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#### **BRIEFLY**

#### Police arrest 171 drug peddlers in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, Jun 1 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested 171 drug peddlers, including 44 hard-core ones under the Narco Act, and recovered contraband worth Rs 51.62 crore during the first five months of this year in Baramulla district.

The police said the properties of 16 notorious drug peddlers worth Rs 5.5 crore were also attached during this period.

As many as 95 drug peddlers were booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and 44 hard-core ones under Prevention of Illicit Traffic (PIT-NDPS) Act. In addition, 15 vehicles used for activities were also seized in the district during the five months of 2024.

Police have also recovered contraband and psychotropic substances worth Rs 51.62 crores in the black market, including brown sugar (8.26 kg) worth Rs 50.73 crores, heroin (661 grammes) worth Rs 85.93 lakhs, charas (4.08 kg) worth Rs 32.68 lakhs, cannabis powder (62.60 kg) worth Rs 41.77 lakhs, spasmoproxyvon plus 70000, and phosphate 71 Syrups Rs 19000.

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#### 32 Per Cent Men, 1% Women consume tobacco in J&K: Data

SRINAGAR, Jun 1 (Agencies): Approximately 32 percent of men and one percent of women in Jammu and Kashmir consume tobacco, with cigarettes being the predominant product, according to the National Family Health Survey (NHFS-5)

Official data indicates that only 1 percent of women aged 15-49 use some form of tobacco. Among men, the most commonly used tobacco products are cigarettes (27 per cent), bidis (4 per cent), hookah, and cigars or pipes ( two per

cent each).

The use of any form of tobacco is slightly higher in rural areas (1.4 per cent for women and 35 per cent for men) than in urban areas (0.7 per cent for women and 24 per cent for men). Over one-third (35 per cent) of men who smoke cigarettes reported smoking 5 to 9 cigarettes in the

past 24 hours.
The data further reveals that around 0.2 percent of women in urban areas and 0.5 percent in rural areas use cigarettes, while 21.1 percent of men in urban areas and 28.7

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## **Govt dismisses CRPF DIG Khajan Singh**

NEW DELHI, Jun 1 (Agencies): The Union government has dismissed a CRPF DIG from service on charges of sexual misconduct levelled against him by some women personnel of the country's largest paramilitary force, officials said on Saturday.

An order from the President of India's office for "dismissal from service" was issued on May 30 against Deputy Inspector General (DIG) and former sports officer of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Khaian Singh.

The dismissal from service is effective from May

31, the order said.

The final order for dismissal came after the CRPF served two showcause notices, approved



by the home ministry and Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), to the officer over the last few months.

Singh, who was posted in Navi Mumbai under the western sector of the force, had denied the allegations of sexual harassment and claimed that they were "absolutely false" and made to spoil his "image".

The show-cause notices were issued against the officer after the home ministry accepted the UPSC's recommendations that were made after a probe conducted by the CRPF found him "guilty" of the sexual harassment charges levelled against him a few years ago.

The CRPF headquarters had earlier accepted the probe report prepared by an internal committee and forwarded it to the UPSC and home ministry

for appropriate disciplinary action.

The officer faced the charges in two cases.
Singh has served as the chief sports officer of the CRPF and won a silver medal at the 1986 Seoul Asian Games in the 200-metre butterfly event, which was India's first medal in swimming at the tournament since

its 1951 edition.
The CRPF, an about3.25-lakh-personnelstrong force, first inducted
women in combat ranks in
1986. It has six all-female
battalions currently with
an overall strength of
about 8,000 personnel.

## Mehbooba likely to skip INDIA Bloc meeting in New Delhi

SRINAGAR, Jun 1 (Agencies): People's Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti said Saturday she is likely to skip the opposition INDIA bloc meeting to be held in New Delhi later in the day due to personal reasons.

"I may not go as my mom has undergone an eye surgery," she said.

Top leaders of the opposition grouping will be meeting in the national capital in the afternoon to assess their performance in the Lok Sabha election



and chalk out their strategy ahead of the results.

Both the National Conference (NC) and PDP were invited to the INDIA

bloc meeting. NC president Farooq Abdullah left for New Delhi from Srinagar on Saturday morning.

# Cyber Police Ganderbal solves online money scam

GANDERBAL, Jun 1 (Agencies): The Cyber Cell in Ganderbal has successfully resolved an online money scam, resulting in the recovery of 16 smartphones worth lakhs and the restoration of several hacked social media accounts, according to police reports.

In an official statement, the Cyber Cell announced



that they have placed a hold on Rs. 6,20,000 and refunded Rs. 39,900 to a victim's account.

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#### J&K LG Manoj Sinha casts vote in Ghazipur Uttar Pradesh

JAMMU, Jun 1 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha cast his vote today in Mohanpura village, part of the Mohammadabad Assembly Constituency in the Ballia Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Taking to X, formerly known as Twitter, Sinha encouraged citizens

SRS appeals LG administration to immediate blacktopping

of Raj Bhawan Jammu to Nagrota Check Post Road



to turn out in record

numbers to strengthen democracy by exercising their right to vote.

"Cast my vote in Mohanpura village, Mohammadabad Assembly Constituency, Ballia PC. I urge all voting today to turnout in record numbers and strengthen our democracy by exercising their franchise," Sinha wrote on X.

# Admin bans sale, possession, consumption of all tobacco products in Holy Katra Town

JAMMU, Jun 1 (Agencies): Asserting that there is a growing body of scientific evidence demonstrating the harmful effects of tobacco use on both smokers and nonsmokers, the administration has banned sale, possession, and consumption of all tobacco products in the Sub Divi-



sion of Holy Katra town in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

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# Desist from visiting higher authorities without prior approval:

JAMMU, Jun 1 (Agencies): The Director School Education Jammu (DSEJ) has issued a stern warning to School Education Department officers/ officials regarding visits to higher authorities without prior approval. Viewing this practice seriously,

JAMMU, Jun 1: President Shri Ram Sena, Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, Rajiv Mahajan and the local community to bring to immediate attention to LG administration the dire need for blacktopping the road stretch from Raj Bhawan Jammu

to the Old National High-

way up to the Nagrota



Check Post. This road is a important route for the upcoming Amarnath

Yatra, which witnesses thousands of pilgrims daily.

The existing condition of this road is deplorable, characterized by numerous potholes and uneven surfaces that pose severe safety risks to commuters and pilgrims, Rajiv Mahajan said adding that large and numerous potholes

tholes his illness.

## Kargil's well known cleric Sheikh Musa Mirzai passes away

SRINAGAR, Jun 1 (Agencies): Sheikh Mussa Mirzai Stakpa, a seasoned teacher and cleric, passed away today at 4 am at his residence in Titichumik after a monthlong ailment. He had been admitted to the District Hospital Kargil during his illness.

Sheikh Mussa dedi-

cated over two decades to teaching at Mutahhary Public Schools: the Primary Department Kargil, High Department Kurbathang, and MPS Baroo. Throughout his career, he nurtured hundreds of young minds in moral,

ethical, and religious edu-

cation.

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#### Security Tightened in Kathua ahead of Udhampur LS Seat Counting

JAMMU, Jun 1 (Agencies): Security was intensified in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Friday, ahead of the June 4 vote counting for the Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency.

The Udhampur-Doda parliamentary constituency saw a 68.27 percent voter turnout on April 19, with 11,07,821 of the 16,23,195 eligible voters casting their ballots. The election will determine the fate of 12 candidates, including Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.

Security has been beefed up tonight and measures include deployment of additional personnel at key locations to prevent any disruptions, the officials said.

The checking of vehicles and frisking of people have also been intensified, they said.

Nearly 10,000 staff members will handle the counting process, including the transfer of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) from strong rooms to counting halls, they added.

"The counting will take place at Government Degree College Kathua, with multi-tier security and 24×7 CCTV surveillance to ensure a fair process. Votes from all 18 assembly segments, including Kathua, Udhampur, Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar, will be counted in designated halls", Returning Officer Dr Rakesh Minhas said.

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#### **TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our peloved SH. JUGAL KISHORE THAPPA (KAKU), S/O Lt. Sh. Mani Ram Thappa R/O 271/A, Last Morh Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Tenth Day will be performed on 2nd June (Sunday) at 10.00 a.m & Kriya will be performed on 3rd June (Monday) at 12.00 a.m at our residence.

UTHALA will be performed on 3rd June (Monday) at Shiv Mandir, Last Morh Gandhi Nagar, Jammu from 4.00 p.m to

5.00 p.m. <u>Grief Stricken</u> Smt. Sudesh Kumari - **Wife** 

Mittav Thappa - Son Daughters & Son-in-law Smt. Karuna Sharma W/o Sh. Ashish Sharma Smt. Shallu Sharma W/o Sh. Rakesh Sharma

**Brother and Sister in law** Smt. Kanta Sharma W/o Sh. Sham Sunder Thappa Akhil & Abhishek - **Nephews Mobile no. 9697760543, 8716001443, 9419119731** 



**SH. JUGAL KISHORE** THAPPA (KAKU)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Bal Krishan Choudhary R/o Shiv Nagar Ward No.11 Udhampur who departed for heavenly abode on 21st May 2024.

TENTH DAY SATSANG/ PRAYER MEETING will be performed on 30th of May 2024 (Thursday) at Rewayt the Banquet Hall MH Road Udhampur from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm.

Kriya will be performed on 2nd June 2024 (Sunday) at our residence Ward no 11, Shivnagar Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN :-Kunti Devi (Wife)

Sons & Daughters In Law

Sh. Najinder Choudhary (Pappu) & Smt Sushma

Sh. Joginder Choudhary & Smt Ruby Sh. Rajinder Choudhary & Smt Reva

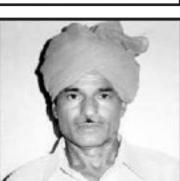
Daughters & Sons In Law Smt. Santosh & Sh Amar Singh

Smt. Sudesh & Sh. Tilak Raj

Smt. Swarni & Sh. Rashpal Singh Smt. Anita & Sh. Swam Singh

Smt. Prabha & Sh Ramesh

Mob No: 09622622633, 7006299350, 7006793995



Sh. Bal Krishan Choudhary

10TH DAY, KRIYA & UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Mansa Ram Sharma S/o Late Sh. Padam Nath H.No. 31, Lane No. 27, Rajoura Mangotrian, Jammu. Tenth Day will be performed on Friday 31/05/2024 at 10:00 AM at our residence H.No. 31, Lane No. 27, Rajpura Mangotrian, Jammu, Near Rajpura Park.

Kriya will be performed on Saturday 1,6/2024 at 12:00 Noon at our residence.

Uthala will be performed on Monday 3/6/2024 from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM at Hari Mandir, Opp. Sanjay Stationary Shop, Rehari

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Suman Sharma (Wife) Hirdyansh Sharma (Son) Sakshi Sharma (Daughter)

(Daughter & Son-in-law) Smt. Shivani Sharma and Sh. Sanjay Sharma

& All Family Members



Sh. Mansa Ram Sharma

## TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief, we inform you that our beloved Mrs. Sheela Kaul W/o Late Mr. Brijindra Kaul resident of 349/Sector 9 Panchkula passed away for her heavenly abode on 28th May 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA ceremony will be held in Panchkula on 06th Junt 2024.



Mrs. Sheela Kaul

GRIEF STRICKEN FAMILIES: Kauls, Karihaloos, Durgas, Sharmas 9872455255, 7814151798

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Arun Kumar Sharma S/o Lt Sh. Nand Kumar Sharma on 23rd May 2024 (Thursday).

TENTH DAY will be performed at our residence Sanjay Nagar Jammu on 1st June 2024 (Saturday).

KRIYA shall be performed at our residence on 2nd June 2024 (Sunday).

UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI will be performed at Rani Talab Gurudwara Hall Sanjay Nagar Jammu on 3rd June 2024 (Monday) from 5 PM to 6 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt Anu Radha Sharma - Wife Lt Maj. R.K Sharma (Bade Mama) Lt Smt Vimla Sharma (Badi Mami) Sh. Krishan Khajuria (Chote Mama) Lt Smt Krishna Khajura (Choti Mami) Lt Sh. Vijay Sharma (Bade Bhaiya) Smt Kamla Sharma (Bhabhi)

Abhimanyu Sharma (Son)



SH. ARUN KUMAR SHARMA

(Bhatija & Bahu) Anshuman Sharma & Sarika Sharma (Beti & Damad)

Shilpa Sharma & Muneesh Sharma MOB NO: 9419276110, 9797153110, 6005658510

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

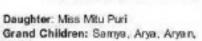
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Shri Mohinder Puri S/o Late Shri Kashmiri Lal Puri, (Srinagar Wale) R/o H. No 39, Opposite Women's College Parade Road, Jammu, has left for heavenly abode on 24th May 2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed at Haridwar on 2nd June 2024 (Sunday).

KRIYA will be performed on 3rd June 2024

Monday at Haridwar. GRIEF STRICKEN Son & Daughter in Law

Sh. Atul Puri & Smt Jyoti Puri Sh. Ankush Puri & Smt Purnima Puri Sister & Brother in Law



SHRI MOHINDER PURI

Aavya Mobile No: 8146654702, 9781111465 Smt Kusum Sharma & Sh. Dr. Joginder Sharrma

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

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you of the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Janki Nath Bhat, S/o Lt. Shree Dina Nath Bhat of Tikker Kupwara, presently residing at H.No 205, Shanti Vihar, Deenpur, Najafgarh, Dehi, on 27.05.2024.

The TENTH-DAY KRIYA will be performed on Wednesday, 5.06.2024, at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir Trust, T-block, Phase 1, Sector 109, New Palam Vihar, Gurugram, at 7 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Nime and Sh. Dilip Kumar Bhat (Daughter-in-Law and Son) Smt. Birds and Sh. Sushil Chander Bhat (Daughter-in-Law and Son)

Smt. Finkey and Sh. Chandji Sadhu (Daughter and Son-in-Law) Smt. Priye and Sh. Dhanajay Ji (Granddaughter and Grandson-in-Law)

Smt. Poojs and Sh. Ankur J (Granddaughter and Grandson-In-Law)

Smt. Preetu and Sh. Siddharth J. (Granddaughter and Grandson-in-Law) AND THE ENTIRE BHAT FAMILY OF TIKKER- KUPWARA AND BHAT'S, TICKOO'S, DHAR'S, MATTOO'S, SADHU'S, ET C.

Grandchildren: Anshu, Bhavnesh, Tanaya

PHONE NUMBERS: 6283666964, 9711158478, 9888872606, 6005627998

#### BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the untimely demise of our Son Sd. Jasvinder Pal Singh S/o Sd. Jattender Pal Singh Kala R/o H.No. 221, Sec 3, Basant Vihar Extension Trikuta Nagar. (Original resident of Khadnyar Baramulla) who expired on

PROGRAMME Arambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence or 1/6/2024 at 9.00 am (Saturday).

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 3/6/2024 (Monday) Sd. Jasvinder Pal Singh at our residence at 9.00 am.

Kirtan & Antim Ardas will be held at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Guru Nanak Nagar, Jammu from 10.30 am to 12.00 Noon on 3/6/2024

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Sd. Inderjit Singh Kala - Taya Ji

Sdn. Joginder Kour & Sd. Jattender Pal Singh Kala (Mother & Father) Sd. Prabhjot Singh (Son)

Sdn. Harpreet Kour (Wife) Harjot Kour (Daughter)

Sd. Inderjit Singh Raina - Father-in-law

#### 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our Father Sh. Mahraj Krishen Tickoo S/o Late Manohar Lal Tickoo originaly resident of Mattan at present Vinayak Vihar, Paloura, Jammu.

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 3rd of June, 2024 (Monday) at 8.00 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Son & Daughter-in-law

Sahil Tickoo & Kajal Tickoo Daughter & Son-in-law

Sapna & Sahil Sapolia M.No.: 8825010828, 9796267034



SH. JANKI NATH BHAT

Sh. Mahraj Krishen Tickoo

Sardar Brijnandan

Singh Bali

# **BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS**

ਜੋ ਦੀਸੈ ਸੋ ਸਗਲ ਬਿਨਾਸੈ ਜਿਉ ਬਾਦਰ ਕੀ ਛਾਈ ॥ Whatever is seen in this world shall all pass away,

like the shadow of a cloud. With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sardar Brijnandan Singh Bali Slo Late, S. Mutwal Singh Ball on 26-05-2024. Bhog and Antim Ardas shall take place at our residence Ushkara and Baramulia Near Beacon House School as per following

Programme Arambh Sri Akhand Paath, 02-96-2024 (Sunday) at 0900 Hrs Bhog Sri Akhand Paath. 04-66-2024 (Tuesday) at 6900 hrs. Followed by Kirtan, Antim Ardas from 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs and

Guru ka Langar thereafter IN PROFOUND GRIEF Sdn.Narinder Kour, (Wite) S. Rajinderjit Singh Bali & Schi. Rujinder Kour. (Sein and Daughte riin-law)

Monmoet Singh Bali & Soni, Sonjoet Kour. (Son and Daughter-in-law) S. Beant Singh Bali. (Brother) Dr. Fqa Singh Ball & Sdnl. Pushpinder Kour. (Brother and Sister-in-Law) Sdni. Mahinder Kour Wio Late S. Janak Singh Bali. (Sister in-law)

S. Harkewal Singh, S. Neel Kanwel Singh, S. Gurdeep Singh. (Sons of Late S. Anoop Singh & Late Son). Jeet Kour (Sister)). S. Kamaijt Singh & Mrs Manmeet Kour (Children of Late S. Hoshier Singh (Brother) & Late Sdni Ubkar Kour Bhai. Onkar Singh & Sdni Aagys Kour (Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law) lanika Bali, Gauravdeep Singh Bali., Prathneel Singh Bali. (Grand Children.)

#### UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Prem Shankar S/o Late Sh. Dev Raj Sharma R/o H.No. 117, Gali Agnihotri, Kacchi Chawni (Panjtirthi). 10th Day will be performed on 30/5/2024 Thursday at 10.00 am at our residence. Kriya will be performed on 31.5.2024, Friday, 11.00 am at home

Uthala will be performed on 03.6.2024 at Satyanarayan Temple, Opposite Swarn Kar Sabha. Time 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm GRIEF STRICKEN Wife - Kamlesh Kumari

Son - Raghav Sharma Babhi - Geeta Sharma W/o Late Uma Shankar Brother - Usha Sharma W/o Suresh Kumar Sharma Sister - Mohini Sharma W/o Girdhari Lal Sharma Sashi Shori W/o Late Jugnehwar Shori Rajni Khajuria W/o Anil Khajuria Kids- Vivek Abhishak, Swamkar Sabha

#### TENTH DAY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MS. ANEETA PAJNOO D/O LATE ML PAJNOO ON 26 MAY 2024 (SUNDAY). TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 4TH JUNE 2024 (TUESDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT 8:30 AM. IN GRIEF:

BROTHER AND SISTER IN LAW NARESH AND SUJATA PAJNOO SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW ABHISHEK PAJNOO & PRIYANKA BHASIN DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW DR ANUSHIKA AND RISHABH GOEL

CONTACT- 9419203699, 7006896983



Prem Shankar

MS. ANEETA PAJNOO

#### TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of Smt. Champa Devi W/o Late Rama Kant Dubey (Ex. President VHP) R/o H.No 10, Kailash Nagar Opp. Petrol Pump Canal Gues

10. Kailash Nagar Opp. Petrol Pump Canal Guest House.

Tenth Day will be performed on 1-6-2024 Saturday at 10 am at our residence on 2-6-2024 Sunday at 12 noon.

Grief Stricken
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Anuradha Sharma & Dr. Satish Lai Sharma
Daughter-In-laws & Sons
Smt. Machu Sharma & Sh. Vijay Bhushan Dubey (Dy. Command. B.S.F)
Smt. Monita Dubey & Sh. Dev Rattan Dubey (Ritu Dubey)
Devrani & Devar
Smt. Kamb Dubey Wo Late Shiv Kumar Dubey
Smt. Nirpuma Dubey & Sh. Ved Vyas Dubey
Grand Children
Sharang Dubey, Aryan Dubey, Neemansa Dubey and Manya
Adarsh Medicad Hail

#### Shiv Medical Hall Mob:- 7889946150, 9419191737 TENTH DAY KRIYA

regret to inform the sad demise of our peloved mother, Smt. Krishna Koul W/o Sh. Kanaya Lal Koul; residing at 89/4, Krishna Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi - 110029. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on

Sunday, 02 June 2024 at Haridwar.

Son-in-law Kanaya Lal Koul Son-in-law Sanjay Bhan Daughter Varsha Koul Son-in-law Dileep Koul Son Ravi Kumar Koul aughter-in-law Juman Koul Suman Koul Daughter Reeta Raina Son-in-law -Rajender Raina Daughter Bharti Bhan





Sh Prithvi Raj

TENTH DAY, KRIYA AND UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Prithvi Raj Magotra S/o Late Sh Bawa Ditta Magotra R/o 40-B, Vaishnavi Enclave, Sector 7 Extension, Channi Himmat,

and grand children

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Jammu. 10TH DAY will be performed at our resi ence on 29th May 2024 (Wednesday) at 10

AM.
KRIYA shall be performed at our residence
on 30th May 2024 (Thursday) at 12:30 PM.
UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI will be performed

at our residence on 3rd June (Monday) fror 5 PM to 6 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
WIFE
Smt Anjana Magotra
Sons
Kumar Gourav Magotra
Kumar Sourabh Magotra
Grishath Magotra
Contect: 944905554

Contact : 9419205621, 9419690995, 9797446607, 8899958111

TENTH DAY/KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Mrs Pushpa Sharma who departed for heavenly abode on 23 May 2024.

10TH DAY RITUAL will be held on 01-06-2024, 10:00 AM at our residence 26C, Tawi Vihar Sidhra Colony

KRIYA will be performed on 02-06-2024,12:30 PM at our residence 26C, Tawi Vihar, Sidhra Colony Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN Ms Monika Sharma (Daughter)

Daughter and Son in law Ms. Sinika and Mr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma Aadwika Vashishth (Granddaughter) PH NO. 94192-56989, 70068-02636

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the said demise of our Sh. Ajit Singh R/o H No. 226, Lane No.2 Friends Sector, Subhash Nagar, Jammu who left us for heavenly abode on 20-19th Day will be performed on 29-05-2024 (Wednesday) from 10.00 A.M. at our residence Kirya will be performed on 1 June 2024 (Saturday) at our resi-

dence. Rasam Pagri will be performed on 3 June 2024 (Monday) at 1:30 GRIEF STRICKEN -Sh. Kalyan Singh - Brother Smt. Rita Dovi - Babhi

Sarvan Sargh - Son Reema - Daughter-In-Law Bhoomi - Grand Daughter Savhi - Grand Daughter Adhya Partap Singh - Grand Son Daughter and Son-In-Law ashma Devi and Ashok Singh achna Devi and Suresh Singh Anju Devi and Nitan Jamwal Contact No. 9419185235, 8713966660, 7996323366



Mrs Pushpa Sharma

SH. AJIT SINGH

#### KRIYA & UTHALA

You live in our hearts and thoughts forever Our dearest Shri Arun Kumar Sharma left for savenly abode on May 27, 2024. Kriva will be held on Thursday 6th June 2024 from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM at our residence. Uthala will be held on Friday, 7th June, 2024 al Gurudwara Talli Sahib, Talab Tillo, Near BEE ENN Hospital from 11 AM to 2 PM.

Smt Shashi Sharma - Wife Daughters & Sons-in-law Shailja & Sanjeev Tania & Mohit Lav Grand Children

Mayan, Hridhaan, Manya Mobile: 9622085809, 9469050401, 9796819443



the sad demise of our beloved mother 8 grandmother Sardami Narinder Kaur Kohli W/o Lt. S. Inder Singh Kohli on 29 May, 2024 Bhog Akhand Path will will be held on Sunday 2nd June, 2024 at 9.30 AM at our residence. Followed by Antim Ardaas at Gurudwara SARDARNI NARINDER

Guru Ka Bagh, Sect-1, Channi Himmat,

Kirtan from 11 AM to 12 Noon. Guru Ka Langar at 12 Noon. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Kohli Transport Carrier Pvt. Ltd. 9419185755, 9419188088

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

ith profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sac emise of our beloved mother, **Smt. Mohini Mujoo** I/o Late Shri Bansi Lal Mujoo, originally from Sye Ali Akbar Ragunath Mandir, Srinagar, currently resid ing at KG-1/333 Vikaspuri, New Delhi.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 4th June 2024, Tuesday, on the banks of Rohini Canal, nea Badli Telephone Exchange at 8 a.m.

GRIEF STRICKEN ratibha Mujoo- Sister-in-law (9968651867) Pinki Mujoo & Rajesh Mujoo-Daughter-in-law and So

(9810780499, 9818420651) Rita Kaw & Rajesh Kaw- Daughter and Son-in-law (9419250776, 9906386497)

Anjali Kaul & Raj Kumar Kaul- Daughter and Son-in-law (9871285009, 8527024949)



Smt. Mohini Mujoo

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# **Apni Party will address all issues, if it forms** next Government in J&K: Manjit Singh

**Top News Report** 

VIJAYPUR, Jun 1: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, Manjit Singh said that the Apni Party will address issues of all the sections of society, if it forms the next Govt. in Jammu and Kashmir following the impending Legislative Assembly

As per a press release, a monthly meeting of the Apni Party was organized at Vijaypur to discuss the different issues being confronted by the people regarding unemployment, farmer's issues, women, and Refugees/Displaced Persons

During the meeting, the Former Minister said that the Party is all set to contest in the elections and if the Party forms the next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir following the Legislative Assembly elections, it would address the issues of all the sections of soci-

ety.
"The Party and its leadership believe in bringing political stability, unity of all the region, and equitable development in Jammu as well as Kashmir regions," he stated.

He said that the issues of the Refugees/ DPs regarding the release



of pending package amounts and increased unemployment among the educated youth would be addressed.

"All the vacant posts would be advertised and referred to the recruitment agencies. The recruitment would be held in a transparent manner to provide jobs to the unemployed youth," he added.

He further said that the Party aims to waive off the KCC loan of the farmers, and accordingly, their issues would also be resolved.

He also assured the protection of the rights of the locals in mining and trade related activities in Jammu as well as Kashmir. He said that the Party's Govt, would not end the discrimination and protect the rights of the people.

Meanwhile, he also remembered the contribution and sacrifice of Bhagat Amarnath Ji and paid his tributes to Amarnath Ji for his struggle in support of the marginalized section in support of reservation

Earlier, a discussion was also held to further strengthen the Party and its ongoing, public outreach program.

He appreciated the Party cadre for their role in addressing public issues by highlighting them before the authori-

"Jammu plains is facing the worst kind of heat wave that has affected the entire region and the authorities need to take special measures to timely handle the fire incidents and damage to the

In the emerging situation, he suggested that the authorities should constitute a control room in each district to monitor the situation, and coordinate with each other to avoid any kind of ablaze

He said that "The situation has forced the people to stay in the door and has also affected the trade related activities whereas human life has been exposed to dangerous heatwaves?

incidents

He said that the authorities should stop unscheduled power cuts and purchase the required electricity to meet the demand in Jammu region and Kashmir region.

"The power consumers are paying electricity charges, and they shall be supplied 24/7 electricity in Jammu and Kashmir." he

He further stated that the drinking water supply system has also collapsed in Kandi belt and the people are hiring private

water tankers to supply

them drinking water.

"Additional burden has been put on the pockets of the poor and economically weaker section by the Jal Shakti Department with their inability to ensure water supply system, and ensure supply through the water tankers," he said.

Prominent among those

who were present in the meeting includes District President, Samba, Raman Thappa, SC Wing's State General Secretary, Ex-Sarpanch Joginder Lal, VC District, Ram Lal Sharma, Block President, Parmandal, Manzoor Hussain, Block President, Vijaypur, Ex-Capt. Mohan Lal Sharma. Block President, Bari Brahmana, Babu Ram Bhagat, Block President, Ramgarh, Bachan Choudhary, District President Legal Cell. Samba. Adv. Sahil Bharati, SC Wing Provincial President. Adv. Lovely Mangol. District President, SC Wing, Samba, Sham Lal Bhagat, District President OBC Wing, Samba, Sat Pal Verma, and others.

#### BJP holds meetings of Udhampur-Doda **Parliament Management Committee, Core Groups of 2 Parliamentary Constituencies**



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 1: Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP accompanied by Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), J&K BJP chaired an Election Management Committee meeting of Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary Constituency at Party Headquarters, Jammu.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union MoS, Sunil Sharma, General Secretary, Adv. Sunil Sethi, Chief Spokesperson also shared the dais and

addressed the meeting. Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, lauded the role of the election management committee of the Udhampur Doda Parliamentary constituency while carrying out election-related activities. He said that the BJP activists had reached the most inaccessible parts of the region during the

**Top News Report** 

AKHNOOR, Jun 1:

Indian Army carried

out an awareness drive

on "World Tobacco

Day" at Government

Model Higher Second-

ary School, Pallanwala

on 31 May 2024. This

initiative reflected the

commitment of the

Indian Army towards the

'Tobacco Awareness'

among the residents

and the students of the

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ransformer and providing and

elections to secure votes and support for the party's MP candidate to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Raina said that being

a BJP activist means to shoulder the responsibility of the nation and society and they have proven their dedication in these parliamentary elections. He further said that their groundwork well before the elections and during the election along with the development works carried out by the sitting MP in the parliamentary constituency has resulted in massive voting in favour of BJP in the par-

liamentary election 2024. Ashok Koul, in the meeting, discussed the working during the Parliament election 2024 in the Udhampur-Doda parliamentary constituency with the Election Management Committee. He prompted the members of the man-

"World Tobacco Day" Awareness Drive

Students & 15 Teach-

ers attended the lecture.

Under the banner of the

"Tobacco Awareness"

initiative, the lecture

was delivered by the

Medical Officer explain-

ing the consequences

of the consumption of

the Tobacco. The Indian

Army, teachers, students

and the residents of the

Village Pallanwala took

an oath not to consume

Tobacco and to spread

awareness among

others. This interaction

not only underscored the

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

e-NIT NO. MICD/J/8Dated:30/05/2024 Due on:08/6//2024

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division Krishna Nagar, Jammu, on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT, invites

tenders by e-tendering mode from registered firms/ reputed workshop owners doing similar nature of works having valid PAN No. and

GST No. for below mentioned work. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 'A' -Tender fee and Bid

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In Pallanwala, Akhnoor

agement committee to share their experiences and pointed out the various specified areas that will need further efforts by the party cadre to secure even more support for the party during the forthcoming elections in Jammu & Kashmir.

Later in the evening Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP, and Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), accompanied by Dr. Narinder Singh, National Secretary, BJP, Dr Jitendra Singh, Union MoS, Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP, Sunil Sharma, General Secretary, addressed a joint meeting of Core Groups of Jammu-Reasi and Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary constituencies.

During the meeting, the senior party functionaries, discussed in length various factors during the election management, campaigning and the voting process.

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life but also inspired the

younger generation to

take initiative in engag-

ing in healthy practices

like 'Physical Exercise,

Meditations, Pursuing

Own Hobbies'. The over-

whelming support and

appreciation from the

residents demonstrated

the positive impact of

such initiatives. The

Indian Army remains

dedicated to fostering

a sustainable and har-

monious relationship

between the community.

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## **Constitution of Screening** committee welcome, identify fakes claimants: Girdhari Lal

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 1: Girdhari Lal Raina, former Member of Legislative Council and spokesperson of BJP has welcomed reconstitution of Screening committee for registration of Kashmiri migrants. The screening panel, which has been reconstituted in supersession of all previous orders on the subject, will have the Administrative Secretary, Home Department as its chairman while Additional Direc-CID, J&K; Administrative Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction and Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu will be its members. It is a much needed step and will address long pending issues of a substantial number of deserving families, he said.

Former MLC however cautioned the authorities against blatant misuse by some powerful and influential persons who exploit the provision for their own advantage. He urged the authorities to ensure a fool proof mechanism and prevent nondeserving exploiters and

**Top News Report** 

RAJOURI, Jun 1: The

Gujjar and Bakarwal

communities have his-

torically encountered

educational challenges

due to their nomadic life-

style and limited access

to educational facilities.

In a significant communi-

ty development initiative,

the Indian Army is provid-

ing essential educational

resources, including

books and stationary, to

This initiative not only

addresses immediate

educational needs but

also promotes a culture

of learning and knowl-

edge sharing within these

Distribution of books

communities.

support these students.



racketeers from stealing benefits of real sufferers.

An artificial category of migrants created by the then government of Jammu Kashmir in the year 2000 named were accorded registration and granted cash assistance at par with those migrants who had to leave Kashmir during 1989-90 for being targeted by terrorists, revealed Raina. It was claimed that these political migrants were under threat perception, a loaded term. The orders were issued in separate groups, he added.

This claimed threat perception was used by the government after 1996 Assembly election in a way to steal whatever little benefits or assistance was given to genuine Displaced community by the centre government largely due to the efforts

**Army distributes Books & Stationery to** 

Gujjar & Bakkarwals Students at Argi

and stationery by Indian

Army is more than a

charitable gesture; it is an

investment in the region's

Students from these

future.

of sh. Jagmohan ji who was the Governor of J&K from January 19, 1990 to May 1990.

Cabinet decisions were issued ordering registration of political migrants. Cash assistance was sanctioned in their favour. He asserted that Genuine victims shallnot be discriminated against on any grounds whatsoever. But this category of political Migrants is largely covered under a shroud of mystery keeping them away from

public scrutiny. This category of relief holders reportedly continue to take away benefits meant for genuine sufferers of terrorism including under PM's Employment Package. It has been noticed that most of them are believed to have since returned to their homes and hearths yet they continue to avail assistance, he said.

GL Raina demanded a thorough enquiry into this scandal aimed to provide undue benefits to undeserving claimants by misrepresenting facts. Action may be taken against those who have been fraudulently taking reimbursements without being eligible for the same.

enhance their aware-

ness and improve their

educational standards.

The Principal, teachers,

village sarpanch and vil-

lagers have expressed

#### Heatwave to prevail in Jammu, Pleasant weather likely in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Jun 1 (Agencies): The weather office said on Saturday that the present heatwave condition is expected to continue in the Jammu division while Kashmir valley will have generally pleasant weather in the next nine

days. An advisory issued by the local MeT department said today that generally dry and hot weather with a heatwave over the plains of Jammu division is expected to continue till June 4.

The advisory said that

there would be no heatwave over the Valley during the next nine days.

Srinagar had 15 degrees Celsius, Gulmarg 6 degrees Celsius and Pahalgam 8.4 degrees Celsius as the minimum temperature today.

Jammu city had 30.1, Katra 28.3, Batote 17.9, Banihal 26.2 and Bhaderwah 12.2 as the minimum today.

The maximum temperature was 28 and 43.7 in Srinagar and Jammu respectively yesterday.

#### **Madhya Pradesh tourist** dies in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Jun 1 (Agencies): A tourist from Madhya Pradesh died after losing consciousness in Srinagar district last night.

According to an official, the tourist, identified as Morasing Parmar (42), was staving at houseboat

Shah Jahan in Srinagar. After falling unconscious, he was taken to SMHS Hospital, where doctors pronounced him

Following medico-legal procedures, his body was sent to his home-

## **Army holds Lecture** on Anti Tabacco Day at Chhatru

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, Jun 1: In observance of 'Anti-Tobacco Day', the Indian Army organised a special educational lecture in Chhatru village to raise awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco and promote a tobacco free lifestyle among the villagers.

The event was part of the Indian Army's ongoing community outreach initiatives aimed at fostering healthier lifestyles and promoting public health awareness in remote areas.

The lecture featured expert speakers who provided valuable insights into the dangers chewing tobacco.

The event also included interactive sessions, where villagers had the opportunity to ask questions, share their experiences, and receive guidance on tobacco cessation strategies.

Additionally, informational pamphlets were handed over to attendees to further support their efforts to guit tobacco.

