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## BRIEFLY

### 6 suspects spotted in Kathua's Jathana village, police launch search operation

KATHUA, May 14 (Agencies): People of Jathana Village in Kathua District spotted six suspicious individuals today. Following the report, a search operation was launched by Police and Army in the Village falling under the jurisdiction of Police Station Rajbagh. The villagers have been advised to stay alert and report any unusual activity. More details awaited.....

### Advocates cannot be held liable under consumer protection Act: SC

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that advocates are not liable for deficiency of services under the Consumer Protection Act 1986 and cannot be sued for poor service before consumer courts.

A bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and Pankaj Mishra said the legal profession is sui generis (unique) and the nature of work is specialised and cannot be compared with other professions.

"Advocates have to respect client's autonomy, not entitled to make concessions without express instructions from client and transgress authority. Considerable amount of direct control is with client of advocate. This strengthens our opinion that contract is of personal nature."

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### Police attach properties of 2 PAK based terror handlers in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, May 14 (Agencies): Police attached properties of two terror handlers based in Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Tuesday.

Police on Tuesday said after obtaining the attachment order from Sub Judge Uri, it attached properties including 1 Kanal and 11 Marlas worth lakhs belonging to two terror handlers based in Pakistan.

They have been identified as Mohammad Arif Badal, a resident of Nawarunda, and Mohammad Bashir, of Gowhallan Uri.

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## Abrogation of Article 370 showing result in J&K'S poll percentage: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): The Narendra Modi Government's decision to abrogate Article 370 is showing results in the poll percentage in Jammu and Kashmir and has enhanced people's trust in democracy, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday.

Following the Daily Excelsior channel on WhatsApp

The Home Minister's remarks came a day after about 38 per cent polling was recorded in the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency where polling was held in the 4th phase of



the general elections. Srinagar recorded 14.43 per cent polling in the 2019 Lok Sabha

polls, 25.86 per cent in 2014, 25.55 per cent in 2009 and 18.57 per cent in 2004.

"The Modi Government's decision to abrogate Article 370 is showing results in the poll percentage as well. It has enhanced people's trust in democracy and its roots have deepened in Jammu and Kashmir," he wrote on 'X'.

Shah said that through the rise in the poll percentage, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have given a befitting reply to those who opposed the abrogation of Article 370 provisions and are still advocating its restoration.

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## SIA conducts raids in three South Kashmir Districts in connection with probe into terror case

SRINAGAR, May 14 (Agencies): The State Investigation Agency on Tuesday carried out raids at multiple locations in three South Kashmir districts in connection with the probe into the terror killing of a man from Bihar in Anantnag district, officials said here.

The SIA sleuths conducted searches at 11 locations in Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian districts in the early hours, the officials said.

"These searches were conducted by SIA in connection with ongoing investigation of case FIR No 87/2024 of PS Bijbehara, pertaining to the killing of non local street vendor Raja Sah on 17 April 2024 at Jablipota, Bijbehara to ascertain larger criminal conspiracy behind this killing," they said.



During searches various articles, including mobile phones, electronic gadgets and documents, relevant to the ongoing investigation have been seized. The seized articles shall be forensically examined and analysed during investigation in the case, the officials added.

## Tarigami expresses concern over power crisis in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, May 14 (Agencies): Expressing concern over the power crisis in the Kashmir valley, CPI(M) leader Mohamad Yousuf Tarigami on Tuesday alleged it is a failure of the administration and mismanagement by those at the helm.

"How long will the people of J&K be deprived of electricity?"

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Tarigami asked in a statement here. He said the recent declaration by the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) of additional power curtailments is unacceptable and a blatant disregard for the well-being of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

## 49 Drones recovered along India-Pak Border since MCC Enforcement

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): Forty-nine drones have been either shot down or recovered from along the India-Pakistan international border by the BSF in the 60 days of the Model Code of Conduct being in force for the ongoing general election in the country, latest data show.

Separately, the total recovery of these largely Chinese-made



unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), originating from Pakistan and entering India's Punjab territory and a few in

Rajasthan, has seen an about 13 times rise since 2022 in the January-May period.

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## 11 FIRs registered in over MCC Violations

SRINAGAR, May 14 (Agencies): Election authorities have registered 11 FIRs in connection with poll-related violations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Chief Electoral Officer J&K, Pandurang K Pole said they have received 234 complaints of violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) since March 16.

"We have registered 11 FIRs after taking cognisance of these complaints. We have also issued notice in 80 complaints and enquiry has been initiated in 29 complaints," J&K CEO Pole said.

The Election officials said that highest MCC violations have been reported in Srinagar district.

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## Police arrest 2 narco smugglers in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, May 14 (Agencies): Police arrested two drug smugglers and recovered heroin worth Rs 2 crore from their possession in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Tuesday.

Police said that they intercepted two persons at a checkpoint established at Ganie Mohalla Trikanjan, and during their search, 446 grams of contraband heroin-like substance worth approximately Rs 2 crore were recovered from their possession on Tuesday.

The duo, identified as Abdul Qayoom Ganie and

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## Wholesale inflation rises for second month in a row in April at 1.26 Pc

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): The wholesale inflation rose for the second consecutive month in April to 1.26 per cent on account of rise in prices of food articles, especially vegetables, along with fuel and power.

The wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation was 0.79 per cent in April last year. In March 2024, it was 0.53 per cent.

"Positive rate of inflation in April 2024 is primarily due to increase in prices of food articles, electricity, crude petroleum and natural gas, manufac-

ture of food products, other manufacturing etc." Ministry of Commerce & Industry said in a statement on Tuesday.

As per the data, inflation in food articles rose to 7.74 per cent in April as against 6.88 per cent in March.

Inflation in vegetables was 23.60 per cent in April, up from 19.52 per cent in the previous month.

In the fuel and power basket, inflation stood at 1.38 per cent in April, up from (-)0.77 per cent in March.

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## Below normal night temp in Kashmir amid dry weather forecast

SRINAGAR, May 14 (Agencies): Amid forecast for mainly dry weather, night temperature recorded a drop and settled below normal at most places in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday. A meteorological department official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 9.5°C against 9.9°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C below normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year. Qazigund recorded

a minimum of 7.0°C against 9.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.2°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 2.6°C against 5.5°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 2.5°C for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 6.6°C against 7.0°C and it was 2.7°C below normal, the offi-

cial said.

Kupwara town recorded a minimum of 6.5°C against 6.2°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 3.1°C for the place, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 3.8°C against 1.5°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.7°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

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### STOP...!

## MOSQUITO BREEDING

### Prevent Malaria, Dengue & Chikungunya

- Do not allow water to stagnate in and around your surroundings.
- Keep water tanks and other water containers tightly covered with lids.
- Get your blood tested from Health Institutions/Health Workers in case of fever with chills, headache.
- Empty water coolers once in a week

- Discard/destroy junk items like old tyres etc.
- Empty air coolers, drums, flower pots and bird baths weekly.
- Use mosquito repellent creams and bed nets while sleeping.
- Use netted screens on doors and windows.
- Wear full body clothes to prevent mosquito bites.
- Improve basic sanitation.

#### Symptoms

➤ Dengue: High fever, frontal headache, pain behind the eyes worsening with eye movement, muscle & joint pains, rash on the body, pain abdomen, nausea, vomiting, bleeding and low BP in severe cases.

➤ Chikungunya: fever, joint pains, muscle pain, fatigue, headache, rash.

➤ Malaria: high grade fever with chills, sweating, headache, vomiting, convulsions, weakness.

**Visit nearby Health Institution if any of above diseases is suspected.**

**Investigations & Treatment are free of cost in Govt. institutions**

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## EDITORIAL

NATIONAL  
SECURITY

National security encompasses a nation's ability to safeguard its citizens, territory, and interests from various internal and external threats. It involves a complex interplay of political, economic, military, social, and technological factors aimed at ensuring the safety, stability, and sovereignty of the country. In a rapidly evolving global landscape, the concept of national security has expanded beyond traditional military defense to encompass a wide range of challenges, including terrorism, cyber attacks, pandemics, climate change, and economic instability.

At its core, national security is about protecting the fundamental values and interests of a nation, including its sovereignty, territorial integrity, political stability, and economic prosperity. It requires a comprehensive and coordinated approach that involves not only the government and military but also other stakeholders, including the private sector, civil society, and international partners.

