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BRIEFLY

Traffic movement on Srinagar-Jammu highway to remain suspended tonight

SRINAGAR, Jun 3(Agencies): J&K Traffic Police Monday informed that traffic movement on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway will remain suspended in the intervening night of June 3 and 4, owing to urgent repair and maintenance which has to be carried out on NH44 between Ramban and Banihal.

The officials said that as intimated by NHAI that urgent repair/ maintenance has to be carried out on NH44 between Ramban and Banihal during today's intervening night of 3rd and 4th of June 2024. All type of vehicular movement will remain suspended tonight.

They said no movement of any kind of vehicle including fresh perishable/livestock will be allowed on NH-44 today on 03.06.2024 (Monday) after 6 pm from Qazigund towards Ramban. Similarly no vehicular movement shall be allowed from Nagrota (Jammu) after 5 pm and from Udhampur 6 pm.

The officials advised commuters to avoid journey on NH-44 till the work is completed.

Please ask TCU for latest update at 9419993745, 1800-180-7043, officials added.

Fire engulfs Forest and Urban areas across six Districts

JAMMU, Jun 3(Agencies): Several fire incidents in the past 24 hours have devastated vast tracts of forest land and urban areas across six districts in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Monday.

No injuries or loss of life occurred during any of the incidents, which were reported in Jammu, Udhampur, Reasi, Rajouri, Kathua, and Poonch districts, they added.

In Poonch district, a blaze, which spread from across the Line of Control (LoC) on Sunday night, triggered multiple mine explosions along the Salotri forward area, the officials said.

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Ready to hold assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir: ECI

NEW DELHI, Jun 3 (Agences): The Election Commission of India Monday said it is ready to hold assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir and that the Union Territory recorded highest voter turnout in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in last four decades.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi to give an overview of marathon 7-phase 2024 general elections that concluded on June 01, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said the commission is ready to hold assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir recorded highest voter turnout in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in last four decades with 58.58 overall percentage, while Kashmir Valley recorded 51.05 percent turnout.

He also said that there was no major incident reported during polls anywhere in the country including Jammu and Kashmir.

The 7-phase Lok Sabha polls concluded on June 01, while votes will be counted tomorrow. On June 01, the exit polls predicted a landslide victory for PM Modi-led NDA with the alliance poised to win over 350 seats.

Meanwhile, all arrangements have been put in place with heightened security measures for counting of votes across the country including

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Top LeT commander Riyaz Dar among two militants killed in Pulwama encounter

SRINAGAR, Jun 3n(Agencies): Top Lashkar-i-Toiba Commander Riyaz Ahmad Dar and his associate were killed in a gunfight at Nihama area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday.

A top police officer told GNS that two militants were killed in a gunfight in Pulwama.

He identified them as Riyaz Ahmad Dar resident of Sethar Gund Kakapora and Rayees Ahmad resident of Lerve Kakapora.

Riyaz Ahmad Dar was one of the oldest surviving militant and was active past 8 years, the top cop said.

It's a major break

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DM Jammu imposes restrictions under CrPC 144

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JAMMU, Jun 3: In view of apprehensions of law and order problems on the day of counting of votes, the District Magistrate Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya has imposed preventive restrictions under CrPC 144 within the premises of the counting centre.

NHAI increases toll fees on expressways by 5% starting Monday

NEW DELHI, Jun 3 (Agences): National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has announced an average toll hike of 5 percent starting Monday. The revised toll rates, which were initially scheduled to take effect on April 1, were deferred due to the Lok Sabha elections.

The new toll rates will be implemented from June 3, 2024, according to a senior NHAI official. This annual revision aligns with changes in the wholesale price index (CPI)-based inflation, which influences the user fee adjustments.

India's extensive national highway network features approximately 855 toll plazas. Of these, around 675 are public-funded, while the remaining 180 are operated by concessionaires. The toll hikes are part of an annual exercise conducted under the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008.

Tight security arrangements in Kashmir ahead of vote counting on Tuesday

SRINAGAR, Jun 3 (Agencies): Stringent security arrangements have been made for the counting of votes for three Lok Sabha constituencies of Kashmir as additional security personnel have been deployed at key places in the valley, officials said on Monday.

A three-tier security blanket has been thrown around the counting centres in Srinagar, Baramulla and

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Three-Tier security deployed for counting of votes in Jammu, Kathua

JAMMU, Jun 3 (Agencies): A day ahead of the counting of votes for the Jammu and Udhampur Lok Sabha constituencies along with rest of the country, three-tier security has been activated in and around the counting centres in the two districts.

The counting of over 23.94 lakh votes in these constituencies, scheduled for Tuesday, will determine the fate of 34 candidates, including senior BJP leader and Union Minister Jitendra Singh, current Jammu MP Jugal Kishore Sharma and former ministers Choudhary Lal Singh and Raman Bhalla of the Congress.

"All arrangements are in place for the June 4 vote counting. Three-tier security has been implemented," said Returning Officer and Jammu District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya.

Vaishya, who reviewed the security measures, logistics and essential amenities at the counting venues, said the counting process will take place in the Polytechnic College and M A M College.

"Votes from the seven assembly constituencies will be counted at M A M College, while 11 constituencies will be tallied at Polytechnic College," he added.

The administration has fully trained the staff and sensitized all polling agents for the counting process. This includes a detailed examination of the deployment of paramilitary and police personnel as well as the set up for counting staff and agents.

"All counting staff are fully trained and all political parties and their agents have been briefed and issued I-cards. The

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27-yr-old daughter of IAS officers jumps off building in Mumbai; Suicide note found

MUMBAI, Jun 3 (Agencies): In a tragic incident early Monday morning, a 27-year-old woman named Lipi, daughter of Maharashtra cadre IAS officers, allegedly ended her life by leaping from the 10th floor of a building near Mantralaya in south Mumbai, according to police reports.

Lipi, who was pursuing an LLB course in Sonipat, Haryana, was reportedly anxious about her academic performance. The young law student took the drastic step around 4 am, with officials stating that she was declared dead upon arrival at GT Hospital.

A suicide note recovered at the scene indicated that no one should be blamed for her death. The police have registered a case of unnatural death. Lipi's father, Vikas Rastogi, serves as the principal secretary in Maharashtra's Higher and Technical Education Department,

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NIA charge sheets 17 hardcore ISIS operatives in india involved in radicalising youth, making IEDs

NEW DELHI, Jun 3(Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday chargesheeted 17 hardcore agents of the proscribed global terrorist organisation ISIS for being part of a conspiracy involving radicalisation of youth and fabrication of improvised explosive devices, according to an official statement.

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The NIA had originally chargesheeted three persons in March 2023

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ANTIM ARDAS

RAVINDER PAL SINGH

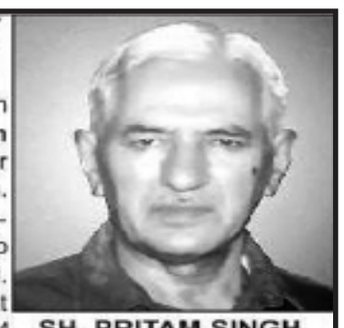
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the untimely sad demise of our beloved **RAVINDER PAL SINGH** S/o Late S. Bupinder Singh Originally from Chatoosa Baramula. A/p Sector 3 Bhawani Vihar Extension H. No 587 Trikuta Nagar Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 27/5/2024.
ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB will be performed at our Residence 3/6/2024 at 9 AM.
BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB will be performed at our residence at Sec 3 Bhawani Vihar Trikuta Nagar Jammu 09:00 AM on 5/6/2024.
KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS will be performed at Gurdwara Sahib Gurudwara Bala Pritam 10:30 AM to 12.00 NOON Followed by Guru Ka Langar.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Ravinder Kour **(Wife)**
Jagmohan Singh **(Brother)**
Harman Pal Singh **(Son)**

CHOUBARSI

Lt. Smt. Sapna Sharma

FOUR LONG YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE YOU LEFT FOR ETERNAL JOURNEY. THE VOID YOU HAD LEFT BEHIND WILL REMAIN FOREVER. YOUR VIVID AND CHEERLUL PERSONALITY, CHARM AND AFFECTIONATE NATURE ARE ALL UNMATCHABLE. YOUR LOVING AND EVER LASTING MEMORIES WILLL NEVER FADE.
VENUE
CHOUBARSI WILL BE PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE HOUSE NO. 291, SECTOR-F, SAINIK COLONY JAMMU AT 12.00 PM ON 04 JUNE 2024 (TUESDAY).
MOB : 9419177481
FONDLY REMEMBERED BY
COL VD SHARMA (RETD) - **HUSBAND**
SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW
NEERAJ SHARMA & JYOTI SHARMA
SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW
COL PANKAJ SHARMA & BHAVNA SHARMA
GRAND CHILDREN: OASIKA, SIDDHARTH, SAMRIDDHI & ANSHIKA

10TH DAY KRIYA/13TH DAY KRIYA/UTHALA



SH. PRITAM SINGH (RETD TEHSILDAR)

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Pritam Singh (Retd Tehsildar)** S/o Lt Thakur Punjab Singh R/o Rani Park F-69 Jammu.
10TH DAY will be performed on 04-06-2024 Tuesday at our home Rani Park to proceed further for Rani Mandir at 10. AM.
13TH DAY KRIYA shall be performed at our residence Rani Park on 07-06-2024 (Friday) at 10.30 AM.
UTHALA will be performed on 07-06-2024 at Jain Hall (Back Side Prakash Mandir Rani Park) 4.30 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Satya Devi- **Wife**
NARANIA FAMILY AND ALL NEARS AND DEARS
CONTACT: 6005362689, +919149698221, 7006514950

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

Mrs. Sheela Kaul

With profound grief, we inform you that our beloved **Mrs. Sheela Kaul** W/o Late Mr. Brijindra Kaul resident of 349/Sector 9 Panchkula passed away for her heavenly abode on 28th May 2024.
TENTH DAY KRIYA ceremony will be held in Panchkula on 06th June 2024.
GRIEF STRICKEN FAMILIES:
Kauls, Karihaloos, Durgas, Sharmas
9872455255, 7814151798

10TH DAY

Smt. Asha Kaul (Sumitra Kaul)

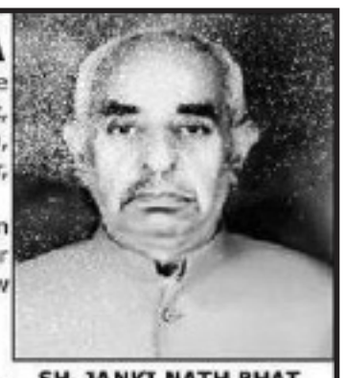
We regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Asha Kaul (Sumitra Kaul)** W/o Late Sh. Moti Lal Kaul R/o Dwarka New Delhi, who left for her heavenly abode on 01.06.2024.
10TH DAY will be performed on 10.06.2024. We all pray for Moksha of the pious departed soul.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Son and Daughters
Jyoti Kaul and Veena Jatta Kaul (Mobile No. 9810189691)
Vasudha and Rakesh Malik
Vandana Kaul
Grand Children:
Ridhima Malik
Tejaswi Kaul Dhand - Rishabh Dhand
Chaitanya Kaul
Vibhor Malik
Family and Relatives:
Smt. Ratni Wanchoo (Usha Saraf) W/o Late Dr. R. L. Saraf
Ram Krishen Koul & Usha Kaul
Vijay Saraf and Reeta Saraf
Tej Kishen Saraf and Seema Saraf
All Kaul's and Saraf's

10TH DAY KRIYA

Smt Kanta Devi Tiku

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our revered mother **Smt Kanta Devi Tiku** W/o Lt. Sh Bihari Lal Tiku originally resident of 'Natipura' Srinagar at present House No. 49 Lane 2A Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu on 31st May 2024.
The Tenth Day shall be performed on 9-06-2024 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education at 8 AM.
Grief Stricken
Son & Daughter-in-law
Pawan Tiku & Sunita Dhar (Tiku)
Daughter & Son-in-law
Promila Koul & Vinod Koul
Anupuma Raina & Ashok Raina
Ashok Kachru & Neerja Kachru **-Brother & Bhabi**
Grand Children: Yashodra, Akshita, Danish & Kartik
Ph. No. 9419131697, 9419198098

10TH DAY KRIYA



SH. JANKI NATH BHAT

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you of the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Janki Nath Bhat**, S/o Lt. Shree Dina Nath Bhat of Tikker Kupwara, presently residing at H.No 205, Shanti Vihar, Deenpur, Najafgarh, Delhi, on 27.05.2024.
The **TENTH-DAY KRIYA** will be performed on Wednesday, 5.06.2024, at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir Trust, T-block, Phase 1, Sector 109, New Palam Vihar, Gurugram, at 7 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Nime and Sh. Dilip Kumar Bhat **(Daughter-in-Law and Son)**
Smt. Bimla and Sh. Sushil Chander Bhat **(Daughter-in-Law and Son)**
Smt. Pinkey and Sh. Chandji Sadhu **(Daughter and Son-in-Law)**
Smt. Priya and Sh. Dhanajay Ji **(Granddaughter and Grandson-in-Law)**
Smt. Pooja and Sh. Ankur J **(Granddaughter and Grandson-in-Law)**
Smt. Preetu and Sh. Siddharth Ji **(Granddaughter and Grandson-in-Law)**
AND THE ENTIRE BHAT FAMILY OF TIKKER- KUPWARA AND BHAT'S, TICKOO'S, DHAR'S, MATTOO'S, SADHU'S, ETC.
Grandchildren: Anshu, Bhavnesh, Tanaya
PHONE NUMBERS: 6283669964, 9711158478, 9888872606, 6005627998

TENTH DAY

Smt. Giano Devi

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Giano Devi** wife of Late Sh. Lachman Dass departed for the heavenly abode on 27 May 2024.
Tenth Day, Satsang/Prayer meeting will be performed on 5th June,2024 at Sassan Banquet Hall, Opposite Pari Mahal, near Kunjwani, Jammu from 12.00 Noon to 1.00 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Sons and Daughter-in-Law
P.N Srangal and Smt. Bimla Srangal
Amar Srangal and Late Smt. Amrita Srangal
Ramesh Srangal and Smt. Savita Srangal
Raj Srangal and Smt. Ritu Kumari Srangal
Rakesh Srangal and Smt. Indu Srangal
Daughters and Son-in-Law
Smt. Kamlesh and Sh. Dewan Chand
Smt. Santosh and Late Sh. Ram Krishen
Grand Children
All other members of Srangal families
MNo.8491093453, 9796217745, 9469214995, 9149544513

TENTH DAY

Piary Lal Koul

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Piary Lal Koul** S/o Late Shridur Koul R/o Subhash Nagar Jammu at present B663 M2 Trehan Luxury Floors, Ansal Esencia Sector 67 Gurgaon.
Tenth Day will be held on 10th June at 8:00 AM at Gauri Shankar Mandir, Phase-1, Sector 109 New Palam Vihar, Gurgaon.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Nancy Kaul **-Wife**
Satish Koul **-Son**
Sunita Mirakhur **-Daughter**
Pranit Kaul and Chakshoo Mirakhur **-Grand Sons**
Entire Kaul Family
Mobile No: 9818000745/9818502745/8700045742

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

Sardar Brijnandan Singh Bali

ਜੋ ਦੀਸੈ ਸੋ ਸਗਲ ਬਿਨਾਸੈ ਜਿਉ ਬਾਦਰ ਕੀ ਛਾਈ ॥
Whatever is seen in this world shall all pass away, like the shadow of a cloud.
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sardar Brijnandan Singh Bali** S/o Late. S. Mutwal Singh Bali on 26-05-2024.
Bhog and Antim Ardas shall take place at our residence Ushkara Road Baramulla Near Beacon House School as per following Programme:
Arambh Sri Akhand Paath. 02-06-2024 (Sunday) at 0900 Hrs
Bhog Sri Akhand Paath. 04-06-2024 (Tuesday) at 0900 hrs
Followed by Kirtan, Antim Ardas from 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs and Guru ka Langar thereafter.
IN PROFOUND GRIEF
Sdn.Narinder Kour. **(Wife)**
S. Rajinderjit Singh Bali & Sdni. Rujinder Kour. **(Son and Daughter-in-law)**
S. Manmeet Singh Bali & Sdni. Sanjeet Kour **(Son and Daughter-in-law)**
S. Beant Singh Bali. **(Brother)**
Dr. Raja Singh Bali & Sdni. Rushpinder Kour. **(Brother and Sister-in-Law)**
Sdni. Mahinder Kour W/o Late S. Janak Singh Bali. **(Sister-in-law)**
S. Harkawal Singh, S. Noel Kanwal Singh, S. Gurdeep Singh. (Sons of Late S. Anoop Singh & Late Sdni. Jeet Kour **(Sister)**).
S. Kamaljit Singh & Mrs Manmeet Kour (Children of Late S. Hoshier Singh **(Brother)** & Late Sdni Ujkar Kour)
Bhai. Onkar Singh & Sdni Aagya Kour **(Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law)**
Tanika Bali, Gauravdeep Singh Bali, Prabhneet Singh Bali. **(Grand Children.)**

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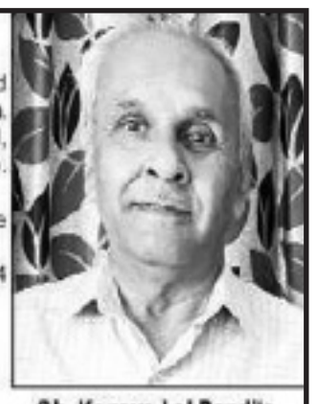


Sh. Kanaya Lal Pandita

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **(Sh. Kanaya Lal Pandita)** S/o Lt. Sh. Neel Kant Pandita original resident of village Shergund, Anantnag Kashmir, A/P Block No 89, Flat No. 06, Lane No. 18, Jagti, Nagrota, Jammu on 02/06/2024.
Mourning will be held at community hall, back side of Lane no. 17, Jagti Township, Nagrota, Jammu.
10th Day Kriya will be held at Muthi Ghat on 11th June 2024 (Tuesday) at 8.00 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. & Sh. Bansi Lal Pandita **(Brother and Bhabi)**
Smt. & Sh. Haraay Nath Pandita **(Brother and Bhabi)**
Smt. & Sh. Jatin Pandita (S/o Lt. Sh. Somnath Pandita) **(Sister and Brother-in-law)**
Lt. Smt. Prabha & Sh. Janki Nath Raina
Smt. & Sh. Ashwani Pandita **(Son)**
Smt. & Sh. Rajeev Koul **(Daughter)**
Smt. & Sh. Vikas Koul **(Daughter) and Samast Parivar**
Contact No:
9018091811, 9219494492, 8899524869, 7006014143