The event marked by enthusiastic participation of 46 people from village Chhatru and nearby areas. This drive was highly appreciated by the residents and civil authorities, and was evident from the overwhelming response. The residents expressed their gratitude towards

- Bidding documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://www.jktenders.gov.in from31/5/2024 (05.00PM
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- The cover "A "containing Tender fee, Bid Security Declaration Form & prequalification/ technical bids shall be opened online on 08/6/2024 (02.00PM) in the Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Jammu. In case of holiday or if the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of Cover 'A' the same shall be opened on the next working day
- Bids must be accompanied with EMD that should be pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation construction Division Jammu in the form of CDR/FDR and shall have to be valid for 120 days along with copy of thecost of tender document as mentioned in the e NIT (Notice Inviting Tender). The cost of downloaded tender document shall be in the form of treasury challan favouringExecutive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Jammu by crediting the requisite charge to MH: 0702 (Revenue). The firm elaiming any discount/rebate shall attach the relevant supporting document/certificate to the effect.
- Lowest bidder will submit the performance security in the shape of Bank Guarantee/CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank equal to 3% of the contract value in addition to the EMD amount along with Tender fee and other relevant documents after opening of financial bid online within 3 days. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office. In case the original documents are not submitted by the lowest biddersafter opening of financial bid, the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further tendering process in the division.
- The bids shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period, makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid the earnest money
- 11. The bidder is advised to visit the site. The bidder should be well versed with the site conditions, distance, head load and other

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or any other convenient day. Cover B containing the financial bids in the prescribed BOQ shall be opened after evaluation of the opened technical bids.

The complete bidding process will be ONLINE.

The original documents submitted by the L1 should be the same as uploaded online (scanned copies).

10. All other terms and conditions can be downloaded from the website http://www.jktenders.gov.in.

related difficulties to be faced during execution of work.

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# **EDITORIAL**

# Rise in Fire Incidents

n recent years, India has witnessed a concerning surge in fire incidents, posing grave threats to lives, property, and the environment. From residential buildings to industrial complexes, markets, and public spaces, fires have become increasingly common occurrences across the nation. This alarming trend demands urgent attention and comprehensive measures to mitigate risks, enhance preparedness, and ensure the safety and security of citizens. Rapid urbanization and the expansion of infrastructure have led to the construction of high-rise buildings, commercial complexes, and industrial units. While these developments signify progress, they also present heightened fire risks due to densely populated areas, inadequate fire safety measures, and congested urban landscapes.

Despite existing regulations and building codes, many structures in India lack adherence to fire safety norms. Non-compliance with safety standards, including deficient fire exits, inadequate firefighting equipment, and poor electrical wiring, significantly exacerbates the risk of fires and their potential impact.

Electrical faults, short circuits, and overloading are prevalent causes of fires in both residential and commercial settings. With the proliferation of electronic devices and appliances, coupled with substandard wiring and maintenance practices, the likelihood of electrical-related fires has increased manifold.

India's industrial landscape, characterized by diverse sectors ranging from manufacturing to chemical processing, is susceptible to fire accidents due to the presence of flammable materials, hazardous chemicals, and industrial processes. Mishandling, equipment malfunction, and inadequate safety protocols further escalate the risk of catastrophic fires.

Urban congestion poses significant challenges to timely emergency response during fire incidents. Narrow streets, encroachment, and traffic congestion impede the movement of fire brigades and rescue teams, delaying intervention and exacerbating the severity of fires.

There is an urgent need to reinforce existing fire safety regulations and building codes, ensuring strict compliance across residential, commercial, and industrial establishments. Regular audits, inspections, and enforcement mechanisms must be implemented to hold accountable those responsible for ensuring fire safety standards.

Public awareness campaigns on fire safety practices, evacuation drills, and emergency response procedures are imperative to educate citizens about preventive measures and the importance of early detection and swift action during fire emergencies. Schools, workplaces, and residential communities should conduct regular training sessions and drills to instill a culture of safety consciousness.

Investing in modern firefighting equipment, including advanced fire suppression systems, specialized vehicles, and personal protective gear for firefighters, is essential to bolstering the nation's firefighting capabilities. Additionally, establishing strategically located fire stations equipped with state-of-the-art facilities can improve response times and effectiveness in combating fires. Leveraging technology such as fire detection and alarm systems, smart sensors, and real-time monitoring platforms can aid in early detection of fire hazards and prompt intervention. Integration of smart building technologies and IoT-enabled devices can enhance overall fire safety and resilience in urban environments. Addressing the complex challenges posed by fire incidents necessitates a collaborative approach involving government agencies, urban planners, architects, builders, industries, community leaders, and citizens. Stakeholder engagement forums, task forces, and public-private partnerships can facilitate coordination, knowledge sharing, and collective action towards mitigating fire risks.

The escalating frequency of fire incidents in India demands urgent and concerted efforts to strengthen fire safety measures, enhance preparedness, and mitigate risks across all sectors of society. By adopting a multi-faceted approach encompassing regulatory reforms, public awareness campaigns, investment in firefighting infrastructure, technological innovation, and collaborative engagement, India can effectively address this pressing challenge and safeguard the lives and livelihoods of its citizens.

## An open letter to Bapu... as the countdown begins

By: Shobhaa De

Dear Bapu: Chill. Worry not.

Te have not forgotten you and never will. You are alive and well in the hearts of 1.4 billion grateful Indians... because, frankly dude, you never died! So... who cares what a few inconsequential, insecure, unrealistic people think of you, your life, your sacrifices, your wisdom, your dedication, your commitment to the nation? Because, hello... Had you not done what you did, we wouldn't be here yakking away about your relevance. Dekho na... such an irony! It was your vision and dream to free your people from the yoke of ugly colonisation, and it's these very people who are asking meaningless questions about you. Batao unko... your position is unshakeable, not just in India's history, but the world's. Let them hold their breaths and count votes. Let them behave like votes are no better than tokris of stale, rancid chanasing. The country's verdict will be known in a few days. Whichever way it goes, the people of India will have spoken. And, as in the past, the verdict will be respected.

Let's do a throwback to your own life... how brutally you were assassinated for pushing a political solution that didn't suit the agenda of a certain organisation. Godse's bullet didn't just kill you. It killed the right to differ. It killed dialogue. India went into deep shock. It takes more than seven decades to deal with such a trauma. India was forced to confront violence and hate once again. The dream of a nation celebrating newly-minted freedom with an open, broad-minded, progressive and pro-humanity ideol-

ogy was crushed. But not entirely! Even though this "defiance" enraged a group of ambitious people, delusional enough to believe they, and they alone, knew "what's good for India". They were, and are, hopelessly wrong.

Every citizen in a democracy enjoys the same right to decide what's good for the nation - it is to reject hate and divisiveness. To keep the faith and recognise you, dear Bapu, as the true Father of the Nation. That's what your legacy represents. Patriots are patriots. They can't be categorised by religion.

Haters will hate, Bapu.

It's nothing but wishful thinking to recast your image. "They" hate the power you have over the country. They resent the love and respect showered on you. They detest you for teaching fellow Indians to place freedom above all else. Hey Ram!!! They exclaim. This man is sowing dangerous thoughts! Denigrate and demote him before it's too late. This hold over the imagination of billions can't be manufactured by paid agents who suppress the truth. Aha... your experiments with it (truth) weren't too successful, were they? So many genuine admirers (throw me into the mix) found those experiments bizarre, unkind, selfish and kinky. Your own family suffered due to your obstinate adherence to weird practices. Your glaring personal flaws are still being harshly dissected! On a kinder note, you also had many emotional demons to slay. It's easy for detractors to point fingers and defile your reputation. But hey, mainly thanks to you, a jubilant nation woke up to heady, dizzying freedom at midnight. The biggest irony? That very freedom is being blatantly abused today.

If the election results go as predicted, rest assured, your face will disappear from our currency notes. Not that you care.

Political analysts also predict our great Constitution may get rewritten. What would you have done at this sensitive stage in India's life? In today's duniya, it's unlikely people will respond to clarion calls urging them to join another Dandi March. Had you been around in such an environment, would you also have succumbed and joined the unstable social media bandwagon? Become an "influencer" on Instagram? Hired teams (no, not Prashant Kishor) to manage your X account? Hired even bigger teams to pull others down, tarnish reputations, persecute rivals, jail disruptors, indulge in extreme dramabaazi on a daily basis? Come on, Bapu... you were a pretty shrewd strategist. You knew which buttons to press and when. Your self-awareness was on another level! Imagine the spike in your Insta numbers and the millions of "likes" back in your glory hour when you were "papped" in 1946, walking in London clad in a loincloth! What a masterstroke! Iconic and powerful... a branding triumph like no other.

It's kinda silly and immature to suggest nobody heard of the Mahatma till Richard Attenborough's Gandhi in 1982. Go ahead and laugh, Bapu. Attenborough's Gandhi was a commercial success precisely because it capitalised on global hero worship of a larger-than-life figure: You!

Attenborough cleverly leveraged your fan base to make a film on your incredible life. That he cast Ben Kingsley to play you can be forgiven! Let's just thank the late Sir Richard for perpetuating your name. Who knows? The next generation of desi students may be told you never existed. And that Attenborough had created a fictional character called "Gandhi". By then, all

your statues will be removed and your name deleted from textbooks. But the funny thing is, kuch bhi karo, you dear Bapu, with your toothless smile, and skeletal frame, remain an icon.

Chalo... Let's see how the cookie or dhokla crumbles on June 4. Let's see if Tarantino or Scorcese will be attracted enough to immortalise our Great Leader soon. Commissioned biographical movies or books with controlled scripts have never succeeded. Editing one's own life as per a given agenda is a tricky, worthless exercise. But megalomania is an addictive condition without known boundaries. Today's Indian, armed with a smartphone, isn't easily fooled by propaganda and false promises. The recent "nobody knows Mahatma Gandhi" bakwas has backfired badly. It's not just about wearing pettiness on the sleeve, or being peevish. The problem is far larger. There's a word for it: brainwashing. Making Bapu "gayab" isn't all that easy... but, good try, guys!

Bapuji... India is on the brink of a major shift. We need you.

Our immediate and distant future will be determined on June 4. At the moment, we're busy playing Blind Man's Bluff. I'm thinking of emulating Prime Minister Narendra Modi and going away to meditate under a statue, as the numbers roll in. Nonviolence was the dharma you lived by, preached. Maun vrat was another brilliant tactic. Soon, India's fate will be decided. I am keeping a few garlands on standby. I have chosen your statue to meditate under as the countdown begins. I'm fervently praying it won't be the last time that I see you looming over the public square, where you have stood for 50-plus years. May your imposing statue remain exactly where it stands today, for the next fifty....

#### By: Vijay Garg

amily is said to be the foundation stone of society. But now some sociologists have raised question marks about family life and the importance of family. While on one hand the members in the family are taught the values of commitment, on the other hand they are introduced to the values of individualism by enrolling them in the field of education, so that they can become financially independent and autonomous. Some further changes in the family are due to technological advances and other developmental processes. Reasons are beginning to emerge. With increased mobility in the liberal era, family often appears to be an obstacle to career because liberalism has emerged in relationships. Having children has come to be considered an obstacle to leading an independent life. The scope of privacy in the family has also changed. Now in privacy we include only those whom we want and have strained relations with those whom we do not want in the family. That means, the parents and siblings of the husband or wife are also not included in the scope of this privacy. rapidly emerging materialismThis has created many problems for the traditional family structure. Increasing divorce rates, premarital cohabitation, single-parent families, and single-person households are trends that pose many questions to traditional families. Social scientists believe that these changes explain the increasing influence of individualism in modern societies. This individualism makes the traditional family unstable.

#### Shaky foundation of Relationships

Some thinkers also believe that the changes taking place in the society have made instability and insecurity a part of the system. Which is expressed in the form of instability in the family. In earlier societies the family was a part of extended kinship, whereas in modern society the family has become more or less cut off from relatives and associated community, as a result of which emotional stress has emerged as an essential but negative component of the family. These different aspects can be understood on the basis of some incidents that have happened recently in different parts of the country. A woman killed her three-year-old daughter in Nagpur, Maharashtra. There is a fight between husband and wife over something. Meanwhile, their daughter started crying, so the angry wife took the daughter under a tree and strangulated her. Similarly, the CEO of a startup company in Bangalore had murdered her four-year-old son in a hotel in Goa. After divorce from her husband, she did not want her husband to meet her son. Another incident is from Baran district of Rajasthan, in which a son killed his elderly parents with a sharp weapon over a property dispute. A son is angry after being evicted from his property in Baraut, Uttar Pradesh.Killed his father and two real sisters. These incidents make it clear that the spread of materialistic culture has made people so individualistic and self-centered that they have no qualms in even killing their spouse, their children or their parents for their own small gains. Killing someone, especially a loved one, has become like a game. And this is possible

only when emotions, love and attachment end in relationships. Or rather, in today's relationships, affection and love have replaced money. Have taken it. It cannot be denied that half of the relationships people are maintaining are because they may be of use to them at some point or the other. It was said that the relationship between brother and sister is the closest and most loving in the world, but now this relationship has also become dependent on property and gifts. The day the sister asks for her share in the father's property, she starts appearing as her biggest enemy. He starts to miss his sister's coming home, whereas before marriage this sister used to be his biggest friend and sympathizer. what kind of development is thisIt is a world where machines are becoming 'smart' and humans are losing their 'smartness'. Spending most of their time with 'smart gadgets' is creating a situation of lack of communication among people with their family and friends. It cannot be denied that communication plays an important role in any relationship. In this era of information revolution, 'smart phones' have destroyed the warmth of relationships. Earlier, in every relationship, every friend had different emotional attachment and their expression also. The message used to vary, but in the era of 'smart phones' the same message is sent to everyone. Unless someone needs help, there is no need to contact him. Today, wealth has become so important in people's lives that they do not hesitate to kill even their own blood relatives. Loss of faith in the institu-

tion of marriage, disintegration

of families, desire to acquire more and more material things, tendency to consider oneself superior and others inferior have pushed people into the pit of depression and despair. Have given. Apart from this, since everything has become commercialized, the importance of relationships has become even weaker. The birth of children through modern developed technology and the presence of many public institutions to nurture them have led to the replacement of the mother by 'smart machines'. The use of robots for every household and office task has made relationships a market commodity. In such a situation, when the very existence of human life is in danger, then the crisis of ending of relationships is not surprising. Ever since man started consumerism andSince the culture of commercialism has become an important part of life, human society is surrounded by many types of risks. Ever since people have started giving way to elders in the family to Google and social media, they have become confused. Someone has rightly said that ever since people started respecting elders less. Since then, I have started filling my lap with less prayers and more medicines. To maintain the existence of human society, it is necessary that there should be serious discussion on this subject and every possible effort should be made so that the society of relationships can be transformed into a machine society. Can be prevented from

(Vijay Garg Educational Columnist Malout)

## **KCPS dominates Youth Senate Event at KCIS**

11th-12th Grade catego-

ry, the Best Team award

went to Medhaj Patha-

nia, Harshita Manhas,

and Mrinmay Mehta,

with Medhaj Pathania

also named Best Debat-

er. KC Public School

also received the Best

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 1: KC Public School achieved remarkable success at the Youth Senate event hosted by KC International School on May 30. This annual event provided a prestigious platform for young debaters from ten schools across Jammu, including Jodhamal Public School, Heritage School, Cambridge International, KC International, Army Public

School Kaluchak, IDPS, Jammu Sanskriti, International Daily Rising, and Model Academy School.

KC Public School excelled, winning several prestigious awards across different categories. Nine students from KCPS were recognized for their outstanding performance. In the 7th-8th Grade category, the Best Team award went to Suhas Koul, Kavin Bhushan, and Achyut

School Award for their Khajuria, with Suhas Koul also winning Best overall outstanding per-Debater. In the 9thformance. 10th Grade category, the Best Team award was won by Shreedha Gupta, Praney Sharma, and Ryna Dogra. For the

The event covered significant agendas including the integrity of Ladakh's demand on the 6th Schedule and statehood, the role of BJP in the past five years after the abrogation of Article 370, deliberation on electoral bonds and campaign finance reforms, and the balance between economic development and sustainable resource

management. The Youth Senate event served as a significant platform for intellectual discourse and showcased the debating prowess of

KCPS students. Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Managing Director Arti Chowdhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Chowdhary, Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra, and Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey congratulated the team for their dedication to excellence.

## Dogra Front & Shiv Sena Holds Rally In Jammu City



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 1: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta took out a massive rally in Jammu city against the failure and negligence of the traffic department which led to the deaths of 22 people in Akhnoor. Twenty-two passengers were killed and 57 others were injured after a bus rolled down a deep gorge in Jammu's Akhnoor area on Thursday afternoon.

The accident took place near Chungi Morh on the Jammu-Poonch highway. The vehicle, which rolled down into the gorge and covered a distance of around 200 meters, was badly damaged.

"The bus, carrying passengers from Hathras, Uttar Pradesh, met with an accident near Tanda, Akhnoor, in Jammu," an official said. The vehicle was headed for the Shiv Khori yatra in Reasi dis-

The party president said he is pained beyond words to learn about the loss of lives. He offered his deepest condolences to the bereaved families. I wish speedy recovery of the injured.

He further stated that the Jammu and Kashmir's transport department on Friday suspended six officials including a motor vehicle inspector posted in Kathua district. the gateway to Jammu

district, but responsibility has to be fixed.

The private bus which fell into the gorge was carrying passengers more than twice its

The transport department and police are at fault for failing to curb this practice of overload-

At last the party president said that FIR should be registers against the police officials & RTO department and should be punished appropri-

The party workers who were present at the time of protest Abhishek, Prem, Bantu, Kalu, Vinay, Vijay, Sham, Hussain, Tarik and various others were present.

## **Lecture on Anti Tabacco Day** organise at Kishtwar



**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR. Jun 1: In observance of 'Anti-Tobacco Day', the Indian Army organised a special educational lecture in Chhatru village to raise awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco and promote a tobacco free lifestyle among the villagers. The event was part of the Indian Army's ongoing community outreach initiatives aimed at fostering healthier lifestyles and

promoting public health awareness in remote areas. The lecture featured expert speakers who provided valuable insights into the dangers of tobacco consumption and offered practical tips on quitting smoking and chewing tobacco. The event also included interactive sessions, where villagers had the opportunity to ask questions, share their experiences, and receive guidance on tobacco cessation strat-

egies. Additionally, informational pamphlets were handed over to attendees to further support their efforts to quit tobacco. The event marked by enthusiastic participation of 46 people from village Chhatru and nearby areas. This drive was highly appreciated by the residents and civil authorities, and was evident from the overwhelming response. The residents expressed their gratitude towards Indian Army.

## **Mindhal Yatra leaves** from Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR. Jun 1: Dr. Devansh Yadav (IAS) Distt. Development Commissioner Kishtwar flagged off Mindhal Yatra from Kistwar today.