One of the primary objectives of national security is to deter and defend against external threats to the nation's sovereignty and territorial integrity. This includes maintaining a strong and capable military, robust border security measures, and effective intelligence and surveillance capabilities to detect and preempt potential threats. Additionally, diplomatic efforts and international cooperation play a crucial role in managing regional tensions and preventing conflicts that could undermine national security.

In today's interconnected world, national security is increasingly intertwined with other dimensions of security, such as economic security and cybersecurity. Economic strength is vital for national security, as it underpins the country's ability to invest in defense, infrastructure, and social programs. Ensuring a resilient and diversified economy, promoting trade and investment, and protecting critical infrastructure from cyber threats are essential components of economic security.

Cybersecurity has emerged as a critical aspect of national security, given the growing dependence on digital technology and the increasing frequency and sophistication of cyber attacks. Protecting critical infrastructure, government networks, and private sector systems from cyber threats is essential to safeguarding national security interests and maintaining public trust and confidence.

Moreover, national security encompasses non-traditional threats such as terrorism, organized crime, pandemics, and climate change, which have the potential to destabilize societies and undermine state authority. Addressing these threats requires a multidimensional approach that integrates security, development, and humanitarian efforts to mitigate their impact and address their root causes.

In conclusion, national security is a multifaceted concept that encompasses a wide range of challenges and requires a comprehensive and integrated approach to address effectively. It is about protecting a nation's people, territory, and interests from various internal and external threats while upholding its values, sovereignty, and prosperity. In an increasingly complex and interconnected world, effective national security requires collaboration, innovation, and adaptability to anticipate and respond to evolving threats and challenges.

## Stories of fidelity to the oath, loyalty to comrades

By: Lt Gen Baljit Singh  
(Retd Military Commentator)

READING exhaustive narratives of the Kargil War in The Tribune over the past month, I was reminded of a phone call that came one morning in the summer of 1999. Even before I could say hello, an excited voice said: "Jai Hind shaab, aap aur memshaab theek hain?" The voice did seem familiar, but to avoid embarrassment, I asked: "Aap kahan se bole rahey ho?" His response, with a controlled chuckle, was: "Shaab, main Som Bahadur STD booth Kargil main hoon. 3/3 GR (Gorkha Rifles) ne peak capture kar liya, shaab!" He was on cloud nine, but much to my disappointment and his helplessness, the connection snapped all too soon.

Back in 1981, when my brigade, inclusive of 3/3 GR, was moved to establish a permanent presence in north Sikkim, Lance Naik Som Bahadur Punm was my affable sahayak. And it had been an article of faith ever since for this comrade-in-arms to get in touch every year. By 1999, he was a battle-blooded, proud havildar.

Som Bahadur's call reminded me of the legend of Pheidippides from 490 BC, when the Persian army had invaded Greece. Outnumbered 10 to one, the Greeks sought help from the neighbouring Sparta, but to no avail. However, their deity Pan so spurred the soldiery to "...take heart, laugh Persia to scorn, have faith in

the temples and tombs..." that they inflicted a crushing defeat on the invading Persians. And Pheidippides, a champion runner, set out on 40-km non-stop run from the battlefield of Marathon back to Athens. When he reached there, he informed anxious fellow citizens gathered at the Acropolis: "Rejoice, we have won!"

Another Kargil narrative came from Lt Sanjay Barshilia of 286 Medium Regiment, who on

June 7, 1999, after two nights of a gruelling climb, had teamed with a detachment of 4 Jat atop Point 5299 (17,385 ft above sea level) to commence the interdiction of enemy reinforcements and logistics by artillery fire. A narrow horizontal niche cut into an ice-face about 50 metres below that hilltop, where four men could curl up at any one time, was their sole communal sleeping shelter. But sleep remained elusive because the sleeping bags tended to be damp due to frequent sleet sprays and the night temperature dipped below 10°C. Cooked food and water were supplied by night ferries daily, but were sufficient only for one meal a day.

However, this young man had a job at hand and the vantage hilltop proved an excellent perch for directing artillery fire on enemy locations with a telling effect. It was not long before the enemy retaliated in equal measure, best narrated by Sanjay thus: "You fire a round at him, and sure enough, you can expect him on your loca-

tion in precisely one minute. The game was dangerous, but all of us enjoyed it immensely... It was a tremendous feeling for all of us at the post, more so for myself, who had the fortune of experiencing combat at a young age and from such a close distance. It was a dream come true." Befittingly, he was awarded the Sena Medal on August 15, 1999, for his dedicated leadership and gallantry.

In November 2023, I had an unbelievable chance meeting with a veteran of two wars – he was part of the Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) in October 1987 during the Sri Lankan civil war and also present at Kargil in 1999. On an errand to an establishment, the gatekeeper greeted me with a smart salute, but with his left arm, and that prompted me to enquire about his antecedents. Within minutes, it emerged that this Napoleon-sized Suraj Lama was a veteran from the elite 10 Para Commando and was among the first members of the ill-fated heliborne mission to land upon the Jaffna University stadium, where they received a horrendous reception by LTTE combatants.

However, born under a lucky star, Lama survived not just the Jaffna onslaught but multiple battles till the cessation of the war across the length and breadth of Sri Lanka. Much as I admired and respected his unique combat experiences, I was driven to a guarded cross-examination. But the moment he mentioned that he was part of that platoon of 13 Sikh Light

Infantry battalion which had perished within minutes of touchdown upon mother earth to the last man but one, it was my turn to shake hands and salute Lama.

It is in the nature of warfare that every soldier in battle enjoys in equal measure both the grace of angels and the dictums of destiny. So, Lama sailed through three bloody years with the IPKF in the Lankan war, but on the penultimate day of the war in Kargil, in the blink of an eye, he was knocked out cold, airlifted to Leh Military Hospital and regained consciousness three days later.

For five-and-a-half years, he remained bed-ridden and partially wheel-chaired at the Army Hospital (Research and Referral), Delhi Cantonment; AIIMS, New Delhi; and the Command Hospital, Chandimandir, where his service as a havildar was terminated with 100 per cent disability pension. His left leg and right arm were severely damaged, but undaunted he drives a scooter and a car confidently. He cannot climb up steps, salutes with his left hand and clicks heels at attention in a ramrod posture – always with a broad, infectious smile.

And that brings me to the classic A Matter of Honour by Philip Mason, which opens with the unwritten credo of the Indian Army: "Fidelity to an oath, loyalty to comrades and calm under crises, without which qualities an Army is nothing..."

## Future of Hungry, Malnourished Children

By: Vijay Garg

Today, when technology, prosperity and modernity are expanding all over the world, hunger and malnutrition remain a problem in the human society with divided economy. Recently, the Director General of the International Labor Organization (United Nations), Gilbert Hungbo, has exposed the fact that millions of children around the world are being sent to work instead of going to school, in order to eradicate hunger. Not only this, they are also accused of wrongdoings. Is also being forced to. This torture of innocent people has intensified since the Covid pandemic amidst unbearable inflation. It is not that this is happening only in the poor countries of the world, this decline continues even in countries with proportionally higher economies. Most of the children and teenagers are being put into fields like farming, mining, construction etc. The reason for this tragedy is poverty and hunger. About sixteen crore children of the world are facing such situations. For the first time in the last two decades, such a situation is out of control. Are going. The number of child laborers is increasing rapidly. Inflation due to Ukraine-Russia, Israel-Palestine wars has also made people's lives complicated. To satisfy hunger, children are also being forced to do physical labour. It is a fact that in India alone sixty-seven lakh children go to sleep hungry. This number is more than countries like Sudan and Mali. Surveyors term this a situation of 'zero food', raising deep concerns of severe food insecurity. According to the Global

