of violating her privacy and serving contaminated food in her home cell, which she and her lawvers said was dominated by men, a charge the prison staff has denied.

Bibi says she has been detained in one room at Khan's hilltop mansion in Islamabad since the couple's January conviction on charges of illegally selling state gifts.

Through her lawyers Bibi had asked to be shifted to jail, which authorities complied with shortly after the court issued the order, her party and a local administration official Afzaal Ahmad said.

The court ordered authorities to shift her to Adyala jail in the garrison city of Rawalpindi, where Khan, 70, a former cricket superstar, is serving his 14-year sentence, his party said in a statement.

The party said Bibi's shift to jail will answer critics that her stay at home instead of prison was part of some deal to seek concessions from the govern-

Pakistan army spokesperson Major General Ahmed Sharif said on Tuesday in response to a question that it was not possible to open talks for any deal with a party that had been involved in attacks against the state institutions.

He was referring to Khan party supporters storming and burning military installations on May 9

last year to protest against the former cricketer's arrest, saying those behind the attacks needed to seek forgiveness before asking for any negotiations.

Asad Qaisar, a close aide of Khan, told local ARY TV that any kind of apol-

ogy was out of the question. Khan was ousted from power in 2022, which he blamed on a conspiracy backed by the military after he had

fallen out with powerful army generals. The military has denied the accusa-

#### Cargo plane makes an emergency landing at Istanbul Airport after front landing gear fails

ISTANBUL, May 8 (Agencies): A cargo aircraft made an emergency landing at Istanbul Airport on Wednesday after its front landing gear failed.

A video on social media showed the Boeing 767, belonging to FedEx Express,

using the back landing gear and then dipping its nose with the front portion of the fuselage.

The plane was on the last leg of its flight from Paris to Istanbul when the pilots realised the front landing gear failed to open, state-run Anadolu Agency said.

No one was injured and the crew safely evacuated the aircraft, said Abdulkadir Uraloglu, Turkiye's transportation and infrastructure minister.

The runway where the plane landed was closed off while the aircraft was being removed, he said.

### North Korea's Kim Jong Un Demolishes Multiple Buildings At His Own Palace: Report

SEOUL, May 8 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has reportedly demolished several buildings at one of his luxurious residences, according to experts and satellite images. The aerial images of the Ryokpo Palace complex show a dirt lot where a blueroofed mansion once stood, as first reported by anonymous North Korean analyst "Nobody German" on X. Notably, according to Newsweek, the Ryokpo Palace, located on the outskirts of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, is Kim Jong Un's winter palace complex and serves as a stark reminder of his opulent lifestyle.

Sharing the satellite images on X, @ NobodyGerman wrote,



"The latest satellite images show that Kim Jong Un's Ryokpo Palace residence is being removed or remodelled. The Removal began around 29th April".

Citing North Koreafocused news outlet NK Pro. Newsweek reported that the main residential buildings and auxiliary structures were likely torn down sometime between April 21 and April 25. An expert told the publica-

tion that the demolition work suggests possible transformations, including potential transfers of the property to military use. It points out that it would be in line with Kim Jong Un's recent efforts to modernise is armed forces.

Experts said that the move could be related to the North Korean leader's designs to give the military an expanded role in national development or to consolidate military facilities.

Meanwhile, this comes weeks after Kim Jong Un's sister, Kim Yo Jong, said that the country will continue to build overwhelming and the strongest military power to protect its sovereignty and regional peace.

According to Newsweek, it also comes after Kim Jong Un's regime changed the country's constitution to label South Korea as the "principal enemy" and dismantled organisations tasked with promoting inter-Korean cooperation or a prounification code. Pyongyang has also continued its steady development of increasingly capable ballistic missiles and is continuing its nuclear weapons program in defiance of United Nations Security Council resolutions.

### US paused bomb shipment to Israel to signal concerns over Rafah invasion, official says

WASHINGTON, May 8 (Agencies): The US paused a shipment of bombs to Israel last week over concerns that Israel was approaching a decision on launching a full-scale assault on the southern Gaza city of Rafah against the wishes of the US, a senior administration

official said. The shipment was supposed to consist of 1,800-2,000 pound (900 kilogram) bombs and 1,700-500 pound (225 kilogram) bombs, according to the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive matter, with the focus of US concern being the larger explosives and how they could be used in a dense urban setting.

More than 1 million civilians are sheltering in Rafah after evacuating other parts of Gaza amid Israel's war on Hamas, which came after the militant group's deadly attack on Israel on October 7.

The US has historically provided enormous amounts of military aid for Israel. That has only accelerated in the aftermath of Hamas' October 7 attack that killed some 1,200 in Israel and led to about 250 being taken captive by militants.

The pausing of the aid shipment is the most striking manifestation of the growing daylight between Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government and the administration of President Joe Biden, which has called on Israel to do far more to protect the lives of

innocent civilians in

Gaza. It also comes as the Biden administration is due to deliver a first-ofits-kind formal verdict this week on whether the airstrikes on Gaza and restrictions on delivery of aid have violated international and US laws designed to spare civilians from the worst

horrors of war. A decision against Israel would further add to the pressure on Biden to curb the flow of weapons and money to Israel's military.

In April, Biden's administration began reviewing future transfers of military assistance as Netanyahu's government appeared to move closer toward an invasion of Rafah, despite months of opposition from the White House.

The official said the decision to pause the shipment was made last week. No final decision had been made yet on whether to proceed with the shipment at a later

officials had US declined for days to comment on the halted transfer, word of which came as Biden described US support for Israel as "ironclad, even when we disagree".

Press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre declined to square the arms holdup with Biden's rhetoric in support of Israel, saying only, "Two things could be true."

Israeli troops

seized control of Gaza's vital Rafah border crossing in what the White House described as a limited

operation that stopped short of the full-on Israeli invasion of the city that Biden has repeatedly warned against on humanitarian grounds, most recently in a Monday call with Netanyahu.

Israel has ordered the evacuation of 1,00,000 Palestinians from the city. Israeli forces have also carried out what it describes as "targeted strikes" on the eastern part of Rafah and captured the Rafah crossing, a critical conduit for the flow of humanitarian aid along the Gaza-Egypt border.

Privately, concern has mounted inside the White House about what's unfolding in Rafah, but publicly administration officials have stressed that they did not think the operations had defied Biden's warnings against a widescale operation in the city.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Israel described the operation along the Gaza-Egypt border in eastern Rafah as "an operation of limited scale and duration" aimed at cutting off Hamas arms smuggling, but also said the US would monitor the fighting.

Just last month, Congress passed a USD 95 billion national security bill that included funding for Ukraine, Israel and other allies. The package included more than USD 14 billion in military aid for Israel, though the stalled transfer was not related to that measure. The State Department

is separately considering whether to approve the continued transfer of Joint Direct Attack Munition kits, which place precision guidance systems onto bombs, to Israel, but the review didn't pertain to imminent shipments.

The US dropped the 2,000-pound bomb sparingly in its long war against the Islamic State militant group. Israel, by contrast, has used the bomb frequently in the seven-month Gaza war. Experts say the use of the weapon, in part, has helped drive the enormous Palestinian casualty count that the Hamas-run health ministry puts at more than 34,000 dead, though it doesn't distinguish between militants and civilians.

The US relationship has been close through both Democratic and Republican administrations. But there have been other moments of deep tension since the founding in which US leaders have threatened to hold up aid in attempt to sway Israeli leadership.

President Dwight Eisenhower pressured Israel with the threat of sanctions into withdrawing from the Sinai in 1957 in the midst of the Suez Crisis. Ronald Reagan delayed the delivery of F16 fighter jets to Israel at a time of escalating violence in the Middle East. President George HW Bush held up USD 10 billion in loan guarantees to force the cessation of Israeli settlement activity in the occupied territories.

### Russia launches wide attack on Ukrainian energy facilties

KYIV, May 8 (Agencies): Russia launched aerial attacks on energy facilities throughout Ukraine early Wednesday, targeting seven regions with more than 50 missiles as well as drones, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

The attacks also damaged the railway station and tracks in the city of Kherson, across the Dnieper River from Russian-held territory, and injured two people in Brovary, adjacent to the capital Kyiv, officials

Russia consistently targets Ukraine's energy infrastructure. There was a major aerial attack on energy facilities on April 27 and another a week earlier. In a social media post,

Zelenskyy noted that Wednesday's attacks occurred on the day that Ukraine observes the end of European fighting in World War II.