TENTH DAY

MS. ANEETA PAJNOO

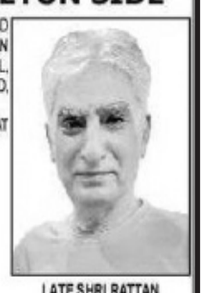
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **MS. ANEETA PAJNOO** D/O LATE ML PAJNOO ON 26 MAY 2024 (SUNDAY).
TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 4TH JUNE 2024 (TUESDAY) AT MUTHI GHAT 8:30 AM.
IN GRIEF:
BROTHER AND SISTER IN LAW
NARESH AND SUJATA PAJNOO
SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW
ABHISHEK PAJNOO & PRIYANKA BHASIN
DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW
DR ANUSHIKA AND RISHABH GOEL
CONTACT- 9419203699, 7006896983

TENTH DAY

SMT. PRABHA MUNSHI (RANI) (KARAMYOGI)

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **KARAMYOGI SMT. PRABHA MUNSHI (RANI)** W/O LATE H.N.MUNSHI ORIGINALLY FROM ALIKADAL BULBUL-LANKAR/ BARZULA SRINAGAR KASHMIR PRESENTLY RESIDING AT HOUSE NO:118,SECTOR-29 FARIDABAD HARYANA
TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT MURAD NAGAR GHATS ON 9TH JUNE 2024(SUNDAY) AT 8.30 AM
GRIEVED:
SMT NIRJA MATTOO MUNSHI **(DAUGHTER IN LAW)**
W/O LATE RAVINDER MUNSHI
PH: 8130038108
SMT. KRISHNA RAINA **(BUA JI)**
ASHOK KUMAR KOUL **(SON IN LAW)**
H/O LATE GIRJA MUNSHI KOUL
GRAND CHILDREN
RICHA , RITU AND VIDHU
SONIA AND RAKESH DAFTARI
SHIKHA AND ARUN KOUL

"MOURNING FROM MALYUN SIDE"



LATE SHRI RATTAN LAL GADROO

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW IT IS INFORMED THE SAD & UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **LATE SHRI RATTAN LAL GADROO**, ORIGINAL RESIDENT OF ZAINAKADAL, SRINAGAR, AT PRESENT H.NO -916 SECTOR : 37 FARIDABAD, HARYANA.
THE **MOURNING FROM THE MALYUN SIDE** WILL BE HELD AT ABOVE PRESENT AVENUE.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW
MRS. RAJDULARI & MR. R.C BHAT
SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW
MRS. LALITA & MR. VIJAY KAUL
SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW
MRS. BABLI & MR. DHANANJAY KAUL
MRS. SNEHA & MR. RANJAN JI KAUL
MRS. NEHA RAINA & MR. NIKHIL BHAT
9419126957, 889921480, 8368592162, 9891988673

SHADMOS AND MASWAR

Karam Yogini Smt Raj Dulari (Jiji/ Bentatahi)

Shadmos and Maswar of our beloved Mother **Karam Yogini Smt Raj Dulari (Jiji/Bentatahi)** W/o Shri Krishen Lal Radha Krishen (Allied Motors Srinagar) will be performed at our Residence House No. 226 Sector 1-A Trikuta Nagar Near PNB Bank Jammu on 4th and 5th June.
With Remembrance & Love
Shri Krishen Lal Radha Krishen
Dr Jyoti & Dr Sunil Dhar
Mrs. Leena & Shuban Kaul
Dr Bhavna & Ashok Kaul
Mrs Bindu Kaul
9419174268 - 9419041234
निर्भयता संगठन आनंद

10TH DAY, KRIYA & UTHALA

Smt. Pushpa Devi (Retired JK Medical Deptt)

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved BADI MUMMY **Smt. Pushpa Devi** (Retired JK Medical Deptt) W/o Late Sh Manohar Lal of Nai Basti Reasi at Present Gangyal Jammu.
10th Day will be performed on 04 June 2024 (Tuesday) 11:00 am and **Kriya** will be performed on 07 June 2024 (Friday) 12:00 noon at our residence H No-3, Golden Lane, opposite Janta Flour Mills, Gangyal, Jammu.
Uthala will take place on 07 June 2024 (Friday) 5:00 pm at DSST Hall, near Atal ji park, Gangyal.
Deeply Mourned by:-
Daughters & Son-in-Law
Smt Kundana & Sh PR Verma
Smt Kanta & Sh Yash Raj
Nephew & Daughter-in-law
Sh Kishore Kumar & Smt Neelam Kumari
Grand Sons and Grand Daughter-in-Law
Col Ashish Bhardwaj and Dr Iesha Bhardwaj
Mr Tushar Parashar, Manager TATA Projects and Surbhi Parashar
Mr Abishek Bhardwaj, Manager SJVN and Mrs Shikha Bhardwaj
Grand Daughters and Grand Son-in-Law
Mrs Shivani and Mr Vijay Kar, AEE (PDD)
Great Grand Children
Master Shikhar, Master Uthkarsh, Master Srijanya, Miss Iraa, Miss Aura, Miss Siyona
Contact Number:- 9419690998, 9419368949

TENTH DAY

Smt. Taro Devi

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Taro Devi** W/o Late Sh. Munshi Ram R/o H.No 45 Malhotra Street, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 26-5-2024.
Tenth Day will be performed on 4-6-2024 Tuesday at Mahajan Hall Shalamar Road.
Timing 10 am to 11 am
GRIEF STRICKEN
Lt. Sh. Munshi Ram **(Husband)**
Sons and Daughters-in-Law
Lt. Sh. Romesh Chander and Smt. Asha Gupta
Sh. Rajesh Kumar and Smt. Sonia Gupta
Sons-in-law and Daughters
Sh. Yashpal Gupta and Lt. Smt. Champa Gupta
Lt. Sh. Dharampal Gupta and Lt. Smt. Shashi Gupta
Lt. Sh. Satish Gupta and Smt. Rajni Gupta
Munshi Ram Subash Chander
Bawa Ice-Cream
JMD Food Industry **9086719145, 9622503743, 70066 27344**

KRIYA & UTHALA

Shri Arun Kumar Sharma

You live in our hearts and thoughts forever
oOur dearest **Shri Arun Kumar Sharma** left for heavenly abode on May 27, 2024.
Kriya will be held on Thursday, 6th June 2024 from 12.30 PM - 2:00 PM at our residence.
Uthala will be held on Friday, 7th June, 2024 at Gurudwara Talli Sahib, Talab Tillo, Near BEE ENN Hospital from 11 AM to 2 PM.
IN GRIEF
Smt. Shashi Sharma - **Wife**
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Shailja & Sanjeev
Tania & Mohit Lav
Grand Children
Mayan, Hridhaan, Manya
Mobile: 9622085809, 9469050401, 9796819443

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

Sardar Harjeet Singh

With profound grief and sorrow, we have informed the sad demise of **S. Harjeet Singh** S/o Sdn Gian Kour and S. Kahan Singh (Rawlakote Waley) R/o Basti Gobind Pura, Simbal Morh, who left for heavenly abode on 27-05-2024. Further programme for rest of his soul is detailed below;
Aramb Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 3/6/2024 at 9 AM at Basti Gobind Pura, residence.
Smapati Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 5/6/24 at 9 AM (at our residence)
Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Basti Gobind Pura, Simbal Morh.
Kirtan- 10 AM to 11 AM
Gurmit Vichar - 11AM to 11.30 AM
Ardas at 11:45 AM
Guru Ka Langer after Ardas
Grief Stricken :
Sdn Harbans Kour **(Wife)**
Sdn Inmeet Kour and Onkar Singh **(Daughter & Son in law)**
Sister-in-law and Brother
Sdn Tej Kour and Dr Jaswant Singh **(Retd Director)**
Sdn Rajinder Kour and S Prithi Pal Singh
Dr Harpreet Singh **(Honey) (Nephew)**
Sdn Sandeep Kour and Sh Rohit Sharma **(Niece and Son in law)**
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TENTH DAY KRIYA

Smt. Mohini Mujoo

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother, **Smt. Mohini Mujoo**, W/o Late Shri Bansi Lal Mujoo, originally from Syed Ali Akbar Ragunath Mandir, Srinagar, currently residing at KG-1/333 Vikaspuri, New Delhi.
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 4th June 2024, Tuesday, on the banks of Rohini Canal, near Badli Telephone Exchange at 8 a.m.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Pratibha Mujoo- **Sister-in-law** (9968851867)
Pinki Mujoo & Rajesh Mujoo-**Daughter-in-law and Son** (9810780499, 9818420651)
Rita Kaw & Rajesh Kaw- **Daughter and Son-in-law** (9419250776, 9906386497)
Anjali Kaul & Raj Kumar Kaul- **Daughter and Son-in-law** (9871285009, 8527024949)
Rushi, Shivani, Diksha, Abhaay- **Grand Children**

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GCW Gandhi Nagar celebrates World Environment Day 2024

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JAMMU, Jun 3: In a vibrant celebration of World Environment Day, the NSS Units of Government College for Women (GCW) Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with the Department of Botany at Cluster University of Jammu and the Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing, organized a pre event activity-"Rangoli competition with recycled material," at GCW Gandhi Nagar, here on Monday.

The theme of the competition was "Conservation of Earth and Land Restoration," to highlight the pressing issue of environmental degradation and the importance of restoring our ecosystems for a sustainable future.

About 50 NSS Volunteers and Students from dept of Botany enthusiastically participated, showcasing their artistic talents and creative interpretations of the theme through intricate and colorful Rangoli designs.

The event commenced with an inaugural address by Dr.SP Sarswat, Principal of GCW Gandhinagar, who emphasized the role of youth in environmental conservation and the importance of integrating traditional art forms like Rangoli in spreading ecological awareness. He also congratulated students for their participation in the event and for creating such Innovative designs.

Sajjad Ahmed Khan, Environmental Soil Conservationist, from the Department of Ecology, Environment, and Remote Sensing, Jammu, appreciated the efforts of the participants and stressed the importance of restoring ecosystems to combat climate change and biodiversity loss.

The Rangoli designs were judged by a panel of experts, including renowned artists and environmentalists. The criteria for judgment included creativity, adherence to the theme, and the use of eco-friendly materials.

The first prize was bagged by Keshav Sharma, Shavi Sharma and Riya , the second prize was bagged by Gursheen Kaur, Riya Bhat, Shivani Sharma, Vishali Sumbria and Akanksha Singh and Third prize went to Nandita Sharma, Rishita Khajuria, Isha Sharma, Simran and Isha Bhat, students of Department of Botany, CLUJ and consolation prize was bagged by Mehak Saini , an NSS Volunteer.

The event was coordinated by Prof Sugandha Mahajan, Coordinator Dept of Botany, CLUJ and NSS PO Unit 1 and Prof Anupama Sharma, NSS PO Unit 2 of GCW Gandhinagar Jammu and attended by Anil sharma, Range officer, Hency Pandita I/C Mass Media and Dr. Kirti Joshi, Programme Officer.

JSS Jammu's Journalism Club hosts insightful interaction

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JAMMU, Jun 3: The Journalism Club of Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS), Jammu organised an interaction program for the budding journalists to get enhanced in their journalism activities.

The guest invited was Vishal Bharti, Bureau Chief of UNI, Jammu region. He shared his valuable thoughts and insights pertaining to journalism.

The students were enthusiastic to get to know about the different aspects of journalism. Vishal abetted the students to gain the trust of the audience via ethical and responsible, journalistic practices and offer workshops of various lengths.

The motive of the interaction was to bring more journalism education into the classroom and to give every child the opportunity to learn journalism skills and influence the use of social media for disseminating factual, not fake news and information. Students had enriching session and gained insights. They asked questions and slighted out their queries.

Rohini Aima, the Principal cum Vice Chairperson shared words with him and the students of the Journalism club. They were empowered to develop own path in journalism and learned how sports, business, communications and politics, education and marketing all utilize the elements of journalism. It was a great platform for achieving splendor.

Wrestlers Surjit, Amir share 51st Panassa Dangal title

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REASI, Jun 3: Wrester Surjit Singh of J&K Police resident of Narkote, Reasi and Amir Khan of J&K Police, resident of Nargarha shared equally annual 51st Panassa Dangal title 2024 in the first malli main bout that lasted for 14 minutes at Government High School Panassa in District Reasi.

Prize money of Rs 15,000 jointly distributed equally to both the wrestlers.

51st annual Panassa Dangal was organized by Dangal Committee Panassa under the overall supervision of Munshi Ram (President), Ashok Kumar, Shiv Kumar and former Sarpanch Bal Krishan in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association.

BJP District President Reasi Rohit Dubey was the chief guest on the occasion, who gave away cash prizes to the wrestlers. Former Join Secretary J&K State Sports Council and Senior vice President Indian Style Wrestling Association of India presided over the function.

Bar Association President District Reasi Advocate Pawan Dev Singh, Former Sarpanch Kesari Singh, Former Sarpanch Mohd. Salmin and Arjun Sharma, wrestling promoter were the guests of honour ASI R.A Chak and former Sarpanch Ravi Kumar Sharma was the prominent persons present on the occasion.

The bouts were officiated by former Sarpanch Mohd Salmin, Shiv Kumar, Bir Singh and Pawan Singh. The proceeding of the Dangal were conducted by Anil Kumar.

In all 84 bouts were played in the Dangal and a total Rs. 2,25,000 was distributed as cash prize among then wrestler. 2nd bout was won by Madan Singh of Roun Domail Akhara Udhampur who defeated wrestler Ravi Cheema of Punjab. Winner Madan Singh got Rs. 6,000 while runner-up Ravi Cheema got Rs 5,000 .

Another second malli bout was won by Maam Hussain of Domel who defeated Fiza of Billawar. Winner Maam got Rs. 6,000 while runner-up Fiza got Rs. 5,000. 3rd bout was won by Bhaghu of Kathua who defeated Sunil of Kot Bhalwal.

Members of Dangal Committee Panassa who helped the conduct of Dangal included Munshi Ram(President) Ashok Kumar Shiv Kumar, Numberdar Raghunath Singh, Former Sarpanch Bal Krishan, Om Parkash, Abdul Rashid, Mohd. Saleen, Balwan Singh and Kuldeep Singh.

Balwant Thakur inaugurates Natrang's Summer Theatre Camp for children

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Natrang's Summer Theatre Camp- 2024, the most sought after event for children in the region inaugurated here today at Natrang Studio Theatre, Jammu with the lighting of traditional lamp by Director Natrang, Padmashri Balwant Thakur.

Natrang's Children Theatre Wing was started in the year 1990 and since then, annual Summer Theatre camps, Spring Theatre workshops, Winter Theatre Workshops have been a regular feature of Natrang's children activities. The period of Summer Vacations is exclusively dedicated for Children Theatre every year by Natrang as this is the only time when children have many days in continuity to learn, explore and groom their personalities and improve their immense inner abilities in a fun-filled creative space and occasion. Till now, Natrang has groomed the personalities of thousands of children with an effective and efficient transforming tool called theatre.

A new full-length play would also be prepared by the participants during Natrang's Theatre Camp-2024 which would be presented before larger audiences who get a chance to watch a wonderful children's play every year as the outcome of the summer theatre camp.

The training module is designed by Padmashree Balwant Thakur, who has taken the children theatre of Jammu to the entire length and breadth of the Country. His children theatre productions like 'Mere Hisse Ki Dhoop Kahan Hai', 'Aap Hamare Hain Kaun', 'Hum Hain Na', 'Udaan' etc. are considered to be the landmark children productions of India. His play 'Aap Hamaare Hain Kaun has been translated and staged in French, English and Creole internationally.

Special training focus of the workshop will be on developing communication skills, public speaking and imbibing of confidence through latest developed techniques of theatre. The skill developing techniques, devised by Sumeet Sharma (Recipient of SNA's National Award for Theatre Direction) during his consistent work with children for over 20 years, prove very successful in imparting the benefits of theatre to the children.

The workshop module is consistently developed and upgraded by the innovative inputs by the top professionals and children would get training under the supervision of expert trainers. The camp will also have the intervention of allied arts, Cartooning, Yoga and visual arts in addition to dancing.

A dedicated team of artists/trainers which includes Mohd. Yaseen, Kananpreet Kaur, Palshin Dutta & Mihir Gujral will facilitate the smooth functioning of the workshop.

Those who are attending this workshop include Advik Sharma, Saisha Malhotra, Adira Gupta, Priyal Gupta, Viraaj Singh, Aadhiraj Dharmat, Viraaj Gupta, Kyra Luthra, Kamakhya Bali, Aariya Shan, Raaga Sharma, Shravya Sharma, Rubaab Kour, Mehak Chib, Dhanak Chandan, Ruhaan Chandan, Amira Mahajan, Shivaay Illa Mittal, Vidhanshi Jamwal, Nirvana Sah, Jazz Sah, Reet Gupta, Aryan Gupta, Daivik Gupta, Ayaan Dutt and Aaradhya Sharma.

Braham Jyot flags off Langar Sewa trucks for Mindal Mata Yatra

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Braham Jyot Satti (Senior leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) flagged off Langar Sewa Trucks for Mindal Mata Yatra at Jammu.

Program was organized by Vishal Sharma (Chairperson Aap Shakti Sewa committee), Pawan Sharma and Kewal Sharma.

Raj Kumar (Bari Brahmana), Vishv Dubey, Jatin Sharma, Jasbir Singh, Sachin, Inderjeet , Rakesh Kumar were present on the occasion.

This is the first mega bhandara organized at Mindal, HP for Machail Mata pilgrims and it will start from June 3 and will last upto June 15, 2024 .

Every year Aap Shakti sewa committee with mutual contributions organizes Bhandara for Machail Mata devotees at Machail.

In the program firstly dignitaries offered prayers and prayed for peace and harmony of nation.

Speaking on occasion Braham Jyot extended greetings and appreciated the work of Aap Shakti Sewa Committee, Pawan Sharma and Kewal Sharma on this holy occasion and said Mata Machail will bless all with health and prosperity .

He said The pious, tranquil and splendid temple of Kali Maa is said to be in Satayug and the feeling of maternal love is experienced by the devotees performing Darshnas today even. Mindal yatra has also been started from Jammu and Kashmir to Pangi Dham in the month of June through Kishtwar- Kalad route. It will help to promote integration of cultures of both states.

He said Every year lot of devotees get the blessings of Machail Mata and the origin of this Mata is said to be from Mindhal Mata Dham, Pangi in Himachal Pradesh. Mindhal Mata Dham is located at Chamba district of dev bhumi Himachal Pradesh.

He said Thousands of devotees paid obeisance at Mindal , Himachal Pradesh and left for Mata Machail shrine every year mainly from Jammu region.