Hunger Index - 2023, this Not only children and teenagers going to work are affected by the tragedy, but also 30 percent of them are children aged between 6 to 11 months, 13 percent of children aged 12 to 17 months and 8 percent of infants aged 18 to 23 months. Meanwhile, the prevalence of undernutrition in our country has increased from 14.6 percent to 16.3 percent. In such a situation, it has become very challenging for the governments to monitor malnourished children and make a comprehensive policy to rescue them from this complex situation. According to statistics, about sixty percent of children in our country are deprived of nutritious food like milk etc. Are. Child trafficking is also a major reason for the horrific exploitation of children. Poverty, humanitarian crisis and lack of education are fueling its high rates. The problem is that it is not easy to get accurate figures. Regarding child labor which has become a global challenge, according to an estimate, more than twenty thousand children are being trafficked every year. Despite calls for comprehensive protection of children, prevention of trafficking, law enforcement, and necessary assistance to victims, this number continues to increase every year. At least three lakh children are kidnapped every year. Are there. A large number of them fall into the hands of traffickers. According to a report by anti-human trafficking organization 'THORN', every thirteenth of these children is subjected to sexual exploitation. In India, a large proportion of children are engaged in labor despite the Child and Adolescent Labor Prohibition Act. Although the CLPR Act makes

it illegal to employ any child as a labourer, but according to the last national census (2011), out of the total 25.964 crore children in the country, 1.012 crore were found in various types of labour. The number of such children in the world is said to be more than 21.7 crore. A report by UNICEF and International Labor Organization states that the number of child laborers has increased by 89 lakh as compared to earlier. According to the National Crime Records Bureau, the highest number of cases of child labor are being registered in Telangana. Assam has been at second position. Most of the children were found employed in the brick manufacturing industry. A large number of child laborers are doing hard labor in UP, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. starvation and malnutrition. The biggest reasons are economic inequality, poverty and inflation. The affected population is becoming deprived of food items as well as drinking water and sanitation. The second major reason for increasing hunger is the lack of proper implementation of government schemes and policies. Wars in the world and natural disasters like drought, flood, earthquake have also made this situation difficult. Agricultural activities have been disrupted. There is unequal distribution of food production. The conditions of poverty and child labor in India are now becoming frightening, the danger of which. The results are emerging in the form of massive exploitation of children. Most of the 80-81 crore families dependent on five kg ration are facing economic insecurity, unemployment, poverty and hunger. Most of the child

laborers come from such families. Meanwhile, the latest report of the United Nations highlighting the global inequality shows that about eighty crore people in the world go to sleep hungry every day, on the other hand, about one billion plates of food are being wasted. United Nations Environment Programme's 'Food Waste' According to the 'Index-2024' report, in the last one year alone, 1.05 billion tonnes of food was wasted, out of which about 20 percent was thrown in the garbage. Today, while millions of people are sleeping hungry, almost one-fifth of the food products available in the market are being wasted. Now this destruction is becoming a global tragedy. This waste is also causing climate change and loss of biodiversity. According to a UN report, annually a maximum of 631 million tonnes (about 60 percent) of food is wasted at home. Is coming. Among the world's affluent people, every person wastes at least two quintals of food annually. The United Nations has been closely monitoring this situation for the last three years. This wastage of food is found in both rich and poor countries alike. Per capita annual food waste rates varied by only seven kilograms between high-, upper-middle- and lower-middle-income countries, but there was a difference in such waste between urban and rural areas. In middle income countries Rural populations waste relatively little food. The United Nations is trying to reduce food wastage by fifty percent by 2030.

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## IP Singh and Rajarshi Sanyal, famous as the band Faridkot, have touched the hearts of millions with their fresh beats and catchy rhythms

Theirs is a genre which they dub as 'confused pop', a mish-mash of Indie, pop and folk elements. Yet, in their journey till now, they have carved a separate niche for themselves in the hearts of music aficionados. Famous for crooning peppy tracks like Nasha, Kaala Doriyaa, Ibtida and Laila, here's getting to know the two men at the helm of the band Faridkot — IP Singh and Rajarshi Sanyal, the former the lead vocalist and guitarist, and the latter a bassist as well as backing vocalist.

It all began in 2008, when the two musical souls first connected. "We both loved music, but were doing our own things. Rajarshi had a band, while I made music alone. We met through the music community and since then, we've been working together," says IP. Adds Rajarshi, "We met in Delhi. IP was searching for a band, and I was seeking someone who could sing and write songs in Hindi because

I had an English band. I wanted to branch out to experiment more. The rest is history."

With two acclaimed albums, Ek and Phir Se, to their credit, the two believe their music is evolving. "I think there's a sense of calmness and depth that comes with experience and getting older, but, at the same time, there's still that wild energy that is prevalent," says IP.

Rajarshi opines their music has changed a lot over time, "That's because we love to try out new things. We've experimented with many types of music like pop, progressive and punk. We also like dance and folk music. We've grown as musicians and learnt a lot."

Go with the flow  
Creating history by becoming the first Indian band to compose the lead track for the Hindi rendition of The Expendables 3, featuring icons Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger, Faridkot's music is captivating, one that resonates with audi-



ences globally. Says IP, "I think music naturally goes beyond boundaries. If you create music spontaneously, without trying too hard to please, you can come up with something truly captivating."

Rajarshi adds, "We don't have strict rules when we make music; it's really fun to challenge ourselves and be a bit uncomfortable. That's how we make our music. We like to go with the flow when we write songs, without any set plans. This approach

has led to a lot of successful songs, though some didn't work out. But that doesn't stop us."

Pushing the limits  
The music industry is full of challenges, but the duo is ready for the grind. Says IP, "The main challenge as a musician is that if you decide to turn music into your business, you have to learn how the music industry works and how to promote yourself. We always aim to create popular music that people will enjoy."

Even for Rajarshi, "The key lies in creating new and fun things with your music. The real challenge is to keep pushing yourself to be creative, even with these limitations."

As for the musicians of tomorrow, their advice is clear. "First figure out what you want from your music and where you want it to go. Then, learn what steps you need to take to get there and what your options are. It's important to stay sensible and remember that you need to take care of your basic needs first, before you can succeed in your musical career. Be practical, but also keep dreaming," says IP.

Rajarshi adds, "Don't stick to just one type of music. People like different things, so as a musician it's good to be open to exploring different styles. I've learnt that being flexible helps you grow. It's important to stay open-minded about your preferences and not have fixed ideas." Point to ponder!

## Tabu to star in 'Dune' prequel series 'Dune: Prophecy'



Fresh from the success of heist comedy 'Crew', actor Tabu has joined the cast of 'Dune: Prophecy', a prequel series to director Denis Villeneuve's blockbuster film franchise.

Tabu will star in the recurring role of Sister Francesca, described as a "strong, intelligent and alluring" character, according to a report in entertainment outlet Variety. "Sister Francesca leaves a lasting

impression in her wake. Once a great love of the Emperor, her return to the palace strains the balance of power in the capital," the makers said.

In Villeneuve's 2021 and 2024 feature adaptations of Frank Herbert's 'Dune' novels, Charlotte Rampling played Reverend Mother Mohiam, the Emperor's Bene Gesserit Truthsayer. Lady Jessica (Rebec-

ca Ferguson) was the Bene Gesserit mother of the protagonist Paul Atreides, played by Timothee Chalamet.

'Dune: Prophecy', an HBO Max series hailing from Legendary Television, is set 10,000 years before the events of Frank Herbert's 'Dune' and is based on the novel 'Sisterhood of Dune' by Brian Herbert and Kevin J Anderson. It was previously titled 'Dune: The Sisterhood'.

As per official logline, "Set within the expansive universe of 'Dune,' created by acclaimed author Frank Herbert, and 10,000 years before the ascension of Paul Atreides, 'Dune: Prophecy' follows two Harkonnen sisters as they combat forces that threaten the future of humankind, and establish the fabled sect that will become known as the Bene Gesserit."

Tabu has previously starred in international projects such as 'The Namesake', 'Life of Pi', and the BBC miniseries 'A Suitable Boy'. At home, the National Award winner's credits include titles such as 'Andhadhun', 'Maqbool', 'Haider', 'Bhool Bhulaiyya 2' and 'Drishyam'.

## Saiyami Kher says she's drawn to roles that take everything out of her

Actress Saiyami Kher, who is gearing up for her upcoming film Agni, likes to do roles that challenge her and push her out of her comfort zone. In Agni, she portrays the character of a firefighter.

The actress, who is known for Mirzya, Ghoomer, Special OPS and Breathe, expresses her contentment with being recognised as an actor capable of handling rugged and challenging roles in Bollywood. She says, "I am grateful for the opportunities I've had to portray strong characters in the work I have done so far. It's immensely fulfilling to be recognised



for my ability to take on roles that push me out of my comfort zone, and demand physical and emotional dedication.

