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BRIEFLY

NC Srinagar candidate claims party workers arrested ahead of polling

SRINAGAR, May 12 (Agencies): National Conference candidate for the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency Aga Ruhullah Mehdi on Sunday demanded immediate release of workers of his party and rival PDP who he claimed have been arrested ahead of the polling.

Voting in the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency is scheduled on Monday.

"Our workers are being picked up by the police since yesterday. I got a call from a senior colleague like A R Rather sb informing me about the arrests of our workers from Charsharif. Similar calls from the colleagues from Khanshab and Chadoora. Would the @ECIS-VEEP please care to explain these arrests," Mehdi, an influential Shia leader, posted on X.

He called for immediate release of his party workers and also those of the PDP.

PDP leader Firdous Tak also took to social media, calling for an end to the alleged arrests and harassment of his party workers.

PDP candidate for Srinagar Lok Sabha seat Waheed Para on Saturday alleged that some officials in the Jammu and Kashmir administration were trying to manipulate the Lok Sabha polls.

Without naming anyone, Para — a youth leader of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) — said the events are akin to the "rigging" of elections in 1987.

The 1987 Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections are widely perceived to have been rigged, with the Farooq Abdullah-led National Conference sweeping the polls.

In another post, Para alleged police had arrested his party's polling agents.

"Sad to see police arresting and unlawfully detaining polling agents of the Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Party in the central Kashmir parliament constituency," he said.

Officials have refused to comment on the allegations levelled by the NC and PDP leaders.

Army Chief visits Command Hospital in Udhampur

JAMMU, May 12 (Agencies): Army Chief General Manoj Pande visited the Northern Command Hospital based at Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Northern Command on Sunday posted on 'X', "General Manoj Pande #COAS and Archana Pande, President #AWWA visited Command Hospital #Udhampur."

"This new state of the art infrastructure,



with 650-bed facility, stands as a beacon of advanced healthcare & community development. It is equipped with

cutting-edge technologies and eco-friendly features," it posted.

The Command Hospital, virtually inaugurated

by the Chief of Army Staff on April 10, 2024, has modern features and facilities that include specialised multi discipline facility for treatment, sophisticated medical gas pipeline system, state-of-the-art fire-fighting mechanism, central air-conditioning system with optimal patient care and safety standards, effluent treatment plant and sewage treatment facility.

The Chief of Army

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AAP Chief Arvind Kejriwal announces 'Kejriwal Ki Guarantee'



NEW DELHI, May 12 (Agencies): Delhi Chief Minister and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday announced "Kejriwal ki Guarantee", listing 10 works that will be done on war-footing, includ-

ing to "free" Indian land from Chinese occupation, if the INDIA bloc forms government at the Centre.

The opposition bloc, which has parties such as Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Congress, Trin-

amool Congress, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam among others as its members, was formed to take on the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance in the Lok Sabha polls.

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Voters will end domination of NC, PDP in Kashmir: BJP



NEW DELHI, May 12 (Agencies): The BJP may not be contesting any of the three Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir but the party is confident that the elections in the Valley will end the domination of the National Conference and People's Democratic Party in the region.

A day before Srinagar goes to the polls, BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh claimed on Monday that

the Narendra Modi government's development initiatives following the abrogation of Article 370 coupled with peace in the region have ensured that people are looking beyond family-run parties like the two regional outfits besides the Congress.

"These parties are responsible for all the turmoil Jammu and Kashmir went through right from the 90s when terrorism erupted and

lakhs of Kashmiri Pandits had to flee their homes.

"People know that be it the PDP, NC or the Congress, their concerns are not the priority of these parties as they only want to perpetuate their family rule," said Chugh, who is overseeing his party's campaign in the region besides in Ladakh and Telangana. The Congress had jailed NC founder Sheikh Abdullah for over two decades but his son and grandson, Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, have joined hands with the same party, he said, adding that this underlines their "hunger for power and desperation".

Asked why the BJP is not contesting any of the three seats in the Valley, he said the party

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Amid unprecedented security setup, Srinagar LS constituency goes to polls on Monday

SRINAGAR, May 12 (Agencies): The stage is set for the prestigious Srinagar Parliamentary constituency which goes to polls on Monday amid unprecedented security arrangements put in place.

A total of 17,47,810 lakh voters including 8,75,938 male and 8,71,808 female voters besides 64 third gender electorates are eligible to exercise their franchise at 2,135 polling stations across the five districts of Srinagar, Pulwama, Budgam, Ganderbal, and Shopian.

There are around 11682 Persons with Disability and 705 persons above the age of 100 years who will also be exercising their fran-



chise, read a communique received from the office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K.

A total of 24 candidates are in the fray and among them the prominent ones are National Conference Candidate Aga Syed Rohulla Mehdi, Peoples Democratic Party youth leader Waheed-Ur-Rehman Parra, and Apni Party's Ashraf Mir who are contesting from the Srinagar parliamentary seat.

The seat is dominated by the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference party, which has won 10 out of the 13 Lok Sabha elections in Srinagar is Congress, which emerged victorious in the 1996 elections.

The election staff including Presiding Officers has been stationed in every polling station. In total, more than 8,500 polling staff, including reserves, will be deployed on duty on the polling day.

The voting will take place from 7.00 AM to 6.00 PM and before that, there will be a mock poll in the polling stations in

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Arms, ammunition recovered from terrorist hideout in Reasi

JAMMU, May 12 (Agencies): Security forces on Sunday unearthed a terrorist hideout in a forest area in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, recovering a huge cache of arms and ammunition, including nine Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and three pistols, officials said.

The hideout was unearthed by the joint troops of Rashtriya Rifles and police during search and cordon operation in Kot Budhan forest in Mahore area this morning, the officials said.

Besides nine IEDs fitted with electric detonators and three pistols along with three magazines and 20 rounds, the forces also recovered one kg explosive powder, seven explosive safety fuses, 21 batteries of various types, 50 metre electric wire, 15 Ak assault rounds, eight metre rope, one blanket and three dressing bandages, the officials said.

They said the operation was still continuing when last reports were received.

Terrorist associate arrested with arms, ammunition in Bandipora: Police

SRINAGAR, May 12 (Agencies): Security forces in a joint operation arrested a terrorist associate along with arms and ammunition in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district on Sunday.

Police said in a joint operation, Jammu and

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MBA MOTORS

MERCEDES - BMW - AUDI

DEALS IN SALE, PURCHASE, REPAIRING AND SERVICING OF USED CARS AND ORIGINAL SPARE PARTS

NAGROTA, JAMMU (J&K) +91-9086207123

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Girja Dhar Koul** W/o Sh. Tej Bahadur Koul A/P 602, Gayatri Apartments, Sector 45 Faridabad Haryana, who left for heavenly abode on 05.05.2024. **Tenth Day** will be performed at Muradnagar (UP) on Tuesday, May 14 at 10.00 am.



Smt. Girja Dhar Koul

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

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT DULARI KOUL (REKHA JI)** WIFE OF LATE SHRI KAILASH NATH KOUL ON 7TH MAY 2024 ERSTWHILE RESIDENT OF TULSI ORCHARD CHANNAPORA SRINAGAR PRESENTLY AT SURIYA VIHAR, HOUSE NO. 603, LANE NO 17, BOHRI, JAMMU.



SMT DULARI KOUL

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD ON 16TH MAY 2024 AT 9 AM AT MUTHI GHAT (NEAR DIRECTOR SCHOOL EDUCATION).

GRIEF STRICKEN
Dr M L Koul - Brother-in-law
Gokal Krishan & Vjay Dhar - Brother & Bhabhi
Sheela Shah - Sister

Sons & Daughter-in-laws
K K Koul & Chandra Ji
Deepak & Anu Ji Koul
Vinod & Meeraji Koul
Ajay & Veena Kuchroo

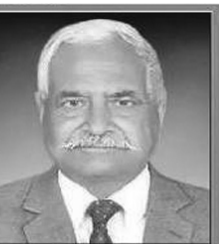
Grand Children
Neetu & Sonu, Anshu & Vikas, Chinku & Sanjay, Aashish & Nandita, Utkarsh, Sheen, Daanish, Parth, Neha, Ankur, Mohit, Dhriti, Kamakshi.

Daughters & Son-in-laws
Usha & Rop Krishan Zaroo
Roshan Lal Dhar
Upasana & Rakesh Mattoo
Monika & Ravi Koul
Sunita & Ashwani Raina

Grand Children
Neetu & Sonu, Anshu & Vikas, Chinku & Sanjay, Aashish & Nandita, Utkarsh, Sheen, Daanish, Parth, Neha, Ankur, Mohit, Dhriti, Kamakshi.
Mob. 8287808313, 9871597373, 9779812650, 7006281785, 7006188354

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Lt Col MK Mahajan**, who left for heavenly abode on 04 May 2024. **Tenth Day** will be performed on 13 May 2024 from 12 Noon to 1 PM at Ram Mandir, Sector D, Sainik Colony, Jammu.



Lt Col MK Mahajan

Kriya will be held on 16th May 2024 at 12.30 PM at House No 106, Sector D, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

Rasam Pagdi/ Uthala will be held on 17th May 2024 from 4 PM to 5 PM at Ram Mandir, Sector D, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Nirmal Mahajan (Wife)
Meenu Joneja (Daughter)
Deepak and Rajeew Mahajan (Sons)

All family members and relatives

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With deep sorrow, we regret to inform you of the sad and untimely passing of our beloved Mother, **Smt. Shakuntla Devi (Retd. Government Teacher)**, wife of the Late Sh. Homeshwar Chander Raina (Retd. Assistant Post Master), residing at PANJITIRTHI, Jammu. The **10TH DAY** will be held on **MONDAY** May 13th, 2024, at 10.00 AM at Rani Park, Jammu. **KRIYA** will be performed on Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, at 12:00 Noon at our residence in Panjirthi, Jammu.



SMT. SHAKUNTLA DEVI (RETD. GOVERNMENT TEACHER)

GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughter and Son-in-law
Poonam Raina and Sh. Vinnder Sharma

Son and Daughter-in-law
Bharat Raina & Mekhla B Raina
Grand Daughter
Divya Shakli Sharma (Radhu)
And all Raina Family.
Phone : 979600123, 979623146

ANTIM ARDASS

We regret to inform the sad demise of **Sdn Gurdeep Kour** W/o S. Uttam Singh Arora who left for her heavenly abode on 09-05-2024.



SDN GURDEEP KOUR

KIRTAN & ARDASS shall be held at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Nanak Nagar on 13-05-2024 (Monday) from 11.30 to 12.30 PM. Followed by Guru Ka langer.

Deeply Mourned by:
S. Uttam Singh Arora - Husband
Shammi Nagpal & Sonia - Son-in-law & Daughter
Jaspreet Arora & Puneet - Son & Daughter in law
Mrs Kamlesh Arora W/o Late Er. Gurbux Singh Arora - Jethani
Er. Gurdial S. Arora & Tarlochan Kour - Jeth & Jethani
Manmohan, Kuldeep, Jatinder, Jagdeep - Brothers
Dolly, Channu, Soninder, Kuki-Bhabhis
Saba & Kannav - Grand Daughter & Son in Law
Sehaj, Maniya, Hareem - Grand Children

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Brij Mohini (Pyari)**, W/o Late Shri B.L. Bakshi left for heavenly abode on 10th Day of May 2024 R/o Village Wachi, District Shopian presently at Upper Barnal, Advocate Nitin Bakshsi Residence-cum-Chamber, Jammu.



Smt Brij Mohini (Pyari)

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 19th Day of May 2024 at Muthi Ghat (Near Director Education Office).

GRIEF STRICKEN
Bakshshi's, Koul's, Kaw's, Pandita's, Raina's, Bhat's
Mobile No. 7006182201, 9419204029, 7006501484, 9419861487

ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Sardarni Gian Kour** W/o Brig Bhagat Singh (Retd) and daughter of Sant Gurbaksh Singh Ji Danna, who left for heavenly abode on 06/05/2024.



Sardarni Gian Kour

Arambh Shree Akhand Path Sahib on 13/05/2024 at our residence D-177, Sainik Colony, Jammu at 9 AM and **Bhog Shree Akhand Path Sahib** at our residence at 9 AM on 15/05/2024. **Kirtan and Antim Ardass** at Gurudwara Sahib Singh Sabha Sainik Colony from 10 AM to 12:30 PM followed by **Guru Ka Langar**.

Grief Stricken
Brig Bhagat Singh (Retd) - Husband
Daughter & Son-in-law
Mrs Kanwaljeet Kaur Bali & IPS Bali, GM, SAIL (Retd).
Grand Children: Ms Apita Kaur Bali, USA
Capt Harsimran Pal Singh Bali
Ansh Preet Singh Bali

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of my beloved father **Sh Bansil Lal** H/o Smt Satya Devi and S/o Late Sh. Ranjha and Smt Banti Devi originally resident of Dab Karam Din, Jinn Jammu on 4th of May 2024 (Saturday).



Sh Bansil Lal
D.O.D
(04-05-2024)

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 13th May 2024 (Monday) at Vill. Dab Karam Din.

Grief Stricken:
Brothers and Sisters-in-law
Sh Pritam Lal and Smt Sharda Devi
Sh Tirh Ram and Smt Indu Bala
Brother in Law and his wife
Sh Tarsem Lal and Smt Darshana Devi
Sons and Daughters-in-law
Sh Ravi Kumar and Smt Saroj Bala
Sh Anil Kumar and Smt Sonia Devi
Sh Rohit Sajgola and Smt Sonia - Nephew and his wife
Sh Happy and Smt Usha - Nephew & his wife
Grand Children: Ishu, Ishan, Muskan, Neha, Aditya, Parish, Ananya
Contact info: 9419200551

5TH DAY / PRAYER MEETING

It is with heavy heart to inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Santosh (Nee Anita) Raina**, W/o Shri B.K. Raina, R/o 62 - Ashok Nagar, Canal Road, on 09 May 2024 at Jammu.



Smt. Santosh (Nee Anita) Raina

Shanti Path and Prayer Meeting in memory of the departed soul shall be held at Shree Gita Mandir Smriti Bhawan, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu on Monday 13th May 2024 from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Brij Krishan Raina - Husband
Daughter and Son-in-law
Rasika and Vipin Sher
Son & Daughter-in-law
Rakshit and Anjali Raina
Ekaaksh and Arin - Grand Children

Raina's, Dhar's, Bhat's, Khar's and Sher's
Mob: 9419184846, 9419173330

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TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Anita Suri** W/o Sh. Hari Krishan Suri A/p H.No. 613 Lane No. 17 Surya Vihar Anand Nagar Bohri Talab Tillo Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 04-05-2024.



Smt. Anita Suri

Tenth Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education Muthi pul on 13-05-2024 (Monday) at 7.00 am.

Grief Stricken
Sh. Hari Krishan Suri - Husband (7051445249)
Daughter & Son-in-Law
Sourabh Singh & Apurav Suri (7051015072)
Aseem Suri - Son (9810621550)
Suri & Shah Family

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Usha Gupta (Rtd Govt Teacher)** W/o Om Parkash (Vijay) (Rtd from Jammu University) R/o Plot No 220 Rehari Colony Jammu near Arya Samaj Mandir who left for heavenly abode on 11-05-2024.



USHA GUPTA

UTHALA will be performed on Monday, 13th of May, 2024 at Hari Mandir Rehari Colony Jammu from 4.00 to 5.00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Om Parkash (Vijay) - Husband
Smt Isha Gupta W/o Late Sh Hitesh Gupta (Bablu) - Daughter in law
Smt Deep Shikha W/o Late Sh Abhishek - Daughter
Divya, Alok, Harihar - Grandchildren
& SAMAST GUPTA PARIVAAR
Ph. 7006295162, 9419199524, 9958700354

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh PYARE LAL BHAN** S/o Lt. Sh MOHAN LAL BHAN originally resident of Safapora Ganderbal Srinagar. We are **Mourning** at Community Hall, Lane No. 24, Near Block 152, Backside Jagti Nagrota who left for heavenly abode on 7th May 2024. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** shall be performed on 16th May 2024 Thursday at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education at 8.00 am onwards. **Assembly** at 10.30 am at Community Hall, Lane No. 24, near Block 152 Backside Jagti Nagrota.



Sh PYARE LAL BHAN

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY
Kanta Bhan (MOTHER)
Reeta Bhan (WIFE)
(SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW)
Himnash Bhan & Pooja Bhan
(DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW)
Jyoti Pandita & Pooran Ji Pandita
Mrs Kiran Koul & Mr Anil Koul (SISTER AND BROTHER IN LAW)
Mrs Champa & Mr Bulu Ji Raina (SISTER AND BROTHER IN LAW)
Mrs Neelu Bhat & Mr Raj Nath Bhat (SISTER AND BROTHER IN LAW)
CHILDREN: Gourav Bhan, Gun Gun Pandita, Bhoomi Pandita, Pavesh Koul, Varsha Raina, Mohit Raina, Sai Bhat, Gun Gun Bhat.
GRIEF STRICKEN: Bhan, Pandita, Koul, Raina and Bhat Parivars
Contact No. :- 9622222051, 7006740075, 9596196059

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

ITS VERY SAD TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR BELOVED BROTHER **SH PYARE LAL BHAN** LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 7TH MAY 2024. WE ARE MOURNING AT COMMUNITY HALL, LANE NO 24, NEAR BLOCK 152 BACK SIDE JAGTI NAGROTA.