The pilgrimage happens in August only, every year. The idols and pindi form of Chandika are famous for shaking their jewellery of their own without any wind force or any shock and also flickering their closed eyes. There are a lot of supernatural happenings that the pilgrims experience and report .

He said there is a very vast history of Mindal and Mata Machail and various miracles occur every year.

Exit polls indicates PM Modi's likely third-term win: Rohiin Chandan

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JAMMU, June 3: Describing Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "messiah" of the poor in India, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Secretary and Media Prabhari Jammu South Rohiin Chandan claimed today that as many as 25 crore people have been lifted from below the poverty line under the PM's leadership.

He said that despite decades of Congress' "Gareebi Hatao" campaign, it was Modi's government that lifted 25 crore Indians out of poverty.

He recounted that, from Jawaharlal Nehru to Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, and Manmohan Singh, all have failed to eradicate poverty from the country. However, Modi is the first prime minister who could reduce the miseries of the poor people in this country.

Rohiin Chandan said PM Modi has provided pucca ghar, piped water to households, free cooking gas, free foodgrains, toilets, and many other things to the poor people of India during the last 10 years. He said the BJP, as promised, has ensured the building of the Sri Ram Temple in Ayodhya, which silenced the critics. "As Ram Lala has come to his temple, now Ram Rajya will be established in India," he said.

Rohiin Chandan stated that all exit polls indicate PM Modi's likely third-term win. The BJP-led NDA is expected to secure a significant majority in the Lok Sabha polls. He emphasized that PM Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will not only come through unscathed by widening inequality, record-high unemployment, and rising prices but might fare better than the last election in 2019.

Rohiin Chandan commended the fact that never before has any prime minister in independent India won three straight Lok Sabha elections with improved numbers each time. The effort that PM Modi ji has completed is unmatched. Because of his policies and social reform efforts, which no prior government has undertaken, 140 crore people have faith in the Modi-led government. He pointed out that Modi magic

Rohiin Chandan expressed joy over the BJP's overwhelming victory in the Arunachal Pradesh Assembly elections on Sunday. He linked this victory to the slogan 'Fir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar' and hoped that on June 4, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP would form the government at the Centre after winning with a resounding majority. He exuded confidence that the Modi government will be re-elected with an overwhelming majority in the Lok Sabha elections in 2024.

Rohiin claimed that the people are strongly supporting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a Viksit (developed) and Aatmanirbhar (self-reliant) Bharat.

Shiksha Niketan starts summer camp

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Shiksha Niketan, Jeevan Nagar organised a summer camp in the school premises at Jeevan Nagar from June 3 to 11, 2024 to give the Kids and Teens an adventurous, active and healthy summer.

The camp started on Monday with lamp lighting followed by welcome dance, food party and musical chair game.

The whole journey of Summer Camp is categorised into three groups Stage Crafter, Player Paradise and Creative Club.

In Stage Crafter, there are activities like Zumba, Harmonium, Classical and Western.

In Player Paradise, they have activities like Kickboxing, Football, Speedball, Basketball and Cricket.

In Creative Club, there are activities like Art & Craft, Yoga etc. All the activities will keep alive the fun element of children without losing the sight of learning as well.

The purpose of the camp organised is to provide a platform to all kids in order to make them active and for them to gain educational enrichment, have fun most importantly and gain experience that they never had before.

The camp provided the safe and healthy environment for kids to come, learn and achieve expertise at whatever they are trying to master.

Principal, Rameshwar Mengi always in favour of organising such activities so that the kids learn about nature, take new responsibilities, gain independence and develop essential social skills.

"We really encourage parents to give their Kids the gift of Camp so that every child can benefit from the experience" said Harish Sharma, Headmaster of Shiksha Niketan, Jeevan Nagar.

EDITORIAL

Save Environment

The health of our planet is in jeopardy due to various environmental issues such as climate change, pollution, deforestation, and biodiversity loss. Tackling these problems requires a multifaceted approach involving individuals, communities, businesses, and governments.

One of the most pressing issues is climate change, primarily driven by greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel combustion. This leads to global warming, causing extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and disrupted ecosystems.

Air, water, and soil pollution are detrimental to human health and wildlife. Industrial activities, improper waste disposal, and excessive use of chemicals contribute significantly to pollution.

Forests are vital for carbon sequestration, biodiversity, and regulating the water cycle. Deforestation for agriculture, logging, and urban development reduces these benefits and exacerbates climate change.

Human activities have accelerated the extinction rate of species. Habitat destruction, overexploitation, pollution, and climate change are the main drivers of biodiversity loss.

Transitioning to renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydropower is crucial. These sources produce little to no greenhouse gases and are sustainable in the long term. Governments should incentivize the adoption of renewable energy through subsidies and tax breaks.

Improving energy efficiency in homes, buildings, and transportation can significantly reduce energy consumption and emissions. This includes using energy-efficient appliances, improving insulation, and adopting electric vehicles.

Adopting sustainable agricultural practices can reduce environmental impact. Techniques such as crop rotation, organic farming, and agroforestry improve soil health, reduce chemical use, and increase biodiversity.

Proper waste management practices, including recycling, composting, and reducing single-use plastics, can mitigate pollution. Governments and businesses should implement robust recycling programs and promote products with minimal packaging.

Protecting natural habitats and restoring degraded ecosystems are essential for preserving biodiversity. Establishing protected areas, reforestation projects, and wildlife corridors can help maintain ecological balance.

Efficient water use in agriculture, industry, and households is vital. Techniques such as drip irrigation, rainwater harvesting, and water-efficient fixtures can reduce water wastage.

Strong environmental policies and regulations are necessary to enforce sustainable practices. Governments should set emission reduction targets, enforce pollution control measures, and promote conservation efforts.

Individuals can make a difference by adopting sustainable habits. Reducing energy consumption, using public transportation, and supporting eco-friendly products are impactful actions.

Raising awareness about environmental issues is crucial. Education programs in schools, community workshops, and media campaigns can inform and inspire people to take action.

Grassroots movements and community initiatives can drive local environmental efforts. Community gardens, clean-up drives, and local conservation projects empower people to protect their surroundings.

Supporting environmental organizations and advocating for policy changes are powerful ways to contribute. Writing to representatives, participating in demonstrations, and voting for environmentally-conscious leaders can influence change at higher levels.

Investing in research and development of clean technologies can provide innovative solutions to environmental problems. This includes advancements in renewable energy, energy storage, and carbon capture technologies.

Shifting to a circular economy, where products are designed for reuse, recycling, and minimal waste, can significantly reduce environmental impact. Businesses should adopt sustainable practices in production, distribution, and disposal.

Saving the environment requires a concerted effort from all sectors of society. By embracing renewable energy, improving efficiency, adopting sustainable practices, enforcing policies, and fostering individual and collective action, we can mitigate environmental degradation and ensure a healthy planet for future generations. Every small step counts, and together, we can create a sustainable and thriving world.

Only US, not Israel, can ensure a Gaza solution

By: Sunanda K Datta Ray

Poised on the brink of electoral uncertainty, India defended Palestine's rights last week with a shade more confidence than before. Yet, by making the future dependent on "direct and meaningful" negotiations with Israel, India's ambassador to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj, fell into the trap of making peace and justice hostage to the Israelis, who are the problem in West Asia rather than the solution. But then, she must be loyal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fervent declaration that "the people of India firmly stand with Israel".

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recalcitrance makes it clear that if a solution does emerge, it will be not because -- but in spite of -- Israel.

Today's fashionable phrase is again a "two-state solution" with secure borders for an independent Palestine as well as cast-iron guarantees of Israel's security.

True, this is the only realistic answer to the problem created by Zionist land-grabbing camouflaged in myth and mysticism. But US secretary of state Antony Blinken is wrong to call Hamas ("human animals" for some Americans) and Iran its worst enemies. The real opponents are not Muslim terrorists but fanatical Jews who never stop reliving the Holocaust and seem determined to make Palestinians pay for Nazi sins.

Mr Blinken was reminded that Mr Netanyahu presents formidable objections to the two-state solution when he calls the West Bank, where the bulk of Palestinian refugees live, "Judea and Samaria", the Jewish homeland of Biblical times. Even the language suggests eternal and inalienable possession.

With US President Joe Biden gushing that "if there were not an Israel, we would have to invent one to make sure our interests were preserved", it is no surprise that the Zionists are confident of American backing. Bilateral talks, as demanded by the United States and repeated by Ms Kamboj at the UN, will only give them the power of veto over the future. President Biden's latest proposal for a temporary six-week cease-fire leading to negotiations to end the war and rebuild Gaza must be scrutinised in that light.

Israeli propaganda suggests that the war began with the horrors which Hamas perpetrated on October 7, 2023. Even Ms Kamboj referred to a conflict of "over seven months". At least 76 years would be nearer the mark for the October 7 terrorist raid into Israel marked only another milestone since the "Naqba" -- Catastrophe -- whose anniversary the Palestinians mourn every year on May 15. That was the day in 1948 when Palestine was ethnically cleansed of some 800,000 Palestinians so that Israel could be carved out of the ruins of a once flourishing community.

Actually, Zionist terrorists had launched the process of displacing Palestinians long before May 15, 1948. In fact, by then, half the total number of Palestinians had already been expelled. That process still continues in Mr Netanyahu's "Judea" and "Samaria".

Making a solution to this tragedy dependent on Israel's goodwill is to equate murderer and murdered. An Israel that has already killed more than 36,000 Palestinians in Gaza cannot be the solution. The solution can only come from the US. It is clear too that Mr Netanyahu is battling as much to save his own career as to defeat Hamas. Adversaries like Benny Gantz, a member of Israel's War Cabinet and touted as the next Prime Minister, will renew their attack over pending charges of corruption, breach of trust, bribery and fraud as soon as the crisis ends. President Biden's invitation last month to Mr Gantz to Washington may have improved his prospects.

There is no legal reason why Israel, with its own smash-and-grab lineage, should have any say in Palestine's future. But as the de facto occupying power, although without de jure sanction, Israel exercises the authority of legitimacy while dismissing the more than 140 governments that now recognise Palestine as irrelevant. But with Sweden, Norway, Ireland and Spain joining the list, and the European Union calling for a ceasefire in Gaza, cracks have appeared in the Western façade. Even the US is worried that post-war Gaza might be rudderless like Afghanistan after the American pullout, which is why Mr Blinken stresses that Israel must "focus on what the future can and must be" to avoid "anarchy and a vacuum that's likely to be filled by chaos".

He may also have in mind the duplicity of an Israel that financed Gaza's Islamist movement to counter the Palestinian secularists led by Yasser Arafat's Fatah, which dominated the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

An offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas was formally established with Israel's support soon after the first Intifada in 1987 opposing the Israeli occupation. The twofold objective was to split the nationalist Palestinian movement and, more fundamentally, thwart the two-state proposal. Israel calculated that the rise of a rejectionist Islamist group would undermine the two-state formula and curb Western support for an independent Palestine.

Victor Ostrovsky, a Mossad whistleblower, revealed in The Other Side of Deception that this was part of "Mossad's general plan" for an Arab world "run by fundamentalists" whose rejection of "any negotiations with the West" would leave Israel as "the only democratic, rational country in the region".

The immediate question is: Who will rule Gaza now? Warning that he opposes Israeli control, Yoav Gallant, Israel's defence minister, wants Mr Netanyahu to publicly rule out Israeli governance and to disclose his post-war plans. Only Palestinian entities under international supervision can provide an alternative to Hamas, he says, calling on Mr Netanyahu "to declare that Israel will not establish civilian" or military control over the Gaza Strip.

Mr Gallant's remarks came as questions were being asked about Israel's long-term strategy with military officials warning that the lack of one would mean repeating the Gaza tragedy again and again. Mr Netanyahu says that neither Hamas nor the Palestinian Authority can provide acceptable governments, and that he will not "replace Hamastan with Fatahstan", meaning Fatah. As for the US, Mr Blinken does "not support and will not support an Israeli occupation" but he doesn't support Hamas either. "There needs to be a clear and concrete plan, and we look to Israel to come forward with its ideas."

Israel is the tail that wags the American dog that has tied not just its security but its very existence to the Zionist state whose government is charged with genocide and crimes against humanity. Many more Palestinians will die as Israel continues to bomb indiscriminately and prevent adequate aid from entering the devastated enclave that is still home to more than two million victims of racist imperialism.

Failing in a competitive exam is not the end of the world

By: Vijay GarG

Life does not adhere to a rigid template or offer a one-size-fits-all formula that could potentially offer a sure-shot route to success for everyone. Living a life free of templates is not an easy choice because we are living in an age of meritocracy. While meritocracy itself is not a flawed concept, it is essential to subject it to a more thorough examination.

A recent tweet by a social media-savvy industrialist sparked a debate about the most challenging entrance exams in the academic world. It also brought to light the fact that three of the 10 most difficult exams to crack in the world are held annually in India. According to the World Ranking Website, the IIT-JEE (Joint Entrance Exam), the UPSC Civil Services Exam, and the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) are ranked the second, third, and eighth toughest exams in the world respectively. In this article, let us focus on IIT-JEE given its popularity among students and parents and its role in creating a perennial pipeline of highly skilled manpower.

Test composition

Each year, nearly 1-1.2 million young Indians take a crack at this exam, knowing fully well that around only 7-12% have a realistic chance of gaining admission into one of the 23 IITs. Such low odds of success make it seem more like winning a lottery than a reasonable chance to build a strong academic foundation on which future careers can be built. Further, it is not just the slim odds that should bother us, but the composition of the exams itself. While most aspirants want to become engineers of varying kinds, the test continues to check aptitude for subjects unrelated to these fields. The exams don't seem like an accurate assessment, let alone a fair gauge of a student's intelligence or potential.

Extremely competitive entrance exams like the IIT-JEE also ensure that everyone has a similar kind of coaching routine, as they shuttle between schools and institutes. Many even forgo regular schooling and dedicate three to four years of their lives to cracking the IIT-JEE. However, this is not a sustainable approach to building careers or shaping one's life.

Even if one is willing to look beyond the inherent flaws in IIT-JEE as a selection filter for future engineers, other pertinent issues remain. There is no room for debate over the academic excellence IITs deliver or the rigour required to finish the four-year programme. However, it is equally important to consider alternatives. The world, and India in particular, currently offers a multitude of alternative learning platforms and programmes across diverse streams, including Robotics, AI, Semiconductors, hardware, and so on, apart from typical programmes from IITs and NITs. These often have equally strong, if not better, and more focused admission processes and can lead to equally rewarding career outcomes.

Holistic approach

Therefore, instead of holding on to unreasonable notions like "It is either IIT or nothing", students and those who guide them in their educational pursuits may want to consider the following suggestions to help them take a more holistic and realistic approach to higher education, careers, and life in general.

Identify potential interest areas/career opportunities;

Research alternative educational platforms and edtech players that offer programmes suiting your career plans.

Take up projects and internships in your desired fields;

Network with seniors from school/coaching institutes, to understand what skills one needs to continue the learning journey;

Use the Internet to learn about trending technologies and learn from free resources/courses

Most importantly, take some time off. Failing to clear IIT-JEE or skipping it is not the end of the world. There are many ways in today's world to build successful careers. Focus on finding your individual strengths and accordingly figure out the steps to succeed using them.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout Punjab)

BSF organises medical cum veterinary camp at Melayal

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KUPWARA, Jun 3: BSF's 26 Battalion on Monday organised a free medical camp under Civic action programme at FDL Melayal village of north Kashmir's Kupwara district with an aim to provide quality medical care and free medicines to the poor and needy people of the area.

The medical camp was inaugurated by Ex BDC chairman Fareed Ahmed Khan along with Commandant 26 Battalion BSF Lienzakai Sithlou and other officials.

Medical camp was organised in consonance with the ongoing peace process by security forces across Kashmir Valley. A team of specialist BSF and civil doctors rendered their services to over 200 patients including men, women and children and 70 Animals were also given free treatment .

These patients had come from different nearby villages for treatment.

Free medicines were also distributed among people and for animals. People of the area have hailed the efforts of BSF and hoped that security forces will organise such camps in future also.

On this occasion Commandant of 26 Battalion BSF Lienzakai Sithlou said that BSF always stood for peace, prosperity and development of the society.

"The aim of such programmes is to develop good relations with locals and also help them in difficult times. It is a continuous process and 26 BSF Battalion is periodically conducting community outreach programs in one or other way. In the past also such free medical camps were organised in Kupwara district," he added.

He said that they will continue to conduct such civic programmes for the benefit of the local public in future. Deputy Commandant Vijay Kumar , Company Commander Inspector Sandeep Kumar, Dr Sumit Thakur AC / MO 26 Battalion , Dr Karan Singh AC /MO 26 Battalion, Dr Sreeparna Sahu AC / MO 127 Battalion ,and for veterinary Dr Manik Sharma AC (Veterinary doctor), Inspector Yogesh Tanta 26 Battalion BSF , Inspector Naresh Kumar were present on this occasion.

Dr Azhar Masoodi (Medicine) Assistant professor GMC Handwara, Dr Aijaz Ahmad Deputy Superintendent Associate Hospital GMC Handwara, Dr Rameez Nabi Dental , Dr Kaiser Junior Paediatrics GMC Handwara, Dr Aayat Mir Medical Officer from GMC Handwara were present on this occasion.

Shiv Sena demands to roll back toll hike

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has strongly objected to the second increase in toll collection in the last five months in the state and has demanded its roll back.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that the approval of increase in toll rates and prices of Amul products before the results of the Lok Sabha elections raises doubts on the government's intentions and insensitivity.

Sahni said that instead of providing relief to the people struggling with unemployment, inflation and economic recession, they are being continuously burdened with tax and inflation. He said that if road tax is collected on the purchase of a vehicle, then toll collection and its continuous increase is beyond his understanding.

He said that the government should stop boasting about the development of national highways. This national highway is being built by looting the pockets of the people. Along with this, Sahni strongly objected to the increase in the prices of Amul products and demanded the government to put a stop to these arbitrary increases. Sahni said that the Holy Shri Amarnath Yatra is starting in the next few days and they are demanding to make the toll free for the pilgrims , but the government is increasing the toll collection. On this occasion Gen secretary Vikas Bakshi, Secretary Rajesh Handa were present.

Dimple demands restoration of J&K state

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu and Kashmir, vehemently denied rumors about his alleged plans to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Dimple accused the BJP of spreading false information nationwide, particularly in the context of the upcoming parliamentary elections.

Dimple criticized the BJP, asserting that the party has failed to meet the expectations of the people in Jammu and Kashmir as well as across the country.

He called on the Chief Election Commissioner of India to promptly announce the schedule for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, emphasizing the need for immediate action.