"Massive missile attack by Nazi Putin on the Day of Remembrance and Victory over Nazism in the Second World War," Zelensky said."The whole world

should clearly understand who is who; The whole world has no right

to give Nazism another chance.'

National electrical grid operator Ukrenergo said facilities were hit in the Vinnytsia, Zaporizhzhia,

Kirovohrad, Poltava

and Ivano-Frankivsk regions.

Two energy facilities were hit in the Lviv region, which is in the country's far west and distant from the fighting's front lines, according to regional governor Maksym Kozytskyi

### **Ex-Central Paramilitary Force Welfare Association** appoints new office bearers

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: A meeting of the Ex. Central Paramilitary Force Welfare Association took place at R.S. Pura in Jammu. The meeting was chaired by V. K. Sharma, Chairman of the All India Confederation of Ex-CPM Force. Several crucial issues were discussed during the meeting

The association advocated for the equalization of assistance and facilities nationwide, particularly concerning the provision of Rs. 8000 for the cremation of paramilitary personnel.

Participants sought exemption from GST and excise duty for paramilitary force canteens, aiming to alleviate financial burdens on these establishments



association The pressed for the release of pending Dearness Allowance arrears, spanning approximately eighteen months, for all central government employees.

This demand was formally submitted to the government by the office

bearers of the Ex. Central Paramilitary Force.

Additionally, during the meeting, a new committee of the Ex-Central Force Welfare Association was formed under the guidance of V.K. Sharma, former DIG and Chairman of the All India Confederation of

Ex. C.P.M. Force. The newly elected committee members include Ashok Kumar Verma (Chairman, J&K CPMF), Harinder Mahajan (Chief Advisor), Harbans Lal Sharma (Vice Presi-

dent), Darshan Chouhan

(General Secretary) and

Nirmal Singh Maan (Ex.

Comdt., CAF Chairman, Gurdaspur, Punjab).

Furthermore, a resolution was passed during the meeting, electing S. Kuldeep Singh as the new President of the Ex. CPMW Association in

#### **Top News Report** JAMMU, May 8: The

three-day annual veteri-

nary festival, "Vet Fest-

2K24," hosted by the Fac-

ulty of Veterinary Scienc-

es and Animal Husbandry

at SKUAST-Jammu, R S

Pura, commenced on

Wednesday. Dr. Nagen-

dra Sharma, former Vice-

Chancellor of SKUAST-

Jammu, graced the occa-

sion as the esteemed

Chief Guest and inaugu-

rated the event alongside

Prof. B.N. Tripathi, the

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,

SKUAST Jammu, Dr.

Rajesh Katoch, Dean,

FVSc & AH; Dr S K Gupta,

Registrar, SKUAST-Jam-

mu and other esteemed

statutory officers of the

Dr. Sharma along with

other dignitaries inaugu-

rated the VET FEST 2K24

by lighting the ceremonial

lamp and launched spe-

cially designed Vet Fest

2K24 T-shirt and cups.

They also inspected the

fine arts and other events.

in his address, empha-

sized the pivotal role that

events like Vet Fest-2K24

play in not only rejuvenat-

ing the minds and spirits

of students and faculty

but also in fostering a

sense of camaraderie

and belonging within

the academic commu-

nity. He underscored that

SKUAST-Jammu has

long been an epitome

of creativity, talent, and

innovation, values that

are not only upheld but

also further nurtured

through such enriching

events. Dr. Sharma reaf-

firmed that platforms like

Vet Fest serve as cata-

lysts for holistic growth,

enabling participants to

explore their potential

beyond the confines of

traditional academic set-

tings and encouraging

Dr. Nagendra Sharma,

University

Jammu and Kashmir. Other attendees who

unanimously supported this resolution include Noor Mohd. (General Secretary, District Samba), P.S. Sandhu (President, CPME Jalandhar, Punjab), Manbir Katoch (National Spokesman, Himachal Pradesh), M.L. Thakur (Chief Patron, Ex. CPMFW, Himachal Pradesh). Sajwal Shah (District Kupwara), Naseer Ahmad Khan (District Baramulla), Mohd. Ashraf Lone (District BandipOra), Faroog Ahmad (District Anant-

# Bhagwan Parashuram Ji's

**Top News Report** 

wan Parashuram is the sixth incarnation of

Parshurasm Jayanti occurs on the Tritiya Tithi of Shukla Paksha in the month of Vaishakha. This year, in 2024, Bhagwan Parashuram Ji's birth anniversary will be observed on Friday, May

Rohit Shastri, President of Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic sansthan Trust, Bhagwan Parashuram is immortal and still present on Earth. He is the son of Rishi Jamadagni and Mata Renuka



wan Vishnu incarnated as Parashuram Ji to destroy evil and sinful deeds on Earth. Bhagwan Parashuram Ji is a devout follower of Lord Shiva, who bestowed upon him the invincible axe. His real name was Ram, but he became famous as Parashuram due to wielding the axe

them to embrace a spirit of exploration and experimentation

Three day VET Fest 2k24

commences at SKUAST-J

Sharma is a renowned international scientist and educator, who held various leadership roles at different prestigious agricultural institutes in India like NDRI, IVRI and CIRG. SKUAST Jammu experienced significant infrastructure as well as human resource development, marking a period of substantial growth and expansion during his tenure as Vice-Chancel-

Vice-Chancellor,

SKUAST-J. Dr. B.N Tripa-

thi underscored that these events not only showcase students' remarkable talents but also affirm the University's dedication to preserving our rich cultural heritage. Moreover, he emphasized that such occasions foster teamwork, as students collaborate across disciplines and backgrounds, learning the value of cooperation and synergy. Dr. Tripathi further highlighted that these festivals provide a platform for students to step out of their comfort zones, explore new interests, and unveil different facets of their personalities, contributing to their holistic development and growth. He further stated that improvement in veterinary facilities is need of the hour to control zoo-

notic diseases Prof. Rajesh Katoch, the Patron of the Organizing Committee and Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, welcomed the dignitaries and outlined the diverse array of events comprising Vet Fest 2K24. These include Literary events (Debate, Story Writing, Mad - Ad, Ship Wreck, Quiz and Youth Parliament), cultural events

(Dance, Music ,Theatre) , Photography, Flower Decoration, besides various Sports Events (indoor and outdoor games viz. Badminton, Chess, Table Tennis, Carom, Cricket, Basket Ball, Volley Ball, Tug of War, 50 & 100 meter Races).

Dr S K Gupta, Registrar, SKUAST-Jammu and Dr Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Students Welfare, SKUAST-J also shared their views on the occasion.

The event witnessed the presence of several esteemed guests, including Dr. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education; Dr. Amrish Vaid. Director Extension; Dr S E H Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences; Dr J S Soodan, Dean, Faculty of Dairy Technology; Dr Sanjay Khar, Director (Planning & Monitoring); Dr. M.S. Bhadwal, Controller of Examination; Dr Hema Tripathi, Associate Director Extension: HoDs and Veterinary faculty staff members. Non-teaching staffs also attended the function with full zeal and enthusiasm.

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Veterinary students from the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry (F.V. Sc & A.H.) will be actively engaged in a diverse array of competitions spanning sports, cultural showcases, literary endeavors, and fine arts exhibitions from the 8th to the 10th of May, 2024, as integral participants of the Fest.

Dr H.R Bhardwaj, Organizing Secretary of VET FEST 2K24 extended formal vote of thanks.

### **Red Ribbon Club of GCW Gandhi Nagar** organises Poster Making competition

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: Red Ribbon/Red Cross Club, PSPS, Govt. College for Women, Gandhi Nagar Jammu, joined the Global Community in celebrating the profound impact of humanitarian efforts and the enduring spirit of compassion and joy.

This year theme, "I give with joy and the joy I give is a reward", reflects the essence of Red Cross Movements Mission to alleviate suffering and bring hope to those in the need.

It highlights the transformative power of kindness and generosity, reminding us that even the simplest acts of compassion can bring immeasurable

joy to the individuals and the communities facing adversity.

On this occasion, a poster making competition was organized in collaboration with Department of Zoology, in which 40 students participated.

The theme was "I give with joy and the joy I give is a reward". Arushi Sharma of 2nd Sem bagged first position, Anjali Verma of 2nd Sem second position and the third position was secured by Khushdeep Kour of 2nd Sem.

