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## BRIEFLY

### Fire engulfs forest belt in Rajouri

RAJOURI/POONCH, May 27 (Agencies): A massive blaze erupted in the forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said on Monday.

The fire broke out in the Bathuni forest belt late on Sunday, engulfing seven to eight acres and causing severe damage to trees and wildlife, they said.

The Forest Protection Force launched an extensive firefighting operation that continued through the night.

By Monday, the flames had been brought under control, the officials said.

### Throat-slit body of man found in Kupwara

SRINAGAR, May 27: A throat-slit body of a man was found in his residence in a village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, police said on Monday.

Officials identified the man as 50-year-old Abdul Hamid Khan. "The throat-slit dead body of Abdul Hamid Khan of Mir Muqam Awoora village of Kupwara district was found inside his home today morning. The body has been shifted for medico-legal formalities," said the officials.

"A case has been registered in this incident and an investigation is now underway to ascertain the exact facts and those responsible for the man's murder," the officials added.

### Cop injured after being assaulted in Shopian village, case filed

SRINAGAR, May 27 (Agencies): A policeman was injured after he was assaulted by some persons during execution of a court order in south Kashmir's Shopian district on Monday, officials said.

An official told the news agency that a police team went to the house of one Manzoor Ahmad Khanday of Khurmpora village to execute a court warrant, however, they were attacked by some persons, resulting in injuries to a cop.

He said that the injured cop was

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## No family member of terrorists, stone pelters will get govt job in J&K: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, May 27 (Agencies): Sending a tough message, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that no family member of any terrorist nor close relatives of stone pelters will get Government jobs in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah also said that the Narendra Modi Government has not only targeted terrorists but also eliminated the terror ecosystem, resulting in a drastic fall in terror incidents in the country.

"In Kashmir, we have taken a decision that if someone joins a terrorist organisation, their family



members will not get any Government job," he told PTI in an interview over the weekend.

Similarly, Shah said, if someone indulges in stone pelting, his family members will also not get a government job.

He said some human rights activists went to the Supreme Court against the decision but, at the end, the Government prevailed.

The Home Minister, however, said the Government will make an

exception in case someone from a family comes forward and informs the authorities that his or her close relative has joined a terror outfit.

Such families will be given relief, he said.

Earlier, funeral processions used to be taken out in Kashmir after a terrorist was killed, Shah said.

"We have stopped this trend. We have ensured that the terrorist is buried with all religious formalities but in an isolated place," he said.

The home minister said when a terrorist is

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## Pune CB arrest two doctors in Porsche car crash case for manipulating blood samples

PUNE (Maharashtra), May 27 (Agencies): The Pune police Crime Branch has arrested two doctors from Sasson Hospital in the luxury car accident case where two motorcycle-borne persons were killed earlier this week in Pune city.

As per the police, the doctors have been arrested on the charge of manipulating blood samples.

The minor accused was taken to the hospital for a medical check-up on the day of the accident on May 19.

The arrest came after it

was discovered that the minor's blood report was changed with those of another person who had not consumed alcohol.

Earlier, the Crime Branch unit on May 25 morning arrested the grandfather of the minor accused in the case.

The commissioner of Pune city police, Amitesh Kumar said that the grandfather of the accused was arrested and a separate FIR has been registered against him under IPC sections 365 and 368.

The driver

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## Govt reconstitutes Board of Directors of JKPCCLtd

JAMMU, May 27 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government has accorded sanction to the reconstitution of the Board of Directors (BoDs) of the Jammu and Kashmir Project Construction Corporation Limited (JKPCCLtd) with Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, as its Chairman.

"In supersession of all previous orders issued on the subject, sanction is hereby accorded to the reconstitution of

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## Two Rohingya girls recovered from Budgam, police register case

SRINAGAR, May 27 (Agencies): Two Rohingya girls were recovered from a residential house in the Khansahib area of central Kashmir's Budgam district.

A police official told news agency Kashmir Scroll that police station Khansahib recovered two Rohingya girls identified as Hassna (17) daughter of Aziz-ul-Rehman and Rona Lela (21) daughter of Habib Khatoun from the house of Nazir Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Sultan resident of Check-e-Shara Khansahib.

He said that the case

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## Water crisis threat looms large in Katra town, Admin says 'It Is on Job'

JAMMU, May 27 (Agencies): Amidst the soaring mercury and heatwave, the water crisis threat is looming large in Katra town—the base camp of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Cave Shrine—nestled in Trikuta Hills in Reasi district of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The administration however, said that it is 'on job' to address the matter on priority as pilgrims rush is expected to witness a surge from June in view of summer vacations.

"Water crisis-like situation is prevailing in the Katra town due to heatwave and rising temperature," official sources in the Jal Shakti Department said.



They said, "due to hot conditions, the water level at the natural water sources is decreasing and they have started drying up."

"As Katra is a pilgrimage destination but despite having a floating population, the town on an average during rush season requires 40 lakh gallons to 45 lakh gal-

lons of water every day, but on normal days, 20 lakh gallons of water is supplied to the base camp," sources added.

"Due to gradual drying up of natural source water bodies, the Katra town is unable to meet daily required water supply," they said.

Official sources stated

that presently water on a daily basis is being supplied from Baba Dhan-sar Water Project, Jhajar Kotli Water Project and Ban Ganga water source to handle the crisis like situation but these bodies are drying up slowly.

Moreover, they added that unannounced power cuts and other power related issues are adding more worries to the situation.

Meanwhile the hotel industry is also partially hit due to the water crisis.

Hotel and Restaurants Association (HRA), Katra, president, Rakesh Wazir when contacted, told UNI, "the water shortage matter is already taken up with

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## Train cancellations spark protest in Jammu, brief halt of express service

JAMMU, May 27 (Agencies): Two individuals, including a woman, briefly stopped the Shri Shakti Express train on Monday by staging a protest at a railway station here.

The protest was sparked by frustration over cancellation of trains and a lack of timely information about the train schedule.

A young man and his female relative sat on the tracks as the Shri Shakti Express was arriving at the Jammu railway station from New Delhi on Monday, officials said.

The train was stopped briefly at the entry to the station on track number one. The police detained

the duo shortly after and the train resumed its journey following a brief halt, they said.

A relative of the protestors described their action to be a result of extreme frustration and admitted that it was a wrong step.

"We have been visiting Jammu and Kashmir and have been stranded here for days due to train cancellations. We repeatedly asked the railways for updates on our journey, but received no information. With temperatures exceeding 42 degrees Celsius amid extreme heatwave, we reached a point," she said.

The officials said that a

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## 7-yr-old boy dies in fall from second storey of his home in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, May 27 (Agencies): A 7-year-old boy died after falling from the second storey of his home in Srinagar's Dalgate on Monday morning, officials said.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the boy was seriously injured after he fell from the second storey in Konkhan locality of Dalgate.

He said that the boy was shifted to a nearby hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. He has been identified as Mohammad Saud (7) son of Niyaz Ahmad Chachoo.

Police have taken cognisance of the incident.



**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Kanya Lal Mugloo** S/o Lt Dina Nath Mugloo R/o Batory Alikadal, Srinagar. At Present H. No 29 Sec 8 Extn EWS Colony Lower Roop Nagar Jammu.



**SH. KANYA LAL MUGLOO**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be held on 31st May 2024 at 9.00 AM at Muthi Ghat (Near Director School Education).  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt Rajni Mugloo- Wife  
Mrs Priya & Mr Ashish - Daughter in Law & Son  
Mr Abhishek Mugloo- Son  
Mugloo, Dhar's, Kakroo, Saroop, Bhat, Rawal, Tickoo, Peshin  
**MOBILE NO: 9818885606, 9797685578**

**BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved **S. Janpreet Singh (Edission)** S/o Late Dr. Salinder Singh R/o 29B EP Mohalla Dalpalian, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 24th May 2024.



**S. JANPREET SINGH (EDISSION)**

**Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib ji** at Residence on 27th May 2024 at 9.00 a.m.  
**Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib ji** on 29th May 2024 (Wednesday) at 9.00 a.m.  
**Antim Ardass and Kirtan** at Gurudwara Sahib Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Chand Nagar, Jammu on 29th May 2024 from 10.00 a.m to 12.00 Noon followed by **Guru Ka Langer**.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**  
Mother  
Sdr. Manmit Kour W/o Late Dr. Salinder Singh  
**Sisters & Brother-in-laws**  
Sdr. Gurpreet Kour & S. Kulwant Singh Reen  
Sdr. Gurleen Kour & S. Arandeep Singh Reen  
Adv. Charan Singh (Uncle)  
**(Bhua & Fufa)**  
Sdr. Surjeet Kour & S. Tirath Singh  
Gurmaninder Singh (Raja) S/o Late Prof. Prabin Singh (Cousin Brother)  
**Nephew & Niece:** Jaahnavi, Angad & Aasees  
**All relatives & Family members**  
**# 7889308145, 9811227980, 9667813111**

**TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Shukuntla Devi** R/o Guwari Bhaiderwah who left for heavenly abode on 17-05-2024.



**Smt Shukuntla Devi**

**Tenth Day** will be performed at our residence village Guwari Bhaiderwah on 26-05-2024 at 8.00 AM and **Kriya** will be held on 29-05-2024.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN :**  
Sh Kuldeep Raj Kotwal (Husband)  
**(Son and Daughter-in-law)**  
Sh Joginder Kotwal and Rozy  
**Daughter and Son-in-law**  
Smt Tarun and Sh Vikram Manhas  
Smt Rakhi and Sh Jyoti Parkash

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we painfully inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Sheela Jalali** W/o Late Sh. Raj Nath Jalali of Rainawari, Srinagar, presently at 25/2, Bhawani Nagar Gole Pulli Talab Tillo Jammu.



**Smt. Sheela Jalali**

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 1st June 2024 (Saturday) at Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate Office). **Assembly** will be at 8.30 am.  
**Grief Stricken**  
Sushil Jalali & Rajni Jalali - Son & Daughter-in-law  
Sushma Talwar W/o Late Devinder Talwar - Daughter  
Navneeta Jalali - Daughter  
Nitin Jalali, Nipul Jalali - Grand Children  
Ishan Talwar & Viyoti Talwar - Grand Children  
**Mob: 9796011893, 9796813125**

**SHADMOS & MASVAR**

Six months have passed since you left us for heavenly abode, but not a single day & night passed without remembering you. We miss you a lot, your love and blessings shall remain with us & will guide us in future.  
We all pray to Almighty for your Moksha in Vaikunth.  
**SHADMOS & MASVAR** of our beloved mother **Smt Raj Kishori Trisal**, W/o Late Moli Lal Trisal formerly from Dadi Kada, Tanki Pora Srinagar Kashmir will be performed at our residence, Flat No. 407 A, Panchkula Heights Peermussalla Sec 5 Zikpur Dist Mohali (Punjab) 160104 Chandigarh, on 30th May & 31st May 2024.

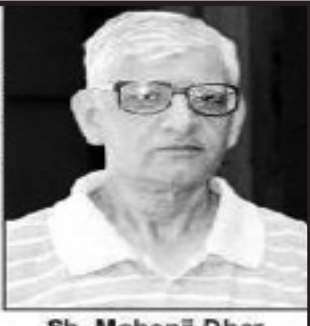


**Smt Raj Kishori Trisal**

**Deeply Missed & Remembered by**  
**Son & Daughter in law**  
Mr Santosh Trisal & Mrs Nirmala Trisal  
**Daughter in law**  
Mrs Mahatami Trisal W/o Late A K Trisal  
**Daughters & Sons in law**  
Mrs Nirmal Dhar & Mr B L Dhar  
Mrs Usha Pandita & Mr R L Pandita  
Mr Rahul Selvem (Grand Son)  
**SMASHT TRISAL PARIVAR & KAK PARIVAR**  
**Mobile No. 9417246038, 9145646107**

**10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Mohanji Dhar** S/o Late Niranjan Nath Dhar on 21st May at 9:09 PM R/o 96/2 Shiv Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

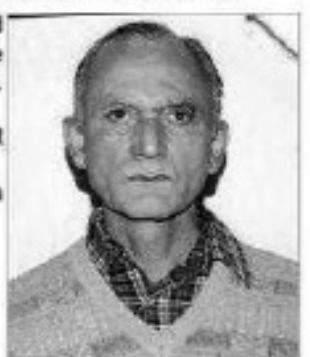


**Sh. Mohanji Dhar**

**10th Day Kriya** will be held at Muthi Ghat on 30th May Thursday at 9 AM.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Sanjay Dhar & Sunita Dhar  
Anju Koul & Ajhoy Koul  
Sunil Dhar & Kiran Dhar  
Dr Vinod Dhar & Sushama Dhar  
Vipan Dhar & Usha Dhar  
Ankit Dhar & Anmol Dhar  
Meenakshi Arora & Sanjay Arora  
Shama Koul, Nishant Koul & Neetu Ambarar  
Sapros & Bhats  
Abhimanyu Kaul, Adeetya Kaul, Smriti Dhar, Abhinav Dhar, Siddharth Dhar  
**Contacts- 9971143552(Sunil), 9769654871(Anju)**

**10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Ram Singh Jamwal** S/o Late Sh Hari Singh Jamwal R/o 110, Toph Sherkhania, Jammu. (Near Best Price)



**Sh Ram Singh Jamwal**

**10th Day** will be performed on Sunday, 26th May at 10:30 AM at our residence.  
**Kriya (Shej)** 13th Day will be performed on Wednesday, 29th May at 1.00 PM.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN :**  
Smt Rita Jamwal (Wife)  
**Son and Daughter in law**  
Sunil Singh Jamwal  
Sanjeev Singh Jamwal  
Saloni Jamwal  
Shamyali Jamwal  
**Sister and Brother in law**  
Champa Jamwal  
Balwant Singh Jamwal and  
**ALL MEMBES OF JAMWAL FAMILY**  
Brother  
Late Sh Sudershan Singh Jamwal

**Sister in law**  
Smt Raj Kumari  
**Mob. 7889524600, 7889528026**  
**7006239480**

**TENTH DAY/KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our **Sh. Pawan Kumar Anand** who left us for heavenly abode on 19-05-2024.



**LATE SH. PAWAN KUMAR ANAND**

**10TH DAY** will be performed on 28-05-2024 (Tuesday) from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at TRIMURTI TEMPLE Janipur.  
**KRIYA** will be performed on 31-MAY-2024 (Friday) at 12:00 Noon at our residence JDA, QTR 52 near last matador stop; Janipur Housing Colony Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
SMT. SAMTRI DEVI (MOTHER)  
SMT. KANCHAN ANAND (WIFE)  
MR. PRANAV ANAND (SON)  
**DAUGHTERS AND SONS IN LAW**  
MRS. NIDHI GUPTA & MR. ABHISHEK GUPTA  
MRS. SUNDHI GUPTA & MR. NITIN GUPTA  
**SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN LAW**  
SMT. RAMA NANDA & SH. ROMESH CHANDER NANDA  
SMT. POOJA SETHI & SH. SURESH SETHI.

**GRAND SONS: MASTER, DAVIK GUPTA & MASTER SAHAY GUPTA.**  
**MOBILE NUMBER: 7006181485, 9018908729, 9797535450, 9596787160, 9419102809.**

**Tenth Day Kriya**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the untimely and regrettable demise of our beloved **Smt Neelam Kumari** W/o Sh Jagar Nath R/o Bhaur, Ward No. 1, Jammu on 19th of May, 2024.



**Smt Neelam Kumari**

**10th Day Kriya** will take place on 28th of May, 2024 (Tuesday) at our residence as per schedule.  
**Kriya:** from 9 am to 11.30 am  
**Satsang:** from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm  
**Langar Prasad:** at 1 pm.  
**Grief Stricken**  
Sh Jagar Nath - Husband (Retd. Census Deptt)  
Savit & Bharli - Son & Daughter-in-law  
Janeela & Sunil - Daughter & Son-in-law  
Savita & Ashish - Daughter & Son-in-law  
**All Family Members**  
**9858242024, 8082733912, 9810234537**

**TENTH DAY / KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Neelam Devi** W/o Sh. Laxmi Dass Sharma on 20.05.2024.



**Smt. Neelam Devi**

**Tenth Day** will be performed on Tuesday 28.05.2024 at 11.00 AM at our residence opposite Nangli Ashram Old Microwave Gali W.No. 6, H.No. 254 Udhampur.  
**Kriya** will be performed on Wednesday 29.05.2024 at 12:00 Noon at Devika Ghat Udhampur.

**Grief Stricken:-**  
Sh. Laxmi Dass Sharma (Husband)  
Mr. Shubham Sharma (Son)  
Smt. Shubli Sharma & Sh. Anil Mahajan (Daughter & Son-in-Law)  
Smt. Darshna Devi and Sh. Gopal Dutt (Mother and Father)  
Sh. Vikas Sharma (Brother)  
Smt. Sudha Sharma & Sanjay Sharma (Sister & Brother-in-Law)  
**ALL BALOTRA & PACHYALA FAMILY**  
**Mob. 9419255851, 9419969565**

**TENTH DAY & KRIYA**

With profound Grief & Sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Devki Nandan Pangotra, Advocate (J&K High Court, Jammu)** S/o Lt. Sh. Chet Ram Pangotra left for his heavenly abode on 18-05-2024.



**Sh. Devki Nandan Pangotra, Advocate (J&K High Court, Jammu)**

**TENTH DAY** will be performed on Monday 27-05-2024 at our residence H.No. 6 (Pvt.) Mohalla Peer Baba, Sector-6, Channi Himmat, Jammu on 10:00 A.M to 11:00 A.M. and **KRIYA** will be performed on Tuesday 28-05-2024 at our residence at 12:30 pm.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt. Vijay Pangotra (Wife)  
Sh. H.K. Pangotra (Brother)  
Smt. Chanchal Sharma (Sister)  
Kapil Pangotra & Priyanka Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-Law)  
Atul Pangotra & Roohi (Son & Daughter-in-Law)  
(Grand Childrens: Ritambra, Ananta, Advitya)  
**(CONTACT NO. 9858518808, 9469757575, 9419284860, 9070144352)**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound sorrow and heart felt grief we announce the unfortunate demise of our beloved **Smt. Mohan Rani Thusoo (Pyari)** W/o Shri Poshkar Nath Thusoo originally resident of Vill. - Golangoo, Kupwara, Kashmir and presently at H.No. 24, Gen. Lane Saraswati Vihar, Tomal Bohri, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 20.05.2024.