Expressing distrust in the statements made by the BJP, Prime Minister, and Home Minister regarding the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir, Dimple questioned the BJP's intentions and clarity about their Chief Ministerial candidate for the region. He also mentioned that the BJP's decision on August 5, 2019, was a significant blunder and predicted that the party would not contest all assembly seats in Jammu and Kashmir.

In response to a media query about his own plans to contest in the assembly elections, Dimple clarified that there were no restrictions preventing him from running for either assembly or parliamentary seats. He expressed gratitude to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and India for their massive voter turnout, interpreting it as a sign of widespread resentment against the BJP.

Dimple indicated that following the parliamentary election results, he would collaborate with like-minded parties to strategize for the upcoming assembly elections. The focus would be on preventing the BJP from gaining power in Jammu and Kashmir, discussing potential seat-sharing arrangements, and possibly contesting under their own party mandates. He emphasized the reversal of the BJP's decisions made on August 5, 2019, as a priority.

Finally, Dimple stated that the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood before the assembly elections and the implementation of the Instrument of Accession conditions are paramount. He concluded with a prediction that India would see a new Prime Minister on June 4 and a non-BJP government at the center.

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank continues to expand its presence; launches its 900th banking outlet

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited (Utkarsh SFBL) has announced the inauguration of 900th outlet of the bank at Khunti, Ranchi, Jharkhand. With this, the Bank now operates a total of 903 outlets nationwide.

Commenting on the expansion, Govind Singh, MD & CEO of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited, "It is a landmark day for us as we inaugurate our 900th banking outlet of the Bank at Khunti, Ranchi, Jharkhand. Jharkhand is a significant state for us, and the inauguration of our 7 new banking outlets across Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh further reinforces our commitment to these regions. Our new banking outlets will not only foster local entrepreneurship but would also provide essential resources to strengthen the financial resilience to enhance the livelihoods of these entrepreneurs and individuals alike".

These banking outlets will offer micro-banking loans for business development services to underprivileged or low-income individuals or groups who have limited access to financial services. The JLG model of group lending involves a peer-guarantee loan model, enabling individuals to take loans without providing collateral or security on an individual basis, while promoting credit discipline through mutual support within the group and prompt repayment of their loans. These loans aim to give the required capital to expand your business. Utkarsh Small Finance Bank offers Micro banking JLG loan products that are tailor made to suit the individuals to kick-start their entrepreneurial journey. This helps the individual start, build or expand their entrepreneurial journey seamlessly.

Customers can access banking services through various channels such as Banking Outlets, Micro ATMs (during banking hours), Internet banking, Mobile banking, Unified Payment Interface (UPI), and the Call Centre.

Additionally, the Bank provides facilities for customers to open a bank account without visiting the banking outlet through the tablet-based application-assisted model, "Digi On-Boarding".

Army constructs National Flag at Narian Hill

Top News Report

NOWSHERA, Jun 3: In the run up to Kargil Vijay Diwas Rajat Jayanti, GOC Ace of Spades Division along with local population, Veterans and Veer Naris Witnessed dedication of National Flag ceremony on Jammu Poonch National Highway NH 144 A and remembered the sacrifice of our gallant soldiers.

A large number outreach activities to include Honour Run, awareness campaigns, medical camps, sports meets, bike rally, etc are being organised as part of Kargil Vijay Diwas Rajat Jayanti Samaroh under the aegis of Ace of Spades Division.

The event was witnessed by veterans, local population and Veer Naris of area around Narian Nowshera in Rajouri district.

The initiative was appreciated by the locals.The construction of National flag alongside NH-114A will act as guiding light for the passengers travelling between Rajouri and Jammu and will instill a sense of pride and patriotism for the country.

IIM Jammu's Roundtable 1.0 sparks meaningful industry-academia discussions

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Jun 3: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu organized a Roundtable 1.0 (Industry Academia Meet) at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The event brought together an esteemed group of attendees, including senior leaders from academia and industry, to discuss strategic initiatives and foster collaborative partnerships.

The Roundtable 1.0 (Industry Academia Meet) was graced by the presence of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, who led the proceedings with his insightful perspectives on the future of management education and industry-academia collaboration. Other notable attendees from IIM Jammu included Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics; Dr. Baljeet Singh, Chairperson Placements; Dr. Atanu Dutta, Placement Officer; and the Placement Committee, IIM Jammu. The Roundtable 1.0 (Industry Academia Meet) consisted of two topics of discussion: "Exploring Industry's Expectations from a B-School" and "Discussing Avenues of Collaboration Between Industry and Academia." Each topic had dedicated panel moderators to guide the discussions.

The Roundtable 1.0 (Industry Academia Meet) saw participation from top-notch industry leaders of conglomerates, facilitating meaningful dialogues and networking opportunities. The discussions covered a wide range of topics, including the latest trends in human resource management, the evolving role of technology in business operations, and strategies for enhancing employability among management graduates.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu mentioned, "This Roundtable 1.0 (Industry Academia Meet) marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to strengthen the ties between academia and industry. The insights shared today will undoubtedly help us refine our curriculum and better prepare our students for the dynamic business environment."

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, highlighted the significance of the event, saying, "This Roundtable 1.0 (Industry Academia Meet) has provided an excellent platform for exchanging ideas and best practices. Our commitment to aligning our academic programs with industry needs is reinforced by the active participation of industry leaders today."

Dr. Baljeet Singh, Co-Chairperson Placements, IIM Jammu, added, "Engaging directly with industry leaders through events like the Roundtable 1.0(Industry Academia Meet is crucial for understanding the evolving expectations of the corporate world. These interactions help us tailor our placement strategies and ensure our students are well-prepared to meet industry demands."

Roundtable 1.0 (Industry Academia Meet) concluded on a high note, with participants expressing their appreciation for the platform provided by IIM Jammu to engage in productive discussions. The event underscored the institute's commitment to excellence and its proactive approach to integrating academic rigor with industry relevance.

Kangana Ranaut comes out in support of Raveena Tandon in false accident case, says 'absolutely alarming, she could have been lynched'

Actor Kangana Ranaut has come out in support of Raveena Tandon after a scuffle reported outside the latter's residence in Mumbai.

Taking to Instagram Story, Kangana wrote, "What happened to Raveena Tandon ji is absolutely alarming; had there been 5-6 more people in the opposite group, she would have been lynched; we condemn such road rage outbursts; those people must be reprimanded. They must not get away with such violent and poisonous behaviour."

According to the Mumbai Police, while Raveena's driver was reversing the car on Saturday night, a family was passing in front of the building's gate. Thinking that the car would hit them, a scuffle broke out between Raveena's driver and three women of the family over the issue.

Raveena came out of the house after she heard the arguments between her driver and the family However, after a lot of arguments, both parties left.

Upon getting information, when the police reached the spot, they questioned Raveena's staff and called both parties to Khar Police Station.

Neither anyone was injured in the incident nor the vehicles collided, police said, adding no complaint has been filed by any side.

Hours later, Raveena took to X and shared a screenshot of a post from 'Viral Bhayani' saying that the complainant filed a false complaint in the case and after checking the CCTV footage it was found that Raveena's car did not hit anyone and she was not drunk.

The post said that while speaking to a Mumbai-based daily, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Rajtilak Roshan of Zone 9 said that the complaint was false."

The complainant gave a false complaint in the alleged video. We checked the entire CCTV footage of the society and found that the actress's driver was reversing the car from the road into the society when this family was crossing the same lane. The family stopped the car and told the driver that he should check if people were behind the car before reversing and an argument started between them," the DCP said while speaking to the daily.

Ludhiana girl Jessica Khurana, who has written the script of Maharagni, is happy with the opportunities coming her way

She is a young star who is making Ludhiana proud in tinsel town, not with her acting skills but through the power of the pen. Meet Jessica Khurana, who has written her first feature film, Maharagni, starring Kajol, Naseeruddin Shah, Prabhudeva and Samantha Menon. Although this is Jessica's first film in Bollywood, she has already written the script of as many as 20 web and TV shows!

"The teaser of Maharagni is going viral as it is the first time that audiences will see Kajol in an action thriller. The story, screenplay and dialogues have been written by me and veteran writer Niranjan Iyenger. This is certainly a very new and exciting experience for me, and we hope the audience likes the film," said Jessica, over the phone from Mumbai.

Good going

Maharagni has been directed by Tamil director Charan Tej Uppalapati. "I am getting so much love for the script that it has motivated me to write even better scripts in the coming times. I am also thankful to the Almighty for giving me such wonderful opportunites," added Jessica.

Among the projects penned by her are Spotlight 2, Hadd, Tantra, Untouchables, Unafraid, Peshwa Bajirao and Koi Laut Ke Aaya Hai. Having studied at the Sacred Heart Convent, Sarabha Nagar, Jessica, who turned 31 in April this year, never attended any formal classes to learn writing. "It was inborn, I always wanted to write. In my journey, I have bagged many awards too and hope things continue to shine in the times to come as well," she said.

Sanjeeda Shaikh recalls the moment she was groped by a woman: I was taken aback

Being an actor is not always rosy and actor Sanjeeda Shaikh recently revealed the dark side of side of showbiz. She recalled an incident when she was groped by a woman at a nightclub, which left her deeply shocked.

In an interview, Sanjeeda opened up about the incident, confessing that the bad incident left her wondering about a lot of things.

''I remember one incident very vaguely but it was by a girl. I was in a nightclub. One girl was passing by and she just touched my breast and she left. I was kind of taken aback, like what just happened. We hear men smack you on the back and they misbehave, ladkiyaan koi kum nahi hai (but women are also the same)," she said.

The actor continued, "If you are headed on the wrong path, you are going on it regardless. It has nothing to do with men or women; whatever is wrong is wrong. If a woman has wronged you, tell her. Because I think playing the victimhood card is very unattractive."

Sanjeeda, who is basking in the success of her web series Heermandi, also opened up about divorce from actor Aamir Ali in 2020. She said that at that time, she thought of herself as the most depressed person, and unfortunate. It was after sometime that she loving herself, and now she has overcome and is "happy with this version of myself".

Last year, there were reports that she is dating actor Harshvardhan Rane. The rumours started after both the actors' social media posts suggested they were holidaying in the Gir forests around the

same time.

Harshvardhan reacted on the buzz in an interview to agency. He said, "It does not bother me because it is the job of journalists to write and they also have a weekly deadline and daily quota or target of stories to submit. I see them as humans who are trying to do a job, just like my job is to be in films. I respect my journey and effort too much and hence, I respect their process too. They can write anything about me. I would still hug them when I see them."

In Chandigarh, the director and actor of children's film Phooli talk about how education in remote parts of Uttarakhand is a big challenge, which the movie highlights

The trailer of Phooli, a movie by actor-director Avinash Dhyani, has created quite a buzz. The director and actor of the film, scheduled to release in cinemas on June 7, were in Chandigarh recently and talked about how it was a poignant tale about child education.

Dhyani has worked in four films till date, three of which were his own directorial projects. As for Phooli, he called it a tribute to his mother. "Had my mother got an opportunity to study, she would have been very successful. She would often say that people had to walk for kilometres to reach school. So, that gave me an idea to pursue a story on this," he said.

Dhyani also essayed the role of a magician (jaadugar) in the film. Riya Baluni would be seen in the titular role of Phooli, alongside a talented cast, including Suruchi Saklani, Prince Juyal, Rishi Raj Bhatt, Sanjay Agarwal, Vijay Bhatt and Bhagat Singh Ghusain. Dhyani, who has written, acted, com-

posed the music and also directed Phooli, added, "I think the most challenging scene was that of a forest fire. As a blaze actually happened in village Pauri, Uttarakhand, while we were shooting, we were able to capture it. But it was a challenge to safeguard Riya's well-being."

Stories of war

Born in a family where many members served in the Army, Dhyani has often used his filmmaking talent for narrating lesser-known stories of war. If Phooli was a tribute to his mother, Dhyani's father had a role in the making of his 2019 film 72 Hours: Martyr Who Never Died. "He told me the story of rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, who fought against the encroaching Chinese army during the 1962 Sino-Indian War," he said. Dhyani's next will also be a biographical drama, VC571, on Gabar Singh Negi, a soldier in the British Indian Army who fought during the First World War and a recipient of the Victoria Cross.

Leading lady

The trailer introduced audiences to Phooli, a young girl driven by a fervent desire to pursue her dreams despite facing adversities that hinder her educational journey. And it is the enigmatic jaadugar, who encourages Phooli, guiding her through challenges and inspiring her to excel academically. The film is set in Pauri Garhwal and all the children who acted in it were students of a nearby school, Shri Timli Vidyapeeth. Riya was one lucky girl whom Dhyani deemed fit for the lead role.

Riya shared, "I had a great experience working with sir and enjoyed playing a character that would serve as an inspiration for many. Education is very important and the film tries to highlight the same through the story of Phooli." Although Riya does not have a similar story as Phooli, there are students who walk for 10 kilometres to reach school. Many have bigger issues such as collecting water from nullahs (aquifiers) in summer, due to water storage in the area. Riya added, "My aim is to become a lawyer. My elder sisters is an assistant in court. She inspires me to become like her. I am lucky that my parents have been supportive throughout the filmmaking process, and I also thank my friends who helped me with homework."

The songs in Phooli have been crooned by acclaimed artistes like Alka Yagnik, Nakash Aziz, Raja Hasan and Dhruv Kumola, while the lyrics are by Vinay Joshi, Megha Dhyani and Avinash Dhyani.

Kajal Aggarwal says married actors in Bollywood get meatier roles than south: 'Still have stereotype attached...'

Actor Kajal Aggarwal recently opened up about how filmmakers down south need to broaden their horizons, when it comes to the film genres apart from the kind of roles they offer to married actors. While talking to agency, Kajal was asked why female actors in the south don't get the kind of roles Deepika Padukone or Alia Bhatt get in Bollywood, as romantic leads or in action films.

'It's not a cultural thing'

While Kajal admitted that she got the meaty roles she plays in Shankar's Indian 2 (Bharateeyudu 2 in Telugu) and Suman Chikkala's Satyabhama before she married or had a child, she denied that it was a 'cultural thing' for married actors in the south to get sidelined.

"We still have a little bit of stereotype attached, I am hoping we get rid of it soon. It's this generation of actors who are married and work after having children. I don't think it's a cultural thing, I think the audience is accepting of films like that (Tumhari Sulu) if the makers start providing them. It's the makers who need to start exploring more genres," she said.

'Look at Nayanthara'

Kajal also admitted that her husband Gautam Kitchlu initially found it 'difficult' to understand why she had to travel so much for her commitments. She stated that she explained to him and got pregnant once she finished her schedule. However, she still had Indian 2 to shoot for two months postpartum.

She admitted, "If we are offered, we would take meatier roles, maybe even the pivotal roles in films. Things are changing. Like Nayanthara, for example, I love how she conducts her filmography. I love her choices. She is an exception and gets these parts on her terms and conditions. So that's great. But I am happy to be working at this juncture of my life in the industry today because I've got kindness and compassion from my directors."

Upcoming work

Kajal plays a police officer for the first time in her career in Satyabhama, which will be released on June 7. She also stars in Indian 2 with Kamal Haasan, Siddharth, and Rakul Preet Singh, which will be released on July 12. She was also supposed to star in Tathagata Singha's Uma, but there has been no update on the film.

13-year-old Arshiya from Jammu and Kashmir gets standing ovation on US TV show 'America's Got Talent'

Arshiya, a 13-year-old girl from Jammu and Kashmir, has captivated the global audience with her spine-chilling performance on 'America's Got Talent'.

A video of her dance act has gone viral on social media. In it, the young and talented girl left all the four judges and the audience in awe with her horror-themed dance, earning a standing ovation from the panel.

Introducing herself with confidence, Arshiya said, I am from Jammu and Kashmir, India. I am a dancer, but I don't want to be like others. I want to be different. So, I tried incorporating gymnastics and adding some flexibility moves into my dance to stand out."

Her performance began in eerie silence, creating a tense atmosphere. With striking horror makeup, Arshiya danced with an intensity and precision that startled the judges and spectators.

The judges, including Simon Cowell, Heidi Klum, Howie Mandel and Sofia Vergara, were left astounded. Klum praised Arshiya's originality and execution, commenting, "When you said you were going to leave and come back with a change, I thought you would return in a pretty dress, but what I saw was something else entirely."

Simon added, "I thought you were going to come back and do something like Disney or something sweet, but you left us blank, which was unexpected and brilliant at the same time."

The judges continued to admire her makeup and the overall performance, advancing her to the next round.

PM Modi says need to work quickly on scale, scope, standards to make country 'Viksit Bharat'

'We must move forward in every aspect of life towards the direction of reform'

NEW DELHI, Jun 3 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for the nation to "reassess outdated thinking and beliefs" and free "our society from the pressure of professional pessimists", asserting that the foundation for a "Viksit Bharat" must be laid in the 25 years in the run up to the centenary of India's independence.

"The world of the 21st century is looking towards Bharat with many hopes. And we will need to make several changes to move forward in the global scenario. We also need to change our traditional thinking regarding reform. Bharat cannot limit reform to just economic reforms," he said in an article which he had penned on his flight to Delhi from Kanyakumari.

He had reached Kanyakumari on May 30 on a spiritual sojourn after the Lok Sabha polls campaign ended.

Modi called upon people to move forward in every aspect of life towards the direction of reform.

In the write-up, which appeared in many newspapers on Monday, Modi said India's reforms should also align with the aspirations of a 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) by 2047, stating that reform can never be a unidimensional process for any country.

"Therefore, I have laid out the vision of reform, perform, and transform for the country. The responsibility of reform lies with leadership. Based on that, our bureaucracy performs, and when the people join in with the spirit of Jan Bhagidari, we witness a transformation taking place," he said.

The article appeared a day before the counting of votes for the Lok Sabha elections takes

place, with exit polls predicting that Modi is set to retain power for a record-equalling third term with a big majority for the ruling BJP.

In a clear elucidation of his government's agenda if it is re-elected, he said, "We must make excellence the fundamental principle to make our country a 'Viksit Bharat'. We need to work quickly in all four directions: Speed, Scale, Scope, and Standards. Alongside manufacturing, we must also focus on quality and adhere to the mantra of 'zero defect-zero effect'."

He added, "As a nation, we also need to reassess outdated thinking and beliefs. We need to free our society from the pressure of professional pessimists. We must remember that freedom from negativity is the first step towards achieving success. Success blossoms in the lap of positivity."

The Prime Minister said his faith, devotion and belief in the infinite and eternal power of 'Bharat' are growing day by day. Over the past 10 years, he has seen the country's capability grow even more and has experienced it firsthand.