He appreciated the efforts of ASDCSS for organizing Yatra and

extended best wishes to all Yatris. He extended full support from Kistwar administration for smooth

conduct of Yatra. Prof. D.S. Manhas, President ASDCSS informed that Yatra will stay at Kali Mata Temple Sohal Pddar for night stay and will reach at Mindhal

Darbar on 3rd June 2024. After organizing Mela on 4th June at Mindhal Darbar, Yatra will be back on 5th June and will culminate on 6th June 2024. He thanked Kistwar administration for cooperation and supporting AADCSS in organizing Annual Mindhal Yatra.

#### **Heartfelt Condolences** on Passing of Nasir **Hussain Akhoon**

**Top News Report** 

DODA, Jun 1: A condolence meeting was held in Doda for the passing of Nasir Hussain Akhoon, a cherished resident of Bunjwah District Kishtwar, who left us at the age of 46 following a massive cardiac arrest.

Nasir Hussain Akhoon was a beloved uncle of Faizan Ali Tramboo and a respected member of our community. His warmth, joy, and unwavering presence will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him

During this difficult time, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Faizan Ali Tramboo and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they navigate through this period of grief and mourning. May they find

strength and solace in the treasured memories they shared with Nasir Hussain Akhoon.

In honor of Nasir Hussain Akhoon, a meeting was organized under the presidency of Niaz Ahmed Rahi of the Low Paid Employees Federation Doda. The meeting was attended by numerous organization members, including Ghulam Hassan Pampori, Niaz Ahmed Rahi, Rayees Gattu, Yawer Khur-Naseer Khora ,Abid Pampori, Shakeel Ahmed Dev, Manzoor Ahmed Butt, and Parveez Butt, among others, who gathered to pay their respects.

May Nasir Hussain Akhoon rest in peace, and may his family find comfort in the legacy of love and kindness he leaves behind.

#### JKBS members remember supreme sacrifice of Bhagat **Amar Nath**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 1: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members remembered Bhagat Amar Nath, who scarified his life for the implementation of Reservation in J&K State legislature and Govt. services for Scheduled Castes.

JKBS' General Secretary RL Kaith mentioned to members that the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir State when came into force on January 26, 1957 was silent over any provision relating to reservation in services and posts for the Scheduled Castes. There was a great resentment among members of the Scheduled Castes. Then a strong leader Bhagat Amar Nath came to the fore and began a fast unto death to get a provision of reservation



ture and Govt services for Scheduled Castes. Unfortunately, on June 1, 1970, Bhagat Amar Nath breathed his last and soon after that, the then J&K State Government accepted the proposal and announced the reservation for the Scheduled Castes both in State legislature and Government services.

Others who spoke on Shaheed Bhagat Amar Nath were BJP Office Secretary Hans Raj Loria and JKBS' RS Pura Block President Jagdish Raj Kaith.

NAGROTA, Jun 1: Raised on June 1, 1972, the Corps has a storied history of bravery and excellence, with Lieutenant General JFR Jacob as its first General-officer-Commanding. Today, we honour the legacy of valour and the commendable performance in all operations, includ-

ation Nagrota, the White Knight Corps has been the sentinel south of the

'ir Panial in Jammu & Kashmir. As an integral part of the Northern Command, the Corps has been pivotal in maintaining operational control along the Line of

occasion, the current General-officer-Commanding, Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva, AVSM, SM, extends his heartfelt commendations to the Awam & to All Ranks for their exceptional standards in operational and administrative

of the brave nearts who

Corps.

## **SSP** Kishtwar conducts security review session with operational grid of district ahead upcoming yatras and festivities

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, Jun 1: In preparation for the forthcoming Yatras and festivities, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom-JKPS held comprehensive security briefings with key officials at the District Police Lines (DPL) Kishtwar today.

included interactions with the In-Charge of the Special Operations Group (IC SOG) camp and the incharge of the Special Police Picket(IC SPP). These meetings focused on the meticulous planning and implementation of security measures to ensure a peaceful and orderly environment during

The briefing sessions

these critical events. During the brief-

ings, SSP Kishtwar addressed several critical issues, including militancy, bovine smuggling, drug peddling, timber smuggling, and other criminal activities. The SSP emphasized the need for heightened vigilance and proactive measures to counter these threats effectively. Detailed strategies were discussed to handle potential challenges and ensure the safety and security of the citizens. SSP Kishtwar high-

lighted the importance of inter-departmental coordination and intelligence sharing. In recognition of exemplary performance, the SSP rewarded several officials who played pivotal roles in providing timely and actionable information that led to significant breakthroughs in ongoing investigations and

Furthermore, the SSP Kishtwar issued necessary directions to all officials to maintain high levels of alertness and ensure thorough communication and cooperation. He also warned that any officials who fail to share vital information or neglect their duties will face strict actions as per the law.

The briefing session was attended by the Dy. SP Hqrs Kishtwar Dr. Ishan Gupta, Dy. SP PC Vishal Sharma, IC SOG Insp. Dil Raj Singh and other officers

#### **BOMIS holds Annual Citation Ceremony**

Following the welcome,

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JAMMU, Jun 1: BOMIS proudly celebrated its Annual Citation Ceremony on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the School Auditorium. The event, starting at 12:00 noon, was a notable success, honoring the outstanding achievements of its students. The ceremony began with a warm welcome to the parents, Principal Aparana Kohli, and the esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Tanvir-ul-Sharief Zargar, Deputy Director of the Animal Husbandry Department, Jammu. Their presence added grace and gran-

the event proceeded with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and

deur to the occasion.

the ushering in of knowledge and wisdom. Dr. Zargar was then felicitated, honoring his achievements and contributions. which serve as a beacon of inspiration for students. A captivating dance performance by talented students followed, adding cultural vibrancy to the ceremony. Principal Aparana Kohli then addressed the gathering with words of wisdom and

encouragement. The event culminated

in the felicitation of class toppers, recognizing their exceptional academic performance. Honored CBSE Class XII toppers included Kamya Langer (Commerce) with 95.2% and Alveena Mir (Medical) with 93.8%, among others. Class X toppers included Samia Azim with 92.4% and Swarti Dev Samal with 90.2% Numerous other students from various grades were also recognized for their outstanding achieve-

BOMIS extended its gratitude to all parents and well-wishers for their support in making the event memorable.

## 52nd Raising Day of White Knight Corps



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ing Counter Insurgency Counter Terrorism Oper-

Headquartered in

Control (LoC) as well as parts of the hinterland.

On this auspicious tasks. In remembrance have made the ultimate sacrifice, the GOC laid floral at the 'Ashwamedh Shaurya Sthal' during a traditional wreath-laying ceremony.

The 52nd Raising Day is not just a celebration of the past but a reaffirmation of the Corps commitment to professional excellence. Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva AVSM SM exhorts all soldiers to continue their duties with utmost professionalism and dedication, embodying the spirit of the White Knight

## **SMVDU Katra hosts Inspirational Visit for** the Students of KC Public School, Jammu

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Mata Vaishno Devi Uni-

versity (SMVDU), Katra, proudly hosted a group of enthusiastic students from K.C. Public School, Jammu, as part of its comprehensive outreach activity program. This initiative aimed to enhance students' knowledge and awareness about the opportunities available at higher educational institutions. The visit was meticulously organized by the NSS and NCC teams of SMVDU, ensuring a well-rounded and informative experience for the young visitors. The coordination of the event was led by NSS Programme Coordinator, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, and Dr. Varun Dutta, Asst.



Throughout the day, the students, accompanied by their teachers, explored various stateof-the-art facilities within the university. They were given an in-depth tour of the various Labs, Central Workshop, Central Library, and the cutting-

a visit to the university's impressive auditorium, where the students could envision themselves participating in future academic and extracurricular activities. The visit served as a significant motivational boost for the students, encouraging them to aspire to join higher educational institutes upon completing their class 12th. More than 50 students, along with their dedicated teachers, actively participated in this educational excursion, gaining invaluable insights into university life and academic opportuniteachers of K.C. Public School expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the authorities of SMVDU for hosting this enlightening visit. They acknowledged the university's efforts in inspiring the next generation of students to pursue higher education and achieve their academic goals. Such outreach activities highlight SMVDU's commitment to fostering educational growth and building a bridge between schools and higher educational institutions. The university continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of young minds by providing them with the resources and inspiration needed to succeed in their academic endeavors.

ties. The Principal and

## As Ayushmann Khurrana gets ready to cast his vote in his hometown, the actor urges Chandigarh youth to come forward and exercise their right

Ayushmann Khurrana may have become a star in Bollywood but the actor's love for his city is abiding. So much so that he even did a film titled Chandigarh Kare Aashigui.

The Article 15 actor has always been appreciated for doing films that create a dialogue for social change. And just like his reel life, in real life also he leads by example as he touches down in Chandigarh to give a message to fellow voters — that no one is busy enough to not vote!

Known for shuttling between Mumbai and Chandigarh, the actor especially flies back to City Beautiful on Friday night to cast his vote today. Notably, he has also been declared 'youth icon' by Election Commission of India and is thus raising awareness among the public, especially first-time voters, to come forward and cast their vote.

Every vote counts Ayushmann says, "Voting is not just a fundamental right, but a powerful tool for every citizen. For me, it's an opportunity to contribute to shaping the future of our country. Every vote counts, and it is crucial that



process. This experience deeply

impacted my perspective on the

importance of participating in

Ayushmann has no words

to describe how deeply hon-

oured and humbled he felt

when the Election Commission

announced that he would be

the youth icon for the 2024 Lok

Sabha Elections. He says, "It's

a significant responsibility and a

privilege to inspire young people

to engage in our democratic pro-

cess. The youth is the future of

our nation, and their participa-

tion is crucial for a vibrant and

elections," he adds.

Huge responsibility

we all take responsibility for our democracy by participating in the electoral process. I am happy to do my duty as a citizen of the country to vote here in Chandigarh."

The actor also recalls old times, when he voted for the first time in City Beautiful. It was a memorable experience as he cycled to the polling booth as a first-time voter. "The polling booth was very close to my house, so I cycled till there. After casting my vote, I felt really empowered. I realised the significance of every vote and how it connects us to the democratic

lowing to an advantage. So, I am raising awareness and encouraging the youth to realise the power they hold through their vote. Make it count

Besides voting, Ayushmann has time and again leveraged social media to highlight the importance of participating in elections. He also got to play a pivotal role in ECI's public service campaign to increase voter turnout and promote the importance of making informed choices.

proud to use my fame and fol-

Ayushmann's goal is to inspire and empower every young citizen to take part in our democratic process. He vouches, "We are a young nation and the youth must participate in how India shapes up in the next five years." To all first-time voters, Ayushmann has but one thing to say that 'your vote is your voice - make it count'. "Remember, your participation is vital in shaping the direction of our country. So, go out there and vote confidently, knowing that you are contributing to a greater cause," he adds.

#### **Actress Vidya Balan describes** her tryst with reels on social media



Acclaimed actress Vidya Balan has become a social media sensation thanks to her

engaging 'reels' on the platform, which she says she started making about two years ago

and is now having real

Vidya shared, "It has been about two years, and I was shooting in London for the film Neeyat, and I had a lot of time at hand. And that's why one fine day, I just decided what my manager had been telling me, 'Why don't we do reels'.'

After her first reel video went viral and received love fromfans, Vidya found herself hooked. An avid social media user, she consistently entertains her followers with her clips.

"I would do one reel in one or two months. and then she said we have the time to shoot a reel, and I was just having fun. After it went viral, I realised that I did what I enjoyed, and people are also enjoying it. So, I started doing it quite regularly. I am just having a lot of fun, honestly," said the actress, who boasts a following of over 9.4 million on Instagram.

#### Shraddha Arya loves to be called by the name of her character in Kundali Bhagya

As the show Kundali Bhagya continues to soar in popularity, Shraddha Arya finds joy in the recognition she receives as Preeta, a name that has become synonymous with her own.

Shraddha says, "It feels magical when fans and people address me as Preeta. Being recognised by your character's name is the ultimate validation for an actor. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication that goes into bringing a character to life. I am genuinely happy and grateful for the love and support from my fans. Developing a character is a demanding journey that requires commitment and perseverance; it's a rollercoaster ride. I was recently out shopping and heard someone's mother saying to her daughter Woh Preeta hai na...that moment really made me smile.



The aim is to become synonymous with your character's name, and attaining that recognition entails a significant investment of time and

dedication. I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of such a popular show and grateful from the bottom of my heart to be known as Preeta."

#### Vaibhav Raj Gupta does not believe in long-term plans. The actor says he might become a poet or a chef 10 years down the line, but right now is content being part of the fourth outing of the popular web show

In an era where a couple of seasons of any web show is a pat on the back, if there is a fourth outing, the fare has to be really impressive. As Gullak Season 4 rolls out on Sony LIV, actor Vaibhav Raj Gupta, who is reprising his role as Anand, doles out his view, "There is a strong connect with the audience, which grows stronger with each season. It has been a beautiful journey for all of us." Based in Bhopal, the beloved Mishra family is set to make a mark again and Vaibhav is sure

there is more to come, "It is a beautiful show where a typical middle class family and its daily living, challenges and more are showcased. The writing is really nuanced and the performances are getting better with each passing season. The arc of my character has been good too and it has been a lovely journey for me as an artiste. I am enjoying each moment and hope there are many more seasons of Gullak."

Vaibhav, who believes in living each day well, does not like to plan too far. "Who knows, I



might become a poet or a chef 10 years from now," he guips.

Hailing from Beniganj in Uttar Pradesh, he studied in Sitapur, near Lucknow, till he finally moved to Mumbai to pursue his dreams. "All this while, theatre was a constant and it helped me hone my skills as an artiste. On the flip side, the format is less paving, so I did YouTube videos to sustain. One thing good about the years of struggle was that the fire inside me kept flam-

ing, I never gave up the pursuit of my goals and kept working hard. Tough times never end, so I enjoyed every bit of my journey," he says.

Medium wise

So, is OTT the way ahead or he prefers other mediums? "I am doing what I love, so as long the character I am essaying makes a mark, the medium does not matter. Good work is my sole criterion and that is why I do not go for quantity. Quality is

all that matters and that is why I choose my roles really carefully. It is all worth the wait.'

Having said that, Vaibhav, whose feature film Bady Crasto was recently screened at the UK-Asian Film festival, also believes that the OTT platform has been a boon for upcoming artistes, "So many artistes would have remained hidden had this platform not provided the opportunities it has. There are a variety of actors on board and the competition goads each one to give their best. One has to be really updated and perform at optimum levels."

Be grounded

To be seen in the web series Mandala Murders on Netflix in the coming time, Vaibhav has wise words to share with upcoming artistes, "Love art, only then pursue it. Sustainability, patience and hard work matters. It is important to be a good human being to become a good actor; be grounded, be humble, everything passes. Also, please read books, especially poetry, to hone the artiste inside you." Wise words!

### Hiten Paintal joins the cast of Mehndi Wala Ghar



Hiten Paintal, who has joined the cast of Sony Entertainment Television's show Mehndi Wala Ghar, is happy about being on board. He says, "Amit is a complex and revenge-

ful character who continues to struggle with what he perceives as a rejection inflicted by the Agrawal family. However, he has now discovered a perfect opportunity to settle the

score and disrupt the happiness at Mehndi Wala Ghar by aligning himself with Vicky and Suprabha ji."

Talking about his camaraderie with costars and sharing screen space with his father Kanwarjit Paintal, he says, "I'm thrilled to be acting alongside my father again after 20 years. He is incredibly skilled in his craft, and I see this as a fantastic chance to gain wisdom from him. Arriving on sets felt like a reunion party as Karan Mehra, Rushaad Rana and Ravi Gossian are very old friends of mine. We have lots of fun behind the scenes. The atmosphere of the set is so warm and welcoming, and I'm genuinely excited to work with such talented people."

## Ayushi to play Bindu



Star Bharat is set to thrill audiences with its upcoming supernatural thriller, 10:29 Ki Aakhri Dastak. The show promises to deliver spine-chilling suspense and intriguing plot twists. The talented and versatile actress Ayushi Bhave will be portraying the character of Bindu, a character with different layers revealed gradually throughout the show.

## Naqiyah Haji talks about a fight sequence in Shaitani Rasmein

Nagivah Haji from Star Bharat's Shaitani Rasmein is happy with her stint in the show. She talks about her emotions during the Nikki versus Malik sequence, "Honestly, this particular fight is a major point for the entire team. The audience has seen Nikki defeat Kapalika and kill Chhaya, and now she faces her greatest enemy. It's a one-time opportunity for her to completely defeat Malik and gain a major victory. This sequence is packed with action and thrill, and we are all working very hard to make it perfect."

She adds, "I do get overwhelmed because I feel all eyes are on me, and I need to meet the expectations of the entire team and, most importantly, the viewers. In the middle of the shot, I take a moment to breathe and gather



myself. I am giving my best to perform well throughout, and I can't wait for the audience to feel the thrill. If my

acting conveys the intended intensity, I will be thoroughly satisfied, and my hard work will have paid off."

# **Prime Minister Narendra Modi concludes** 45-hour long meditation in Kanyakumari

On conclusion of his "dhyan" session, Modi, clad in white, visited the 133-ft statue of Tamil saint poet Thiruvalluvar and paid floral tributes to him

KANYAKUMARI, Jun 1 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday concluded his 45-hour long meditation at Vivekananda Rock Memorial here and paid floral tributes to Tamil saint poet Thiruvalluvar.

On conclusion of his "dhyan" session, Modi, clad in white, visited the 133-ft statue of Thiruvalluvar, located next to the rock memorial and placed a huge garland there marking his tribute. He arrived at the statue complex by a ferry service and



later reached the shore using the service.

During his stay at the memorial, the PM did meditation and

also performed 'Surya Arghya' at the time of sunrise, a ritual associated with spiritual prac-

Modi was clad in saffron while he was engaged in meditation at the memorial.

Kanyakumari is famous for its sunrise and sunset and the memorial is located on a tiny islet near the shoreline.

At Vivekananda Rock Memorial, the PM embarked on his 45-hour long meditation on the evening of May 30 and completed it on Saturday.

### 92-year-old visually impaired man votes for first time in Jharkhand's Sahibganj



SAHIBGANJ, Jun 1 (Agencies): Ninetytwo-year-old Khalil Ansari, who is visually impaired, cast his vote for the first time on Saturday during the Lok Sabha elections in Jharkhand's Sahibganj district, an official said.