**Smt. Mohan Rani Thusoo (Pyari)**

**10th DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI GHAT ON 28.05.2024 (TUESDAY) AT 08.30 AM.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN:**  
Sh. Poshkar Nath Thusoo (Husband)  
**Sons and Daughters-in-law**  
Smt Berty & Sh Pran Nath Thusoo  
Smt. Sunita & Sh Vijay Kumar Thusoo  
Smt. Desha & Sh Ashok Kumar Thusoo  
**Devar and Devarani**  
Smt. Choti W/o Late M L Thusoo  
Smt. Sheela & Sh K N Thusoo  
Smt. Girja & Sh. B L Thusoo  
**Mobile No. 9796614171, 9973131606, 7889718331**

**RASAM PAGRI**

With Profound Grief and Sorrow this is to inform that our beloved **Smt. Kamla Devi** W/o Lt. Sh. Shiv Kumar Sharma (Pumanda Wale) R/o 1/111, Vikas Nagar, Sarwal, Jammu left for her heavenly abode on 30th May, 2024.



**Smt Kamla Devi**

**Rasam Pagri** will be performed on Monday, 27th of May 2024, at Jagat Resort, Shakti Nagar, Jammu from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN:**  
**Son and Daughter in law**  
Dr. Rajneesh Chander Sharma & Urimal Sharma  
**Son in law and Daughter**  
Ashok Magotra and Madhu Magotra  
**Grand Daughter and Grand Sons-in-law**  
Rohit Magotra & Bhawani Magotra  
Sumant Sharma & Shivani Sharma  
**Grand Son and Grand Daughter in Law**  
Amit Magotra & Anju Magotra  
Akash Magotra & Pallavi Magotra  
Achal Magotra & Parul Magotra  
Aniruddh Sharma & Shreya Nagpal (Advocates)

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother, **Smt. Krishna Koul** W/o Sh. Kanaya Lal Koul; residing at 89/4, Krishna Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi - 110029.

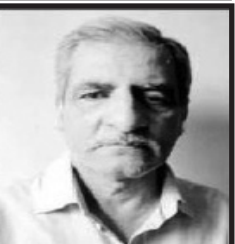


**Smt. Krishna Koul**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on Sunday, 02 June 2024 at Haridwar.  
**IN GRIEF:**  
Husband  
Kanaya Lal Koul  
Son  
Ravi Kumar Koul  
Daughter-in-law  
Suman Koul  
Daughter  
Reeba Raina  
Son-in-law  
Rajender Raina  
Daughter  
Charvi Bhan  
Son-in-law  
Sanjay Bhan  
Daughter  
Vansha Koul  
Son-in-law  
Dileep Koul  
and grand children.  
Contact:  
9873424185  
9811404185

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH RAVI NAGRI** S/O LT. DR. B.L. NAGRI ORIGINAL RESIDENCE OF CHANAPORA SGR, KASHMIR AT PRESENT GREATER NOIDA SEC-1 UP.



**SH RAVI NAGRI**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE PERFORMED AT MURADH NAGAR GATH ON 28-05-2024.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Raj Dhulari Nagri - Mother  
Usha Nagri - Wife  
Indu Nagri W/o Lt. Sanjay Nagri - Brother & Bhabhi  
Pooja Koul - Daughter  
Anish Koul - Son-in-law  
**9818768779, 8700234439, 9999710104**

**TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With heavy heart and saddened times, we inform you about the untimely and sudden demise of our beloved **Sh. Triloki Nath Bhat (Bhaira)** S/o Lt. Sh. Nand Lal Bhat and Lt. Smt. Sumanwati Bhat (originally hailing from Vessu Anantag Kasturi presently residing at H.No. 154, Sec - 1st, Vinayak Nagar, Muthi (Jammu) on 22nd of May, 2024.



**Sh. Triloki Nath Bhat (Bhaira)**

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on the 31st of May, 2024 (Friday) at Muthi Ghat (Ankor road) near Directorate Office Jammu at 8:30 am.  
**DEEPLY MOURNED BY**  
Smt. Roopawati Bhat (Aunt)  
Smt. Sarla Bhat (Wife)  
Sh. Darsi Lal Bhat and Smt. Prana Bhat (Brother and Bhabhi) (Sister and Brother in Law)  
Lt. Smt. Rani Pandita and Sh. Onkar Nath Pandita  
Smt. Rishi Bhat and Lt. Sh. Jawahar Lal Bhat  
Smt. Jaya Pandita and Sh. MK Pandita  
Smt. Kusum Rana and Sh. Ramesh Kumar Rana  
Lt. Smt. Jashita Pandita and Sh. Bharat Bhan Pandita (Daughter and Son in Law)  
Mrs. Purnima Bhat and Mr. Sanjay Bhat (Daughter and Son in Law)  
Mr. Ashwani Bhat and Vandana Bhat (Son and Daughter in Law)  
Mr. Arvind Bhat and Sandhya Bhat (Son and Daughter in Law)  
Grand Children: Ashika, Ayushi, Triveni  
Saman Bhat Parivar of Vessu  
**Mob. : 982514006, 9571900361, 9560796412**

**TENTH DAY**

A heart of gold stopped beating, brought working hands at rest, it broke our hearts to see you go. God only takes the best.  
The **10th Day Ritual** marks the end of the grieving phase and is time for family, relatives and friends to gather to pray for the departed soul and seek blessings.



**Sh. Dev Raj**

**Tenth Day** of Sh. Dev Raj S/o late Davi Dass, R/o H.No. 69, Lane No. 5, Hazuri Bagh, Bohni will be performed on 28-05-2024 at our residence from 10 am to 12 pm.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt. Asha Rani - Wife  
**Brother & Sister-in-law**  
Sh. Baldev Raj & Smt. Sudesh  
Dr. Hem Raj & Smt. Kanta Devi  
**Son & Daughter-in-law**  
Sh. Gautam Taker & Smt. Meenakshi  
**Daughter & Son-in-law**  
Smt. Roopanjali & Sh. Vishal  
**Grand Children**  
Manthan, Divyansh, Vidya, Parth, Kiana, Girish, Ruhani, Shambavi  
**9419198058, 7066118219, 7051892784, 9419184913, 9419195775, 7051766251**

**MOURNING FROM MALUIN SIDE**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved sister **Smt. Mohan Rani Thusoo** (Bengashi) W/o Sh. P.N. Thusoo R/o Gotingoo D/o Late Sh. Kashi Nath R/o Sewer Lolab.



**Smt. Mohan Rani Thusoo**

**Mourning from Maluin Side** is being observed at H.No. 5, Lane No. 4-A, Saraswati Vihar Bohri.  
The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be held at Muthi Ghat on 28-05-2024 at 8.30 am.  
**Grief Stricken**  
**Sisters-in-Law & Brothers**  
Smt. Toshia Ji W/o Late Sh. Roshan Lal  
Smt. Mohini Ji W/o Sh. Avtar Krishan  
Smt. Balita Ji W/o Sh. Chuni Lal  
Smt. Fancy Ji W/o Sh. Triloki Pandita  
**Sisters & Brother-in-Laws**  
Smt. Prano Ji W/o Late Sh. O.N. Kar  
Smt. Pummy Ji W/o Sh. Ashok Ji Dhar  
Mr. Rohit Pandita  
**Mob. No.: 7006553133, 7006608801**

**10TH DAY/KRIYA**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF WE INFORM THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. VINOD KAUL (VASU)**, S/O SH. PN KAUL & LATE SMT. MOHINI KAUL, AT MUMBAI. PREVIOUSLY RESIDENT OF HABBA KADAL, SRINAGAR, PRESENTLY AT H.NO. 81/2 ANAND NAGAR, BOHRI JAMMU.



**Sh. Vinod Kaul (VASU)**

THE **TENTH DAY KRIYA** WILL BE HELD ON 31ST MAY 2024 AT SHARDA SADAN, SECTOR-8, KHARGHAR, NAVI MUMBAI AT 10.00 AM.  
**GRIEF STRICKEN:**  
FATHER: SH. PUSHKAR NATH KAUL  
WIFE: SMT. VIM KAUL  
CHILDREN: CHAKSHU KAUL, KARUN KAUL  
UNCLES AND AUNTS: SH. JI KAUL & SMT. KRISHNA KAUL, SH. ASHOK KAUL & SMT. GIRA KAUL  
BROTHERS & BHABHI: MR. VIKRAM KAUL, MR. SANJAY KAUL & SMT. ANURADHA KAUL  
SISTERS AND AUNTS  
MRS. NEELAM KAUL & MR. HARJI KRISHAN KAUL  
MRS. SHILPA KAUL & MR. NISHANT KAUL, MS. SHEETAL KAUL  
NEPHEW & NECES: EKA, DARSH, BHIT, SHA  
**SAMASTH KAUL AND TICKOO PARIVAAR**  
**IN GRIEF: KAUL'S, CHARGAT'S, WALLI'S, MUKOO'S**  
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**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Late Smt. Mohan Rani (Rupa) Razdan**  
With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved mother **Smt. Rupa Razdan** a proud Kashmiri Pandit lady who touched the life of many with her kindness and grace. She left the world on 20/05/2024 at 2 pm and will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, sisters and brother.



**Late Smt. Mohan Rani (Rupa) Razdan**

Her **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be held on 29th May 2024 at Murad Nagar (UP) **Assembly** will be held at: Unique Aptt. Plot -38, Sector-6 Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 at 12 Noon.  
May her soul rest in eternal peace  
Mrs. & Mr. Tej Razdan - (Son)  
Dr. Kuldeep Razdan - (Son)  
Mr. & Mrs. Baby Kaul - (Daughter)  
Smt. Ratni Kaul & Kaki Rana (Sisters)  
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## Congress pays tribute to Pt Nehru

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: The 60th death anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, was observed today at the Congress Headquarters in Shaheedi Chowk, Jammu. The event was presided over by PCC President and former minister Vikar Rasool Wani, with attendance from Working President PCC Raman Bhalla, senior leaders of PCC, DCC Urban, Mahila Wing, and INTUC.

Prominent leaders present included Senior Vice Presidents Mula Ram and Balwan Singh, PCC Vice Presidents Vinod Sharma, Ved Mahajan, Trilok Singh Bajwa, Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Narinder Gupta (General Secretary, Org), General Secretaries Pawan Raina, Satish Sharma, Amrit Bali, Narinder Sharma, Suresh Dogra, Balbir Singh, District Presidents Thakur Manmohan Singh (Jammu Urban), Parvez Ahmed Wani (Ramban), Sheikh Mujeeb (Doda), Working Presidents Jammu Rural



Badri Nath Sharma and Charanjeet Singh, Shiv Kumar Sharma (President INTUC), Vijay Sharma (Chairman Congress Seva Dal), Ajay Lakhotra (President NSUI), Jatin K. Raina (Chairman Social Media), PCC Secretaries Bushan Dogra, Rajveer Singh, Sahil Sharma, Dwarka Choudhary, Vijay Kumar Shastri, District Senior Vice President Ram Parkash Magotra, Block Presidents Latish Sharma, Ajay Kumar, Darshan Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, and others. Vikar Rasool Wani paid

floral tributes and recalled Pt. Nehru's immense contributions to India's freedom struggle and his role in establishing the foundations of a strong, democratic, secular, and progressive nation, earning him the title of the architect of modern India. He criticized attempts by the ruling party and its affiliates to distort historical facts about Nehru's role in the freedom struggle and the integration of Jammu and Kashmir into India during critical times.

Wani praised Nehru's visionary efforts in coun-

tering Jinnah's two-nation theory over Kashmir and securing Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India by Maharaja Hari Singh on October 26, 1947. He emphasized the need for Congress members and informed citizens to counteract attempts to distort Nehru's legacy, ensuring future generations understand and appreciate his contributions to India's core values.

Raman Bhalla described Pt. Nehru as one of the tallest leaders of modern times after Mahatma

Gandhi, highlighting his crucial role in integrating Jammu and Kashmir into India. He underscored the necessity of exposing the historical distortions propagated for political gain and acknowledged Nehru's pivotal role in shaping India's future and influencing global politics through the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Senior Vice President Mula Ram highlighted Nehru's focus on building a democratic, social, and political system aimed at solving social problems. He noted Nehru's initiation of Panchayati Raj and Community Development Programs, emphasizing social welfare and empowerment, as well as his planning system that led to public sector growth and industrialization.

Balwan Singh also acknowledged Nehru as an unparalleled leader whose contributions to the freedom struggle and as India's first Prime Minister are unforgettable. He stressed the importance of countering historical distortions made for vested political interests.

## Record voter turnout in Kashmir reflects people's resentment against BJP's misrule in J&K: Rattan Lal

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: The record voter turnout in the recently conducted Lok Sabha polls in Kashmir Valley and Poonch-Rajouri is a clear indication of the people's dissatisfaction with the BJP's proxy government. The electorate's enthusiasm is a direct response to the BJP's failure to meet the aspirations of the people over the last one decade.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, JKNC, Jammu, in a statement issued here on Monday.

The Provincial President asked BJP to wake up from its deep slumber, interpreting the high voter turnout as a strong signal of the public's anger and frustration towards the BJP's misrule in Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted that the people's active participation in the elections is a testament to their desire for change and their need to have their voices heard.



"The people of Jammu and Kashmir have been facing severe issues due to unemployment, highest ever inflation, lack of basic amenities, non-holding of Assembly elections, etc. Their votes are a powerful statement against the unresponsiveness and disconnect of the present administration," he said, adding that the government's inability to address these critical issues has only fueled the people's demand for the restoration of true democracy.

He said people have given 10 years to the BJP, but the saffron party has miserably failed to meet their aspirations, resulting in an overall decline in the quality of life for

the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rattan Lal further criticized the BJP for its contradictory stance on democracy.

"On one hand, the BJP claims to be the largest democratic party, yet on the other hand, it failed to field its candidates in the recently conducted Lok Sabha polls in the Kashmir Valley," he remarked.

The senior NC leader expressed confidence that the historic turnout will yield a decisive result in favor of the India Bloc in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

"The outcome of this remarkable voter engagement will be evident on June 4, when the India Bloc emerges victorious," he said, adding that the National Conference remains committed to address the needs and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that their voices are represented and heard in the democratic process.

## ABVP review and planning meeting concludes

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) concluded its State Review and Planning meeting in Bhandarwah on May 24, following a two-day session starting from May 23, 2024.

The meeting saw the participation of all full-timers, SWC members, and district conveners of ABVP across the state, who reviewed the previous year's work and strategized for upcoming events while preparing a roadmap for organizational expansion. North Organising Secretary, Shriman Vijay Pratapji, was also in attendance.

During the meeting, ABVP decided to conduct this year's membership campaign in three phases. The first phase will focus on school membership, followed by college and



university membership in the second phase, and professional institute membership in the third phase. Additionally, a maximum membership day will be declared during the membership drive.

Health emerged as a key topic of discussion, with the recognition that health has become a priority post the Covid-19 pandemic. ABVP resolved to conduct several health-related campaigns across the province, with a particular emphasis on women's health.

State Secretary, Akshi Billowria, shared information regarding the upcoming National Executive Council meeting of ABVP scheduled for June 7-9, 2024, in Surat, Gujarat. Representatives from Jammu Kashmir will participate in the meeting to address issues pertinent to the region.

In addition to the State Secretary, NEC Member Chahat Anand, State Joint Secretary Sannak Shrivats, and Mahanagar Secretary Arman Khajuria were also present during the press conference.

## 3-day course on "Investigation of Traffic Accident Cases" commences at SKPA

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, May 27: A three-day course on "Investigation of Traffic Accident Cases" commenced at the Police Academy. Nineteen officers from various units of the J&K Police are participating.

The course aims to educate officers on the latest techniques in traffic accident investigation.

The inaugural function featured Rajinder Kumar Gupta, Dy. Director (Indoor, Trigs) as the Chief Guest. Sandeep Mahajan, Inspector, welcomed the chief guest.

In his address, Gupta emphasized the importance of identifying the causes of traffic crashes and running awareness campaigns on traffic rules and accident victim handling.

Gupta highlighted the

importance of attention to detail, leveraging technology like forensic tools and crash reconstruction software, and preserving evidence to prevent contamination.

He stressed the need for empathy and professionalism when dealing with victims and witnesses and the importance of collaboration with traffic engineers, emergency services, and legal teams. Continuous learning and adherence to ethics and integrity were underscored as vital components of the investigative process.

The course, coordinated by Inspector Sandeep Mahajan and HC Balbir Singh, aims to equip officers with the skills to conduct thorough and impartial investigations, ultimately enhancing road safety and justice in the community.

## Yudhvir mobilizes youth support to fulfill PM Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat

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JAMMU, May 27: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President on Monday chaired a significant meeting aimed at mobilizing the youth to actively contribute towards realizing the vision of a developed India as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The meeting brought together enthusiastic youth who are eager to champion the cause of progress and development.

During the meeting, Sethi passionately articulated the transformative vision of PM Modi's Viksit Bharat (Developed India) and emphasized the crucial role that the youth of the nation play in its realization.

He underscored the need for proactive engagement and collective effort in advancing

the agenda of inclusive growth, innovation, and prosperity for all.

Sethi urged the youth to wholeheartedly support the BJP's initiatives and policies aimed at fostering development across all sectors.

He highlighted the remarkable strides made by the Modi government in areas such as economic growth, infrastructure development, and social welfare, citing them as examples of the commitment to building a stronger and more prosperous India.

Emphasizing the importance of youth empowerment and participation in nation-building activities, Sethi called upon the attendees to actively contribute their skills, ideas, and energy towards the realization of PM Modi's vision. He encouraged them to become agents of positive change in their

communities and to work tirelessly towards the collective goal of a Viksit Bharat.

The meeting concluded with a renewed sense of purpose and determination among the youth attendees, who pledged their unwavering support to the BJP and their commitment to championing the cause of national development under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Yudhvir Sethi reiterated the BJP's steadfast commitment to empowering the youth and creating opportunities for their growth and advancement. As the nation marches towards a brighter future, the BJP remains dedicated to harnessing the potential of its youth and building a prosperous and inclusive India for generations to come, he added.

## Tawi Trekkers J&K felicitates adventurers Rajesh, Shrikhand



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JAMMU, May 27: Tawi Trekkers J&K, one of the most active trekking clubs in the country, felicitated its two adventurers for their achievements in a simple but impressive function held at Press Club of Jammu. Whereas Wing Commander Rajesh Mukhi, a senior member of the club, was felicitated for successful climb to Shrikhand Mahadev (18570ft) Mazharul Bari, an environmentalist, a trained mountaineer and an international Rescue Scuba Diver from Tata Steel, Jamshedpur was honoured for his successful solo bike expe-

dition to Umling La (19024ft) in Ladakh, the highest motorable pass in the world.

It is pertinent to mention here that trek to Shrikhand Mahadev was a part of Rajesh Mukhi's preparation for the prestigious Everest expedition to be undertaken next year. Last year, Rajesh had trekked to the Everest Base Camp and also scaled Island Peak in the Everest region. Now, in October, 2024 he is going to undertake an expedition to Ama Dablam peak, a formidable peak situated at a height of 22349ft in Nepal.