He said, "Just as we utilised the fourth and fifth decades of the 20th century to impart a new momentum to the freedom movement, we must lay the foundation for a 'Viksit Bharat' in these 25 years of the 21st century. The freedom struggle was a time that called for great sacrifices. The present times call for great and sustained contributions from everyone."

The Prime Minister meditated at the Rock Memorial, a monument built in tribute to Swami Vivekananda who had engaged himself in a spiritual exercise there.

Modi said India's governance model has become an example for many countries around the world, with over 25 crore people rising above poverty in just 10 years in an unprecedented development. Innovative practices such as pro-people good governance, aspirational districts, and aspirational blocks are being discussed globally today, he said, claiming his government's efforts have inspired the world by prioritizing individuals standing at the last rung of society.

The 'Digital India' campaign is now an example for the entire world, showing how people can use technology to empower the poor, bring transparency, and ensure their rights, he said, adding that inexpensive data is becoming a means of social equality by ensuring the reach of information and services to the poor".

The whole world is witnessing and studying the democratisation of technology, and major global institutions are advising many countries to adopt elements from our model," he said.

He added, "Today, Bharat's progress and rise are not just a significant opportunity for Bharat alone, but also a historic opportunity for all our partner countries around the world. Since the success of the G-20, the world has been increasingly envisioning a bigger role for Bharat."

India is now being acknowledged as a strong and important voice of the Global South, he said. "The African Union has become a part of the G-20 group at the initiative of Bharat. This is going to be a crucial turning point for the future of African countries."

India's development trajectory fills people with pride and glory, but at the same time, it also reminds the 140 crore citizens of their responsibilities, he said.

"Now, without wasting a single moment, we must step forward towards greater duties and larger goals. We need to dream new dreams, convert them into reality and begin living those dreams," he said.

"The world of the 21st century is looking towards Bharat with many hopes. And we will need to make several changes to move forward in the global scenario. We also need to change our traditional thinking regarding reform.

Bharat cannot limit reform to just economic reforms. We must move forward in every aspect of life towards the direction of reform. Our reforms should also align with the aspirations of a 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) by 2047," he said.

CEC Kumar dares Opposition to give proof of attempts to influence poll process

NEW DELHI, Jun 3 (Agencies): Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Monday dared the Opposition to share evidence of allegations that returning officers and district magistrates were influenced to vitiate the poll process so the panel could take action against them.

The Opposition should also tell the Commission about those trying to influence the poll process before the counting of votes begins, Kumar said at a press conference. He was flanked by Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and S S Sandhu.

"You cannot spread a rumour and bring everyone under a cloud of suspicion," Kumar said.

The Commission had made preparations to deal with any foreign attempt to influence the poll process but these allegations have come from within the country itself, he said in an apparent dig at the Opposition.

Taking exception to allegations that district magistrates were being influenced, the CEC said, "Those levelling allegations should say which DM was influenced and we will punish them. They should tell us before the counting process begins."

District magistrates and collectors are the returning officers of their respective districts during election.

Ramesh claimed that Shah had already spoken with 150 district magistrates or collectors.

Kumar had accepted all the demands made by the multi-party delegation that met the panel on Sunday, and asserted that the issues raised by them were part of the election process going on for seven decades.

"Some demands were made by a multi-party delegation. We have agreed to all the demands," Kumar said, indicating that most of the issues raised by the multi-party delegation were part of election manuals.

"This process has been going on for 70 years... We have instructed every RO/ARO. These are our orders and they are no joke… Everyone has been instructed to follow the handbook/manuals," Kumar said.

Kumar admitted that the Election Commission had failed to counter the mischievous narratives spread during the poll process.

BJP leaders hold meeting a day before LS poll counting

NEW DELHI, Jun 3 (Agencies): Senior BJP leaders, including Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, held a meeting on Monday, a day before the Lok Sabha poll results will be declared.

They are learnt to have taken stock of the prevailing political situation following the exit polls predicting a big win for the BJP-led alliance, and the opposition INDIA bloc's series of meetings rejecting the forecast and sticking to its claim that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government is on its way out.

Though there was no official word from the BJP on the meeting in which party president J P Nadda was also present, its senior leaders are learnt to have also brainstormed over the strategy to take on the opposition.

A BJP delegation had on Sunday approached the Elections Commission, accusing the Congress and its allies of trying to undermine the integrity of India's electoral process, and urged the poll body to prevent any attempts of "violence and unrest" during the counting of votes for the Lok Sabha polls on June 4.

Leaders from the INDIA bloc have urged the EC to ensure that postal ballots are counted and their results declared before the outcome of the EVMs is announced and stressed that the poll panel should issue clear guidelines on the counting process and ensure that those are implemented.

Very hopeful our results will be totally opposite to exit polls: Sonia Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Jun 3 (Agencies): Congress leader Sonia Gandhi on Monday said her party is very hopeful that the results of the Lok Sabha elections will be totally opposite to what has been shown in the exit polls.

"We have to wait, just wait and see," Sonia Gandhi told agency when asked about her expectations from the results scheduled to be announced on Tuesday.

"We are very hopeful that our results are completely opposite to what the exit polls are showing," the Congress parliamentary party chief added.

Sonia Gandhi made the remarks after attending an event held at the DMK office here. She paid tributes to DMK stalwart M Karunanidhi on his 100th birth anniversary.

Most exit polls have predicted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will retain power for a third straight term, with the BJP-led NDA expected to win a big majority in the Lok Sabha polls.

While some exit polls have given the NDA more than 400 seats, most have predicted that it will win over 350, which is way above the majority mark of 272 seats needed to form the government.

The Congress and other INDIA bloc parties have trashed the exit polls, claiming that these surveys were a work of "fantasy" and asserting that the opposition alliance will form the next government.

"This is not called an exit poll but its name is 'Modi media poll'. This is Modi ji's poll, it is his fantasy poll," former Congress president Rahul Gandhi had said on Sunday.

Congress leaders have said that the INDIA bloc will win 295 seats and form the government.

Earlier, speaking at the event marking the

100th birth anniversary of Karunanidhi, Sonia Gandhi said, "It's my pleasure to be here with my colleagues from the DMK on the very auspicious occasion of the 100th anniversary of Dr. Kalaignar Karunanidhi."

"I had the good fortune of meeting him on many occasions, listening to what he had to say and benefiting from his words of wisdom and advice. I feel fortunate to have met him," she said and extended her best wishes to those present on the occasion.

Man Dies Immediately After Hitting Six In Match Near Mumbai

THANE, Jun 3 (Agencies): He stepped one foot down the crease and smashed the ball out of the park for a six. Then he collapsed and died. In a shocking incident in Thane's Mira Road area in Maharashtra, a man died while playing cricket.

A video of the incident, which has since gone viral on social media, shows the man in a pink jersey executing a perfectly timed lofted shot over the bowler's head. As he prepared to face the next delivery, he suddenly collapsed. Fellow players immediately rushed to his aid, attempting to revive him, but their efforts were in vain. The man remained unresponsive on the ground.

The identity of the cricketer has not been revealed yet. According to the police, the authorities are investigating the case to ascertain the exact cause of death.

Akhilesh questions credibility of exit polls, says INDIA bloc will win maximum seats in UP

SP chief alleges that many agencies that conducted exit polls used to do work of booth management for BJP

LUCKNOW, Jun 3 (Agencies): Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav questioned the veracity of exit polls on Monday and claimed the agencies conducting them were only trying to create a conducive atmosphere in favour of the BJP.

At a press conference ahead of the Lok Sabha poll results on Tuesday, the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister said the INDIA bloc's victory will be a victory for the country and its people.

"Our exit poll says that the INDIA bloc is winning the maximum number of seats in Uttar Pradesh. I have got an internal survey done that also shows good numbers for us," he said.

"We and you (media) were among the people to strengthen democracy. We have seen they (BJP) did not have people (in their rallies), their tents were empty... nothing was seen in their favour," Yadav said.

Questioning the exit polls, the SP chief alleged that many agencies that conducted the exit polls used to do work of booth management for the BJP.

"They (exit polls agencies) are making a 'mahaul' (conducive atmosphere) in the BJP's favour," he said.

"They (BJP) want to threaten the opposition. This has been their politics since the beginning... But this time, people are ready. Our youths and all sections of society are ready to protect the votes cast by them," Yadav said.

On the Election Commission revising polling percentages days after voting, Yadav said, "The Election Commission should reply to this. I hope EC will follow all

the rules."

Urging the poll watchdog to make adequate security arrangements for agents of opposition parties, the SP chief claimed that when the BJP appears weak, it will try to threaten the agents as the administration is with the party.

"It might happen that they will slow counting or cut the power at night," he alleged.

"The elections are over. The exit polls are showing many things. The BJP is responsible for many things. They disturbed peace and brotherhood. They conspired to end the reservation. They increased crime against women. They made a record of wrong behaviour. They triggered inflation and unemployment. The poor become poorer," he added.

Yadav also blamed the BJP for paper leaks in Uttar Pradesh and also referred to atrocities on women in Hathras and Manipur. He alleging that historic corruption was done in the name of electoral bonds.

Sharpening his attack on the BJP, Yadav said, "Businesses were ruined by demonetisation. Small shopkeepers were made victims of recession by corrupt GST. BJP wanted to usurp farmers' land and to bring black laws for farmers. It did not give remunerative prices for crops and pushed the country into unemployment."

"Loans worth billions of rupees of the rich were waived but farmers had to commit suicide due to loans. Savings of the middle class were rendered useless by reducing interest rates and other charges.

"The BJP government brought a deadly vaccine without testing. This will have a direct impact on the health of the public and will also affect the health of the coming generations," Yadav added.

Exit polls on Saturday predicted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will retain power for a third straight term, with the BJP-led NDA expected to win a big majority in the Lok Sabha polls.

Mexico elects Claudia Sheinbaum as its first woman President

She promises to continue all of López Obrador's policies

MEXICO CITY, Jun 3 (Agencies): Mexico's projected presidential winner Claudia Sheinbaum will become the first woman President in the country's 200-year history.

The climate scientist and former Mexico City mayor said on Sunday night that her two competitors had called and conceded victory.

"I will become the first woman president of Mexico," Sheinbaum said with a smile, speaking at a downtown hotel shortly after electoral authorities announced a statistical sample showed she held an irreversible lead.

"I don't make it alone. We've all made it, with our heroines who gave us our homeland, with our mothers, daughters and granddaughters."

"We have demonstrated that Mexico is a democratic country with peaceful elections," she said.

The National Electoral Institute's President said Sheinbaum had between 58.3 per cent and 60.7 per cent of the votes, according to a statistical sample. Opposition candidate Xóchitl Gálvez had between 26.6 per cent and 28.6 per cent of the votes and Jorge Álvarez Máynez had between 9.9 per cent and 10.8 per cent of the votes.

The preliminary count, which started off very slowly, put Sheinbaum 27 points ahead of Gálvez with 42 per cent of polling place tallies counted shortly after her victory speech.

The governing party candidate campaigned on continuing the

political course set over the last six years by her political mentor President Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

His anointed successor, the 61-year-old Sheinbaum led the campaign wire-to-wire despite a spirited challenge from Gálvez. This was the first time in Mexico that the two main opponents were women.

"Of course, I congratulate Claudia Sheinbaum with all my respect who ended up the winner by a wide margin," López Obrador said shortly after electoral authority's announcement. "She is going to be Mexico's first woman president in 200 years."

If the margin holds, it would approach his landslide victory in 2018. López Obrador won the presidency after two unsuccessful tries with 53.2 per cent of the votes, in a three-way race where National Action took 22.3 per cent and the Institutional Revolutionary Party took 16.5 per cent.

Earlier, Gálvez wrote on the social platform X, 'The votes are there. Don't let them hide them.'

Sheinbaum is unlikely to enjoy the kind of unquestioning devotion that López Obrador has enjoyed. Both belong to the governing Morena party.

In Mexico City's main colonial-era main plaza, the Zocalo, Sheinbaum's lead did not initially draw the kind of cheering and jubilant crowds that greeted López Obrador's victory in 2018.

Fernando Fernández, a chef, 28, joined the relatively small crowd, hoping for a Sheinbaum victory, but even he acknowledged there were problems.

"You vote for Claudia out of conviction, for AMLO," Fernández said, referring to López Obrador by his initials, as most Mexicans do. But his highest hope is that Sheinbaum can "improve what AMLO couldn't do, the price of gasoline, crime and drug trafficking, which he didn't combat even though he had the power."

Also in the crowd, Itxel Robledo, 28, a business administrator, expressed hope that Sheinbaum would do what López Obrador didn't. "What Claudia has to do is put professionals in every area."

Elsewhere in the city, Yoselin Ramírez, 29, said she voted for Sheinbaum, but split her vote for other posts because she didn't want anyone holding a strong majority.

"I don't want everything to be occupied by the same party, so there can be a little more equality," she said without elaborating.

The main opposition candidate, Gálvez, a tech entrepreneur and former senator, tried to seize on Mexicans' concerns about security and promised to take a more aggressive approach toward organized crime.

Nearly 100 million people were registered to vote, but turnout appeared to be slightly lower than in past elections. Voters were also electing governors in nine of the country's 32 states, and choosing candidates for both houses of Congress, thousands of mayorships and other local posts, in the biggest elections the nation has seen and ones that have been marked by violence.

The elections were widely seen as a referendum on López Obrador, a populist who has expanded social programs but largely failed to reduce cartel violence in Mexico. His Morena party currently holds 23 of the 32 governorships and a simple majority of seats in both houses of Congress. Mexico's constitution prohibits the president's reelection.

Sheinbaum promised to continue all of López Obrador's policies, including a universal pension for the elderly and a program that pays youths to apprentice.

South Korea plans to nullify peace deal to punish North Korea over trash-carrying balloon launches

SEOUL, Jun 3 (Agencies): South Korea announced Monday it'll suspend a rapprochement deal with North Korea to punish it over its launches of trash-carrying balloons, even after the North said it would halt its balloon campaign.

Over several days, North Korea flew hundreds of balloons to drop trash and manure on South Korea in an angry reaction against previous South Korean civilian leafleting campaigns. On Sunday, South Korea said it would take "unbearable" retaliatory steps in response, before North Korea abruptly announced it would stop flying balloons across the border.

On Monday, South Korea's presidential national security council said it has decided to suspend a 2018 inter-Korean agreement aimed at easing frontline animosities, until mutual trust between the two Koreas is restored, according to the presidential office.

The security council said the suspension would allow South Korea to resume military drills near the border with North Korea and take effective, immediate responses to provocations by North Korea. It said a proposal on the suspension will be introduced at the Cabinet Council on Tuesday for approval.

Observers say South Korea needs the deal's suspension to restart blasting anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts, K-pop songs and outside news from border loudspeakers. They say such broadcasts have previously stung in the rigidly controlled North, where most of its 26 million people are not allowed official accesses to foreign news.

The 2018 agreement, reached during a brief period of reconciliation between then-liberal South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, require the Koreas to cease all hostile acts against each other, including propaganda broadcasts and leafleting campaigns.

But the accord doesn't clearly state civilian leafleting should also be banned. That has allowed South Korean activists to continue to fly balloons to drop anti-Pyongyang leaflets, USB sticks with South Korean dramas and world news, and U.S. dollars in North Korea. Enraged over such leafleting campaigns, North Korea has previously fired at incoming balloons and destroyed a South Korean-built, unoccupied inter-Korean liaison office in the North.

The 2018 deal has already been in the danger of collapsing. Tension spiked after North Korea's spy satellite launch last November prompted both Koreas to take steps in breach of the accord — South Korea resuming frontline aerial surveillance and North Korea restoring border guard posts.

Since last Tuesday, a total of about 1,000 North Korean balloons carrying manure, cigarette butts, scraps of cloth and waste paper have been discovered in various parts of South Korea. No hazardous substances were found, according to South Korea's military.

On Sunday night, Kim Kang Il, a North Korean vice defense minister, said the North would stop its balloon campaign because it left the South Koreans with "enough experience of how much unpleasant they feel." He said North Korea will fly balloons again if South Korean activists restart their own balloon activities.

Experts say North Korea's balloon campaign, reportedly the first of its kind in seven years, is meant to trigger a divide in South Korea over its current conservative government's tough policy on the North. Since 2022, North Korea has dramatically ramped up its weapons tests in what analysts call an attempt to bolster its nuclear capability and increase its leverage in future diplomacy with the U.S.

Sri Lanka closes schools as floods and mudslides leave 10 dead and 6 others missing

COLOMBO, Jun 3 (Agencies): Sri Lanka closed schools on Monday as heavy rain triggered floods and mudslides in many parts of the island nation, leaving at least 10 people dead and six others missing, officials said.

The education ministry announced that the reopening of schools would depend on how the weather develops.

Heavy downpours have wreaked havoc in many parts of the country since Sunday, flooding homes, fields and roads, and forcing authorities to cut electricity as a precaution.

Six people died after being washed away and drowning in the

capital, Colombo, and the remote Rathnapura district on Sunday, according to the disaster management center. Three others died when mounds of earth collapsed on their houses, and one person died when a tree fell on him. Six people have gone missing since Sunday.

By Monday, over 5,000 people had been moved to evacuation centers and more than 400 homes had been damaged, the center said in a statement.

Navy and army troops have been deployed to rescue victims and provide food and other essentials to those affected.

Sri Lanka has been grappling with severe weather conditions since mid-May caused by heavy monsoon rains. Earlier, strong winds downed trees in many areas, killing nine people.

Tens of thousands of children in Afghanistan are affected by ongoing flash floods, UNICEF says

KABUL, Jun 3 (Agencies): Tens of thousands of children in Afghanistan remain affected by ongoing flash floods, especially in the north and west, the U.N. children's agency said Monday.

Unusually heavy seasonal rains have been wreaking havoc on multiple parts of the country, killing hundreds of people and destroying property and crops. The U.N. food agency has warned that many survivors are unable to make a living.

UNICEF, the U.N. children's agency, said the extreme weather has all of the hallmarks of an intensifying climate crisis, with some of the affected areas having

experienced drought last year.

The World Food Program said the exceptionally heavy rains in Afghanistan killed more than 300 people and destroyed thousands of houses in May, mostly in the northern province of Baghlan. Survivors have been left with no homes, no land, and no source of livelihood, WFP said.

UNICEF said in a statement Monday that tens of thousands of children remain affected by ongoing floods.

"The international community must redouble efforts and investments to support communities to alleviate and adapt to the impact of climate change on children," said Dr. Tajudeen Oyewale, the UNICEF representative in Afghanistan.

At the same time, "UNICEF and the humanitarian community must prepare ourselves for a new reality of climate-related disasters," Oyewale said.

Afghanistan ranks 15th out of 163 nations in the Children's Climate Risk Index. This means that not only are climate and environmental shocks and stresses prominent in the country, but children are particularly vulnerable to their effects compared with elsewhere in the world.