Ansari, from Badkh-

ori village in Raimahal parliamentary constituency, voted at booth number 10 of Upgraded Government Middle School in Mandro, the official added.

Ansari's name was initially missing from the electoral rolls, a fact discovered by

Jharkhand Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) K Ravi Kumar during inspections of Mandro polling stations on April

When Kumar asked Ansari if he was a registered voter, the 92-year-old replied that he had never voted because his name was not on the voter list. Kumar then directed officials to immediately add Ansari's name in the list.

After casting his vote, Ansari said, "I cast my vote for the first time and I am happy."

#### IndiGo flight lands in 'full emergency' after bomb threat; all 172 passengers disembark safely

The flight lands at around 8.45 am and the passengers' deplaning has been completed using the step ladder

MUMBAI, Jun 1 (Agencies): An IndiGo flight operating from Chennai to Mumbai with 172 people on board landed in "full emergency" conditions here on Saturday after it received a bomb threat, sources said.

The flight landed at around 8.45 am and the passengers' deplaning has been completed using the step ladder, a source said.

This is the second such incident involving an IndiGo flight in the past one week. On May 28, an IndiGo Delhi-Varanasi flight had received an alleged bomb threat



"Full emergency was declared for IndiGo flight 6E5314, operating on Chennai-Mumbai route on Saturday after the pilot informed the Mumbai ATC of an alleged bomb threat to the aircraft," the source

Confirming the alleged bomb threat to its Chennai-Mumbai flight, IndiGo said in a statement, "Upon landing in Mumbai, the crew followed protocol and the aircraft was taken to an isolation bay as per security agency guidelines.

All passengers have safely disembarked the aircraft, which is currently undergoing inspection, it said.

"Post completion of all security checks, the aircraft will be positioned back in the terminal area," it added.

#### In Big Show Of Unity, INDIA Bloc Holds Strategy **Meet Ahead Of Counting Day**

NEW DELHI, Jun 1 (Agencies): The INDIA bloc is holding a crucial strategy meet as the Lok Sabha elections draw to a close. The meeting is being held at the Delhi residence of Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge. Senior leaders of Aam Aadmi Party -- Arvind Kejriwal and Sanjay Singh --CPM's Sitarm Yechury, National Conference patriarch Faroog Abdullah and others have already reached the venue.

Only Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress is not participating in view of the last phase of the Lok Sabha elections and relief operations for Cyclone Remal that passed through Bengal earlier this week.



While the official reason cited for the meeting is to devise a strategy to ensure smooth counting at state and district levels, sources indicate the focus is on keeping the flock together.

The point is crucial ahead of results in the event of the NDA winning by narrow mar-

gins, confided Congress leaders. The party is expecting the NDA to get no more than 260-270 seats, which leaves it short of majority mark by just a few seats.

Swaraj India chief Yogendra Yadav has predicted no more than 270 seats for the NDA, which leaves it short of the majority mark by just

But the alliance wants to stick together even if it does not have the numbers

In a post on X, formerly Twitter, ahead of the meeting, Mr Kharge said, "The fight is still not over, and the leaders and workers of all the parties are extremely alert... We have fought

the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 with all our might and are confident of a positive outcome, as the people of India have supported us".

The exit poll is expected this evening, and the Congress has refused to ioin in the discussions thereafter, drawing jeers from the BJP camp.

While the Congress said it considers exit polls entirely avoidable, given the counting will take place within days, the BJP has called it a tacit acceptance of defeat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, meanwhile, concluded his 45-hour meditation retreat at the Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Tamil Nadu's Kanniyakumari and is heading back to Delhi.

## Noida Businessman Loses Over 9 Crore To Thugs In WhatsApp Trading Fraud

During investigation, it was found that the bank accounts in which the duped money was transferred are located at various places, including Chennai, Assam, Bhubaneswar, Haryana and Rajasthan, the ACP said.

NOIDA, Jun 1 (Agencies): A businessman has been cheated of over 9 crore via WhatsApp messenger by cyber thugs in Noida in an online trading fraud, police said today.

According to the police, the fraud took place over a period of one month after Rajat Bothra, resident of sector 40, got added to a WhatsApp group about stock market trading on May 1. An FIR was lodged at the Cyber Crime police station in sector 36 on Friday and

1.62 crore transacted funds have been frozen in the businessman's account, they said, adding further investigations are underway.

"Bothra informed

police that he was added to the WhatsApp group on May 1. The group had information about profit from share market trading and since then he started small amounts of investments. By May 27, he had invested 9.09 crore in share trading. However, after this, his (trading) account was closed," Assistant



Commissioner of Police (Cyber Crime police station) Vivek Ranjan Rai said.

"When we got the complaint, we immediately started an investigation and so far we have man-

frozen," Rai said. During investigation, it was found that the bank accounts in which the duped money was transferred are located at

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various places, including Chennai, Assam, Bhubaneswar, Haryana and Rajasthan, the ACP

He said a special team has been formed to investigate the case and arrest the cyber thugs involved in it.

The police also urged the general public to be cautious of emerging online crimes and reach out to them at the earliest either by using central helpline number 1930 or emergency number 112 or at the cyber desk at local police stations

#### June 4 would mark beginning of a new dawn for India: MK Stalin



CHENNAI, Jun 1 (Agencies): The last phase of the seven-phase elections are underway on Saturday. By evening, the elections will conclude and the exit polls would be out, before the counting of votes on June 4.

Both the BJP and the opposition INDIA bloc keep reiterating that they are winning the polls hands down. Ultimately, people would have their last laugh.

Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday declared that June 4 will mark the beginning of a new dawn for India. In a message posted

on platform X, Stalin said that as the INDIA bloc leaders are meeting today to chalk out the next course of action, Stalin said DMK will be represented in the meeting by party treasurer and leader of DMK's Parliamentary party, TR Baalu.

"INDIA Bloc stands on the cusp of victory," Stalin further said.

The aim of forming the opposition bloc was to put an end to the ten year rule of the fascist BJP regime. This appears to have been achieved. The opposition had succeeded in rallying a formidable coalition of democratic forces against the BJP which thought there is no opposition to challenge it. This alliance now offers hope to the people

of the country. Through relentless campaigning, the leaders of the INDIA bloc have dismantled the false image the BJP had created for itself in the public sphere. With just three days remaining for the counting of votes, Stalin asked the cadres to remain vigilant during the counting

## Lawrence Bishnoi gang planned to kill Salman Khan with pistol used in Moosewala's murder

MUMBAI, Jun 1 (Agencies): The Lawrence Bishnoi gang was preparing to kill Bollywood actor Salman Khan with a Turkey-made Zigana pistol, which was also used to kill Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala in 2022, according to Navi Mumbai Police.

The police also infiltrated the social media groups, including WhatsApp, of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, before arresting four of its members on charges of plotting to attack Salman Khan near his farmhouse in Panvel, an official said today.

This came after the police made arrests in connection with the firing outside Salman Khan's home in Mumbai's Bandra on April 14. According to Vivek Pansare, Deputy Commissioner of Police Zone II (Panvel), Panvel police station senior inspector Nitin Thackeray received inputs in September-October last year about a conspiracy to harm the actor.

A few Navi Mumbai police officers and informers then infiltrated WhatsApp and other social media groups of the Bishnoi gang and began tracking the chatter on those platforms, he said.

The police said they learnt that the four arrested gang members had recced Salman's farmhouse in Panvel, the area around his home at Bandra in Mumbai and places



he visited for film shooting. There were even attempts to get weapons from abroad, he said.



Accused Dhananjay Tapesingh, alias Ajay Kashyap (28) was arrested from Panvel on April 28.

The same day, Gaurav Bhatia, alias Sandeep Bishnoi, was taken into custody from Gujarat, the official said. The third person Vaspi Khan, alias Waseem Chikna, was picked from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Rizwan Khan, alias Javed Khan, was arrested from Bengaluru, he said.

They have been booked under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections, including 120-B (Conspiracy) and 506 (criminal intimidation), the official said.

Lawrence Bishnoi is currently lodged in the Sabarmati central prison in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, while his younger brother Anmol Bishnoi is believed to be in the US or Canada.

On April 14, two bike-borne men fired multiple rounds outside Salman Khan's home - Galaxy Apartments – in Mumbai's Bandra. The shooters, Vicky Gupta and Sagar Pal, were arrested from

Sonu Bishnoi and Anuj Thapan, who allegedly delivered weapons to the shooters, were later arrested from Punjab. Thapan allegedly hanged himself in a police lock-up in Navi Mumbai on May 1.

The police registered a case against 17 people, including Lawrence Bishnoi and Anmol Bishnoi in connection with the firing outside Salman Khan's home.

# US-India ties based on common vision, values: US Defence Secretary

The US, India and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military assertiveness in the resource-rich region.

SINGAPORE, Jun 1 (Agencies): Defence Secretary Lloyd J Austin on Saturday said the US-India ties are based on a common vision and common values and the momentum in the relationship is not only going to continue but will pick up speed.

Austin's remarks came as he responded to a delegate's question at the Shangri La Dialogue about bilateral ties.

Held annually in Singapore, the Shangri La Dialogue Dialogue is Asia's premier defence summit.

"The relationship we enjoy right now with India is as good as or better than our relationship that it has ever been," he told delegates.

"We are co-producing armoured vehicles with India," he said, adding that good progress has been made on the project.

The US-India relations are based on a common vision and



common values. "So, I believe the momentum that we see is not only going to continue but, at a point, it will pick up speed." In his address on the Indo-Pacific region, Austin said: "Together with our friends in the region, we are breaking down national barriers and better integrating our defence industry." America will continue to play a vital role in the Indo-Pacific, he assured.

The Indo-Pacific is a biogeo-

graphic region, comprising the Indian Ocean and the western and central Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea. China claims nearly all of the South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam claim parts of it.

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Austin also informed delegates that the US defence industry is being integrated with those of the regional countries, including Japan.

"Together we are investing in capabilities that promote lasting security and stability. And together we are ensuring that the Indo-Pacific will remain secure." He underlined why the US was maintaining a presence in the region and will continue to make investments necessary with its commitment to allies and partners.

"We consistently link our investments to our strategy. The United States has devoted a historic amount of resources towards maintaining the Indo-Pacific. The United States can be secure only if Asia is and that's why the United States has long maintained its presence in this region," he stressed.

#### Netanyahu Insists On Eliminating Hamas After Israel Offers Gaza Peace Plan



JERUSALEM, Jun 1 (Agencies): Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that the Gaza war would not end until the "elimination" of Hamas's capacity to govern and make war, after US President Joe Biden said Israel had offered a new peace roadmap.

"The prime minister authorised the negotiating team to present an outline for achieving (the return of hostages), while insisting that the war will not end until all of its goals are

achieved, including the return of all our hostages and the elimination of Hamas' military and governmental capabilities," Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

"The exact outline proposed by Israel, including the conditional transition from stage to stage, allows Israel to maintain these principles," it added.

In his first major address outlining a solution to the eight-month conflict, Biden said the proposal started with a six-week phase that

would see Israeli forces withdraw from all populated areas of Gaza.

"It's time for this war to end, for the day after to begin," Biden said in a televised address from the White House, adding that "we can't lose this moment" to seize the chance for peace.

The Gaza war was sparked by Hamas's October 7 attack on southern Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,189 people, mostly civilians, according to an agency tally based on Israeli official figures.

Militants also took 252 hostages, 121 of whom remain in Gaza, including 37 the army says are dead.

Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed at least 36,284 people in Gaza, mostly civilians, according to the Hamasrun territory's health ministry.

## Japanese Billionaire Yusaku Maezawa Cancels Moon Flyby Mission

TOKYO, Jun 1 (Agencies): Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa cancelled his "dear-Moon" mission, which the project said was to have been the first private flight around the moon, the mission announced on Saturday.

The team had originally aimed to make the circumlunar flight, with celebrities on board, by the end of last year but that became "unfeasible", the mission said in a statement on its website.

"Without clear sched-



ule certainty in the nearterm, it is with a heavy heart that Maezawa made the unavoidable decision to cancel the project," it said. "To all who have supported this project and looked

forward to this endeavor, we sincerely appreciate it and apologize for this outcome."

The statement did not give further details on the cause of the cancellation.

## Rights groups condemn conditions at Israeli detention centres for Palestinians as inhumane and unethical

JERUSALEM, Jun 1 (Agencies): Patients lying shackled and blindfolded on more than a dozen beds inside a white tent in the desert. Surgeries performed without adequate painkillers. Amputations due to handcuff wounds. Doctors who remain anonymous.

These are some of the conditions at Israel's only hospital dedicated to treating Palestinians detained by the military in the Gaza Strip, three people who have worked there told The Associated Press, confirming similar accounts from human rights groups.

While Israel says it detains only suspected militants, many of these patients are civilians taken during raids, held without trial and eventually returned to war-torn Gaza.

Eight months into the Israel-Palestine war. accusations of inhumane treatment at the Sde Teiman military field hospital are on the rise, and the Israeli government is under growing pressure to shut it down. Rights groups and other critics say what began as a temporary place to hold and treat militants after Oct. 7 has morphed into a harsh detention center with almost no accountability.

The hospital is near the city of Beersheba in southern Israel. It opened beside a detention centre on a military base after the Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel because civilian hospitals refused to treat wounded Palestinians.

According to official

figures provided by the Israeli officials, it has detained some 4,000 Palestinians since Oct. 7. Roughly 1,500 were released after the military determined they were not affiliated with Hamas. Israeli human rights groups say the majority of detainees have at some point passed through Sde Teiman, the coun-



try's largest detention

Israel has not granted journalists or the International Committee of the Red Cross access to the Sde Teiman facilities

Doctors there say they have treated many who appeared to be non-combatants.

"Now we have patients that are not so young, sick patients with diabetes and high blood pressure," said Donchin, the anesthesiologist.

He said most patients

are diapered and not allowed to use the bathroom, shackled around their arms and legs and blindfolded. "Their eyes are cov-

ered all the time. I don't know what the security reason for this is," he said. A soldier who worked

at the hospital recounted an elderly man who underwent surgery on his leg without pain medication. "He was screaming and shaking," said the soldier. Between medical

treatments, the soldier said patients were housed in the detention center, where they were exposed to squalid conditions and their wounds often developed infections. There was a separate area where older people slept on thin mattresses under floodlights, and a putrid smell hung in the air, he said. A medical worker who

saw patients at the facility in the winter recounted teaching hospital

workers how to wash wounds.

Khaled Hammouda, a surgeon from Gaza, spent 22 days at one of Israel's detention centers. He does not know where he was taken because he was blindfolded while he was transported. But he said he recognized a picture of Sde Teiman and said he saw at least one detainee, a prominent Gaza doctor who is believed to have been

Hammouda recalled asking a soldier if a pale 18-year-old who appeared to be suffering from internal bleeding could be taken to a doctor. The soldier took the teenager away, gave him intravenous fluids for a few hours, and then returned him.

"I told them, 'He could die,'" Hammouda said. "'They told me this is the limit."

Earlier in April, Haaretz, an Israeli newspaper published an exclusive report on the statements of a doctor at the hospital who described "deplorable conditions" and "routine" amputations due to handcuff injuries.

"Just this week, two prisoners had their legs amputated due to handcuff injuries, which unfortunately is a routine event," the doctor said in a letter to Israel's attorney general and defense and health ministers.

The doctor further wrote that "inappropriate care at the detention

facility has led to complications and sometimes even in the patient's

death."
Explaining the deplorable conditions in which patients are treated, the doctor wrote, "inmates are fed through straws, defecate in diapers and are held [in] constant restraints, which violate medical ethics and the law."

Agency interviewed three workers at the detention camp, of whom two spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared government retribution and public rebuke.

"We are condemned by the left because we are not fulfilling ethical issues," said Dr. Yoel Donchin, an anesthesiologist who has worked at Sde Teiman hospital since its earliest days and still works there. "We are condemned from the right because they think we are criminals for treating 'terrorists'."

The military denies the allegations of inhumane treatment and says all detainees needing medical attention receive it.

The military disputed the accounts provided to AP, saying patients were handcuffed "in cases where the security risk requires it" and removed when they caused injury. Patients are rarely diapered, it said.

Meanwhile, a December memo by Israel's health ministry which laid out plans for a new field hospital adjacent

to the Sde Teiman said that patients would be treated while handcuffed and blindfolded. Doctors, drafted into service by the military, would be kept anonymous to protect their "safety, lives and well-being." The ministry referred all questions to the military when reached for comment.

An April report from Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, drawing on interviews with hospital workers, said doctors at the facility faced "ethical, professional and even emotional distress."

The field hospital is overseen by military and health officials, but Donchin said parts of its operations are managed by KLP, a private logistics and security company whose website says it specializes in "high-risk environments." The company did not respond to a request for comment.

Because it's not under the same command as the military's medical corps, the field hospital is not subject to Israel's Patients Rights Act, according to Physicians for Human Rights-Israel.

A group from the Israeli Medical Association visited the hospital earlier this year but kept its findings private. The association did not respond to requests for comment.

The military told agency that 36 people from Gaza have died in Israel's detention centers since Oct. 7, some of them because of illnesses or wounds sustained in the war. Physicians for Human Rights-Israel has alleged that some died from medical negligence.

The military this week said it formed a committee to investigate detention center conditions, but it was unclear if that included the hospital. Next week Israel's highest court is set to hear arguments from human rights groups seeking to shut it down.

# Seoul's LGBT community gathers for annual festival despite protest



SEOUL, Jun 1 (Agencies): The annual Seoul Queer Culture Festival was held in the South Korean capital on Saturday despite previous issues in securing a venue and protests against the LGBT community's pride celebrations.

"Our message to South Korean society at large this year is to affirm LGBTQ people," said festival chief organiser Yang Sun-woo.

The city authorities had previously denied requests by the organisers to use four locations, and a counter rally against the festival was held nearby.

"We're going to do it anywhere where we can do pride because the main thing is to convey the message that we're everywhere," Yang said. Queer Culture Festival was held in a separate location in central Seoul on Saturday. Thousands of participants held blue flags and signs with phrases such as "No to Homosexuality Queer Festival".

Among various booths and activities at the queer festival was event blessing for couples. "We participated in

the festival to show visibility, that we exist," one couple - Park Hyun Chung, a 25-year-old bisexual person, and Kim Jarim, 22, who identifies as pansexual

- told agency.

"We're going to have
a wedding ceremony
next year. Usually at
weddings, there are
a lot of events where
you receive blessings,

or celebrate religiously. But in our case, we don't even know if our parents will participate... There are times when I'm sad, but I'm really touched to receive this blessing from this queer parade."