Prof. Surinder Singh Parihar, I/C Principal PSPS, GCW, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu was the Guest of Honour.

Prof. Archna Bakshi, HOD, English, Prof. Anupama Pandotra, Zoology and Prof. Rakesh Singh, HOD, Chemistry, were the Judges.

Prof. Samriti Aggarwal, HOD, Department of Zoology and Convener, Red Cross/Red Ribbon Club and the committee members Prof. Shakun Mahajan, Dr. Shaista Ajaz, Dr. Raj Kumar Santhal, Prof. Manmeet Kour, Prof. Asha Devi, Prof. Varchaskam Sharma, Prof. Meenakshi Sharma, Prof. Anita Kotwal, Prof. Archana Bhat were present during the program.

On 8th of May, 2024 All the three winners were given prizes by the Chief Guest of Red Cross Society at Mehar Chand Mahajan Hall, Gandhi

# birth anniversary on May 10

JAMMU, May 8: Bhag-Bhagwan Vishnu.

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#### **Air India express cancels** over 80 flights on cabin crew woes: Hundreds of passengers stranded at Airports

especially after the start of the process to merge AIX Connect, formerly AirAsia India, with itself.

The sources also said there was chaos at some airports due to the sudden cancellation of flights, including to overseas

The airline is to operate 360 daily flights during the summer schedule that started in the last week of March.

"A section of our cabin crew has reported sick at the last minute, starting last night, resulting in flight delays and cancellations.

"While we are engaging with the crew to understand the reasons behind these occurrences, our teams are actively addressing this issue to minimise any inconvenience caused to our guests as a result," the Air India Express spokesperson said in a statement.

Apologising to the customers for the "unexpected disruption", the spokesperson said those impacted by the cancellations will be offered a full refund or complimentary rescheduling to another date.

Late last month, a union representing a section of the Air India Express cabin crew alleged that the airline is being mismanaged and there is a lack of equality in the treatment of the staff.

Air India Express Employees Union (AIXEU), a registered union, which claims to represent around 300 cabin crew members, mostly seniors, had also alleged that mismanagement of the affairs has affected the morale of the employees.

The development at Air India Express comes a month after Tata Group full-service carrier Vistara witnessed pilot woes. forcing it to temporarily cut down capacity by 10 per cent or 25-30 flights daily.

On Wednesday, a woman passenger, who was to travel from Kannur to Sharjah with twin babies and her husband on an Air India Express flight, said she has to rejoin work on May 9, but the airline was offering her a flight from Kochi only on May 10.

"What would be the point in me travelling on May 10? If I do not reach there before May 9, my boss will say not to come and I

will lose my job," she told the media.

"Guests flying with us today are requested to check if their flight is affected, before heading to the airport," the airline spokesperson said.

As part of consolidating its airline business, Tata Group is merging Air India Express and AIX Connect, as well as Vistara with Air India.

#### **Poonch IAF Convoy Attack** | Search operation to track down terrorists enters 5th day

have also been put up in Surankote, they

According to the officials, 26 persons have been detained for questioning and the authorities are reviewing some CCTV footage for leads.

The search operation by the security forces, launched on Tuesday, is also underway in Sada and Kandi areas of Rajouri district, they said.

#### **Police in Baramulla** introduces GPS tracker anklets to monitor bailed out criminals

"The GPS anklet will be used to monitor the movement of the drug peddler and ensure that he doesn't violate the bail conditions," a police statement said.

Baramulla has become the second district in Kashmir to introduce the use of GPS tracker anklets on drug peddlers. Kupwara had recently become the first district in valley to install GPS anklets on bailed out

#### **AstraZeneca withdraws COVID-19 vaccine world**wide, cites commercial reasons

rare cases, cause TTS"

TTS which stands for Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome has been associated with at least 81 deaths in the UK and hundreds of serious injuries. More than 50 alleged victims and grieving relatives have filed a lawsuit against AstraZen-

#### eca in a High Court case.

AstraZeneca has insisted that the decision to withdraw the vaccine is not related to the case or admission that it can cause TTS and termed the timing a pure coincidence, according to The Telegraph report.

"We are incredibly proud of the role Vaxzevria played in ending the global pandemic. According to independent estimates, over 6.5 million lives were saved in the first year of use alone and over three billion doses were supplied globally. Our efforts have been recognised by governments around the world and are widely regarded as being a critical component of ending the global pandemic," The Telegraph quoted AstraZeneca as saying.

In a statement, the pharmaceutical giant said, "As multiple, variant Covid-19 vaccines have since been developed, there is a surplus of available updated vaccines", adding that it has led to a decline in demand for Vaxzevria, which is no longer being manufactured or supplied, The Telegraph reported.

It further announced its decision to initiate the withdrawal of the marketing authorisations for Vaxzevria within Europe. The company said, "We will now work with regulators and our partners to align on a clear path forward to conclude this chapter and significant contribution to the Covid-19 pandemic."

Last week, AstraZeneca reiterated its commitment to patient safety while emphasising the vaccine's overall safety profile.

An AstraZeneca spokesperson had stated, "Our sympathy goes out to anyone who has lost loved ones or reported health problems. Patient safety is our highest priority, and regulatory authorities have clear and stringent standards to ensure the safe use of all medicines, including vaccines."

This comes in the wake of a recent admission by AstraZeneca, the pharmaceutical company, that its Covid vaccine Covishield and Vaxzevria "can, in very rare cases, cause Thrombosis Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS)."

Despite these rare occurrences, the pharmaceutical company maintained that extensive clinical trial data and real-world evidence consistently support the vaccine's safety and efficacy. Regulatory agencies worldwide continue to assert that the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks of such extremely rare side effects.

**ACB files case against** 

#### **PWD** officers for favoring contractor

vide advertisement dated 29.05.2018 in the rate list @ 430/sqm just to facilitate the contractor Avikash Choudhary in getting allotment of contract. The officers/officials of PWD (R&B) Division-III Jammu prepared the advertised rate list by incorporating 50mm premix Bituminous Macadam base course which was not kept in DPR.

It surfaced during the course of verification that L1 Bidder namely contractor Avikash Choudhary quoted the rate of Rs. 4.30/sqm for Bitumious Macadam (BM) against advertised rate of Rs. 430/sqm and Rs. 0.50/kg for reinforcement of RCC work against Rs.60/kg. The rates quoted by the contractor were abnormally low and unworkable. The contractor did not execute these abnormally low rate items at site especially Bituminous Macadam (BM) whose allotted amount was Rs. 82,775/- against advertised amount of Rs. 82,77,500/-. It surfaced from the advertised rates that the rate quoted for 25mm OGPC (Open Graded Premix Carpet) was Rs. 270/sqm and for 50mm Bituminous Macadam was Rs. 430/sqm, but the rate quoted by contractor as well as in the allotment is Rs. 4.30/sqm for 50mm Bituminous Macadam (BM) and Rs. 275/sqm for 25 mm OGPC.

In this way, the concerned officers/officials of PWD Division-III Jammu namely Bikram Singh then Executive Engineer and Gurcharan Singh, then AEE in league with contractor helped in releasing the performance security/additional security deposit kept for unbalanced bid which was supposed to be released after successful completion of work.

It further surfaced during the course of verification that then Executive Engineer, Bikram Singh and then AEE Gurcharan Singh too recommended for post facto sanction for an additional cost of Rs. 86,88,925/- against the original allotment of Rs. 1,82,89,075/-. Subsequently then Chief Engineer issued the post facto allotment/approval for already executed excess work amounting Rs. 86,88,925/- by violating codal formalities, rather than inviting tender for the same. The discrepancies in light of rate, excess quantity and other violation of allotment/agreement even were not highlighted by then Head Draftsman Sundesh Kumar Kotwal & Sumer Singh

as well as Draftsman Shiv Darshan Singh Jamwal & Atul Sharma. The concerned officers/officials of PWD (R&B) Division-III Jammu, by abuse of their official positions and in league with beneficiary contractor Avikash Choudhary, conferred undue pecuniary benefit upon him just for their ulterior motives.

Further investigation of the case is going

#### **Supreme Court to pass** order on interim bail to **Arvind Keiriwal on May 10**

Bela M Trivedi, made the remark after Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, who was appearing for the Centre in a matter related to Goods and Services Tax, sought clarification on the listing of Kejriwal's plea.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader was arrested on March 21 and is currently lodged in Tihar Jail under judicial custody. On May 7, the bench, also comprising Justice Dipankar Datta, had reserved its

verdict on interim bail to Kejriwal. The two-judge bench had risen without pronouncing order on granting Kejriwal interim bail to enable him to campaign in the Lok Sabha election.