Former MLA and Patron of the club Ashwani

Sharma who was the chief guest on the occasion congratulated both the mountaineers for their splendid achievements and honoured them with mementoes and certificates.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Rahul Sharma, a Patron; Ram Khajuria, an Advisor; Shawetica Khajuria, President; senior members Vivek Chauhan, Sumit Khajuria, Navneet Gupta, Seema Kharyal, Anu Sharma, Bindarpal Singh, Suksham Verma, Vikas Singh, Prerna Charak, Vaibhav Sharma and international sport climbers Shivani Charak and Shilpa Charak.

## JU organizes seminar on "Contribution of Rasa Javedani in Urdu, Kashmiri Language and literature"

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: A one-day National seminar on the "Contribution of Rasa Javedani in the development of Urdu and Kashmiri Language and literature" took place in the Prof. Gian Chand Jain seminar hall of the Department of Urdu, University of Jammu, on May 27. The event was jointly organized by the Department of Urdu, University of Jammu, the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, and the Rasa Javedani Memorial Literary Society. Noted Punjabi and Urdu writer, Khalid Hussain, presided over the seminar, with Dr. Shehnawaz Qadri, Brij Nath Betab, Shamim Choudhary, Research Scholar at the University of Chandigarh, and Zubeda Choudhary, Research Scholar at the University of Delhi, serving as resource persons.

Khalid Hussain, in his presidential address, lauded Rasa Javedani as an exceptional Urdu poet, whose works emphasized love, brotherhood, and communal harmony, stressing their relevance in contemporary society. Dr. Shehnawaz Qadri highlighted Javedani's significant contributions



to Urdu literature, portraying him as a towering figure who addressed societal realities while promoting national integration and communal harmony. Betab discussed Javedani's impact on Kashmiri literature, ranking him as one of the most influential poets since Rasool Mir, whose romantic poetry resonates across Kashmir and Jammu. The event also featured a paper presentation on the unpublished works of Rasa Javedani by Prof. M.A. Wani.

Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, HDO Urdu, provided insights into Javedani's life and works, emphasizing his pivotal role in the advancement of Urdu and Kashmiri languages. Additionally, a Rasa Javedani Memorial Literary Award was conferred upon Bharat Singh, Secretary of the Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Jammu and Kashmir, for his sig-

nificant contributions to the region's art and culture.

The seminar also included a musical segment where renowned singers such as Deepali Watal and Ravi Thakur mesmerized the audience with renditions of Rasa Javedani's famous Ghazals. The cultural program received widespread appreciation from attendees. Dr. Abdul Rashid Manhas, Assistant Professor at the Department of Urdu, University of Jammu, managed the proceedings, while Dr. Shehnawaz Choudhary, Cultural Officer at the Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Jammu and Kashmir, delivered the vote of thanks. The event saw the presence of prominent figures such as Prof. Mohd Reyaz Ahmad, Dr. Chaman Lal, Dr. Farhat Shamim, Dr. Abdul Qayoom, and Dr. Parshotam Paul Singh, among others.

## KDP Wing of DPAP extends thanks to ECI, CEO J&K for peaceful voting

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JAMMU, May 27: The Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) has extended heartfelt thanks to the Election Commission of India, CEO J&K, and Relief Authorities for ensuring peaceful voting on May 25, 2024, at the migrant polling stations for the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency. In a joint statement, President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, General Secretary Raj Kumar Tickoo, Youth President Naveen Gosani, Publicity Secretary Charanjeet Singh, and other leaders expressed their appreciation for the meticulous arrangements made by the CEO, Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner, ARO Migrants, and security forces.

The leaders highlighted the commendable facilities provided to voters, such as wheelchairs for the handicapped, elderly, and ailing voters, ensuring their comfort and ease in casting their votes. They acknowledged the dedication of voters from migrant

pockets in Jammu, Udhampur, and Delhi who braved the scorching heat to participate in the electoral process, reaffirming their connection to their birthplaces and community identity.

Special gratitude was extended to the voters who supported the Democratic Progressive Azad Party's candidate across Jammu, Delhi, Kashmir, Rajouri, and Poonch.

The leaders also expressed satisfaction with the efforts of the party workers from the Kashmiri Displaced People Wing, recognizing their hard work and dedication from the commencement of the parliamentary elections up to the voting day. These workers played a crucial role in attracting voters by explaining the party's manifesto, which focuses on resettlement, rehabilitation, and providing employment opportunities to unemployed youth.

The leaders concluded by praying for the grand success of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party's candidates, so they can effectively advocate for the promises outlined in their manifesto.



## EDITORIAL

MOBILE  
GAMES

The relationship between students and mobile games is complex, influenced by factors such as convenience, entertainment, educational value, and potential drawbacks. In recent years, the proliferation of smartphones and mobile gaming apps has made gaming more accessible than ever before, particularly among students. While some argue that mobile games offer various benefits, including stress relief and cognitive stimulation, others raise concerns about addiction, distraction, and the negative impact on academic performance.

On one hand, mobile games have become a popular form of entertainment and relaxation for students. With their busy schedules and academic pressures, many students turn to mobile games as a way to unwind and escape from the stress of studying. Games offer a temporary reprieve, allowing students to engage in enjoyable activities during their free time. Additionally, some mobile games are designed to be educational, offering opportunities for students to learn and develop new skills in areas such as problem-solving, strategy, and critical thinking.

Moreover, mobile games can foster social connections among students. Multiplayer games enable students to interact and collaborate with their peers, fostering teamwork and communication skills. Gaming communities provide a sense of belonging and camaraderie, allowing students to connect with others who share similar interests and passions. In this way, mobile games can serve as a platform for socializing and building friendships, both online and offline.

However, the widespread popularity of mobile games also raises concerns about addiction and excessive screen time among students. For some individuals, gaming can become compulsive, leading to neglect of responsibilities, poor time management, and withdrawal from real-world interactions. Excessive gaming has been linked to various negative outcomes, including poor academic performance, disrupted sleep patterns, and impaired social functioning. Moreover, the addictive nature of some mobile games, characterized by reward systems and in-app purchases, can exacerbate these issues, leading to problematic behavior and negative consequences.

Furthermore, mobile games can be a source of distraction for students, diverting their attention away from more productive activities such as studying, reading, or engaging in extracurricular pursuits. The convenience and accessibility of mobile gaming make it easy for students to succumb to temptation and procrastinate on important tasks. As a result, students may experience difficulties in managing their time effectively and prioritizing their responsibilities, leading to decreased academic performance and increased stress levels.

Despite these challenges, it is essential to recognize that not all students experience negative consequences from playing mobile games. For many individuals, gaming can be a healthy and enjoyable pastime when balanced with other activities and responsibilities. Moreover, some mobile games offer valuable opportunities for learning and skill development, enhancing students' cognitive abilities and problem-solving skills. Therefore, it is crucial to approach the issue of mobile gaming among students with nuance and understanding, acknowledging both the benefits and risks associated with this form of entertainment.

In conclusion, the relationship between students and mobile games is multifaceted, influenced by a range of factors including convenience, entertainment, socialization, and addiction. While mobile games offer various benefits, including stress relief, cognitive stimulation, and social connection, they also pose risks such as addiction, distraction, and negative academic outcomes. As mobile gaming continues to evolve and proliferate, it is essential for students to adopt healthy gaming habits and balance their gaming activities with other aspects of their lives. By fostering awareness, moderation, and responsible gaming practices, students can enjoy the benefits of mobile gaming while minimizing its potential drawbacks.

## India's good fortune to have had Nehru at the beginning

By: Mohan Guruswamy

Jawaharlal Nehru died sixty years ago on May 27, 1964. He was seventy-four. He had a stroke that morning at 6.25 am and lost consciousness almost immediately. He died without regaining consciousness, and according to a member of his household, his death was due to "an internal hemorrhage, a paralytic stroke, and a heart attack". He had returned the previous day from Mussoorie, "hale and hearty", but Nehru was clearly ailing. Parliament, which was then in session, and the nation were told about his death at 2.05 pm.

A major event such as this inevitably gives rise to "where were you?" questions. Where were you when John F. Kennedy was assassinated? Where were you when Indira Gandhi was killed? Where were you when the World Trade Centre in New York was brought down? The shock of the event magnifies the immediate around you and imprints it in your mind. I still can vividly recall the day Nehru died and the moment I learnt about it.

I was in Pune (then Poona) studying German at the Goethe Institute, and after class that afternoon I was cycling into town to meet a friend. As I passed a government building, I saw a flag flying at half-mast. I asked and when told a great fear descended over me.

Like many young Indians, I too was unwilling to contemplate India without Nehru, despite having read much speculation about "who next?" The most widely-read book on the subject was by American journalist Welles Hagen After Nehru Who? Hagen speculated on a list

of personalities, and wrote: "Many people in India who concede that Nehru can now be replaced have told me that only he could have held the country together in the early days after the Partition of British India." Clearly to many, Nehru had outlived his purpose, particularly after the disastrous India-China war of 1962. Not knowing what was in store next sent me scurrying down back to my hostel, where a radio set was reporting the mourning as only AIR and Melville de Mello's dulcet voice could.

We began discussing the succession, even though Gulzarilal Nanda was appointed the interim PM, few took him seriously as a successor. By late in the night our fears took over. One refrain was that the military would take over. Another was that either the Communists or the CIA would set off a coup. None of this happened. Nehru had built a modern and democratic India to last.

India was fortunate to have his leadership in the formative years of the republic. We took the road less traveled and it made all the difference. Recall Robert Frost who wrote: "I shall be telling this with a sigh/Somewhere ages and ages hence:/Two roads diverged in a wood, and I.../I took the one less traveled by,/And that has made all the difference."

We could have done better but we could also have done worse, like many other countries in our situation did. The India conceptualised by Nehru and the founding fathers still endures, weathering blows from the philistines opposed to the foundational philosophy of modern India.

Nehru was a man with a towering intellect and a long

vision. No one who has read his Discovery of India will think otherwise. He tried to forge a new all-inclusive nationality for us. I have often tried to explain this notion in simple terms. This is to make the Meenakshi Temple in Madurai or the Taj Mahal in Agra or the Golden Temple in Amritsar equally our heritage. Every invasion or migratory wave, every musical instrument and kind of music, and every literary form and style that flourished in India was equally ours. The raga and ghazal were ours just as Bhimsen Joshi and Begum Akhtar were our very own.

Nehru made mistakes. When big people make mistakes, they are often monumental. He misunderstood the nature of the dispute with China. He tied the economy in the ropes of central planning, which while giving us an industrial base, helped spawn very many undeserving millionaire tycoons. But he had a bigger vision. He contemplated the new India to be guided by reason and infused with the scientific temper. Instead, we are now increasingly a people driven by dogma and blind faith. Religion and blind faith are our biggest fault lines and the cause of much social friction and breakdown of orderly public behaviour and order.

In recent years, the assault on Nehru's memory has become vicious. It is led by small men, men who don't know history and who confuse Taxila with Patna, Indus with the Ganga, and Alexander with Selucus; who don't know science and think Ganesh was real and not a symbol and who can't tell between a transplant and plastic surgery; who cannot distinguish between history and mythology, science and

superstition, and fact and fiction. They are now trying to define our identity in narrow and divisive terms, and hence excluding the majority.

Our never-ending economic malaises and the seemingly intractable problem of Jammu and Kashmir serve as ready sticks to beat the memory of Nehru. And in the hands of the half knowing and politically vicious politician these become deadly weapons, however false they may in fact be. Then of course there is the myth perpetuated that it was Jawaharlal Nehru's eagerness to become Prime Minister that forced the agreement for the Partition of India. There is a good deal of irony in this for those who seem to castigate him loudest on this are those who hate the Muslims the most.

The attempted deification of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who supposedly disagreed with Nehru on all these and other issues, serves the political purpose of those who having got their day in office, misused it, and now are desperately hoping to get another term. It is sad to see few willing to stand up and take a position in defence of Jawaharlal Nehru these days. In my time I have been a frequent critic of Nehru, yet even I will have little hesitation in stating that he was the greatest statesman this country has known for several centuries. We were fortunate to have had him in the beginning.

Our unique diversity and common perception about ourselves bound by a modern and egalitarian Constitution is now being challenged. India has weathered worse. We are, after all, the people of India, that is Bharat. And we still live in the house that Jawaharlal Nehru built.

## Keir Starmer is the favourite on July 4; J.K. Rowling getting trolled in Edinburgh

By: Kishwar Desai

So it is official at last. If, after having watched the largest and most complex election in the world, you may want to enjoy a somewhat more polite, quiet and orderly election, fly off to UK and for one day — July 4 you can watch a very unique experience. Only 50 million voters and only about 10 political parties. No EVM either — as votes are counted slip by slip by hand by a group of volunteers sitting up all night. Though you do not have to wait that long for the result.

At 10 pm (on the day of the election), the BBC announces the result based on its calculation of exit vote and it has so far been always accurate. Of course the exit poll in India has also had a high degree of accuracy — but in both countries (India and the UK) the broader result is already known. With a 20-point lead — the next Prime Minister will be Keir Starmer — though the incumbent is determined to give a good fight, and why not? And in India — the outcome is a given. Of course, the margins we expect may differ in both cases.

Thus far the election in the UK promises to be as predictable as

the weather. As you may have noticed, Rishi Sunak made the announcement on a rainy day. That is the beauty of the English summer. Entirely predictable — you always know that you never know when it may rain. I would imagine the outgoing PM had not planned on a wet farewell speech. But then what could be more memorable and British? However, thanks to him, you will enjoy a not very noisy, not very controversial, election. They do not make them like that anymore.

There some other startling, but still predictable news. Spoiler warning — as this is bad news for the monarchy. Our King Charles the Third is not, sadly, the richest person in the land. On the Sunday Times Rich List, King Charles is the 258th richest person. He has only £610 million in net worth. Mind you this is just his personal wealth. As a King, his estate is worth £600 billion. And Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is just ahead of the monarch. He is 245th in the ranking and has £651 million. On the top as always are the Hinduja brothers. Very nice.

Incidentally Paul McCartney is at 165. But then he has just become a billionaire. Most recently Taylor Swift sang one of McCartney's song and put it

on the cover. That alone tipped him into being a billionaire.

Incidentally, Taylor Swift sang in Paris recently at a giant concert. But the French fans are cross as most tickets were bought by Americans who thought Taylor in Paris was a bargain what with the ticket price and trans-Atlantic fares being so cheap. The French realised how poor their country has become compared to the Americans. So what is new?

All good literary festival come packaged with controversy. And so while the Hay festival is facing some walkouts over Palestine — it is the Edinburgh Festival this year that has a play about an erstwhile heroine-author. J.K. Rowling who transformed the way children read books — and became the recipient of worldwide adulation — is being ruthlessly trolled by those who feel she has a bias against transwomen. The question is: Are you a woman based on your biology at birth or by how you "feel"? The world is being divided on this issue. Not J.K. — who has insisted that gender allocation depends entirely on your biology. Trans-groups are angry with her.

Thus, there is a special event inspired by J.K. Rowling's

battle about "who can be called a woman?" The young actors who had starred in the Harry Potter films have denounced her for she insists biological women are different from transwomen. So Joshua Kaplan has written a play around this battle which promises to be a hit item at Edinburgh. The play is called TERF (Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminist) that is how JK is described). Should be a riot... ummm... hopefully, only metaphorically speaking.

Another spoiler alert — a big wedding on the horizon may steal away publicity from the elections! King Charles' godson is getting married but he cannot go because of his cancer. Neither will Kate, as she has cancer, too. But the Prince of Wales has stepped into the breach. William knows Hugh in any case. Hugh Grosvenor, the groom, holds one of the richest titles in the land. Hugh has 140,000 acres of land in his possession and a family estate of 11,000 acres. He is marrying Olivia Henson at the Chester Cathedral followed by a vast celebration at Eaton Hall. It will not be the same without Kate or the King... but this is the new reality we live with, still dominated by the "Emperor of Maladies", which triumphs kings and commoners.



## Vikalp SMVDU concludes: A Year in Review



### Top News Report

KATRA, May 27: Vikalp has successfully concluded its services for this academic year. It marks the end of another chapter filled with growth, learning, and impactful contributions.

As we wrap up, we reflect on the numerous achievements and milestones reached, from organizing engaging workshops on topics such as Sanitation, environmental awareness first aid to conducting multiple computer labs, and participating in various

academic activities. Karwaan 3.0 was a standout event of the year, a week-long festival that brought together cultural showcases and sports competitions. It served as a vibrant platform for students to express their creativity, demonstrate athletic

pro prowess, and strengthen community bonds through a series of performances and tournaments. This year, Vikalp also introduced five village contact programs, which received positive feedback and active participation from both students

and faculty. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that every event was meticulously planned and executed, offering meaningful experiences to everyone involved. As we bid farewell to this academic year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the children, volunteers, alumni, faculties, staff members, and university management teams who have been part of our journey. Your enthusiasm and support have been the driving force behind our smooth functioning and success. We look forward to returning next year with renewed energy and exciting new opportunities for learning and collaboration.

## ABRSM constitutes body for Zone Warwan

### Top News Report

KISHTWAR, May 27: The Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM) district unit of Kishtwar, led by District General Secretary Rishi Singh, has constituted a Zonal body for Zone Warwan. In a meeting held at Warwan with various teachers, ABRSM announced the new zonal leadership: Mohd Ishaq as Zonal President, Irshad Ahmad Koka as General Secretary, and Mohd Arif Sheikh as Media Secretary. Warwan, known for

its remote location in the district of Kishtwar and its proximity to the Kashmir Valley, faces harsh climatic conditions and remains cut off for extended periods during the winter. The area reflects a blend of Kashmiri culture due to its geographical location. Despite these challenges, District General Secretary Rishi Singh personally visited Warwan to establish the Zonal body. With the formation of the Zonal body in Warwan, the district unit of Kishtwar has successfully

completed the constitution of Zonal bodies in all seven zones, marking a significant achievement for the ABRSM team. This accomplishment is a source of great pride for the entire ABRSM team and particularly for the Kishtwar district unit. The other executive members of the Zonal body include Abdul Rayouf (Lecturer in Botany), Imtiyaz Ahmed, Mushraff Wari, Zahoor Ahmed, Irshad Ahmed, Hafiz-Ullah-Wani, Jahangir Wajid, Parvaiz Ahmed and Altaf Hussain.