SH PYARE LAL BHAN

TENTH DAY KRIYA SHALL BE PERFORMED ON 16TH MAY 2024 THURSDAY AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AT 8 AM ONWARDS. **ASSEMBLY** AT 10:30 AM AT COMMUNITY HALL LANE NO 24 NEAR BLOCK 152 BACK SIDE JAGTI NAGROTA.

IN GRIEF:-
KANTA BHAN (MOTHER)
(SISTERS AND BROTHERS-IN-LAW)
MRS KIRAN KOUL & MR ANIL KOUL
MRS CHAMPA & MR BULU JI RAINA
MRS NEELU BHAT & MR RAJ NATH BHAT
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY HIS NEPHEW & NIECE: PAVESH KOUL, VARSHA RAINA, MOHIT RAINA, SAI BHAT, GUNGUN BHAT.
GRIEF STRICKEN: KOUL, RAINA AND BHAT PARIVARS
CONTACT NO: 9622307445, 7006740075, 9596196059

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, Trikpur Jammu.



Sh. Ram Krishan Bhat (Baya ji)

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

10TH DAY/RASAM KIRYA/UTHALA

YOU WILL LIVE IN OUR HEART AND THOUGHTS
Our dearest **Smt Sudershan Gupta** left for her heavenly abode on May 01, 2024.



SMT SUDERSHAN GUPTA

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
Dheeraji Gupta & Ruchi Mahajan (Son & Daughter-in-law)
9419196325, 9419142476

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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



KARAMYOGI SMT. MOHINI DHAR

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

Grief Stricken
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

10th DAY/ KRIYA/ UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that our beloved **Smt. Usha Rani Sharma** W/o Late Sh. Patanjali Dev Sharma R/o #182 Tanga Wali Gali, Jammu left for her heavenly abode on 03/05/2024.



SMT. USHA RANI SHARMA

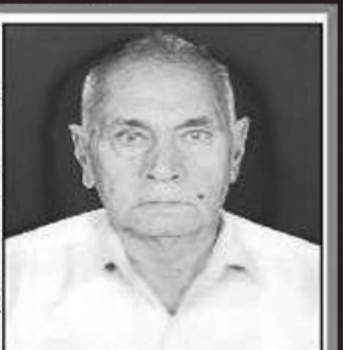
The **10TH DAY** shall be performed at our residence #182 Tanga Wali Gali, on 12/05/2024 at 11 AM.

KRIYA will be performed on 13/05/2024 and **RASAM PAGRI** shall be performed at our residence #182 Tanga Wali Gali, on 13/05/2024 at 5:30 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Er. Nachiketa Sharma - Son (9596749524)
Mr. Arunesh Sharma - Brother (9436047832)

5TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sudden demise of our Brother in Law **Sh. Kewal Anand** H/o Late Smt Tripta Devi on 9th May 2024. The **5TH DAY** will be performed on Monday, 13th May 2024 at Shiv Mandir, Sector 5,6 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu at 11.00 AM.



SH. KEWAL ANAND

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Krishan Chand Sethi
Sh. Baldev Raj Sethi & Ratno Devi
All Sethi Family/Anand Family
Mobile No 8491912500, 9906002323

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 Pakoura Jammu on 07/05/2024 (near Badshah Kalandar Ashram).



Sh Maharaj Krishen Koul

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
(Daughter and Son-in-law)
Smt Neetu Chauhan and Sandeep Chauhan
GRAND CHILDREN: Aashna, Aaransh, Anshita, Anushka
9797533300, 9796824819, 9596844415

ASCCONE celebrating International Nurses Week

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 12: ASCCONE celebrated International Nurses Week on 9th and 10th of May 2024. The day is celebrated to honor & commemorate the contribution and achievement of Nurses around the world. It additionally marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the pioneer of modern Nursing. The event was meticulously organized by the ASCOMS & Hospital College of Nursing with the range of activities aimed at honoring and celebrating the invaluable contribution of Nurses towards the health care.

Prof. (Dr.) Indra Moza Principal ASCCONE welcomed the Chief Guest Sh. D.K. Batra Ji Secretary ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Pavan Malhotra Director Principal, ASCOMS & Hospital, Guest of honor Dr.



Goutam Mengi Joint Secretary ASCOMS & Hospital, Special Guest Dr. Sandeep Singh Registrar J&K Paramedical and Nursing Council Jammu, Chief Nursing Officer Mr. Ramesh Pandita and Mrs. Anita Sidhu Chief Nursing Officer AOI. In her welcome speech, she focused upon the

theme, "OUR NURSES, OUR FUTURE", ECONOMIC POWER OF CARE". The theme aims to show that by investing in Nursing profession one can have significant economic and social benefits and to highlight the need to see Nursing as an investment, not as cost. Chief Guest Direc-

tor Principal Dr. Pavan Malhotra during his speech emphasized the importance of hardwork, compassion & professionalism in Nurses. Stressing on the significance of academic excellence, Director Principal Dr. Pavan Malhotra urged the students to prioritize their education to be proficient professionals in the field of Nursing. Further, he congratulated and appreciated the Principal ASCCONE, teaching faculty for uplifting the college towards the progression and through their undaunting efforts, the college of Nursing is considered among the best college in the J&K. The happening of such events foster a vibrant & supporting learning environment within the college of Nursing. Dr. Sandeep Singh Registrar J&K Paramedical and Nursing Council highlighted the significance of research in Nursing Education and

encouraged the students to engage in research activities that shall further advance Nursing practices & enhance the patient care. The Sports meet & cultural activities were performed by the students enthusiastically. They also participated in sports & cultural activities showing their skill & talent. These events not only provided the platform for creativity but also promoted holistic development and team work among the students. Students also performed the skit depicting the biography of Ms. Florence Nightingale. The Vice Principal of college of Nursing extended vote of thanks to everyone involved in making the Nursing day celebration a great success. The active involvement and support of college management remained instrumental in making this event memorable and impactful experience for everyone.

Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized multilingual Kavi Goshthi



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Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized multilingual Kavi Goshthi at Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar Jammu in which prominent poets of Dogri, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu participated. The Goshthi was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu.

The Kavi Goshthi started with tributes paid to eminent Punjabi poet Surjit Patar who left for heavenly abode because of heart attack early in the morning. Swami Antar Neerav displayed Surjit Patar's last recording of one of

his poems that he had recited in a Kavi Goshthi just last evening. Thereafter Sushil Begana, Literary Secretary, Dogri Sanstha Jammu started the proceedings of Kavi Goshthi. The poets who participated in Kavi Goshthi include Prof. Lalit Magotra, Sushil Begana, Promila Manhas, Pawan Verma in Dogri, Kamaljit Chowdhary, Krishan Kumar, Sudhir Mahajan in Hindi, Dr. Baljit Singh Raina, Swami Antar Neerav, Balwinder Singh, Javid Rahi in Punjabi, Liyaqat Zafri, Deepak Aarsi and Ankur Rastogi in Urdu language. While presiding over

the function Prof. Lalit Magotra said that it was a very successful Kavi Goshthi as all the participants have carved a niche with colossal contributions in their respective languages. He assured that such an initiative will be a regular feature to promote literary culture in the region wherein prominent poets will continue inspiring others to pen down meaningful poetry, a necessity of time also.

This multilingual Kavi Goshthi was attended by quite a good number of litterateurs and poetry lovers of different languages.

3-day Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti celebrations organised by JKAACL Kathua



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SAMBA, May 12: Three day Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti celebrations which were started at Bhagwan Parshuram Temple, Gho Brahama, Vijaypur concluded here today with the soulful 'Bhajan Sandhya' at Shiv Mandir, Gupwal, Ramgarh, Vijaypur. The evening witnessed large number of localities who left awestruck with the spellbound performances of the artists. The programme was held under the patronage and support of higher authorities of J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Jammu in which the authorities has directed

district Officers to organise such kind of events at religious as well as historical places.

At the very outset, Sanjeev Gupta, SOCA JKAACL Kathua said that J&K Academy of Art Culture & Languages feels blessed in organising Bhajan Sandhya at Shiv Mandir for the citizens of the area during Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti celebrations and all possible efforts will be made to make such event as a regular activity.

He further detailed about the future activities of the J&K Academy of Art Culture & Languages and also assured more activities in near future here in the

area. He also thanked the working committee of Shiv Mandir, Gupwal, Ramgarh, Vijaypur for their unconditional support.

The programme was started with the vibrant singing of Kuldeep Kumar and Party followed by the presentations of Pawan Kumar and Party, Rattan Lal Shugal and Party, Chaman Matoo and Party and Bandhana Choudhary and Party. The programme was concluded with a soulful presentation by Narinder Singh and Party who mesmerised audiences with their singing skills. The programme was ably conducted by Sat Pal Singh.

Army organised Career Counselling Session for Gujjar, Bakarwals

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RAJOURI, May 12: A career in Defense forces promises one of the most prestigious and respected positions in the country. Aspirants who choose a career of adventure, excitement and challenges can find no better place than armed forces

prospects for individuals with different interests and skill sets. While motivating the youth also they also emphasized the importance of women's participation in the Defense forces and valuable contributions they can make. During the interactive session successful officers shared



to let their dreams come true. To give wings to the dreams of these enthusiasts, Indian Army organized a career counselling session for Gujjar and Bakarwals at Gambhir Mughlan, Rajouri. The event aimed to inspire and educate the aspirants about a rewarding career options available in the Indian Armed Forces covered various aspects of careers within the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and Para Military Forces, highlighting the excellent

their personal journeys and experiences within the armed forces and further deepened the participants understanding of the dedication and sacrifices required in serving the nation as part of the Indian armed forces. The carrier counselling successfully ignited a sense of pride and responsibility towards the country with many expressing their strong desire to pursue careers in the Defense sector.

NC's very creation meant for providing justice to poor and underprivileged class of society: Mian Altaf

Shiekh Abdullah's 'Land to the Tiller' endorsed philanthropy of NC's ideology: Rattan Lal Gupta

Top News Report

RAJOURI, May 12: Mian Altaf Ahmed, former minister and NC candidate for Anantnag- Rajouri Parliamentary constituency on Sunday said that the very creation of National Conference was meant for providing justice to poor, scheduled caste, scheduled tribe and other underprivileged section of society and looking into the track record of this 'aboriginal' party of J&K, no one can deny that it always remained steadfast in providing succor to the needy.

The NC leader was addressing a public meeting here at Dhangri in Rajouri district. In the meeting, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC, Jammu, Ch Liaqat, DDC Chairman Rajouri Naseem Liaqat, Manzoor Malik, DDC Dhangri Th Rameshwar Singh, Vijay Lochan, Th. Yashu Varhdan Singh, Rakesh Singh Raka, Deeraj Sharma and Joginder Singh.

Mian Altaf Ahmed categorically said that National Conference is the party of poor, weaker sections, farmers and underprivileged sections of society which always stood for their rights and cause. He said that people have by now understood well that no other party can ensure their welfare like the National Conference and therefore NC's wave is



being witnessed not only in Anantnag- Rajouri parliamentary constituency but all across the Jammu and Kashmir leading to restlessness among its opponents.

Main Altaf said that those sitting at helm these days are indifferent towards the poor strata of the society as under their rule inflation is touching the ceiling, jobs have vanished, no policy for youth, handful of recruitment processes have been entangled in corruption cases, industry is on crutches, and peace for which the incumbents are trumpeting from each forum is also in tatters as terrorism graph is up again especially in Poonch, Rajouri and other districts of Jammu region.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, JKNC, said that Land to the Tiller brought in by Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah was the testimony to the fact that his party truly believed in philanthropy and took every possible step to ensure justice to down-trodden society.

Rattan Lal Gupta appealed to the people of Anantnag Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency to support and vote Mian Altaf Ahmed in order to protect and safe the future of their coming generations.

Naseem Liaqat DDC Chairman Rajouri also sought people's support in the election claiming that only NC has the will and power to mitigate the problems of the people and provide good governance as party in power has given a dismal performance by neglecting the aspirations of the masses.

Earlier, at the outset of the meeting, Th Rameshwar Singh, DDC Dhangri apprised senior functionaries of the party about the hardships being faced by general public in absence of basic amenities.

Others present included Bansi Lal Sharma Block President Dhangri, Ch Tufail Ahmed, Block President, Parvez Jat Block President, Ch Ismail Block President Doongi and panches and sarpanches etc.

Renowned Ex-Cadet, Social Media Influencer, Radio Jockey, Dr Juhie Mohan, inspires Girl cadets at NCC Training Academy Nagrota



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Nagrota, May 12: The NCC Training Academy in Nagrota witnessed a captivating and motivational lecture delivered by Dr Juhie Mohan, who is not only a social media influencer but also a beloved radio personality and is herself an ex NCC cadet. Dr Mohan's engaging discourse connected deeply with the cadets as she shared her own exhilarat-

ing journey as a cadet. During her address, Dr Mohan intricately wove together her personal experiences, emphasizing the transformative power of the NCC training. Drawing from her own journey, she connected with the cadets on a profound level, instilling in them a sense of pride and purpose in their roles as future leaders.

One of the highlights of Dr Mohan's lecture


was her emphasis on the importance of maintaining a connection with one's roots through the mother tongue. Highlighting the cultural richness and diversity of India and of Jammu and Kashmir, she encouraged the cadets to embrace their linguistic heritage as a source of strength and identity. In a heartwarming gesture, Dr Mohan conversed with the cadets in the local language, fostering a sense

of camaraderie and inclusivity.

Furthermore, Dr Mohan shed light on the crucial issue of Gender Sensitivity, Equality and safety. Drawing attention to the evolving social landscape, she urged the cadets to champion inclusivity and respect for all genders and also being aware and safe at the same time. Her impassioned talk resonated deeply with the audience, igniting a collective

commitment to fostering a more equitable society. Speaking after the event, the speaker expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to address the cadets at the NCC Training Academy, Nagrota. She remarked, "It was truly an honor to return to the place where my journey as a cadet began. The energy and enthusiasm of the cadets are truly inspiring, and I am confident that they will carry forward the values instilled by the NCC into every aspect of their lives."

The session was attended by Brig P S Cheema, SM, VSM Group Commander, NCC Group HQ Jammu and concluded with the presentation of a souvenir to the guest speaker. The session served as a testament to the enduring legacy of NCC in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. Dr Mohan's insights and heartfelt anecdotes left an indelible impression on all those present, reaffirming the transformative power of mentorship and inspiration.


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EDITORIAL

MOTHER-A
PILLAR OF FAMILY
STRENGTH

Mother's Day is a cherished occasion celebrated worldwide to honor and appreciate the profound role mothers play in our lives. It is a day dedicated to expressing love, gratitude, and admiration towards mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and maternal figures for their unconditional love, sacrifices, and nurturing. Mother's Day holds immense significance as it provides an opportunity to reflect on the invaluable contributions mothers make to our families, communities, and society at large. Mothers are the pillars of strength, compassion, and resilience who selflessly devote themselves to the well-being and happiness of their children. From nurturing us in their wombs to guiding us through life's challenges, mothers are our first teachers, mentors, and role models.

The origins of Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient civilizations, where maternal figures were revered and honored in various festivals and rituals. However, the modern Mother's Day we celebrate today has its roots in the efforts of Anna Jarvis, an American social activist, who campaigned for an official day to honor mothers in the early 20th century. Her persistent advocacy led to the official declaration of Mother's Day as a national holiday in the United States in 1914.

Mother's Day is typically celebrated on the second Sunday of May in many countries around the world. On this special day, children and families express their love and appreciation for their mothers through heartfelt gestures, gifts, cards, and acts of kindness. It is a time for families to come together to celebrate the love and bond shared between mothers and their children.

One of the most meaningful ways to celebrate Mother's Day is by spending quality time with our mothers and creating lasting memories together. Whether it's a heartfelt conversation over a cup of tea, a leisurely stroll in the park, or a homemade meal cooked with love, the simple act of spending time together strengthens the bond between mothers and their children.

Another cherished tradition of Mother's Day is the giving of thoughtful gifts and tokens of appreciation. From flowers and chocolates to personalized gifts and handwritten cards, these gestures symbolize the love and gratitude we feel towards our mothers. However, it's important to remember that the true essence of Mother's Day lies not in material gifts, but in the sincere expression of love and appreciation.