The bench had reserved its decision after hearing the arguments put forth by senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi and Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, who appeared for Kejriwal and the Enforcement Directorate, respectively.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who also appeared for the probe agency, had staunchly opposed showing any leniency to Kejriwal on account of the Lok Sabha polls and said granting interim bail to the AAP national convenor would amount to

creating a separate class for politicians. The bench has divided the hearing on Kejriwal's petition against his arrest into

His main petition challenges his arrest by the ED and seeks it to be declared as illegal, while the second aspect pertains to grant of interim bail keeping in mind the ongoing Lok Sabha polls.

The court reserved the order on the issue of grant of interim bail.

On Tuesday, a Delhi court extended Kejriwal's judicial custody in the money laundering case till May 20.

### South Indian Bank, Northern Arc Capital forge alliance for joint lending initiatives leveraging nPOS

said. "This alliance with

Northern Arc Capital

serves as a compel-

ling testament to our

unwavering commit-

ment to innovation and

sustained growth. As

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lective aim is to forge

a formidable presence

in the financial sector.

This collaboration is

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enhanced value for our

customers but also to

create tangible benefits

for our stakeholders. By

leveraging the synergies

inherent in this alliance,

we look forward to pio-

neering innovative solu-

tions and setting new

benchmarks within the

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: South Indian Bank has entered into an alliance with Northern Arc Capital. This association has been formalized through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) underscoring the commitment of both institutions to a mutually beneficial partnership.

The partnership is aimed at exploring and maximizing business opportunities through combined efforts in the areas of loan origination, underwriting, disbursement, collection, and reconciliation processes.

The alliance will focus on co-lending and partnership lending activities, as well as facilitate seamless loan transfers between banks and originators.

The partnership signifies a shared commitment to harnessing synergies, expertise, and resources to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of lending operations.



By joining forces, South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital aims to capitalize on emerging market trends, diversify their portfolios, and provide innovative financial solutions to a broader customer base.

The partnership will enable South Indian Bank to leverage nPOS, Northern Arc's proprietary technology platform for co-origination, co-lending and pool buyouts, and to seamlessly connect with multiple originators for loan origination, underwriting, disbursement, and

reconciliation abilities. P R Seshadri, MD and CEO, South Indian Bank the financial industry." Ashish Mehrotra, MD

& CEO, Northern Arc

Capital Ltd, shared his perspective on the partnership, stating, "We are delighted to partner with South Indian Bank in advancing their digital initiatives. nPOS is tailored to cover the full gamut of retail asset classes. With the ability to handle large number of loans, personalized offerings, and an intuitive user interface, nPOS aims to simplify the interactions amongst borrowers, originators, and lenders. The extensive reach of South Indian Bank coupled with Northern Arc's experience in structured finance aims to create a powerful synergy. By joining forces, South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital aims to capitalize on emerging market trends, diversify their portfolios, and provide innovative financial solutions to a broader customer base.'

The other noteworthy attendees at the

MOU signing ceremony included Ramesh U, DGM & Zonal Sales Head - Corporate, South Indian Bank, Prashant George Tharakan, AGM & Head - Investor Relations, South Indian Bank. Prajin Varghese, AGM & Regional Head Mumbai, South Indian Bank. Amit Mandhanya, EVP, Direct Origination, Northern Arc, Sandhya Dhawan, EVP- Markets, Northern Arc, Geetu Sehgal, Chief of Staff, Northern Arc, Sumant Paul, Sr. VP - Markets, Northern Arc reflecting the collective commitment to this association.

The partnership between South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital is expected to foster an ecosystem that encourages innovation and facilitates the smooth flow of credit across various sectors. Both institutions are confident that this alliance will not only strengthen their market positions but also contribute significantly to the growth of the finan-

cial industry.

### Vishal Khatri Sabha organizes 21st Bhandara at Utterveni to mark Amavasya

appease ancestors. Ama-

vasya day is also appro-

priate day to perform

After payers and rituals,

Seth prayed for peace in

J&K and said that such

events bring people

closer to each other. He

said Sabha is committed

to strengthen their resolve

and continue to serve

Seth urged people to

stay connected to their

roots and continue to

observe such rituals in a

big way that is aimed at

strengthening our cul-

ture and heritage. We in

Jammu and Kashmir UT

are very much connected

to roots and such rituals

community regularly.

Kalasarpa Dosha puja.



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: Vishal Khatri Sabha on Wednesday organized 21st Bhandara at Utterveni on Vaishakha Amavasya by President Devender Seth. Large number of people participated in the religious event.

Amavasya is new moon day in Hindu calendar. It is significant day as many rituals are performed only on Amavasya Tithi. Amavasya falling on weekday Monday is known as Somvati Amavasya and Amavasya falling on weekday Saturday is known as Shani Amavasva.

All Amavasya days are appropriate to per-

added. He said historically rich Jammu has many temples, palaces, water bodies and buildings that if developed can become places of attractions for visitors from all over the country

had always been our way of life, he asserted he

He laid stress upon the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the bond of unity, harmony and peace for welfare of the Union Territory.

Seth said that the soci-

ety has to grow in unison and spirit of solidarity by isolating all those creating division, either due to ignorance or for vested interest. For this, he high lighted the crucial need of imbibing the spirit of selflessness and righteousness, corner-stone of every religion, saying unity and tranquility alone will help in isolating such

'We have to fight collectively to all those who promote hate, which is not in consonance of our pluralistic ethos", he said and urged the people, especially youth, to come forward and play their useful role in this regard.

He said religious polarization is dangerous for the sensitive state like Jammu and Kashmir.

# restore home devastated by fire



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: In a compassionate act of community service, Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) and Talla Jewellers, has come to the aid of a family whose home was ravaged by fire in Gorkha Nagar.

The fire, caused by an electrical short circuit, left the house severely damaged with no one present at the time. The affected family, who had worked their entire lives to build their home, lost everything in the blaze.

Upon hearing of the family's plight, LFO-BHF and Talla Jewellers took swift action to renovate

the house, restoring it to

its original condition. Their efforts included painting the house, reinstalling electrical appliances, and replacing wooden doors and windows, as well as other essential household

Speaking on behalf Talla Jewellers, CEO Kashish Gupta expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to support the family during their time of need.

"We believe in giving back to our community, and this collaboration with LFO-BHF allowed us to make a tangible difference in the lives of this family. It's our duty to extend a help to those in need," he said.

Vivek Parihar, CEO & Director of LFO-BHF. also expressed appreciation for the media's role in spreading the news of this family's situation and bringing attention to the case. Social media and press media play a critical role in our society, providing important information and mobilizing support for those in

The widespread coverage allowed LFO-BHF and Talla Jewellers to take action quickly and efficiently, demonstrating the power of media in bringing communities together for a common cause".

Members who provided their support and strength in this cause were Vishal, Shruti, Kunal, Sahil, Samar, Jyoti, Shubam, Stuti, Babita, Navya, Kashish Katoch, Diya, Kashish, Kaashvi, Lovekesh. Sahil and others.

### LFO-BHF, Talla Jewellers unite to Nehru, Congress wasted India's crucial time by implementing 'under par' policies: Kavinder



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8 : Criticizing Pt Jawaharlal Nehru and the Congress party for doing no good to India, senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta said that 'under par' policies implemented by the Congress leadership during its over 55 years rule wasted country's crucial time leadng to poverty, underdevelopment and rampant cor-

The BJP stalwart leader was addressing party's Shakti Kendra Parmukhs and booth agents besides the activists, who worked with extreme dedication during run up to the election and on the polling day. He expressed gratitude to the BJP activists for showing grit and determination for ensuring the success of party in the Lok sabha polls as fulfilling this mission is the best which the citizens can do for the nation because no other party can serve the nation in such a perfect manner like the BJP Government under the realms of PM Narendra Modi

He said that mistakes committed by Pt Jawaharlal Nehru are still haunting the country, and despite the passing of a number of finding it difficult to undo the wrongs committed in the past by the Congress leadership. He said that Article 370 was the colossal misdemeanor by Pandit Nehru, which was finally scrapped by the Modi Government. He said that to describe the mistakes by the Congress party, one needs a voluminous account as the list is endless, comprising gross mistakes. He said no other party or individual would have taken such directionless steps which the old grand party had taken leading to the emergence of scores of bottlenecks in the path of progress of the

Earlier District President Rekha Mahajan also thanked the party activists for showing exuberance and outstanding commitment to bring voters to polling booths and ensure people become aware of every single work accomplished by BJP and party's future plans for the welfare of masses and development of India in general and J&K in particular. Others present during the meeting include

Vinay Gupta, Narinder Koki, Pushpinder Singh, Surjeet Singh Pappu, Ashok Khajuria, Sat Chowdhary, Bharat Bhushan, Rahul Kumar, Rachit Khosla and

### Bawa Surgal Bhandara organised in Domana



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: A Bhandara of Bawa Surgal was organised at Domana today in which a large number of devotees hailing from different corners par- ticipated. Devotees first paid

obeisance to Baba Surgal and sought his blessings for the wellbeing of their families, and then partook parshad from the Langar.