## KCPS begins 2nd round of basic counselling skills for teachers

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: K C Public School (KCPS) kicked off the second round of Basic Counselling Training programme for its teachers which is part of the school's ongoing commitment to providing holistic education and support to its teachers and students. Saloni Priya, Director, Umeed Counselling and consulting Services, Kolkata, is a counselling psychologist with over 24 years of experience whole the workshop on May 25 and 26. The training programme aims to equip teachers with essential counselling skills and strategies to better address the diverse

needs of students. By enhancing their understanding of mental health issues, effective communication techniques, and strategies for building positive relationships with students, teachers will be better equipped to provide emotional and mental health support within the school community. With the increase in stress levels among students and the growing prevalence of emotional issues, it has become imperative for teachers to possess the necessary skills to address these concerns. By offering professional development opportunities like this training program, K C Public School actively demonstrates its

commitment to students' mental and emotional health. "We believe that teachers play a crucial role in not only imparting knowledge but also in providing emotional support to our students", said Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra. "By investing in their professional development and providing them with the necessary tools and resources, we are able to create a more supportive and nurturing environment for our students to thrive in." KCPS remains dedicated to fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment where students feel supported, understood, and empowered to reach their full potential.

## DYSS organizes inter-zonal district level tournament

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, under the direction of District Youth Services & Sports Officer Kathua, Sunil Singh Sambyal, organized an inter-zonal district level tournament for Under-14 girls at Naz Stadium, Billawar. The tournament began with a pledge to promote sports and combat the drug menace, led by Rajeev Khajuria, ZPEO Mahanpur/Bhaddu, with the support of the field staff. The event featured competitions in Kabaddi, Vol-

leyball, Football, Chess, and Wrestling, officiated by a panel of experts from the Department. Various officials, conveners, and technical staff ensured the smooth conduct of the games. A total of 198 girls under 14 from six zones participated. The results: Kho Kho, Zone Bhaddu defeated Zone Mahanpur by 1 point; Badminton, Zone Billawar triumphed over Zone Bhaddu with a 2-0 set victory; Volleyball, Zone Billawar won against Zone Bani with a 2-1 set score; and in Kabaddi, Zone Malhar defeated Zone Bani by 8 points.

## JU Inter-Departmental Tournaments 2023-24 Sports and Physical Education Deptt claims inter-departmental Volleyball (M) title

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: The Department of Sports and Physical Education outplayed DD&OE Department by 02-01 sets in the final match of the ongoing Inter-departmental Volleyball (M) tournament of the Jammu University for the session of 2023-24 and claimed the inter-departmental Volleyball (M) title organized by Campus Sports

Committee at University of Jammu. In the final Match DD&OE won the first set with set score 25-12 and thereafter last two sets were won by The Department of Sports and Physical Education with set scores 25-19 and 15-10 respectively. In the semi final matches DD&OE beats Deptt. Of Journalism by 2-0 sets with set score 25-11&25-09 where as Deptt. Of

Physical Education and Sports beats law Deptt. by 2-0 sets with set score 25-14 & 25-18. Matches were officiated by Vikas Karlopa, Manu Singh Pawar, Ishima, Yogesh Kumar and Yangzin Dolma. The inter-departmental Volleyball (M) tournament was organized under the supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba Chairman, Campus Sports Committee University of Jammu.

## Army organizes Drawing Competition at Sagra

### Top News Report

POONCH, May 27: A vibrant drawing competition on 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' for children at Model Academy, Sagra was organised to remember the brave men of Indian Army and fostering 'Creativity and Unity' in the region. Through colourful strokes of imagination, young artists expressed their dreams and aspirations, showcasing the beauty and resilience of their homeland. The event not only provided a platform for artistic expression but also promoted 'Harmony and Camaraderie' among participants. Amidst the backdrop of scenic nature and lush valleys, children unleashed their 'Creativity, painting a picture of hope and peace for the future'.



## Dimple rejects BJP's promises on J&K Statehood, Assembly Elections

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: Addressing a press conference at the Press Club, Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, vehemently rejected the recent statements made by Home Minister Amit Shah. Dimple, who has been a vocal advocate for the restoration of J&K statehood and the holding of assembly elections, dismissed Shah's assurances as "mesmerising and misleading." Dimple accused the BJP of using these statements as a "luring formula" to deceive the people of J&K, highlighting that over the past decade, numerous similar promises by the BJP have gone unfulfilled. He emphasized that the battle for holding assembly elections and restoring J&K's statehood has already been won in the Supreme Court, which mandated the BJP to conduct assembly elections. He firmly stated that the BJP cannot hinder the



restoration of statehood and the assembly elections, as these are directives from the Supreme Court Chief Justice of India. Dimple called for the immediate restoration of J&K statehood before any assembly elections, asserting that the BJP's promises are not trustworthy or acceptable. Dimple criticized the BJP for misleading the public with hollow statements about prioritizing assembly elections over statehood. He announced that after the results on June 4, the India Block alliance parties would meet to strategize for the assembly elections, with the goal of keeping the BJP out of J&K. He appealed to all politi-

cal parties and the people of Jammu and Kashmir to reject the BJP's tactics outright. He expressed confidence that candidates from the India Alliance would win all six MP seats in Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh, and predicted that a non-BJP government would be formed at the center, with a new Prime Minister emerging on June 4. Dimple claimed that the record voter turnout in J&K is a reflection of public anger against the BJP's decisions, particularly the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019. Dimple reiterated his commitment to the continued struggle for the reinstatement of Articles 370 and 35-A, and the implementation of the Instrument of Accession both politically and judicially. He demanded the immediate restoration of J&K statehood before holding any assembly elections.

## Army organizes Medical Patrol for Gujjar and Bakarwals at Reasi



### Top News Report

REASI, May 27: Medical patrols play a crucial role in remote underdeveloped areas of south of Pir Panjal region in providing essential health care service to the Awam particularly those residing in far-flung areas. Indian Army at Layun Gali, Reasi District conducted medical patrols dedicated in conjunction with area domination

patrols. These patrols aim to provide essential medical assistance and healthcare services to remote areas where access is limited. The initiative underscores the army's commitment to the welfare of Gujjar and Bakarwal Communities, ensuring that no one is left behind in receiving crucial medical attention while migrating to their summer locations.

## Raman Bhalla joins Bhandara at Apna Vihar Colony

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: Former Cabinet Minister and working President of JKPC, Raman Bhalla, participated in the Murti Sthapana Divas (installation ceremony) of Shiv Mandir in Apna Vihar Colony, Kunjwani, Jammu. Raman Bhalla performed puja and enjoyed the Bhandara (community meal) organized in the colony. He was honored by the Shiv Mandir Committee Executive Body members, including President Vijay Sharma, Retired DC, Chairman Team Mask Force, along



with Vice Presidents Dr. Vijay Sharma and Suraj Chopra, and the society's Secretary Kewal Krishan Saini. Also present were the Joint Secretary of the Committee, Pritam Jamwal, and the Treasurer of the Committee,

B.S. Samyal. Former corporator Pritam Singh and S.C. Khajuria, the executive committee members, along with residents of the colony such as Dharam Pal, Retired DIG, and Sardari Lal, were prominent among the participants.

## One year Orientation Programme to 2nd batch of gardeners/ technicians concludes

### Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: Training on "One year Orientation Programme" to the 2nd batch of the gardeners/ technicians of the department of Horticulture of Jammu Division concluded on Monday at Mega Fruit Plant Nursery, Chakroi. In this context, a valedictory function was organised at MFPN Chakroi wherein Director Horticulture Jammu C. L. Sharma was the Chief Guest. During the programme, Director Horticulture Jammu C. L. Sharma, dis-

tributed the certificates/ trophies to the trainees for successfully completing One year Orientation Programme in presence of Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu Ashwani Sharma, I/c MFPN Chakroi Vijay Angurana, Divisional Training Officer Pawan Thakur, Assistant Director Satish Kumar and other officers of the department. The trainees were sensitized on Standard Operating Procedures, protocol of raising nurseries in open and protected structures; training/ pruning of mother plants, basin preparation, differ-

ent methods of irrigation, hoe-weeding, etc. During the programme, Director Horticulture Jammu had one to one interaction with all the trainees coming from all the districts of Jammu division. The trainees also shared their experiences about the training programme with the chair and thanked the department for providing such a training and equipping them technically which will help them in implementing the schemes in field as well as in running departmental nurseries. The department of

Horticulture is also establishing Virus Indexing, Tissue Culture and Bio-control laboratories under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) at Mega Fruit Plant Nursery Chakroi. For running these laboratories, 20 numbers of the trainees were also imparted training at SKUAST-J. The Director facilitated the trainees of Tissue Culture and Virus Indexing laboratories and directed I/c Mega Fruit Plant Nursery, Chakroi to devise a mechanism for production of Strawberry runners under tissue cul-

ture techniques. The Director also interacted with the trainees of the new batch 2024-25 comprising of gardeners/ technicians from all the districts of Jammu division and stressed upon them to work with zeal to come up with Horticulture expertise in all relevant area of scientifically production of planting material for High Density plantation. Further, the trainees were also sensitized about HADP schemes and importance of its various components for the well being of farming community.



## Patiala suit, gutt and jutti — Janhvi Kapoor lived it up as a Punjabi kudi as she promoted her film Mr & Mrs Mahi in Mohali

When in Rome, do as the Romans do. Janhvi Kapoor spelled it out for us quite literally as she arrived at CP67 Mall in Mohali dressed in a neon yellow and pink Patiala suit to promote her upcoming film Mr & Mrs Mahi.

"Aap logon ke liye saaj dhaj ke aayi hun mein aaj," she told the crowd that gathered there to catch a glimpse of her. She wanted to look like a Punjabi kudi and hoped that they liked her desi avatar.

The Bawaal actress even braided her hair and wore Punjabi jutti to complete the look. She promptly posted her picture on Instagram and captioned it as, 'If Mrs Mahi was a Punjabi kudi'.

She talked about the film and the rigorous 150 plus days of training that she had to undergo to play the role of a cricketer. Janhvi shared, "I like to put in my cent

per cent effort to anything that I do. It has been inculcated by our parents that there's no shortcut to hard work. I know that the outcome of a project is beyond my control. So, I do what is in my control, which is putting my blood, sweat and tears into it." Janhvi says Punjab has that 'ghar wali feeling' which she first felt when she was filming for Good Luck Jerry here. "I stayed in Chandigarh, Patiala and some other places during the shooting of Good Luck Jerry. Ghar jaisa hai mere liye Punjab. I was looking forward to interact with the fans in Mohali."

After playing a cricketer, Janhvi is now full of respect and love for players. "I know how much of hard work, dedication and passion one needs to be a sportsperson. This film brought me close to my father Boney Kapoor. Earlier, I never ever



sat with him when he watched cricket matches. I didn't understand the game then. But after this film, my father and I

watch cricket matches together. I have found a new way of bonding with him."

However, "It's not a

story of a cricketer or has any connection with any real-life cricketer. Rather, it's a story about one's dreams and how one needs an understanding partner or people around to fulfil those dreams." Rajkumar Rao will be seen as her supportive husband. It will release on May 31. After attending the promotional event, Janhvi rushed to Pal Dhaba in Chandigarh to taste some local cuisine. She again posted a picture of her sipping lassi.

**Title story**  
"We wanted a name which could work for both the husband and wife. While we had locked Mr and Mrs, the Mahi part came much later. Something like Navjot Singh Sidhu and his wife Navjot Kaur. Mahi happens to my favourite Indian cricket player, MS Dhoni's nick name," says director Sharan Sharma.

## Mahima Chaudhary, who was in Ludhiana to take part in a breast cancer awareness programme, says the trick is not to give up hope



Mahima Chaudhary cares! And she shows it through her initiative called Ribbon of Care which aims at creating awareness about breast cancer. Mahima, who recently visited Ludhiana to attend an event called The Balancing Act, organised by the Ludhiana chapter of FICCI Flo, talked about how she battled the dreaded disease and came out stronger.

Mahima was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022. She recalled how she went into depression after doctors revealed the nature of her ailment. "I was in the hospital during one of the chemotherapy sessions and I got a call from Anupam Kher. He was offering me a role in a film but I sounded low. When he asked me, I told him about my dis-

ease. Initially, he did not take me seriously. But when I sounded serious, he told me to go for the role even if I had lost my hair. He was so supportive. He is a real friend."

Remembering how tough it was for her when people used to troll her for not looking her glamorous self, she says she was grateful to those real friends who would think nothing of her baldness or looks. "We need that kind of a support system while battling this dreaded disease," she said. The trick, she said, was to not give up hope. "We all struggle at some point. When the storm is over, we surprise ourselves thinking how did we manage?"

Mahima, who had a successful stint in modelling before she entered Bollywood and delivered hits like Pardes, Daag, Dil Kya Kare and many more, danced to some hit numbers.

## Neha Harsora says in real life, she is similar to her character in the show Udne Ki Aasha

Neha Harsora, who is a part of the show Udne Ki Aasha on Star Plus, is quite enjoying her stint. She says, "My character, Sailee, is going through emotional turmoil, knowing about the reality that has turned her world upside down, but at the same time it is important for her to voice out her opinion. Sailee is an independent woman, and it is important for women to be like that. Sailee exudes confidence and sets an example for



other women to express their views."

About the similarity with her character, she adds, "In real life too, I am similar to Sailee; I believe in voicing out my beliefs, being independent and taking a stand for myself. My mother has inculcated in me the qualities of a strong and confident woman. I am indeed taking inspiration from the women who are facing obstacles in their lives, yet fighting back with self-confidence."

## Best year yet for Indian filmmakers with three wins at Cannes Film Festival 2024



It was a triple feat for Indian talent at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival with Payal Kapadia's "All We Imagine As Light", "Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know" by FTII student Chidananda S Naik, and Anasuya Sengupta's "The Shameless" fame winning major awards in each of the three competitive sections of the prestigious gala.

The 77th edition of Cannes, which concluded on Saturday, was undoubtedly the best year for the country which found space at the fest through eight Indian, or India-themed, films.

Kapadia, an alumna of the Film & Television Institute of India (FTII), charted history by becoming the first Indian filmmaker to win the Grand Prix award for "All We Imagine as Light".

"It is a great achievement for us that we have given this award to our country after thirty years. I am deeply grateful for your generous appreciation. Your recognition motivates me to work even harder. Thanks a lot," she said in an X post on Sunday.

"All We Imagine As Light", Kapadia's feature directorial debut, is the first Indian film in 30 years and first ever by an Indian female director to be showcased in main competition, last being Shaji N Karun's "Swaham" (1994).

"Thank you, Cannes Film Festival for having our film here. Please don't wait 30 years to have another Indian film," she had said in her speech.

The movie earned the honour, the second-most prestigious prize of the gala after the Palme d'Or, which went to American director Sean Baker for "Anora".

"All We Imagine as Light", a Malayalam-Hindi feature starring Kani Kusruti, Divya Prabha and Chhaya Kadam, revolves around three women in Mumbai who go on a road trip to a beach town.

That the film will win an award

became almost certain when it received glowing reviews following its premiere, with some international critics describing it as a "portrait of urban connection" and "poetic meditation" as well as comparing Kapadia's work to that of masters like Satyajit Ray and Wong Kar Wai.

Though the second most prestigious prize at Cannes, Grand Prix has a storied history with prominent titles including this year's Oscar winner "The Zone of Interest" and Park Chan-wook's revenge drama "Oldboy" as part of the list.

"All We Imagine as Light" has already found distributors for its North America release, but it's unclear when the film will be screened in India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India is "proud" of Kapadia for her historic feat.

"An alumnus of FTII, her remarkable talent continues to shine on the global stage, giving a glimpse of the rich creativity in India. This prestigious accolade not only honours her exceptional skills but also inspires a new generation of Indian filmmakers," he said in a post on X.

These women have scripted history and inspired the Indian film fraternity, said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi about Kapadia and Sengupta.

"Indian stars shining bright at the 77th Cannes Film Festival!" Gandhi said on X.

Writer-lyricist Varun Grover said it was an "unbelievable day" for Indian cinema.

"Dissent, in art and in life, is a tough path to choose. But sometimes it does create magic," he wrote on X.

Kapadia, who led a student protest against the appointment of actor-politician Gajendra Chauhan as FTII chairman, had won the Oeil d'or (Golden Eye) award at Cannes for acclaimed documentary "A Night of Knowing Nothing"

which premiered under Director's Fortnight section in 2021.

Her 2017 short film "Afternoon Clouds" opened at Cannes under Cinefondation category, dedicated to supporting the next generation of talented filmmakers.

That's not all. Production designer Sengupta, who starred in a key featuring role in Bulgarian director Konstantin Bojanov's "The Shameless", became the first Indian to win the best actress prize in Un Certain Regard.

"The Shameless" explores a dark world of exploitation and misery in which two sex workers forge a bond.

Sengupta dedicated her win "to the queer community and other marginalised communities".

"You don't have to be queer to fight for equality, you don't have to be colonised to know that colonising is pathetic — we just need to be decent human beings," she said.

Neeraj Ghaywan's "Masaan" previously won two awards—FIPRESCI, International Jury of Film Critics prize and Promising Future prize in the section.

Naik's "Sunflowers...", which won the La Cinef first prize (film school fiction or animated films), was another feather in FTII's cap. Based on a Kannada folktale, the movie follows an old woman who steals a rooster following which the sun stops rising in the village.

Previously, Indian films to be selected for the Cannes Competition segment include Mrinal Sen's "Kharij" (1983), M S Sathya's "Garm Hava" (1974), Satyajit Ray's "Parash Pathar" (1958), Raj Kapoor's "Awaara" (1953), V Shantaram's "Amar Bhoopali" (1952) and Chetan Anand's "Neecha Nagar" (1946).

This year, India's presence at Cannes also saw the restored version of Shyam Benegal's 1976 crowd-funded film "Manthan" in Cannes Classics. Karan Kandhari's "Sister Midnight" appeared in Directors' Fortnight and Maisam Ali's "In Retreat" was picked for ACID Cannes. "Maya: The Birth of a Superhero", a virtual reality title with an India connect, was also selected.

In 2013, Indian cinema sent five films to various sections — "Monsoon Shootout" (Midnight Screening), "Bombay Talkies" (a Special Screening to mark 100 years since Dada Saheb Phalke's "Raja Harishchandra"), "Ugly" (Directors' Fortnight), "The Lunchbox" (Critics' Week) and "Charulata" (Cannes Classics).

## Sukhada Khandkekar talks about her role in Pukaar Dil Se Dil Tak

Sukhada Khandkekar, the reigning queen of the Marathi entertainment industry, is ready to captivate hearts as Saraswati in Sony Entertainment Television's upcoming drama Pukaar Dil Se Dil Tak. Set against the enchanting backdrop of Jaipur, this poignant tale of love, loss and redemption echoes a mother's hope of reuniting with her two daughters who were tragically separated by a wicked scheme. And, as fate would have it, the paths of Saraswati, Vedika and Koel will unknowingly converge under unexpected circumstances. Together,

they will confront the forces who tore their family apart.

About the character, Sukhada Khandkekar says, "In this show, you will experience multiple emotions because it's a power-packed combination of thrill, love, loss and redemption. As I am becoming 'Saraswati' through each passing day, I am realising that with the hope of reuniting with the 'missing loved ones' in one's life is painfully difficult. Those people who are living with this pain, every single day for years, are the real warriors for me. The story is beautifully written."