I've always been drawn to roles that demand everything from me because, in return, they give me so much."

## 'Squid Game - The Challenge' wins Best Reality Category at BAFTA TV Awards

BAFTA TV Awards have been announced, and Squid Game — The Challenge won in the Reality Category. The UK-produced Netflix show beat off competition from shows such as Banged Up and Married At First Sight. A competition version of Korean drama Squid Game, it pitted 456 contestants against each other in a big to win a massive cash prize.

Comedians Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan hosted the 2024 BAFTA TV Awards, honouring the biggest stars of British television at London's Royal Festival Hall. The show comes from The Traitors producer Studio Lambert and The Garden, a rare co-production between two major British unscripted producers from different production groups. The Traitors won last year, when the category was known as Reality



and Constructed Factual.

This year, The Crown and Black Mirror got the most nominations. However, those nominations didn't translate into awards as Happy Valley and Top Boy dominated the TV BAFTA.

Great going

In the acting categories, Jasmine Jobson won a BAFTA for supporting actress for Top Boy with the show picking up a second award for best drama series, edging out Happy Valley,

The Gold and Slow Horses for the honour. Timothy Spall won leading actor for The Sixth Commandment, which also won limited drama award.

Strictly Come Dancing won for entertainment, while Squid Game — The Challenge won an award for reality. Last year's Eurovision Song Contest, which took place in the UK, won for live event coverage, with Hannah Waddingham — one of the hosts last year — accepting the award along with the production team.

Sarah Lancashire won the leading actress award for her act in Happy Valley. The show also beat out David Beckham teasing his wife Victoria over her 'working class' upbringing in his Netflix documentary Beckham to take home the award for most memorable moment.

## Rajkumar Rao recalls how he got that one line in RGV's 'Rann'



Before his debut in Love Sex Aur Dhokha in 2010, Rajkumar Rao

was seen in a small role as a newsreader with just one or two lines in

filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma's political thriller Rann. The National Award-winner took a trip down memory lane and recalled how he got the part.

Rajkumar shared, "I had one line in Ramu's film Rann. All of us were looking for work, and we got to know that Ram Gopal Varma was making this film and there were auditions going on... So, we just went there and somebody asked me to read two lines, and I read. They called me and said aapka hogaya hai.

## Alia Bhatt to attend the Gucci Cruise Show in London



After stealing the spotlight at Met Gala 2024 in a Sabyasachi saree, actress Alia Bhatt is now all set to grab eyeballs with her presence at the Gucci Cruise show 2025 in London.

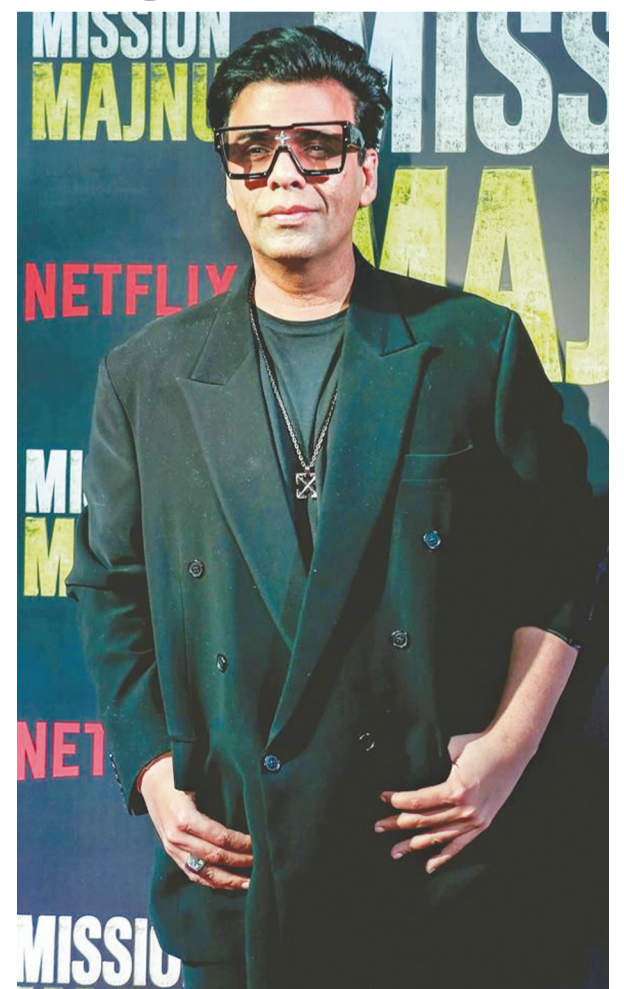
Before boarding the flight to London, the Gangubai Kathiawadi star happily posed for the shutterbugs at the Mumbai airport on Monday night. She looked simple yet stylish in a comfortably cool airport ensemble. Alia donned a pair of denim jeans and a white t-shirt. She opted for minimal make-up.

## Filmmaker Karan Johar bags Gold Legend Honour

Filmmaker Karan Johar, who is known for giving a number of hits, has been honoured at the third annual Gold House Gala. He shared glimpses of the event and said that he was 'humbled' to receive the Gold Legend Honour. The event took place at the historic Music Center in downtown Los Angeles on May 11.

Taking to his Instagram handle, Karan Johar shared a video in which he can be seen receiving the award. He wrote in the caption, "Humbled and honoured to receive the Gold Legend Honour @goldhouseco's Gold Gala in LA." This year's event was a star-studded affair, with luminaries such as Steven Yeun, Lucy Liu, Bang Si-Hyuk, and the iconic Hello Kitty.

Meanwhile, American actor Lucy Liu was also honoured with the Gold Legend Award. Liu gave a moving speech after receiving



the award from Regina King. "What I love about Regina is that she

always makes choices that are for her," Liu told the audience.

## Film director and screenplay writer Biju Vattappara dies at 54

Film director and screenplay writer Biju Vattappara, known for his work on movies, several serials and documentaries, died on May 13, according to sources in the film industry here on Tuesday.

He was 54. Vattappara, a native of Okkal, collapsed and died while he was in Muvattupuzha for personal reasons

on Monday.

He directed movies such as 'Ramaraman', 'Swantham Karyam Zindabad' and 'My Dear Mummy'.

Additionally, he wrote screenplays for films like 'Lokanathan IAS', starring Kalabhavan Mani, among others.

The FEFKA directors' union condoled Vattappara's demise.

## With Yogi by his side, PM Modi files nomination from Varanasi Lok Sabha constituency

PM Modi is eyeing a hatrick in the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat, which he had won for the first time in 2014

VARANASI, May 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday filed his nomination from the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat after offering prayers at the Dashashwamedh Ghat and the Kaal Bhairav temple here.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was among those present at the collectorate when Modi filed his papers.

Earlier in the day, the PM offered prayers at the Dashashwamedh Ghat on the banks of the Ganga. He also performed aarti at the ghat amid chanting of Vedic mantras.



In a post in Hindi on X, Modi said, "My relationship with my Kashi is amazing, inseparable and incomparable...all I can say

is that it cannot be expressed in words!"

He is eyeing a hatrick in the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat, which he had won for the first time in 2014.

The prime minister held a dazzling roadshow in Varanasi a day ago and vowed to do a lot more to serve the holy city in his third term. A day later, he posted a clip from his Monday's roadshow on 'X' and said, "The love and blessings that my family members of Kashi showered on me during the road show has become an unforgettable moment in my life."

## Ruckus in MCD House over Swati Maliwal's assault allegation



NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): A ruckus erupted in the MCD House here on Tuesday over the allegations

of Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal that she was assaulted by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's PA, Bibhav on his instructions.

BJP and Congress councillors stormed into the well of the House as soon as the proceedings began and started raising slogans against Kejriwal and demanding his resignation over the incident.

They raised slogans such as "Kejriwal haye haye" and "Kejriwal istifa do".

The opposition councillors also stood at the mayor's podium carrying posters with "Dalit Mayor Ko kursi par baithao, Dalit virodhi Kejriwal istifa do" slogans written on them.

Amid the ruckus, the mayor adjourned the House and left the meeting.

AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal on Monday went to the Civil Lines police station and alleged that a member of Kejriwal's personal staff "assaulted" her at the chief minister's official residence.

## Supreme Court reserves order on contempt notice issued to Ramdev, Balkrishna, Patanjali Ayurved in misleading ads case

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its order on the contempt notice issued to yoga guru Ramdev, his aide Balkrishna and Patanjali Ayurved Limited in the misleading advertisements case.

A bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Ahsanuddin Amanullah noted that the counsel appearing for the firm has sought time to file affidavit indicating the steps being taken to recall the advertisements of those products of Patanjali whose licences have been suspended.

The bench said the affidavit be filed within three weeks.

"Orders are reserved on the contempt notice issued to respondents 5 to 7 (Patanjali Ayurved Ltd, Balkrishna and Ramdev)," the bench said.

During the hearing, Indian Medical Association (IMA) president R Asokan unconditionally apologised to the bench for his statements made against the apex court in a recent interview to the agency where he answered questions about Patanjali Ayurved's misleading advertisements case.

"You can't sit on a couch giving an interview to the press and lampooning the court," Justice Kohli told Asokan.



The bench told the IMA's counsel that at this stage, the court was not inclined to accept the affidavit of apology tendered by the IMA president.

While hearing the matter on May 7, the top court had termed as "very, very unacceptable" the statements made by Asokan.

The Uttarakhnad State Licensing Authority (SLA) had earlier told the apex court that manufacturing licenses of 14 products of Patanjali Ayurved Ltd and Divya Pharmacy have been "suspended with immediate effect".

The apex court is hearing a plea filed in 2022 by the IMA alleging a smear campaign by Patanjali against the Covid vaccination drive and modern systems of medicine.

## Why has Ganga river gotten dirtier despite spending Rs 20,000 cr: Congress asks PM

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): The Congress on Tuesday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi as to why he has abandoned the Varanasi villages adopted by him and why the Ganga has gotten dirtier despite spending Rs 20,000 crore.

On a day PM Modi filed his nomination from Varanasi, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the outgoing PM must answer for his "failures" in Varanasi.

"Today's questions: After spending Rs 20,000 crore, why has the Ganga gotten dirtier? Why has the PM abandoned the Varanasi villages he had "adopted"? Why is the PM determined to destroy Mahatma Gandhi's legacy in Varanasi," he asked in a post on X.

Ramesh said when he came to Varanasi in 2014, Modi had said "Maa Ganga ne mujhe bulaya hain" and promised to purify the waters of the Holy Ganga, but soon after coming to power, rebranded the existing Operation Ganga as Namami Gange.

"Ten years later, the 'Namami Gange' project has cost the exchequer more than Rs. 20,000 crore.

Here are the results: the number of Polluted River Stretches has increased from 51 to 66, 71% of monitoring stations have reported dangerous bacteria at up to 40 times more than safe levels, and antibiotic resistant bacteria have now been found in the waters.

"Where has the 20,000 crore in taxpayer



money gone? How much has been siphoned off in corruption and mismanagement? How can the people of Varanasi trust a man who has given a jumla even to Ma Ganga," the Congress leader asked.

He also said outside the city of Varanasi lie eight villages that the PM had "adopted", but a March 2024 ground report found that despite big promises of "smart schools", health facilities and housing, the villages have seen absolutely no progress in 10 years.

Domri village has almost no pucca housing, he said, adding Nagepur village has extremely shoddy roads.

Dalit communities in Jogapur and Jayapur have no toilets and no water, and the flagship Nal Se Jal Scheme seems to have missed

Parampur village entirely, he claimed.

"The condition of Mr. Modi's adopted villages tells us a lot about his sense of duty, or lack thereof, towards serving his constituents. Why has the PM abandoned his "adopted" villages? Is this the true face of "Modi ki guarantee", he asked.

Ramesh also alleged that "It is well known that the outgoing PM's ideology is that of Godse, not Gandhi".

"He has taken his malicious hatred of the Father of our Nation to the extent of destroying the Sarva Sewa Sangh, started by Acharya Vinobha Bhave, and associated with personalities like Dr Rajendra Prasad, Lal Bahadur Shastri, and Jayaprakash Narayan," he said, adding it has been rendering extraordinary public service to the nation since 1955.

It had been operating on 13 acres of land, close to the Varanasi Railway Station, for which it had full possession papers.

It was evicted from its iconic campus in August 2023, and the land was taken over by the Indian Railways.

Only one corner of the campus, occupied by the Gandhi Vidya Sansthan, remains untouched because it had already been captured by the RSS.

"Why does the PM persist in his hypocrisy of praising Gandhiji abroad, while destroying Gandhian institutions at home? Can he openly admit his admiration for Godse over Gandhi," Ramesh asked.

## UP man thrashed by 3 over vehicle refuelling, dies

GREATER NOIDA, May 14 (Agencies): A 26-year-old man was allegedly beaten to death by three men in Greater Noida after an argument at a CNG pump over who would get their vehicle refuelled first, police said on Tuesday.

The incident took place on Monday night and two of the three accused were arrested, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central Noida) Hirdesh Katheriya said.

According to officials, Aman Kasana, a resident of Ghaziabad, had come to the CNG pump at Kheda Chauganpur village, under Ecotech 3 police station area, to get his car refuelled around 10.30 pm. He was accompanied by his cousin Abhishek, 22.

"Aman had come to a CNG pump in a car with his kin to get fuel. At the same time, an argument broke out between him and another person, identified as Ajay alias Aju, over getting the fuel. Ajay called his two associates, Ankush and Rishabh to the spot. They thrashed Aman," Katheriya said.

"The fight took place outside the CNG pump. During the fight, Aman was hit on his head with a stick, leading to severe injuries. He was later taken to a hospital but succumbed to injuries," he said.

Based on a complaint by Kasana's family, an FIR was lodged and three accused were named. Of the three accused, Ajay and Rishabh have been arrested, while efforts are underway to nab Ankush, the additional DCP said.

The police said the car of the accused was impounded and the stick with blood stains on it, used in the crime was also recovered. Further legal proceedings, including post-mortem of the body, in the case are underway, the police added.

Last week, the Noida Police booked Aam Aadmi Party leader and Delhi MLA Amanatullah Khan, his son and some others for assault and criminal intimidation after an argument at a petrol pump in the city after they allegedly jumped a queue to refuel their car.

However, the MLA denied the charges.

## Six boys among seven feared drowned in Narmada river in Gujarat

NARMADA, May 14 (Agencies): Six boys and a man are feared to have drowned in the Narmada river at Poicha village in Narmada district of Gujarat on Tuesday as they went missing after entering the water, police said.

The incident occurred at around 12 pm, they said.

"A search operation is underway to trace the six children, who are in the age group of seven to 15 years, and a 45-year-old man," a Narmada town police station official said.

They were part of a group of 17 persons from Surat who were on a visit to Poicha village to take a holy bath in the Narmada river after offering prayers at a temple, he said.

Fire brigade personnel from Rajpipla town and local swimmers are making efforts to trace and rescue them, the police said.

## Search and rescue operation continues after over 21 hours in Mumbai billboard collapse



MUMBAI, May 14 (Agencies): More than 21 hours after a huge billboard collapsed in Mumbai's Ghatkopar area due to gusty winds and unseasonal rains, killing at least 14 persons and injuring 75 others, the search and rescue operation is still on, civic officials said on Tuesday.

So far, 89 persons were pulled out from under the collapsed hoarding, of whom 14 were declared dead and 75 others injured. They were admitted to six hospitals in Mumbai and neighbouring Thane, the officials said.

Of the injured persons, 32 have so far been discharged from hospitals till now. Twenty-five of them were admitted to the Rajawadi Hospital in Ghatkopar, four to M J Hospital Vikhroli and

three to HBT Hospital in Jogeshwari. The condition of one of the injured persons admitted to the Rajawadi Hospital is critical, an official of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said.

At least 12 fire engines and other vehicles have been involved in the search and rescue operation since around 4.50 pm on Monday. Two teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), comprising 100 personnel, also joined the operation at 7.10 pm on Monday evening, he said.

According to the BMC official, two heavy duty cranes and two hydra cranes are being used in the operation for the search and rescue along with two JCBs, two gas cutter teams,

25 ambulances. More than 125 workers -- 75 belonging to the BMC and 50 to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority.