Conservative religious groups in South Korea mount fierce resistance to efforts to pass laws against discrimination. There is no legal acknowledgement of LGBT partnerships.

As a result, many LGBT people hide their identity in public as they struggle for equal recognition and acceptance.

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Last year's parade attracted around 50,000 people, while 155,000 people attended the festival, according to organisers, who expected a bigger turnout this

## Maj Gen Harsh Chhibber takes over as Commandant, CDM

**Top News Report** 

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, Jun 1: Maj Gen Harsh Chhibber took over as the Commandant, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad on 31 May 24 from Rear Admiral Sanjay Datt. An alumnus of the National Defence

Academy, Major General Harsh Chhibber was commissioned into the Army Service Corps in December 1988. Maj Gen Harsh Chhibber holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) on Public Policy along with two M.Phil degrees in **Business Management** and Public Administration. He has also undertaken Technical Staff Officers Course (TSOC), Higher



Defence Management Course (HDMC), and the Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPPA). Major General Chhib-

ber's military experience encompasses various important assignments in Eastern, Northern and Western Sectors including command of the Para ASC company, an ASC Battalion and the ASC Training Centre.

He has been Brigadier General Staff (Information System) in Eastern Sector and Major General (Operational Logistics) in Northern Sector.

He has also served as an instructor at the Army Service Corps Centre and College and as the Directing Staff and Head of the Financial Management Department at College of Defence Management. Software applications developed and implemented by him are in use in a large number of units.

## Jammu's Colleges abuzz with media career insights from **Chaupal and Mirchi**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 1: Chaupal OTT and Mirchi collaborated in the vibrant city of Jammu to engage with students from some of the city's most esteemed colleges, aiming to inspire and inform them about successful careers in the rapidly growing media field. From May 28th to 31st, 2024, they visited Govt MAM College Jammu, GCW Parade College Jammu, and Jammu University Campus, where enthusiastic students gathered to absorb invaluable insights from media experts.

Prominent figures in the media industry graced the event, including Nitin Gupta, a leading pioneer in Radio and OTT in India, and well-known RJs Tani and Rohit, along with the Content Leader of Mirchi Jammu, Shwetima. These experts shared their extensive knowledge and experience, answering numerous questions from the eager students who are on the brink of starting their careers in

Gupta highlighted Chaupal's recent projects such as "Oye Bhole Oye," "Warning 2," and upcoming movies like "Shayar" and "Jatt nu Chudail Takri." He provided an in-depth look into the workings of an OTT platform, offering students a glimpse into the dynamic and evolving landscape of digital entertainment.

RJs Tani and Rohit shared their inspiring journeys from interns to popular RJs at Mirchi, emphasizing the importance of combining education with industry exposure through internships. They encouraged students to take advantage of internship opportunities to gain practical experience and insight into the media world.

Sandeep Bansal, Founder of Chaupal, remarked, "At Chaupal, our goal is to enhance the entertainment and media landscape by producing top-quality content and engaging in impactful initiatives. Our collaboration with Mirchi successfully raised awareness about the diverse and dynamic world of media in Jammu."

Adding to this, Arvind Dhiman, Head of Operations-J&K at ENIL, said, "Mirchi has established itself as one of the leading and hottest radio channels in the region, providing a wide range of entertainment and infotainment. Our partnership with Chaupal highlights our commitment to fostering young talent and showcasing the endless possibilities within the media industry."

Chaupal is a one-stop family entertainment destination offering the latest and popular web series and films in Puniabi, Harvanvi, and Bhojpuri. Its extensive content library includes hits like "Oye Bhole Oye," "Warning," "Gaddi Jandi A Chhalanga Mardi," "Buhe Bariyan," "Shikari," "Kalli Jotta," "Panchhi," "Aaja Mexico Challiye," "Chal Jindiye," and more. Chaupal also offers cartoon content and features such as ad-free viewing, offline watching, multiple profiles, seamless streaming, and worldwide travel plans for continuous, unlimited entertain-

#### DIG UR Range chairs crime & security review meeting were also directed to take



**Top News Report** 

UDHAMPUR, Jun 1; Rayees Mohammad Bhat, DIG Udhampur Reasi Range chaired crime & security review meeting of District Udhampur at Conference Hall DPL Udhampur.

During the meeting, several crucial aspects of improving the quality of investigation and disposal of Crime Cases particularly UA(P)A, NDPS and bovine smuggling were deliberated upon. Officers present in the meeting were directed

to maintain the record & keep surveillance over the activities of Drug peddlers. Bovine smugglers, repeated offenders, OGWs, Surrendered/ released terrorists etc of their respective areas.

Upcoming security challenges viz. Shri. Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024, Security of NHW, recent terrorist activities in the district especially in Basantgarh area, officers were directed to gear up the security grid and remain mobile in their respective area to ensure alertness to avoid any untoward incident. It was further impressed upon the SHOs to personally supervise the working of CCTNS and regularly synchronize the data with State Data Centre. Beat books be properly maintained and frequently checked by the

concerned SHOs. Addressing the issue of drugs, the DIG directed it to be the top priority among crime heads. He stressed the officers to take strict and wellplanned action against the criminals involved in the NDPS trade.

Further the officers

strict action against drug peddlers/bovine smugglers, as the trade is often associated with various other unlawful activities including transportation of criminals and unlawful material which may lead to law & order issues. Strict action must be initiated against the vehicle owners, whose vehicles

are repeatedly used in these illegal activities and be booked under PSA.

The meeting was attended by Joginder Singh, SSP Udhampur, Baljit Singh, Addl. SP Udhampur, Prehlad Kumar-, DySP Hqrs. Udhampur, Manjeet Singh, SDPO Ramnagar and all SHOs of District Udhampur.

## No one can do anything with reservation: Khatana

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 1: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana has said that reservation is a right for the people of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Categories.

Addressing at two different functions in Bishnah and at Shalimar on Saturday to commemorate the martyrdom day of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath who was a crusader for the rights of SCs and STs in J&K, Khatana said that it was only BJP government which passed the SC/ST Act for Prohibition of Atrocities on the people of SCs/STs while Congress never worked honestly for the welfare of these oppressed classes.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Shaheed Amar Nath Committee Bishnah Chairman, J.L. Bhagat, M.R Puri, Bihari Lal, Dr. Davinder Manyal, Prof. Gharo Ram, Dharminder DDĆ, Inderjit, Radhey Krishan, Janak Raj, Rattan Lal, Sudesh Puri, Yash Pal,

Kartar Chand, Vidya, Narayan, Satish, Priyanka, Rakesh, Chander Bushan, district secretary and others.

"People of the reserved categories should not pay any heed to the propaganda of Congress and other opposition parties as PM Narendra Modi has many times sated that no one can do anything with the reservation," Khatana said adding that there are opportunities for all in the country today. The BJP MP said that Baba Saheb Ambedkar has given a remarkable Constitution to this country where rights of every class is safequarded.

Dr. Davinder Manyal, senior BJP leader and former Minister said that Amar Nath Bhagat was a revolutionary leader of Dalit Samaj of J&K in his times and he has worked a lot for the upliftment of the

reserved categories.
Shaheed Amar Nath Committee Bishnah Chairman, J.L Bhagat threw light on the life and struggles of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath of Batote, Ramban. He said

that Amarnath was known as J&K Res-

ervation Struggle Hero and also as B.R Ambedkar of J&K.

After witnessing injustice with downtrodden section of society Amarnath resigned from the Govt job and joined social service.

He worked for the Bhartiya Depressed Classes league, an all India Origination founded by Babu Jagjivan Ram, a union Minister and later Deputy Prime Minister. Bhagat Amaranth achieved martyrdom on June 1, 1970 for the cause of Reservation for Dalits

At Shalamar, tributes paying programme to Shaheed Bhagat Amar Nath was attended by Surinder Bhagat, President Bhagat Amar Nath Charitable Trust, Gian Chand Dogra, Vice President, Rashpal Digra, General Secretary, Bansi Lal Choudhary, Vice President, Mohan Lal Pawar, Secretary, Yashpal Singh, Secretary, L.D Gorkha, Dr Ashwani, Anil Bharti, Anil Masoom, Ram Lal Bhagat, Advocate Anita Rani, Mahant Nagar Mal, Anil Kumar Chand Bhagat, B.D Thappa, Gurmeet Dutta and others

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#### **Cyber Police Ganderbal solves** online money scam

"In order to extend services to the general public and address their grievances, Cyber Cell Ganderbal has been receiving applications and reports from the public regarding various online money scams and missing cell phones through the online Cyber Crime Portal and offline modes since its establishment on February 21, 2024," the statement

Under the direction of SSP Ganderbal Sandeep Gupta, the dedicated police team of Cyber Cell Ganderbal has been tackling cyber-crimes comprehensively, assisting people with financial and social media frauds. The team has not only solved a large online money scam but has also placed a hold on Rs. 6,20,000 and refunded Rs. 39,900 to a victim's account. Additionally, the team has recovered 16 missing or lost smartphones worth lakhs and restored six hacked social media accounts, including Facebook and WhatsApp.

The unit comprises executive police officials and telecom officials who are well-trained in dealing with various financial frauds, such as KYC update fraud, OLX fraud, pending electricity bill fraud, investment-related fraud. and fake loan app fraud, as well as social media blackmailing.

J&K Police District Ganderbal urges the general public to refrain from sharing bank details, account details, OTPs, and other personal information with anyone to stay alert and vigilant against such scams.

For any assistance or to report cyber crimes, the public can contact the Cyber Cell through the designated online and offline

#### Admin bans sale, possession, consumption of all tobacco products in Holy Katra Town

As per an order issued by the Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, in exercise of his powers as District Magistrate on Saturday, the town of Katra is the base camp of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and is visit-

ed by more than 10 million people every year. "The consumption of tobacco (chewable and non-chewable) products, including cigarettes, pose significant risks to public health, contributing to various serious diseases,

cardiovascular diseases."

He said in view of religious sanctity of Katra town, sale, possession, and consumption of liquor and meat are already banned in Katra Town in an 8-Km radius, adding, "it has further been made to appear that now as the Yatra to the holy cave has increased manifold and large numbers of devotees from all over the country and abroad are visiting the holy shrine every day throughout the year."

Thus, the District Magistrate said the requirement of prohibition of sale, possession, and consumption of tobacco products. including gutka (chewable and non-chewable), cigarettes, and other related products, has become expedient to be extended in time to uphold the religious sentiments of Yatries and holiness of the pilgrimage.

It is the duty of this governing body to protect the health and well-being of its citizens, adding, he said, "as District Magistrate, Reasi, by virtue of powers vested in me under Section 144 Cr.PC, do hereby prohibit and restrict the sale, possession, and consumption of tobacco products, including gutka (chewable and non-chewable), cigarettes, and other related products in Sub Division

The prohibition is from Nomain Check Post, from Panthal Naka, and from the start point of Tarakote Track to Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan, including track, with immediate effect, he said. Mahajan stated that since it is not possible to serve prior notice of this order, it is as such being issued ex-parte, adding, "Any violation of the order will invite strict punitive action under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, while the Senior Superintendent of Police, Reasi, will implement this order in letter and spirit."

#### **Desist from visiting higher** authorities without prior approval: DSEJ tell SED Staff

he has instructed CEOs to disseminate directives prohibiting such visits among their

#### SRS appeals LG administration to immediate blacktopping of Raj Bhawan Jammu to Nagrota Check **Post Road**

make driving hazardous, leading to

for two-wheeler riders and pilgrims on foot.

He added that the road's unevenness causes vehicles to swerve unpredictably. further endangering the lives of those travel-

"Inadequate drainage along the road leads to water accumulation during rains, exacerbating the road's poor condition and making it slippery and treacherous," Rajiv Mahajan

As the commencement of the Amarnath Yatra is imminent, it is crucial to ensure that this route is in optimal condition to facilitate smooth and safe travel for all.

Given the urgency of the situation, Rajiv Mahajan said, "We earnestly request prompt action of LG administration in initiating and completing the blacktopping work on this stretch of road before the Yatra begins. Timely completion of this work will not only enhance the safety of the pilgrims but also improve the overall traffic situation in the area, benefiting both residents and visitors.'

"A well-maintained road will drastically reduce the risk of accidents and injuries. ensuring a safer journey for all travelers," Rajiv Mahajan said and expressed hope for swift and favourable response of LG administration to this urgent matter.

#### Kargil's well known cleric Sheikh Musa Mirzai passes away

He was also a member of the Baseej-e-Rouhanion wing of Imam Khomeini Memorial Trust. Although originally from Stakpa, Sheikh Mussa spent his entire life at his residence in Titichumik

"Sheikh Mussa Mirzai was a seasoned preacher of the Islamic Revolution and a true follower of the Wilayat-e-Faqih," said Guardian Council member, Haji Asgar Ali Karbalai. The mortal remains of Sheikh Mussa have been carried to his domicile village, Stakpa,

#### **Security Tightened in Kathua** ahead of Udhampur LS Seat Counting

where his last rituals will be performed.

Three halls are set aside for counting the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) votes, he added.

A total of 225 tables, with three personnel each, will be used for the counting process

including cancer, respiratory illnesses, and increased chances of accidents, especially For ETPBS votes, 60 tables are designated, rettes, 29.9 percent use 10-14 cigarettes, 6 along with three personnel each, the officials

> Each counting table will have a counting agent, a micro observer, and a supervisor, along with an Assistant Returning Officer (ARO), they said.

> The CCTV footage of the EVM strong rooms has been shared with political party representatives.

> A counting control room is equipped to compile and update hourly trends, supervised by Minhas, who is also the District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner of Kathua, the officials said.

> An election media centre with LED screens. DTH connections, and WiFi will facilitate the media personnel, providing continuous news access and updates on results. Controlled access to the counting process will be in line with Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines, they said.

> Dr Minhas assured that logistics and security arrangements are in place, and food, water, and refreshments will be provided to all individuals involved in the counting process on June 4.

#### Police arrest 171 drug peddlers in Baramulla

"Due to sustained action, heroin cases have seen a continuous, steep dip in usage in Baramulla," police said. Police have also urged the people to come forward with any information regarding drug peddling in their neighbourhood.

"Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt with as per law. Our consistent actions against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of the drug menace," police

#### **32 Per Cent Men. 1% Women** consume tobacco in J&K: Data

percent in rural areas smoke cigarettes. It added that 0.1 percent of women and 4 percent of men smoke bidis, 0.1 percent of women and 2.2 percent of men smoke cigars or pipes, and 0.7 percent of women and 2.4 percent of men smoke hookah.

Cigarette consumption patterns show that 27 percent of smokers use 5 or fewer cigarettes per day, 34.7 percent use 5-9 cigapercent use 15-24 cigarettes, and 0.3 percent use 25 or more cigarettes in 24 hours.

A survey conducted by the Department of Community Medicine at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar around a year ago revealed that approximately 23 percent of school-going adolescents in Srinagar are smokers. The survey found that 29 percent of adolescent boys were ever smokers, and 23 percent were current smokers.

More than half (60.8 per cent) of adolescents were exposed to tobacco smoke in public places. Factors associated with current cigarette smoking among adolescents included parental smoking, peer smoking, exposure to movies with actors smoking, lack of anti-smoking media messages, and not discussing the dangers of smoking in

The survey indicated that 29 percent of adolescents had smoked at least one puff, and 23 percent were current smokers. Among respondents, 15.1 percent usually smoked 2-5 cigarettes on the days they smoked, and the majority (14.8 per cent) bought their cigarettes from shops. Furthermore, 16.1 percent of current smokers spent more than 1,000 rupees on cigarettes in the month preceding the survey.

Overall, 19.6 percent of adolescents believed that boys who smoke cigarettes have more friends, and 31.4 percent thought that boys who smoke are more attractive. Nearly all surveyed adolescents (94.6 per cent) believed that cigarette smoking is harmful to health, but only 18.6 percent discussed the harmful effects with family or friends. The majority (82.8 per cent) believed that once someone starts smoking, it is difficult to quit. Among current smokers, 85.1 percent had parents who were smokers, and nearly all had smoker friends.

According to the survey, 84.6 percent of adolescents believed that smoke from others is harmful, and 95.7 percent indicated that smoking should be banned in public places. Among current smokers, 62.3 percent wanted to stop smoking at the time of the survey, but only 20.2 percent had tried to quit in the past year. Half of the current smokers believed they could quit if they wanted to, and around 40 percent had quit smoking in the past year, citing various reasons for quitting.

An official said it is crucial to address tobacco use among adolescents and enhance awareness of its dangers, given the increasing prevalence and widespread exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.

# India's Russian oil imports at 10-month high in May, supplies from Saudi Arabia dwindle

(Agencies): India's Russian oil imports climbed to a 10-month high in May as low Russian refinery capacity use due to Ukrainian drone strikes made more of Moscow's oil available for the export market, as per oil tanker tracking data and industry experts. The rise in India's import of discounted Russian oil over the past few months has hit flows from Saudi Arabia the most, the data shows.

Indian refiners imported a total of 1.96 million barrels per day (bpd) of Russian crude oil in May, the highest since July of last year, and nearly 3 per cent higher than volumes imported in April, as per provisional ship-tracking data from commodity market analytics firm Kpler. May also marked the fifth consecutive month of growth in India's Russian oil imports.

Oil imports from Saudi Arabia-India's thirdbiggest source market for crude—declined almost 13 per cent sequentially to 0.55 million bpd, the lowest since September of last year. The primary reason for the decline is seen as the ample availability of Russian crude. which continues to maintain a price advantage over Riyadh's oil.



"Russian refinery runs have been counterseasonally low because of the Ukrainian drone strikes, so there was more crude going into the wider markets for exports," said Viktor Katona, head of crude analysis at Kpler.

"The (Indian refiners') decision to minimise imports (from Saudi Arabia) is solely a commercial one, reflective of the fact that there remains a \$5-6 per barrel difference between the pricing of Saudi and Russian barrels. So, basically, it is direct displacement (of Saudi Arabian crude)," Katona said.

In September, when imports from Saudi Arabia were lower at 0.48 million bpd, the refinery maintenance season in India was in full swing, which meant that overall crude oil demand in the country was lower as some refineries were out of action. May, however, saw subdued oil imports from Saudi Arabia despite no refinery maintenance activity in India.