Last week, the private group Save the Children said about 6.5 million children in Afghanistan are forecast to experience crisis levels of hunger in 2024.

Nearly three out of 10 Afghan children will face crisis or emergency levels of hunger this year as the country feels the immediate impact of floods, the long-term effects of drought, and the return of Afghans from neighboring Pakistan and Iran, the group said in a report.

More than 557,000 Afghans have returned from Pakistan since September 2023, after Pakistan began cracking down on foreigners it alleges are in the country illegally, including 1.7 million Afghans.

China Accuses British Secret Service Of Recruiting Its Citizens To Spy

BEIJING, Jun 3 (Agencies): China on Monday accused Britain's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) of recruiting a couple who worked for the central government to spy for the UK, adding to months of mutual espionage allegations between Beijing and Western powers.

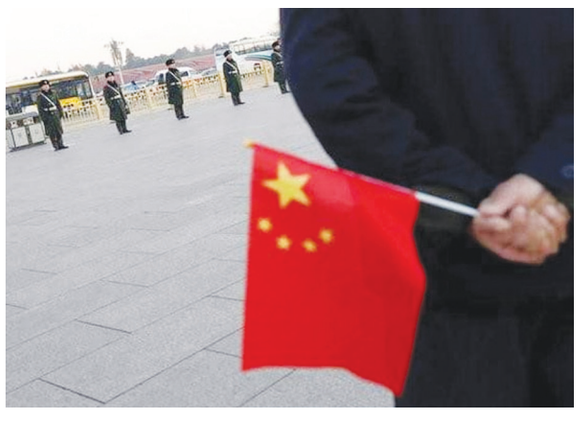
The Ministry of State Security said in a post on its official WeChat that MI6 operatives convinced a man surnamed Wang, who worked in a "core confidential role" in the central state apparatus, to defect along with his wife, surnamed Zhou.

"Recently, after careful investigation, the national security organs uncovered a major espionage case in which the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) instigated a couple, Wang and Zhou, who were staff members of a central state agency of China, to defect," it said.

The ministry said British spies began cultivating Wang after he began a course of study in the UK in 2015, arranging dinners and tours for him in order to "understand his character weaknesses, interests and demands".

After learning that Wang "had a strong desire for money", they then approached him to provide well-paid consulting services that came to involve the internal workings of central state agencies, the ministry said.

MI6 personnel later



revealed their identities to Wang and directed him to return to China to collect intelligence, convincing him to coerce Zhou into doing the same.

The ministry said it had gathered evidence and taken "decisive measures" against Wang, adding that the case was under further investigation.

The statement gave no details of Wang or Zhou's current occupations in China, the nature of the information they provided, or their whereabouts.

Agency has contacted Britain's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, which handles MI6 press enquiries, for comment.

China and Western powers have long traded accusations of spying but only recently started to disclose details of alleged individual cases.

Last month, British police said Matthew Trickett, who had been charged with helping the semi-autonomous Chinese city of Hong Kong to gather intelligence in the UK, had been found dead in unexplained circumstances.

In April, German authorities arrested four people on suspicion of spying for China, in the same week that British police charged two men with passing sensitive information to Beijing between 2021 and last year.

5.9 Magnitude Earthquake Hits Japan, No Tsunami Warning

TOKYO, Jun 3 (Agencies): A strong magnitude 5.9 earthquake shook central Japan on Monday but there was no tsunami warning, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said.

The shallow jolt, which hit at 6:31 am (2131 GMT), was centred in the Noto Peninsula, where a devastating quake on January 1 killed more than 230 people.

Local officials said there were no immediate reports of damage but they were still collecting information, public broadcaster NHK reported.

Monday morning's earthquake was followed around 10 minutes later by a second, smaller magnitude-4.8 shake in the same area, the JMA said.

The operator of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear plant in the region said it had suspended operations to check for damage, according to NHK.

The broadcaster warned that many buildings in the coastal Sea of Japan region might have been previously damaged in the powerful January earthquake and its aftershocks.

The January 1 quake destroyed and toppled buildings, caused fires and knocked out infrastructure on the Noto Peninsula just as families were celebrating New Year's Day.

Sitting on top of four major tectonic plates along the western edge of the Pacific "Ring of Fire", Japan is one of the world's most tectonically active countries.

The archipelago, home to around 125 million people, experiences around 1,500 jolts every year and accounts for around 18 percent of the world's earthquakes.

The vast majority are mild, although the damage they cause varies according to their location and the depth below the Earth's surface at which they strike.

Still, even large quakes usually cause little damage thanks to special construction techniques and strict building regulations in the world's number four economy.

GDC Kunjwani students gain real-world experience through industrial visit

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Department of Physics, GDC Kunjwani, in collaboration with College Internship Cell and IQAC organized an industrial visit for its students to T.V. Super Filter Industries, Jammu on June 1, 2024.

This initiative, a part of the college's ongoing effort to bridge academic learning with industry practices, offered students a firsthand look into the sophisticated world of manufacturing and engineering.

The visit aimed at enriching student's understanding of the industrial sector, focusing on the manufacturing processes, quality standards and the latest technological advancements. It intended to augment their theoretical knowledge with practical insights, preparing them for the challenges of the professional world.

Dr. Manisha Kohli, Principal of the College, emphasized that the visit organized by the college is a crucial step in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application, and it has inspired the candidates to strive for excellence in their future careers. She also encouraged the students, emphasizing the importance of such tours in gaining valuable insights into real-world work environments.

TV Super Filter Industries is one of the best MSMEs endowed with various national and state awards including Gold Rated ZED certification, Rajiv Gandhi National Quality award etc, and is engaged in the production and supply of Oil, Air and Fuel filers to automobile industry both in India and abroad.

During the visit, participants had the opportunity to interact with Taranvir Singh Gujral, MD T.V.Super Filter Industries. The interaction provided valuable insights into the strategic direction of the business unit and its role within the overall operations and a deeper understanding of the company's goals, challenges, and future plans, enhancing their overall learning experience.

Afterwards the Industry expert person has explained to students by taking them into the different sections of industry such as raw material store section, production department, quality control department, packaging section and last finished product section.

Dr. Arti Pandoh Gupta, HOD Physics, GDC Kunjwani, extended its heartfelt gratitude to Taranvir Singh Gujral, MD T.V.Super Filter Industries and the entire team for their warm hospitality and the invaluable learning experience provided to the students. This visit has significantly contributed to the mission of delivering a holistic and practical education.

Students left the visit with a comprehensive understanding of industrial operations, an appreciation for quality assurance and insights into the application of their classroom learning in real-world scenarios. The visit underscored the significance of innovation and quality in the manufacturing industry.

Lecture on Employment Campaign for resident populace held at Thanamandi

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Jun 3: A 'lecture on employment for resident populace' was organized by the Indian Army at Thanamandi for spreading awareness amongst resident populace to enhance their skill for self-employment and provide better job opportunities in remote parts of Thanamandi. The aim of the event was to interact & educate young generation, women and resident populace about the various educational and scholarship schemes of Central Govt/ State Govt to address the problems of unemployment in our country. Officer of Indian Army addressed residents and gave an insight on various initiatives of the Govt and actions being taken to slowly decrease the level of unemployment. Various initiatives have been launched to boost employment including skill development programmes, job fair and entrepreneurship with Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP).

Memorandum of Understanding signed between SMVDU and SKUAST

Top News Report

KATRA, Jun 3: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) and Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu joined hands in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) ceremony held at SMVDU premises.

With signing of MoU by Ajay Kumar Sharma, JKAS, Registrar, SMVDU and Dr. Sushil Kumar Gupta Registrar SKUAST, doors have been opened for cooperation between the two premier institutes.

The MoU signing event was graced by the presence of Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, Professor B N Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST, Deans and Heads of Schools from SMVDU, Dr. R K Salgotra, Director Institute of Bio Tech, SKUAST Jammu, Dr. Anil Kumar, Dean Faculty of Agriculture SKUAST, Dr. Sushil K. Sharma, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Engineering, SKUAST Jammu.

On the occasion, Prof. Pragati Kumar articulated the significance of the partnership between SMVDU and SKUAST, emphasizing the importance of synergistic collaboration to drive academic and research endeavors to new heights.

Dr. Shafaq Rasool, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs SMVDU gave a comprehensive presentation offering insights into the rich academic tapestry of SMVDU.

A brief overview of different programs being offered at SMVDU and introduction of new programs such as B. Tech (Biotechnology), Bachelors of Design (B Des), B. Tech in Mathematics and Computing, Design your Degree Program and offering B. Tech (Honors) and B. Tech with Minor Specialization from Academic Session 2024-25 at SMVDU was also presented.

The Comprehensive presentation offering insights into the overview of SKUAST was delivered by Prof. B N Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST. With the signing of MoU, students pursuing different programs at both institutions stand to benefit from enhanced opportunities from cross-institutional collaboration, enriching their academic journey and preparing them for the challenges of the modern world.

Army held recruitment rally in Uri

Top News Report

URI, Jun 3: In coordination with the Civil Administration and with an aim to generate fair job opportunities for the local youths of Kashmir Valley, the Indian Army organised a Recruitment Rally at Uri for 600 vacancies of Army Porters with effect from June 3 to 5, 2024.

Enthusiastic crowd turned up in huge numbers, approximately 2000 on the first day itself and well thought out plans eased the processes which were appreciated by all participants.

Military Authorities laid emphasis on spreading awareness amongst the local populace, about fraudsters, touts and even the Station Commander, Uri himself briefed all participants.

The candidates were assured and witnessed the fairness of conduct.

The locals were overwhelmed with the professional conduct, a wonderful opportunity to serve the Nation and support the men in uniform along the borders in discharging their duties.

'Know Your Army' Lecture and Demonstration held

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Jun 3: The Indian Army organized "Know your Army" event at remote Luni Darman, village in Rajouri District.

The event encompassed display of specialized equipment ranging from specialized latest state-of-art weapons, day and night surveillance devices and specialized equipments and vehicles.

A talk about life in army was also organized along with the weapon display which was attended by children from nearby villages especially from Gujjar and Bakarwal community.

With a focus on transparency and community engagement, the event aimed to foster understanding and appreciation for the armed forces.

Children were invited to explore various weapons, accompanied by informative sessions highlighting the importance of defense, peacekeeping, and national security.

Notice

My Name was wrongly written as Bharat Bushan Gupta instead of Bharat Bhushan Gupta on the Birth Certificate and 10th, 12th Grade Card of My Daughter.

Now I'm applying for corrections to the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to the concerned authority within seven days from the publication of this notice.

Bharat Bhushan Gupta
S/o Bansi Lal Gupta
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Ready to hold assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir: ECI

Jammu and Kashmir.

For Jammu and Kashmir, most of the exit polls predicted National Conference to win all three Lok Sabha seats in the Kashmir Valley, BJP two seats in Jammu division and Congress to win lone Lok Sabha seat in Ladakh.

Top LeT commander Riyaz Dar among two militants killed in Pulwama encounter

through for police and security forces as Riyaz was wanted in many militancy cases, the top added.

Earlier, a joint team of Police and army launched a cordon and search operation in Nihama. During Searches contact was established with the hiding militants, triggering off a gunfight.

Tight security arrangements in Kashmir ahead of vote counting on Tuesday

Anantnag to ensure that no unauthorised person enters the premises, they said.

A tight vigil has been maintained around the strong rooms where electronic voting machines have been kept since the close of polling in respective constituencies.

Polls for the five parliamentary constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir were held in as many phases — April 19, April 26, May 13, May 20 and May 25.

Ahead of the counting of votes, the Returning Officers of the constituencies have held meetings with contesting candidates, election agents and representatives of political parties contesting in each of the Lok Sabha seats to familiarise them with the standard procedure of counting process prescribed by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The returning officer informed the participants about the sequence and procedures of the counting, including handling of EVMs, VVPATs, and the process of the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS).

An official spokesman said regular announcements would be made through the public address system at the counting hall on the counting day.

There are 66 candidates in the fray for the three Lok Sabha seats of Kashmir valley. Among the key candidates for the three seats are president of PDP Mehbooba Mufti, vice president of National Conference Omar Abdullah, separatist turned mainstream politician Sajad Gani Lone and former MLA Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid, who is currently lodged in Tihar jail in a UAPA case.

While Mufti is up against prominent Gujjar and National Conference leader Mian Altaf Ahmad in Anantnag-Rajouri seat, Abdullah, Lone and Rashid are locked in a virtual triangular contest for the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat.

In the prestigious Srinagar Lok Sabha seat, both National Conference and the PDP have fielded young faces in Aga Roohullah and Waheed Para respectively.

Kashmir valley has witnessed record turnout in these Lok Sabha polls with more than 50 per cent of the electorate exercising their franchise.

Three-Tier security deployed for counting of votes in Jammu, Kathua

arrangements are comprehensive, covering traffic and security," Vaishya said.

CCTV cameras have been installed and videography arrangements are in place at the counting centers.

Over 12.86 lakh votes (72.22 per cent) will be counted in the Jammu constituency, where BJP's sitting MP Jugal Kishore Sharma aims for a third consecutive victory against Raman Bhalla, the working president of the J&K Congress unit, among 22 other candidates.

Both BJP and Congress have expressed confidence of winning the seat.

"We are very confident that BJP will win this seat. It was predicted by the exit polls as well," Sharma said.

In Kathua, three-tier security is also in place for the Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency counting scheduled for Tuesday.

Kathua Superintendent of Police Anayat Ali Choudhary, who took a review visit of the area, said that elaborate security arrangements have been made.

"Three tier security has been deployed here. We urge everyone to coordinate with the security forces and police. If there is any problem on the security front, it should be immediately brought to our knowledge," he told reporters.

Choudhary said that enhanced security has been deployed along the International Border (IB) and inter-district checkpoints to monitor and prevent any anti-social or anti-national activities.

The counting center for Udhampur Lok Sabha seat is set up at the Government Degree College Kathua, equipped with multi-tier security and 24×7 CCTV surveillance.

"Votes from 18 assembly segments, including Kathua, Udhampur, Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar, will be counted in designated halls. Three halls are designated for counting Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) votes," said Returning Officer Dr Rakesh Minhas.

A total of 225 tables, each staffed by three personnel, will facilitate the counting process. Sixty tables are designated for ETPBS votes, each with a counting agent, a micro observer, a supervisor and an Assistant Returning Officer (ARO), the officials said.

The CCTV footage of the EVM strong rooms has been shared with the political parties' representatives. Nearly 10,000 staff members will handle the entire counting process, including transferring Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) from strong rooms to counting halls, they added.

The Udhampur-Doda parliamentary constituency recorded a 68.23 per cent voter turnout on April 19, with 16,23,195 eligible voters casting their ballots. Over 11.08 lakh votes will determine the fate of 12 candidates, including Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who seeks a third consecutive win, competing against former minister and two-time MP Choudhary Lal Singh of the Congress.

27-yr-old daughter of IAS officers jumps off building in Mumbai; Suicide note found

while her mother, Radhika Rastogi, is also a senior IAS officer. This incident echoes a similar tragedy from 2017 when the son of Maharashtra cadre IAS officers Milind and Manisha Mhaiskar also committed suicide in Mumbai.

NIA charge sheets 17 hardcore ISIS operatives in india involved in radicalising youth, making IEDs

and filed its supplementary chargesheet before the special court at Patiala House in New Delhi on Monday against 17 others, of whom 15 are from Maharashtra and one each from Uttarakhand and Haryana, it said.

This takes the total number of accused chargesheeted in the case, which had exposed global linkages with foreign handlers, to 20, said the statement issued by the federal probe agency.

The accused, chargesheeted under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Arms Act and Explosive Substances Act, "were found to have been engaged in a massive ISIS conspiracy involving recruitment, training and propagation of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) ideology among gullible youth, along with fabrication of explosives and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and fund-raising for the banned outfit", it said.

The NIA, which has been cracking down on various ISIS modules active in the country with the intent to dismantle the nefarious terror network of the international organisation, had registered a case in November 2023 to probe this terror conspiracy.

Its investigation had subsequently led to the seizure of several incriminating documents and data relating to manufacturing of explosives and fabrication of IEDs, along with propaganda magazines like 'Voice of Hind', 'Rumiyah', 'Khilafat', 'Dabiq', published by the Islamic State (IS), the statement said.The agency had further found during investigations that the accused had been sharing digital files related to IED fabrication with their contacts.They were also found to be actively raising funds to further their terror plans as part of the ISIS agenda to spread violence in India and destroy its secular ethos and democratic systems, it said.The accused had carried out several acts preparatory to unleashing terrorist attacks, including recruitment of vulnerable youth into the organisation, the statement said."They had taken 'bayath' (pledge of allegiance) from an arrested accused Saquib Nachan, a habitual offender in many previous terror cases and a self-styled Amir-e-Hind for ISIS in India," the NIA said.

The chargesheeted accused are part of Delhi-Padgha (Maharashtra) ISIS terror module case, an official said, adding the NIA is actively pursuing investigations in the case to trace further links of the accused persons.

Sensex, Nifty race over 3 per cent to record highs as exit polls predict massive win for BJP-led NDA

The 30-share BSE Sensex soared by 2,507.47 points to settle at a new closing peak of 76,468.78, marking its biggest single-day gain in 3 years

MUMBAI, Jun 3 (Agencies): Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty rallied more than 3 per cent to close at lifetime highs on Monday following across-the-board buying as exit polls predicted a massive win for the BJP-led NDA in the general elections.

The 30-share BSE Sensex soared by 2,507.47 points or 3.39 per cent to settle at a new closing peak of 76,468.78, marking its biggest single-day gain in three years. During the day, the barometer jumped 2,777.58 points or 3.75 per cent to hit a record intra-day peak of 76,738.89.

The NSE Nifty climbed 733.20 points or 3.25 per cent to finish at 23,263.90. During the day, it soared 808 points or 3.58 per cent to hit a fresh intra-day all-time high of 23,338.70.

A sharp rally in blue-chip stocks Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and State Bank of India propelled the indices to lifetime high levels. Strong GDP data also added to the buoyancy in equity markets.

Shares of all Adani Group companies continued their sharp rally on Monday, with Adani Power surging nearly 16 per cent, in line with a massive surge in the equity market.

Among sectors, PSUs, Power, Utilities, Oil, Energy, Capital Goods, and Realty indices soared up to 8 per cent.

Exit polls on Saturday predicted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will retain power for a third straight term, with the BJP-led NDA expected to win a big majority in the Lok Sabha polls.

The counting of votes will take place on June 4.

"The markets opened at new highs today largely because of Exit polls predicting landslide victory for the BJP-led NDA. This will result in a positive surprise of policy continuity with higher seats for the NDA government," SAMCO Mutual Fund Fund Manager & Head of Equity Research Paras Matalia said.