## Get ready to watch Jubilee Talkies — Shohrat Shiddat Mohabbat

Sony Entertainment Television has announced its next fiction offering, Jubilee Talkies — Shohrat Shiddat Mohabbat, a romantic and passionate drama that follows the journey of Shivangi Sawant, a humble girl from a small town in Maharashtra, but with modern sensibilities. Her deep love for cinema drives her to pursue her father's dream of restoring their cherished possession, Sangam Cinema, to its



former glory. Khushi Dubey shares her excitement about essaying the role of Shivangi Sawant, "I'm really excited about this story! I was hooked when I first heard the plot, and hope the audience will be too. Along with her passion for reviving Sangam Cinema, Shivangi's journey is filled with unexpected twists and turns that will keep everyone glued to their seats. This character is a fresh challenge for me."



# Lok Sabha polls 2024: Supreme Court refuses to entertain BJP's plea against Calcutta High Court order on advertisements

*'This is not in the interest of voters,' a Vacation Bench of Justice JK Maheshwari and Justice KV Viswanathan says*

NEW DELHI, May 27 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain the BJP's petition challenging the Calcutta High Court's order restraining the saffron party from publishing certain alleged derogatory advertisements against the TMC and its leaders during the ongoing Lok Sabha polls as they violated the Model Code of Conduct.

"This is not in the interest of voters. This will degenerate... We are not inclined to interfere (with the high court's order)," a Vacation Bench of Justice JK Maheshwari and Justice KV Viswanathan told senior counsel PS Patwalia who represented the BJP.

"We have seen the advertisements. Prima facie, the advertisements are disparaging. You can say you are the best... but we don't want to lend our hands to promote further acrimony...." Justice Viswanathan said even as Patwalia asserted that the



advertisements were based on facts.

As the Bench was not inclined to entertain the petition, Patwalia chose to withdraw the petition and it was "dismissed as withdrawn".

"Your rival is not your enemy," the Bench noted.

The top court had on Friday agreed to consider the BJP's petition after it was mentioned before another Vacation Bench

led by Justice Bela M Trivedi for urgent listing.

A Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court had on May 22 refused to interfere with a single-judge order restraining the BJP from publishing 'derogatory' advertisements against the TMC and its leaders, saying "Laxman Rekha" should not be crossed and there should not be any personal attacks. Refusing to interfere with the

May 20 single judge order, the Division Bench had said the BJP could move the single judge, seeking a review or recall of its order.

"You (BJP) are a national party. There should be an internal mechanism either at central or state level which will approve what propaganda can be printed. There should be some Lakshman Rekha... We are not complimenting them (TMC)...but imagine the impact on normal people," the HC had said.

The BJP had contended that the single judge passed the order without giving it hearing and that the Election Commission was the appropriate authority for redress in case of any dispute during a poll process.

The high court on May 20 restrained the BJP from publishing advertisements that violated the Model Code of Conduct until June 4, the day results are to be declared.

# Arvind Kejriwal moves Supreme Court for extension of his interim bail by a week on medical grounds



NEW DELHI, May 27 (Agencies): Accused of money-laundering in a case linked to the excise policy scam, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday moved the Supreme Court seeking extension of his 21-day interim bail by a week on health grounds, saying he has lost 7 kg. Arrested on March 21 by the ED - the Aam Aadmi Party national convener was released on interim bail by the top court on May 10 to campaign in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls. He

was ordered to surrender on June 2.

A Bench of Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta had barred him from visiting the Chief Minister's Office and Delhi Secretariat and said that he would not sign official files unless it's required and necessary for obtaining clearance/ approval of Delhi L-G. It had also restrained him from commenting on his role in the money-laundering case against him and ordered him not to interact with witnesses and/or have access to

official files connected with the case.

However, six days before the expiry of his interim bail on June 1, Kejriwal urged the top court to extend his interim bail by seven days on the grounds that he had to undergo certain diagnostic tests/ investigations, including PET-CT scan.

The Supreme Court had on May 17 reserved its verdict on Kejriwal's petition challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a money-laundering case linked to the Delhi excise policy scam. Kejriwal has challenged the Delhi High Court's April 9 verdict upholding his arrest in the case.

The top court had, however, said without prejudice to his rights and contentions, Kejriwal was free to move the trial court for grant of bail "in accordance with law".

# Prajwal Revanna says will appear before police on May 31, cooperate in probe

BENGALURU, May 27 (Agencies): Karnataka JDS MP Prajwal Revanna, who fled the country after his sex tapes went viral and following sexual harassment cases against him, said that he will appear before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on May 31.

"Don't mistake me, on the 31st at 10 am, I will be in front of the SIT and I will cooperate. I trust the judiciary and these are false cases against me. I trust the law," he said to agency.

The 33-year-old Hassan MP, who is the grandson of JDS patriarch and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, is facing charges of multiple instances of sexually abusing women. He left the country on April 26 after several videos of him sexually abusing multiple women emerged.

He called the allegations "a political conspiracy" and said he was in "depression



and isolation". He also apologised to the JDS leader and party workers for not providing his whereabouts.

"I want to apologise to my family members, my Kumaranna [HD Kumaraswamy], and the party workers for not providing proper information about my whereabouts abroad. On April 26th, when the elections were over, there was no case against me. The SIT wasn't formed. Two or three days after I left, I saw these allegations against me on YouTube. I also wrote to the SIT via my lawyer asking for seven days' time," he said.

Prajwal further alleged that Congress leader

Rahul Gandhi and other senior leaders spoke about it openly in public, saying, "This is a political conspiracy".

"I apologise as I went into depression and into isolation," he added.

A Special Court for Elected Representatives had issued an arrest warrant on May 18 against Prajwal Revanna, following an application moved by the SIT.

A 'Blue Corner Notice' seeking information on his whereabouts has already been issued by Interpol, following a request by the SIT via the CBI.

Prajwal, son of JDS MLA HD Revanna, is said to be in Germany.

# 2 die as Cyclone Remal ravages parts of West Bengal; heavy rain to continue

KOLKATA, May 27 (Agencies): Two persons died in West Bengal and its coastal areas suffered extensive damage to infrastructure and property, as Cyclone Remal tore through the state and neighbouring Bangladesh with wind speeds reaching 135 km per hour, officials said on Monday.

A man died of his injuries when a wall collapsed due to the relentless downpour on Sunday evening at the Bibir Bagan area of Entally in Central Kolkata, a state disaster management official said.

An elderly woman in the Mousuni Island near Namkhana adjacent to the Sunderbans delta also succumbed to injuries on Monday morning, following a tree collapse on her hut that resulted in the roof caving in, the official said.

After tearing through the coasts of Bangladesh and West Bengal, Cyclone Remal left a trail of destruction with pictures of devastation becoming evident across the state's coastal areas, with extensive damage to infrastructure and property, soon after daybreak on Monday.

Roofs of thatched huts were blown away, uprooted trees blocked roads in Kolkata as well as in the coastal districts, and electricity poles were knocked down causing significant power disruption in various parts of the state, including in the city's outskirts, the officials said.

While several pockets of Kolkata remained waterlogged on the morning of the first working day of the week, suburban train services from the Sealdah terminal station remained partially suspended for at least three hours, adding to commuters' woes, before operations limped back to normal.

Flight services at the Kolkata airport resumed on Monday morning after remaining suspended for 21 hours in view of



Cyclone Remal. Airport sources, however, said it would take some more time for the situation to become normal.

The cyclone ravaged adjacent coasts of the state and Bangladesh between Sagar Island and Khepupara, near the southwest of Mongla in the neighbouring country, after its landfall process began at 8.30 pm on Sunday and lasted for a good four hours.

In a later update, the Met office said 'Remal' weakened into a cyclonic storm at 5.30 am on Monday, about 70 km northeast of Canning and 30 km west-southwest of Mongla. The system is likely to gradually weaken further.

Efforts to restore normalcy are under way, with emergency services working to clear debris and restore power in the affected areas.

However, the relentless heavy rain is hampering these operations in most of the affected areas, the officials said.

The state government has initiated relief operations, providing food, drinking water and medical assistance to the people affected.

The authorities have urged residents to remain indoors and take necessary precaution till the heavy rain persists.

Kolkata recorded a rainfall of 146 mm in the period between 8.30 am on Sunday and 5.30 am on Monday, the weatherman

said. The metropolis logged a maximum wind speed of 74 kmph, while Dum Dum in the northern outskirts of the city recorded maximum wind speed of 91 kmph, the weather office said.

Several areas of Kolkata remained waterlogged, compounding the misery of the affected residents. Streets in significant pockets of Ballygunge, Park Circus, Dhakuria and Alipore in South Kolkata, Behala in the West and College Street, Thanthania Kali Bari, CR Avenue and Sinthi in the North remained inundated till late in the day.

Reports indicated that trees were uprooted in several areas, including Southern Avenue, Lake Place, Chetla, DL Khan Road, Dufferin Road, Ballygunge Road, New Alipore, Behala, Jadavpur, Golpark, Hatibagan, Jagat Mukherjee Park, College Street, and the adjoining Salt Lake area.

As many as 68 trees were uprooted in Kolkata, with an additional 75 trees downed in the nearby Salt Lake and Rajarhat areas.

The cyclone caused rain with strong winds in areas such as Digha, Kakdwip and Jaynagar, which intensified on Monday morning.

Other places in south Bengal which received heavy rain during the period are Haldia

(110 mm), Tamluk (70 mm) and Nimpith (70 mm), the Met office said.

The storm and accompanying heavy rain flooded homes and farmlands. In some regions, salt water from the adjoining Bay of Bengal breached embankments and gushed into farmlands, damaging crops.

The West Bengal government evacuated more than one lakh people from vulnerable areas ahead of the cyclone's landfall.

The North and South 24 Parganas and Purba Medinipur districts reported widespread damage. News footage from the coastal resort town of Digha showed tidal waves crashing into a seawall, with surging waters sweeping fishing boats inland and inundating mud-and-thatch houses and farmlands.

The weatherman has forecast more rain in Kolkata and the southern districts including Nadia and Murshidabad, with one or two spells of intense downpour, along with gusty surface winds till Tuesday morning.

State Power Minister Aroop Biswas said the disruptions and damage to the power supply infrastructure caused by Cyclone Remal would be addressed soon.

He noted that there had been one or two incidents of power outages in the CESC area, due to fallen trees.

A total of 14 National Disaster Response Force teams were deployed for relief and restoration work across districts in south Bengal, including Kolkata, North and South 24 Parganas, Howrah and Hooghly.

Relief materials, including dried food and tarpaulins, had been dispatched to the coastal areas and quick response teams comprising trained civil defence volunteers and equipped vehicles were in place, the officials said.

# 2 Killed As Dumper Hits Pedestrians, 5 Vehicles In Maharashtra's Palghar



PALGHAR, May 27 (Agencies): Two women were killed and four others injured when a speeding dumper hit them in Maharashtra's Palghar district on Monday, police said.

Before crushing the two women to death, the dumper also hit two buses and three other vehicles, causing

damage to them, they said. The accident took place at around 9.30 am at Satali in the Vasai area, an official from Valiv police station said, adding the dumper driver was detained.

The two women, both in their 40s, were on their way to their workplace when the dumper coming at a high speed

from the wrong direction ran over them and also hit some other persons, he said.

Police reached the spot after being alerted and sent the bodies to a government hospital for postmortem.

The injured persons were shifted to a nearby hospital where they were undergoing treatment.

Some persons present at the spot caught hold of the dumper driver and handed him over to police, the official said. An FIR was registered against the dumper driver under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Motor Vehicles Act, the police said.

# Fire breaks out at Baghpat hospital in UP, no injuries reported



BAGHPAT, May 27 (Agencies): A fire broke out in a hospital in the

Badaut area here on Monday due to a short circuit, triggering panic

among the patients and staff, police said.

No one was injured in the incident. The fire broke out at about 4.30 am on the third floor of Astha Multispeciality hospital here after which fire tenders were rushed to the spot, the police said.

It took a few hours for the firefighting team to

douse the blaze, they added.

District Magistrate Jitendra Pratap Singh said that the fire broke out on the hospital's third floor where waste items were kept in a tin shade.

Twelve patients, who were admitted to the hospital, have been shifted to other nearby

hospitals, he said, adding that no one was injured in the blaze.

The DM said that the hospital was served a notice 15 days ago to remove the waste dump from the third floor.

The hospital has a fire NOC for only two of its floors, he said, adding that a probe is on in the matter.



## Papua New Guinea reports more than 2,000 people buried in landslide

*A once-bustling remote hillside village in Enga province was almost wiped out when a chunk of Mount Mungalo collapsed*

PORT MORESBY, May 27 (Agencies): Papua New Guinea informed the UN on Monday that more than 2,000 people were buried in a massive landslide that swept over a remote village, according to a copy of the letter obtained by agency.

"The landslide buried more than 2,000 people alive and caused major destruction," the country's national disaster centre told the UN office in the capital Port Moresby.

A once-bustling remote hillside village in Enga province was almost wiped out when a chunk of Mount Mungalo collapsed in the early hours of Friday morning, burying scores of homes and the people sleeping inside them.

The landslide caused "major destruction to buildings, food gardens and caused major impact on the economic lifeline of the country", the disaster office said.

The main highway to Porgera Mine was "completely blocked", it said in the letter, which was received by UN officials on Monday morning.

"The situation remains unstable as the landslip continue to shift slowly, posing ongoing danger to both the rescue teams and survivors alike."

The scale of the catastrophe required "immediate and collaborative actions from all players", it said, including the



army, and national and regional responders.

It called on UN to inform Papua New Guinea's development partners "and other international friends" of the latest situation. Assistance should be coordinated through the disaster centre, it said.

Locals and rescue teams have been using shovels and pieces of wood to find bodies under the landslide -- a mix of car-sized boulders, uprooted trees and churned-up earth that is thought to be up to eight metres (26 feet) deep.

"Serious risk" "The landmass is still sliding, rocks are falling from the mountain," UN migration agency official Serhan Aktoprak told agency.

Streams of water were flowing between the soil and debris while cracks were appearing in land adjacent to the landslip, Aktoprak said.

"This might trigger a further sliding," the UN

official warned, posing a "serious risk" both to rescuers and people living in the area.

Locals said the landslip may have been triggered by heavy rains in recent weeks.

Papua New Guinea has one of the wettest climates in the world, and research has found shifting rainfall patterns linked to climate change could exacerbate the risk of landslides.

Aktoprak said his colleagues had to flee falling rocks at the site at the weekend.

The estimated death toll has been climbing since the disaster struck as officials reassessed the size of the population lying beneath mud and rubble spanning almost four football fields in length.

Five bodies and the leg of a sixth had been pulled from the debris by Saturday night.

"It has been already three days and seven hours since this disaster

hit so basically we are racing against time but to what extent we might be able to bring people to safety is another issue," Aktoprak said.

More than 1,000 people have been displaced by the catastrophe, aid agencies have estimated.

Houses burning An outbreak of tribal fighting unrelated to the disaster was blocking attempts to bring in humanitarian aid from the provincial capital Wabag, the UN official said.

"Many houses are burning with others emitting smoke. Women and children have been displaced while all the youth and men in the area were carrying bush knives," he said, quoting from a report from an aid convoy attempting to reach the disaster site.

The tribal battles had also delayed the delivery of heavy machinery and diggers.

The area is located

about 600 kilometres (370 miles) from Port Moresby, the capital of the South Pacific island nation.

A school teacher from a neighbouring village, Jacob Sowai, said more than 2,000 people lived in the disaster zone.

"Nobody escaped. We don't know who died because records are buried," he told agency.

People from adjoining villages were helping to unearth bodies, said Nickson Pakea, president of the nearby Porgera Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Excavators

"Because of the hard rock and the clay, the stone, and the rocks that came in, it is quite messy. It needs excavators to remove the debris," Pakea told agency.

A nearby mining joint venture, New Porgera Limited, had agreed to provide mechanical diggers to help the rescuers and clear roads, he said.

Located on the side of densely forested Mount Mungalo, the village was home to a transient population that could swell to more than 4,000 people.

It served as a trading post for miners who panned for gold in the highlands.

Since the start of the year, the country has experienced multiple earthquakes, floods and landslides, stretching the resources of emergency services.

## US Lawmaker Pledges Support For Taiwan Against Chinese Aggression



TAIPEI, May 27 (Agencies): A senior US lawmaker affirmed on Monday Washington's support for Taiwan against Chinese "aggression", on the first congressional visit to the self-ruled island since it swore in a new president.

Sitting down Monday morning with President Lai Ching-te, Representative Michael McCaul -- who heads the influential House Foreign Affairs Committee -- said he and his colleagues stood in "strong support of this beautiful island".

Three days after Lai was sworn in, Chinese warships and fighter jets encircled Taiwan in

drills that Beijing said were a test of its ability to seize the island.

China claims democratic Taiwan as part of its territory, and says it will never renounce the use of force to bring the island under its control.

McCaul on Monday condemned those "intimidating military exercises", saying they showed China was "not interested in taking Taiwan by peaceful means".

"All democracies must stand together against aggression and tyranny," McCaul said.

"Whether it's Putin in Russia, the Ayatollah in Iran or Chairman Xi next door to us in China, an unholy alliance is erod-

ing peace around the world," he told Lai.

"Not since World War Two... have we seen such blatant violence and naked aggression," he said.

McCaul arrived in Taipei on Sunday accompanied by both Republican and Democratic lawmakers.

The United States switched its diplomatic recognition from Taiwan to China in 1979 but remains the island's most important ally and supplier of military hardware.

US President Joe Biden has said he does not support Taiwan's independence but also that he would back sending forces to defend the island. The official US position on intervention is one of strategic ambiguity.

And McCaul on Monday affirmed that the US Congress "on a bipartisan basis supports Taiwan".

"We are not here as Republicans or as Democrats, but as Americans," he said.

## Thailand Activist Musician Sentenced To 4 Years For Insulting Monarchy

BANGKOK, May 27 (Agencies): A Thai court on Monday sentenced activist musician Chaiamorn Kaewwiboonpan to four years in jail for insulting the monarchy and violations of the computer crimes act, local media reported.

The case stems from Chaiamorn burning a portrait of King Maha Vajiralongkorn in 2021, which he admitted to doing, but had argued it was not a violation of the royal insult law.

A lawyer for Chaiamorn could not immediately be reached for confirmation of the sentence.



## Cyclone Remal Devastates Bangladesh, 10 Killed, Over 30,000 Homes Destroyed

DHAKA, May 27 (Agencies): The death count from a cyclone that smashed into low-lying areas of Bangladesh has risen to at least 10 people, with more than 30,000 homes destroyed and tens of thousands more damaged, top local officials said Monday.

"They mostly died after they were crushed under fallen houses or collapsed walls," said Showkat Ali, government administrator of Barisal district, where seven people died.

