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BRIEFLY

Fire breaks out at restaurant in **Udhampur**, dousing operation underway

JAMMU, Jun 6 (Agencies): A fire broke out at a restaurant in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur on Thursday.

Firefighters are currently engaged in an operation to extinguish the fire. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

Further details are awaited.

HC announces summer vacations from **June 10**

JAMMU, Jun 6 (Agencies): The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh will observe summer vacations from June 10 to June 29, 2024, as per an order issued by Registrar General Shahzad Azeem. The period from June 10 to June 15, 2024, will be a "No Work Period" for the court.

Govt attaches two JDA officers

JAMMU, Jun 6 (Agencies): Two officers of the Jammu Development Authority (JDA), Ravinder Koul, Executive Engineer of Division-1, and Megha Gupta, Tehsildar of Zone-C/D, have been attached to the office of the Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Housing & Urban Development Department, pending an enquiry into their conduct.

Meanwhile, Rahul Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, has been asked to conduct an inquiry into the matter and submit a report with his recommendations within 15 days.

Govt extends timeline for AIS Officers' PARs

JAMMU, Jun 6 (Agencies): The Government of India has extended the deadlines for filing online Performance Appraisal Reports (PARS) for All India Service (AIS) officers on the SPARROW Portal. This extension provides additional time for officers to complete their appraisal reports. ensuring thorough and accurate submissions.

'Two Chinese among 4 held for smuggling gold worth Rs 5.45 cr at Delhi airport'

NEW DELHI, Jun 6 (Agencies): Two Chinese nationals were among four passengers who were arrested for Turn to page 9

Lok Sabha Polls 2024: 280 MPs elected for first time

NEW DELHI, Jun 6 (Agencies): The 18th Lok Sabha will see about 280 MPs who have been elected for the first time, an increase from the 2019 elections when 267 members were first-time A total of 263 newly

elected MPs have previously served as members of Lok Sabha. Additionally, 16 MPs have been members of Rajya Sabha, and one MP has served seven terms in Lok Sabha, according to



think-tank PRS Legislative Research

Of the re-elected MPs, eight changed their constituency, and one was re-elected from two con-

Nine re-elected MPs

stituencies

who contested, 35 have The Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP) is the largest party in the new Lok Sabha with 240 seats. The next largest party is the Indian National Congress (INC) with 99 seats, followed by the Samajwadi Party with 37 seats.

represented a different

party in the 17th Lok

Sabha, while eight others

represented a party that

split from their earlier

Out of the 53 ministers

Medical student booked in Srinagar over 'Blasphemous' Post

SRINAGAR, Jun 6 (Agencies): Police here on Thursday registered a criminal case against a non-local medical student enrolled at the Srinagar Government Medical College for allegedly posting religiously sensitive content on a caller app.

"Srinagar Police has taken cognizance of the incident of posting of sensitive content against religious sentiments of a particular community by one student of GMC Srinagar," a police officer

police have filed a case in the matter after the receipt of a communication from the GMC Srinagar Administration. The officer appealed

to the "common public" to desist from spreading rumours/false information and not to fall prey to propaganda of anti-social elements.

Legal action shall be taken against those who are found to be involved in provocative act/instigation, the person said.

Protests broke out

at GMC Srinagar on Wednesday over a post by a non-local medical student allegedly against the Prophet Mohammad.

Dozens of students and several junior doctors held a protest on GMC campus against the student, who allegedly on an app posted a display picture which was deemed blasphemous by many students.

The student was suspended Wednesday by the administration of the medical college pending an inquiry.

MeT forecasts more rains, thundershower as night temp drops below normal at most places in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jun 6 (Agencies): The weatherman here on Thursday forecast rain and thundershower at most places in Jammu and Kashmir during few days. Also, rainfall at scattered places during last 24 hours led to drop mercury during night across J&K and barring Pahalgam

and Kupwara, all places recorded below normal temperature. A meteorological department official here told GNS that there is possibility of rain/thundershower at most places with moderate to intense showers at few places for brief period towards late afternoon and evening today. He said that there is possibility of thunder/ lightning accompanied by gusty winds during

From June 7-8, he said, there is possibility of light rain/thunder at few places towards afternoon. Partly cloudy to gener-

the time.

ally dry weather has been forecast from June 9-15. He said in last 24 hours till 0830 a.m., Srinagar received 5.8mm, 14.6mm, Pahalham 8.8mm, Kupwara 5.9mm, Kokernag 14.4mm, Gulmarg 15mm, Jammu 9.2mm, Banihal

17.2mm, Batote 17.6mm,

Katra 12.7mm and Bhad-

erwah 17.7mm.

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 12.2°C against 12.6°C on the previous night and it was 1.2°C below normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 11.8°C against 11.0°C on the previous night and it was 0.2°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said. Pahalgam recorded a

low of 9.0°C against 7.5°C on the previous night and it was 2.0°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 10.3°C against 9.5°C and it was 1.9°C below normal, the official

Kupwara town recorded a minimum of 11.9°C against 11.3°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 0.2°C for the place, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 3.2°C against 4.6°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 5.5°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

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Won't allow anyone to hurt religious sentiments of any community in Kashmir: IGP V K Birdi

SRINAGAR, Jun 6 (Agencies): Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir V K Birdi Thursday said that police have taken strong note of the posting of sensitive content against religious sentiments at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar and strict action will be taken against



those found involved in hurting the religious sentiments of any com-

At PCR Srinagar, IGP Kashmir said that J&K police respects all religions and people belong to various sects and faiths. "We have taken strong note of the incident (at GMC Srinagar). The case has been registered and investigations are going on," he said.

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Congress convenes CWC meet on June 8 to discuss poll result the outcome of the Lok

NEW DELHI, Jun 6 (Agencies): The Congress has convened a meeting of its working committee on June 8 to discuss the Lok Sabha poll result.

Votes of the election were counted on June 4. The meeting has been convened by Congress president Mallikarjun

Kharge and he will chair it.

Party leaders will discuss

Sabha election, sources The meeting will be held

at 11 am at the Congress headquarters on Saturday. The Congress has emerged as the second largest party in the election and improved its tally to 99, from 52 in 2019 Lok Sabha poll.

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DIP/J-955/24

Tourist slips into Sindh nallah in Kangan; rescue operation underway

KANGAN, Jun 6 (Agencies): A tourist slipped from a bridge and fell into the Sindh nallah while capturing photos in Kullan area of Ganderbal district on Thursday.

The State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) Gund component, Police, along with personnel from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) 118 battalion, have reached to the spot and are actively engaged in the rescue operation.

An official said that the rescue operation is underway and efforts are in to rescue the tourist safely who is stuck in the midst of the Sindh alive.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

THEME 2024: LAND RESTORATION, DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT RESILIENCE.





HEALTH EDUCATION BUREAU DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES JAMMU

Mian Altaf expresses gratitude to voters of Anantnag-Rajouri PC

SRINAGAR, Jun 6 (Agencies): Member of Parliament elect, and senior National Conference leader Mian Altaf Ahmad expressed gratitude to the people of the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency for reposing faith in him and voting for him massively in the elections. Mian Altaf thanked the voters for the overwhelming response and support all during the election campaigning and by voting in large numbers in his favor

In a statement issued

here, Mian Altaf extended

his gratitude to the voters

of Anantnag-Rajouri par-



"I owe my gratitude to people of this constituency who have given me an opportunity to serve them. I would not disappoint them and would work for development and the well-being of my people, who have reposed their trust in me." "I am particularly thank-

ful to the people of Anantnag, Kulgam, Rajouri-Poonch who voted in my favour," he said.

Altaf also extended his gratitude to the National Conference (NC) and alliance leaders for their unwavering support during elections.

" I will try my best to come up to the expectations of the people and work for development and raise issues of people for all who voted for me and who didn't," Mian Altaf added.

With profound grief and sorrow, this is to inform you of the sad demise of our beloved S. Hartej Singh S/o Dr. Harbans Singh and Dr Balwinder Kaur R/o 106-A, Lane 2. Sector 11, Nanak Nagar.

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 06-06-2024 Thursday at 9:00 am &

Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 08-06-2024 Saturday at 9:00 am at our residence.

Antim Ardaas and Kirtan Dewan at Gurudwara Shri Singh Sabha Nanak Nagar 10:30 am to 12:00 Noon. Followed by Guru ka langar.