After the 120 x 120-foot billboard collapsed on a Chheda Nagar-based petrol pump around 4 pm, the authorities had said that more than 100 persons were feared trapped under it.

According to civic officials, the billboard was illegal and no permission was taken to install it.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde visited the incident spot late evening and ordered a structural audit of all hoardings in the city.

The city police have registered a case against the owner of Ego Media and others for installing the hoarding that collapsed on the petrol pump. The owner, Bhavesh Bhinde, and others were booked under Sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 338 (causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 337 (causing hurt to another person by acting rashly or negligently) of the Indian Penal Code, an official said.

## Woman wanted wedding gifts from 'Instagram brothers'; they dupe her of Rs 2 lakh

LUCKNOW, May 14 (Agencies): A woman was allegedly duped of Rs 2 lakh by three 'brothers' on Instagram after the latter befriended her, the police said today.

In the first such case, cyber fraudsters promised the woman wedding gifts from "brothers" and trapped her in a fraudulent scheme.

The victim, Salma (name changed) of Indiranagar, told the police that on April 22, she came across three men on Instagram named Ravi Kumar, Rana Pratap Singh and Manoj.

The men gained her trust and convinced her to consider them as her brothers.

"After days of communication, one of them, Ravi Kumar, contacted me on phone and assured me that they would

give me expensive wedding items. For this, they requested my Aadhaar card, photos and other documents for shipping purposes," the victim told the police.

"Later, Manoj, one of the accused, informed me that the shipment had been seized at the airport. He claimed that to release the package, I needed to pay a certain amount of money. Initially, I refused, but he threatened me saying if I did not comply, he would involve the CBI, Crime Branch or Income Tax officers, and get me arrested," she said.

She succumbed to pressure and transferred Rs 1.94 lakh online through a QR code. Deputy Commissioner of Police, North Zone, Abhijit Shankar, said an FIR had been lodged and investigation is under way.

## Six dead as car hits truck in UP's Hapur



HAPUR, May 14 (Agencies): Six people have died and one was grievously injured when their car collided with a truck here, police said on Tuesday.

The incident occurred late on Monday night near Brajghat toll plaza, when the driver lost control over the car and it hit the truck, they said.

The injured person has been referred to a hospital in Meerut. Superintendent of Police Abhishek Verma said the accident took place at around 12.30 am. Those killed have been identified as Rohit Saini (33), Anoop Singh (38), Sandeep (35), Nikki Jain (33) and Vipin Soni (35), all residents of Ghaziabad, and Raju Jain (36), a resident of Meerut, police said.









## India doing well, hopefully we can qualify for Women's T20 World Cup semis: Harmanpreet

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur is confident that the Indian women's team will be amongst the semi-finalists in this year's T20 World Cup. Harmanpreet believes that defeating the 'Southern Stars' will be crucial in securing India's first global title. The T20 World Cup is scheduled to take place in Bangladesh from October 3-20, with Harmanpreet counting on the Indian team's familiarity with the conditions to boost their chances. India were drawn in Group A alongside six-time champions Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka for the tournament's ninth edition. Group B includes South Africa, England, 2016 champions West Indies, Bangladesh, and Scotland.

"India, Australia, England and South Africa. Because all these teams have been doing really well and hopefully these four can qualify for the semis so we can have very good cricket over



there. I think it will be Australia (who I look forward to facing) because they are very competitive," Harmanpreet told ICC during a fixture launch event. Though Harmanpreet's team has challenged Australian dominance recently, their opponents have emerged victorious in global competitions, winning the Women's T20 World Cup final in 2020 and the Commonwealth Games final in 2022. Australia

also beat India in the 2023 T20 World Cup semifinals.

"If we do well against them, it will give us a lot of confidence and I'm really looking forward to playing against them," she added. Harmanpreet also believed India's performance in the recently finished 5-match series against the hosts has made them more accustomed to the conditions. "Yeah, it's a bit similar to India and hopefully,

in these conditions, we should do well." India and Bangladesh have had a heated rivalry in recent years, which was on full display during the recently ended series. Since the 2023 T20 World Cup, India has visited Bangladesh twice: in July last year for a three-match T20I series and an ODI series, and most recently for a five-match T20I series.

"Bangladesh will be the home team and they will know the conditions better than us. Obviously crowd will be supporting them. But playing against them is always an exciting event. And hopefully, we will do well against them," said Harmanpreet. On India's so-near-yet-so-far experience in World Cups, Harmanpreet said, "I think in all the ICC events we have done well. The only thing is that we have lost a lot of close games. And this time hopefully all those close games if we can win and do well for the team."

## Gold in Olympics more important than 90m throw, says Neeraj Chopra's coach



NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): India's Neeraj Chopra is keen to join javelin's elite 90-metre club but will happily settle for a shorter throw in Paris if it proves enough for him to hold on to his Olympics title, his coach said. Chopra is asked about the 90m mark in practically every media interaction, but defending the Olympics title remains his absolute priority, his coach Klaus Bartonietz said. "A medal

is more important than a mark. The mark increases almost every year, but the medal stays," Bartonietz said. "Nobody asks Neeraj how far his throw reached in Tokyo. It was 87.58m and it was enough. If it's 85m and still gets you an Olympics gold, you should be okay with it."

Bartonietz said it was tough for athletes to produce personal bests at the Olympics because of the pressure that accompanies performing on the biggest stage in sport. Although the 90m mark has been surpassed 125 times by 24 athletes since the competition javelin was redesigned in 1986, only three of those throws have come in Olympics competition. "I'd be happy if Neeraj can produce his PB in Paris. It should be enough," Bartonietz said.

Bartonietz said he would not be surprised if the thrower from Haryana hits the magical mark in Paris. "I'd say he's close to the mark," the German said. "For several years, he has been throwing 87-to-high 88s consistently... It will be nice to join the 90m club."

## Shakib al Hasan returns, Najmul Shanto to lead Bangladesh squad for T20 World Cup

DHAKA, May 14 (Agencies): The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has officially announced the 15-member squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup, set to be held later this year. Najmul Hossain Shanto has been named the captain of the 15-member team while the return of Shakib Al Hasan is arguably the biggest highlight of the squad announcement. The veteran all-rounder, known for his game-changing performances with both bat and ball, brings a wealth of experience and a much-needed balance to the team.

Bangladesh's preparations for the T20 World Cup have been rigorous, with the team undergoing extensive training camps and participating in various bilateral series to fine-tune their skills. The inclusion of several all-rounders in the squad gives the team a versatile edge, crucial in the T20 format. The T20 World Cup, slated to be held later this year, will be a stern test for the Tigers. Bangladesh fans will be hoping that the combination of Shanto's fresh leadership and Shakib's seasoned prowess can propel the team to unprecedented success. The team's blend of young talents and experienced hands will look to challenge the best in the world and make a deep run in the tournament.

There were no major surprises in Bangladesh's 15-player squad for the T20 World Cup, with young quick Tanzim Hasan Sakib earning selection after two appearances against Zimbabwe. Selec-



tors also included left-arm quick Shoriful Islam, after the 22-year-old was rested for the final two matches with Zimbabwe. Afif Hossain Dhrubo and Hasan Mahmud will travel to the tournament as reserves. Bangladesh are drawn in Group D alongside South Africa, Sri Lanka, Netherlands and Nepal for next month's event, with their first contest coming against Sri Lanka in Dallas on June 7.

Bangladesh squad: Najmul Hossain Shanto (c), Taskin Ahmed, Litton Das, Soumya Sarkar, Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Shakib Al Hasan, Tawhid Hridoy, Mahmudullah Riyad, Jaker Ali Anik, Tanvir Islam, Shak Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Shoriful Islam, Tanzim Hasan Sakib.

Travelling reserves: Afif Hossain, Hasan Mahmud.

## LSG face DC in the first of two must-win games

NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): LSG will look to keep their slim IPL playoff chances alive in a must-win group game against the equally desperate DC on Tuesday. Speculation about KL Rahul's future as LSG skipper has intensified after their 10-wicket defeat by SRH last Wednesday. Rumours suggest Rahul might step down as captain or continue his duties for the remaining two games before leaving LSG. Regardless, the India batter will aim to respond with strong performances and finish the season on a high note.