Mother's Day is also a time to recognize and celebrate the diversity of maternal figures in our lives. While biological mothers hold a special place in our hearts, Mother's Day is an opportunity to honor all maternal figures, including grandmothers, stepmothers, aunts, and mother figures who have played a significant role in shaping our lives.

Beyond the celebration of individual mothers, Mother's Day also serves as a reminder of the importance of supporting and empowering mothers worldwide. It is a time to advocate for policies and initiatives that promote maternal health, education, and economic empowerment, ensuring that all mothers have the resources and support they need to thrive.

In conclusion, Mother's Day is a day of celebration, gratitude, and reflection on the profound impact mothers have on our lives. It is a time to honor the unconditional love, sacrifices, and nurturing that mothers provide each and every day. As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us express our love and appreciation for our mothers and maternal figures, not just on this special day, but every day of the year.

By: Col HP Singh

I can't forget that ear twisting I got from mom. I had taken a 10 paise coin from her purse to buy a kulfi without permission. Stealing is a bad habit was a lesson learnt, the harder way at that tender age of five. Her supervision and concern for me hasn't abated even after half a century of my existence. As the saying goes, life doesn't come with a manual, but it does come with a mother.

Born in a middle class family in the mofussil town of Nabha, she disregarded the patriarchal societal diktats that discouraged girls from various outdoor activities. Be it playing hockey for college or attending NCC camps or pursuing her passion for music, she didn't let

gender hamper her dreams. Later, she chose to teach instrumental music as a profession, something that wasn't common among girls from the so-called 'good families'.

Finally retiring as a college principal, she was an epitome of women empowerment in her times.

Our father being in the Army was mostly away, posted in field areas. The responsibility of bringing up children singlehandedly fell upon her. During my years in boarding school, she would look me up every fortnight, travelling all the way in a bus on Sundays — the only easy day, perhaps, a working woman gets. When both her sons got commissioned, mom got the smartest salute from them. No doubt, a mother can take place of all others, but whose place no one else can

take.

On entering teenage, I would get a pestering dose of lectures against drugs and juvenile vices to refrain from. 'I have raised him this far, now I entrust you with the responsibility of grooming him for ethical soldiering' — she wouldn't hesitate even to 'instruct' my first commanding officer, who had been my father's subordinate in the same regiment.

A house proud octogenarian, she still manages her kitchen. On my getting married, she packed a 'working kitchen' for my bride, with an advice that the 'lady who manages the kitchen, controls the house'. Even today, she is our supplier of pickles, pinnis, homegrown mangoes and homemade wine. Before travelling, she never forgets to hand

us an artistically packed meal for the journey. Love is invariably the secret ingredient in her cooking.

She taught me the concept of God and that faith has always kept me anchored. A silent prayer of gratitude is better than a prayer of request, is what I learnt from her. Whenever the sea of life got rough, and for some reason I found God missing, I looked upon my mother to help me steer the right course.

Now, in the evening of her life, we don't have much time left under her protective wings. I dread the deafening silence that will follow once she returns to her maker. To the world, she is our mother, but to her family, she is the world.

I feel blessed that she has held my hand for such a long time, a privilege that has been denied to many.

Prioritise students' mental health over their exam results

By: Sharad S Chauhan

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THE harrowing words of an 18-year-old in her suicide note — "Mummy, papa I can't do JEE. So, I suicide, I am loser. I am worst daughter. Sorry mummy papa. Yahi last option he" — reflect a stark reality. As school education and entrance exam results come out, we are inevitably approaching a familiar crisis of student distress, with suicide as its most devastating outcome.

Once again, eye-catching posters of academic centres boasting of unprecedented success will grab the attention of students and parents alike. Driven by the conviction that tuition is indispensable, these centres contribute to what an Asian Development Bank report terms the shadow education market. The coaching industry in India currently generates revenue of Rs 58,088 crore, as reported by the Infinium Global Research, a consultancy firm based in Pune. Projections indicate that the industry's growth will escalate significantly, reaching Rs 1,33,995 crore by 2028.

The academic choices of students are frequently overlooked, shifting from the earlier medicine-engineering divide to a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and medicine). Parents' aspirations for the success of their children have given a boost to a system that has led to a proliferation of urban coaching centres. However, as emphasised by a report of the Joint Implementation Committee governing the IITs (Indian Institutes of Technology), this rush has created an imbalance. The report reveals that over 76 per cent

of the students hail from urban areas, with few coming from state board-affiliated schools. The rise of shadow education creates divisions among students, hindering improvement in schooling as influential parents gravitate towards it. Consequently, at a societal level, it worsens social stratification.

It is not advisable for traditional schooling to prioritise or emulate private coaching institutes, as this would result in catering only to a select few students while neglecting the broader student population. Such an approach can further marginalise the average student.

In India, STEM education is intensely competitive. For perspective, the prestigious IITs accept only one in 50 applicants, while Harvard admits one in 19 and Oxford one in six. Exams like the JEE and NEET are designed to be highly selective, where losing even a single mark can drop a candidate thousands of ranks. Consequently, parents, often unwittingly, and coaching centres, with clear culpability, treat students as commodities — based on the financial resources that well-intentioned but misguided parents are willing to invest.

The results could be devastating. High school student surveys in India reveal a disturbing prevalence of suicidal thoughts, ranging from 6 per cent to 22 per cent, according to the Indian Journal of Psychiatry. Our education and societal structures reinforce the idea that success is easily attainable through hard work, thus normalising the notion that young people should shoulder the blame for their perceived 'failures'.

According to the NCRB (National Crime Record Bureau), in 2020, a student committed suicide every 42

minutes in India, totalling over 34 suicides daily. Alarmingly, this grave crisis is often viewed as an individual issue, which absolves society of responsibility and overlooks systemic failures. In 2020, farmers made up 7 per cent of all suicides, highlighting an acknowledged agrarian crisis. Yet, even though students accounted for 8 per cent of suicides, society fails to recognise this as a sign of academic distress — a troubling oversight given that education is meant to prepare the next generation of nation-builders. Another study in the journal YMER underscores a grim reality: 80 per cent of students experience stress from the pressure to meet parental expectations, while 55 per cent cite parental imposition of choices as a significant stressor. These findings highlight a critical oversight in recognising the pivotal role of parents and counselling in addressing student mental health challenges.

The prevailing myth of the Indian family's unconditional support warrants scrutiny. As the fundamental social unit, the family influences the aspirations and ambitions of youth. The alarming increase in student suicides prompts us to reconsider the true nature of familial support and its potential role as a significant factor in this troubling trend.

The installation of spring-loaded fans that can't bear more than 40 kg of weight and 'anti-suicide nets' in Kota hostels highlights a disturbingly shallow response to student suicides that is callous and dehumanising. Not addressing the root causes of student distress is a societal failure.

Capitalising on the promise of a brighter future, coaching centres have risen to prominence within the education sector. Yet, these establishments

are increasingly perceived as confinements for the hopeful youth who enrol, where their aspirations, spirits and ambitions are stifled.

Shadow education has become deeply entrenched. Policymakers must now explore methods of coexistence and seek symbiosis rather than confrontation. Forming partnerships could be instrumental in advancing social justice. The Government of India's guidelines for regulating coaching centres in 2024 must be followed by states and rigorously enforced. Since the shadow education sector operates on a business model, it should be held accountable for corporate social responsibility, including subsidising fees for economically weaker students, girls and those from rural backgrounds.

Teachers and parents must acknowledge the abundance of professional opportunities. Our culture must prioritise student mental health over exam results and impart virtues like perseverance, determination and patience in addition to academic success. In a world that can be a gruelling test, every youngster requires a strong social support system. It is crucial to instil in them the notion that suicide is never a solution, especially when systems are paradoxically designed to reject rather than select. Establishing multidisciplinary helplines for students in distress could be a crucial starting point in addressing this pressing issue.

From Epicurus' belief in pursuing our deepest desires for true happiness to Rabindranath Tagore's dictum at Visva Bharati that no endeavour is devoid of value, urgent societal action is imperative to recognise, acknowledge and address this crisis.

Enhancing Historical Significance Through Lighting

By: Vijay GarG

Lighting greatly enhances India's architectural heritage, turning historic landmarks into captivating spectacles

India's architectural heritage reflects a blend of history, culture and tradition. In bustling urban environments, our heritage monuments stand as timeless witnesses to our rich past. However, these architectural marvels often fade into the background amidst the vibrant city scenes. Yet, through the strategic application of lighting, these structures are brought to life, captivating the imagination and enhancing their charm after dusk.

Enhancing Historical Significance Through Lighting

Carefully designed external lighting has the power to breathe new life into heritage landmarks, illuminating their intricate details and historical significance. technology, renowned for its energy efficiency and controllability, offers a unique opportunity to showcase these monu-

ments in a manner that respects their heritage while captivating modern audiences. By leveraging lighting solutions, cities across India are revitalizing their architectural treasures, ensuring they remain beacons of cultural heritage for generations to come.

Transforming Indian Architectural Landscape with Lighting

From the majestic Sun Temple in Konark to the iconic Roomi Gate in Lucknow, lighting has transformed India's architectural scene, infusing these structures with renewed splendour and magnificence.

Sun Temple, Modhera: Nestled in the heart of Gujarat, the Sun Temple stands as a testament to ancient craftsmanship and architectural ingenuity. Through the application of dynamic lighting, the temple's intricate carvings and majestic outlines are brought to life after sunset. Visitors are mesmerized as the temple emerges as a radiant spectacle, inviting them to embark on a journey through time and history.

Roomi Gate, Lucknow: As a symbol of Lucknow's rich

Mughal heritage, Roomi Gate exudes grandeur and historical significance. Dynamic lighting accentuates the gate's intricate motifs and architectural features, casting a mesmerizing glow that captivates spectators. Illuminated against the night sky, Roomi Gate symbolizes the city's cultural legacy, inviting locals and tourists alike to marvel at its beauty.

Gujarat Bhawan: Nestled in the heart of New Delhi, Gujarat Bhawan serves as a cultural hub representing the vibrant heritage of Gujarat. Through the integration of dynamic lighting, the Bhawan transforms, becoming a luminous tribute that honours the State's rich traditions. The interplay of light accentuates its distinctive features, creating a captivating visual narrative for visitors and passersby.

Signature Bridge: The Delhi Government's decision to illuminate the entire structure of the Signature Bridge underscores the city's commitment to enhancing its architectural landmarks. Towering above the city's skyline, the bridge now

glows at night, offering a spectacular view to visitors and residents alike.

Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram International Airport, Ayodhya: This architectural marvel, features dynamic lighting that complements its unique design inspired by the Nagara style of temple architecture. Blending modern facilities with rich cultural heritage, the airport offers a captivating experience for travellers and visitors.

Lighting greatly enhances India's architectural heritage, turning historic landmarks into captivating spectacles. Embracing this technology allows cities to showcase their cultural legacy and create vibrant public spaces, enriching the lives of residents and visitors. As India progresses, lighting signifies innovation, guiding towards a brighter future for its architectural landscape

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GDC Budhal Commemorates National Technology Day 2024

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BUDHAL, May 11: In celebration of National Technology Day 2024, the NSS Unit of GDC Budhal organized an extension lecture shedding light on the crucial topic of "Cyber Crimes". The event witnessed overwhelming student participation, with over 40 students in attendance.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address delivered by Mr. Alyas Hussain Shah, a lecturer in the Department of Urdu, who also managed the proceedings of the event.

Miss. Anamika Sharma, a respected lecturer from the Department of Computer Applications at the College, served as the



resource person for the event. Her presentation offered a comprehensive overview of cybercrimes and cyber security. Through her insightful discourse, attendees not only gained awareness of cybercrimes but

also acquired valuable insights into various cyber security measures.

Other notable faculty members attending the event included Prof. Ishfaq Ahmed Bhat, HOD Kashmiri; Prof. Atal Bharti, HOD Phys-

ics; Prof. Kumar Rabani Chowdhary, HOD History; Dr. Adil Hussain Khandey, Lecturer in Political Science; Mr. Adil Hussain Bhat, Lecturer in Sociology; Mr. Altaf Hussain, Lecturer in History; Miss Uzma

Farooq, Lecturer in Geography; Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Wagey, Lecturer in Education; Miss Nazia Begum, Lecturer in Environmental Science; Dr. Bilal Ahmed, Lecturer in Political Science; and Mr. Sajjad Ahmed, Lecturer in Botany.

The event concluded with Prof. Ishfaq Ahmed Bhat delivering a formal vote of thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the event.

Acknowledging the NSS Unit's efforts in organizing the event, the College Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Mazammal Husain emphasized that such endeavors reflect GDC Budhal's dedication to promoting awareness about significant issues like cyber security.

Viral Video shows Mass Copying in 10th Class Exam HSS Bharat Doda



Top News Report

DODA, May 12: Deteriorating Examination system in Doda Distt. has reached to alarming stage due to poor monitoring & silence of Education authorities there by General Public and hard working students of Distt. Doda are aggrieved upon deployment of corrupt superintendents for exam duty especially in hard Zones of Distt. Doda.

The recent viral video regarding Mass copying in science subject on 04-05-2024 in 10th class examination centre

of Govt Higher Secondary School Bharat, Distt. Doda is the glaring proof of corruption in deployment of incompetent superintendents in examination.

The viral video has disclosed bundles of copying material collected by students in their desk shelf in examination hall and no one is there to check & take action which is unbecoming on the part of officials on exam duty designed to stab career of hard working students for ulterior motives.

Besides helpers are visible in school premises

with guide books and other material for supply to students undergoing 10th class examination. The reports disclosed that during the entire 10th class examination in HSS Bharat the public has witnessed similar lawlessness in examination.

The public has appealed chairman Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education Jammu & Chief Education Officer Doda to cancel all papers of 10th class exam in HSS Bharat held in April 2024, to issue order of suspension & disqualification of superintendent forever.

BMS meeting with State Working Committee



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 12: State working committee meeting of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh Jammu Kashmir held today at State BMS office Jammu under the chairmanship of state President Sh. Dev Parkash. The meeting was started with report on 16th triennial conference concluded at Katra in the month of March 2024. It was followed by organizational issues of expansions of work of BMS across all districts of J&K and Ladakh and reaching out to all districts a detailed strategy was chalked out by announcing in-charges of all districts along with in-charges of Central employees working in J&K and Ladakh. In the meeting it was also

demanding from the state Govt. that VDA must be linked with the minimum wages for which BMS struggling since long and a resolutions passed in the State conference held at Katra also has been sent to Honble L G for implementation of VDA, constitution of Private Transport workers welfare board and preference to locals in employment in private sector.

BMS is turning 70 years in 2024 and for celebrating the historic year, a detailed planning was made for yearlong activities starting with "BMS Flag Campaign" on 23 July 2024 in all districts of J&K and Ladakh. District conferences, study classes and registration of new unions were also discussed in the meeting and a strategy was made

to move ahead in this aspect. The membership of BMS mouth piece Vishwakarma Sanket was also planned to increase and get its readers all over the UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

The agenda items were discussed in the working committee members who attended the meeting included Ashok Choudhary Sangathan Mantri, General Secy Neelam Sharma, Deputy GS Mukesh Kumar, Ashfaq Ahmad Chohan, Chanan Singh Toor, Harbans Choudhary, Chuni Lal, Ramesh Lal, Subash Chander, Sachin Bali, Roshu Sharma, Karan Kapoor, Ravi Hans, Rajinder Sharma, Rohit Seth, Shobha Sharma, Jeevan Thakur, Sunil Kumar, Pawan Sharma, Anil Verma and Parshotam Kumar.

Dimple holds anti-Pakistan protest

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 12: Sunil Dimple, the president of Mission Statehood, led a protest against Pakistan in response to a militant attack on an army convoy in Jammu. This attack resulted in casualties, including the martyrdom of an Indian Air Force (IAF)

territory of Jammu and Kashmir and India.

Dimple pledged not to tolerate Pakistan's support for militancy, anti-national activities, and attacks on Indian security forces. He highlighted recent incidents of militant attacks and infiltration in the region, emphasizing the need for decisive action.



jawan and injuries to five army personnel.

The protest organized by Dimple targeted not only Pakistan but also its intelligence agency, the ISI, and various militant groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) led by Hafiz Saeed and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) led by Masood Azhar.

Dimple demanded that the Prime Minister initiate surgical strikes and declare war against Pakistan in response to the ongoing militant activities.

He also advocated for the inclusion of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), Gilgit, and Baltistan into the

Dimple appealed to the Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police and the security forces to undertake a comprehensive operation to clear and eliminate ISI modules operating in the region.

Additionally, he called upon the Indian Army Chief to initiate surgical strikes, wage war against Pakistan, and liberate POK, Gilgit, and Baltistan.

Dimple received support from various other leaders such as Ashok Sharma, Sat Sharma, Sachin Soi, Arjun, Nitin Saini, Rupesh Bhat, and Bunty, among others.