Supply of the medium-

sour Urals crude—Russia's flagship crude grade and the mainstay of India's Russian oil purchases-to Indian refiners touched a record high in May at 1.53 million bpd, accounting for over 78 per cent of India's Russian oil imports. Evidently, the price differential between Urals and competing crude grades from India's traditional West Asian suppliers was significant enough for Indian refiners to prefer the Russian grade.

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the imports in April, and

the highest since July of

last year. The increase

in import volumes from

the US was evidently

on account of American

crude becoming relatively

cheaper than comparable

"India's oil imports from

the US mostly are of light

sweet grades that are rou-

tinely blended with heavi-

er barrels from Russia,

Iraq, and Saudi Arabia.

Considering Dubai is now

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month of Moscow having

a share of 40 per cent or

more in New Delhi's oil

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Katona said.

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source of crude-Iraqaccounted for a fifth of New Delhi's oil imports in May, while Saudi Arabia's share was 11.4 per cent. Prior to the war in

Ukraine, Iraq and Saudi Arabia were the top two suppliers of crude oil to India. But as the West started weaning itself off Russian energy supplies following Moscow's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, Russia started offering discounts on its crude and Indian refiners started snapping up the discounted barrels.

As the world's thirdlargest consumer of crude oil with a high import dependency level of over 85 per cent, India is extremely sensitive to oil prices. Although trade sources have indicated that discounts on Russian crude have shrunk considerably over the past months, Indian refiners have evidently remained keen on buying Russian oil as given the high import volumes even lower discount levels lead to significant

## Price of 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder slashed by Rs 69, jet fuel reduced by 6.5%

(Agencies): Jet fuel or ATF price on Saturday was reduced by a steep 6.5 per cent and that of commercial LPG used by hotels and restaurants by Rs 69 per 19-kg cylinder on declining international oil prices.

Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) price was cut by Rs 6,673.87 per kilolitre, or 6.5 per cent, to Rs 94,969.01 per kl in the national capital, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retail-

The reduction follows a marginal 0.7 per cent (Rs 749.25 per kl) increase on May 1.

The ATF rate in Mumbai was slashed to Rs 88,834.27 per kl from Rs 95,173.70.

Prices differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes. Alongside, oil firms also cut the price of commer-

cial LPG by Rs 69 to Rs 1,676 per 19-kg cylinder. This is the third straight monthly reduction in rates. The price was on May 1 reduced by Rs 19 per cylinder and by Rs

Rate of cooking gas used in domestic households, however, remained unchanged at Rs 803 per 14.2-kg cylinder.

30.5 on April 1.

April 1 saw the first reduction in commercial LPG prices since January. The rate had gone up by Rs 14 per cylinder on February 1 and Rs 25.5 on March 1.

State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) revise prices of ATF and cooking gas on 1st of every month based on the average price of benchmark international fuel and foreign exchange rate.

Prices of petrol and diesel continue to remain frozen. Rates had been cut by Rs 2 per litre in mid-March. Petrol costs Rs 94.72 a litre in Delhi while diesel is priced at

# Bank credit grows 15.3% in April: RBI

(Agencies): The banking sector reported a higher credit growth in the first month of the fiscal 2024, led by an increase in advances to the agriculture sector, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

On a year-on-year (y-oy) basis, non-food bank credit grew 15.3 per cent in April, compared to a growth of 16.2 per cent a year ago. In absolute terms, bank non-food credit stood at Rs 159.55 lakh crore in April compared to Rs 138.38 lakh crore in April 2023.

Loans to agriculture and allied activities accelerated to 19.7 per cent in April 2024 from 16.8 per cent a year ago, the RBI's Sectoral Deployment of Bank Credit for April 2024 showed.

The growth in the per-

sonal loans segment moderated to 17.4 per cent from a rise of 19.4 per cent a year ago, primarily due to lower growth in vehicle loans.

The moderation came despite accelerated growth in credit to housing (17.7 per cent compared to 13.9 per cent). Bank credit to industry rose by 6.9 per cent in April this year compared with 7.2 per cent in a year ago period.

Credit to services sector grew 19.2 per cent in the reporting month April 2024 compared to 21.3 per cent a year ago. The growth in the segment was supported by improved credit growth to commercial real estate and professional servic-

Credit growth to nonbanking financial companies (NBFCs) and trade, however, decelerated in April 2024 by 14.6 per cent as compared with 29.2 per cent in April 2023, the RBI data showed.

#### What made RBI move 100 tonnes of gold from UK to its vaults? Here's an explainer

MUMBAI, Jun 1 (Agencies): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has moved 100 metric tonnes of its gold stored in the UK to domestic vaults in FY24. This significant transfer marks one of the largest movements of gold by India since 1991, when a portion of the gold reserves was pledged to tackle a foreign exchange crisis.

So, how much gold does RBI hold?

As of March 2024, the RBI's total gold reserves stand at 822.10 metric tonnes. A substantial part of the precious commodity is stored abroad. India also had its holding with the Bank of England like other countries. The movement of 100 metric tonnes into India has taken the overall quantity stored locally to over 408 metric tonnes of gold, which means the local and foreign holding is now split almost evenly.

As per the annual report of the central bank for FY24 released this Thursday, over 308 metric tonnes of gold is held in India as backing for notes issued, while another 100.28 tonnes is held locally as an asset of the banking department.

Of the overall gold reserves, 413.79 metric tonnes is held abroad. the annual report said.

Why does RBI store its gold abroad?

Historically, during

the 1990-91 foreign exchange crisis, India pledged part of its gold reserves to the Bank of England to secure a \$405 million loan. Although the loan was repaid by November 1991, the RBI chose to keep the gold in the UK for logistical reasons. Gold stored abroad can be easily used for trading, entering into swaps, and earning returns. The RBI also buys gold from international markets and storing it overseas facilitates these transactions.

Storing gold internationally comes with risks, particularly during geopolitical tensions. The freezing of Russian assets by Western nations has heightened concerns about the safety of assets held abroad. The RBI's recent move to repatriate gold from the UK likely reflects these concerns.

What will RBI do with so much gold? The RBI, in consultation with the government, can use domestically held gold to manage local gold prices, especially given the high demand for investment products like gold exchangetraded funds. This strategy helps in developing a robust local bullion

market while ensuring

that gold reserves remain

within the country. The RBI has ramped up its gold purchases significantly. In just the first four months of 2024, the RBI bought one and a half times the gold it acquired in the entire previous vear. This aggressive buying is partly due to a decline in confidence in dollar assets among central banks globally. Data from the US Treasury Department shows that non-US central banks holdings of US Treasury bonds have dropped from 49.8% in March 2023 to 47.1% in March 2024.

In FY24, the RBI added 27.47 tonnes of gold to its reserves, increasing the total from 794.63 tonnes the previous year. This move is part of a broader strategy to diversify foreign exchange reserves and hedge against inflation and currency vola-

### India bankers brace for IPO surge as election uncertainty lifts

savings.



NEW DELHI, Jun 1 (Agencies): India has turned into Asia's hottest market for share sales including initial public offerings, and as elections come to a close, a bumper crop of deals is poised to set a record as investors seek to tap the rapid growth in the region's third-largest economy.

About \$3.9 billion has been raised in India via IPOs so far this year, more than double the same period in 2023, and a tally that's higher than the combined amount raised in South Korea and Hong Kong, according to data compiled by Bloom-

The jump in activity for blocks and placements is even more outstanding. Taken together, sales of new and existing shares in the first half of 2024 have raised around

\$18.64 billion, within a hair of topping the record set in the last six months of 2017, the data show.

The year's largest IPOs are likely yet to come, such as South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co.'s firsttime share sale of its India unit, which could raise about \$2.5 billion, Bloomberg News has reported. That would make it one of the biggest-ever listings in India — and bankers say the rush is just getting started

"This kind of breadth of companies coming to the market is phenomenal," V Jayasankar, a managing director and member of the board at Kotak Mahindra Capital Co. "Companies from all sectors are filing for IPOs and this is for the first time in my more than three decade career that I am seeing this level of robustness.

#### Feud over KK Modi's Rs 11,000-cr fortune turns ugly as Samir Modi alleges mother Bina of assault

NEW DELHI, Jun 1 (Agencies): The feud over KK Modi's Rs 11,000crore fortune took an ugly turn with Samir Modi, the executive director of Godfrey Phillips, accusing his mother, Bina, of orchestrating an attack on him to gain leverage in the dispute.

The development, reported by The Economic Times, highlights a deepening rift within the Modi family over the fortune left behind by the late industrialist.

Samir in his complaint to the Delhi Police has alleged that his mother's personal security officer and some Godfrey Phil-

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In his complaint, Modi alleged he was pushed by the PSO because of which he sustained a broken finger. BT could not independently verify the report.

Samir has reportedly taken his mother to the Supreme Court over her management of the familv's estate. The inheritance in question includes nearly 50% of the shares in publicly traded Godfrey Phillips, valued at over Rs 5,500 crore, along with stakes in other Modi

group firms. Phillips' Godfrey spokesperson has reportedly rubbished the

charge, calling it "entirely false and atrocious," adding that the incident was captured on in-house CCTV cameras. Samir believes the attack was premeditated to block him from the meeting and pressure him into selling

Despite a prior offer from his mother, also Godfrey Phillips director, to buy his stake, he now refuses to exit. Samir has also accused his mother of not distributing funds as specified in a trust deed by his father.

## Why is quitting tobacco difficult?

NEW DELHI, Jun 1 (Agencies): The cultivation of nicotine goes back to indigenous communities in the Americas, who used it for medicinal and spiritual purposes as far back as 1400 BC. In the 19th century, mass cigarette-making machines kicked off the spread. According to the World Health Organisation, tobacco kills half the users who do not quit, and all forms of tobacco are harmful. Yet, quitting it is an onerous task and there are too few incentives to quit. May 31 is observed as World No Tobacco Day. In an interview with THE WEEK, Gurseet Singh, founder of Smotect - a smoking cessation programme, in an interview with THE WEEK said nicotine

erful, and many users are ill-equipped to manage withdrawal symptoms. What is the science of

addiction is hugely pow-

tobacco addiction?

Smokers lack willpower and self-control is a commonly held misconception. They are also targeted for being in the mood to chase small pleasures while ignoring the larger harm. Society often overlooks the fact that nicotine, a highly addictive compound found in tobacco, hooks users in a vice grip. It alters the production and regulation of several key neurotransmitters, including dopamine and serotonin. It stimulates the release of dopamine, a neurotransmitter associated with pleasure, reward, and reinforcement.

This surge of dopamine creates a feeling of euphoria and well-being, reinforcing the behaviour of smoking. It also affects serotonin levels, crucial for mood regulation, contributing to the emotional highs associated with smoking. With regular use of tobacco, the brain becomes used to nicotine presence. Over time, natural production of these neurochemicals decreases, leading to a reliance on nicotine to maintain normal levels of feel-good chemicals.

What else makes quitting so hard?

Smokers are only too aware of the health risks of tobacco. However, nicotine addiction is hugely powerful, and many users are ill-equipped to manage withdrawal



symptoms, without the knowledge to address the psycho-social dimensions of taking a puff. The apparent lack of control, that society accuses users of, is amplified owing to ostracisation,

leaving smokers unable to overcome the stigma and create a support community

What are some of the techniques for quitting?

Smokers can opt for

connection in the brain. Investigate the bodily sensations (for example headaches, palpitations, sweating) that come with the urge to smoke. Make detailed visual and mental notes to prepare better to manage triggers. What about mindful-

de-linking the automatic

ness?

Mindfulness technique teaches users to recognise their multiple triggers, sometimes as innocuous as finishing a meal or meeting a friend. They need to continuously ask themselves questions: What made me use tobacco? What do I enjoy about it? Would I be fine without it? The idea is to observe the triggers, intensity, and nature of cravings. Mindful con-

sumption asks that users be present in the moment of consumption, paying attention to sensations cascading through their body. This kind of body awareness experience should be undertaken without criticism, guilt, shame or fear. They need to focus on the taste, smell, texture, temperature of the products being consumed, and their own physical response to these sensations.

Post-consumption awareness (for example changes in heart rate, breathing, or even no change at all) is equally important. A deeper understanding of habit helps manage cravings more effectively and nudge nicotine users to make informed decisions about quitting tobacco.

# Today's warmup match: India look to fine tune preparation vs Bangladesh

India and Bangladesh will lock horns in a warm-up game ahead of T20 World Cup 2024 as both teams look to finalise their preparations ahead of the tournament.

NEW YORK, Jun 1 (Agencies): India and Bangladesh will take on each other in a warmup fixture for the T20 World Cup 2024 on Saturday, June 1 at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, New York. Both teams will hope to have a complete 40-over game to give them the much-needed practice and help them to acclimatize to the conditions ahead of the tournament.

Bangladesh are coming into the game after their previous warm up game against US was washed out. The Bangla Tigers were recently beaten by he cohosts of the tournament as they suffered an embarrassing 1-2 loss in the three-match series in the lead up to the tournament. Hence, the Najmul Hossain Shanto-led side will be eager to put their loss behind and start afresh in the tournament.

On the other hand, India arrived in US on Sunday, May 26 after a tiring two-month long Indian Premier League. The entire squad took part in a few practice sessions ahead of the event as they sweated hard in



the nets to prepare for a monthlong T20 extravaganza.

Star batter Virat Kohli also joined the team one day ahead of the game. However, his participation in the warm-up fixture is still unknown. With just one warm up game scheduled for the Men in Blue ahead of the event, captain Rohit Sharma will look to test his team's combination during the match and see how it fares in US conditions.

IND vs BAN: Head to Head

India have an upper hand over Bangladesh in the T20I history between the two teams having beaten them on 12 occasions out of the 13 matches played between the two sides. However, the two teams have been a part of several close matches in recent times with Bangladesh giving India a run for their money in 2016 and 2022 editions of the tournament.

IND vs BAN: Team News

There are no injury concerns in both the teams and all the players available to play the game. However, there's uncertainty on whether star India batter Virat Kohli will take part in the game. IND vs BAN: New York Pitch

It will be the first ever game at the newly constructed Nassau County International Cricket

Stadium. The short boundaries at the venue will aid aggressive strokeplay for the batters. The surface has been prepared using a drop-in pitch from Adelaide. Spinners are also expected to get good purchase from the pitch. The match will start at 10:30 AM as per local time under bright sunshine. However, rain chances are expected to increase at 2 pm shooting up to 30%.

IND vs BAN Squads

India Squad: Rohit Sharma(c), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Sanju Samson, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant(w), Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Arshdeep Singh, Yuzvendra Chahal.

Bangladesh Squad: Litton Das, Soumya Sarkar, Najmul Hossain Shanto(c), Towhid Hridoy, Shakib Al Hasan, Mahmudullah, Jaker Ali(w), Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Taskin Ahmed, Mustafizur Rahman, Shoriful Islam, Tanzid Hasan, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Tanvir Islam.

#### **Gautam Gambhir Set To Replace** Rahul Dravid As India Head **Coach: Report**



NEW DELHI, Jun 1 (Agencies): The wait for Indian cricket to find out who the Rahul Dravid's successor as the men's team's head coach would be, is likely to end soon, with Gautam Gambhir reportedly all set to take up the responsibility. Gambhir's name has been doing rounds in the Indian cricketing spectrum, with his impressive stint as mentor for Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 franchise seeing his stocks rise. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) also seemed to be interested in a host of big Australian names, as well as other IPL coaches like Stephen Fleming

and Andy Flower, for the role of head coach of the Indian team, but it's Gambhir who seems to be ahead of the rest.

Gambhir's name started getting discussed as KKR produced an emphatic performance in the league stage of the IPL 2024, finishing as the No. 1 side. A few games later, the Knight Riders defeated Sunrisers Hyderabad in the final to take the title home. After the final, Gambhir also had a lengthy chat BCCI secretary Jay Shah. Though the content of the chat isn't known, the visals did fuel speculations.

According to a report, Gambhir is now set to replace Dravid as Team

India's head coach. Though Gambhir recently took the role of KKR's mentor, leaving his job with the Lucknow Super Giants, another IPL side he had joined as a member of the coaching staff in 2022.

Though the former India opener doesn't have any experience of being the head coach of a national side, or even IPL, his role in taking KKR to IPL triumph this year was reportedly enough for the BCCI to seriously consider his name as Dravid's successor

The BCCI invited applications for the head coach's role by May 27, and is said to have received over 3000 forms, including some fake 'Sachin Tendulkars', 'Narendra Modis' and 'Amit Shahs'. The board is likely to being the process of interviewing shortlisted candidates soon, with the Cricket Advisory Committee leading that charge.

### Irfan Pathan feels T20 World Cup will be played in two phases unlike previous editions

NEW YORK, Jun 1 (Agencies): Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan has said that the upcoming T20 World Cup 2024 will be played in two phases as compared to their previous editions of the tournament. The ninth edition of the World Cup is all set to begin on June 1 and will be jointly hosted by the US and West Indies. The Group stage of the tournament will see matches taking place in both the US and West Indies simultaneously.

However, from the Super 8 stage onwards. the tournament will entirely shift to the West Indies. Hence, Pathan feels that the teams will need to be prepared for both types of surfaces and hence will have to alter their team combination as per the changes in the pitches.

"The previous world cups had set pattern. But, here in this World Cup there will be different pitches in West Indies and different pitches in America. So you need to prepare to play this World Cup in two phases. As a team, it's very important and I think what we've seen with the Indian team there are a lot of spinners. They will have that kind of phase really covered up. But every team need to prepare this World Cup in two phases," said Irfan Pathan on ESPNCricinfo T20 Rendezvous.

Meanwhile, former Australia cricketer Matthew Hayden feels that the upcoming tournament will be a high-scoring one like the recently concluded Indian Premier League 2024.

"It's going to be quite a big-scoring T20 World Cup. Especially, on the back of what we have seen. We cannot underestimate what IPL cricket does to advance the modern T20 game." said Hayden.

IPL 2024 had eight 250+ scores

Notably, the recent season of the IPL saw teams surpassing the 250-run mark for fun as a total of eight such scores were recorded during the T20 extravaganza. However, during the IPL teams had the luxury of batting with more freedom due to the 'Impact player rule' which isn't the case in the upcoming World

> Hosts West Indies have given a glimpse of the brand of cricket they're going to play scoring a massive 257 against Australia in their warm-up fixture in Trinidad. Earlier, Australia also chased down the target of 120 against Namibia in just ten overs. Hence, the fans are excited about the upcoming event eagerly anticipating some high scores during the course of the tournament which gets underway with a game between the US and Canada at Grand Prairie Stadium, Dallas.