Rahul's recent form has been underwhelming, resulting in his omission from India's T20 squad and contributing to LSG's seventh-place standing with 12 points. Both RCB and DC, who are fifth and sixth respectively, also have 12 points, making the competition fierce. With five days to reflect, Rahul and his team will seek to come out with renewed vigor against DC, who are also battling for a playoff spot following a loss to RCB on Sunday night.

The Capitals, missing their captain Rishabh Pant, paid the price for their fielding lapses against RCB on Sunday night. Dropped catches and misfields proved costly, and despite a strong start by the bowlers, the



batting lineup faltered, losing four wickets within the first four overs and finishing with their lowest innings score of the IPL season. However, this is the same team that has posted four 200-plus totals this season. To keep their slim playoff hopes alive, they will need to rediscover their form in their final game. LSG have a better chance than DC of making the playoffs, but their heavy defeats in the last two games have severely damaged their net run rate and overall prospects. They need wins in both Delhi and Mumbai to reach 16 points, while hoping that Super Kings and Hyderabad do not also reach 16 points, as both teams have superior net run rates. Fourteen points will not suffice for LSG.

DC vs LSG: Head to Head

The Super Giants and the Capitals have faced each other four times, with the Super Giants holding the upper hand with three victories. However, the Capitals claimed the most recent encounter, securing their first win over the Super Giants. DC vs LSG: Team News Rishabh Pant is available for selection after serving a suspension for DC's previous game against RCB due to a third slow over-rate offense. He is expected to replace Kumar Kushagra in the XI. Against RCB, DC started with three foreign players, with David Warner coming in as the Impact Player for the chase. Warner is likely to start if DC bats first against LSG. Meanwhile, Mohsin Khan has recovered after hitting his head on the turf against KKR and

missing the subsequent game against SRH. He could potentially replace Yuvraj Singh in the lineup.

DC vs LSG: Pitch report

The Arun Jaitley Stadium has proven to be a batting paradise, with two out of three matches surpassing 200 runs. In the four matches at the Arun Jaitley Stadium so far, the team batting first has posted high scores: 266 for 7, 224 for 4, 257 for 4, and 221 for 8. The chasing teams have responded with 199, 220 for 8, 247 for 9, and 201 for 8. This venue is known for its high-scoring games, featuring short, straight and square boundaries. In all three matches played here, the teams batting first have emerged victorious.

DC vs LSG Predicted XIs

DC Predicted XI: David Warner, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Abishek Porel, Rishabh Pant (capt & wk), Shai Hope, Tristan Stubbs, Axar Patel, Rasikh Salam, Kuldeep Yadav, Mukesh Kumar, Ishant Sharma.

Impact Sub: Khaleel Ahmed.

LSG Predicted XI: KL Rahul (capt & wk), Arshin Kulkarni, Marcus Stoinis, Deepak Hooda, Nicholas Pooran, Ayush Badoni, Ashtan Turner, Krunal Pandya, Mohsin Khan, Ravi Bishnoi, Naveen-ul-Haq.

Impact Sub: Yash Thakur.

## Norway Chess: R Praggnanandhaa, Koneru Humpy lead India's challenge

STAVANGER, May 14 (Agencies): Grandmasters R Praggnanandhaa, Koneru Humpy and Vaishali Rameshbabu will spearhead India's challenge in the prestigious Norway Chess, to be held here from May 27 to June 7. Popularly known as the 'Wimbledon of Chess', this tournament annually extends invitations to top Grandmasters from the world rating list.

Praggnanandhaa's outing will be keenly watched after the world No. 11 player finished a creditable fourth in the recent Superbet rapid and blitz. He is the only Indian men's player in the 12th edition of the event which will feature world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen, who won the Superbet, world No. 3 Hikaru Nakamura and current world champion Ding Liren.

India's world No. 2 Humpy and No. 14 Vaishali, sister of Prag-

gnanandhaa, will feature in a strong women's field that has world champion Ju Wenjun of China and her compatriot Lei Tingjie.

However, within the top 100 players globally, no women are listed. Hence, Norway Chess has introduced world's first-ever equal female tournament this year. "I welcome their attempt to help popularise the women's game by having an equal prize fund for the women this year," Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand said.



## 'Big tournament player' Rohit Sharma will be fine in T20 World Cup: Sourav Ganguly



NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): Former India captain Sourav Ganguly is not fussed about Rohit Sharma's poor form in the Indian Premier League. Speaking ahead of Delhi's match against Lucknow, Ganguly said that fans do not need to worry about Rohit Sharma's form with the bat as he is a big tournament player.

Ganguly backed Rohit to do well in the T20 World Cup, set to start on June 1 in the United States of America and West Indies. Ganguly also said that alongside

a century against CSK at the Wankhede Stadium, which came in a losing cause. In the last few matches of the IPL, Sharma has struggled to get going and has visibly looked out of place against the spinners. KOHLI'S RESURGENCE Virat Kohli on the other hand has changed his T20 approach completely and has been batting at a rapid strike rate. Kohli, to an extent, has let go of his anchor role and is trying to maximise overs inside and outside the powerplay. The Orange Cap holder has 661 runs at an average of 66.10 and a strike rate of 155.16, with a century and five fifties.

With Kohli's help, RCB have made a remarkable comeback in the tournament with five successive wins after a horrid win-loss record of 1-6 in the first half. Kohli would hope to deliver in the team's final group-stage game against CSK, which will be a virtual knockout.

Sharma has had a torrid season so far, hitting 349 runs in 13 innings at an average of 29.08. Out of the 349 runs, Rohit scored

## IPL 2024: Ravi Shastri backs Impact Player rule amid debate



NEW DELHI, May 14 (Agencies): Former India coach Ravi Shastri backed the Impact Player rule in IPL 2024, saying that it has contributed to many thrilling finishes in the ongoing edition. The Impact Player rule has been identified as a major factor contributing to the high scores recorded in IPL 2024 and Indian captain Rohit Sharma has criticized the rule, arguing that it hampers the development of all-rounders in India. Rohit, the first prominent Indian player to voice concerns about the rule, pointed out that it was introduced in the IPL in 2023 after a trial in the domestic Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament. The rule permits teams to substitute a 12th player at any point during the match, replacing one of the original XI announced at the toss.

"The Impact Player [rule] is good. You have to evolve with the times," Shastri told R Ashwin on his YouTube channel. "You know, it happens in other sports as well. It's got tighter finishes. You have to evolve with the times and I think it's a

good rule. You saw the number of tight finishes we had in last year's IPL. So, you know, it has made a big difference." While some, including India captain Rohit Sharma, believe the rule hinders the development of all-rounders, others see its benefits. For example, Ashwin highlighted Dhruv Jurel, who started his IPL career as an Impact Player in 2023 and made his Test debut for India within a year. "You know when any new rule comes in, there will be a few people who will try and justify why that's not right," Shastri said. "But in time when you see the scores - 200 and 190 - and then like you mentioned individuals grabbing that opportunity and making the most of it, people will start re-looking at how they think about it."

The BCCI Secretary Jay Shah said the Impact Player rule was "not permanent" and that a decision on its use in future IPL editions will be made following a conversation with stakeholders after the T20 World Cup 2024. "Impact Player is like a test case. We have implemented it slowly. The biggest advantage of it is that two Indian players are getting a chance [in each game], which is the most important," Shah had told reporters at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai on Thursday. "We will consult with the players, franchises, broadcasters [and take a call]. This is not permanent [but] I am not saying that it will go. [We'll see] if it's making the game more competitive or not. Even then, if a player feels that this is not right, then we will talk to them. But no one has told us anything yet, so it will be decided after the World Cup."

## LFO-BHF, Talla Jewellers organise free medical camp at GHSS Nagrota

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JAMMU, May 14: Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) in collaboration with Talla Jewellers, with the support of Directorate of Health Services J&K, Dental Hospital Jammu and testing partner HEXAMED, recently organized a highly Free Medical Camp at the Govt Higher Secondary School Nagrota.

This camp aimed at providing essential healthcare services to the community, witnessed an overwhelming response from locals in Nagrota and surrounding areas.

Under the guidance of dedicated medical professionals, the camp offered a wide range of medical services, consultations, and free distribution of medicines to approximately 550 people.