Speaking on the occasion, Chela Bodh Raj Kaith said, Baba Surgal ji is a very cool God of

and full of ordeals life's

rewards and does not harm anyone but when someone commits a mistake, he gets very angry and does not forgive quickly. Nowadays many people have made shrines of Baba Surgal Ji in their homes and worship him. Baba Surgal ji is a very pure god and never sacrifices a goat.

Prominent among the devotees who participated in the Bhandara included Sarpanch Madan Lal, Subedar Gunni Ram (Retd), Havildar Bhupinder Singh (Retd), Ram Saran, R.L.Kaith, Thoru Ram Mandi, Darshan Lal Tugga, Prakash Chand, Chaman Lal, Bishan Lal and Jeet Lal.

### World Red Cross Day celebrated at JMCM Hall Gandhi Nagar

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, May 8: On the occasion of World Red Cross Day, a special programme was organized on Wednesday at Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan Hall, Gandhi Nagar, here to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of the Founder of Red Cross Moment Henry Dunant, the recipient of First Noble Peace Prize. Jugal Mahajan, Senior

most Life Member and elected Member of the newly elected team of welcomed B.R. Sharma, State Election Commissioner and Former Chief Secretary of J&K State, the Chief Guest, dignitaries and Guests

He also shared his views about how and others used to volunteer ourselves for helping the poor needy.

Dinesh Gupta, Patron, IRCS and elected Chairman of IRCS, Jammu briefed about this very PIOUS International Humanitarian Organization known for helping, sick, wounded and the poor lot of Society. He also explained about New



by Parliament in 2017 and adopted on 27th May, 2022 by the present LG Govt. and J&K, UT Red Cross. Various Ways and means to make it relevant. vibrant and acceptable to the people of J&K as a First Responder were also discussed.

Padma Shri Dr. Jatinder Udhampuri, two times Member of the State Managing Committee of Red Cross, J&K through a poem conveyed about various kinds of Welfare Activities earlier being undertaken by the Red

Cross in J&K Seema Khajuria, Former Senior Additional Advocate General and many times Member of the Managing Committee of J&K State Red Cross talked about how vibrant Red Cross Society used to be in the past and how big and important this organization is and can be helpful in minimizing the sufferings of the marginalized section of Society besides other poor needy

Maj. Gen.(Retd.) S.K. Sharma also shared his good experiences with Red Cross in the past and briefed how the Red Cross, Jammu earlier adopted a village and helped them a lot.

Lt. General Rakesh Sharma (Retd.) and President Ex-Servicemen League, J&K also in his address briefed that Indian Red Cross Society is such a Pious Organization that poor needy always looks as a savior and with a bit

Prizes were also given by Distinguished Guests to the Winner students of Degree Colleges, Winners students from Schools who participated in different events on the Theme of the year. B.R. Sharma, State

Election Commissioner greeted everyone for the World Red Cross Day which is very pious day today. In his address, he highlighted the very importance of IRCS and said that there is always a need of more and more true team of Volunteers willing to undertake welfare activities selflessly and the New Red Cross Rules Passed by Parliament in 2017, adopted in J&K in 2022 are steps in right direction because the Government functionaries can't find much time as Red Cross is a full time job and the Administration as well as Key Functionaries of Civil Society must help each other in minimizing the sufferings of Human-

He also said now a day's hardly we find good Volunteers and wherever whenever we get them, they must be encouraged by the administration and other well meaning people of the Society to work in coordinated manner which is the very important.

#### **GDC** Thannamandi celebrates **World Red Cross Day** audience to the unsmooth its inception in 1863. He

**Top News Report** 

THANNAMANDI, May 8: The NSS Unit in collaboration with NCC and Red Cross Units, and Red Ribbon Club under the aegis of IQAC of GDC Thannamandi celebrated Earth Day as part of Viksit Bharat@47 Sankalp here

today. On this occasion an impressive program on this year's World Red Cross Day Theme "I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward" under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of College, in which Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Head Department of History was a Special Guest whereas Dr. Ashaq Malik, IQAC Coordinator and Head, Department of Botany, a resource

person. Prof. Farooq Ahmed highlighted the role of the Red Cross in the humanitarian sector and protection of human rights since

emphasized upon the need for greater awareness among youth and students about Red Cross to get inspiration from its works to contribute effectively at local level and in nation building at large. Henry Dunant, founder of Red Cross who revolutionized the idea of a neutral organization to provide care to wounded soldiers which is now a world's most influential organization not only to address humanitarian crises in war times but render diverse activities from disaster management to health care, he added. Dr. Ashaq Malik, through

his interactive PowerPoint presentation briefed the audience about history, relevance, working and contributions of the Red Cross that has been the recipient of three Nobel Peace Prizes, first in 1917, and again in 1944 and 1963. While taking journey of Henry Dunant, he explained how a man through his dedication, commitment and vision enshrined in the spirit of Humanity amidst inhumanity laid the foundation of Red Cross and shared the Nobel Prize in 1901. Dr. Ashaq also explicated the International Humanitarian Law based on the book "A Memory of Solferino (1862) and subsequently "Geneva Convention of 1864, and presence of Red Cross in India since 1920 and Jammu and Kashmir since 1947. Dr. Nazakat also spoke on the occasion. He explained how students and youth especially NSS volunteers and NCC Cadets can get involved in collaborative works of Red Cross at regional, national and international level by extending volunteerism that will be a true tribute to this great philanthropist.

Earlier, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Convener Red Cross and Nodal officer of Red Ribbon Club of GDC Thannamandi introduced the audience about the programme. Prof. Asif Aijaz Lone, Head Department of Physics and NSS Officer conducted the proceedings of the programme whereas Prof. Altaf Hussain. Head Department of Education and ANO-NCC presented formal vote of thanks.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Dr. Abdul Haque Naimi, Rakesh Puri, Dr. Nazar Ul Islam, Dr. Goher Igbal, Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Dr. Gulshan Bhat, Prof. Fatima Parveen, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof Rumy Dar, Anuj Bali, Prof. Rizwana, Dr. Nagina, Dr. Sarfaraz Mirza, Dr. Arshad Khan, Dr. Salim Javaid, Dr. Nisar Bhat, Dr. Mohd Javaid, Dr. Nusrat Farooq, Dr. Wahid Ahmed Qazi and Farid Ahmed.

### India women eye T201 series clean-sweep against Bangladesh

The 5th and final T20 International starts at 3.30 pm on Thursday

SYLHET (BANGLADESH), May 8 (Agencies): The Indian women's cricket team would look to complete a 5-0 series whitewash when it faces a vanquished Bangladesh in the fifth and final T20 International of a weather-hit series here on Thursday.

The Indian bowlers have outperformed the batters, though two matches out of the four have been curtailed due to inclement weather. In the second match, India were to chase just 29 runs from 5.2 overs, and the batters got less overs to score.

Across four matches, India have only one fifty to show, by Shafali Verma (51) in the first match. Smriti Mandhana has a highest of 47 and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur has managed a best knock of 39 so far.

The performance does not reflect well on the team's batting core, considering that Bangladesh will host the women's T20 World Cup in October.

Mandhana and Kaur would be looking to grab the opportunity on Thursday and score big.

Kaur, especially, would be looking to carry the momentum after her 39 off 26 in the last match on Monday, which was a



14-over-a-side affair. India won the match by 56 runs under Duckworth-Lewis method.