Three others died in neighbouring districts, some by drowning.

Fierce gales and crashing waves battered the coast as Cyclone Remal made landfall on Sunday night.

By Monday afternoon, it had weakened into a storm, but winds and rain still lashed the coast.

"Heavy rains unleashed by the cyclone are going on, and the wind speed is also high," Ali added.



In Khulan district, two people died, government administrator Helal Mahmud told agency.

"The cyclone has damaged more than 123,000 homes in the division, and among them some 31,000 homes were completely damaged," he said.

Another person died in Chittagong, where "more than 40,000 people are still in cyclone shelters due to heavy rains and strong

wind", administrator Tofael Islam told agency.

Power was knocked out to more than 12.5 million people, said Biswanath Sikder, chief engineer of the Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, the country's largest state-run power distribution company

"We will resume power supply after the cyclone situation improves," he said.

## North Korea informs Japan of satellite launch plan by early next week

SEOUL, May 27 (Agencies): North Korea has revealed plans to launch a satellite by early next week, Japan said on Monday, an apparent effort to put the North's second military spy satellite into orbit in yet another violation of UN bans. The launch notification came as leaders of South Korea, Japan and China gathered in Seoul for their first trilateral meeting on Monday.

Japan's Coast Guard said it was notified by North Korea about its planned launch of a "satellite rocket", with safety caution in the waters between the Korean Peninsula and China and east of the Philippine island of Luzon beginning on Monday and running through midnight June 3.

North Korea gives Japan its launch information because Japan's coast guard coordinates and distributes maritime safety information in East Asia.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida instructed officials to cooperate with the US, South Korea and other countries to strongly request North Korea not to go ahead with the launch and to take the utmost measures in case of any contingency, his office said.

The launch plan likely refers to the North's push to launch its second military spy satellite into space.

South Korea's military said on Friday that it detected signs that North Korea was engaging in activities believed to be preparations to launch a spy satellite at its main Tongchangri launch facility in the northwest.

The UN bans North Korea from conducting any satellite launches, viewing them as cover for testing its long-range missile technology.

North Korea has steadfastly maintained it has the right to launch satellites and test missiles. It says spy satellites would allow it to better monitor the US and South

Korea's moves and enhance the precision-strike capability of its nuclear-capable missiles.

In phone talks, senior diplomats from Japan, South Korea and the US agreed to urge North Korea to cancel the launch, noting that any North Korean launch using ballistic technology would violate multiple UN Security Council resolutions.

South Korea's Unification Ministry separately called a satellite launch by North Korea "a provocation that seriously threatens our and regional security."

Last November, North Korea sent its first military reconnaissance satellite into orbit as part of its efforts to build a space-based surveillance network to cope with what it calls increasing US-led military threats.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un later told a year-end governing party meeting that the country would launch three additional military spy satellites in 2024.

There is widespread doubt about how much militarily meaningful imagery the North Korean satellite can produce. But some civilian experts say the operation of several such satellites could still help North Korea monitor big targets among its rivals at all times.

According to North Korea's latest launch notification to Japan, the danger zones where rocket debris would fall are the same places the country identified prior to its November launch.

That suggests North Korea would use the same first and second stages of the rocket as those in the previous launch, said Chang Young-keun, a missile expert at the Seoul-based Korea Research Institute for National Strategy.

Chang said the launch of three more spy satellites this year would allow North Korea to obtain imagery on sites in South Korea, Japan and the US Pacific territory of Guam more frequently.

Since 2022, North Korea has been engaged in a provocative run of missile tests to modernise and expand its weapons arsenals, prompting the US, South Korea and Japan to strengthen their security partnership in response.

Experts say North Korea likely believes an enlarged weapons arsenal would increase its leverage in future diplomacy with the US.

North Korea wasn't among matters listed on the official agenda for Monday's trilateral meeting between Kishida, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Chinese Premier Li Qiang.

But during a bilateral meeting with Li on Sunday, Yoon asked China, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, to contribute to promoting peace on the Korean Peninsula, while speaking about North Korea's nuclear program and its deepening military ties with Russia, according to Yoon's office.

South Korea, Japan and the US have long urged China -- North Korea's major ally and economic pipeline -- to use its leverage to persuade the North to abandon its nuclear ambitions. But China is suspected of avoiding fully enforcing UN sanctions on North Korea and sending clandestine aid shipments to help its impoverished neighbour stay afloat.

On Sunday, North Korean Vice Defence Minister Kim Kang Il threatened to take unspecified "offensive action" in response to what he described as South Korean navy and coast guard ships violating the rivals' disputed western sea boundary, which has been the scene of several bloody maritime skirmishes in recent years.

He also vowed to retaliate against South Korean activists flying anti-Pyongyang propaganda leaflets across the border.

## Rafah Strikes Could 'Hinder' Gaza Truce Talks, Says Mediator Qatar

DOHA, May 27 (Agencies): Israel's latest strikes on a displaced people's camp near Gaza's southern city of Rafah could hinder talks towards a truce and hostage release deal, mediator nation Qatar said on Monday.

The foreign ministry voiced "concern that the bombing will complicate ongoing mediation efforts and hinder reaching an agreement for an immediate and permanent ceasefire".

Qatar, alongside the United States and Egypt, has been

engaged in months of talks aimed at securing a truce deal between Israel and Hamas in the devastated Gaza Strip.

But behind-the-scenes negotiations reached a stalemate earlier this month as Israel sent ground forces into Rafah.

Qatar, which has hosted Hamas's political leadership since 2012 with the blessing of the United States, condemned the Israeli bombing as a "dangerous violation of international law".

The foreign ministry called on the international community to act urgently to prevent Israel from "implementing its plans to forcibly displace (Palestinians) from the city, which has become a final refuge for hundreds of thousands" of people.

Saudi Arabia said it condemned "in the strongest terms the continued massacres committed by Israeli occupation forces".

In a statement, the Saudi foreign ministry called on the interna-

tional community "to intervene immediately to halt the massacres" committed by the Israeli military.

Kuwait's foreign ministry also decried the Israeli attack on the camp housing displaced Palestinians near Rafah, saying it exposed Israel's "blatant war crimes and unprecedented genocide to the whole world".

The Gulf monarchy called for "immediate and firm intervention by the international community".



## DPS Kathua hosts exciting summer pool, rain dance for Kindergarten Wing

Top News Report

KATHUA, May 27: DPS Kathua organized a delightful Summer Pool Party and Rain Dance for the Kindergarten Wing, catering to students from Pre-Nursery to U.K.G. The event, held on the school campus, was a tremendous success, with 200 enthusiastic young students participating and enjoying a day filled with fun and excitement.

The activity, meticulously coordinated by In-charge Gurpreet Kaur, featured a variety of water games, pool activities, and a lively rain dance. The children were



thrilled with the refreshing and enjoyable experience, making the day a memorable one for all. Principal Vivek Arora

extended his heartfelt appreciation to the Kindergarten Wing teachers, the activity teachers, and particularly Gurpreet

Kaur for their seamless execution of the event. He praised their dedication and teamwork, which ensured the safety and

enjoyment of all the students involved.

"The Summer Pool Party and Rain Dance were fantastic initiatives, offering our young students a chance to relax, play, and socialize in a safe environment. I am deeply grateful to the teachers and Gurpreet Kaur for their outstanding efforts in making this event a memorable one," said Arora.

The event underscored DPS Kathua's commitment to providing a balanced education that includes engaging extra-curricular activities, fostering both the physical and social development of its students.

## DDC hosts guest lecture on Intellectual Property Rights

Top News Report

SAMBA, May 27: Dogra Degree College in collaboration with Institutional and Innovation Cell hosted an insightful guest lecture on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for the students.

The event, held at Conference Hall, aimed to enhance students' understanding of the critical role IPR plays in today's business landscape.

Rachna Devi, Convener, IIC presented the welcome address, wherein Dr. Bela Thakur, Principal Dogra Degree College presented a memento to the guest as a token of appreciation.

The lecture was delivered by Ramnik Bali, Programme Facilitator and Assistant Professor at Dogra Law College who brought a wealth of knowledge and practical insights to the session.

During the lecture, Bali covered a broad range of topics including the basics of intellectual property, types of IPR i.e., patents, trademarks, copyrights, and geographical indicators, sound marks and service marks.

He also elaborated the importance of IPR in fostering innovation and economic growth.

The speaker further discussed current trends in intellectual property law

and provided real-world examples of IPR cases that have shaped the industry.

Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak, Secretary Dogra Educational Trust appreciated the initiative taken by the Convener IIC of Dogra Degree College.

The interactive session was attended by Dr. Geetika Sehgal, Coordinator, DET and members of IIC of Dogra Degree College and concluded with a lively Question & Answer segment, where students engaged with Bali on various aspects of IPR.

The session wended up with a formal vote of thanks by Amarpreet Kaur, Co-Convener, IIC.

## Wrestler Vinay emerges victorious in 10th Hut-Parthal Dangal

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: Wrestler Vinay, representing Akhara Malhoti from Delhi, emerged victorious in the 10th Hut-Parthal Dangal Title 2024 by defeating wrestler Benia Min from the J&K Police. Organized by the Hut-Parthal Dangal Committee in collaboration with the J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, the event witnessed participation from 124 renowned wrestlers across various states. Vinay was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 70,000 for his triumph, while Benia Min received Rs. 50,000 as the runner-up. The one-day event, held in Katra, drew a large crowd of nearly 10,000 spectators from Reasi, Katra, Jammu, and Udhampur.

Tehsildar Katra Jatinder Singh presided as the chief guest, while Shiv Kumar Sharma,



former Joint Secretary of the J&K State Sports Council and President of the J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, presided over the function. The event also saw the presence of prominent figures such as BJP District President Reasi Rohit Dubey and BDC Chairman Katra Sham Lal Bhagat. A total of 62 bouts took place during the Dangal, with cash prizes totaling Rs. 4,75,000 distributed among the wrestlers.

In addition to the wrestling matches, the event

honored three senior citizens—Sansar Chand, Baldev Raj, and Kiki Ram—for their contributions to society. Shiv Kumar Sharma emphasized the importance of promoting sports activities among the youth to deter them from engaging in drug abuse and anti-social behavior. The event concluded successfully with contributions from various individuals and organizations, ensuring its smooth conduct and the recognition of talented wrestlers.

## Inara presents Star Kid India Jammu Audition at Wave Mall

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: In a landmark event, Inara hosted the Star Kid India Jammu audition at Wave Mall, attracting over 200 participants in a single day. This massive turnout has set a new record in the region, marking a significant milestone in Inara's journey.

Organized by Aman Gupta, Star Kid India aims to provide a robust platform for the young talents of Jammu, allowing them to showcase their skills and creativity. Gupta's vision of empowering local youth with opportunities has been realized with the successful conduct of these auditions.

The auditions were judged by a panel comprising Irfan Choudhary, Meenu Mahajan, and

Mukta Sharma.

Their expertise and discerning eyes were crucial in identifying the most promising talents. Additionally, producer Vinod Malhotra graced the event, offering his blessings and encouragement to all the young contestants.

The selected participants from this audition will now advance to the grand finale, where they will compete for the coveted title of Star Kid India 2024. This next phase promises to be an exhilarating journey for the finalists and an inspiring spectacle for audiences.

With this monumental event, team Inara is now poised to move forward to the Star Kid India finale in Jammu, continuing their commitment to nurturing and celebrating the talents of young stars.

## KPS lifts u-17 cricket tournament trophy

Top News Report

KATHUA, May 27: It's a matter of immense pleasure and pride for Kartar Public School (KPS) that the U-17 cricket team of KPS has lifted the title trophy of Cricket Tournament organised by Sanyukta Bhartiya Khel Foundation (SBKF) Sports Organisation held in MAM Stadium Jammu under the guidance and assistance of Deepak Sharma (PTI-KPS). The KPS cricket team won semi final against the cricket team of Rajasthan and won the final against Rich Harvest School Jammu.

Further Amitoj Singh was best all rounder, Ishmeet Singh was the best Bowler followed by VanshJasrofia as best batsman and best keeper was Daljit Singh

Playing team: Ishmeet Singh, Vinit Paul Singh, Tanishsaini, Avneet Singh, Daljit Singh, Tanish Sharma, Amitoj Singh, Vansh Jasrofia, Ashmeet Singh, Amritpaul Singh, Diwakar Singh, Saksham, Namam, Prince Sharma, AND Pratyush Sambyal.

## New Nissan Qashqai: number one crossover made at the number one plant



Top News Report

CHANDIGARH, May 27: Nearly 18 years ago the first Nissan Qashqai rolled off the production line in Sunderland, UK thus creating the crossover segment and sending shockwaves around the automotive world.

Now fast forward to 2024, and with more than four million customers in more than 100 countries, the fastest-selling car ever in the UK car industry has been upgraded once more - with a bold design and significant technology updates to enhance the customer experience.

The new Qashqai, electrified with Nissan's unique e-POWER system, is now in production at its home in Sunderland ahead of its arrival in the coming weeks to Nissan dealers across Europe and beyond. The latest upgrades required a fresh £30m investment in the plant, building on Nissan's total investment in the UK of £6bn.

The refreshed Qashqai arrives as Nissan continues to develop its EV36Ze-

ro vision in Sunderland, a blueprint for the future of automotive manufacturing, bringing together electric vehicle manufacturing and battery production, powered by renewables.

Adam Pennick, Nissan's Vice President for Manufacturing in the UK, said: "We're so proud to call Sunderland plant the home of the Qashqai. Having the number one team behind the number one crossover is a winning formula, and we can't wait to see how much our customers enjoy the new design and extra tech."

Designed, engineered and built in Britain, the first Qashqai was produced in Sunderland towards the end of 2006, ahead of its launch in 2007.

Its instant popularity saw production in Sunderland reach record levels, with

the plant recording the highest annual volumes in the history of the UK car industry, and Qashqai becoming the fastest UK-built car to achieve 1 million, 2 million, 3 million and then 4 million production units, spanning more than 20 competitors in the process.

Sunderland Plant is also home to the Nissan JUKE and all-electric Nissan LEAF, where production supports 7,000 jobs in Nissan's UK teams.

That includes Nissan's Design Centre in Paddington, London, the Technical Centre in Cranfield, Bedfordshire, the manufacturing team in Sunderland, parts centre in Luttermouth and sales and marketing team in Rickmansworth, as well as a further 30,000 jobs in the UK supply chain.

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## Man falls from moving train, dies

Top News Report

SAMBA, May 27: On Sunday around 6:20 PM, an unidentified man, estimated to be between 50-55 years old, tragically fell from the moving Archana Express No. 12356 (UP) near Badru Nallah, resulting in his immediate demise.

The incident occurred

at KM 71.14/15. His body was promptly transferred to the mortuary of District Hospital Samba to facilitate postmortem examination and identification. Described as having a blackish complexion, a bearded face, and wearing a sky blue shirt, the deceased's physical details were provided to aid in his identification. Authori-

ties urged anyone with information on his identity or residential details to contact the Government Railway Police (GRP) Jammu through the provided telephone numbers or the PCR GRP Jammu Helpline. This outreach aims to assist in locating the deceased's family and informing them of this unfortunate event.

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### No family member of terrorists, stone pelters will get govt job in J&K: Amit Shah

surrounded by the security forces, he is first given a chance to surrender.

"We call family members like his mother or wife and ask them to make an appeal to the terrorist to surrender. If he (the terrorist) does not listen, he dies," Shah said.

The Home Minister said terror incidents have gone down significantly in Jammu and Kashmir as the government has not only targeted the terrorists but also eliminated the terror ecosystem.

"Through the NIA (National Investigation Agency), we have taken strong action against terror funding and ended it. We have taken a very tough stand on terror funding," he said.

In case of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI), Shah said the Government has imposed a ban on publication and spread of the terrorist ideology by it.

Muslim radical group PFI, founded in Kerala, was banned under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) by the Centre in September 2022 over its alleged links with terror activities.

In the case of Amritpal Singh, an alleged pro-Khalistani separatist, "we have put him in jail under the NSA (National Security Act)", he said.

Singh, the chief of radical Sikh separatist

group 'Waris Punjab De', was arrested in April 2023 in Punjab under the stringent NSA and subsequently shifted to Assam where he is lodged in Dibrugarh jail.

He recently filed nomination papers from the jail to contest the Lok Sabha election from Punjab's Khadoor Sahib seat.

According to Union Home Ministry data, there were 228 terrorist initiated incidents in Jammu and Kashmir in 2018 and the number came down to around 50 in 2023.

There were 189 encounters between security forces and terrorists in 2018 and it came down to around 40 in 2023.

As many as 55 civilians were killed due to various terror incidents in 2018. The number came down to around five in 2023.

In 2018, a total of 91 security personnel were killed in terror violence in Jammu and Kashmir, with the figure declining to around 15 in 2023.

### Pune CB arrest two doctors in Porsche car crash case for manipulating blood samples

Gangadhar had complained to police alleging that he was taken to the accused grandfather's home against his will on the night of May 19 when Gangadhar was leaving the Yerawada Police Station.

The accused grandfather and his father allegedly threatened Gangadhar, snatched his phone and forcibly kept him confined in their bungalow in an attempt to force him

to take responsibility for the crime instead of his minor grandson.

The minor ploughed his swanky Porsche into the two IT professionals, who were travelling on a bike, killing them on the spot.

Two young IT professionals from Madhya Pradesh, identified as Ashwini Koshta and Aneesh Awadhia, were killed in the accident on the night of May 19.

The accused has been detained at an observation home on the order of the Juvenile Justice Board. He was earlier granted bail in the case but was later sent to the observation home for 14 days till June 5.

The accused teenager's father, who was arrested earlier, is lodged in Yerawada Central Prison after he was granted judicial custody for 14 days.

Meanwhile, friends and colleagues of victims who died in the Pune accident also held a protest in front of PMC on Sunday demanding justice for them.

### Govt reconstitutes Board of Directors of JKPCCLtd

the Board of Directors of J&K Project Construction Corporation Limited in pursuance of Article 79 of Articles of Association of Jammu and Kashmir Project Construction Corporation Limited (JKPCC Ltd.) with the following composition:

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor (Chairman); Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary to the Government Finance Department (Director);

Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary to the Government Public Works (R&B) Department (Director); Mohammad Aijaz, Secretary to Government, Planning Development & Monitoring Department (Director); Fayaz Ahmad, Director General Codes, Finance Department (Director); Nitu Gupta, Secretary in the Finance Department (Director); Rajesh Kumar Shavan, Managing Director, J&K Project Construction Corporation Limited (Director/Member Secretary); Tanvir Mir, Chief Engineer, PMGSY Kashmir holding additional charge of Engineer-in-Chief (Director); Anil Pandohi, Chief Engineer, Public Works (R&B), Pir Panjal (Director); Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Chief Engineer, Public Works (R&B), Jammu Zone (Director)," the order reads.