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The medical team included esteemed doctors from various specialties namely Dr. Kailash Chander, Consultant Physician, Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Orthopedic Sur-

geon, Dr. Pallavi Sharma, Medical Officer MS Ophthalmology, Dr. Anu Gandral and Dr. Amita Parihar (Dental Consultant) & HEXAMED as testing partner, which conducted free medical tests for attendees, contributing significantly to

the healthcare outreach efforts.

"We are immensely grateful for the collaboration and support from our partners, LFO-BHF, Directorate of Health Services J&K, and HEXAMED, in making this medical camp a

reality & we are always at front foot in serving for the betterment of society," said Kashish Gupta, CEO Talla Jewellers.

"The free medical camp exemplified the collective effort and commitment towards serving the community and promoting the well-being of individuals in Nagrota and beyond. It not only provided essential healthcare services but also underscored the spirit of compassion and solidarity in times of need" said Vivek Parihar, Director & CEO LFO-BHF.

Members present were Jyoti, Rabia, Stuti Abrol, Abhishek Raina, Abhishek Gupta, Diya, Kashish Katoch, Kaashvi, Kashish, Abhinandan, Shubam, Vidit, Aaghav, Tushar, Zrafat and others.

## Motivational-cum-felicitation Session held by Regional Director AESL Parmeshwar Jha

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JAMMU, May 14: A motivational session was organised by Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL)'s at Jammu for students and parents of Jammu and Udhampur branches. More than 4000 students and parents participated in two sessions in Morning and Evening.

The Speaker of this program was Parmeshwar Jha, Regional Director, North, Aakash educational services limited (AESL) who gave an encouraging and inspiring message to the students.

He also discussed how committed the student should be towards their preparation and how

constructive changes can make one brighter and more successful.

More than 100 Aakashians Alumni pursuing Medical and Engineering degrees from the top most prestigious colleges like AIIMS, IITs etc were felicitated at the event. The parents of the students were also honoured.

Jha also motivated and guided students on how to crack NEET and IIT JEE and how with proper guidance, mentorship, self-study and the blessings of parents, teachers and ultimately God, one can achieve his or her goal.

He also highlighted a significant point that toppers and successful students can come

from even the remotest of places and locations and it is not necessary to move to big cities for the same.

This program helped students to be motivated by a positive mind and improve the intensity in chasing their dreams of aspiring their careers in the Medical/Engineering field. Parents and students expressed their satisfaction and happiness and thanked Aakash Institute's team and system for bringing them the best quality education and helping in achieving their dreams in Engineering and Medical fields. The session concluded with the pledge to sticking to goals and indulging themselves in achieving their dreams.

## BSK team CHC Sankoo holds health check up awareness on Health and Hygiene at GMS Itchoo

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ITCHOOO, May 14: Aiming to aware students about good Health and Hygiene, the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) team from the Community Health Centre Sankoo, Kargil conducted health check amongst the students of Government Middle School at Itchoo.

During the health check, a total of 30 students underwent free medical check-ups and provided free medicines amongst the students of GMS Itchoo which conducted by the RBSK doctors.

Dr. Abdur Rawfie, Dr. Mohammad Ali, Medical Officer of Community Health Centre Sankoo Kargil, along with pharmacists led the initiative.

The check-ups aimed to assess the health status of the students and provide necessary guidance for maintaining good health.

In addition to the medical screenings, an awareness education on Health and hygiene was conducted at GMS Itchoo.

Dr. Abdur Rawfie and Dr. Mohammad Ali delivered a lecture emphasizing the importance of health education, covering various



aspects such as access to health services, physical and psychological well-being, nutrition, disease prevention, and promoting a healthy environment.

The students were encouraged to adopt healthy lifestyle habits, including regular physical activity and balanced nutrition, to ensure overall well-being.

They also made the participants aware as to how they can improve their health & hygiene.

This initiative reflects the commitment of the administration to prioritize the health and well-

fare of the younger generation, laying the foundation for a healthier and brighter future.

It would be pertaining to mention here that, RBSK team of Community Health Centre Sankoo Kargil embarked on a remarkable journey to the remote village of Itchoo in Kargil, trekking through difficult terrain, taking more than 3 hours to reach Itchoo from Shargandic.

The Itchoo, situated at an altitude of 12,760 feet above sea level—one of the remotest and inaccessible villages in the region.

## Tiny Scholar School Kathua celebrates 100% result of Class X & XII

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KATHUA, May 14: Continuing its dominance in the CBSE class 10 and 12 exam, students of Tiny Scholars School have come out with flying colours. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) declared the results on Monday, May 13.

The school registered a cent percent result as all the students of the school appeared for the class 10 exam cleared it with flying colours. And since 2014, we have been celebrating the tremendous result of the 10th and 12th class. Students of Tiny Scholars have given a stupendous result for the session (2023-24). Their hard work has finally paid off. According to Managing Director Manisha Gupta, this is going to be the 25th year of the school.

Announcing the result, Principal of Tiny Scholars told that Ridhima Walia (Medical) gave a phenomenal performance in 12th class by securing 94.5%, followed by Navneet Kour (Medical) who secured 88% and Anamika Sharma (Medical) who secured 85%.

Matriculation Result: One of our brilliant students Divyanka Gupta secured 97%. Harshit Gupta secured 94% followed by Divyanshi Gupta, who secured 91%. Eklavya Singh and Pardeep Sharma, both got 90%.

Heartless congratulations to the remarkable and outstanding students who have made the school and their parents proud with their achievements.

## BRO Achieves Breakthrough of 2.79 Km Long Sungal Tunnel On Akhnoor -Poonch Road (NH 144A)

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JAMMU, May 14: "The Golden Arc Road" is a very old and highly strategic 200 Km stretch which connects South Kashmir / Jammu region to the West of Jammu Kashmir. It connects important border districts of Akhnoor, Rajouri and Poonch. There are four major Tunnels in this stretch viz Kandi Tunnel, Sungal Tunnel, Naushera Tunnel and Bhimber Gali Tunnel.

The construction of a pivotal infrastructure project National Highway 144A connecting Akhnoor to Poonch reached a significant milestone today as the Breakthrough Ceremony for the Sungal Tunnel took place. The tunnel spanning an impressive 2790 meters is a crucial link connecting Akhnoor and Poonch.

DGBR Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, VSM reviewed the Breakthrough Ceremony, which signifies major breakthrough in construction activity of tunnel. The breakthrough underscores the importance of this project signi-



ifying a major step forward in enhancing regional connectivity and facilitating smoother transportation along the National Highway.

This year on 28 Jan 2024 breakthrough of Naushera Tunnel was achieved signifying the efforts of BRO towards providing connectivity across the areas of Rajouri and Poonch. The progress of National Highway has taken pace and the project is expected to be completed by 2026.

During his address DGBR Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, VSM mentioned that BRO is spearheading crucial road projects to connect remote areas with major centers in the Jammu-Poonch region. The Jammu-Poonch link,

advancing rapidly, is on track for completion in the next few years. On being asked about Defence Infrastructure along LoC, DGBR mentioned that development of Defence Infrastructure is a continuous process and Border Roads Organisation is committed towards strengthening of Defence Infrastructure by building and upgrading strategic roads all along the IB, LC and LAC.

BRO and Project Sampark is steadfast in its commitment to Create, Connect, Care and save lives of the citizens of its area responsibility. It believes in the adage "Roads Build Nation" and rededicated itself to the construction of border roads infrastructures to spur socio-economic progress.

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## NDA comes with new initiative -Talks with Social Transformers



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JAMMU, May 14: Nations Development Association (NDA) is coming up with "Talks with Social Transformers" which is basically an interviewing series where we will take interviews of the renowned social activists who are contributing their time and effort for the well being of the society.

With the help of these interviews everyone will come to know about these social personalities who are working for the betterment of society and also by their life journey our society will get motivated to do something great in their life.

These interviews will be hosted by Lakshya Jeet Singh, Social Media Incharge of Nations Development Association (NDA) on YouTube <https://t.ly/IQZR> as also under the guidance of Chairman of Nations Development Association (NDA) Sushil Singh Charak.

The series of these interviews will start from Wednesday. So join us to watch out our interviews and know more about the real leaders of our society.