Shafali has been inconsistent, though she is the highest scorer for India with 84 runs in this series, which is one more than Mandhana (83). Kaur has 75 runs from the four matches.

On Thursday, the Indian batters will have the last chance to take as many lessons as possible from this tour, regarding conditions and pitches.

Bangladesh captain Nigar Sultana's form has declined after a half century in teh first match. She totals 86 runs from four matches

Sultana will once again be the

key for Bangladesh's fortunes though she has not been among too many runs after making 51 in the first match on April 28.

The Indian bowlers have, however, done well on the slow pitches on offer here, with leftarm spinner Radha Yadav leading the chart with seven wickets.

She has found able support from pacers Pooja Vastrakar (5 wickets) and Renuka Singh (4), and off-spinner Shreyanka Patil (4)

Veteran Deepti Sharma has also taken five wickets after her fine 2/13 performance in the fourth match on Monday.

Bangladesh's Rabeya Khan is currently second in the bowling chart with six wickets from four matches. The 19-year-old pacer Marufa Akter has also impressed with five wickets from four matches.

On the batting front, Bangladesh will bank on Sultana to counter the experienced Indian attack. But she will need support from the likes of Dilara Akter and Murshida Khatun if Bangladesh are to snatch a consolation win.

Bangladesh's last T201 win over India came in 2023 at Mirpur, and Sultana was a part of that match.

The Teams (from):

India: Harmanpreet Kaur ©, Smriti Mandhana, Dayalan Hemalatha, Deepti Sharma, S Sajana, Shafali Verma, Shreyanka Patil, Amanjot Kaur, Pooja Vastrakar, Asha Sobhana, Yastika Bhatia (wk), Richa Ghosh, Radha Yadav, Renuka Singh Thakur, Titas Sadhu, Saika Ishaque.

Bangladesh: Nigar Sultana (c&wk), Murshida Khatun, Rubya Haider, Sobhana Mostary, Shorna Akter, Shorifa Khatun, Dilara Akter, Nahida Akter, Sultana Khatun, Ritu Moni, Rabeya Khan, Fahima Khatun, Marufa Akter, Fariha Trisna, Habiba Islam.

### Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson fined 30 per cent match fees for breaching **IPL Code of Conduct**



NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson has been fined 30 per cent of his match fees for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct during his side's 20-run loss to Delhi Capitals at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here.

The offence committed by Samson, who made 86 during RR's unsuccessful run chase of 222 on Tuesday, was not specified but

it could be for arguing with the umpires when he was given out after Shai Hope took a catch just near the boundary

ropes in the 16th over.

The question was whether Hope's feet touched the boundary ropes while taking the catch. The third umpire ruled Samson out but the RR skipper was not happy. He initially started walking towards the pavilion, only to return to the middle and have

some words with the onfield umpires.

"Samson committed a Level 1 offence under Article 2.8 of the IPL's Code of Conduct. He admitted to the offence and accepted the Match Referee's sanction. For Level 1 breaches of the Code of Conduct, the Match Referee's decision is final and binding," the IPL said in a statement.

A Level 1 offence

under Article 2.8 of the IPL's Code of Conduct includes "excessive, obvious disappointment with an Umpire's decision; an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket; requesting a referral to the TV Umpire and arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the Umpire about his/her decision." On April 10 also, Samson was fined Rs 12 lakh after RR maintained a slow over rate during their match against Gujarat Titans

in Jaipur.

### Kumar Sangakkara backs Rajasthan Royals' Sanju Samson to have a good run for India at World Cup

NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): Rajasthan Royals skipper Sanju Samson has made his case to become India's first-choice wicketkeeper-batsman at the Twenty20 World Cup in June, said Kumar Sangakkara, the coach of his Indian Premier League (IPL) team.

Samson was named in India's 15-man squad for the June 1-29 event in the West Indies and United States but the inclusion of Rishabh Pant means the 2007 champions have options as they bid for a second

India coach Rahul Dravid and skipper Rohit Sharma would have kept an eye on proceedings as Samson hit 86 off 46 balls during Rajasthan's 20-run loss to Pant's Delhi Capitals

on Tuesday. Pant scored 15 off 13



"It's really up to Rahul Dravid and Rohit Sharma and how they see the combination. But he (Samson) has made his case, so hopefully he'll have a good run in the World Cup," Sangakkara told report-

Samson has been in good form this season, his 471 runs in 11 games third only to Virat Kohli (542) and Ruturaj Gaikwad (541). Pant is also among the top 10 batsmen with 413 runs from

12 games. "With Sanju, the biggest thing about this season for him is having a lot of clarity about the way he should bat," former Sri Lanka wicketkeeper-batsman Sangakkara added.

"There are certain stages of the game that he seems to lose a bit of concentration, which we've addressed from

past seasons.

"He's changed his mindset about the importance of rest and recovery, rather than just training all the time and being tired mentally and physically. The rest is his exceptional ability." Sangakkara said Samson, who has been on the periphery of the Indian side in recent years, had the qualities to succeed after making a World Cup squad for the first time.

"He's a special player and when he's fresh and focused there's nothing he can't do," he added. "He's a humble, grounded guy... not much on social media. He tends to like a lot of privacy, cares for the rest of the group." "Those are great qualities to have apart from talent and skill. I think he'll be exceptional in that group going to the World Cup.'

### Diego Maradona's 1986 World Cup Golden Ball trophy resurfaces; to be auctioned in Paris



PARIS, May 8 (Agencies): Diego Maradona's Golden Ball trophy from the 1986 World Cup has resurfaced. The award, which had been missing for decades, will be auctioned in Paris next month, the Aguttes house said.

Maradona, who died in 2020 at age 60, was awarded the trophy for his scintillating play at the tournament, where he captained Argentina in its 3-2 win over West Germany in the final in Mexico City. Before

that, he scored the controversial "Hand of God" goal and the "Goal of the Century" in a 2-1 quarterfinals.

The auction house said it expects the trophy "to fetch millions due to its uniqueness.

Maradona received the award — given to the tournament's best player — at a ceremony at the Lido cabaret on the Champs-Élysées in 1986. It subsequently disappeared, giving rise to rumors

Some say it was lost during a wild poker game, or sold to pay off debts, Aguttes said.

Others said Maradona had stored it in a safe in a Naples bank that was robbed by local gangsters in 1989, when he played in the Italian league. According to the story told by a reformed member of the mafia, the trophy was then melted down into gold pieces.

"A far-fetched theory, given that it was made of a gold-copper alloy," Aguttes said in its auction catalogue.

Aguttes said the trophy reappeared in 2016 among other lots that were acquired from a private collection at auction in Paris.

"It was thoroughly investigated and authenticated as Diego Maradona's Adidas Golden Ball trophy," Aguttes said.

The "Hand of God" goal came when Maradona punched the ball into England's net for his team's opener. Maradona was also a magician with the ball at his feet and four minutes later, he weaved through England's midfield and defense and then past goalkeeper Peter Shilton for what FIFA later declared the greatest goal in World Cup history.

"To say that this World Cup had it all would be an understatement ... it was also, and above all, the tournament where Diego Maradona really showed the world what he could do with his feet, and even with his hands," said François Thierry, a sports expert at Aguttes.

Bidders will be asked to make a deposit of 150,000 euros (\$161,000) to participate in the June 6 auction.

#### Neeraj Chopra to compete in India for first time since Tokyo Olympics gold



NEW DELHI, May 8 (Agencies): Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will compete at home for the first time in three years, after confirming his participation in the National Federation Cup, which will be held in Bhubaneswar from May 12 to 15. The 26-year-old superstar is expected to go to India from Doha, where he began his season with the first leg of the lucrative Diamond League series on May 10. Neeraj will compete in the 27th National Federation Cup athletics competitions in Odisha, which will take place from May 12 to May 15 at Bhubaneswar's Kalinga Stadium. This will be Chopra's first domestic competition since the 2021 Federation Cup.