Among the 30-Sensex companies, NTPC, State Bank of India and Power Grid jumped over 9 per cent each.

Larsen & Toubro, Axis Bank, Reliance Industries, UltraTech Cement, Mahindra & Mahindra, IndusInd Bank, ICICI Bank and Tata Steel were the other big gainers.

Sun Pharma, HCL Technologies, Asian Paints, Nestle and Infosys were the laggards.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, "Exit poll has activated the optimism of a memorable win for the ongoing government, PSUs had a humongous rally, in anticipation of continuation of the reform gains, triggering further re-rate."

India's economy grew by 8.2 per cent in the fiscal year that ended in March, cementing the country's position as the fastest-growing major economy in the world.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong settled with gains while Shanghai ended lower. European markets were trading in positive territory. US markets ended mostly higher on Friday.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 1,613.24 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.18 per cent to USD 81.26 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark climbed 75.71 points or 0.10 per cent to settle at 73,961.31 on Friday. The Nifty advanced 42.05 or 0.19 per cent to end at 22,530.70.

India's manufacturing sector growth eases in May; upturn in exports strongest in over 13 years: PMI survey

The slowdown was attributed to reduced working hours amid intensive heatwave and rising production costs.

NEW DELHI, Jun 3 (Agencies): India's manufacturing sector saw a slower growth rate for the second straight month in May but stayed firmly in expansion mode with global sales increasing to the greatest extent in over 13 years, a monthly survey said on Monday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell from 58.8 in April to 57.5 in May, signalling a slower but substantial improvement in the health of the sector.

The index had climbed to a 16-year high of 59.1 in March.

In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

According to HSBC Global Economist Maitreyi Das, "The manufacturing sector remained in expansionary territory in May, albeit the pace slowed, led by a softer rise in new orders and output."

The slowdown was attributed to reduced working hours amid intensive heatwave and rising production costs.

"Panelists cited heatwaves as a reason for lower work hours in May, which may have affected production volumes," Das said.

The headline figure was nearly four points higher than its long-run average.

May data showed a further upturn in Indian factory production, which stretched the current sequence of expansion to nearly three years.

Despite easing to a three-month low, the rate of increase remained sharp.

Growth was supported by new business gains, demand strength and successful marketing efforts, the report said.

New orders rose at a substantial pace that was nonetheless the slowest in three months.

The rise was associated with marketing efforts, demand strength and favourable economic conditions, as per the report.

Growth was reportedly stymied by competitions and election-related disruptions, it said, adding that in contrast to the trend for total sales, new export orders rose at a faster pace in May.

The upturn in international sales was the strongest in over 13 years as manufacturers witnessed gains from customers across several countries in Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe, and the Middle East.

The ongoing strong sales performances, combined with upbeat growth forecasts, fuelled job creation in May, the report said.

Manufacturing employment rose to one of the greatest extents seen since data collection started in March 2005, the report said, adding that jobs growth, parallel to rising material and freight costs, underpinned a quicker increase in input costs at goods producers.

"On the price front, higher raw material and freight costs led to a rise in input prices. Manufacturers were only able to pass on a part of this increase to consumers, resulting in a squeeze in manufacturing margins," Das said.

"The positive news is that May recorded the highest level of positive sentiment among manufacturing firms in just under a decade, resulting in increased job creation," Das added.

The HSBC India Manufacturing PMI compiled by S&P Global, is based on responses to questionnaires sent to purchasing managers in a panel of around 400 manufacturers.

Amul milk price hiked by Rs 2/litre across all variants with effect from June 3

AHMEDABAD, Jun 3 (Agencies): The price of Amul milk across all variants has been hiked by Rs 2 per litre with effect from Monday in view of the increase in the overall cost of operation and production of milk, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) said.

With this, the price of the Amul milk pouch will go up by Rs 2 per litre in all markets across the country.

The price of Amul milk across all variants has been raised by Rs 2 per litre with effect from June 3, said Jayen Mehta, MD of GCMMF, which markets the milk and dairy products under the 'Amul' brand.

The last time GCMMF had raised the milk price was in February 2023.

The hike is necessitated to compensate farmers for their increased cost of production, Mehta said.

With the fresh hike, the revised milk prices for variants such as 500 ml Amul buffalo milk, 500 ml Amul Gold milk, and 500 ml Amul Shakti milk stand at Rs 36, Rs 33, and Rs 30, respectively.

"The increase of Rs 2 per litre translates to the range of 3-4 per cent increase in MRP which is much lower than the average food inflation.

It is worthwhile to note that since February 2023, Amul has made no increase in prices of fresh pouch milk in major markets," GCMMF said in a statement.

This price hike is being done due to the increase in the overall cost of operation and production of milk, it said.

Amul as a policy passes on almost 80 paise of every rupee paid by consumers for milk and milk products to milk producers, according to GCMMF.

"The price revision shall help in sustaining remunerative milk prices to our milk producers and to encourage them for higher milk production," it added.

Mediterranean diet may lower risk of death in women, finds study

NEW DELHI, Jun 3 (Agencies): Women consuming the largely plant-based Mediterranean diet were found to be at a 23 per cent lower risk of dying prematurely, according to a new research.

The study following more than 25,000 US women for up to 25 years found that adhering to the diet reduced cholesterol, obesity and insulin resistance, all of which are known risk factors for developing metabolic disorders, including diabetes and heart disease.

The Mediterranean diet is rich in nuts, fruits and vegetables, along with whole grains and legumes. The dishes are mainly cooked in olive oil and also include a moderate intake of fish, poultry, dairy and eggs. Red meat and sweets are rarely consumed.

Adopting this diet pattern was also found to lower risk of death due to cancer in the women studied. The findings were published in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Our research provides significant public health insight: even modest changes in established risk factors for metabolic diseases can yield substantial long-term benefits from following a Mediterranean diet. This finding underscores the potential of encouraging healthier dietary habits to reduce the overall risk of mortality," said lead author Shafqat Ahmad, a researcher at the Division of Preventive Medicine in Brigham and Women's Hospital in US.

The researchers included participants aged at least 45 years at the start of the women's health study. The women responded to questionnaires and provided information on their weight, height and body mass index, along with details about their lifestyle and medical and social history. Their blood pressures were also taken.

For understanding possible biological mechanisms that could explain the diet's health benefits, the researchers assessed over 30 biomarkers of metabolism and inflammation, including lipids and insulin resistance.

"In this large-scale cohort study of 25,315 initially healthy US women who were followed up for 25 years, we observed that higher adherence to the Mediterranean diet was associated with a 23 per cent relative risk reduction in all-cause mortality," the authors wrote.

The researchers acknowledged that the study was limited to middle aged and older well-educated female health professionals who were predominantly non-Hispanic and white.

However, the study's strengths included its large sample size and a long follow-up duration, they said.

"The health benefits of the Mediterranean diet are recognised by medical professionals, and our study offers insights into why the diet may be so beneficial," said senior author Samia Mora, a cardiologist and the director of the Center for Lipid Metabolomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Giving babies peanuts could avert allergies later on, study finds

NEW DELHI, Jun 3 (Agencies): Introducing peanuts into children's diets from infancy through age five can reduce the risk of peanut allergies in adolescence by 71%, according to new research by King's College London.

The study, published in NEJM Evidence, part of the LEAP-Trio trial, highlights the long-term benefits of early peanut consumption in preventing allergies.

The findings build on the earlier Learning Early About Peanut Allergy (LEAP) clinical trial. In the LEAP trial, infants were divided into two groups: one regularly consuming peanuts until age five and the other avoiding them. Results showed an 81% reduction in peanut allergy risk at age five for those who consumed peanuts early.

Follow-up research from ages 6 to 12 revealed that only 4.4% of children who had eaten peanuts early developed allergies by adolescence, compared to 15.4% of those who had avoided them.

This demonstrates that early peanut introduction leads to sustained allergy prevention even when peanut consumption is inconsistent later on.

Lead author Professor Gideon Lack from King's College London emphasised that early peanut introduction induces long-term tolerance, countering decades of advice that discouraged early peanut consumption.

Professor George Du Toit, co-lead author, affirmed the intervention's safety and effectiveness, recommending that peanuts be introduced as early as four months, provided the infant is ready for weaning.

The LEAP-Trio study tested for peanut allergy using an oral food challenge, which involves gradually increasing peanut consumption in a controlled environment. The study also collected data on participants' peanut consumption habits and validated these with environmental samples.

Professor Lack highlighted the global impact of the findings, noting that early peanut consumption could prevent over 1,00,000 new cases of peanut allergy every year worldwide.

Cancer patients often do better with less intensive treatment, new research finds

NEW YORK, Jun 3 (Agencies): Scaling back treatment for three kinds of cancer can make life easier for patients without compromising outcomes, doctors reported at the world's largest cancer conference.

It's part of a long-term trend toward studying whether doing less — less surgery, less chemotherapy or less radiation — can help patients live longer and feel better. The latest studies involved ovarian and esophageal cancer and Hodgkin lymphoma.

Thirty years ago, cancer research was about doing more, not less. In one sobering example, women with advanced breast cancer were pushed to the brink of death with massive doses of chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants. The approach didn't work any better than chemotherapy and patients suffered.

Now, in a quest to optimise cancer care, researchers are asking: "Do we need all that treatment that we have used in the past?"

It's a question, "that should be asked over and over again," said Dr. Tatjana Kolevska, medical director for the Kaiser Permanente National Cancer Excellence Programme, who was not involved in the new research.

Often, doing less works because of improved drugs.

"The good news is that cancer treatment is not only becoming more effective, it's becoming easier to tolerate and associated with less short-term and long-term complications," said Dr. William G. Nelson of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, who was also not involved in the new research.

Studies demonstrating the trend were discussed over the weekend at an American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Chicago. Here are the highlights:

Ovarian cancer

French researchers found that it's safe to avoid removing lymph nodes that appear healthy during surgery for advanced ovarian cancer. The study compared the results for 379 patients — half had their lymph nodes removed and half did not. After nine years, there was no difference in how long the patients lived and those with less-extreme surgery had fewer complications, such as the need for blood transfusions. The research was funded by the National Institute of Cancer in France.

Esophageal cancer

This German study looked at 438 people with a type of cancer of the esophagus that can be treated with surgery. Half received a common treatment plan that included chemotherapy and surgery on the esophagus, the tube that carries food from the throat to the stomach. Half got another approach that includes radiation too. Both techniques are considered standard. Which one patients get can depend on where they get treatment.

After three years, 57 per cent of those who got chemo and surgery were alive, compared to 51 per cent of those who got chemo, surgery and radiation. The German Research Foundation funded the study.

Hodgkin lymphoma

A comparison of two chemotherapy regimens for advanced Hodgkin lymphoma found the less intensive treatment was more effective for the blood cancer and caused fewer side effects.

After four years, the less harsh chemo kept the disease in check in 94 per cent of people, compared to 91 per cent of those who had the more intense treatment. The trial included 1,482 people in nine countries — Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Australia and New Zealand — and was funded by Takeda Oncology, the maker of one of the drugs used in the gentler chemo that was studied.

Today's T20 World Cup Match, Sri Lanka vs South Africa prediction: H2H, New York pitch report and Who Will Win?

Sri Lanka take on power-packed South Africa as the New York prepares to host its first-ever game in the tournament

NEW YORK, Jun 3 (Agencies): Sri Lanka and South Africa will go head to head in New York as action in the T20 World Cup 2024's Group of Death gets underway on Monday, June 3. It's the battle between two nations in the top 10 for the first time in the tournament and the newly-built Nassau County Cricket Stadium is set for a potential blockbuster. Sri Lanka, the 2014 champions, and South Africa, perennial pre-tournament favourites, will be hoping to make a statement on Monday after having flown under the radar in the lead-up to the tournament.

South Africa are heading into the contest on the back of a 0-3 thrashing to the West Indies in May. The Proteas haven't been in the best of forms in T20I cricket, but the return of their star players after their IPL commitments makes them a formidable unit. On the other hand, Sri Lanka got a wake-up call in warm-up games. They were stunned by the Netherlands before they defeated Ireland in Florida in their last practice match.

It will also be a battle between one of the strongest batting units in the tournament against a bowling attack that is looking threatening. South Africa will be bolstered by the return of the likes of captain Aiden Markram, Tristan Stubbs, David Miller, and Heinrich Klaasen. Sri Lanka, on the other hand, have one of their best bowling attacks in recent years with captain Wanindu

Hasaranga leading the line-up, which also has the likes of Maheesh Theekshana, Matheesha Pathirana, Nuwan Thushara, Dilshan Madhushanka and Dushmantha Chameera.

South Africa, led by Aiden Markram, will be keen on ending their title drought, especially after the heartbreak of the ODI World Cup in 2023 where they lost to eventual champions Australia in the semi-final. However, they need to overcome their starting trouble as they also have Bangladesh and giant-slayers Netherlands in Group D -- the Proteas have lost three of their last four opening matches in the men's T20 World Cup.

SRI LANKA vs SOUTH AFRICA HEAD-T0-HEAD IN T20 WORLD CUP

Sri Lanka and South Africa have played 17 matches between them in T20Is. South Africa have won 11 of them in a dominant head-to-head record.

In fact, Sri Lanka and South Africa are meeting for the first time since their clash in the T20 World Cup in 2021 in Sharjah.

Sri Lanka also have a poor head-to-head record against South Africa in T20 World Cups with their only win in four meetings coming in the 2014 edition.

SRI LANKA Vs SOUTH AFRICA: TEAM NEWS

There are no injury woes on either side, but focus will be on two premier fast bowlers. Anrich Norje has not been at his best in the recent past after having recovered from injury concerns. He was not at his best in the IPL and South Africa will want their premier pacer to return to peak form.

On the other hand, Sri Lanka will be hoping their star pacer Matheesha Pathirana is completely fit for their opening match in New York. Pathirana bowled in the warm-up games and also shone against Ireland.

PREDICTED XIs: SL vs SA

South Africa: Quinton de Kock, Reeza Hendricks, Ryan Rickelton, Aiden Markram (captain), David Miller, Heinrich Klaasen, Tristan Stubbs, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, Tabraiz Shamsi.

Sri Lanka: Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Kamindu Mendis, Dhananjaya De Silva, Charith Asalanka, Wanindu Hasaranga (captain), Angelo Mathews, Dasun Shanaka, Maheesh Theekshana, Matheesha Pathirana, Dilshan Madushanka.

NEW YORK PITCH AND CONDITIONS

If the warm-up match between India and Bangladesh is anything to go by, Sri Lanka and South Africa should prepare themselves for the unexpected at the Nassau County Cricket Ground. The pitch on Saturday aided the fast bowlers with uneven bounce while the spinners did not get a lot of purchase. Batting was not easy, but the likes of Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya showed the importance of getting in and playing a long innings.

The weather is expected to be clear for the big-ticket match on Monday.

SL vs SA, T20 World Cup 2024: Prediction - Who will Win?

South Africa have the batting firepower to post a threatening total. However, the conditions in New York might not be suited to their style of batting. Expect Sri Lanka to ride on their bowling unit and clinch a win in a close contest.

T20 World Cup2024: Trumpelmann, Wiese Shine As Namibia Clinch Super Over Win Against Oman

BRIDGETOWN, Jun 3 (Agencies): Namibia's Ruben Trumpelmann became the first player to take wickets in the first two deliveries of a T20 international as his team beat Oman via the Super Over in a thrilling T20 World Cup match here. David Wiese and skipper Gerhard Erasmus smashed 21 runs for Namibia in the one-over eliminator with Oman managing 10 from the allotted six deliveries bowled brilliantly by the seasoned Wiese. Asked to bat first, Oman were earlier bowled out for 109 in 19.4 overs at the Kensington Oval. In reply, Namibia were also stopped at the same team score with Jan Frylinck making 45 in 48 balls and Mehran Khan taking 3/7 to force a Super Over.

This was after Namibia's South Africa-born left-arm fast bowler Trumpelmann created history.

The 26-year-old achieved the feat when he dismissed opener Kashyap Prajapati and Oman skipper Aqib Ilyas for golden ducks on the first two balls of the match.

Khalid Kail top-scored for Oman with 34 in 39 balls.

Trumpelmann took another wicket in his second over and returned with the career-best figures of 4-21.

He trapped Kashyap Prajapati leg before wicket with an in-swinging yorker on the first ball of the match and then dismissed Ilyas with one that crushed onto the batter's toes.

In the process, Trumpelmann also registered the best figures for the team in T20 World Cup history. He beat the previous record of 3/17 set by him against Scotland in the 2021 edition of the T20 World Cup held in the UAE.

After sending back Prajapati and Ilyas off successive balls, Trumpelmann dismissed opener Naseem Khushi and then returned to pick up the wicket of Kalemullah at the death for his fourth scalp.

Wiese too was among wickets, returning fine figures of 3/28 in 3.4 overs as Oman found it hard to tackle the Namibia bowlers.

However, defending a small total, Oman bowlers showed a lot of discipline and refused to go down without a fight, eventually managing to tie the game.

But, on the day, Nambia had the last laugh.

While many thought Namibia captain Erasmus would hand the ball to Trumpelmann to bowl the Super Over, he chose the 39-year-old Wiese for his years of experience and it paid dividends.

After the nervy win, Player of the Match Wiese, who was also born in South Africa, said, "Aged a couple of years tonight. Don't have a lot of years left in me (laughs). It was emotionally draining evening." Speaking about batting and bowling in Super over, "It helped that I had a feel of the game and knew if I get a few hits out in the Super Over .... then with the ball, felt like taking the ball and executing.

"Pitch was difficult, didn't play the way we thought. But we adapted well. It was two-paced, it was a difficult wicket to get yourself in. Definitely one you needed to spend a bit of time before capitalising." Namibia were on course to chase down the target of 110 until Mehran Khan (3/7) brought Oman back into the contest with his two wickets in the final over.

Babar Azam-Mohammad Rizwan as openers?: Ian Bishop wants Pakistan to change approach

DALLAS, Jun 3 (Agencies): Former West Indies legend Ian Bishop wanted Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan to change their batting approach going into the T20 World Cup. The Pakistan team resorted to their usual opening pair of Rizwan and Babar, right ahead of the marquee tournament, during the T20I series against England. Earlier, the successful opening pair had attained immense success while batting together. However, the young batter Saim Ayub was made to open alongside Rizwan during the 5-match T20I series against New Zealand.

While speaking on Star Sports, Bishop backed youngsters like Ayub and Mohammad Harris to be given opportunities at the top for Pakistan.