GRIEF STRICKEN

(Father & Mother)

Dr Harbans Singh (Retd. Dy Director Health Services, Jammu) & Dr Balwinder Kour Sdn Harpreet Kour & Fateh Singh (Wife & Son)

Charan Kamal Singh(AGMO) & Manjit Kour(Sr. Supdt of Police) (Brother & Bhabhi) Dimple Arora & Sumeet Arora (Sister & Brother in law)

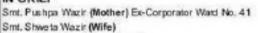
Paramdeep Kaur & Harpal Singh (Sister & Brother in Law)

Sister & Brother-in-Law)

Jasieen Kaur(Addl. District and Sessions Judge) & Sanjeev Sharma (Advocate HC)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Sanjeev Singh Wazir on 27-05-2024. TENTH DAY will be performed on 05-06-2024 (Wednesday) at our residence H.No 66 Wazir Lane Bohri Talab Tillo at 10 A.M. KRIYA will be performed at our residence on 08-06-2024 (Saturday) at 12 Noon. IN GRIEF



Shreya & Aradhya (Daughters)

Sh. Ashok Singh & Smt. Aparna Wazir (Brother & Sister-In-law)

Sh. Vinod Singh & Smt. Sushma Wazir (Brother & Sister-In-law)

Sh. Rakesh Singh & Smt. Ranju Wazir (Brother & Sister-in-law) Sh. Bikram Singh & Smt. Rachna Wazir (Brother & Sister-in-law)

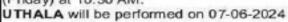
Ishma & Abhishe k Jamwai (Daughter & Son in law)

Aditya Singh, Aryaman Singh, Shoorveer Singh, Rakshit Wazir, Rajyavardhan Singh, Aadev Singh, Aadhya Wazir (Nephews & Niece)

CONTACT: 9419117477, 8713084222, 9419611604, 9419211070, 9419103851.

10TH DAY KRIYA/13TH DAY KRIYA/UTHALA

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 SH. PRITAM SINGH (Friday) at 10.30 AM.



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

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UTHALA/4TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform, that our beloved Sh. Ashok Kumar Mahajan, Retd. Chief Architect, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir, S/o Late Sh. Sta Ram R/o House No. 250, Shastri Nagar, Jammu, has left for his heavenly abode on 4th of June, 2024. May his soul Rest In Peace.

Please pray to the almighty God to give the family enough strength to overcome this unbearable loss. Uthala / 4th day shall be held on the 7th of June, 2024 i.e. Friday at Shree Durga Mandir Rampura, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu at 4-5 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Neelam Mahajan - Wife Er. Annurag Mahajan - Son Er. Aditya Mahajan - Son

Relatives

Sh. Ram Saroop (Brother) and his family Lt Sh. Guru Saroop (Brother) and his family Sh Rajinder Gupta (Brother) and his Family Lt Sh Vipan Gupta (Brother) and his family

Sh Deepak Gupta (Brother) & his family Dr. Raj Gupta (Brother-in-Law) and his family

Sh. Raman Mahajan (Brother-in-Law) and his family. M) 7780982193 7889651965

10TH DAY

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

Vilay Saraf and Reeta Saraf Tej Kishen Saraf and Seema Saraf

All Kaul's and Saraf's

10TH DAY KRIYA

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



Sh. Sanjeev Singh Wazir

(RETD TEHSILDAR)

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Sh. Ashok Kumar Mahajan

Retd. Chief Architect,

Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir

Smt. Asha Kaul

(Sumitra Kaul)

Smt Kanta Devi Tiku

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Sheela Kaul w/o Late H.K. Kaul at her Delhi residence- B2-73,

Gold Croft CGHS, Plot 4, Sector 11 on 01/06/2024. Tenth day kriya will be performed at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir, New Palam Vihar, Sector 109, Gurugram on 10/06/2024, 11 AM.

IN GRIEF:

Dr. Vijay K Kaul and Prof Renu (Madan) Kaul (Daughter & Son-in-law) Ms Sweety Kaul and Nalin Kaul Promila and Vir Abhimanyu Kaul

Grand Children: Dr Sanjeevini & Bhavishya, Eshaani, Gaurav, Naija.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

All friends and family

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Contact Information # 9930550245

10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Indra Kumari** W/o Late Sh. Krishan Gopal. The **10th Day** will take place on 6/6/2024 (Thursday) at Mahajan Hall from 10 A.M. to 11

KRIYA will be performed at our residence H.No.36, New Kaleeth Nagar, Upper Gumat, Jammu at 12 Noon Ras am Pagri will be performed at Mahajan Hall from 5 P.M. to 6 P.M on 15/06/24

Deeply Remembered By: Rajkumari W/o Late Sh Satpal Gupta Canta Gupta Wio Late Sh Romesh Chandra Gupta Son and Daughter in law Rajinder Gupta and Palak Gupta

Sunii Gupta and Rashmi Gupta Vinod Gupta and Bhavna Gupta Daughter and Son-in-law Neelam Mahajan and Sudeishan Mahajan Sunita Gupta and Late Sh Anil Gupta

ovely Gupta and Rajinder Gupta Arti Gupta and Sanjeev Gupta Rajni Charak (Director of NHM) and Parveen Charak Shashi Gupta and Narendra Gupta

> M/s Mahadev Agencies Upper Gummat M's Tanishq Enterprises M/s Satpal Vinod Gupta

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

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Romesh Chander (ASI) JKP. R/o Ransoo, Shiv Khori on Dt 22-5-2024 at

17th Day on Friday, 07June 2024 by 11 am at Porajagir, Dadar Morh, Ransoo.

Grief Stricken

Smt. Kamla Devi (Wife)

Raju Sharma and Isha Sharma

Arjun Sharma and Rekha Devi (Sons and Daughter-in-law)

Anita Sharma -Teacher and Tarlok Sharma - JKP (Daughter and Son in law) 7006981707 Subash Chander, Suraj Parkash, Ashok Kumar - Brother (JKP)

OBITUARY

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, Ananthag 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 half, 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. Harday Nath Pandita (Brother and Bhabi)

Smt & Sh. Jatin Pandita (S/o Lt. Sh. Somnath Pandita) (Sister and Brother-in-law)

Smt. & Sh. Ashwani Pandita (Son)

Smt & Sh. Rajnev Koul (Daughter)

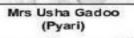
Smt & Sh. Vikas Koul (Daughter) and Samast Parivar Contact No:

9018091811, 8219494492, 8899524869, 7006014143

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mrs Usha Gadoo (Pyari) W/o Mr S L Gadoo.

10th Day Kriya will be held at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir, Block T, New Palam Vihar, Sec 109, Mandir Lane, Gurgaon near DHBVN Office on 9th June at 10.00 AM.



Followed by Prayer meet at Maharaja Aggrasen Bhawan 199, M Block Vikaspuri New Delhi From 4.00 PM to 5.30 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Gadoo's, Thussoo's Hastu's, Warikoo's and Mattoo's Contact Ph No's: 9958881435,9810403623.



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 PRESENTL' RESIDING AT HOUSE NO:118, SECTOR-29 FARIDABA HARYANA

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED AT MURAD NAGAR GHATS ON 9TH JUNE 2024(SUNDAY) AT 8.30 AM

GRIEVED: SMT NIRJA MATTOO MUNSH (DAUGHTER IN LAW) W.O. LATE RAVINDER MUNSH

PH: 8130038108 PH: 81:303:8108
SMT. KRISHNA (BUA JI)
ASHOK KUMAR KOUL (SON IN LAW)
HO LATE GIRJA MUNSH KOUL
GRAND CHILDREN
RICHA, RITU AND VIDHJ
SONIAAND RAKESH DAFTARI
SHIMAA AND RIJA KOL

SHIKHAAND ARUN KOUL

Grief Stricken:



10[™] Day, 13[™] Day Kirya, Rasam Pagri / Uthala

with profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Asha Jamwal w/o Mohan Singh Jamwal R/o Birpur at present- 42/14 Nanak Nagar Jammu.

10th Day will be performed on 5th June (Wednesday) at Gorkha Mandir Sector 4 Nanak Nagar ammu at 10 am. 13th day /Kirya will be performed on 8th June (Saturday) 12 Noon at our residence 42/14 Nanak Nagar Jammu. Rasam Pagri/Uthala will take place on 8th of June (Saturday) at 4 PM to 5 PM at Laxmi Naryan Mandir Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Mohan Singh Jamwal - Husband Manoj Singh & Mridhu - (Son & Daughter-in-law) Dr. Madhu & Keshav Singh - (Daughter & Son-in-law) Meharansh & Manya - (Grand-son & Grand-daughter) Anish - Grand Son Mobile : 9469133234, 9419183232

10TH DAY KRIYA

fith profound grief and sorrow, we inform the s lemise of our beloved mother Smt. Rattan Rani Wo Late Shri Hriday Nath Mantoo, original resi-dent of Sangrampora, Sopore Kashmir, presently residing at Sector A, Tirath Nagar, behind Mata Roop Bhawani Mandir, Talab Tillo, Jarrmu. 10th Day Kriva shall take place on 9th June 2024

Shrimati Sunita & Rajaji Tak Shrimati Daizy & Vinod Mattoo All Grand Children All Mantoo and Suri Pariwar's Contact No: 9906134655, 9103963987