"As per entries @Neeraj\_chopra1 and Kishore Kumar Jena will compete in domestic competition starting May 12 in Bhubaneshwar," the Athletics Federation of India tweeted. "I want to be in best possible shape before Paris

Olympics. My training sessions have gone off really well so far. I always lay stress on fitness along with strength and technique. This is the best I have felt in a long time but I must add that training and competition are not the same. When you wear the India jersey, the feeling is different, the josh (energy) is unbelievable," Neeraj had said to agency. When asked about the elusive 90-meter milestone, the 26-year-old Neeraj reiterated that 'distance doesn't matter to him. "What matters to me is staving 100 per cent fit, being consistent during the season and delivering on the day that matters. I think there are mistakes to fix and looking at the increasing competition all around, one has to keep improving. The road will close if you think you have done it all,"

Talking about how his performance in Tokyo indicated that his preparation for global tournaments was going in the right direction, Neeraj said, "I have won medals in two World Championships, threw my personal best (89.94 metres at Stockholm), won a dream Diamond League title and even defended my gold at the Asian Games. All in all, I have been in great space and want to carry forward that momentum from May onwards.3

#### erratic Punjab Kings in battle of survival DHARAMSALA, May 8 (Agencies): A resurgent Royal Challengers Bengaluru will look for

their fourth consecutive victory when they face an unpredictable Punjab Kings as the two sides fight for survival in the Indian Premier League, here on Thursday.

After a horrendous start to the season, RCB have managed to claw their way back into the tournament. They have the winning momentum on their side, having won their last three games comprehensively.

The wins have not only boosted their sagging morale but also taken them to the seventh spot in the points table.

With eight points from 11 games, RCB can still make the playoffs if they win all their remaining three fixtures although the chances are slim.

Punjab Kings too stare at a similar situation. They occupy the eighth spot, having collected eight points from 11 games

However, between the two—only one team can reach the all-important 14 points mark. Having beaten PBKS

earlier in the season and heading to this clash with three wins on the trot. RCB will feel more confident than the hosts. Virat Kohli remains

consistent at the top, while skipper Faf du Plessis broke his string of poor scores with a belligerent knock in the last game. Will Jacks also impressed with a match-winning century against GT, and Cameron Green showcased his all-round skills with crucial contributions in runs and wickets against Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Their bowling department has started clicking with Mohammed Siraj, who is in India's T20 World Cup squad, finally finding his rhythm.

Yash Dayal and Vijay-

IPL 2024: Resurgent Royal Challengers Bengaluru take on

kumar Vyshak also did well against GT and RCB will expect them to continue in the same vein. PBKS, on the other hand, will be low on confidence having suffered an inexplicable batting collapse against Chennai Super Kings.

The Kings showcased their very best and worst against CSK. Their bowlers were all over the CSK batters but the batting unit choked. It was a example of how Punjab's season has been this year-unpredictable. They have showcased their potential with away wins over Kolkata Knight Riders, when they recorded the highest successful run chase in T20 cricket, and CSK.

However, they have faced difficulties getting the job done at home. They won just one out of five games in Mullanpur, their main home ground.

A change in venue to the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium also didn't go their way in the previous game here.

The team would hope to end its home run on a high but for that to happen, the PBKS unit has to fire in unison.

Squads: Punjab Kings: Sam Curran ©, Matthew Short, Jonny Bairstow (wk), Prabhsimran Singh (wk), Jitesh Sharma (wk), Sikandar Raza, Rishi Dhawan, Liam Livingstone, Atharva Taide, Arshdeep Singh,

Nathan Ellis, Kagiso

Rabada, Harpreet Brar, Rahul Chahar, Harpreet Bhatia. Vidwath Kaverappa, Shivam Singh, Harshal Patel, Chris Woakes, Ashutosh Sharma, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, Shashank Singh, Tanay Thyagarajan, Prince Choudhary, Rilee Rossouw.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru: Faf du Plessis ©, Glenn Maxwell, Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Anuj Rawat, Dinesh Karthik, Suyash Prabhudessai, Will Jacks, Mahipal Lomror, Karn Sharma, Manoj Bhandage, Mayank Dagar, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Akash Deep, Mohammed Siraj, Reece Topley, Himanshu Sharma, Rajan Kumar, Cameron Green, Alzarri Joseph, Yash Dayal, Tom Curran, Lockie Ferguson, Swapnil Singh, Saurav Chauhan.

### **Law Deptt of JU organizes Party Palooza**

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JAMMU, May 8: Students of Law Department, University of Jammu (JU) presented party Palooza, an event of farewell cum freshers day in the Zorawar Singh Auditorium of the University.

More than 300 persons attended the function including students, teaching and non teaching staff members of the department.

Manju Jamwal HOD of Law Department was the Chief Guest . A number of activities were performed by the outgoing students and freshers which included cultural activities, poetry recitation and certain funny games which were applauded by students and staff.

Dance items were performed by Anushka Bakshi, Maskeen, Pranjal, Ananya, Radhika and



others . A ramp show was also organised.

The programme concluded with a soothing song sung by Abid Farooq. The title of Mr / Ms Fresher and Final students were also declared. Avinash Choudhary and Ananya Shukla of first semester were declared as Mr & Ms Freshers respectively. Similarly, Suryansh and Achyuta Sharma of last semester

were declared as Mr & Ms Final respectively.

The results were decided by the jury members of the faculty comprising of Manju Jamwal HOD of Law Department, Prof Sanjay Gupta, Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Prof Raj Sandhu, Prof Mohd Arif, Prof Arti Sharma and Prof Savita Nayyar of Law Department.

Avinash Choudhary while extending his grati-

seniors and also work for eradicating menace of drug use by our youth prevalent in the society. The programme was anchored by Insha, Aneesa, Ayush and Dikshaya, students of Law Department.

The final year students

The final year students welcomed the freshers warmly and freshers bid emotional farewell to outgoing students wishing them good luck in their life.

The programme was organised by students of Law Department.

Finally lunch was served to the participants organised by the Food Committee headed by Atul Singh Kattel, Ashwani Sharma &Manik Goswami.

The students before departing at the end of the event enjoyed in group dance to the tune famous Punjabi music.

### Suniya honoured with Honourary Ph.D

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JAMMU, May 8: Suniya honoured with honorary Ph D for his remarkable work in "Importance of good touch and bad touch in self-protection and alertness through girl education".

He continued his stud-

ies while living a life of struggle in a small village with great difficulties and hardships. While serving the education world for 25 years, he obtained master's degrees in many subjects, after that he also completed his graduation degree in social service in 2018. Along with education Suniya has such a passion for social service that after taking permission from the government, he organized workshops, seminars, street plays, Chaupals of



Save Girl Child in many schools and social institutions, due to which he was also made the Brand Ambassador of Save Girl Child Campaign.

After that, he gave information about good touch and bad touch to more than one lakh girls. He also performed many street plays at public places, bus stands, railway stations, Chaupals, Chaupals. District Collector Neemuch also praised this work and honoured

him on Republic Day.
Suniya continued the same sequence and is also doing a master's degree in social service. It is known that Suniya has achieved excellent marks by giving depart-

mental examination.

He has also served in

CM Rice School. Suniya
has also been the district
in-charge of Bharat Scout

Guide, Madhya Pradesh,

District Neemuch.

Along with the state level training counselor course, he has also been the camp director of state level yoga training in Bharat Scout Guide.

During the Corona period, along with government service, he has also served as a social worker in Sihasth Ujjain Haridwar. Suniya has also done many action researches.

# Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital organizes workshop at Aryans



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JAMMU, May 8: One day seminar cum demonstration on Infection Prevention & Control **Education Program was** organized by Aryans Institute of Nursing, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh in association with Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, Mullanpur, Mohali at Aryans Campus. Sneha, Infection Control Nurse, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital was the Chief Guest. S. Jeen Mexima, Principal, Silver Oaks College of Nursing, Mohali & Rajinder Kaur, Principal, Sri Guru Harkishan Sahib College of Nursing, Mohali were Guests of Honour. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group presided over.

Sneha elaborated that Infection prevention and control (IPC) is an applied discipline that affects all patient care activities in healthcare settings. IPC, including prevention of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), is an essential component of healthcare quality and patient safety. Infection Prevention & Control is a practical sub-discipline of epidemiology that's relevant to every health worker and patient at every healthcare interaction.

Jeen Mexima & Rajinder Kaur mentioned that

Infection prevention and control (IPC) is a scientific approach that aims to prevent healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and reduce the risk of microorganisms spreading to patients, health workers, and visitors. IPC is based on principles of epidemiology, infectious disease, social science, and health system

strengthening.
Nidhi Chopra, Principal,
Kamlesh Rani Vice Principal, Aakriti Chauhan,
Deeksha, Umar, Masroof, Mohsin, etc. were
present. This seminar
was attended by Aryans
Nursing students including B. Sc. Nursing, GNM

## Therapeutic Workshop for Jodhamal Teachers conducted

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tude on receiving Mr

Fresher Title stated that

such type of programmes

in the university help in

exhibiting spirit of main-

taining unity amongst

the student community

coming from different

He further expressed

that as student of the

university its our moral

responsibility to respect

& pay our regards to

our faculty members &

shades of society.