NSSS organise Free Medical Camp in collaboration with KD Multispeciality Hospital at Bahu Fort



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JAMMU, May 12: A Free Medical Checkup Camp was organised by Navya Srijan Sewa Sannsthan for the residents of Bahu Fort at Saryara Sabha, Press Morh. More than 200 people availed the benefits of Free Medical Checkup Camp.

The camp was inaugurated by Chief Guest Gourav Gupta Secretary, Jammu Club and Deepak Gupta Convener of N-Trippe-S. While addressing the public Gorav Gupta said that such initiatives must be promoted and health must be given first preference by hall. He also said that diagnosis at initial stages reduces the risk of fatal disease While talking to

the doctors he said that they are the backbone of our nation and thanked them for their presence on a non-working day.

SP South Sh. Ajay Sharma was the Guest of Honor on the occasion, he felicitated the on duty doctors and nursing staff for their tireless services. He said that the society must come together against the evils like drugs, land mafia and other acts which are threat to society. He said that such initiatives are blessing for the society and volunteers must be encouraged and more such camps must be organized for the society so that the needful can be helped.

Anuradha Charak State Vice President BJP was

Program President in the program alongwith other senior leaders of BJP. Sharada Kumari Former Corporator Ward 47, Vivek Pattayad Distt. Vice President BJP, Sumit Kumar Market General Secretary Market Association Bahu Fort, Subash Kumar, Sunny Salgotra, Parshotam Punia President Saryara Sabha, Capt. Motilal, Tarsem Kumar and others were amongst the other who were present in the program.

Dr. Rabijeet Singh, Dr. Ghazi, Dr. Pallak Koundal, Dr. Deepakshi Vaid were the doctors who were present from KD Multi-speciality Hospital Trikuta Nagar and other medical staff were present.

Drug addiction threat to future of J&K: Rajesh Kesri

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Shiv Sena Hindustan under the chairmanship of J&K President Pit Rajesh Kesri Sunday framed party's unit at village Jindlarh of Block RS Pura in which Thodu Ram was made President, Kulwinder Kumar Vice President, Somnath treasurer, Swarn Kumar General Secretary, Rajan Kumar appointed Secretary of village Jindlarh unit. The new unit was garlanded with flowers by Vice President Balveer Kumar. Kesri while welcoming new entrants into party fold said that Shiv Sena Hindustan had been running a campaign against drugs for a year, for which we went from village to village and shared information with Police against those selling drugs to the people. He said his party organized awareness camps so that those who are hell-bent to destroy our younger generation can be put behind bars with the help of the police and locals because these people are spoiling the future of our young generation by intoxicating them, hence no one should maintain any kind of friendship



with these people, even from the village. Those who are involved in this heinous crime should be thrown out from the boundary of village. Drug sellers are enemies of the society and the country. Such people have no right to live in society as they deserve jail which is their real home. Kesri observed that it is the need of an hour that the pace of this drug addiction should be reduced. In order to curb this problem the first and foremost step which the government of Jammu and Kashmir has to take is strict action against drug peddlers, opioid cultivators, and chemist shops that sell psychotropic medicines. Another

important responsibility is of parents and teachers. Instead of scolding their wards who have become addicted to drugs, they have to deal with them with love and patience. They should try to increase the morale and confidence of drug addicts that they can shun this vice. Parents should also consult professional interventionists to help find the real cause of stress and ways to manage it, added Kesri. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Captain Ghara Ram, Suresh Kumar, Balwant Fauji, Rajkumar Babaji, Rajesh Kumar, Darshani Devi, Rajni Devi, Neeru Devi besides others.

Sadhguru Shri Madhuparamhans delivers lecture to Sangat

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JAMMU, May 12: Sadhguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj of Sahib Bandgi, while delighting the Sangat with the nectar of his satsang at Sungal Road, Akhnoor, said that if such a situation ever arises that you have to choose between a mother and a woman, then do not leave the mother. It is written in the scriptures that if someone asks you to show Brahma in person, then make your parents stand. Among the characteristics of fools, Sahib also said that anyone who opposes the mother from whose womb he was born is a fool. He is a fool to go there again and again where there is insult.



The one who befriends the mean is also a fool. The one who does not accept the favor done to him is also a fool. The one who gets naked and displays his body parts is also a fool. The one who gets angry the most is

also a fool. The one who befriends women more than men is also a fool. Anyone who is arrogant while sitting on a high position is also a fool. The one who is always joking is also a fool. The one who laughs after seeing

others sad is also a fool. Sahib ji further said that man wants salvation, but he also wants to commit sins and also wants to eat meat. No matter how much charity one does, it is useless if the living being is not compassionate.

A journalist told me that how many sages have come to our country, you are not mentioning anyone, you are only talking about Kabir Sahib. I said that great people have come into the world, even incarnations have come, but they were born from the mother's womb. Only Kabir Sahib did not take birth from the mother's womb. And even while leaving, his body was not found, because he

had not brought a physical body. If we look at his education, if we look at his biography, we did not divide people in the name of religion. His teachings included both Hindus and Muslims. No one like the British, Mughals etc. did as much harm to our country as we did to our country through unavailability. This is a human crime, a divine crime, a religious crime as well. Because the soul is the same in everyone.

Kashi is a religious city of Hindus. The greatest Pandit there was Sarvadanand. He told his mother to name me Sarvjeet, I have conquered everyone. Mother asked whether Kabir won. Said-no. Later he became a disciple of Kabir Sahib.

Priyanka Chopra shares adorable snapshot from quality time with her 'angels'

She has a slate of ventures in the pipeline, including 'The Bluff' directed by Frank E Flowers, and an upcoming production in collaboration with the team behind the documentary 'Born Hungry'

Priyanka Chopra has been basking in precious family time amidst the scenic landscapes of Dublin in Ireland.

Following the wrap-up of filming for her upcoming action-comedy 'Heads of State,' Priyanka took to Instagram to share a glimpse of her serene getaway.

The picture-perfect moment captured in the heartwarming snapshot features Priyanka, her husband Nick Jonas, and their daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas. In the photo, Priyanka cradles Malti lovingly in her arms, while the little one, clad in a cap, engages in playful antics, evoking laughter and joy between mother and daughter.

Nick, standing beside them, radiates affection with a gentle smile adorning his face. The backdrop of lush greenery adds to the charm of the family bonding captured in the frame.

Priyanka's caption for the post, 'My angels.. @maltimarie @nickjonas,' succinctly captures the essence of the precious moment shared.



This serene escape to Dublin comes as a well-deserved respite for Priyanka, following her rigorous filming schedule for 'Heads of State.' Known for her active presence on social media, the star has been sharing glimpses of her life, including a recent photo posted by her mother, Madhu Chopra, showcasing three generations of women in the family.

Notably, Priyanka also offered fans a behind-the-scenes look into her filming experience through a 'wrap' reel, featuring heartwarming moments with her daughter Malti. 'Heads of State,' boasting a star-studded cast including Idris Elba, John Cena and Jack Quaid, is eagerly anticipated by fans, with Priyanka's portrayal adding to the excitement.

Beyond this project, Priyanka has a slate of ventures in the pipeline, including 'The Bluff' directed by Frank E Flowers, and an upcoming production in collaboration with the team behind the documentary 'Born Hungry'.

Sobhita Dhulipala to walk the Cannes red carpet



Bollywood actress Sobhita Dhulipala will be seen walking on the red carpet at the 77th Cannes Film Festival on the French Riviera, representing a premium ice-cream brand. Sobhita shared, "Taking my journey with Magnum India a notch higher with the Cannes Film Festival is both exciting and symbolic of my relationship with the brand, where we progress alongside creating colourful memories. This experience allows me to create these moments of pleasure, as this association is a perfect blend of fashion, film, and flavour."

In addition to Sobhita's captivating appearance on the carpet, she will be attending the exclusive party to be hosted by the ice-cream brand with celebrated names like Troye Sivan and Mura Masa.

Actor Ali Fazal on being part of Mani Ratnam's Thug Life

Ali Fazal is all set to debut in the South Indian film industry with the project Thug Life starring Kamal Haasan, which is helmed by the legendary filmmaker Mani Ratnam.

The film is touted as a gangster drama. Thug Life has been directed by Mani Ratnam and co-produced by Raaj Kamal Films International and Madras Talkies. The film stars Jayam Ravi, Trisha, Abhirami, and Nasser. The music has been composed by AR Rahman.

Ali Fazal said, "I am truly thrilled to be a part of Mani sir's vision for Thug Life. And I can only hope I bring something of significance to this canvas. It's also an honour to work alongside Kamal Haasan sir and share notes with him on this."

The opportunity to collaborate with two stal-



warts of Indian cinema has been humbling. I am deeply grateful to Mani sir for entrusting me with this role and am eager to bring it to life on

screen". Production for Thug Life has officially commenced, with Ali Fazal diving into his role as filming begins in Delhi.

Tom Hiddleston, Willem Dafoe to star in biopic of Everest pioneer Tenzing Norgay

Hollywood stars Tom Hiddleston and Willem Dafoe have been roped in to feature in the biopic of the legendary Nepalese-Indian mountaineer Tenzing Norgay.

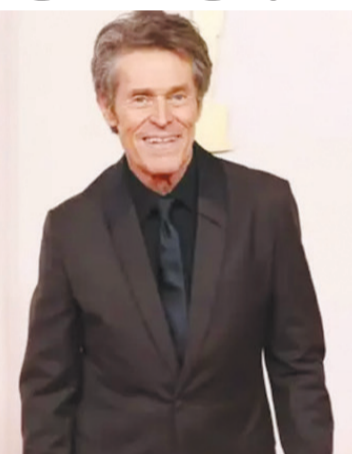
Norgay, who climbed Mount Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary in 1953, was among the first men to reach the summit of the world's highest peak.

Hiddleston will portray Hillary, while Dafoe will portray the English expedition leader, Colonel John Hunt, reports Variety.com.

A search is currently underway to cast the lead role of Norgay.

'Tenzing' comes from acclaimed filmmaker Jennifer Peedom ('Solo', 'Sherpa'), who has the exclusive rights to tell the Nepalese-Indian mountaineer's story via his family and has a close relationship with the Sherpa community.

The project is written by Academy Award-nominated Luke Davies and produced by Liz Watts, Emile Sherman and Iain Canning for See-Saw Films, alongside Jennifer Peedom and Davies. The executive producers are Simon Gillis, David



Michod and Norbu Tenzing.

Peedom said, "I could not be more thrilled to bring Tenzing Norgay's story to the screen. I've been working towards this film my whole career, and I'm incredibly grateful to Tenzing's family for entrusting me with it. I am excited to work with See-Saw Films and our amazing cast to bring this story to life."

The director added that Tom Hiddleston and Willem Dafoe are two of the most generous and talented actors in the business, so pairing them with our brilliant Himalayan cast is going

to be electric.

"I have no doubt this film will resonate widely. We all have our own mountains to climb, and this film shows us what human beings are truly capable of," Peedom added.

Tibetan-born Norgay alongside New Zealand mountaineer Hillary, both outsiders on a British expedition, defied the odds to achieve what was considered impossible, reaching the summit of the world's tallest mountain, Mount Everest.

In the film, after six previous attempts, Norgay risks every-

thing for one final venture. He must navigate treacherous politics and perilous weather as he embarks on the most significant climb of his life.

Norbu Tenzing, son of Tenzing Norgay, added, "Jen is somebody who has earned the respect of our people, understands the community, and is deeply immersed in our culture. She's a great human being and someone who we trust, and she has had a lifelong interest in the story of my father, Tenzing Norgay."

"We are so excited to embark on this exhilarating ascent led by one of the most inspirational directors we've encountered, Jennifer Peedom," said See-Saw's Sherman and Canning.

Added producer Liz Watts, "This is an extraordinary story, fuelled by Luke Davies' incredibly powerful script. With Jen Peedom's authentic and captivating direction, and with our exceptionally talented cast, we can't wait to bring Tenzing's awe-inspiring story to audiences worldwide."

Manisha Koirala battled depression during Heeramandi shoot impacted by cancer: I just told myself to sail through it

Manisha Koirala has been receiving praise for her role as Mallikajan in the Netflix India Original series, Heeramandi. Despite mixed reviews from critics, the actor's performance as a courtesan in the epic drama has been unanimously appreciated.

In a recent interview with agency, Manisha revealed that filming for the Sanjay Leela Bhansali-directed series had a negative impact on her health.

Manisha reveals battling depression during Heeramandi

The Heeramandi actor said, "Impacted by cancer, I know how body and mind are intertwined. They are dependable. Even now sometimes I work in depression. Honestly speaking, when I was doing Heeramandi, it consumed me so much, my mood swings...

And I was just like 'Sail through this phase. Once this is out, focus on your health.' I wasn't sure if I would be able to do it or if my body would take it.

The makers were understanding. After 12 hours of shooting, we would stop. Sanjay understood my fear and anxiety and worked on them."

Manisha says cancer taught her the value of time

She added, "I have a lot to be grateful for in life... a career that saw a lot of high moments, significant roles, best directors, and friendships that have stood the test of time... and it is with God's grace that I have been given a second life after battling cancer. I have also seen the lowest depths in life and took many wrong turns. Life has been a good teacher with all



its highs and lows, and I understand the value of time more intensely now."

About Heeramandi

Heeramandi revolves around the Indian independence revolution that took place in the 1920s-40s.

The show's title is based on the famous red-light district of Heeramandi in Lahore during pre-partition India, which is now located in present-day Pakistan.

The show portrays the power dynamics between the courtesans of Heeramandi, the Nawabs of Lahore, and the British officers during the colonial era. Sonakshi Sinha, Richa Chadha, Aditi Rao Hydari and Sharmin Segal play crucial roles in the series.

Heeramandi is available for streaming on Netflix India.

Mehul Kajaria joins Pushpa Impossible team



Mehul Kajaria, who is portraying Dr Jay Kamat in Pushpa Impossible, says that he didn't hesitate for a moment to accept the offer, given the popularity of the lead character Pushpa.

The audience has recently witnessed Pushpa's (Karuna Pandey) constant support for those in need. When approached by a mother in the basti whose son suffers from a rare disease, Pushpa takes it upon herself to find the treatment.

Her search leads her to Dr Jay Kamat (Mehul), a neurosurgeon now practising medicine in a remote village, assisting the underprivileged. Haunted by the tragic loss of his mentor, he now lives a lonely life, fearful of losing the people he's attached to and facing more heartbreak.

His sole purpose is to save lives and find a cure for chordeoma, a rare tumour affecting just one out of 100,000 people.

Kamat's entry introduces a new dynamic to the show, leaving viewers intrigued about his impact on Pushpa's search for a cure.

Mehul said, "When I got a call from Pushpa Impossible's casting director, I didn't hesitate for a moment and accepted the offer. I've witnessed how much people adore the character Pushpa, so I was eager to be a part of it."

"My role as a doctor in the show is somewhat similar to Pushpa's as I'll be portraying a character who struggles and triumphs over past traumas. Joining the cast of Pushpa Impossible fills me with excitement and anticipation. I'm looking forward to bringing my character to life on screen and hopefully receiving love from the audience. Being a part of this show is a great opportunity that I'm grateful for," he added. Pushpa Impossible airs on Sony SAB Monday to

Narendra Modi in Bengal | PM slams Trinamool, makes 5 big guarantees: 'As long as I am there...'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed an election rally in Barrackpore, West Bengal.

BARRACKPORE, May 12 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, May 12, addressed an election rally in Barrackpore, West Bengal. Hitting out at the ruling Trinamool Congress in Bengal, Modi made five guarantees to the state.

"I am giving five guarantees to Bengal. As long as I am here, there will be no religion-based reservation. Nobody will be able to stop reservations of SC, ST, or OBC. Nobody will be able to stop you from doing Ram Navami Puja. Nobody will be able to overturn the Supreme Court's decision on Ram Temple in Ayodhya and nobody will be able to finish CAA," Modi said.

Modi said it has become difficult for the common man to follow his faith in Bengal. "TMC threatens people when they chant the name of Shri Ram. Jai Shri Ram! The TMC does not allow people to celebrate Ram Navami. The Congress, too, stands against the Ram Mandir. Should we leave the country in the hands of the TMC, Congress, and Leftists?" Modi said.

Modi said the land of West Bengal, especially Barrackpore, has written history. This land played an important role in independence. But the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC has made it the centre of scams.

"There was a time when scientific inventions were done in



Bengal, but in TMC's rule, there is a home industry of producing bombs in the entire state. There was a time when Bengal would agitate against illegal immigrants, but today under TMC's protection, illegal immigrants are thriving," Modi alleged.

"The TMC-Congress INDI Alliance in Bengal has submitted before appeasement politics. They ask for vote-jihad against Modi. A TMC MLA has said that they would drown Hindus in the Bhagirathi river. Imagine their audacity. Their courage. Who is supporting them?" the prime minister said in an all-out attack on the state government.

