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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 1020 tablets worth Rs 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 (NFHS-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) Khajan Singh.

The dismissal from service is effective from May

31, the order said. The final order for dismissal came after the CRPF served two show-cause 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 about 3.25-lakh-personnel-strong 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



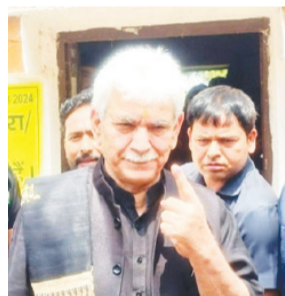
that they have placed a hold on Rs. 6,20,000 and refunded Rs. 39,900 to a victim's account.

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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



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 non-smokers, 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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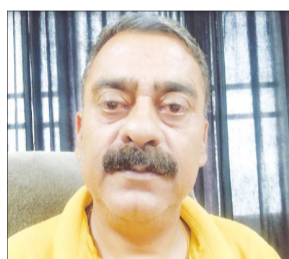
## Desist from visiting higher authorities without prior approval: DSEJ tell SED Staff

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,

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

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 Highway up to the Nagrota



Check Post. This road is an 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

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

SRINAGAR, Jun 1 (Agencies): Sheikh Musa Mirzai Stakpa, a seasoned teacher and cleric, passed away today at 4 am at his residence in Titichumik after a month-long 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 education.

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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 24x7 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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## EDITORIAL

## Rise in Fire Incidents

In 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.

We 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 yakkling 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 chana-sing. 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 ideal-

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? Hire teams (no, not Prashant Kishor) to manage your X account? Hire even bigger teams to pull others down, tarnish reputations, persecute rivals, jail disruptors, indulge in extreme dramabazi 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 Scorsese 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. Non-violence 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....

## Shaky foundation of Relationships

By: Vijay Garg

Family 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 materialism This 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.

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 strangled 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 this! It 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 institution 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 and since 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 changing.

(Vijay Garg Educational Columnist Malout)



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

Chandigarh's very own munda 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 Aashiqui.

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



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

process. This experience deeply impacted my perspective on the importance of participating in elections," he adds.

Huge responsibility  
Ayushmann has no words to describe how deeply honoured 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 process. The youth is the future of our nation, and their participation is crucial for a vibrant and

representative democracy. I feel proud to use my fame and following 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.

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 fun.

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 from fans, 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 quips.

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 paying, 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 co-stars 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 Gossain 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 Bhawe 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

Naqiyah 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 "dhyam" 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 "dhyam" 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 practice.

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): Ninety-two-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 Rajmahal 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 5.

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 said.

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 Sitam Yechury, National Conference patriarch Farooq 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

two seats.

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 join 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 Kanyakumari 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-

aged to get 1.62 crore in his bank account frozen," Rai said.

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.

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 process

## 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 receded 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 Sabarnati 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 Gujarat.

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 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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Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military assertiveness in the resource-rich region.

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' 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 Hamas-run 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 near-term, 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.

## 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.

A protest against the 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.

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 year.

## 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 center.

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 covered 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 there.

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.



# 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 Chhibber'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 RJ's 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 media.

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. RJ's Tani and Rohit shared their inspiring journeys from interns to popular RJ's 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 information. 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 Punjabi, Haryanvi, 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 Challye," "Chal Jindiyee," 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 entertainment.

# DIG UR Range chairs crime & security review meeting



### 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(PA), 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 well-planned action against the criminals involved in the NDPS trade. Further the officers

were also directed to take 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. Ghara Ram, Dharminder DDC, 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 said 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 safeguarded. 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 down-trodden section of society Amarnath resigned from the Govt job and joined social service. He worked for the Bhartiya Depressed Classes League, an all India Organisation founded by Babu Jagjivan Ram, a union Minister and later Deputy Prime Minister. Bhagat Amarnath achieved martyrdom on June 1, 1970 for the cause of Reservation for Dalits. At Shalimar, 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, Bansilal 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.

## NOTICE

My Name has wrongly written as Ram Prasad Sharma instead of Ram Parsad Sharma in the Class 10th Grade Card of My Daughter. Now I'm applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to the concerned authority within seven days from the publication of this notice. Ram Parsad Sharma R/o Ranchehera Mathura, UP.