JAMMU, May 8: Jodhamal Public School recently hosted an Art Therapy Workshop for its teachers, aimed at promoting emotional well-being and self-expression. Led by the experienced art therapists Pooja Sharma, the workshop provided teachers with a creative platform to explore and express their emotions.

Pooja Sharma, the Resource Person, is a well-known certified Neuro-Linguistic Programming Practitioner recognized by the American Board of Neuro-Linguistic Programming, and a Certified Art Therapy Practitioner from VIMHANS, New Delhi. Having pursued Fine Art Courses from Central St Martins, London which is one of the world's leading centres for art and design education, Ms Pooja Sharma is fully equipped to train children and adults in therapeutic uses of Fine Arts.

During the workshop, teachers engaged in various artistic activities, including drawing their emotions using colours and shapes, and creating collages representing

their aspirations. These activities allowed them to tap into their inner selves, fostering self-awareness and resilience

With the novel thrust of NEP 2020 on Art-Integration into other technical domains, Art Education has already made inroads in every educational institution.

However, Jodhamal School further lays bare the therapeutic uses of Art through this unique workshop for teachers. Through Art-Integration, schools promote Art as a tool for learning and assessment.

However, Art, as a tool for self-expression, providing an outlet for pentup emotions, leading to mental well-being has been an ignored use of Art which the teachers of Jodhamal explored in this guided workshop.

The workshop concluded with a sense of empowerment and renewed energy among the teachers.

Through artistic expression, they gained valuable insights into their emotions and experiences, creating a more supportive and empathetic community within the school.

### World Red Cross Day celebrated at Bhargava Degree College Samba



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SAMBA, May 8: World Red Cross Day was celebrated at Bhargava Degree College, Samba. During this, District Social Welfare Department Officer and Executive Secretary of District Red Cross Society Nawab Sharif arrived as the Chief Guest.

This program was organized by the District Management Committee of Red Cross Society in collaboration with the Distt Admin in which Vinod Kumar, Rajneesh, Sanjay, Mukesh, Manish, Sapna etc. were present from the committee side.

College Principal Dr. Netra Singh presided over the function. During this, children from different departments of the college presented their views on Red Cross Day.

Chief Guest said in his address that the main objective of Red Cross Day is to protect helpless, injured soldiers and civilians.

It is an international organization and its head-quarters is in Geneva, Switzerland. He informed that World Red Cross Day was established on 8 May 1948 to commemorate the birthday of Henry Dunant. World Red Cross Day also known as Red

Crescent Day celebrated as the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross and recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize.

The day serves as a platform to raise public awareness of the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and celebrate their humanitarian work around the world.

On this occasion, Principal Dr. Suresh Pandita, Dr. Dhar, Gaurav, Darshan, Avinash, Rashpal and a large number of college children and college staff were also present.

### Neurologist Prof Satyakam Bhagavati visits AIIMS Vijaypur

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JAMMU, May 8: In a significant event for the medical community in Jammu, Prof. Satyakam Bhagavati, a distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Department of Neurology from Downstate Medical Centre, SUNY, New York, visited the AIIMS Vijaypur campus on the May 6 and 7.

This visit, hosted by Prof. Shakti Gupta, the ED and CEO of AIIMS Vijaypur, Jammu, marked a notable moment for the newly established medical institution.

Bhagavati, Prof. renowned for his extensive research and expertise in neuromuscular disorders, had a packed schedule during his two-day visit. His activities included a thorough inspection of the AIIMS Jammu facilities, where he was accompanied by Dr. Shaurya Darbari, Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurosurgery, along with senior residents from the Department of Hospital Administration.
During his tour, Prof.

Bhagavati was briefed on the operational readiness of AIIMS Jammu, which is poised to start serving patients pending the installation of essential medical equipment. A significant highlight of his visit was his emphasis on the importance of digitalization in healthcare. He was pleased to learn that the Director had already mandated that AIIMS Jammu would operate as an utterly paper-free hospital from its inception.

Prof. Bhagavati also took the time to engage with the undergraduate students residing on campus. He walked through the residential areas, discussing with students their curiosities about medical education in the U.S. and the evolving opportunities in India.

in the U.S. and the evolving opportunities in India. He told the students that while the US was a lucrative option for further studies in the past, the trend is now reversing as India has facilities



on par with any hospital in the US.

His interactions were not just limited to students; he also met with the faculty of AIIMS Jammu. These meetings opened discussions on potential research collaborations and were deemed highly fruitful by all participants.

Prof. YK Gupta, President of AIIMS Vijaypur, Jammu, welcomed him to the campus and expressed his enthusiasm for developing specialized centres of excellence, particularly in Neurosciences. Prof.

Bhagavati showed great interest in this initiative and agreed to lend his expertise to help establish these centres where neurosurgery, neurology, and the basic sciences related to neurosciences would function under the same roof for enhanced teaching, research, and patient care.

Moreover, Prof. Bhaga-vati's visit extended to the clinical areas of AIIMS Jammu, where he met with nursing officers from the Department of Neurosurgery and toured the OPD, Emergency, and IPD complexes. His

interactions throughout the visit underscored his commitment to medical education and patient care, which resonated well with the staff and students of AIIMS Jammu.

At the conclusion of his visit, Prof. Bhagavati met with the ED and CEO of AIIMS Jammu and expressed his desire to return for a more extended period in an advisory capacity to further contribute to the growth and development of the institution.

This visit highlighted AIIMS Jammu's advancements in infrastructure and educational prospects and set the stage for future collaborations that could significantly benefit medical research and healthcare services in the region. The interaction with the students and faculty was particularly valuable, as it provided an opportunity to learn from Professor Bhagavati's vast experience and explore new avenues for research and patient

### Shiksha Niketan School celebrates World Red Cross Day

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JAMMU, May 8: Shiksha Niketan Senior School Jeevan Nagar Jammu celebrated World Red Cross Day.

The different Wings of

Shiksha Niketan con-

ducted Poster Making Competition ,Drawing Competition, Essay Writing Competition, Symposium Competition respectively in English and Hindi on the 2024 theme "I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward". There were a total 200 students who participated in this competition. 100 students from English and 100 students from Hindi. Students wrote essays and drawn Posters on the given theme. They designed their sheets in a very well and creative way.

Following the Red Cross Day theme, the children explained each and everything in their respective Competitions in which they told why we celebrate this day and what duty a common man

should have on this day towards the country. This competition was held in Hall C & D (SNS). After that, the essays written and Posters drawn by the students were evaluated by the teachers of Hindi and English in which the first three positions were taken out in each competition.

Tanisha Chib – Class 4th D, Amaraya Sharma – 3rd B and Gurnoor Singh – Class 3rd D secured 1st, 2nd& 3rd Position in Drawing Competition. Madhvi Sharma – Class

6th B , Maanyata Sharma
– 5th D and Tanvi Sharma
– Class 7th Abagged 1st
, 2nd& 3rd Position in
Poster Competition .

RidhiKalia- Class 10th I, Navya Gupta- Class8th I&Prakriti Rajput- Class 10th Ibagged 1st, 2nd& 3rd Position in Essay Writing Competition.

Anmol Manhas class 11th F, Madhavi Gupta Class 11th X &Qurat –ulainSabha 11th A secured 1st, 2nd& 3rd Position in Symposium Competition. The Students from Higher Secondary Wing & High Wing received trophies by B.R. Sharma, State Election Commissioner and the felicitation Ceremony held in (Chief Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan Hall Gandhi Nagar Jammu) accompanied by Isha Sawhney (Lecturer in English and KomalKatoch (concerned Activity Teacher).

Principal of SNS, Rameshwar Mengi gave best wishes to the students and encouraged them to participate in such competitions in future. He further said that Red Cross Day is not only a day, it is a symbol of integrity and unity.

The Competitions were conducted under the guidance of Harish Sharma – Headmaster of SNS, Sudesh Rana – Incharge of Hr. Sec. Wing, Veena Gupta – Incharge of High Wing, Ramanjeet Kour – Incharge of Middle Wing and Suman Gupta – Incharge of Primary Wing.

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