Earlier, TMC MLA Humayun Kabir made controversial comments during an election rally in Murshidabad and said that Hindus would be drowned in the Bhagirathi River within two hours or else he would leave

politics.

Modi said that the development of the states of eastern India was neglected by the Congress party which governed the country for decades.

"After independence, family members of the Congress party governed the country for decades. They neglected the development of the states of eastern India. Whether it was West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, or Odisha, Congress did nothing to harness the capabilities of these states. From natural resources to blue economy, these states have huge potential for economic growth across fields," he added.

He further said that 'Modi' will make East India the growth engine of Viksit Bharat.

"Today, we are creating a network of roadways, railways, and waterways in the eastern states

of India... Dedicated freight corridors have amplified industrialization in this area. The upcoming years will be dedicated to furthering the development of West Bengal and the surrounding states," he said.

Modi claimed that in the Lok Sabha elections 2024, the Bharatiya Janata Party will do better in Bengal as compared to 2019 when it bagged 18 seats. "West Bengal is an important state for us. The Congress ruled for 50 years, but the people of eastern India only got poverty despite the states being capable. These states have mineral resources, fertile land. These states also have tourism potential. I have decided to make these states an engine of growth for Viksit Bharat," the PM said at the rally.

Earlier, the PM also conducted a roadshow in Barrackpore.

Voting will take place for eight Lok Sabha seats of West Bengal in the fourth phase of voting to be held on May 13. The constituencies are Baharampur, Krishnanagar, Ranaghat, Bardhaman Purba, Burdwan-Durgapur, Asansol, Bolpur and Birbhum.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, the TMC won 34 seats in the state, while the BJP had to settle for 2 seats. The CPI (M) won 2 seats, while the Congress bagged 4.

"Desperate Opposition" Using PM Modi's Age As Excuse, Says Yogi Adityanath



LUCKNOW, May 12 (Agencies): Slamming Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over his "retirement at 75 years of age" remark on Prime Minister Modi, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that knowing their defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, desperate opposition making futile attempts.

Earlier, Kejriwal claimed that PM Modi after turning 75 next year will make way for Home Minister Amit Shah and also alleged Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will be left out in the cold after the general elections.

In his post on X, CM Yogi said, "The entire propaganda of the opposition has failed in the face of the immense public support that the honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Naren-

dra Modi ji is receiving from East to West and North to South. Knowing that its defeat in the Lok Sabha elections is certain, the desperate opposition is making futile attempts to launch a pseudo-attack by using the excuse of Modi ji's age. The people of India know that every moment of Modi ji is dedicated to taking Mother India to the ultimate glory."

Further, he asserted that the people of India know that every moment of Modi ji is dedicated to taking Mother India to the ultimate glory.

"Under the successful leadership of respected Prime Minister Modi ji, the concepts of 'Viksit Bharat, Aatm Nirbhar Bharat and Ek Bharat-Shreshth Bharat' are being realised. Certainly, in the third term of Modi ji, India will touch new

heights towards becoming a global superpower. Modi Ji is the accepted leader of 140 crore Indians and our guardian. We are proud that we are Modi Ji's family members," CM Yogi Adityanath said.

Earlier, Arvind Kejriwal claimed that PM Modi is making way for Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will be left out in the cold after the general elections.

"These people ask the INDIA alliance who will be their prime minister. I ask the BJP, Who will be your Prime Minister? PM Modi is turning 75 on September 17. He made a rule that leaders in the party would retire after 75 years. LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Sumitra Mahajan, and Yashwant Sinha were retired and now PM Modi is going to retire," CM Kejriwal said.

"If their government is formed, they will first dispose of Yogi Adityanath and then make Amit Shah the Prime Minister of the country. PM Modi is asking for votes for Amit Shah. Will Amit Shah fulfil Modi's guarantee?" he added.

3 killed, 6 injured in road accident on Delhi-Mumbai Express Highway in Rajasthan's Dausa

JAIPUR, May 12 (Agencies): Three people were killed and six injured in a road accident on the Delhi-Mumbai Express Highway in Rajasthan's Dausa district, police said on Sunday.

The victims were travelling in a car from Ahmedabad to Haridwar, the police said.

According to Bandikui SHO Surendra Malik, the car was speeding along the highway and collided with a divider upon encountering a cow. When the occupants of the car got off to assess the damage caused to the vehicle, a truck approaching from behind rammed



into their vehicle and another truck ran these people over, SHO Malik said.

The police said the accident took place on Sunday morning near Unnabada village of Bandikui in Dausa district. Ahmedabad resident Hansmukh (32), wife Seema (30) and

their relative Mohanlal (55) died on the spot, while Hansmukh's sister Neeta (32), Neelam (26), and driver Dinesh (30) were seriously injured, the police said.

Another relative of Hansmukh, Kireet Bhai, and two children, aged two and three, suffered minor injuries, they said.

SIT not going abroad to bring Prajwal Revanna back: Karnataka Home Minister

BENGALURU, May 12 (Agencies): Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara on Sunday said that the Special Investigation Team (SIT), probing into sexual abuse charges against Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, will not be going abroad to bring him back, and the Interpol will share information about him.

He also cautioned political leaders about making public statements or sharing information in connection with the case, which is sensitive.

The 33-year-old Prajwal Revanna, who is grandson of JD(S) patriarch and former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, is facing charges of sexually abusing several women. The scandal has raised a political storm with the ruling Congress and BJP-JD(S) engaged in a slugfest.

Prajwal Revanna is said to have flown abroad on April 27, a day after the first phase of Lok Sabha polls in Karnataka was held.

He was BJP-JD(S) alliance's joint candidate from Hassan Lok Sabha segment, which went to polls in the first phase.

"No, there is no such option. A Blue Corner



Notice has been issued and the Interpol will share the information. The respective country in which he is found or identified-- they will inform them (Interpol) and then our agencies, the CBI will get to know, and through them we will get to know. So far there is no information," Parameshwara said.

He was responding to a question on reports about the SIT team travelling abroad in connection with the case.

Speaking to reporters, he said, "investiga-

tion is going on, not to affect the investigation we don't want to share any information."

Responding to a question on Union Minister Pralhad Joshi's statement alleging conspiracy behind the arrest of BJP leader Devaraje Gowda, for making allegations against Congress leaders in connection with the case, Parameshwara said, "if any one says anything I cannot react to it. We cannot respond to every public statement. As this is a serious case, we cannot share information until the investigation is completed."

"My request to the public and to our leaders is to be cautious while making statements. If not, based on the statements given by them, we may have to call them for investigation and record their statement under 41 A of CrPC," he added.

Asked whether JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy will also be served notice, the Minister said he is a former CM and that he believes that the former has taken this case seriously.

"Before giving any statements on this case or before sharing any information in the public domain, one has to be cautious, and this applies to all," he added.

Lalu Prasad Yadav taunts PM Modi ahead of Patna roadshow

PATNA, May 12 (Agencies): RJD president Lalu Prasad on Sunday came out with a statement taunting Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of his roadshow scheduled in the capital of Bihar.

The former Bihar chief minister reminded Modi of "unfulfilled promises" to underscore that the state would gain little from the prime min-

ister's 'nukkad natak' (street plays).

"This is Bihar. After three phases, the prime minister has been brought on the road. In the remaining four, he will feel impelled to roam on all streets," said the RJD supremo.

Prasad also reminded Modi of the promise he had made, in 2014 itself, to revive the state's moribund sugar indus-



try, and the Centre's "failure" to grant special status to Bihar and central status to Patna Uni-

versity despite requests from Nitish Kumar, "the chief minister who is your (BJP's) alliance

partner".

"The people of Bihar are not fools (burbak). They have realized that even though the NDA got 39 out of the state's 40 Lok Sabha seats in 2019, and despite the coalition having been in power here for long, places like Gujarat are preferred for investments and other development work", alleged Prasad.

Mallikarjun Kharge's helicopter checked in Bihar, claims Congress; says poll officials 'targeting' opposition leaders



NEW DELHI, May 12 (Agencies): Opposition leaders are being targeted by poll officials, the Congress alleged on Sunday, claiming that while its chief Mallikarjun Kharge's helicopter was checked in Bihar's Samastipur, leaders of the BJP-led NDA were being allowed to move "freely". Mr Kharge on Saturday addressed back-to-back Lok Sabha election rallies in Samastipur and Muzaffarpur in the state.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's helicopter was checked in Kerala and, now, party president Kharge's has been checked in Bihar's Samastipur, Congress leader Rajesh Rathore claimed in a video message on X.

Mr Rathore, who is the chief spokesperson of the Congress' Bihar unit, also shared a video to claim that the chief electoral officer of Bihar is herself monitoring the checking of

Kharge's helicopter in Samastipur.

The video showed a helicopter with officials, including from police, around it.

"The Election Commission (EC) should clarify whether such checking of choppers of Congress leaders is routine and whether similar checks were also conducted on top leaders of the NDA," Mr Rathore said in his video message.

"The EC should make all such records public, otherwise it will be construed that it is only targeting opposition leaders to stop them, and is letting NDA leaders go freely," he said.

The Congress spokesperson said the EC should put out videos of all leaders who have been checked.

Badrinath temple opens for devotees; Chardham Yatra begins

DEHRADUN, May 12 (Agencies): The doors of the Badrinath temple in the Garhwal Himalayas in Uttarakhand opened for devotees on Sunday after remaining closed during the winter season. With the opening of the shrine, the Chardham Yatra to Badrinath, Kedarnath, Yamunotri and Gangotri has started.

The doors of the Badrinath temple were



opened amid the chanting of Vedic mantras, a puja and beats of dhols and nagadas, authorities said.

Scores of devotees had gathered on the premises of the temple, which was decked up with flowers, to witness the ceremony despite rain. The process of opening the doors began at 4 am.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh

Dhami greeted the people on the occasion.

The doors of the Kedarnath, Yamunotri and Gangotri temples opened for devotees on Akshaya Tritiya on Friday.

Till 4 pm on Saturday, 7,37,885 people had registered online for a darshan at Badrinath, according to official data. Last year, 18,39,591 people had visited the shrine.

11 dead, mostly students, in Indonesia bus crash after brakes apparently failed, police say

The bus carrying 61 students and teachers was returning to a high school in Depok outside Jakarta



BANDUNG, May 12 (Agencies): A bus slammed into cars and motorbikes after its brakes apparently malfunctioned in Indonesia's West Java province, killing at least 11 people, mostly students, and injuring dozens of others, officials said on Sunday.

The bus carrying 61 students and teachers was returning to a high school in Depok outside Jakarta, the capital, on Saturday from the hilly resort area of Bandung after a graduation celebration, said West Java police spokesperson Jules Abraham Abast. It sped out of control on a downhill road and crossed lanes, hitting several

cars and motorbikes before it crashed into an electricity pole, he said.

Nine people died at the scene and two others died later in the hospital, including a teacher and a local motorist, Abast said. Fifty-three other people were hospitalised with injuries, including some in critical condition, he said.

"We are still investigating the cause of the accident, but a preliminary investigation showed the bus's brakes malfunctioned," Abast said. Local television footage showed the mangled bus in the darkness on its side, surrounded by rescuers, police and passersby as ambulances evacuated the injured.

Amid Tensions, Iran's Big Nuclear Bomb Warning To Israel

Kamal Kharrazi, the adviser, hinted at a shift in Iran's nuclear doctrine if its existence is perceived to be under threat by Israel.

TEHRAN, May 12 (Agencies): An adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has reignited concerns over the country's nuclear ambitions, particularly in light of escalating tensions with Israel. Kamal Kharrazi, the adviser, hinted at a shift in Iran's nuclear doctrine if its existence is perceived to be under threat by Israel.

"We have no decision to build a nuclear bomb, but should Iran's existence be threatened, there will be no choice but to change our military doctrine," Kharrazi said.

Tensions between Iran and Israel reached a tipping point when the former launched a barrage of explosive drones and missiles directly targeting Israeli territory, in response to the bombing of Iran's embassy in Syria's capital Damascus earlier in April.

Despite Ayatollah Khamenei's previous fatwa against



nuclear weapons development, Iran's then-intelligence minister hinted in 2021 that external pressures, particularly from Western nations, could prompt a reassessment of Iran's nuclear posture.

"In the case of an attack on our nuclear facilities by the Zionist regime (Israel), our deterrence will change," Kharrazi added.

Amidst this backdrop, efforts

to engage with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have yielded mixed results. While discussions between Iran's nuclear officials and IAEA representatives have been described as positive and productive, tangible progress remains elusive. Rafael Grossi, the head of the IAEA, expressed frustration over Iran's alleged lack of cooperation, highlight-

ing the urgency for concrete measures to address outstanding concerns regarding Iran's nuclear activities.

Last year, Iran made commitments to assist in investigating uranium particles found at undeclared sites and reinstall monitoring equipment. However, the IAEA reports indicate that these assurances have not resulted in significant advancements.

"The present state is completely unsatisfactory for me. We are almost at an impasse and this needs to be changed," Grossi said, as quoted by news agency.

During discussions between Grossi and Iranian officials, both sides acknowledged the 2023 agreement as a potential framework for cooperation, but implementation has been slow. Additionally, concerns were raised about external interference, particularly from Israel, which Iran views as a hostile actor.

Trump Could Owe Over \$100 Million In Taxes If He Loses Audit Case: Report

WASHINGTON DC, May 12 (Agencies): Former US President Donald Trump could owe more than USD 100 million in taxes if he loses years-long Internal Revenue Service (IRS) inquiry into his claims of huge losses on his Chicago skyscraper, the New York Times reported.

According to an Internal Revenue Service inquiry uncovered by The New York Times and ProPublica, Trump used a "dubious accounting maneuver" to claim improper tax breaks from his troubled Chicago tower.

The 92-storey, glass-sheathed skyscraper along the Chicago River is the tallest and, the last major construction

project by Trump.

But when Trump sought to reap tax benefits from his losses, the IRS, has argued, he went too far and, in effect, wrote off the same losses twice.

The first write-off came on Trump's tax return for 2008. With sales lagging far behind projections, he claimed that his investment in the condo-hotel tower met the tax code definition of "worthless," because his debt on the project meant he would never see a profit.

That move resulted in Trump reporting losses as high as USD 651 million for the year, the report stated.

But in 2010, Trump and his tax advisers sought to extract further benefits from the Chicago



project, executing a manoeuvre that would draw years of inquiry from the IRS. First, he shifted the company that owned the tower into a new partnership. Then, he used the shift as justification to declare USD 168 million in additional losses over the next decade.

Trump's tax records have been a matter of

intense speculation since the 2016 presidential campaign, when he defied decades of precedent and refused to release his returns, citing a long-running audit, according to the New York Times.

The outcome of Trump's dispute could set a precedent for wealthy people seeking tax benefits from the

laws governing partnerships.

The audit represents yet another potential financial threat for Trump, the Republicans 2024 presidential nominee.

In recent months, he has been ordered to pay USD 83.3 million in a defamation case and another USD 454 million in a civil fraud case brought by the New York attorney general, Letitia James. However, Trump has appealed both judgements.

He is also in the midst of a criminal trial in Manhattan, where he is accused of covering up a hush-money payment to a porn star in the weeks before the 2016 election, the New York Times reported.

7 security personnel killed in twin attacks in Pakistan's North Waziristan



PESHAWAR, May 12 (Agencies): At least seven security personnel have been killed and two injured in two separate militant attacks on security forces in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, authorities said on Sunday.

Local officials said five security personnel were killed and two injured during the first attack that took place in the Hassan Khel area of North Waziristan district, bordering Afghanistan, in when an improvised explosive device went off targeting a bomb disposal unit on Saturday.

Militants opened fire on the forces

soon after the blast triggered off, Dawn News quoted the official as saying.

In another incident, militants stormed a security post in the Seeman area of the same district, killing two security personnel on Saturday, local authorities said.

They said the bodies of the security personnel and the injured were airlifted to Combined Military Hospital in Bannu. Security forces cordoned off the areas immediately after the attacks and launched search operations in the regions.

The two attacks come after a private girls' school was blown up by militants in Shewa tehsil of North Waziristan district on the night of May 8, police said.

The police said the militants first tortured the watchman and later blew up two rooms of the school.

Similar attacks took place in May last year when two government schools for girls in Mirali had been blown up. No loss of life was reported in the incidents.

Meta Is "Super Greedy": Elon Musk Hits Out At Rival Over Ad Campaigns

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12 (Agencies): Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk on Sunday said that Mark Zuckerberg-run Meta is "super greedy" at taking credit for advertisers who run campaigns on its platform.

A Musk follower raised this issue in a post, saying several of his advertisers noticed that while running campaigns on both X and Meta, nearly all conversions are attributed to Meta, "with X reporting almost no conversions."

"Interestingly, when X ads are turned off, total conversions significantly drop, including those reported on Meta. No research is needed to understand what's going on here," the follower commented.