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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 said. 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 channels. 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 visited 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,

including cancer, respiratory illnesses, and 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, "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 Katra." 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 staff. SRS appeals LG administration to immediate blacktopping of Raj Bhawan Jammu to Nagrota Check Post Road make driving hazardous, leading to

increased chances of accidents, especially 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 traveling on it. "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 said. 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-Rouhanian wing of Imam Khomeini Memorial Trust. Although originally from Stakpa, Sheikh Mussa spent his entire life at his residence in Titichumik. "Sheikh Musa 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 Karbala. The mortal remains of Sheikh Mussa have been carried to his domicile village, Stakpa, where his last rituals will be performed. Security Tightened in Kathua ahead of Udhampur LS Seat Counting 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.

For ETPBS votes, 60 tables are designated, along with three personnel each, the officials said. 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 added. 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 ciga-

rettes, 29.9 percent use 10-14 cigarettes, 6 percent 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 class. 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.





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

### Top News Report

NEWSHERA, 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

posters.

Speaking on the occasion, 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,

including smokeless 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.

World No Tobacco Day, 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 generations. Individuals can contribute 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.

## Sindhu Darshan Yatra flags off from Jammu by Rajesh Gupta



### Top News Report

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, Kashmir, and Ladakh. This pilgrimage, which began in 1997, will see thousands of pilgrims from all over India traveling to Leh via Jammu.

Annually, pilgrims gather at Jammu from different states, and then travel to Leh together, in a single group, to seek blessings of Almighty by

performing puja on the banks of river Sindh at Leh.

The flagging-off ceremony was attended by several notable dignitaries, including Sheran Wala Sai Saadhvi Nikita Ji, who performed pratham puja, Rajan Gupta, Prant Sewa Parmukh VHP, Bharat Bhushan ji Shiv Ram ji from Bharat Vikas Parishad and Parmeet Jee from RSS.

Pilgrims who left Jammu today morning by buses and taxis, were lead by Mukesh National President Bhartiya Sindhu Sabha, Rajesh

Vadhvani National General Secretary

Mukesh Lakhwani, National Vice President, Vineeta Bhawnani, Praful Bhai Goswami among others.

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 heritage associated with it. The yatra is expected to foster unity and spirituality among the participants as they journey towards Leh.

## GDC Samba organizes Quiz on Bhautik Vigyan



### 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 showcased their knowledge and teamwork. The quiz

was aimed to involve students in quick thinking in a competitive and friendly atmosphere and after a fierce battle of wit, Team Bose was declared the winning team. Earlier 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 knowledge but also to encourage team work and camaraderie among the students.

The Principal of the Col-

lege, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, extolled the efforts of the students and said that it was an enriching experience for the audience thereby providing ample scope of learning and exploration of new idea and facts for the participants.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Sheetal and Dr. Asha. Prof. Renu Rajput presented vote of thanks. The program concluded with the felicitation to winners with gifts and certificates of merit.

## Gyan Vatika of GDC Samba Organizes Poetry Recitation

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SAMBA, Jun 1: Gyan Vatika, Book Reading Club of Government Degree College (GDC), Samba hosted a captivating Poetry Recitation event, drawing poetry enthusiasts and liter-

recited a diverse range of poems, from classic verses by renowned poets to original compositions reflecting personal experiences.

The event featured a special segment showcasing the poetry recited by Prof. Mala



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

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 of autumn.

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

## Manan of DPS Jammu participated in 38th youth National Basketball C'ship 2024

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 1: Manan Sharma (XII-E), a student of Delhi Public School Jammu brought laurels to the school and his parents 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 Certificate of Participation for the same.

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 represented J&K UT in 37th Youth National Bas-



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

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 Chhabra and staff congratulated the proud parents of Manan, entire team members and coach, Shaktish Chopra. Further, they also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours.

## 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 MD.

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 Check-up 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 charge.

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

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

the event with their presence.

Shri Arun Manhas, JKAS commended the Centre's efforts in alignment with Swami Vivekananda's vision and urged public support for such humanitarian initiatives.

Anusuya Jamwal, ADC, Jammu praised the Mission's commendable work and encouraged local citizens to make the most of these medical services.

Swami Yajnanadharananda, 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 Ayush 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 Kakkur, 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. Ankit 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.