10TH DAY, KRIYA & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved BADI MUMMY Smt. Puships Devi (Retired JK Medical Depti) Wio Late Sh Manchar Lai of Nai Basti Reasi at Present Gangyai 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 nron at tour residence H No-3, Golden Lane, opposite Janta Flour Mills, Gangyai, Jammu. Uthala will take place on 07 June 2024 (Friday) 5:00 pm at DSST Hall, near Atal ij park, Gangyai. Deeply Mourned by:Deeply Mourned by:Daughters & Son-in-Law
Smt Kundana & Sh PR Verma
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, Manager SJVN and Mrs Shkha Bhardwaj
Mr Tushar Parashar, Marager TATA Projects and Surbhi Parashar
Mr Abishek Bhardwaj, Manager SJVN and Mrs Shkha Bhardwaj
Grand Daughters and Grand Son-in-Law
Mrs Shkvari and Mr Vijay Kar, AEE (PDD)
Great Grand Children
Master Shikhar, Master Uthkarsh, Master Srijanya, Masters, Miss Aura, Miss Siyone
Contact Number:- 9419690998, 9419368949

10TH DAY KRIYA

For the soul there is neither birth nor death at any lime. He has not come into being, does no come into being, and will not come into being. He is unborn, sternal, ever-existing and primeval." - The Bhagavad Gita

demise of our beloved RATTAN LAL GADROO (S/O LATE SHRE DEENANATH GADROO & H/O Smt. Usha Gadroo, ORG. R/O ZAINAKADAL, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR) On Friday, 31st May 2024 Humble, dignified, helpful individual, a devoted husband, a loving father, a grandfather and a priving soul.

10TH DAY will be held on Sunday, 9th June 2024 at 9 am, Ganga Ghat, Chota Haridwar, Muradnagar, Uttar Pradesh.

GRIEF STRICKEN
GADROO FAMILY, BHAT FAMILY, KAUL FAMILY,

RAO FAMILY, SANNYASI FAMILY

FOR NECESSARY House No- 918, Sector 37, Faridabad, Haryana-121003

KRIYA & UTHALA

You live in our hearts and thoughts forever Our dearest Shri Arun Kumar Sharma left for eavenly 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



BELOVED AND RESPECTED COMRADE HARI SINGH SON OF SARDAR NAMA SINGH ON 30/05/2024 PROGRAM: VENUE: AARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 06/06/2024 AT HOME WARD NO. 16, SHIVA NAGAR KATHUA AT 9 A.M BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH ON 08/06/2024

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH ON 08/06/2024
AT 9 AM AT HOME WARD NO.16, SHIVA
NAGAR, KATHUA.
ANTIM ARDAS AND KIRTAN FROM 10 AM
TO 12:15 PM ON 08/06/2024 FOLLOWED BY
GURU KA LANGAR AT 12:15 PM ONWARDS

(27.02.1946-30.05.2024) GURUDWARA SINGH SABHA MAIN BAZAR, KATHUA

IN GRIEF: IN GRIEF: SWARN KOUR (WIFE) (SONS AND DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW) DEVINDER PAUL SINGH (A.E.E. JDA) AND IQBAL KOUR (7006213267) AJIT PAL SINGH AND HARMIT KOUR (GRANDCHILDERN): GURLEEN KOUR, JAANVEER SINGH AND ERALLEN

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With grief and sorrow it is informed that our beloved mother Shmt Shiela Raina W/o Late Sh Dwarka Nath Raina (R/o Kandi Khasx, Kupwara/ Banamohalla, Srinagar, Kashmir) presently at Flat No. 3A Block B-3 The Leaf SS Group Sector-85, Gurgaon, Hanyana obtained Nirvana on 1st June 2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on 10th June 2024 (8 am) at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir Trust, T-Block, Phase 1st Sector 109, New Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

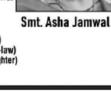
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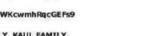








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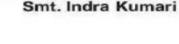






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Every effort would be made to increase stay of Yatris: Vishesh

DC Reasi visits Tourism Spots around Katra along with Hotel Association

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REASI, June 6: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan alongwith Addl. District Development Commissioner Sukhdev Singh Samyal, Office bearers of Hotel & Restaurant Association, Katra comprising of its president Rakesh Wazir, Chairman Shyam Lal Kesar, Sr. Vice president Virender Kesar and others visited the places of tourist interest around Katra including Nau-Devian, Dhansar, Siad-Baba etc. and discussed in detail the measures to divert the visiting more than one crore pilgrims to these places.

Mahajan during tour while speaking to these Tourism Stake holders explained that these tourist spots have got the potential to attract majority of Vaishnodevi pilgrims and a joint strategy comprising of Tourism Stake holders, District Administration, Shrine Board & Department of



Tourism is required to be made including making of packages, providing of best quality transport and good service, wide publicity of these places and providing other facilities to these pilgrims is the need of the hour so that people visiting Vaishno Devi Ji may visit these places as well and stay of Yatries in the Union Territory may increase and may add on to our economy and the recent holding of environment day at Chinkah just recently and making it a festival was a step in this direction.

Wazir besides appreciating the efforts of Deputy Commissioner requested him for giving more publicity to these places besides increasing the facilities over there.

He further said that though yatra at Shiv-Khori, Nav-Devian, Dhansar has already crossed the figure of 20 to 25 lac yatries per year but these places has got the potential of increasing this figure to many folds.

to these places in joint collaboration with association for giving these places more publicity. They also requested for early start of Shiv Khori ropeway.Helicopter service between Katra-Shiv Khori-Katra, Re-start of live Arti from Shiv Khori. publicity of these places in trains and Railway Stations of Katra and Jammu, opening of Tourism Department's view point/Refreshment room at Siar Baba which is already existing but is not operational etc.

Mahajan listened the office bearers of HRAK minutely and assured them that sympathetic consideration to each & every point discussed is the joint tour would be made and assured them that every effort would be made to increase the stay of Yatries by developing of these places and by creating awareness with regard to these places so that whole Reasi District may become the hub of

All arrangements made for Mata Kheer Bhawani yatra on June 12: Wattal

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: Mata Kheer Bhawani Ji Yatra Welfare Society (MKBJY-WS) convenor Kiran Wattal on Tuesday said that all arrangements had been put in place for the smooth conduct of the annual pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of the Almighty Goddess at Tulmulla in Ganderbal district of Kashmir.

The Yatra will be held on June 12 and there should be no confusion in it. Pooja will start on June 13," he said while talking to media persons at Press Club, Jammu,

On behalf of MKBJY-WS, Wattal urged devotees to hold their own temple premises due to the shortage of space at the temple

"Pilgrimage to Tulmulla has registered a phenomenal growth under the administration of LG Manoj Sinha, Wattal said and hoped that the administration would put in its best efforts to make the Yatra a memorable experience for the devotees who visit the cave from across the country and abroad.

He emphasised the need for using state-ofthe-art tents inside the temple permises, especially German Hangers, for the convenience of devotees. He also hoped that the problems, which devotees had to face last time, would be addressed this time.

Wattal said the community was highly thankful to DGP R R Swain for the security arrangements which police had made for the safety of pilgrims en route the vatra route and at the temple.

"The community also highly appreciates the cooperation extended by tourism department, especially its director Vivekananda and joint director Sunaina Sharma, to the pilgrimage," he said and added that the role of director tourism, Kashmir, was also highly commendable.

"It was virtually not possible for us to give final shape to our pilgrimage plans without the active support of divisional commissioners of Kashmir & Jammu," he said, adding that the community was



so thankful to them.

Wattal, however, put forward the demand of arranging at least 25 pc more blankets this year as compared to the last year due to the everincreasing rush of devotees to the temple. In a video-conferenc-

ing held at the office of divisional commissioner here over a week ago, a threadbare discussion had taken between the representatives of MKBJYWS and the Kashmir administration led by divisional commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri as regards the conduct of Zesht Ashtami festival at Ksheer Bhawani, Tulmulla, Manzgam, Khanbarni Devsar, Tikker and Logripora.

BKBJYWS was led by Wattal who extended his heartfelt thanks LG Manoj Sinha and the Kashmir administration for their cooperation. Chaired by the Kashmir divisional commissioner, the meeting was also attended by all the district development commissioners of Kashmir and heads of various organisations managing Hindu shrines of the valley.

The issues deliberated included cleaning of ladies bathing ghat, installation of German Hanger, water proof tentage, installation of 2HP water pumps, temporary vacation of building used by Nagdandi Ashram for storing materials, housing lady karykartas/senior citizens/service crew, restoration of flood lights, adequate water connections, adequate accommodation for yatris, living hall for yatris, sanitation and sufficient medical facilities within temple premises.

The divisional commissioner strictly advised all the district development commissioners and other concerned departmental heads to ensure smooth

conduct of the forthcoming yatra and directed that all arrangements were completed at the earliest so that the yatris do not face problems on any account.