### Two Rohingya girls recovered from Budgam, police register case

was registered under FIR No. 79/2024 u/s 370 IPC in police station Khansaib and accused was arrested.

Meanwhile investigation in this regard has been going on.

### Water crisis threat looms large inKatra town, Admin says 'It Is on Job'

the administration and we have been

assured that it will be resolved at the earliest as pilgrims rush has started swelling in the town."

"The level at some natural water sources is decreasing due to the heatwave and rush of pilgrims is also going to enhance in coming days but we are already on job and reviewing the situation to handle it timely in a better way," Vishesh Pal Mahajan, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi said.

### Train cancellations spark protest in Jammu, brief halt of express service

case was registered against the duo and they were let off later. The Jammu railway station remains crowded with hundreds of passengers waiting for trains amidst ongoing cancellations caused by the farmers protests in Ambala which have been disrupting services for nearly two weeks.

### Cop injured after being assaulted in Shopian village, case filed

shifted to district hospital Shopian, where from he was referred to SKIMS Soura. The cop has been identified as Aijaz Ahmad.

Police have registered a case in the regard and assailants are being identified, the official said.



## Why Rahul Singh of Tata MF feels balanced advantage or multi-asset funds should be part of core allocation

NEW DELHI, May 27 (Agencies): Benchmark equity indices hit fresh record highs on Monday, with the Sensex touching 76,009.68 in intra-day trade. On Friday too, markets had hit fresh highs but failed to maintain the momentum and closed slightly lower. As such, there has been a lot of volatility in the markets over the last few weeks, ahead of the Lok Sabha election results on June 4. Rahul Singh, chief investment officer, equities, Tata Mutual Fund, says the fund house would be conscious of valuations if markets continued to rally. At the same time, one can't be extra-conservative either, he tells agency.

**Recent sessions, we have seen a fair bit of volatility in the stock market...**

The volatility in the last few weeks has led to 2-3 per cent correction, which is quite normal. Too much of effort goes in drawing a correlation between this and the ongoing elections. My own view is it is simple market dynamics and not related to election expectations, except for the fact that voting percentage was low. So, some people correlated that if voting percentage is low, does that mean good or bad news? It could be argued either way. So we just stop thinking about it. But at the same time, if the markets continue to rally from here leading up to the election results, we will be conscious of valuations and do what we need to do in our portfolios. We will not get over-excited.

As long as there is no big shock or surprise in the election, plus or minus 20 seats is not going to make any difference. The economy is looking quite solid and therefore markets are an outcome of that. We always have to be conscious of valuations, and maybe reduce risk a bit from some of the portfolios, but not to reduce risk completely. Since the economy is growing, driven by cyclical recovery on investment cycle, it will require something more concrete for us to be overweight on consumer and IT.



**The IT sector has lagged broader markets for some time now. What makes you stay away from it still?**

These are great companies, and the sector will revive. If you see, this is quite a steady sector, it will grow at 8-10-12 per cent CAGR if you take a five-year period and within that period, you get cycles. You got extra returns in COVID, in terms of the topline growing 20-25 per cent. Now, we are seeing the other extreme which is topline struggling to grow in mid-single digits. And IT sector is competing with other sectors that have the potential to grow at 15-20 per cent. Although IT valuations are lower than peak, it is still not very attractive. So as on today it is difficult to visualise sector-level alpha even though bottom-up stock-level opportunities will keep arising. Outlook, near-term is uncertain, but long-term is steady.

**What's your view on consumption as a basket?**

Things are not looking as bad as it looked one year back. The reason for that is the valuation premium of the rest of the market has come down. So, that is a good starting point for us to start looking at stock specific opportunities, which are beginning to emerge.

**Which are the sectors that give you confidence at this point?**

One sector that has done very well and I still think it can do well is power. There is a genuine shortage of power, which is going to hit us. Everything related to that chain, like capital goods, power financing companies, coal, even natural gas, is going to do well. The other sector, which I am very bullish on is healthcare and pharma.

Healthcare, because hospitals and diagnostics is a ten year story in India. We are just starting there in terms of penetration and potential. In pharma also companies have sorted themselves out after the downturn which started post 2015. Each company is now conscious of what kind of product pipeline they have, more specialty and complex generics and not the commodity generics. In the US, the pricing environment is improving or at least not deteriorating as much. You may not see the return of the heydays, but things have turned there.

The other sector is capital goods and manufacturing in general. But, it is a very broad theme. Another sector to watch out would be auto ancillaries. In large private sector banks, there is valuation comfort and the negatives in terms of margin pressure and/or slower growth seems to have been priced in.

If the economy is going to grow at 6-7 per cent, credit growth can be quite robust. You will have these periods where you are worried about margins and so on. But then, the large private banks are excellent compounding stories from here on.

**What's your view on their public sector rivals? We have seen such a run up there...**

The good thing about PSU banks this time seems to be that it is not a flash in the pan. They have achieved certain ROE (return on equity) and it is staying there. Meanwhile, the valuation has also got re-rated and today, the difference between private sector banks and PSU bank valuations is at its lowest level in the last 10-12 years. So, it is not to say we will not look at PSU banks. We have a mix of both. But, if I were to rank them, I would say private sector banks and then PSU banks.

**Domestic funds have been getting huge inflows, SIP investments are at a record high. But FII have been selling heavily. Why do you think there is so much divergence in the**

**mindset?**

Global FII money has three buckets. One is the global funds, which allocate money into India. Second is the emerging market funds, which is the biggest pool of money that comes into India. The third is the India dedicated offshore funds. The third bucket is getting huge inflows. But, that pales in comparison to the outflows which are happening in the global emerging market (EM) funds.

This is happening because the EM funds are dominated by negative sentiment around China which has large weight in EM indices. As China and other EMs are not doing well, that pool of capital is seeing outflows. We don't know when that will reverse; maybe after rate cuts commence and/or dollar weakens.

**Given the valuations,**

**given where the economy is, and as the election dynamics play out this year, looking ahead into 2025 as an investor what would you do?**

One should keep 40 per cent in balanced advantage funds or multi-asset funds, keep 40 per cent in large and midcap funds and value-oriented funds, because that is where the stability is and keep 20 per cent in a combination of smallcap or thematic funds. If you are bullish on banking, then be in banking and smallcap, if you are bullish on healthcare, then be in pharma, healthcare and smallcap. We have to be in those areas where the economy is doing well. We can't be extra-conservative, but at the same time must keep an eye on valuations. Therefore, balanced advantage or multi-asset funds should be your core allocation.

## CUJ organizes interactive session with industry expert

**Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 27: The Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering (DoECE), Central University of Jammu under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, successfully organized an industry interaction with Enthui.ai (Enthu Technology Private Limited). The event took place in the Seminar Hall, ISRO Building, and focused on discussing internship and placement opportunities for the students.

Parth Verma, Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Enthui.ai, addressed the gathering, sharing valuable insights into the industry and the various opportunities available at Enthui.ai. His talk covered the latest trends in technology, the skills required to excel in the field, and the specific roles and responsibilities offered to interns and new graduates at their company.

The interaction provided a platform for students to engage directly with industry professionals, gaining firsthand knowledge of the expectations and demands of the professional world. Verma's presentation was followed by a Q&A session, where students eagerly asked questions about career paths, the working environment at Enthui.ai, and the application process for internships and placements.

Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha, Head, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, emphasized the importance of such interactions in preparing students for successful careers.

"Engaging with industry leaders like Parth Verma provides our students with a unique opportunity to understand the real-world applications of their studies and the dynamic nature of the technology sector," he said. Verma's session was incredibly informative and inspiring. It has given us a clearer picture of the career opportunities in the tech industry and how we can align our skills and aspirations with industry needs."

The Central University of Jammu extends its gratitude to Parth Verma and Enthui.ai for their cooperation and support in making this event a success. Such initiatives are part of the university's ongoing efforts to bridge the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that students are well-prepared for their future careers.

The event was also attended by Dr. Sachin Kumar Gupta, Dr. Sanjeev Yadav, Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma, Dr. Misbah Shafi, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Dr. Parvash Pal, Dr. Priyank Sharma and Haneeet Kour faculty members.

## 'Sale of human milk not permitted': FSSAI asks authorities not to grant licence



NEW DELHI, May 27 (Agencies): The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has directed central and state authorities not to grant licences to sell or process breast milk.

In an advisory on May 24, the food regulator said "activities related to the commercialisation of human milk and its products should be immediately stopped."

Pointing out that it received several requests

from registered societies to commercialise breast milk, the food safety authority clarified that it is strictly prohibited and should be used only to feed newborns and infants in health facilities.

"The State and Central Licensing Authorities should ensure that no license/registration is granted to such FBOs (food business operators) involved in the processing or selling of 'Mother's milk/Human milk.'"

## SSKT to hold series of programmes to celebrate Kabir Jayanti

**Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 27: To commemorate 626th Parkash Utsav of Shiromani Sant Kabir Maharaj, the Shiromani Sant Kabir Trust (SSKT) is going to organize a series of programmes from June 3, 2024.

Inform the general public particularly the Kabir followers about the programmes during a press conference here today. Dr Preeti Bhagat said that the celebrations of Parkash Utsav of Kabir Maharaj will start

with the garlanding of Sant Kabir's statue followed by an impressive Shobha Yatra on June 3, 2024 at R.S. Pura.

"Main event will take place at Sant Kabir Nagar, Village Kotli Gala Bana, R.S. Pura, Jammu on June 4, 2024," she said and invited wholeheartedly all devotees and the general public to actively participate in the celebration.

The event is being organized with the involvement of all trustees, including Chaman Lal Bhagat (Floria),

Bhushan Lal Dogra, Ex. MOS J&K Government, Darshan Bhagat, General Secretary, Som Nath, Balak Ram (Master), Jeet Raj, Adv. Nisha Bhagat, Charanjeet Bhagat, Ex. Sarpanch Suraj Parkash (Gara), Surjeet Singh, Dr. Ankush, Kartaro Devi, Sushma Bhagat and Anju Bhagat.

The trustees extend an open invitation to everyone to join in the festivities and honour the legacy of Sant Kabir Ji Maharaja.

## Ajaz Jan lauds people of Pir Panjal for enthusiastic participation in Lok Sabha Polls

**Top News Report**

POONCH, May 27: Ajaz Jan, Former MLA Provincial President of JKNC Youth, today expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the people of the entire Pir Panjal for their overwhelming participation in the recently conducted Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing media persons here today, the senior NC leader highlighted the significance of this participation as a testament to the democratic spirit of the region.

Ajaz Jan particularly commended the first-time voters who turned out in large numbers, demonstrating their enthusiasm and commitment to shaping the future of the nation. "The participation of first-time voters is not just a statistic but a symbol of hope and a bright future for our democratic processes. Their active involvement is commendable and sets a strong foundation for the vibrant democracy we all strive for," Jan

stated.

In his address, Jan also lauded the efforts of the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the civil administration for conducting the elections smoothly and efficiently. He noted that their meticulous planning and execution ensured that the voting process was fair, transparent, and accessible to all eligible voters. "The Election Commission of India and our civil administration deserve our deepest appreciation for their dedication and hard work in facilitating such a well-organized electoral process. Their role was crucial in upholding the integrity of our democratic exercise," he added.

Furthermore, Ajaz Jan extended his gratitude to the party cadre for their unwavering support and efforts in facilitating a smooth election process. He acknowledged the significant role they played in mobilizing voters, raising awareness about the importance of

voting, and ensuring that the election day was conducted without any major hitches. "Our party cadre has shown exceptional commitment and resilience. Their dedication to the democratic process and to our party's values has been inspiring," Jan remarked.

Looking ahead, Jan urged the party workers and supporters to prepare for the upcoming Assembly elections with the same zeal and dedication. He emphasized the importance of remaining engaged with the people, addressing their day-to-day issues, and continuing to build a strong connection with the community.

"As we move towards the Assembly elections, it is crucial that we continue to stay connected with the people, understand their concerns, and work diligently to address their issues. Our mission is to serve the people, and this should reflect in our actions every day," he concluded.

## DPS Udhampur clinches 2nd position in All India Inter DPS Painting Competition

**Top News Report**

JAMMU, May 27: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Udhampur participated in all India Inter DPS Painting Competition held at DPS Ranipur, Haridwar.

Abhinav Kundal of class IX has secured the second prize in the prestigious painting competition hosted by Delhi Public School, Haridwar. This event, which took place recently featured talented young artists

from across the country. Abhinav's artwork stood out among numerous entries, earning high praise from the judges for its creativity, technique, and originality. His exceptional talent and dedication have been rightfully recognized with this top honour.

Shouryavver from class (IX), Aditya Budkulia from class (IX), and Manesh Bhardwaj from class (XII) received Certificate of Merit.

The competition was a part of DPS Raipur's annual cultural fest, aimed at encouraging and nurturing young artistic talent. Participants ranged from various age groups, showcasing a wide array of artistic styles and themes. Abhinav, a student of DPS

Udhampur, expressed his gratitude and excitement upon receiving the award. "I am thrilled and honored to have won this competition. It has motivated me to continue pursuing my passion for painting," he said.

Pro Vice Chairman of the School, Dr. J. C. Gupta extended his heartfelt congratulations to Abhinav for this significant achievement.

MD of the School, Vivek Gupta & Director Academics of the School, Sucheta Gupta mam congratulated the Art teacher of the School, Nikhil Kumar and his team.

Principal of the school quoted that his success is a testament to the high standards of artistic excellence fostered at DPS Udhampur.

## PM Modi resolute in honouring commitments made to people: Kavinder



**Top News Report**

GURDASPUR/JAMMU, May 27: Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday asserted that PM Narendra Modi is resolute in honoring all the commitments made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The BJP stalwart leader was addressing an election rally garnering votes for the BJP candidate Dinesh Singh Babbu, for Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency.

Kavinder said that Modi Government has transformed J&K in its 10 years rule as peace, prosperity and progress are the buzz words in the Union Territory unlike anti-national slogans which ruled the roost in the past during the weak regimes of Congress and its ilk.

Citing the statement given by Union Home Minister, Amit Shah about BJP Government fulfilling all promises made in context with J&K, Kavinder

Gupta reiterated his party's unwavering commitment to bringing peace, development, and democratic restoration to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He categorically said that the Modi government is dedicated to holding Assembly elections and restoring statehood to the region, fulfilling all promises made to the people. He assured that the BJP government is actively working towards creating a conducive environment for free and fair elections before September 30, 2024, which will be a significant step towards restoring the democratic fabric of the region. He said it is unfortunate that the so-called Kashmir-centric parties misled the people of J&K for over 70 years and hoodwinked the population just to satiate their vested and dynastic agendas.

Quoting Home Minister Amit Shah, Kavinder said that Modi Government's foremost priority has been to ensure peace

and stability in Jammu and Kashmir. "We have made significant strides in curbing terrorism and creating a secure environment for all citizens. The reduction in violence and the return of normalcy are testaments to our efforts. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have launched numerous development initiatives aimed at transforming the socio-economic landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. From infrastructure projects to healthcare and education reforms, our government is committed to the holistic development of the region," he said, adding that the government at the Centre is fully committed to restoring the democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir. "The Assembly elections will be conducted sooner than later ensuring that the voices of the people are heard and represented. The restoration of statehood remains a top priority and we are working diligently towards achieving this goal as well", he maintained.

Kavinder asked the people to support BJP wholeheartedly in the Lok Sabha polls to ensure development of the country and the empowerment of the people.

## Authorities seize 65 Cubic Feet of Illegal Timber in Nowgam

**Top News Report**

HANDWARA, May 27: The Jammu and Kashmir police and the Forest Department's Forest Division Langate seized a large quantity of illicit timber in the Nowgam area of Handwara in north Kashmir.

According to officials, 60 logs measuring 65 cubic feet were seized by the Handwara police and forest officials. They stated that four individuals have been identified and an FIR has been registered against them.

DFO Langate Ijaz Ahmad said that as



soon as they received the complaint, a team of officials reached the spot and seized the illicit timber.

He added that those involved in this activity will be brought to justice



## Ravi Shastri turns 62: BCCI puts up post ft. 'energetic' Sunil Gavaskar and others

*The IPL commentators wished Ravi Shastri on his 61st birthday in his unique and energetic style. The BCCI put up a special post on their social media handle.*

NEW DELHI, May 27 (Agencies): Former India cricketer and ex-India coach Ravi Shastri turned 62 on May 27, Monday. The official social media handle of the BCCI put up a special post for Shastri. The video featured Shastri's fellow commentators, who opted for a unique yet energetic style to wish him a happy birthday. The video had Sunil Gavaskar, Harsha Bhogle, Kevin Pietersen and Matthew Hayden.

The broadcasters emulated Shastri's unique and eye-catching style of commentating. Shastri's toss announcements during IPL 2024 were the ones to watch out for, which could make anyone stop and listen to him and the video had it all. Gavaskar and other broadcasters praised Shastri for the energy that he brings into the commentary box. Shastri was in awe of the unique birthday wishes and thanked the broadcasters for getting the best out of him.

Shastri's commentary style is



often characterised by his infectious energy and enthusiasm. The former Indian cricketer brings a unique blend of passion, knowledge and experience to the commentary box.

Shastri has a knack of keeping the audience hooked and adding a sense of excitement. His distinctive voice and iconic catchphrases further add to his appeal as a commentator, making him one of the most loved broadcasters among the fans. Be it giving insightful analysis, providing entertaining anecdotes or simply expressing

his excitement for the game, he keeps the audience engaged with his dynamic presence.

A look at Shastri's impressive career

Shastri's impact has extended beyond his iconic commentary style as he cemented his legacy with a stellar cricketing career along with being team India's head coach.

Shastri represented India in 80 Tests and 150 ODIs and scored 6938 runs in international cricket, which included 15 hundreds. The veteran all-rounder also managed to take 280 wickets

for India. He was part of India's World Cup triumph in 1983 and the 1985 World Championship of cricket.

Post his retirement, Shastri took over the commentary duties and has been the voice behind India's historic triumphs in the ICC T20 World Cup in 2007 and the ODI World Cup in 2011.

Shastri also donned the coaching hat twice for India, first as a team director from 2014 to 2016. He was the head coach of the national side till the T20 World Cup 2021.

India couldn't win an ICC trophy under Shastri's coaching tenure.

However, the Indian team won back-to-back Test series in Australia. India also reached the final of the World Test Championship in 2019 against New Zealand when Shastri was at the helm, along with Virat Kohli.

After quitting the coaching job in 2021, Shastri ventured into broadcasting duties yet again.

## IPL done, now for T20 World Cup: Ecstatic Rinku Singh after title win



CHENNAI, May 27 (Agencies): KKR batter Rinku Singh completed one of his major dreams by winning the Indian Premier League with KKR in 2024. The batter was ecstatic after the victory and jumped around as KKR celebrated their success on 26 May in Chennai's MA Chidambaram Stadium. An emotional Rinku Singh told the IPL media team that one of his dreams had been realised, and now he was coming for the T20 World Cup 2024.