## I don't try to over-teach: Bumrah on mentoring India's young pacers

NEW YORK, Jun 1 (Agencies): Considered a mentor for the new crop of Indian fast bowlers, pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah says he never tries to "over-teach" the younger lot and steps in to help only when asked, to avoid burdening them with information.

The 30-year-old Bumrah would be a key player for India in the T20 World Cup, starting here on Saturday and he would also be expected to be a guiding force for India's pace battery, featuring the relatively younger and less experienced Mohammed Sirai and Arshdeep Singh.

"You don't try to over-teach. That is something that I have learned," Bumrah told the ICC's official website for the T20 World Cup.

"Because whenever people need help, I let them have their own questions...Because you don't want to give too much information," he said.

Bumrah said it is important for youngsters to know their path without being burdened with an overkill of information.

"It's not like they have just been lucky and they land here. So that is what I try to do. I do pass on certain information that I have gained over from my experience," he said.



"But I don't try to burden them with (over) information. Because that is a part of the journey as well. That you have to find your own ways and solutions," he added.

Bumrah has battled a nagging back injury for the past couple of years and it even kept him out of the 2022 T20 World Cup but he has managed to fight through and enjoyed a brilliant run in the 2023 ODI showpiece. He snared 20 wickets at an average of 18.65 with an economy of just about four in that

The reticent bowler said his focus since coming back has been to simply enjoy his game.

event.

"Because (certain) things will go my way. (Certain) things will not go my way," he said.

"All of these things will be a part of my process. So I have just realised that I started playing this sport. Because I love this sport. And I will focus on that rather than the end result.

"So in that aspect you reduce your pressure. And you enjoy the sport. When you focus on those things. Rather than the things you cannot control," he added.

Bumrah has 74 T20 International wickets, which puts him third in India's all-time list. He is widely perceived to be the best among the current lot of international pacers when it comes to consistently bowling yorkers. Australian great Brett Lee has even gone to the extent of saying that Bumrah is the only pacer in the world who is executing the yorker correctly right now.

Bumrah said his consistent yorkers are a result of years of

"So I played a lot of tennisball, rubber-ball cricket when I was growing up. I used to play a lot with my friends in summer camps," he said."...I used to think that this is the only way to get wickets. Because I was a fan of fast bowling. I was really fascinated by what I saw on the television. So I tried to replicate that. Is it (tennis-ball cricket) a secret (to bowling yorkers) or not? I don't know," Bumrah wondered.

"But repetition surely is. Because I have kept this delivery. I still practice it. I keep on practicing it. Because every skill that you develop, you have to practice it and make it stronger. So I think a combination of both would be the answer."

India are in Group A of the T20 World Cup, along with Pakistan, Ireland, Canada, and the USA.

They will begin their campaign against Ireland on June 5.

## With the t20 world cup beginning tomorrow, we takes a look at the top contenders

NEW DELHI, Jun 1 (Agencies): Skipper Rohit Sharma will believe India have packed enough firepower into their middle-order to blow away their opponents and end their global title drought at the T20 World Cup. India have dominated the business side of the international game but their financial heft has not been complemented by on-field success as they remain bereft of a global title since winning the 2013 Champions Trophy. They came agonisingly close to ending that barren run twice last year but were outclassed by Australia on both occasions — in the finals of the World Test Championship and the 50-over World Cup. That India run the IPL, the richest T20 competition, and yet have not won the T20 World Cup since lifting the inaugural edition in 2007 does not sit well with their fans. The selectors have resisted any temptation to overhaul the side though and persisted with the familiar core group that includes Rohit, 37, and Virat Kohli, 35, for potentially their last

World Cup appearance.

Triple treat for Marsh's Australia? Australia bring an ageing squad and a few players short of fitness to the T20 World Cup but will have the same easy-going confidence that helped secure last year's Test and ODI world titles. Picking a winner in the short format's global showpiece is a mug's game, with at least six of the 20 nations bringing credible claims. No one will be surprised, though, if it's Mitchell Marsh's men dancing in ticker-tape after the final in Barbados, with history made as the first nation to hold all three of cricket's top global trophies. Australia boast world class players from top-to-tail and a champion outfit's conviction that no matter how bad things get, someone among them will carry

England have tough case for defence

No side have successfully defended the T20 World Cup title and England do not have to go far back in the record books to under-

stand the magnitude of the task facing them. Seven months ago, Jos Buttler's side set about retaining the 50-over world crown they secured on home soil and endured a miserable tournament in India, winning three out of nine group games to finish seventh in the standings. Buttler, 33, made two centuries for Rajasthan Royals in this year's Indian Premier League, but England's recent T20 record is poor. Since beating Pakistan in the 2022 final, they have lost series in Bangladesh and West Indies before drawing 2-2 at home with New Zealand. Ben Stokes, who guided them to victory over Pakistan in the final two years ago, is not in the squad.

Gladiatorial NZ bank on experi-

ence and adaptability New Zealand have long made a virtue of taking each challenge as it comes and while it might not make for much excitement at press conference time, it has not harmed their performances at major tournaments. Masters of tournament

craft at least until the business end, the Kane Williamson-led Black Caps have reached the semifinals at four of the eight T20 World Cups and lost the 2021 final to neighbours Australia. The latest editions will present new challenges — an expanded field to 20 teams and a variety of conditions over the disparate venues — but undoubtedly New Zealand will be meticulously prepared. Gary Stead's squad has a profusion of experience with five players having been around since the 2016 T20 World Cup.

South Africa's batting power needs bowlers' backup

South Africa's power hitters make a compelling case for why they can emerge winners of the T20 World Cup, but whether they have the bowlers to back it up is the big question heading into the tournament. The country's woes at World Cups, be it the 50-over or shortest format, are well documented and so the expectations back home have been tempered, with supporters scarred by past failures. Within the team there is confidence they can claim a maiden crown, albeit the conditions in New York, where they play their first three group games, are unknown. In captain Aiden Markram, Heinrich Klaasen, David Miller, Quinton de Kock and in-form Tristian Stubbs, they have some of the biggest hitters in the

Swept by winds of change, Pakistan's hopes renewed

Pakistan are dangerous opponents for the best of teams in major tournaments but they could face a rocky road in their quest for a first T20 World Cup title since their sole triumph in 2009 after a radical overhaul in recent months. An underwhelming display in the 50-over World Cup in India last year, where the team failed to qualify for the tournament's knockout stages after losing five of their nine games, led to Babar Azam stepping down as captain in all formats. Pacer Shaheen Afridi was put in charge of the T20 squad but Pakistan were thrashed 4-1 in

New Zealand in January, prompting Babar to take the reins again in white-ball cricket, and he led the team to a nervy 2-2 home draw against the same opponents.

West Indies eager to sing out redemption song on home soil

West Indies will be eager to hoist the T20 World Cup for a third time and in the process bury the heartbreak of failing to even qualify for last year's 50-over World Cup. The glory years of West Indian cricket are long gone as the team that won the first two editions of the 50-over World Cup did not even make the cut for last year's tournament in India — the first time ever that they had missed the event. West Indies are now looking for redemption under the guidance of Daren Sammy, a coach who knows what it takes to win the global T20 trophy after he captained them to the title in 2012 and 2016. They may no longer be a formidable force, the Rovman Powell-led Windies still have a promising generation coming up.

# **Sub-District Hospital Nowshera celebrates World No Tobacco Day**

**Top News Report** 

NOWSHERA, Jun 1: The Block Health Department of Nowshera, in collaboration with local community organizations, celebrated World No Tobacco Day on Friday at the Sub-District Hospital Nowshera.

The program, held under the overall supervision of Dr. Rakesh Magotra, Director Health Services Jammu, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Manohar Rana.

On this occasion, all the employees of the Sub-District Hospital Nowshera took a pledge to raise awareness among people to prevent the consumption of tobacco by holding banners and

**Top News Report** 

SAMBA, Jun 1: The

Department of Physics

of SPPND GDC, Samba

organized a thrilling and

intellectually stimulating

quiz competition under

the aegis of IQAC on

Bhautik Vigyan. The

event brought together

four enthusiastic groups

namely team Bhabha,

team Raman, team Bose

and team Bhatnagar,

each comprising of three

members, who show-

cased their knowledge

and teamwork. The quiz

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Dr. Iqbal Malik, the Block Medical Officer of Nowshera, said that the Tobacco Prohibition Day is celebrated by the Health Department at the Sub-District Hospital Nowshera, which is also known as World Tobacco Prohibition Day, celebrated as a global initiative under the leadership of the World Health Organization (WHO). The purpose is to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and to advocate for effective policies to reduce

tobacco consumption. This day is celebrated to educate people about the health risks associated with tobacco use.

**GDC Samba organizes Quiz** 

was aimed to involve

students in quick think-

ing in a competitive and

friendly atmosphere and

after a fierce battle of wit,

Team Bose was declared

the winning team. Ear-

lier Prof. Narayan Dutt,

H.O.D Physics formally

welcomed the Principal,

faculty and the students.

He briefed about the aim

of the quiz which was to

celebrate not only knowl-

edge but also to encour-

age team work and

camaraderie among the

The Principal of the Col-

students

on Bhautik Vigyan

tobacco products, and to emphasize the importance of quitting tobacco. Governments, organizations, and individuals are encouraged to take action against the use of tobacco.

World No Tobacco Day reminds individuals, families, and communities of the devastating impact of tobacco. Its aim is to encourage smokers to quit and prevent young people from starting this habit. By raising awareness and promoting tobacco control measures, World No Tobacco Day plays a crucial role in reducing the burden of tobacco-related diseases and promoting a

healthier society.

lege, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle

Suri, extolled the efforts

of the students and said

that it was an enriching

experience for the audi-

ence thereby providing

ample scope of learning

and exploration of new

idea and facts for the

The proceedings of the

programme were con-

ducted by Dr. Sheetal

and Dr. Asha. Prof. Renu

Rajput presented vote of

thanks. The program con-

cluded with the felicitation

to winners with gifts and

certificates of merit.

participants.

celebrated worldwide on May 31st each year, was established in 1987 by the WHO member countries to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and its preventable death and disease.

The annual observance aims to not only increase awareness among global citizens about the dangers of tobacco use but also educate them about the business practices of tobacco companies, what the WHO is doing to fight the tobacco pandemic, and what people around the world can do to claim their right to health and well-being and protect future gen-

Individuals can con-

tribute to this cause by making a personal pledge to quit tobacco, supporting tobacco control policies, and spreading awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco among their friends, family, and communities.

On this day, various activities and campaigns are organized worldwide to promote tobacco control. These initiatives include public awareness campaigns, educational programs in schools and communities, health screenings, and policy advocacy. The goal is to inform people about the risks of tobacco use, support quitting efforts, and prevent young people from developing a tobacco addiction.

# **Gyan Vatika of GDC Samba**

**Top News Report** 

SAMBA, Jun 1: Gyan Vatika, Book Reading Club of Government Degree College (GDC), Samba hosted a captivating Poetry Recitation event, drawing poetry enthusiasts and literrecited a diverse range of poems, from classic verses by renowned poets to original compositions reflecting per-

recited by Prof. Mala



The Principal Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri highlighted the importance of poetry in nurturing creativity and emotional expression. Participants

Bhasin reflecting on the childhood memories and serene beauty

the same. The recitations were met with applause and admiration, creating an atmosphere of literary appreciation and camaraderie.

# **Organizes Poetry Recitation**

sonal experiences.

The event featured a special segment showcasing the poetry



ary lovers. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty.

of autumn.

Earlier too, Manan was awarded Gold medal (U-16 Youth Boys & Girls category) in J&K U.T Basketball Championship 2022-23 organized by J&K U.T Basketball Association and also



ketball Championship for Boys & Girls held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh December, 2022.

Sindhu Darshan Yatra flags off

from Jammu by Rajesh Gupta

perfirming pujan on the

banks of river Sindh at

The flagging-off cer-

emony was attended by

several notable dignitar-

ies, including Sheran

Wala Sai Saadhvi Nikita

Ji, who performed

Rajan Gupta, Prant

Sewa Parmukh VHP,

Bharat Bhushan ji Shiv

Ram ji from Bharat Vikas

Parishad and Parmeet

Pilgrims who left

Jammu today morning

by buses and taxis, were

lead by Mukesh Nation-

al President Bhartiya

Sindhu Sabha, Rajesh

Manan of DPS Jammu participated in 38th

pratham pujan,

Jee from RSS.

youth National Basketball C'ship 2024

JAMMU, Jun 1: The

annual Sindhu Darshan

Yatra was ceremoniously

flagged off from Jammu

today by Rajesh Gupta,

the Working President of

Vishav Hindu Parishad

(VHP) for Jammu, Kash-

mir, and Ladakh. This pil-

grimage, which began in

1997, will see thousands

of pilgrims from all over

India traveling to Leh via

Annually, pilgrims

gather at Jammu from

different srates, and then

travel to Leh together, in

a single group, to seek

blessings of Almighty by

**Top News Report** JAMMU, Jun 1: Manan Sharma (XII-E), a student

of Delhi Public School

Jammu brought laurels

to the school and his par-

ents by representing J&K

UT in 38th Youth National

Basketball Championship

Boys & Girls organized by

Basketball Federation of

India held at Pondicherry

from 9th to 15th April,

2024 and received a Cer-

tificate of Participation for

37th Youth National Bas-

Jammu.

The management of DPS Jammu under the esteemed leadership of Hon'ble President-RCT, Sh. M.K. Ajatshatru Singh Ji. Distinguished PVC Kuwarani Dr. Ritu Singh,

Director, S.S. Sodhi Ji along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated the proud parents of Manan, entire team members and coach, Shaktish Chopra. Further, they also extended their best wisnes to them for all

future endeavours

Vadhwani National Gen-

Mukesh Lakhwani,

National Vice President,

Vineeta Bhawnani Praf-

ful Bhai Goswami among

The Sindhu Darshan

Yatra holds significant

cultural, economic and

religious importance,

attracting participants

from various parts of the

country to pay homage

to the Indus River and

celebrate the rich heri-

tage associated with it.

The yatra is expected to

foster unity and spirituali-

ty among the participants

as they journey towards

eral Secretary

## Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre organise Free Neurology Camp



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 1: The Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre in Udheywala, Jammu, successfully organized a one-day free neurology camp on June 01, 2024. The camp featured Dr. Sushil Razdan, a highly renowned Neurologist from Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Rajni Razdan, a Gynaecologist, and Dr. K.K Pandita, a Physician

The health camp provided a comprehensive range of free medical services, including consultations with Neurologists, Orthopaedics,

Gynaecologist, Dental Surgeons, ENT specialist, Ophthalmologist, Allopathy Physicians, Ayurveda Physician, and Physiotherapist.

A total of 437 patients benefited from the expertise of 15 doctors at this camp.

In addition to the free consultations, the camp offered check-ups for blood sugar, Hba1c, and blood pressure at no cost. A Full Body Checkup covering 65 parameters, including CBC, LFT, KFT, Lipid profile, BSF, Urine tests, and thyroid function tests (T3, T4, TSH), was available for a nominal fee of Rs. 700, a substantial discount from the usual price of Rs. 1400.

The camp also facilitated 62 Fibro scan tests (for Liver), 80 free blood sugar tests and distributed medicines free of

This camp was a part of Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre's ongoing commitment to serving the community and providing accessible healthcare services to

Distinguished guests including Shri Arun Manhas JKAS, Director, **Industry and Commerce** and Anusuya Jamwal, ADC, Jammu graced

## the event with their pres-

Shri Arun Manhas, JKAS commended the Centre's efforts in alignment with Swami Vivekananda's vision and

urged public support for such humanitarian initia-Anusuya Jamwal, ADC, Jammu praised the Mission's commendable work and encouraged local citizens to make

the most of these medi-

cal services. Swami Yajnadharananda. Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, highlighted the organization's commitment to the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada, and Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing service to humanity as a form of divine worship. He also announced plans to organize such free

camps monthly. For other information contact us on number 9596984032. Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu provides cultural, educational and medical services following the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda

#### **Team TNWS** organizes Free **Ayush Medical** Camp

**Top News Report** JAMMU, Jun 1: Team

TNWS organized a Free Avush Medical Camp

at the TNWS complex

in Main Market Trikuta Nagar Colony, Jammu. The camp ran from 11 AM to 3:30 PM, providing free medical assistance and medicine in association with the Directorate of Ayush Mission, J&K, and Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Indra Chowk Jammu, for the residents of Trikuta Nagar Colony. Rajinder Parshad Kakkar, President of TNWS, welcomed the guests and audience, expressing gratitude to the Directorate of Ayush J&K, Government Ayurvedic Hospital, and especially Dr. Vandana Dogra, Dr. Ankita Mahajan, Dr. Aruna Bhat, and Dr. Monika Rathore, along with their team, for their support in organizing the camp. The event saw a large turnout of Trikuta Nagar residents, with notable participants including SHS Bedi, SK Amla, Ashok Kumar Arora, SN Kaul, Vijay Gupta, Naveen Gupta Varinder Suri, and Sandeep Sharma

## Despite summer vacations, many private schools are still open, flouting government orders: Amit Kapoor

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 1: Amit Kapoor, President of Parents Association Jammu, said that despite the government order for summer vacations from June 1, some private schools are opening their schools flouting the government order. He says that we do not follow this order of the government. Amit Kapoor said that these schools are only interested in money and they have nothing to do with the lives of children. He said that the government should take strict action against such schools and cancel their recognition. Amit Kapoor said this while addressing a press conference in Jammu. He said that in view of the scorching heat, the government had issued an order for summer vacations from



June 1 for the safety of children and today was the first day of the holidays. But some school mafias have opened their schools even today, flouting the government order. He said that such schools should be ashamed because they have no concern for the lives of children in the scorching heat. Amit Kapoor said that more than one hundred people have lost their lives across the country due to the havoc of heat and keeping this in mind, the government had announced summer holidays from June 1 in the schools of Jammu division having summer session so that children can be saved from going out of their homes in this scorching heat so that there is no adverse effect on their health. Amit Kapoor said that but these school mafias have nothing to do with the health of children and they are only interested in money. Amit Kapoor has demanded from the Lieutenant Governor that strict action should be taken against such schools violating the government order and the recognition of the schools playing with the health of children should also be canceled. He warned that if the government does not take any action against these schools, then he will protest strongly against it.

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