He had also advised tourism department for installing hoardings and doing wide publicity of the

He had advised DC, Gandebal, for sufficient bedding and providing of sufficient blankets to

Wattal complimented the divisional commissioner and all the district development commissioners of Kashmir, for action on war-footing assuring that all facilities shall be ready in all respects & the works shall start from tomorrow only.

The representatives of all the management committees requested the divisional commissioner that all the concerned deputy commissioners should form a WhatsApp group to coordinate with the vatra committees, particularly Wattal who was unanimously assigned the responsibility of chief coordinator of the yatra.

The committees also requested that on the arrival of yatris to their respective places, some higher authorities should receive the yatra will zeal and zest.

Others who were present in the press conference included Ravi Raina (Kheer Bhawani, Manzgam, Kulgam), Santosh Dhar (Mata Tripur Sundari, Devsar), Pintooji (president of Global Solace Society), Mohan Lal Padroo (president of Mata Kheer Bhawani Ashapan, Tikker, Kupwara), Bhat (president of Vivekananda Ashram Nagdandhi, Anantnag), Shubanji (Logripora, Anantnag), Prem Sharma (Mata Kheer Bhawani

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Charri Mubarak of Chandi Maa commencing from June 10



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JAMMU, June 6: Charri Mubarak of Chandi Maa will be start Aghar Jitto Katra District Reasi for Chandi Maa Mindal, District Chamba, Tehsil Pangi via District Udhampur, Doda and Kishtwar, Gulabgarh, Padder on 10th June 2024 at 7 AM.

This was stated by Chief Patron, Sarv Shakti Chandi Maa Mindal Sanstha J&K UT Jammu, Guru Thirth Ram Manhas in a press conference On June 10, 2024 Charri

Mubarak will start from Aghar Jitto by Guru Tirth Ram Manhas at 7 AM and reach at Katra/Tikri/ Modi Ground celebration Banquet hall Battal Ballian Chowk Udhampur, Sansar Palace welcome Charri Yatra at National Highway Jakhani-Domail, where the public of Udhampur will assemble for reception from Thereafter lunch, the Chhari Mubarak will leave Sansar Palace after flag over by DC and SSP Udhampur at 12 A.M. and reach Pul Doda, Bridge Via Chenani-Nashri Tunnel, Batote Chaku Nallah, Langar Prashad where the yatries will be served with lunch at 2 PM. from Pul Doda Bridge the yatra will leave for Kishtwar at 3 P.M and will reach Gouri Shankar Temple Temple Kishwar at 7 P.M. Jagran will also

Gouri Shankar temple. On June 11, the Chhari Mubarak will leave Gouri Shankar Mandir at 7 AM. After breakfast by yatries and will reach at Gulabgarh, Paddar where the Charri Yatra

will be welcomed and

be held after night stay At

have some Langer Parshad at 2 P.M. After lunch, the yatra will leave for Soul Mahakali Mandir where the Shadi Yatra will be welcomed and have Langar Parshad and it will have night stay in the Teyari, jagran will also be held.

On June 12, The Chhari Mubarak will leave Teyari at 7 A.M. after breakfast and reach killed welcome Langar arranged by local peoples via Sidh Mandir in Himachal Pardesh District Chamba Tehsil of at yatra will after night stay for Chhadi Maa Mandir Mindal Pataca.

On June 13, a Havan Pujan will be performed in the premises of the Goddess by Gur Tirth Ram Manhas in the forenoon and in the afternoon Kanya Poojan Bhandara and Langar will be served by the yatries moreover, jagran will also be held night stay be there at Mindal Chandi Maa Mandir.

On June 14, the Chhari Mubarak will leave Chandi Maa Mandir at 7 AM for Gouri Shankar Mandir Kishtwar where the Yatra will stay overnight.

It is requested that the concerned District Magistrate's Deputy Commissioners & SSP's District Reasi Udhampur, Doda Ramban, Kishtwar, Himachal Pradesh State Chamba District Magistrate/SSP's District Chamba to make the suitable arrangements and escorts with Charri Yatra as well as enroute, DIG Udhampur/Reasi and Doda Kishtwar for suitable security arrangements IGP Jammu will also for security purpose.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

For and on behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer Northern Railway, DEMU CAR SHED BUDGAM invites open Tender through e-tendering system from reputed contractors with adequate experience and financia capability for the under mentioned work.

Name of Work: Installation and commissioning of Automatic coach washing plant at DMU Car Shed Budgam. stimated Cost of Work (Approximate): Rs. 2,43,99,000/- (Two Crore Forty

'hree Lakh and Ninety Nine Thousand Only) Tender Security Amount (Earnest Money Deposit): Rs. 2,72,000/- (Two Lakt

eventy Two Thousand Only) Tender document available for sale on website: 04.06.2024 E-Tender closing Date & Time: 25.06.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.

Date and time of opening of E-Tender on IREPS website: 25.06.2024 at 15:15 Hrs Contract Period: 06 Months

/alidity of Tender: 45 Days from the last date of submission of tender Website: http://www.ireps.gov.in/ No.: 06-2024-DEMU_BDGM Dated: 04.06.2024

Type of Tender: Open Tender (Single Packet System)

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Vandana greets Jugal, Dr Jitendra on election victory

Lauded Party Workers for Hardwork

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: National awardee Ex Sarpanch and Senior BJP leader Vandana Kumari greeted Jugal Kishore Sharma and Dr Jatinder Singh for their spectacular victory in Lok Sabha Elections 2024 on Jammu Reasi and Udhampur Doda Parliamentary seats. A delegation lead by

Senior BJP leader Vandana Kumari including Kala Ram Chaudhary President Kisan Morcha. Sunil Mangotra President OBC Morcha, Jalam Singh, Vinod Sharma, Bushan Sharma Ex Sarpanch, Kishore Sharma. Davinder Kumar Binda, Davinder Pal, Harnam Singh met newly elected Jammu Reasi member parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma and felicitated him for grand success in lok Sabha Elections 2024 from Jammu Reasi Parliamentary Constituency.

While speaking to media fraternity Vandana Kumari said that the recent election results in which both BJP leaders emerged as winners have re-imposed the faith of people in public welfare schemes of BJP lead Govt. under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"We express sincere gratitude to people of Jammu and Kashmir for reimposing their strong faith in the Party which always stands with people", Vandana said and also lauded all the party workers for their hardwork and dedication to reach out to people in these hard fought elections.

We feel that once again Jammu and Kashmir accepted the BJP leadership, and the performance of party

is definitely going to be repeated in upcoming assembly elections as well She expressed.

"I strongly believe that the mandate of the people is the recognition of hard work and good work party leadership has done in this region during last five years, and will continue the same in future as well to serve every section of society," Vandana added.

While extending congratulations to Dr Jitendra Singh for election victory on Udhampur Parliamentary constituency Vandana Kumari said that the paramount role played by Dr Singh for the development of this region In last two terms as Member of Parliament is well known to all, his connect with common masses of the area and dedication to serve people is well recognised and reflected in election results

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

MHDJ/e-NIT 30 of 2024-25

Dated:04.06.2024

On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders in two cover system on turnkey basis are invited m registered/reputed firms having sufficient relevant experience for the work mentioned be

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI HYDRAULIC DIVISION KISHTWAR

TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No. EE/HYD/K/ 10of 2024-25 Dated:03/06/2024

E-tenders are invited on behalf of Lt. Governor UT of J&K from approved and eligible contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt. for the following works of Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Kishtwar.

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	DESILTATION and RESTRORATIO N OF YAJHI KHUL UNDER M and R	JAL SHAKT DIVISION	0.60	600/-	0702	1200/-	15 Days	As per details given below.	A, B,C,D

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03-05-2024 to 10-06-2024 up to 1400 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1600 Hrs on 10-06-2024 on line. (a) As per the instruction of the Principal Secretary to Government Finance Department J&K Srinagar vide his No:- O.M No.

A/24(2017)-651 Dated:- 07-06-2018 regarding furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bids. (b) The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury challan/receipt.
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Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division

EDITORIAL

ADMINISTRATIVE CORRUPTION

dministrative corruption, a persistent and pernicious issue, undermines the trust and integrity of governmental institutions and erodes public confidence in the rule of law. This insidious phenomenon manifests in various forms, ranging from bribery and embezzlement to nepotism and abuse of power, posing significant challenges to the efficient functioning of societies worldwide. In this discourse, we delve into the multifaceted nature of administrative corruption, its detrimental impacts on governance, economy, and society, and explore strategies for combating this scourge.

Administrative corruption thrives in environments characterized by weak institutional frameworks, lack of transparency, and inadequate accountability mechanisms. Public officials entrusted with power and responsibility often succumb to the temptations of personal gain, subverting the principles of impartiality and fairness. Bribery, a common manifestation of administrative corruption, distorts decisionmaking processes, favoring the interests of affluent individuals or corporations over the collective welfare of society. Similarly, embezzlement of public funds siphons resources away from essential services, perpetuating poverty and inequality.