The IPL posted Rinku's video after the win where he can be heard shouting 'God's Plan' several times.

Rinku Singh spoke to the broadcaster after the match and said that his dream had come true.

Rinku has been at KKR for a long time but it has been only two years that he played full seasons with the franchise.

"Outstanding feeling right now. Dream has come true - I have been here for 7 years and we are so happy. Credit to GG sir. I will finally lift the IPL trophy," Rinku Singh said.

Rinku was also seen hugging Shah Rukh Khan after the game and saying that God's plan had finally come off.

RINKU SINGH IN T20 WORLD CUP

Rinku Singh was not named in India's 15-member squad for the T20 World Cup 2024. Rinku's snub came as a shock to many but India head coach Rahul Dravid said that it was done to better balance the team.

Rinku will be flying out on 28 May to join the Indian team in New York.

## Injured Holder ruled out of West Indies T20 World Cup squad

MIAMI, May 27 (Agencies): West Indies have suffered a blow ahead of the T20 World Cup with key all-rounder Jason Holder ruled out with injury.

Cricket West Indies (CWI) said that Holder, the former Test and ODI captain, would be replaced in the World Cup squad by left-arm fast bowler Obed McCoy.

"Jason is an experienced player in our set-up. His absence will undoubtedly be felt both on and off the field. We look forward to having a fully fit Jason with us again soon," said lead selector Desmond Haynes.

"While it is unfortunate to lose a player of Jason's caliber, we are confident in the abilities of Obed McCoy. Obed has shown remarkable skill and promise in his performances, and this opportunity will allow him to further showcase his talent on the international stage. We believe he will bring a fresh and dynamic energy to the squad," said Haynes.

McCoy is currently part of the West Indies squad playing in the



three-match T20I series against South Africa in Kingston.

The 27-year-old McCoy, who represents the Windward Islands in regional Caribbean cricket, has played regularly for the West Indies T20 team and has also played franchise cricket in the Indian Premier League.

"I think I worked hard enough throughout the year and I think it is well deserved, so I just have to keep better each game," said McCoy. CWI did not give

details of Holder's injury but it was believed he picked it up while playing county cricket for Worcestershire.

CWI also announced the five reserve players - Kyle Mayers, Matthew Forde, Fabian Allen, Hayden Walsh and Andre Fletcher - selected as back-up in case of injury in the World Cup squad of 15.

West Indies are in World Cup Group C along with Papua New Guinea, Uganda, New Zealand and Afghanistan.

## Mitchell Starc hints at quitting one format to open doors for more franchise cricket

*While the 34-year-old doesn't specify the format he intends to give up, it is likely to be ODIs considering that the next 50-over World Cup is in 2027*

CHENNAI, May 27 (Agencies): After resisting the lure of lucrative private leagues for almost a decade because of his commitment towards the 'Baggy Green', Australian pacer Mitchell Starc has hinted that he might quit one format to make room for more franchise cricket in his schedule.

While the 34-year-old didn't specify the format he intends to give up, it is likely to be ODIs considering that the next 50-over World Cup is in 2027.

Starc, who was bought for a record 24.75 crore by Kolkata Knight Riders, was magnificent in the business end of the tournament. He ended up with 17 wickets, including five in the two knock-out games, to engineer a dominant title triumph for the Shah Rukh Khan-owned team.

To a query from PTI as to how he would take it up from here after his best year in franchise cricket, Starc hinted that T20s could gain prominence in his roster.

"For the last nine years, I certainly prioritised Australian cricket. I have pulled out often to have a chance to give my body a break and spend some time away from cricket with my wife as well, so that's certainly been where my head has been for last nine years," Starc said after his match-winning 2/14 in the IPL final against Sunrisers



Hyderabad. "Moving forward, I am certainly close to the end of my career than the start. One format may be dropped off as there is long time till next World Cup and whether that format drops off or not, that will open doors for a lot of franchise cricket," the 'King of Swing' said.

He mentioned that this year's IPL will help him in preparing for the T20 World Cup in West Indies starting June 1. "...that's the other side of benefit of being here, some amazing players in an amazing tournament and great lead up to WT20 and success has been fantastic. It is great that a lot of players are in good position heading into the World Cup," he said.

He is hopeful of turning up for KKR even next year. "I don't know the schedule exactly but I have thoroughly

enjoyed and hope to be back next year and hopefully, seen in purple and gold again."

Pitches in Windies won't resemble IPL tracks

Starc, like many others, agreed that the Impact Player rule led to tall scores in the IPL and the World T20 won't witness insane totals like 270. He said he foresees more help for spinners from worn-out tracks.

"T20 is not as physically demanding as Test cricket and it's been warm, humid, so that plays a part but that's fine. It would be cooler there in the West Indies than here," he said when asked how his body is holding up after two months of IPL.

"There's the Impact Player Rule here and that's not the case in the World Cup and after that you have to put a team that's more balanced and

you rely more on all-rounders. You can't have your batting all-rounder coming in at No. 9, like they do in IPL.

"I don't think the runs would be that much, I don't think 270 can be scored...Wickets may play a part as we have seen high-scoring matches here and wickets won't be same in West Indies.

"They might turn and will be a bit more tired, and towards end of tournament, they might pose more of a threat staying low and hope bowlers come into play more than they have come through in IPL," he said.

Don't need extra motivation for price tags

During the first phase where he was trying to find rhythm, Starc copped a lot of criticism and it wasn't surprising that his multi-crore price tag was an issue. He doesn't think much of that.

"You don't need extra motivation. I am here as an overseas international. It's not like for that last night (Qualifier 1) or this final that I have been brought over here.

"I am glad to contribute. There are jokes throughout and there is only friendly banter and price tags don't bother me now as I have had plenty of critics throughout my career.

In the end, his one statement summed it up all. "Tonight was a perfect night."

## Sanju Samson Or Rishabh Pant? Ex-India Star's Clear Wicket-Keeper Choice For T20 WC

NEW DELHI, May 27 (Agencies): There has been a lot of speculations around the wicket-keeping position in the Indian cricket team when it comes to the upcoming T20 World Cup 2024. Ahead of the team selection, multiple players were in the fray but the selectors decided to go with Sanju Samson and Rishabh Pant with KL Rahul becoming a high-profile exclusion. India captain Rohit Sharma and chief selector Ajit Agarkar said that they were looking for middle-order batters when selecting wicket-keepers and that is why they excluded KL Rahul - someone who opened the batting for Lucknow Super Giants. Former India wicket-keeper Parthiv Patel named his pick between Samson and Pant for the playing XI in the T20 World Cup.



"There is no doubt about Sanju Samson when it comes to the way he has led and scored runs this season in the IPL. But Rishabh Pant comes with a different kind of variety. In the Indian batting lineup, we need

the one left-hander in between. Looking at this point in time, Rishabh Pant looks like the favourite but they both are very capable players," Patel said at an event in New Delhi.

Earlier, former India batter

Yuvraj Singh also named his pick between Samson and Pant.

"I would probably go for Rishabh. Obviously, Sanju is also in great form, but Rishabh (is a) left-hander, and I believe that Rishabh has massive potential to win games for India, which he has done in the past. Lot more in Test cricket, and he's someone who I feel can be a match-winner on the big stage," Yuvraj told ICC.

Yuvraj also named a cricketer who will have to perform well for India to have a good T20 World Cup campaign.

"Suryakumar Yadav (is India's key player). Because the way he plays, he can change the complexion of a game in 15 balls. And he is definitely a surety... for India to win this T20 World Cup, Surya is going to be the key," said Yuvraj.

## Injury scare for Neeraj, pulls out of Golden Spike



NEW DELHI, May 27 (Agencies): Olympics champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clarified that he is not injured but has pulled out of the Ostrava Golden Spike meet in Czech Republic on May 28 as a precautionary measure after he felt "something" with his adductor muscles during a recent training session.

Chopra said he would not want to risk injury in an Olympics year and hence decided to skip the prestigious meet.

"Following a recent throwing session, I decided not to compete in Ostrava as I felt something in my adductor. I have had problems with it in the past and pushing it at this stage can lead to injury," Chopra posted online. "Just to clarify, I am not injured but I don't want to take any risk during the Olympic year so had to take this decision. Once I feel it's fully recovered, I will get back to competitions," he added.

Chopra's clarification came just hours after the organisers of the prestigious meet said he has decided to skip the event due to an injury he sustained while training two weeks ago. "Due to an injury that he sustained in training two weeks ago (adductor muscle) he will not be able to throw in Ostrava, but he will arrive at the event as a guest," the organisers of Golden Spike said earlier in the day.

This was to be Chopra's first foray at the meet, which is a World Athletics Continental Tour Gold event.



## Despite installation of Smart Meters, Govt. failed to provide 24 hours electricity: Shiv Sena

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: State President of Hindustan Shiv Sena Vikrant Kapoor has slammed the government for irregular power cuts in the scorching heat and said that despite the installation of smart meters, the government has completely failed to provide 24/7 electricity to the people of Jammu.

He said that while installing smart meters, the government had promised the people that after the installation of smart meters, people would be provided uninterrupted electricity 24 hours a day. The government had also assured that people's electricity bills will not increase but all these claims of the government have proved to be hollow.

Vikrant Kapoor said this while expressing



his views during a press conference in Jammu.

He said that in this summer season, due to power cuts of 6 to 7 hours, people are suffering from the heat and in some places, in the name of bad weather, power cuts are being imposed for hours. Apart from this, due to low voltage, people in many areas are facing

problems and in some places, people are being given huge electricity bills.

He said that the government had claimed that after the installation of smart meters, along with providing 24 hours electricity, the issue of high bills would also be resolved, but all the claims of the government have proved to be

hollow and people are upset.

He said that this is also adversely affecting children's education.

Vikrant Kapoor said that the electricity generated in Jammu and Kashmir is sold to outside states but the people of Jammu and Kashmir are yearning for electricity. He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have the first right on the electricity generated in the state and the electricity generated here should first be supplied to Jammu and Kashmir and only then sold to outside states.

He has demanded from the Central Government and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to take this matter seriously and give priority to solving the problem of power cuts and other problems faced by the people of Jammu in this

summer season.

He said that at present the affairs of Jammu and Kashmir are being directly looked after by the Central Government, hence the Central Government should also take immediate steps towards solving this problem of the people so that they can get relief from this problem.

Vikrant Kapoor has warned that if this problem of the people is not solved immediately, then Hindustan Shiv Sena will protest strongly against it in the coming days and the government will be completely responsible for the situation arising out of this.

Senior Hindustan Shiv Sena leaders Baba Ram Kaith, Rohan, Abhishek, Himanshu, Amit, women's wing leader Jyoti Devi and others were also present during the press conference.

## MOOCS Workshop unleashed at GDC Samba



Top News Report

SAMBA, May 27: SPPND Government Degree College Samba Department of Computer organized a one day workshop on "MOOCS Unleashed: Exploring Diverse Learning Platforms". The event commenced with formal welcome by Dr. Neha Jain, Assistant professor in Computer Application.

Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri Principal of the College graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and apprised about the need for this workshop and emphasized the pivotal role of online content generation

and adoption of using the latest LMS in shaping the future of the students.

The resource person for the event, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and IT, Bhadarwah Campus, University of Jammu, provided unique insights into the Moodle & Moodle Cloud platforms being used for teaching learning process.

He said, as ushered by NEP, teachers need to integrate technology seamlessly into the curriculum instead of viewing it as an add-on, an afterthought, or an event. During the session he

discussed various online tools to connect with the students making learning process more interesting.

He said that LMS platform will not only enable teachers to get a fair idea about e-content development, but also hands on experience on open source learning management system.

A number of faculty members attended the program and were enlightened about the online learning platforms. The program concluded with formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Minu Bala HOD Computer Application.

## AKRS distributes scholarship to 18 students

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha (AKRS) is providing scholarship to meritorious students of EWS of the Rajput Biradari every year to encourage the students to continue/complete their study.

In this year, the Sabha also sanctioned scholarships to near about 100 meritorious students of Jammu Province.

Sabha has distributed scholarship to 18 students of Rajouri Distt. Tehsil Sunderbani amounting to Rs. 61,500

under the supervision of Jagdish Singh (Vice President) of Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha at Sunderbani also address the parents and students to keep close watch on their wards, keeping in view of present scenario.

Mangleshwar Singh (General Secretary) he also said that keep distance from Drugs & take part in games for sound health & sound body (Good Physique), Gagan Singh (Advisor), Sukhdev Singh among other Master Parshotam Singh, Wakeel Singh,

Anil Singh (Ex Sarpanch), Capt. Swarn Singh (Vir Chakra), Capt. Sagar Singh, Capt. G.L. Narwal, Sukh Chain Singh, Ravinder Singh (Neno) students and their parents and many other prominent personalities of Rajouri District Tehsil Sunderbani have also participated in the function.

Scholarship will be distributed among the meritorious students of other districts of Jammu provisions later on. Shri Sukhdev Singh paid the vote of thanks to all the participants.

## Aptech Int'l Pre-school shines in Taekwondo

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: The Jammu district Taekwondo championship, held at the Ganesha Academy of Martial Arts, saw enthusiastic participation from various competitors, including five skilled participants from Aptech International Pre-school Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

The event showcased intense bouts and remarkable displays of martial arts prowess, contributing to the vibrant sports culture in

the region.

The athletes from AIP demonstrated commendable skill and dedication, reflecting their rigorous training and the high standards of their academy.

This championship not only provided a platform for athletes to compete but also fostered camaraderie and sportsmanship among the participants.

These athletes included Reyansh Thapa, Abhir Singh, Bhomik Gandral, Haaya Malik, and Aavya Mahajan.

## Seminar on 'Entrepreneurship and Innovation' held at Govt Women Polytechnic



Top News Report

JAMMU May 27: An interaction seminar on the Topic 'Entrepreneurship and Innovation' was held on Monday at Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Jammu.

Er. Sanjeev Gupta, HOD Mechanical Engineering of Govt. College of Engineering and Technology and Principal Investigator EDC cell at GCET was the guest speaker on the occasion.

He exhorted upon the final semester students to explore Entrepreneurship and Innovation as their carrier goal so as to become employers and not employees as the competencies attained at diploma level are sufficient to establish their Enterprises.

He discussed various success stories in the field in order to motivate the students.

He also introduce the students about various

AICTE sponsored projects and scheme available for technocrats and asked them to take maximum benefits of the scheme.

Er. Naresh Gupta, HOD, Electronics and Communication Engineering, while introducing the speaker, thanked Principal Er. Suket Gupta for organizing this seminar.

The seminar was attended by the final year students, faculty and the staff of the Institution.

## SSP Kishtwar conducts security and crime review meeting

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, May 27: The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom, on Monday conducted a comprehensive security and crime review meeting at the District Police Lines Kishtwar in preparation for the upcoming religious festivities and Yatras.

The meeting was attended by the Addl. SP Kishtwar, SDPOs, SHOs, IC PPs, IOs, and other senior officers. During the session, SSP Kishtwar addressed critical aspects of crime prevention, investigation, and community safety.

Key objectives included reviewing recent crime trends, assessing the progress of ongoing investigations, and discussing strategies to enhance community policing and public

safety. The effectiveness of current crime prevention initiatives was evaluated, and measures to combat drug abuse, address bovine smuggling, and update on anti-militancy operations were deliberated.

It was emphasized that daily updates on these issues would be maintained through E-beat book records for real-time monitoring and response.

SSP Kishtwar instructed officers to remain vigilant, strengthen nakas/checkpoints, and generate actionable intelligence to thwart the designs of anti-national elements. Additionally, he directed officers to lead area domination, patrolling, and specific CASOs (Cordon and Search Operations) in vulnerable areas to ensure the region's safety and security.

## Keshav organizes Aadhaar Enrollment Camp at Shelter Home



Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: Keshav Chopra, Chairman of Samvedna Society, organized an Aadhaar enrollment camp for children rescued by the Child Protection team during a drive launched by the District Task Force Jammu. The drive, conducted under the guidance of the Deputy Commissioner Jammu, targeted children involved in begging and child labor. The camp was inaugurated by District Child Protection Officer Mamta Rajput (JKAS).

Mamta Rajput emphasized that the camp's purpose was to ensure the proper rehabilitation of these children. She highlighted that children not currently in school would be enrolled to continue their education and that having an Aadhaar card is mandatory to avail the benefits of government-sponsored schemes. Rajput praised Keshav Chopra for organizing the camp and providing essential Aadhaar services to the rescued children in one location.

Keshav Chopra stated that the mission of Sam-

vedna Society is to support the needy sections of society. He explained that the aim of the camp was to facilitate Aadhaar enrollment for the rescued children, enabling them to access proper education and improve their quality of life.

The camp was also attended by Yogita Thakur, Superintendent of the Shelter Home, Peer Mubashir Shah, Operational Manager of Aadhaar Sewa Kendra Jammu, Operator Rahul Kumar, and others, who contributed to the success of the event.

## Army organises Traffic Awareness Drive at Posta



Top News Report

DODA, May 27: Doda district is plagued by frequent traffic accidents which lead to loss of precious lives. Most of the accidents are caused due to poor traffic awareness and limited knowledge of traffic rules.

The awareness drive focused on targeting the two wheeler and four wheeler drivers in specific

as well as public in general by spreading awareness on road safety & traffic rules. 25 Taxi/Bus/Two wheeler drivers were educated on 'Safe Driving and Traffic Discipline'.

Drivers were sensitized on severe effects of 'Alcohol and Drug' abuse on safe driving.

They were also educated on importance of preventive maintenance of vehi-

cles and roadworthiness.

On spot sensitization of four and two wheeler drivers plying on the road was conducted by the soldiers with various informative and motivational pamphlets.

Drivers Association Doda and local administration whole heartedly appreciated the efforts by Army in spreading Traffic Awareness

## GHSS Mandal holds PTM, apprises students of drug usage affects

Top News Report

JAMMU, May 27: The Govt Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Mandal on Monday organised a Parents Teachers meeting in the premises of the school, which was attended by large

number of teachers, students and their parents.

The meeting was presided over by the School Principal Dr Anjana.

Dr Ashish Khajuria, who was the special invitee, while speaking during the course of



the meeting, apprised the students and their parents of the affects of drugs being used by youths these days.

He said that more deaths, illnesses and disabilities are associated with drug abuse than any other prevent-

able health condition. Youths suffering from drug and alcohol addiction also have a higher risk of unintentional injuries, accidents and domestic violence incidents. Drugs that could possibly cause horrible problems are tobacco,

alcohol, heroin and marijuana. The effects of these on the body vary greatly each with their own side effects.

Dr Ashish therefore, advised the students to keep themselves away from such harmful drugs.