The X owner replied that "we are terrible at claiming credit, and Meta is super greedy at claiming credit."

Another Musk follower posted that eventually, "Meta will need to revise their attribution model, revealing the



truth to advertisers who are already noticing a decline in results."

"For X, refining the attribution model to align more closely with reality is relatively straightforward. This will show even better outcomes for advertisers," the X user suggested.

The rivalry between Musk and Zuckerberg is well known.

They were apparently set for a "cage fight" some time back -- dubbed as the fight of the century.

However, the much-anticipated showdown between the duo was cancelled.

Brazil authorities warn of more floods, landslides as new rains hit south

PORTO ALEGRE, May 12 (Agencies): New rains in waterlogged southern Brazil are expected to be heaviest between Sunday and Monday, authorities have warned, bringing fresh misery to victims of flooding that has killed 136 people so far.

State authorities warned late Saturday of the risk of further rising waters and landslides.

"We are still experiencing an emergency situation," Rio Grande do Sul Governor Eduardo Leite said in a video on Instagram.

Heavy rains last week caused rivers in the agricultural state to overflow, leaving 806 injured and 125 missing in addition to those killed, the civil defense agency said.

"Many people see the rain and are traumatized. We've seen how scared people are," said Enio Posti, a firefighter in Porto Alegre, capital of stricken Rio Grande do Sul state.

Of the more than two million people affected by the flooding, more than 537,000 have been forced from their homes with 81,000 in shelters.

Wary of wars in Gaza and Ukraine, old foes Turkey and Greece test a friendship initiative

ANKARA, May 12 (Agencies): Old foes Turkey and Greece will test a five-month-old friendship initiative Monday when Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis visits Ankara.

The two NATO members, which share decades of mutual animosity, a tense border and disputed waters, agreed to sideline disputes last December. Instead, they're focusing on trade and energy, repairing cultural ties and a long list of other items placed on the so-called positive agenda.

Here's a look at what the two sides hope to achieve and the disputes that have plagued ties in the past:

FOCUSING ON A POSITIVE AGENDA

Mitsotakis is to meet with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara on Monday as part of efforts to improve ties following the solidarity Athens showed Ankara after a devastating earthquake hit southern Turkey last year.

The two leaders have sharp differences over the Israeli-Hamas war, but are keen to hold back further instability in the eastern Mediterranean as conflict also continues to rage in Ukraine.

"We always approach our discussions with Turkey with confidence and with no illusions that Turkish positions will not change from one moment to the next," Mitsotakis said last week, commenting on the visit. "Nevertheless, I think it's imperative that when we disagree, the channels of communication should always be open."

"We should disagree without tension and without this always causing an escalation on the ground," he added.

Ioannis Grigoriadis, a professor of political science at Ankara's Bilkent University, said the two leaders would look for ways "to expand the positive agenda and look for topics where the two sides can seek win-



win solutions," such as in trade, tourism and migration.

EASY VISAS FOR TURKISH TOURISTS
Erdogan visited Athens in early December, and the two countries have since maintained regular high-level contacts to promote a variety of fence-mending initiatives, including educational exchanges and tourism.

Turkish citizens this summer are able to visit 10 Greek islands using on-the-spot visas, skipping a more cumbersome procedure needed to enter Europe's common travel area zone, known as the Schengen area.

"This generates a great opportunity for improving the economic relations between the two sides, but also to bring the two stable societies closer — for Greeks and Turks to realize that they have more things in common than they think," Grigoriadis said.

A HISTORY OF DISPUTES
Disagreements have brought Athens and Ankara close to war on several occasions

over the past five decades, mostly over maritime borders and the rights to explore for resources in the Aegean and eastern Mediterranean seas.

The two countries are also locked in a dispute over Cyprus, which was divided in 1974 when Turkey invaded following a coup by supporters of union with Greece. Only Turkey recognizes a Turkish Cypriot declaration of independence in the island's northern third.

The dispute over the exploration of energy resources resulted in a naval standoff in 2020 and a vow by Erdogan to halt talks with the Mitsotakis government. But the two men met three times last year following a thaw in relations and a broader effort by Erdogan to re-engage with Western countries.

The foreign ministers of the two countries, Hakan Fidan of Turkey and George Gerapetritis of Greece, are set to join the talks Monday and hold a separate meeting.

RECENT DISAGREEMENTS
Just weeks before Mitsotakis' visit, Erdogan announced the opening of a former Byzantine-era church in Istanbul as a mosque, drawing criticism from Greece and the Greek Orthodox church. Like Istanbul's landmark Hagia Sophia, the Chora had operated as a museum for decades before it was converted into a mosque.

Turkey, meanwhile, has criticized recently announced plans by Greece to declare areas in the Ionian and Aegean seas as "marine parks" to conserve aquatic life. Turkey objects to the one-sided declaration in the Aegean, where some areas remain under dispute, and has labelled the move as "a step that sabotages the normalization process."

Grigoriadis said Turkey and Greece could focus on restoring derelict Ottoman monuments in Greece and Greek Orthodox monuments in Turkey. "That would be an opportunity" for improved ties, he said.

OBC Organizations of Jammu holds day backward classes conference at Anantnag

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ANANTNAG, May 12: All O.B.C. Organizations of Jammu Viz. All Jammu and Kashmir O.B.C. Mahasabha. All India Backward classes federation president's of Mandal Commission identified Socially and Educationally Backward classes and intellectuals of O.B.C. Samaj today Jointly held a One day backward classes conference at Anantnag City under the chairmanship of Jenab Ghulam Hassan Sheergojri and Bansilal Choudhary, Conve-ner OBC Mahasabha, Mohan Lal Pawar, Gen. sect. OBC Mahasabha, Abdul Qadir, Gen. sect. OBC Mahasabha were the special guests from Jammu region. Regarding the murder of JK-UT O.B.C. masses identified by Mandal Commission who have 42% population at Present keeping in View 32% as per census 1931 by implementing only 8% in JK-UT Govt. services instead of 27% with the induction of 13 new communities out of 16 Which were Nor iden-



tified by Mandal Commission- 1978 and not by kaka -kalelkar Commission - 1955 and not by JK- UT Backward classes Commission 1997 as these 13 Communities were Unable to fulfil the parameters set by Supreme Court which giving the Judgment on 16/11/1992 on Mandal Commission report Which are enshrined in its Judgment in paragraph 16,247 and 652 of A.I.R 1993-94. These 13 Communities are Acharya Brahmins, Dub duby Brahmins, ZARGAR (SUNAR), west Pakistan refugees [including upper castes] JAT, Saini, Padri tribes Christians, Bojru , De Count Ghirth Bhatti etc.

In the Conference Mat-ters were also discussed. The discrimination atti-tude of the Present B.J. P. Modi Govt. regarding the Nil representation in the Present socially and Educationally Backward classes Commission -2020. This NON-OBC representation Backward classes Commission in Working against the Mandal Commission identified backward classes(OBC) . The Methods adopted by the Social welfare Dept. of JK-UT Govt regarding the Counting (Survey) of JK-UT O.B.C. population is totally ille-gal and not acceptable to JK-UT O.B.C. Masses NON of representatives

of Revenue Dept. has Visited Door to Door of houses of JK-UT Masses. The OBC mass survey of Jammu and Kashmir should be done by the Census Dept. for which this Dept. has been made. The Vertical Reser-vation is only meant for Schedule Carte, Sched-ule Tube and Other Backward Classes(OBC) Under Article 15(4), 15(5), 16 (4) and 16(5) and 10%. E.W.S (other than S/C, S/T and OBC ,s) Under Article 15(6) and 16 (6) But Vertical-Reservation in the Name of "BACKWARD AREA" as R.B . A - 10%, and ALC+IB-4% are Uncon-stitutional and illegal .

Kavinder pitches for PM Modi's third term to continue India's development trail



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JAMMU, May 12: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, emphasized the critical-ity of Prime Minister Nar-endra Modi's continuity in office for a third term to uphold India's ongoing journey of development and progress. He was speaking while campaigning in favour of BJP Lok Sabha candidate Dinesh Singh Babbu at Gurdaspur Lok Sabha Constituency, Punjab. Speaking to media per-sons here today, Kavinder underscored PM Modi's visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to the nation's advance-ment across various sec-

tors. He cited transfor-mative policies and initiatives undertaken during PM Modi's tenure that have significantly impacted the lives of millions of Indi-ans, fostering economic growth, infrastructure development, and social welfare. Highlighting the impera-tive of stability and con-tinuity in governance, Kavinder asserted that PM Modi's leadership is indispensable for sustain-ing India's momentum on the path of growth and prosperity. He urged the electorate to recognize the unparalleled dedica-tion and tireless efforts of PM Modi in steering the nation towards a brighter future. As the Punjab State

prepares for the Lok Sabha polls, the senior BJP leader appealed to the people to extend their support to PM Modi by casting their votes in favour of BJP candidate for Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency, emphasiz-ing the pivotal role they play in shaping India's destiny. He reiterated the party's commitment to serving the nation with integrity, innovation, and inclusivity. Kavinder also appealed to the people to ensure maximum participation on June 1 polling in favour of BJP Candidate Dinesh Singh Babbu while endorsing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's candi-dacy for a third term to sus-tain the nation's progress.

Scholarship program for girl students in agriculture studies launched



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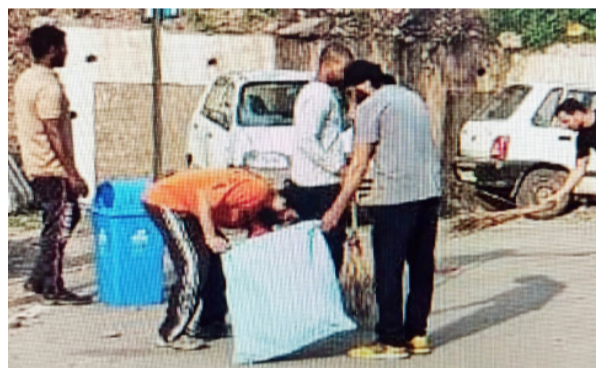
AMBALA/JAMMU, May 12: To support the advancement of agri-cultural education and increasing women's par-ticipation, Crystal Crop Protection in collabora-tion with the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), has announced the launch of its progressive schol-

arship program tailored specifically for girl stud-ents who are pursuing higher studies in agricul-ture. The initiative has been launched in the honour of company MD Ankur Aggarwal's late mother Kanak Aggarwal, who was eager to extend the benefit of the scholarship to girl students pursuing agriculture courses.

This special initiative promotes and encour-ages aspirations of next generation students by providing financial sup-port and a plethora of opportunities to young women who are pas-sionate about making a difference in the field of agriculture. The schol-arship program will offer financial assistance to 21 girl students for pursuing

graduation program in 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year and 4th year making a total of 84 scholarships every year. Our goal is to furnish them with top-notch education and abundant opportunities within the field. By equipping these budding talents with the requisite support, we envision a future where they not only excel academically but also embark on fulfill-ing careers, Said Ankur Aggarwal, MD Crystal Crop Protection Limited. The program will com-mence from the upcom-ing session in July/August, 2024. Applica-tions for scholarship program are now open for eligible girl students that meet criteria and have demonstrated academic excellence. Applicants can find more informa-tion and apply through the NAAS & Crystal Crop website.

Army organised 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' at Rajouri



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RAJOURI, May 12: Cleanliness is a fundamental aspect of a healthy life. It encompasses both our personal hygiene and the tidiness of our surroundings. To increase awareness about personal hygiene & sanitation and healthy life amongst people residing in remote area, Indian Army organised a Swachhta Abhiyan for Healthy Life on 12 May 2024 at Gambhir Brahmana village in Rajouri District. During this event, an awareness lecture was also conducted to increase awareness amongst the children, youth and resident populace residing in remote areas regarding various diseases and their symptoms alongwith proactive measures to stem the tide and also emphasize on importance of good eating habits, balanced diet plan and maintaining. Personal hygiene and sanitation to increase happiness quotient amongst the gathering. On this occasion, all personnel also took a pledge to ensure cleanliness of their homes, workplace and surrounding areas. The event witnessed huge participa-tion with volunteers from all sections of society including school children, women and renowned social activists.

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Army Chief visits Command Hospital in Udhampur

Staff interacted with the patients under-going treatment and also the paramedics. He lauded All Ranks for their profession-alism and exhorted them to continue striv-ing for excellence. AAP Chief Arvind Kejriwal announces 'Kejriwal Ki Guarantee'

A day after his release from jail on interim bail, Kejriwal on Saturday said the INDIA bloc will form next the government and his AAP will be part of it. Addressing a press conference on Sunday, the AAP leader said people will have to choose between "Modi ki Guar-antee" and "Kejriwal ki guarantee". The latter is a "brand", Kejriwal said. On the announcement of his guarantees, Kejriwal said, "I have not discussed with my INDIA bloc partners about this. I will press upon my INDIA bloc partners to fulfill these guarantees." Kejriwal said while the AAP has fulfilled its "guarantees" of free power, good schools and Mohalla Clinics in Delhi, "(Prime Minister Narendra) Modi has not fulfilled his guarantees". On "Kejriwal ki Guarantee", he said 24x7 power supply, good education and health facilities, and arranging two crore jobs for youths every year are part of it. "We worked on management to ensure 24x7 power supply in Punjab and Delhi. We

can do it in the entire country. The govern-ment schools in the country are in a bad shape. We will arrange good quality edu-cation across the country. We know how to do it," he said. Kejriwal also promised to end the Agniveer scheme and ensure that farmers get MSP for their crops as per the Swaminathan Commission's report. "Rashtra Sarvopari is our guarantee. China has occupied our land and we will free it from their occupation," he said. Kejriwal also promised to provide full statehood to Delhi. "BJP inducts all corrupt people in their party. BJP's washing machine will be dismantled publicly. We will come up with a system for hassle-free trade and business in the country," he said. Kejriwal, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in the Delhi excise policy scam case, was granted interim bail by the Supreme Court on Friday.

Voters will end domina-tion of NC, PDP in Kashmir: BJP

has been able to strike a chord with people with the works of the Centre and has exposed the entrenched political parties. Sources said the BJP believes that its best hopes lie in a good performance by former minister Altaf Bukhari-led JK Apni Party and Sajad Lone's JK People's Con-ference as the demographics of the Mus-lim-majority Valley are not very suited to the party. It is the first major election in Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kash-

mir, in August 2019. Nearly 17.48 lakh elec-torate are eligible to vote in the election to the prestigious Srinagar Lok Sabha con-stituency and 24 candidates are in the fray. Two other Kashmir seats, Baramulla and Anantnag-Rajouri, are headed for the polls in the fifth and sixth phases on May 20 and May 25 respectively.

PDP leader and former Jammu and Kash-mir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti is con-tending from Anantnag-Rajouri, while NC's Omar Abdullah, also a former CM, is in the fray from Baramulla. Chugh said, "We are sure that the NC, PDP and the Congress will not get people's support. They have built their politics over dead bodies." He also expressed confi-dence that the BJP will continue its winning streak in Ladakh, where it has fielded Tashi Gyalson in place of sitting MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal. Asked about the party's prospects in Telangana, where polling will be held on all 17 Lok Sabha seats on Monday, he said the party will ride the popular support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to emerge as the biggest party in the southern state. The BJP had won four seats in 2019, its best-ever show, in the state, but the Con-gress' victory in the recent assembly polls and the perceived decline in the fortunes of the BRS, which ruled the state for 10 years and had won nine seats last time, has added an element of uncertainty to conventional equations. Chugh claimed that the recent remarks of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on the Pulwama terror attack have not gone down well with voters, and the Congress will pay a price for it. The BJP has also accused Reddy of questioning the air strikes follow-

Amid unprecedented security setup, Srinagar LS constituency goes to polls on Monday

ing the terror attack. the presence of the polling agents. Also, the voting will continue even after 6.00 PM, if the voter's queue is still there in the Polling Station premises to exercise their right to vote. There will be 20 polling booths managed by women (also called as pink polling sta-tions), 18 polling booths manned by spe-cially-abled persons, and 17 by youths. All polling stations in phase 4 will have CCTV cameras for live webcasting to the control rooms established at the District and CEO offices. Few polling stations fall in communication shadow areas. Suitable alternate arrangements by providing Sat-ellite Phones, Wireless sets, and Special Runners have been put in place around a few polling stations that fall in commu-nication shadow areas. A three-tier security arrangement has been formulated outside every polling sta-tion to prevent any attempt to sabotage the polling process. The security forces will be also manning the roads and bylanes lead-ing to the polling station to scuttle any mis-chievous attempt by the anti-national elements. Inspector General of Police (Kash-mir Zone) V K Birdhi said that all security measures for the smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha elections for Srinagar Parli-amentary constituency scheduled for tomor-row have already been completed. "We

have already formulated a comprehensive security arrangement for the polling sta-tions, locations, distribution centres and strong rooms under the prescribed security guidelines of ECI for the Srinagar Parli-amentary Constituency", Birdhi told media in Srinagar on Sunday. He said "A safe and secure environment has been established for the people so that they can come out to poll their franchise in a big way". He also highlighted the deployment of paramilitary forces, checkpoints, as well as Special Security District (SSD) and Field Security District (FSD) personnel. Meanwhile, the polling staff along with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and other poll materials were dispatched to their concerned polling stations under adequate security arrange-ments on Sunday.