Nepotism and cronyism further exacerbate administrative corruption, as positions of influence are unfairly awarded to individuals based on personal connections rather than merit. This undermines the meritocratic principles essential for fostering innovation, efficiency, and social mobility within bureaucracies. Moreover, the abuse of power by public officials for personal enrichment or political gain not only violates the public trust but also perpetuates a culture of impunity, where wrongdoers evade accountability for their

The consequences of administrative corruption reverberate across society, impeding economic development, stifling innovation, and exacerbating social inequalities. Inefficiencies resulting from corrupt practices deter foreign investment, stifle entrepreneurship, and hinder economic growth. Scarce resources diverted towards corrupt practices deprive citizens of vital services such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure, perpetuating cycles of poverty and deprivation. Furthermore, administrative corruption erodes the social fabric, breeding cynicism, and disillusionment among citizens, who feel marginalized and disenfranchised by a system rigged in favor of the elite.

Combating administrative corruption requires a multifaceted approach encompassing legal reforms, institutional strengthening, and robust accountability mechanisms. Transparency and accountability are paramount in curbing corrupt practices, necessitating the implementation of measures such as asset disclosure requirements, whistleblower protection, and independent anti-corruption agencies. Strengthening judicial independence and law enforcement capacities is essential to ensure the swift and impartial prosecution of corrupt officials, sending a clear signal that impunity will not be tolerated.

Moreover, fostering a culture of integrity and ethical leadership within public institutions is imperative to instill values of honesty, professionalism, and public service among civil servants. Investing in training programs, ethics education, and merit-based recruitment processes can help cultivate a cadre of competent and principled officials committed to upholding the public good. Embracing digital technologies and e-governance solutions can also enhance transparency, streamline administrative processes, and minimize opportunities for corrupt practices. International cooperation and collaboration are essential in the fight against administrative corruption, given its transnational nature and cross-border implications. Shared best practices, mutual legal assistance, and information exchange mechanisms can facilitate the detection and prosecution of corrupt activities across jurisdictions. Moreover, engaging civil society, media, and the private sector as watchdogs and partners in promoting accountability and transparency can amplify the impact of anti-corruption efforts.

In conclusion, administrative corruption poses a formidable challenge to governance, economic development, and social cohesion, undermining the principles of democracy, justice, and equality. Addressing this scourge requires concerted efforts at the national, regional, and international levels to strengthen institutions, foster transparency, and promote ethical leadership. By rooting out corruption and fostering a culture of integrity and accountability, societies can build more resilient, inclusive, and prosperous futures for all.

Pyrrhic win: Will hubris make way for humility?

By: Mohan Guruswamy

rime Minister Narendra Modi won an electoral victory on June 4, which can at best be described as a pyrrhic victory. This term owes its origin to King Pyrrhus of Epirus, whose army suffered irreplaceable losses while defeating the Romans in the Battle of Asculum in 279 BC.

Closer to our times and nearer home we have the turn of events after the Battle of Gangwana between the armies of the Marwar Rathores and the combined forces of Jaipur and its Mughal overlord led by Jai Singh in 1741. In this battle, the imperial army of over 40,000 massed in a field at Kunchagaon near Pushkar, with its fabled artillery guns lined up to force terms on the rulers of Jodhpur and Nagaur. As it happened, it fell upon Bakht Singh of Nagaur and his cavalry, numbering about a thousand, to take on the imperial forces. But that didn't deter Bakht Singh and his horsemen charged into the massed imperial forces and quickly punched through Jai Singh's gun line. The Rathores rode through the Jaipur army, cutting down thousands of men. They lost most of their men but the huge toll extracted demoralised the Mughal forces. After this victory, the imperial army soon disintegrated. Jai Singh never recovered his elan and died two years later.

The BJP-led NDA might have won the 2024 elections but its apparently inexorable march towards establishing a Hindutva theocracy was halted by the combined formations committed to the letter and spirit of the Constitution. The Hindi-Hindutva phalanx that threatened to over-

run the federal character of India has been weakened. Most of all in its Gangetic heartland, where the BJP led by the Modi-Yogi Adityanath "double engine" train has been derailed by the youthful and educated duo of Akhilesh Yadav and Rahul Gandhi.

The results also cut Mr Modi down to a more realistic size. He won in Varanasi in 2019 by 4.93 lakh votes, only to have it whittled down to 1.52 lakhs this week. Ironically, Rahul Gandhi won in Rae Bareli by over 3.9 lakh votes after being humiliated in another Gandhi family bailiwick, Amethi, in 2019.

This represents a telling reversal of fortunes. Mr Modi is irrevocably on the decline with both biological and historical times against him. His swagger at the BJP's "victory" meeting was visibly contrived and forced. He tried to weave his oratorical magic with his usual mix of hyperbole and half-truths, but failed to enthuse the faithful.

For instance, he claimed to have made India the world's second largest manufacturer of mobile phones. The truth in this is only skin deep. India now assembles Rs.4.4 lakh crores of mobile phones but the value addition is only 16 per cent, while China manufactures more than six times that with a value addition of almost 100 per cent. India exports as much diamonds and jewellery by its value addition is even lesser. India exports even more petroleum products (over \$70 billion), mostly from the Reliance refinery in Jamnagar, but its value addition, hence the contribution to the national economy, is a thin sliver. These numbers are due to Mr Modi's focus on the big and visible, but what is the national benefit?

Similarly, Mr Modi highlighted the spruced-up and long-nosed Vande Bharat Express trains, but over 95 per cent of passengers still travel in crowded and grimy trains piled up on each other, usually without minimal facilities. But he tried to convince people that their lives had improved. The perceived standard of living is a relative concept. How does a passenger in a typical second-class bogie view the passenger zipping by in a plush Vande Bharat Express?

I wrote here on April 19 that I don't see the Modi express going much further than the halfway mark. But the electronic media's relentless barrage of Modi positivism and their flood of concocted polls cooked Mr Modi's goose by making over 400 the new norm. Mr Modi himself contributed to the high expectations by imperiously dismissing Rahul Gandhi to less than fifty. He accorded the same gracelessness to Akhilesh Yadav, M.K. Stalin, Mamata Banerjee and Tejashwi Yadav. They all fought back and whittled him down. In the last 82 days, Mr Modi criss-crossed the country in his IAF Boeing 777 aircraft address 206 rallies, making people like me wonder if the country was running on autopilot? No political leader anywhere in the world spent so much time campaigning as Mr Modi did in a decade. A leader's post is akin to a pulpit which is meant to preach, convince and motivate. Mr Modi instead used his platform mostly to hurl political invective on his opponents and rivals. When he spoke of achievements, he hugely exaggerated. In the end more voters saw through him than believers.

Mr Modi's political climb has been driven by such exaggerations, but the results this week tell us that the bubble has been pricked.

By its own estimations, the Modiled BJP fell short of its declared goal by over 150 seats (Ab ki Baar Char Sau Paar). The BJP seat tallies diminished in all its dominant states and increased only in Odisha and Telangana. The BJP is still the largest party in Parliament, but it has been cut to size. Inside the party, Narendra Modi too has been cut to size. The BJP, which despite the malign influence of the RSS, used to have a vigorous inner-party democracy with debate and discussions animating it, had been stifled for a decade. Mr Modi ran it by diktat along with a bunch of faceless and callow aides, but can no longer continue to do so. The party now knows that the path is fraught with consequences. It may not revert back to the days of Atal Behari Vajpayee and L.K. Advani, but the days of Modi-Shah will become the days of Mr Modi and Mr Shah with Nitin Gadkari, Rajnath Singh and others speaking up. It might tone down his hubris with humility?

The new NDA will now be heavily dependent on the two most notorious political about-turn artists on the national stage -- Nitish Kumar and N. Chandrababu Naidu. Both have raged and railed against Narendra Modi individually till the recent past. The arithmetical balance (JDU 12, TDP 16) requires them to function in tandem to upset the BJP applecart. It is difficult to see political events that will align their actions, but they will constantly be breathing down Mr Modi's neck. That might force Mr Modi to become a more conciliatory person. Which might not be an entirely bad thing for the governance of India?

By: Shahnaz Husain

he common summer irritant prickly heat is back as temperatures rise.

Prickly heat, also known as heat rash can turn out to be a nightmare in summer. Heat rash is a painful skin condition that often occurs in hot weather. A heat rash occurs when excessive perspiration clogs the skin pores and the sweat cannot get to the surface of the skin giving rise to bacterial infection resulting in blisters or small red round bumps that prick or sting the skin causing irritation and inflammation. Prickly heat rashes are seen along skin folds such as the neck, waist, armpits, and groin. Heat rash is common in newborns because their sweat glands are still developing. Symptoms of heat rashes are inflamed skin or red rashes, small blisters, itching and irritation. A prickly, burning or itchy sensation may also accompany heat rash.