"If you're asking me what I want versus what will happen to Pakistan, I will tell you that I need and hope that down the road, I don't know if it's immediate but down the road guys like Saim Ayub, I know Mohammad Harris is not in the reckoning right now, but he's another young man. They've left back at home that I think until for T-20 cricket. But these guys are still very young and living the way," Bishop said.

While opening the batting, Ayub could manage to score only 229 runs in 15 innings with a strike0rate of just 126.52. He got to open the batting during the

2nd T20I match against England, but departed for a 7-ball 2. In the 4th T20I, captain Babar came out to bat and shared a 59-run opening stand with Rizwan.

Should Babar and Rizwan open?

Bishop raised the strike-rate concerns for both the openers and wanted Rizwan-Babar to shift gears early on in the innings.

"So, the experience of Babar and Riwan, they probably will go back there. But again, that's a template that needs to change with those two players who I think from what we've seen T 20 cricket going to even in a World Cup of challenging pitches, they need to shift another gear up in the way they approach their batting," Bishop added.

Pakistan will take on the hosts USA in their tournament opener on June 6 at the Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas, Texas.

West Indies pushed to limit by plucky PNG in their T20 World Cup opener

GEORGETOWN, Jun 3 (Agencies): Two-time champions West Indies were put under extreme pressure by a plucky Papua New Guinea unit before scraping through with a five-wicket win in their T20 World Cup opener here.

Left-hander Sese Bau (50 off 43) made a fine half-century to take PNG to 136 for eight after the associate nation lost their first four wickets for 50 runs.

A power-packed West Indies should have chased down the below-par total comfortably but PNG made them work hard for the win despite their limitations.

PNG's spinners as well as medium pacers did not allow the hard-hitting West Indies batters to cut loose on a slow surface.

The tournament co-hosts eventually got home in 19 overs thanks to rearguard action from Roston Chase (42 not out off 27 balls) and Andre Russell (15 off 9).

The West Indies' innings was halted for 20 minutes due to rain but there was no loss of overs.

The passing shower arrived with the home team at 8 for one in the second over and

it would have been two down at the same score had right-arm pacer Alei Nao won a lbw review for the dangerous Nicholas Pooran.

After trapping Johnson Charles off his very first ball, Nao got another one to seam back in from short of length to leave Pooran stranded but luck was on the latter's side.

However, his scratchy effort ended when he was caught in the deep off left-arm spinner John Kariko.

PNG skipper Assad Vala made it 63 for three inside 10 overs when he deceived opener Brandon King (34) in flight and had him caught at deep mid-wicket.

Nerves increased in the West Indies dressing room when it became 97 for five in 16 overs before Chase and Russell got hold of the proceedings.

After PNG were sent in to bat, Bau made an instant impact on the big stage with his spirited effort.

PNG, playing their second T20 World Cup, were reeling at 50 for four before Bau shared a 44-run stand with Charles Amini (12) to save them the blushes.

Expecting the pitch to turn, the West Indies picked three spinners and put the opposition in after winning the toss.

The help for the spinners was visible as early as the first over bowled by Akeal Hosein.

However, it was pacer Romario Shepherd who picked up the first wicket by having Tony Ura caught behind in the second over of the game.

The ball seamed away, inducing a thick edge from the batter.

Hosein got rid of number three Lega Siaka with an arm ball before Alzarri Joseph sent back Vala (21 off 22 balls). Vala came up with a couple of crisp hits in the cover region before being caught brilliantly by Roston Chase at backward point.

Vala's six over extra cover off spinner Chase in the previous over was one of the highlights of PNG's innings.

Bau then ensured that the odd boundary kept coming as PNG tried to consolidate their innings.

Bau, a leftie like Vala, smashed left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie for a six and a couple of fours to give the innings much-needed momentum.

After his departure, the associate nation did rather well to get close to the 140-run mark.

Norway Chess: Praggnanandhaa Loses To Alireza Firouzja, Magnus Carlsen Jumps To Sole Lead

STAVANGER, Jun 3 (Agencies): The brother-sister Indian duo of R Praggnanandhaaa and R Vaishali suffered defeats in their respective section while Magnus Carlsen justified his top billing with a win over an off-colour Ding Liren to surge to the sole lead on 12 points in the Norway Chess tournament here. Fabiano Caruana also scored over compatriot Hikaru Nakamura to help Carlsen emerge as the front runner for the crown in the six-player double round-robin contest being fought for a total prize pool of USD 161000.

Pragganandhaa lost to Firouzja Alireza of France in the Armageddon tiebreaker after suffering a bit through the Classical game too while Vaishali went down to world women's champion Wenjun Ju of China who outplayed the Indian in the endgame.

With four rounds still to come in both sections, Carlsen is now followed by Nakamura on 11 points while Praggnanandhaa is still third on 9.5 points in all.

Alireza is on fourth spot with eight points in all and Caruana follows him with 6.5 points. Surprisingly, China's Ding Liren seems completely out of sorts with just 2.5 points thus far, needing a miracle to come back in the tournament.

In the women's section, Wenjun snatched the lead from Vaishali along with Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine who won a hard-fought Armageddon against Tingjie Lei of China. Both Wenjun and Muzychuk have an identical 10.5 points, a half point ahead of Vaishali.

Lei is fourth on seven points, enjoying a two-point lead over Koneru

Humpy who suffered another loss at the hands of Pia Cramling of Sweden in the Armageddon.

Cramling has 4.5 points now and is still at the bottom of the tables.

Gaining a small advantage out of the opening, the world number one Carlsen capitalised on his double Bishops to launch an offensive on the king side and used another blunder by Ding Liren to finish the game with a child-like queen sacrifice.

Liren looks a far cry from the man who won the last world championship title against Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia and needs to really gather himself to make a match of it in the next edition of the tournament against India's D Gukesh.

Currently, as per FIDE, the apex governing body, there are bids from Delhi, Chennai and Singapore to hold the World Championship match.

Praggnanandhaa suffered a jolt in his quest as Alireza played a nice game under Classical to put pressure and eventually drew the contest. In the return game however, the Indian faltered and could not really stage a comeback.

In the women's section, Vaishali had her chances but Wenjun Ju was at her technical best and seized opportunities as they came her way. The minor pieces endgame had some chances but Vaishali could not sustain the pressure.

Results men: Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 12) beat Ding Liren (Chn, 2.5) 3-0; Hikaru Nakamura (USA, 11) lost to Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 6.5) 1-1.5; Firouzja Alireza (Fra, 8) beat R Praggnanandhaa (10) 1.5-1.

Women: R Vaishali (Ind, 10) lost to Wenjun Ju (Chn, 10.5) 0-3; K Humpy (Ind, 5) lost to Pia Cramling (Swe, 4.5) 1-1.5; Anna Muzychuk (10.5 beat Tingkie Lei (Chn, 7) 1.5-1).

JKTJAC honours Padma Shri Award-winning personalities

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UDHAMPUR, Jun 3: Jammu Kashmir Teachers Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) on Monday organised a grand function at Udhampur under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Udhampur Lekh Raj Parihar to honour the Padma Shri Award-winning personalities Shiv Dut Nirmohi (retired professor) who won the prestigious Civilian Award in 2020 in the field of Literature and Education and Ramalo Ram (retired ZEO) who won this award in 2024.

Lauding the selfless services given by both Nirmohi and Ramalo Ram, Vinod Sharma said that these sons of soil have brought laurels and made every resident of Jammu and Kashmir feel proud.

He said that both these personalities are source of inspiration to to the future generations.

Speaking on the occasion, Nirmohi and Ramalo Ram shared their experiences with the teachers and encouraged them to contribute their efforts for the welfare of society.

On the occasion both dignitaries were presented momentos and bouquets besides garlands and pagris.

Others who also share their views on the occasion were:- Sham Sharma, Sukhdev Singh Sumbria, Sukesh khajuria, Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami, Chain Singh, Ravinder Singh Rathore, Shamsher Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Balvinder Singh, Bhushan Khajuria, Rakesh Rajput, Amit Sharma, Sahil Singh, Vipen Raina, Anil Sharma, Manoj Sharma, Amit Gupta, Durv Singh, Sudesh Azad, Swarn Singh, Suresh Sharma, Man Chand Khajuria, Pankaj Thakur, Prashant Sharma, Shila Sharma, Komal Sharma, Sonika Sharma, Vijay Kumari, Mohd Mustafa, Ajay Thakur, Ajit Singh, Ranjit Singh, Puma Chand, Madan Bhardwaj, Ashok Kumar, Kuldeep Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Som Raj, Raj Pathania, Mohd Saleem, Pawan Sharma, Amit Sharma, Romesh Kumar, Deep Singh, Narinder Singh, Sandeep Singh, Ajay Kumar, Diwakar Sharma and Vijay Kumar.

Shri Shani Dev Jayanti on June 6

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Among the Navagrahas, Shri Shani Dev is considered the most powerful planet. This year, in 2024, Shri Shani Dev Jayanti will be celebrated on Thursday, June 6. Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, explained that according to religious texts, Shani Dev was born on the day of Jyeshtha Amavasya. It is believed that Shani Dev is the son of Lord Surya and Mata Chhaya.

The Jyeshtha Amavasya date begins on Wednesday, June 5, at 7:56 PM and ends

on Thursday, June 6, at 6:08 PM. Since the Amavasya date is prevalent during sunrise on Thursday, June 6, Shri Shani Dev Jayanti will be celebrated on that day. Shri Shani Dev is known for his sense of justice and is thus called the judge of Kaliyuga. His role is to maintain balance in nature. According to astrology, Shri Shani Dev governs karma and service, directly influencing one's career and business. His impact brings significant changes in a person's life.

By worshiping Shani Dev on Shani Dev Jayanti, one can get relief from the adverse effects of Shani Dosh, Dhaiya, Sade Sati, etc. Currently, Shani's Sade Sati is affecting Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces. Capricorn is in its final phase, Aquarius is in its second phase, and Pisces is in its first phase. Additionally, Cancer and Scorpio are experiencing Shani Dhaiya. Therefore, people of these five signs need to be especially cautious. Moreover, those undergoing Shani Mahadasha or Antardasha should also remain vigilant.

Dr. Tarun Sharma favours self defence, sports

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Japan Shotokan Karate-Do Kanninjuku Organization J&K in association with Nat Manch and Leo Martial Arts Academy has organised Inter School Karate Championship 2024 at Tawi Farm, Jammu.

200 contestants from different schools are participating in the one of its kind championship. This event shall give a new Phillip to the Karate promotion in J&K as 200 contestants shall give a message of new sports foundation in J&K. Various contestants won medals in different age weight categories including individual Kata/Kumite event.

Dr. Tarun Sharma Actor / Director, President Nat Manch, President Japan Shotokan Karate-Do Kanninjuku Organization J&K, Head BJP Youth wing Cultural Cell, Youth President Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Trust J&K, Social, Sports and Political Activist was present as a chief guest in the tournament.

Dr. Tarun Sharma said that such sports disciplines help in self defence which is need of the hour.

Organising members of Association i.e Ganesh Gupta (Examiner & Chief Instructor), Vinay Babbar, Vikas Charak, Dheeraj Singh Manhas, Tushant Gupta, Manik, Rohit Kumar, Geetanjli Shaan, Ajay, Sunil Sharma, Gopal, Amit and Anil were also present.

Ladakh prepares for three new criminal laws: Training and collaboration key to success

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LEH, Jun 3: Ladakh Legal Service Authority (LSSA), in collaboration with Ladakh Police, organized a one-day seminar-cum-orientation program on the Three New Criminal Laws to be implemented nationwide 1st July onwards, at Arya Nagarjuna Auditorium, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar, Leh, Ladakh.

Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge of the High Court of Jammu Kashmir Ladakh and Executive Chairman of LLSA UT Ladakh, was the Chief Guest, and Advisor Dr. Pawan Kotwal was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

The seminar was divided into four sessions. In the inaugural session, Advisor Dr. Pawan Kotwal addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of the three new criminal laws framed by Parliament, keeping in view modern times, the change in the pattern of crimes, and the need for steady investigation, trial, and justice. He also lauded the new laws for their stricter stance regarding offences committed against women.

The Three New Criminal Laws, namely, The Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, will replace the Indian Penal Code, 1860; Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898; and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, respectively, and will be effective from 1st July. He also stated that in regard to the capacity building, almost 40 percent of the Ladakh police personnel have been trained to be made aware of the new laws to use them in a more proper and effective way. Dr. Kotwal also expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards everyone, especially the two resource persons, Advocate E V Chandru and Advocate Sharat Chandru who were invited from Tamil Nadu to train the officials of UT Ladakh in respect of the three new criminal laws.

The Chief Guest of the occasion, Justice Sreedharan, emphasized the multi-sectoral role of police personnel and highlighted the harmonious working relationship between legal workers and police personnel. He further added that the three new criminal laws aim to advance betterment and progress in society and praised the laws for their stringent clauses regarding offences related to women.

In the first session, Advocate E V Chandru, the resource person, gave a detailed overview of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and interacted with the participants. In the second session, Advocate Sharat Chandru, the resource person, presented a comprehensive presentation on the Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. Additionally, Tsewang Phuntsok, CJM Leh, took a session on Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita.

The third session featured Ishtiaq Kacho JKPS, AIG (CIV), and Murad Bhat, Consultant KPMG, who shed light on the preparation for the implementation of the new laws in UT Ladakh, particularly in relation with police department and pillar of Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS).

The programme was attended by Deputy Commissioner Leh, SSP Leh ,CJM Leh, Member Secretary Ladakh Legal Service Authority, Senior Police Officers from Prosecution wing and Forensic wing, Judicial Officials , Advocates of the bar of Leh & Kargil and police personnel.

GHRT INDIA organises Medical Camp in Ramban

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RAMBAN, Jun 3: The Global Human Rights Trust (GHRT) organised a free medical camp in Ramban, provided essential medical services to the local community.

The camp, aimed at improving healthcare accessibility, successfully treated over 1,000 individuals.

A diverse team of healthcare professionals, including doctors, nurses, and volunteers, participated in the event. They offered a range of medical services such as general health check-ups, specialist consultations, and distribution of free medications along with health tests.

The initiative also included health education sessions focusing on preventive care and awareness about common health issues.

The GHRT's medical camp was a significant step in addressing the healthcare needs of the Ramban community, particularly for those who have limited access to medical facilities.

Local residents expressed their gratitude, highlighting the positive impact of such initiatives on their overall well-being.

The organization plans to continue its efforts in other underserved regions, reinforcing its commitment to human rights and health equity.

The doctors who were present in the camp are Dr Nadeem Niyaz Jan Founder Director Varicose & More MBBS, DNB, MRCS, FRCS (Edin), FEBVS (France), FICS, FAMS (Singapore) Dr Anisa Nisar Jan Executive Director Varicose and More MBBS, DNB, MRCGP.

Dr Shafeeqa Bano Gynaecologist & Obstetrician Government of J&K MBBS , MD (Gynaecology), Dr. S.L Dalia general physician and surgeon EX BMO, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Consultant Anaesthesia Critical care & Pain medicine Dr Mubeen Rashid Lecturer & Anatomist MBBS, MD Dr Bushra, Rahman MDS Dental Surgen and Gennext Jammu also support to this camp.

The volunteers who make this camp successful were Abid Mughal, Ajaz Hussain, Kuljeet Singh, Santosh Kumari, Mohd Latief, Shabir Sheikh, Ashar Hussain Paramjeet Singh, Sanjeev Singh, Abrar Mughal, Muzaffar Hussain Naik and Sheema were present.

Jammu Kashmir Police, Health Department Ramban, Revenue Department, and Tourism Department also support to organise Camp.

The camp was launched by Dr H R Rehman Managing Director GHRT INDIA along with President Seerat Committee Ramban Showkat Mughal.

Kranti Social & Educational Foundation felicitates winners of Mr., Miss & Mrs J&K 2024

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JAMMU, Jun 3: Chairperson of Kranti Social & Educational Foundation, Sukriti Dubey today felicitated the winners of prestigious Mr., Miss & Mrs J&K 2024 pageant, organized by Derniercri, in a ceremony held at Hotel Vivanta Jammu.

Sukriti Dubey, Chairperson of Kranti Social & Educational Foundation, presided over the event to honor the exceptional talents who showcased their grace, charisma, and personality throughout the competition.

Those who were felicitated included Rahat Singh winner of Miss Category, Sonakshi Sharma (1st Runner Up) and Varsha Nagotra (2nd Runner Up); Ruhi Sharma, Winner of Mrs Category, Madhvi Choudhary (1st Runner Up) and Sonam Gupta (2nd Runner Up) and Anurag Langeh, Winner of Mr Category, Ujjwal Rajput (1st Runner Up) and Dev Verma (2nd Runner Up).

Speaking on the occasion, Sukriti Dubey, Chairperson of Kranti Foundation said, "We are proud to felicitate the young local talent who have showcased their immense potential and dedication. It is very heartening to see the change in Jammu, with the youth moving forward towards their goals and dreams, breaking barriers and setting new standards. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work and determination."

She said at Kranti Foundation, we also do extensive work in Jammu and Kashmir as well as in Maharashtra, striving to create a better tomorrow for the youth in these regions by providing them with the necessary support and opportunities to excel and make a significant impact."

Devrishi Krishan Sharma, Founder & Director of Derniercri, has been instrumental in the Mr., Miss & Mrs J&K 2024 pageant project, revolutionizing the fashion industry in Jammu and has played a pivotal role in nurturing local talent.

Designer Shivani Gupta, owner of Sabhayata Traditional Wear, doing marvelous work in enriching rich and vibrant Dogra culture of the region.

BFCC celebrates World Bicycle Day 2024

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KATHUA, Jun 3: Bicycle For Change Club (BFCC) celebrated World Bicycle Day 2024 with great enthusiasm, featuring participation from more than 50 students from local schools, including Learning Temple, DAV, Kids Heaven, DPS, Army School, and Spring Dales.

Cdr. Amit Khajuria, addressing the gathering, highlighted the club's commitment to this year's theme, "Bicycle for Good Health, Equity, and Sustainability."

During the press briefing, the multifaceted benefits of cycling were discussed, particularly its role in addressing social issues like drug abuse and environmental pollution.

Cdr. Khajuria elaborated on how cycling helps children manage stress, achieve good health, and improve their concentration and academic performance.

Maninder Paul also spoke at the event, emphasizing the critical role of cycling in environmental conservation. He underscored the necessity of adopting cycling to combat pollution and promote a greener, healthier planet.

The celebration saw active involvement from BFCC members, including Sunil, Deep, Narender, Sachin, Rahul, Ajay, Arun, Aarush, Prakhar, and many others. Their efforts ensured the event was both educational and enjoyable for all attendees.

World Bicycle Day 2024 in Kathua was not just a celebration, but a significant step towards promoting sustainable transportation and fostering a culture of cycling among the youth.

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