Terrorist associate arrested with arms, ammunition in Bandipora: Police

Kashmir Police, Army and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) arrested a terrorist associate during a search opera-tion in Bandipora. Some arms and ammu-nition including Pistols, Pistol magazines and rounds were recovered from his pos-session. A case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police station Pethkote. "In a joint operation, Indian Army, Bandipo-ra Police and CRPF ,arrested one terrorist associate along with arms & ammunition. Case registered under relevant section of law in PS Pethkote", Police said on X.

17 companies to start making laptops, PCs

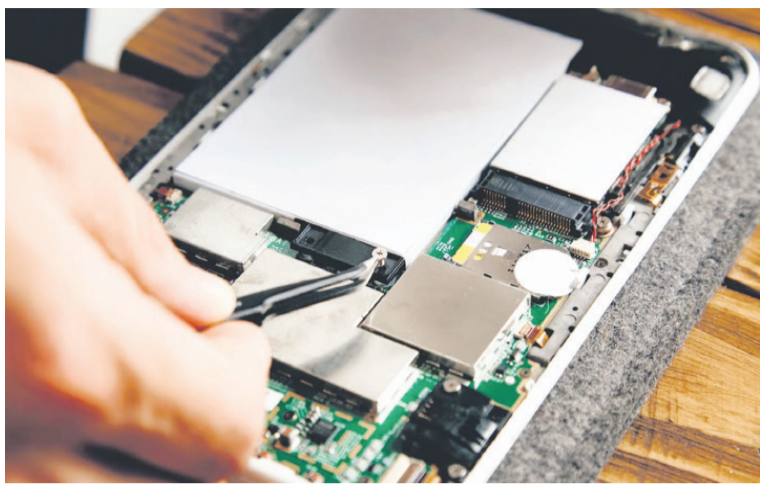
27 approved cos will lead to investment of Rs 3K cr, direct jobs of 50K, indirect jobs of 1,50,000

NEW DELHI, May 12 (Agencies): Nearly 17 companies selected under the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) for IT Hardware will begin production in this financial year (FY25), said S Krishnan, Secretary of Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY). Six-seven companies out of 27 had started production last year.

Krishnan also mentioned that the government has been periodically reviewing the progress of the PLI incentive scheme and is quite satisfied with its progress.

The government introduced a revised PLI scheme of Rs 17,000 crore for IT hardware in May 2023. The objective of this initiative was to boost the domestic production of laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, servers, and ultra-small form factor devices within the country.

"Out of the 27 companies, a majority are expected to start production during the current year, which is 2024-25. I think



if I recall the numbers correctly, about 17 companies are expected to start this year. About six or seven companies had started last year, and two companies are starting next year," said Krishnan.

In November 2023, the government had approved the applications of 27 companies, including Dell, HP, Foxconn, and Lenovo for the PLI schemes for IT hardware.

The minister for electronics and information, Ashwini Vaishnav, while announcing the applicants, said this move will make India a major force in the manufacturing of PCs, servers, laptops, and tablets.

He added that these 27 companies will lead to investment of Rs 3,000 crore, direct employment of 50,000, and indirect employment of 1,50,000.

Companies approved under

the PLI scheme include Dell, Foxconn, HP, Lenovo, Flextronics, VVDL, Rising Stars Hi-Tech, India Sales, Padget Electronics, SOJO, VVDN, and others.

However, the government has not yet released any incentives under the scheme to any companies as the scheme took off in the last quarter of this financial year. Therefore, the companies need to complete audits and other requirements. "So, not yet (releasing incentives). We are awaiting... Because, you know, the PLI scheme started in the last quarter of last year. The companies have to get their audits and things completed," said Krishnan.

Nearly 44 major technology companies, including all significant players, applied for the scheme. According to Counterpoint Research firm, India's total laptop or PC market size amounts to close to \$8 billion annually, with approximately 65% of units being imported.

Social commerce platform Meesho raises \$275 million

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came from existing investors like SoftBank, Prosus, Elevation Capital and Peak XV Partners.

The latest funding valued Meesho at \$3.9 billion. Meesho may increase the ongoing round size to \$500-600 million, according to

reports.

The SEC regulatory filing also indicated a share transfer at Meesho's US parent firm.

The company did not divulge much information about further details about share transfer.

In January this year, global investment firm Fidelity had marked down the value of its holding in social commerce platform Meesho, to \$3.5 billion.

The e-commerce platform has Meta, Peak XV, Prosus Ventures, B Capital, and SoftBank among its investors.

Its current gross merchandise value (GMV) run rate is over \$5 billion, according to reports.

Study reveals who should take preventive treatment for TB

NEW DELHI, May 12 (Agencies): People with confirmed tuberculosis (TB) infection—that is a positive skin or blood test—should take the preventive treatment, regardless of age, finds a study.

Preventive treatment for tuberculosis (TB) can stop latent TB infections (with no symptoms) from developing into deadly diseases later.

Notably, researchers from Boston University in the US found that preventive TB treatment was not effective in most individuals who did not show evidence of infection, except for children under 5.

Among 439,644 participants, the team found that preventive TB treatment was 49 per cent effective among the 2,496 individuals who developed TB, but particularly among individuals with a positive skin or blood test (for which the effectiveness was 80 per cent).

"While it is critical to find and treat people who are spreading TB in the community, the threat of global TB will never end until people with latent TB receive treatment. The results of this study show just how effective such treatment can be," said Dr. C. Robert Horsburgh, professor of global health at the university's School of Public Health. "Tuberculosis affects tens of millions



of people every year and has long-term lasting effects, even after people recover. Finding ways to optimise prevention is really important to tackle the epidemic," said lead author Dr. Leonardo Martinez, assistant professor of epidemiology.

The team also estimated the number of needed-to-treat (NNT) to prevent one person from developing TB disease.

Regardless of infection status, the NNT was lower in high-burden settings (29 to 43 people) versus low-burden settings (213 to 455 people), the study showed.

"Despite the fact that individuals with negative blood or skin tests do not seem to benefit from preventive treatments, the researchers say the overall low NNT may justify prioritising this treatment to all exposed contacts in areas where testing for TB infection is inaccessible," the team said.

A 30-year-long Harvard study reveals ultra-processed foods linked to early death

NEW DELHI, May 12 (Agencies): A recent study by Harvard University, spanning over 30 years and tracking 1,14,000 participants, has highlighted the risks associated with consuming ultra-processed foods (UPF).

Higher consumption of most ultra-processed foods is linked to a slightly higher risk of death, with ready-to-eat meat, poultry, and seafood-based products, sugary drinks, dairy-based desserts, and highly processed breakfast foods showing the strongest associations.

Ultra-processed foods are those food items that contain additives and ingredients not commonly found in home kitchens, such as artificial sweeteners, colours, and preservatives. These are



foods that are high in saturated fats and lack nutrients and fibre.

The research, published in the BMJ, revealed alarming findings: people who regularly consumed ultra-processed meats faced a 13% higher likelihood of premature death over the study period.

Moreover, those with diets high in sugary and artificially sweetened beverages saw a 9% increase in the risk of early death.

Overall, diets rich in ultra-processed foods were associated with a 4% higher chance of mortality.

During an average 34-year follow-up period, the researchers identified 48,193 deaths, including 13,557 deaths due to cancer, 11,416 deaths due to heart diseases, 3,926 deaths due to respiratory diseases, and 6,343 deaths due to neurodegenerative diseases.

Eating too much ultra-

processed food can be bad for your health, especially certain types. Ready-to-eat meats, sugary drinks, desserts, and breakfast foods are linked to a higher risk of death. So, it's best to limit these kinds of foods in your diet.

The researchers concluded, "The findings provide support for limiting consumption of certain types of ultra-processed food for long term health. Future studies are warranted to improve the classification of ultra-processed foods and confirm our findings in other populations."

Previous studies have also linked UPFs to a range of health issues, including cancer, mental health problems, type 2 diabetes, and premature death.

In Western countries, UPFs now make up a

significant portion of the average person's diet, comprising as much as half of daily food intake.

Among younger people and those with lower incomes, this proportion can soar to 80%.

To combat these concerning trends, experts suggest focusing on unprocessed and minimally processed foods, which include fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, and unprocessed animal products like eggs, fish, and meat.

These foods, which make up about 30% of the typical UK diet, provide essential nutrients without the harmful additives found in ultra-processed options.

This study highlights the importance of public health initiatives aimed at reducing reliance on ultra-processed foods for better overall health and longevity.

Colorectal cancer cases more than tripled among teens in just two decades

NEW DELHI, May 12 (Agencies): Colon cancer, also called colorectal cancer, occurs in the large intestine or the rectum. This type of cancer is highly treatable and often curable when localised in the bowel.

Though this disease was earlier witnessed in people over 50, more young people are getting diagnosed with colon cancer.

In a recent study, which will be presented at the Digestive Disease Week 2024, researchers have found that colorectal cancer incidence has increased steadily among young people in the US over the last two decades.

The research conducted between 1999 and 2020, found that the rate of colorectal cancers grew 500% among children ages 10 to 14, 333% among teens aged 15 to 19, and 185% among young adults ages 20 to 24.

"Colorectal cancer is no longer considered just a disease of the elderly population.

It's important that the public is aware of signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer," said lead researcher Dr Islam Mohamed, an internal medicine resident physician at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The most common symptoms for colorectal cancer identified in patients with early onset colon cancer were changes in bowel



habits in terms of either constipation or diarrhea, abdominal pain, rectal bleeding and signs of iron deficiency anemia, Mohamed said.

Colorectal cancer rates continue to rise across higher age brackets, with a 71% increase among those aged 30 to 34 and a 58% rise among those aged 35 to 39.

Risk factors for colon cancer, as per the study, include a family history of inflammatory bowel disease or colorectal cancer.

Other modifiable risk factors include obesity, tobacco use, alcohol consumption and dietary habits such as low fibre intake, consumption of processed meats or sugar-sweetened beverages and a high-fat diet.

The study cited inactive lifestyle, the presence of bacteria that tend

to cause tumors, antibiotic usage, and dietary additives being potential causes but not firmly established contributors to colorectal cancer.

Even though the percentage increase was comparatively lower among those aged 40 to 44, this group exhibited the highest incidence rate, reaching 20 cases per 1,00,000 people in 2020.

These findings highlight the urgent need for awareness, early detection, and targeted interventions to combat the rising cases of colorectal cancer among younger generations.

In India, according to a 2023 study by the Delhi State Cancer Institute (DSCI), colon cancer is shifting to young people in the age group of 31 to 40 years.

Pressure to be perfect raising burnout in parents, anxiety in children: Study

Parent's mental health and behaviours strongly impact their children's mental health

NEW DELHI, May 12 (Agencies): Societal pressure to be perfect is increasing parental burnout and raising the risk of children suffering from stress, anxiety, and depression, a study revealed.

Researchers from The Ohio State University found that the pressure to try to be 'perfect' leads to unhealthy impacts on both parents and their children.

Their study, based on a month-long survey of more than 700 parents in the US, showed that 57 per cent of parents self-reported burnout.

The study defined "parental burnout as strongly associated with internal and external expectations, including whether one feels they are a good parent, perceived judgement from others, time to play with their children, the relationship with their spouse and keeping a



clean house."

"The illusion and expectations of 'perfect parenting' can be deflating," said Kate Gawlik, one of the lead researchers on the study and an associate clinical professor at the Ohio State College of Nursing.

"I think social media has just really tipped the scales. We have high expectations for ourselves as parents; we have high expecta-

tions for what our kids should be doing. Then, on the flip side, you're comparing yourself to other people and other families, and there is a lot of judgement that goes on. And whether it's intended or not, it's still there," said Gawlik, who pursued this research based on her experience as a working mother of four.

Notably, the parent's mental health and behaviours strongly

impact their children's mental health. If children have a mental health disorder, parents report a higher level of burnout and a greater likelihood for them to insult, criticize, scream at, curse at, and/or physically harm their children (that is, repeated spanking).

On the other hand, quality time spent with parents reduced children's mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and bipolar disorder.

The study suggested parents boost their connection with children and become active listeners, while also "catching, checking and changing negative thoughts into positive ones; readjusting expectations for the parent and the child; and reflecting and acting on priorities".

Ranji Trophy likely to be played in two halves in 2024-25 season

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It is learnt that a draft proposal for the restructuring of the domestic cricket calendar for the 2024-25 season has been sent to the board's apex council.

The proposal has been made after consultation with BCCI secretary Jay Shah, India captain Rohit Sharma, chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar, head coach Rahul Dravid and National Cricket Academy head VVS Laxman.

Another proposal is the doing away with the toss for the CK Nayudu Trophy, which will also be organised with a new points system.

As per the new proposed format, five Ranji Trophy league matches will be followed by white ball tournaments -- Syed



Mushtaq Ali Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy. The remaining two Ranji league matches as well as the knockout stage games will then be held after the conclusion of the two white-ball tournaments.

'Increased gap between matches'

This has been done in order to meet the challenges posed by inclement weather in the northern part of the country in winter months as well as to ensure gaps between matches.

The BCCI has also taken into account the fact that last season's Ranji Trophy was

organised with games having only three-day gaps in between including travelling, which did not give players adequate time to rest and recover.

"There will be an increased gap between matches to allow players sufficient time for recovery and to maintain peak performance throughout the season," Shah informed the media.

As per the proposal, the domestic season will begin with Duleep Trophy, which will feature four teams to be picked by the national selectors.

The Irani Cup will follow the Duleep Trophy after which the

Ranji Trophy will be held in two halves.

In the CK Nayudu Trophy which won't feature the toss of coin, the visiting team will have the right to decide whether to bat or bowl first.

"The CK Nayudu Trophy will implement a new points system aimed at promoting balanced performances. This includes awarding points for batting and bowling performances in the first innings, in addition to points for the first innings lead or outright win," said Shah.

The Board will also be assessing the effectiveness of the new point system employed for the CK Nayudu Trophy at the end of the season and a decision would be taken if the same has to be implemented for the Ranji Trophy as well for the following season.

In women's cricket, all inter-zonal tournaments, including one-day, T20 and multi-day format competitions, will have the teams selected by the national selectors.

England legend James Anderson to retire after Lord's Test against West Indies



LONDON, May 12 (Agencies): Legendary pacer James Anderson announced that the first Test against the West Indies this summer will be his final appearance for England, bringing down the curtains on an illustrious career spanning over 20 years.

Regarded as one of the greatest bowlers of all time, the 41-year-old is England's leading wicket-taker and one of only three bowlers to take over 700 Test scalps.

"Hi everyone. Just a note to say that the first Test of the summer at Lord's will be my last Test," Anderson wrote on his Instagram.

"It's been an incredible 20 years representing my country, playing the game I've loved since I was a kid. I'm going to miss walking out for England

so much. But I know the time is right to step aside and let others realise their dreams just like I got to, because there is no greater feeling," he added.

Anderson's announcement comes after England red-ball coach Brendon McCullum conveyed to the seamer that they are looking at the future, with an eye on the Ashes 2025-26 in Australia.

Anderson made his Test debut back in 2003 and has since claimed a remarkable 700 wickets in 187 Test matches.

He currently ranks third on the all-time list of Test wicket-takers, trailing behind spinners Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka and Australia's Shane Warne.

However, whether Anderson will continue playing for his county side Lancashire remains unclear.

"I couldn't have done it without the love and support of Daniella, Lola, Ruby and my parents. A huge thank you to them. Also, thank you to the players and coaches who have made this the best job in the world. Thank you to everyone who has supported me over the years, it's always meant a lot, even if my face often doesn't show it," Anderson wrote.

England are set to play a three-Test series against the West Indies, starting with the opener at Lord's on July 10.

KKR become 1st team to qualify for IPL 2024 playoffs after MI win

KOLKATA, May 12 (Agencies): KKR became the first team to seal their place in the IPL 2024 Playoffs as they defeated MI at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata. This is the first time KKR are making it to the playoffs since they made it to the final of the 2021 season. KKR made it 9 wins out of 12 matches as they extended their lead at the top of the IPL 2024 points table.

KKR has been one of the early pace-setters this season along with RR as they have continued been the top two for most of the season. The arrival of Gautam Gambhir as mentor has certainly had the desired effect on the two-time champions, who had finished in 7th spot last season.

Another win in their remaining two games will seal their spot in the top two and head to the qualifier 1 of the playoffs.