Heat rash can happen for various reasons, including being in a hot, humid environment, wearing tight. synthetic clothing, long-lasting bed rest and intense exercise. People with overweight or obese and people who sweat easily are more likely to get prickly heat.

Home Remedies for Prickly Heat Home Remedies for Prickly Heat-

1---Multani Mitti -----Fuller's Earth popularly known as Multani Mitti is an excellent home remedy to clear clogged pores,

treat prickly heat and make the skin supple and fresh. Make a paste of Multani Mitti with rose water/ Plain water and apply over the affected areas, for 30 minutes and rinse well with cool water. It reduces inflammation and skin irritation. Apply this paste daily for

effective results. 2----Aloe Vera

Aloe vera is renowned for its cool-

ing and moisturising properties. Aloe vera has many medicinal, healing and soothing properties. Aloe vera is a natural moisturiser with potent anti-inflammatory and cooling properties.

Applying fresh aloe vera gel directly to the rash can help reduce itching and inflammation. Extract the Aloe Vera gel from a fresh Aloe Vera leaf, apply it to the affected area and let it absorb into the skin to soothe irritation and promote healing and rinse it off with cold water. This serves as an excellent home remedy for prickly heat. Repeat this process 2-3 times a day for optimal results. You can also apply it before bedtime and wash it off with cold water in the morning.

3--Neem Leaves

Neem leaves are natural solutions for prickly heat. It has antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties that help soothe itching caused by prickly heat.

To use neem leaves, boil a handful of fresh leaves in water for about 20 minutes. Allow the water to cool, then strain the leaves and use the neem-infused water to wash the affected area. Alternatively, you can make a paste from neem leaves and apply it to the rash. Grind fresh green Neem leaves with water, apply the paste, let it dry for 15 minutes and then rinse with cold water 4--Cool Compresses

Applying a cool compress to the affected area can provide immediate relief from the itching and discomfort associated with prickly heat. Simply soak a clean cloth in cold water, wring out the excess, and gently place it on the rash for 10-15 minutes. Repeat this process several times a day to reduce inflammation and soothe irritated skin. Rubbing ice cubes over the rashes 2-3 times daily has a great soothing effect. (do not leave packs on longer than 20 minutes per hour). Alternatively, a cold water bath would reduce the intensity of prickly heat.

5--Apply sandalwood Sandalwood paste/powder is an old-age remedy for reducing prickly

inflammatory properties. Make sandalwood paste in rose water/ water and apply it on the heat rash-affected areas, let it dry and then rinse with cold water.

heat, due to its analgesic and anti-

Never use sandalwood talc or any talcum powder to treat prickly heat, it is not advisable medically

5--If your child is suffering from

Prickly heat then Put your child in a cool environment, Give your child cool baths., Loosen your child's diaper if it rubs

against the rash area. Don't put the steroid cream under the diaper. Dress your child in breathable clothing, such as cotton. Cover your child with as few layers of clothing as possible.

(The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India)

Study MBBS Abroad: A Gateway to A Successful Medical Career

By: Vijay GarG

tudy MBBS Abroad: Becoming a doctor is a dream for many, but the tough competition in exams like NEET makes it hard for lots of students to get into medical college in India. Yet, the need for skilled doctors stays the same. Studying MBBS abroad opens up a door of opportunities, letting you pursue your passion in medicine with less stress about the competition and hefty budget.

Study MBBS Abroad Overview Pursuing an MBBS degree abroad

is becoming increasingly popular among Indian students. With the high level of competition for medical seats in India, coupled with the rising tuition costs, many are

looking towards international destinations to fulfill their dreams of becoming doctors.

Studying MBBS abroad offers an opportunity to explore new cultures and healthcare systems and provides access to quality education at more affordable rates. This pathway not only carves out a global medical career but also ensures exposure to diverse medical practices and patient care protocols.

Why Study MBBS Abroad?

The decision to study MBBS abroad is driven by several compelling factors. Firstly, international medical universities often have lower entry requirements compared to Indian institutions, making them accessible to a broader range of students. Additionally, the cost of education, including tuition and living expenses, can be more affordable in many countries.

Overseas MBBS programs are recognized globally, paving the way for international career opportunities. Moreover, students gain invaluable experience from the exposure to different healthcare systems, which enriches their medical practice and understanding.

Benefits of Studying MBBS Abroad Studying MBBS abroad comes with a multitude of benefits:

Global Recognition - Degrees from abroad are recognized worldwide, allowing graduates to practice in India and other countries, subject to clearing the respective

licensure exams. Cultural Exposure - Students learn in a multicultural environment, enhancing their interpersonal skills and understanding of global healthcare challenges.

Affordable Education - Many countries offer quality medical education at a fraction of the cost of studying in India, without compromising on the quality of education.

Advanced Healthcare Learning - Exposure to advanced healthcare technologies and practices is another significant advantage, preparing students for a future in global medicine.

(Vijay GarG Retired **Principal Educational** columnist Malout)

GDC Kilhotran celebrates World Environment Day 2024

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BHALESSA, June 6: The Govt. Degree College Kilhotran celebrated World Environment Day on June 2024 with great enthusiasm under the patronage of principal Prof. (Dr.) Javid Iqbal Zargar

This year the theme of the day was "Land restoration, Desertification and Land Resilience".

On this occasion, a lecture and plantation drive and Poster Making Competition were organized by the Department of Environmental Sciences in collaboration with Department of Political Science and NSS units of the College to create awareness among masses to protect the environment.



The event starts with

plantation drive led by

Principal of the college Dr. Javid Igbal Zargar. He was joined by Teaching and Non-Teaching Faculty and prominent citizens of Bhalessa

It was followed by a poster-making competition in which Ronika Devi Semester 2nd, Simran Devi Semester 2nd and Muzamil Mustafa Semester 4th stood first, second and third respectively.

The Principal of the College, Dr. Javid Iqbal also addressed the students and talked about the importance of Environmental protection for sustainable development.

The programme culminated with a Power Point Presentation on significance of World Environment Day by Prof. Joat Singh Kotwal, HOD,

Department of Environmental Sciences on Land restoration and land resil-

Students participated enthusiastically in the event and various environmental issues like biodiversity loss, greenhouse effect, global warming, climate change were addressed focusing on land degradation and its restoration. The prominent faculty who graced the occasion were Dr. Riyaz Ahmed HOD Arabic, Dr. Imtiaz Zargar HOD Urdu, Dr. Mudassar Nazar HOD Persian, Prof. Vicky Rattan HOD Hindi, Prof. Sandeep Kumar HOD, Economics.

The whole proceedings of the events were managed by Prof. Zain Batt HOD, Political Science.

GDC Kishtwar celebrates World Environment Day

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, June 6: The Career Counseling and Guidance Cell, in collaboration with the Department of Botany at GDC Kishtwar and the Jammu and Kashmir Department of Forest, Kishtwar, celebrated World Environment Day.

The theme for this year's celebration was "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought." The event was organized under the patronage of Principal Prof. Basharat Iqbal and convened by Prof. Asma Javaid

To mark the occasion, a massive plantation drive was conducted, during



which approximately 100 Cedrus deodar saplings were planted on barren land starting from the Bidraban area of Kishtwar. The event saw participation from numerous attendees, including Dr. Junaid Iqbal and Ibrahim Ahmed Shah and Touseef Ahmed Sheikh. Usman Nadeem, a proactive young individual, played a significant role in ensuring the event's success. Prof. Asma Javaid addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of plants and plantation drives. She emphasized how such activities contribute to balancing the ecological system and controlling global temperatures.

Active participation was also seen from Numan Raja Malik and Muzamil Hussain Mir, two B.Sc. Semester IV students. The event was further supported by many employees from the Department of Forest.

This initiative underscored the community's commitment to environmental conservation and the promotion of sustain-

Essay competition on ill effects of Drug Abuse held at GDC R S Pura

Top News Report

JAMMU, June Under the Awareness programmes launched by Government of India to curb the menace of drug abuse, Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Committee of Govt. Degree College R. S. Pura organizes an essay writing competition on the topic 'Drug abuse and its effects on the social fabric' on Thursday.

A number of students participated in the competition. The purpose of this activity was to generate awareness among students against drug abuse.

In this competition, Neetu Kumari from BA semester 4th got first, Amit Singh from BA semester 2nd bagged second and Komal from



BA semester 2nd grabbed third position.

managing committee and Principal of the college Prof (Dr) Rajni Bhagat encouraged all the students to keep participating in these kind of activities and motivated them to keep spreading awareness in the society. The Principal also lauded the efforts of Prof Neelam Kumari, Convener NMBC for organising the activity.

students to refrain from temptations such as The members of the indulging with drugs, committing offences related to love affairs as such can be devastating to their careers in the future.

The while event was coordinated by Prof. Neelam Kumari, Convener Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Committee and the performance of the student was educated by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch. Certificates were awarded to all the winners

Mandate befitting reply to BJP's 'abki baar 400 paar': Rajesh Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: Bahujan Samaj Party General Secretary and Media Head Rajesh Gupta on Thursday asserted that people have given a befitting reply to BJP's slogan of 'Abki Baar 400 Paar', even as NDA leaders claimed the mandate was against corruption. appeasement and dynastic politics in the country.

Gupta said that PM Modi and BJP has lost simple majority on their own which is moral defeat of PM Modi, who had given the slogan of `400 Paar and 370 Paar' for BJP but could not retain its earlier score of 303

BSP leader said the people's verdict is against the NDA government,



particularly the BJP. "I respect this mandate. The BJP could not even reach the majority mark, which had claimed to win 400 seats in the country. People have given them a befitting reply," he said.

"Rajesh Gupta further added the BJP tried to create division in society and differences among communities. I would like to tell the BJP that we will demolish your dictatorial attitude in the 2024 assembly polls in Jammu

Union Ministry of MSME approves Exhibition in J&K under PMS Scheme

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: MSME DFO Jammu, Field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSMEs of Jammu & Kashmir. Procurement & Marketing Support Scheme is one of them. As per the scheme guidelines the MSMEs are eligible to claim reimbursement of 80-100 % Stall charges, Publicity expenditure, Freight and travelling expenditure for participating in the approved exhibitions.

Exhibitions are being approved by the union Ministry as per the proposals submitted by the exhibition organizers throughout the year. Last year 05 proposals in Jammu & Kashmir have

been approved under the PMS Scheme. FICCI Flo J&K and Ladakh chapter and M/s Luxury of Kashmir jointly organizing an Exhibition at KC Regalia from 03.08.2024 to 04.08.2024 in Jammu which has been approved by Union Ministry of MSME under PMS Scheme. The exhibition is being organized to showcase the potential of Jammu & Kashmir units under the product category of arts, crafts and textiles which may result in developing Business Linkages

The approval of the fair makes the units participating in the fair eligible for reimbursement in stall charges to the tune of 100% for Woman, SC/ ST/Aspirational District units and 80% for other units, the participating units are also eligible for travel, Publicity and Freight charges reimbursement.

To avail benefits under the scheme MSMEs may register in the online portal at my.msme.gov. in/MyMsme/Reg/COM_ ViewEvent.aspx All the applications are received online only without any manual intervention and processed online. It is pertinent to mention here that maximum 60 units can participate and avail the benefits of the scheme. The approval has been made possible with the efforts of G.Velladurai Joint Director. The MSMEs can also participate in any of the other approved fairs being organized in different parts of India as available from the approved list in the portal.

EESS, CS organise painting competition

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9th and Aruba Younis

of class 10th bagged

the 2nd and 3rd position

Speaking on occasion

Chairman of the society

Mohd Ayoub Zarger said

that society is celebrating

the environmental week

every year since 1995

He stressed upon

the restoration of land

through plantation and

Judicious use of natural

resources. He appealed

the student community to

work for the clean envi-

with different themes.

respectively

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Top News Report

GANDOH, June 6: In order to celebrate the world environmental day 2024 Educational, Environmental, Social sports and cultural society Bhalessa JK in collaboration with Government Girls Higher secondary school Gowari organised Symposium and painting competition on the theme our Earth our future. About thirty Four students of different classes participated in both the event.

The program was presided over by the Harminder Singh Incharge Principal.

In painting Competition Quratul-Ain of class 11th bagged the 1st Principal, staff and students of GHSS Gowari for providing the full support for making the program successful. In his presidential

ronment. He thanked the

address Incharge principal Herminder Singh thanks the Society for organising the program in the school which has created lot of awareness among the students. He also appreciated

the students for their active participation in all events.Ramanjeet Singh lecturer Physics, Jagmeet Paul lecturer mathematics and Shahnawaz Batt teacher judged the program. Aftab Alarm teacher carried out proceedings of the program. Cash and consolidation prizes were distributed among the participants students. Other staff members present on occasion includes Mohd Ayoub Rather lecturer, Mushtaq Wajahat lecturer. Nissar Ahmed Rather, Master Jagdish Kumar, Baqar Hussain Batt, Altaf Human Mir, Showkat Ali Rather.

Fencer Vishal selected for **Senior Asian Fencing C'ship**

Top News Report

JAMMU. June 6: Ace Sabre Fencer of J&K. Vishal Thappar selected for Senior Asian Fencing Championship to be held at Kuwait from June 22 to 25, 2024.

Vishal Thapar, international fencing player, once again show his class of Sabre and fitness during trials for Senior Asian Championship at New Delhi on the basis of his outstanding performance during last Senior National Fencing Championship by winning Individual bronze Medal.

Pertinent to mention that Vishal Thappar is presently working with Indian Navy as Chief Paty Officer recruits under Sports quota from J&K and also a Khelo India Athlete and practising at NCOE Patiala. Vishal Thapar has credit many national medals including

Senior/National Games

Juniors, Youth-in his

Accounts including senior Commonwealth Gold medal which was held at Canberra Aus-

Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, Nuzat Gul has congratulated Vishal Thappar and have extended best wishes to parents for this achievement and wished best of luck for the competition.

International fencer Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, International qualified Referee, Fencing J&K termed it a proud moment and extended wishes to fencer for the prestigious events expressing hope that Vishal will make the country proud at the international platform.

Meanwhile senior fencing coach, J&K Sports Council, Rachna Jamwal Instructor Shotu Lal Sharma, Adv. Supriya Chouhan and Maninder Pal Singh alongwith all the fencing fraternity wishes best of luck to Vishal Thapar.

Trust celebrates Shani Dev Jayanti at Shiva Temple Muthi

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: The Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust marked the auspicious occasion of Lord Shri Shani Dev Ji's birth anniversary with a splendid celebration at the ancient Shiva Temple in Muthi, under the Jammu North Assembly.

The event was a vibrant display of devotion, featuring special worship ceremonies, hawan Yainas, and soul-stirring devotional singing.

SP South Jammu, Ajay Sharma, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, highlighting the significance of Shani Dev among the Navagrahas.

Describing Shani Dev as a symbol of justice and the arbiter of Kaliyug, he emphasized the importance of maintaining balance in nature, echoing Shani's profound impact on humanity.

Sharma urged the youth to be stewards of the environment, underscoring their pivotal role



Acknowledging the Trust's commendable efforts in preserving and promoting cultural heritage, Sharma lauded Trust President Mahant Rohit Shastri for his invaluable contributions. Trust member Ajay Sharma echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the transformative potential of such events in society. He urged parents to nurture their children with virtuous values, guarding them against the perils of substance abuse

Mahant Rohit Shastri's pivotal role in revitalizing Sanskrit language education in the state was

also commended during the event. The celebration culminated with a heartwarming community feast, fostering camaraderie and goodwill among attendees.

The event saw the presence of esteemed citizens, including Jagmohan Sharma, Kuldeep Khajuria, Pawan Khajuria. Prabodh Sharma. Naresh Raina, Uttam Chand Sharma, Prof. Sharad Chandra Sharma, Jagdev Singh Chib, and others. Their participation underscored the collective reverence and commitment to upholding cultural traditions and spiritual values.

Ashoka Law College **Kathua celebrates WED**

Top News Report

KATHUA, June 6: On the occasion of World Environment Day (WED). a plantation Drive was initiated by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in collaboration with the Ashoka Law College, Kathua at its premises

The Principal District and Session Judge, also Chairman DLSA Ashok Kumar Shavan was present along with the officials Adv. Puneet Kumari, Adv. Nishant and other members of

The Principal, faculty

DLSA.

members and students of the college also participated in the drive. The program was initiated by the welcome address by Suparan followed by the address of the Principal District and Session Judge, who made the students aware about the importance of Environment. The Guest was honored by the Vice Principal Seema Braroo and Program was concluded by Ritika, faculty member by extending vote of thanks.

Plantation drive, blood donation camp organized **Top News Report**

DRUGMULLA, June 6: Amidst the serene backdrop of Jammu and Kashmir's natural beauty, a significant gathering took place for two vital initiatives, a plantation drive and a blood donation camp.

The unparalleled beauty of Jammu and Kashmir is celebrated globally, and it is our collective responsibility not only to preserve it but also to enrich it further.

Recognizing the pivotal role of tree plantation in environmental preservation, more than 450



trees were planted during today's Plantation Drive.

The event emphasized the importance of nurturing these trees as we do our children, underscoring their significance as a gift to future generations

and a pledge towards a cleaner, greener world.