The rain in Kolkata had affected the game as it was reduced to a 16-over game. KKR were put into bat after Shreyas Iyer lost his 7th straight toss. KKR found themselves in trouble as they lost both Phil Salt and Sunil Narine cheaply. Shreyas Iyer also couldn't contribute much with the bat as KKR were reduced to 40 for 3.

Venkatesh Iyer played an incredible knock of 42 from 21 balls and the returning Nitish Rana would also pitch in with 33 from 23 balls as the innings was steadied after the early wickets.

Cameos from Andre Russell, Rinku Singh and Ramandeep Singh got KKR to 157 in 20 overs.

The MI chase was off to a very brisk start with Ishan Kishan scoring 40 off 22 balls. However, Narine and Varun Chakaravarthy would apply the squeeze and remove Kishan and Rohit Sharma. Andre Russell got the big wicket of Suryakumar Yadav and also got rid of Tim David.

Tilak Verma tried his best with 32 but it wasn't enough in the end as KKR won the match by 18 runs.

'Play Rohit Sharma at No.4': Hayden's startling swap for T20 World Cup, suggests new position for Virat Kohli

Matthew Hayden has come up with a fresh new idea around India's batting lineup for the T20 World Cup.

NEW DELHI, May 12 (Agencies): A sparkling 47-ball 92 against Punjab Kings, which further added to Virat Kohli's fabulous runs in IPL 2024 sparked debates on whether the Royal Challengers Bengaluru batter, who opens for the franchise, should perform the same role for India in the impending T20 World Cup tournament. While the likes of former India captain Sourav Ganguly backed the idea, Australia batting legend Matthew Hayden was not in favour of Kohli as an opener despite his exploits in IPL 2024, but later took a sharp U-turn on his earlier comment with rather startling suggestion for head coach Rahul Dravid.

In response to the strike rate debate around Kohli last week, Hayden admitted that given the firepower present in the Indian lineup, the team does not need to alter the former India captain's usual batting position. And in conversation with his daughter and Star Sports presenter



Grace Hayden, he reiterated the same, stressing in the importance of a right-left combination at the top of the order.

"No they shouldn't do that. The reason why I say that is because you definitely need a left-right combination at the top. So I would definitely go with Jaiswal and Rohit," he said.

However, Hayden quickly suggested that contrary to the combination of captain Rohit Sharma opening alongside left-handed Yashasvi Jaiswal, India



would demote the former down the order and put Kohli in his stead in the lineup. In a bid to maintain the left-right combination, the former Australia batter suggested that Kohli could open with Jaiswal, while Suryakumar Yadav could take the No. 3 spot in the line-up followed by Rohit at No. 4.

"If you have to make a change in that combination, I would be very happy...if you would tell me if I could open with Kohli and Jaiswal, I would have said

absolutely yes. Then I would slot Suryakumar Yadav at 3 and Rohit at No.4. And that top four, in my opinion, is the right combination. The reason I say that is Virat is a master of the first six. And once the power hitting comes into play, there are other great options including Rohit. Look at his figures at No. 4, they are superb. Those are better than his opening numbers," Hayden added.

Out of his total appearance of 151 international matches for India in the T20 format, where Rohit has scored 3974 runs, he has batted outside the opening position in 27 innings, scoring 481 runs with five fifties. Eight of those innings came when he walked out at No. 4 for India, the last being in 2022, and smashed 188 runs at a strike rate of 122.87 with two fifties. In IPL, he batted at No. 4 in 91 innings, the last being in 2018, scoring 2565 runs at a strike rate of 130 with 20 fifties.

In-form RCB eye fifth win in a row against Pant-less DC

BENGALURU, May 12 (Agencies): Bengaluru, Pushed into a tight corner, Royal Challengers Bengaluru rose above their frailties to notch four wins on the trot to stay alive in the race to play-offs, but Delhi Capitals even sans their suspended skipper Rishabh Pant offer them a different challenge in the IPL match here on Sunday.

Pant was suspended for one match and handed a fine of 30 lakh for maintaining slow over rate against Rajasthan Royals at Delhi on May 7.

It was DC's third offence of the season; hence the suspension came in vogue immediately leading to Pant missing the match against RCB.

While the absence of Pant will certainly give RCB an edge, they can't get themselves lulled into a comfort zone.

In the run-up to this match, RCB defeated Gujarat Titans twice, Punjab Kings and

Sunrisers Hyderabad once each.

While the victory over SRH was valiant, RCB did not face much challenge from the floundering Titans and Kings.

But the Capitals are a team unlike any other as they have oscillated between brilliant and ordinary in the span of a few days.

On April 27, the Pant-led side posted a hefty 257/4 in their 10-run win over Mumbai Indians and on April 29, they made a lowly 153/9 while capitulating against Kolkata Knight Riders.

The RCB, currently seventh with 10 points from 12 matches, will desperately hope not to run into that brilliant Capitals as a defeat can undo their good work in the last four matches.

But their confidence will be high, courtesy strong and consistent batting effort led by talisman Virat Kohli.

Kohli is the leading run-getter in this IPL with 634 runs but, more importantly, those runs have come at a



brisk rate of 153, giving RCB early momentum while setting or chasing targets.

Along with Kohli, additional runs from skipper Faf du Plessis, Rajat Patidar, Cameron Green and Dinesh Karthik have provided their bowlers, who have responded to the call splendidly, with a cushion.

The transformation of RCB bowlers in the last four matches have been nothing short of remarkable.

Mohammed Siraj has found his mojo after a 10-day break, and he has received excellent backing from fellow pacer Yash Dayal and left-arm spinner Swapnil Singh.

After the match against PBKS, the overall run-rate of Siraj and Dayal have gone under 10 for the first time this season, not a mean feat in a tournament where runs were scored at a breakneck pace.

Their skills will be tested first by Jack Fraser-McGurk,

who has teed off to make 309 runs from seven matches at an impressive strike-rate of 235.87.

McGurk took the opener's slot once David Warner - 167 runs from 7 matches at a strike rate of 135 - had to sit out with an injury, and he has not made the absence of the veteran felt even once.

His opening partner Abhishek Porel too has made runs at 157 strike rate, though the DC management

will be happier to see him adding more consistency to his game.

Pant and Tristan Stubbs too have been among runs made at a fair clip but now without the skipper the DC middle-order will further lean on Stubbs for momentum.

But in the bowling department, DC will feel that they might have a slight edge.

Spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel have been thrifty while sharing 24 wickets among them as they have maintained economy rates of 8.2 and 7.3 respectively - gold dust while others have gone above 10.

Their combined eight overs will have a massive say in the match, as the wrist-spinner and his left-arm comrade will have to contain the free-flowing RCB batters in the middle phase.

If pacers Khaleel Ahmed and Mukesh Kumar can inflict some blows upfront, DC can hope to contain the home side.

Teams :

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.

Delhi Capitals: Prithvi Shaw, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Abhishek Porel, Shai Hope, Rishabh Pant, Sumit Kumar, Tristan Stubbs, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mukesh Kumar, Ishant Sharma, Khaleel Ahmed, Kumar Kushagra, Praveen Dube, Lalit Yadav, Lizaad Williams, David Warner, Jhye Richardson, Anrich Nortje, Yash Dhull, Mitchell Marsh, Ricky Bhui, Rasikh Dar Salam, Vicky Ostwal, Swastik Chika-

SCS GDC Mendhar organise one day practicum on recent trends in sericulture

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 12: SCS Government Degree College Mendhar, under the esteemed patronage, supervision, and guidance of Principal Dr. Mohammed Azam, organized a one-day Practicum on Recent Trends in Sericulture on 11th May 2024. This event was a collaborative effort of the Departments of Botany and Zoology, along with the Women Development Cell and Career Counseling Cell.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members and a large number of students, showcasing their zeal and enthusiasm for learning. The organizing committee, led by Prof. Sarshad Husain as the Organising Secretary, Dr. Mahroof Khan as the Coordinator, Dr. Rehfit Naz Koser as the Incharge of the Women Development



Cell, Prof. Inam Ul Haq as the Incharge of the Career Counseling Cell and Assistant Professor of Zoology, and Dr. Gowhar Ahmad Shapoo, Lecturer in the Department of Botany, ensured the smooth execution of the practicum.

Dr. Rubia Bukhari, Incharge of the Department of Sericulture at Poonch Campus, University of Jammu, graced the event as the key resource person. Her

informative lecture and demonstration emphasized the importance of sericulture in economic and sustainable development. Dr. Bukhari's insights inspired the audience, highlighting the historical significance and contemporary relevance of sericulture, especially in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Mahroof Khan, the event coordinator, expressed gratitude to the organizing team for their efforts in arranging such a meaningful

event. Dr. Rehfit Naz Koser, Incharge of the Women Development Cell and Head of the Department of Urdu, also extended appreciation to the resource person and participants for their contributions to the success of the event.

In his presidential address, Dr. Mohammed Azam, Principal of SCS GDC Mendhar, congratulated the organizers, key resource person, and participating students for their roles in orga-

nizing an informative and wonderful program. The event was attended by distinguished staff members, including Dr. Mohd Ibrahim, Dr. Liyaqat Ali, Dr. Basharat Ahmed Shaheen, Prof. Mohd Qasim Mir, and Dr. Jameel Ahmed, further enriching the discussions and interactions.

The valedictory function concluded with the distribution of certificates among the participants. Prof. Inam Ul Haq, Assistant Professor of the Department of Zoology, delivered a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all involved in making the event a resounding success.

Overall, the Practicum on Recent Trends in Sericulture served as a platform for knowledge exchange, skill development, and community engagement, contributing to the promotion and preservation of sericulture in the region

TNWS emergency meeting with PDD Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 12: The emergency meeting held today in TNWS complex regarding the frequent power cuts in Trikota Nagar Colony by PDD Jammu.

The residents of Trikota Nagar colony are very much irritated because of frequent power cuts as the residents are mostly senior citizens and retired pensioner and as every authority should know that so many are Living by the support system which run by electricity supply of this

PDD supply system with too much long power cuts which can also fails alternative arrangements by which one can lost his life.

We the residents of Trikota Nagar colony demanding the explanation from higher authorities of PDD department as it's observed that the responsibility of unplanned & without proper planning of power cuts shedule published in print and electronic media. The administration should fixed the responsibility and penalties, so, that

this can never happens in future which is lesson for others. While our residents of Trikota Nagar colony are paying hundred percent power bills and demand hundred percent quality power supply without frequent power cuts by 24*7*365. The spokes persons in meeting are Mr. M. L. Matto, Varinder suri, Ashok Kumar Arora, S. N. Kaul, S. Amarjeet Singh, B. D. Gupta, K. K. Mahajan and meeting headed by Sh. Rajinder Parshad Kakkar President TNWS Jammu.

Dozens of people joins Shiv Sena



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 12: Impressed by the policies and ideas of Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit, about two dozen youths joined the party.

In a program organized at the party Jammu Central Office, in the presence of state chief Manish Sahni, about two dozen local people from Bari Brahmana and Hira Nagar areas of Jammu division expressed faith in Shiv Sena (UBT) and

joined the party.

General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Balwant Singh & Sanjeev Kohli, President Kamgar Raj Singh present on this occasion welcomed the new entrants with Shiv Bandhan and party symbol. Sahni announced the party Hiranagar unit and appointed Ajay Kumar as President, Ashwani Kumar as working President, Rakesh Kumar as General Secretary, Vivek Verma as Secre-

tary, Rimpi Sharma as President Youth Unit and Himmat Kumar as Youth Vice President, while Daya Ram and Prithvi Singh. were appointed as President and Vice President Kamghar wing. Along with this, Sham Lal was appointed as the President of Block Badi Brahmana. All the leaders present on the occasion pledged to protect their cultural identity, restore the rights of the local people and serve the society.

Natrang presents Hindi Play 'Tauba-Tauba'

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 12: Natrang presented Hindi play 'Tauba-Tauba' here today under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'. The play has been written by Rajinder Kumar Sharma and directed by Neeraj Kant. Coated with humor, the play presented some debatable issues which are faced by many theatre groups because of lack of commitment of a few artists which spoil the whole performance. But still it was more inclined towards comedy than being didactic.

The play opens at the home of one 'Anokhe Lal' who has converted it as rehearsal space as he is the director of the play which is scheduled to be staged within a few days. The drama erupts as the play proceeds as it appears that no one is



serious in doing rehearsal other than the director. The artists who used to plead for a single entry in the play have turned pricy now and come up with different excuses to skip rehearsals. At the top of it, the newly appointed

servant adds to the confusion as he comes up with a new problem every time he enters the room. 'Anokhe Lal' was very much worried about the performance of the play as nothing was going right, actors were for-

getting the lines, people were coming late in the rehearsal and on the top of it, the tickets of the show have already been sold. The ultimate crisis occur when the director comes to know that the actor who was doing the

role of father of hero is not doing the play as he has to go out of station for some personal work. Shattered by this untoward news, he decides to prepare his newly appointed servant to do the character of father in the play, who reluctantly agrees but real trouble erupts when the real father of 'Anokhe Lal' arrives to whom the servant introduced himself as the father of 'Anokhe Lal' on which both the servant and Anokhe Lal received a thorough beating from the real father.

Natrang actors who performed in the play included Mihir Gujral, Aadesh Dhar, Vandana Thakur, Kushal Bhat, Sanket Bhagat and Vishal Sharma. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant Sharma and the sound was rendered by Priya Kumari. The presentations were done by Payal Khanna.

Aryans celebrates International Nurses Day



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 12: Aryans Institute of Nursing (AIN), Rajpura, Near Chandigarh celebrated International Nurses Day under the theme "Our Nurses, Our Future. The economic power of care". Dr. Varinder Garg, OSD to President (PGIMER), Union Health Minister, India; Principal Investigator, Indian Council of Medical Research, CIBioD, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest while the Guests of Honour were Dr. Puneet Girdhar, Joint Director, Medical Educa-

tion, Punjab; S. Gurdyal Singh Buttar, President, Nursing Training Institute Association (NTIA), Punjab & Dr. Gurpreet Singh, Joint Secretary, Punjab Uniaided Colleges Association (PUCA). Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group presided over.

PGI expert, Dr. Varinder Garg said that while doctors are hailed for their medical genius, the contribution of nurses may often be relegated to the shadows of the hospital corridors. However, times is changing, and one of the biggest examples in the recent past has been that of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr. Puneet Girdhar mentioned that International Nurses Day is a time to recognize and appreciate the exceptional contributions of nurses to healthcare. Their selfless dedication, tireless efforts, and compassionate care make them the true heroes of healthcare.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group said that as we celebrate this special day, let us express our heartfelt gratitude to all nurses around the world for their invaluable contributions to society. Let us honor their unwavering commitment to patient care and acknowledge their role

as champions of health and well-being."

Nidhi Chopra, Principal, Aryans Institute of Nursing gave information that the students also took the oath to uphold the values of their Nursing profession. Students while taking oath pledged to serve the society with their profession during their studies as well as after the completion of their course.

It is to be mentioned that International Nurses day is celebrated every year on 12th May to mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing.

ZNS NIST Academy introducing their new branch in Udhampur

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 12 : ZNS NIST ACADEMY the premier destination for aspiring fashion and makeup enthusiasts, is thrilled to announce its grand opening! Located in the heart of UDHAMPUR ZNS is set to revolutionize the industry by providing unparalleled education, hands-on experience, and a platform for creativity to flourish.

At ZNS NIST we believe in nurturing talent and empowering individuals to realize their full potential in the dynamic worlds of fashion and makeup. Our expert instructors bring years of industry experience and a passion for teaching to every class, ensuring that students receive the highest quality skills education.

The Grand opening inauguration ceremony done by Sh. Lal Chand (DDC CHAIRMAN UDHAMPUR) along with Shabir Malik MD ZNS NIST & in presence of Shivangi Dogra (Centre Head Udhampur) ZNS



NIST already have centres in Gandhinagar & Bari Brahmana where Quality skills education is the key motive.

Whether you're dreaming of becoming a top fashion designer, a sought-after makeup artist, or a successful entrepreneur in the beauty industry, ZNS NIST provides the tools, resources, and support you need to succeed.

In addition to our comprehensive curriculum ZNS NIST offers state-

of-the-art facilities, including fully-equipped design studios, makeup labs, and photo studios. Students will have the opportunity to collaborate with industry professionals, participate in fashion shows and photo shoots, and build a portfolio that showcases their talent and creativity.

"We are thrilled to launch ZNS NIST Academy and provide a platform for aspiring fashion and makeup enthusiasts to turn their passion into

a successful career," says MD SHABIR MALIK. Our mission is to empower individuals to express themselves through fashion and makeup, and we look forward to inspiring the next generation of creative talent."

Enrollment for ZNS NIST ACADEMY Udhampur is now open for admissions for various courses like Hairstyling & Makeup, Fashion Designing, Hair Dressing & Nails Extensions with Professional