Simultaneously, the blood donation camp witnessed an inspiring display of altruism, with over 150 soldiers donating blood for the people of

Kupwara. This act exemplifies the ethos of the Indian Army as the Army of the people, showcasing unwavering dedication towards saving lives.

The event was organized by the Indian Army in coordination with the Forest Department, Kupwara, and the Sub Divisional Hospital Kupwara. Their collaborative efforts ensured the success of both initiatives, further underscoring the importance of community engagement in promoting environmental conservation and humanitarian causes

Maj Gen Girish Kalia. GOC Vjr Division in his address to the gathering said "We believe in the power of collective ation to address environmental challenges. Through this plantation drive, we aim to increase awareness in protection of environment and inspire the community to take meaningful steps towards sustainability". "As we reflect on today's accomplishments, let us reaffirm our commitment to fostering a greener environment and supporting each other through similar initiatives in the future."

The plantation drive was preceded by a talk on reasons, symptoms and ways to tackle the ever growing substance abuse problem in the region by Tabbasum, Psychological Counselor at Drug De-Addiction Centre being run by Indian Army at Kupwara.

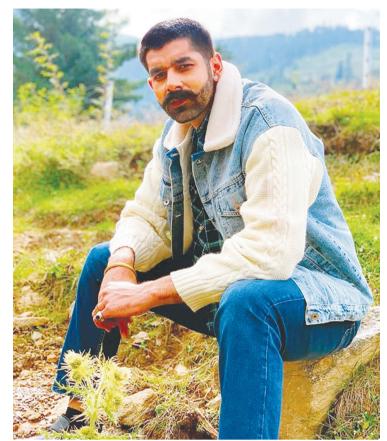
For most people, gaalis are akin to a helping verb, says Undekhi actor Surya Sharma, who has no compunction about the use of abusive language

Ever since Undekhi dropped in 2020, there was no way you could 'unsee' him. Surya Sharma, our dashing lad from Himachal Pradesh, like his reel avatar Rinku Paaji, is a bit smug, a lot honest and not in the least bit coy or bashful about his success.

As Undekhi Season 3 streams on SonyLiv, the Rinku Paaji of the nail-biting thriller is once again basking in the limelight. In a candid unplugged interview, Surya talks about playing the bad guy audiences love so much, the process of getting into the headspace of a 'gangster' and being an outsider in Bollywood. Becoming the Rinku Atwal over three seasons, reprising the same part, comes with its own set of challenges. "Director Ashish R Shukla lets you be and gives the freedom to think out of the box," he says.

Only when the first season dropped, the world had no clue who Surya Sharma was. Second time over he was a tad nervous by the weight of expectations/ appreciation. For Undekhi 3, he did a bit of introspection and felt he had gone overboard in the second season and tried to sublimate the rage of Rinku Atwal. He reasons, "When you are the CEO of the company you don't shout at your employees, similarly to appear menacing you have to be seething from within." What he likes about his grey character is his fierce desire to save his family, especially the bond Rinku shares with his foster father Papaji.

Liberty to create
For those who can sense a
similarity between this bonding and that in Animal, well,
first things first, he loved the
Ranbir Kapoor film. Of course
Animal which came much after



Undekhi, courted as much controversy as rustled up magic at the box-office. "Heavy-duty words like toxic and misogyny are best left to the dictionary. In the art of entertainment, makers have the liberty to create what they care to." Thus he has no compunction about the use of abusive language, rampant in many series on OTT, including Undekhi. He observes, "We are okay with series from the West using profanities and nudity, but become squeamish when it comes to our own content. Look around, for most people gaalis are akin to a helping verb."

Open to experiment Though Rinku's character is closest to his heart, Surya is not averse to playing a range of characters, good guys very much included. Take his supportive husband act in Bhakshak. Indeed, the film belonged to Bhumi Pednekar, indeed the length of the role does matter to him. But so does what the film conveys, its subject and the director's vision. He recalls how the unique part in the prestigious Red Chillies Netflix film fell into his kitty. "I got a call from the director Pulkit and since he told me he had seen Undekhi, I assumed it would be of some vile politician or something on the same lines." Realising this was not 'a world I belonged to' he worked extra hard through workshops, mastering the Bihari diction and breaking the ice with lovely co-actor Bhumi. In future too, we will see him as a good cop, a part his mother in particular is looking forward to.

Being an outsider in filmdom does mean you are easily replaceable. He agrees with what Rajkummar Rao said recently about being replaced overnight by a star-kid and admits to having faced similar dilemmas. But Surya also adds, "That is the cycle of life. Today I am sure Rao is replacing other actors and who knows tomorrow I might replace another actor."

As an actor he is certainly not insecure, "What is in my destiny will come to me." Inshaallah, and those who are wondering whether Undekhi 4 is in the offing, the game is certainly not over. Rinku Paaji is just cooling his heels and sharpening his fangs. Surya, meanwhile, is lapping up the waves of adulation coming his way. And while he has gained a number of fans with Undekhi he himself remains a diehard admirer of Shah Rukh Khan, the human being, not just the superstar we see on screen. Any wonder on top of Surya's wish-list is to become a better

Open to receiving love
Married recently to his longtime best friend Manasi Moghe,
Surya Sharma's relationship
advice to commitment-phobic
young generation is simple —

person. Amen!

be open to receiving love.
Fondness for Chandigarh

The Himachali actor Surya, who studied in Chandigarh, remembers the city with great fondness. While the City Beautiful remains his and his family's shopping hub, Pal Ka Dhaba's chicken savouries linger on his taste-buds. As for his home state and the fact that Undekhi was set in HP, expectedly he was very much at home while shooting for the series in Manali.

Neha Sharma on inappropriate paparazzi angles: 'As a woman you lose your freedom...'



Neha Sharma is frequently photographed after her gym sessions by the paparazzi. While the actor has never hesitated to pose for the photographers, she recently commented on the inappropriate camera angles used when capturing celebrities. In a recent interview with agency, she mentioned how female actors feel uncomfortable constantly being captured by the

paparazzi.

Neha Sharma on invasion of privacy by paparazzi

Neha, while pointing out at the invasion of privacy by photographers opined, "There are days when you don't want to get seen and so you take a break, like I did recently. These are things you have to do to stay relevant. Dikhna zaroori hai aaj ke time pe (It's important to be seen in today's time).

As for the angles, it does get distasteful. As a woman, you also lose your freedom to dress the way you want to. When you are in the public eye, you do have to be careful as sometimes things go out of line."

She further said, "There's another side when you talk to them (the camerapersons). Their livelihood depends on this as they are paid for doing it. They are running their family by taking these videos. They also have a hard time standing in the sun the whole day waiting for one photo. There are always two ways to look at things. So, when you introspect, you realise you are also supporting a family, and that's really beautiful."

About Neha Sharma Neha made her acting debut with Chirutha opposite Ram Charan. Her first Bollywood film was Mohit Suri's Crook, starring Emraan Hashmi in lead role. She later featured in films like Kya Superkool Hain Hum, Yamla Pagla Deewana 2, Youngistan, Tum Bin 2 and Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior. Neha's younger sister Aisha Sharma is also an actor. She made her Bollywood debut with John Abraham's Satyamev

Neha was recently seen in Illegal Season 3.

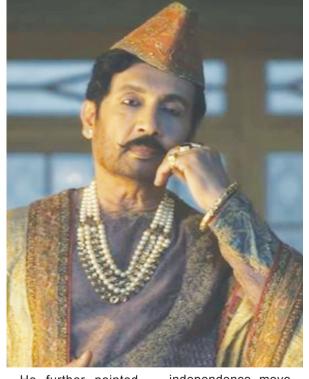
Shekhar Suman says people from Pakistan are jealous of Heeramandi: 'Padosi mulk ke kuchh log...'

Shekhar Suman is known for playing versatile characters, apart from his sense of humor as a talk show host in the past. The actor has recently made many bold statements about his recently released show, Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Heermandi. In an interview with agency, Shekhar questioned those who criticized the 'authenticity' of the epic series and even claimed that people from Pakistan are feeling 'jealous'.

Shekhar Suman on historical authenticity in Heeramandi

Shekhar, quizzed about the criticism of Heeramandi opined, "Lot of stupid people are fussing and obsessing over it, talking about it and questioning the historical accuracy and authenticity and chronology, but Bhansali saab is known for his dystopian sagas. He is known for a world that he creates. He is a master craftsman. He creates his own world and that's cinema. Cinema should not be questioned, interpretation should not be questioned because that's his point of view. Take it or leave it. If you start dissecting it... He hasn't made a documentary on Heeramandi. He has just taken a cue from there.'

Shekhar Suman reacts to Pakistan's criticism of Heeramandi



He further pointed out, "Padosi mulk ke kuch log hain (There are some people of the neighbouring country) who are feeling very jealous about the fact ki inhone kyu bana dia (Why did they make it)? Bhai aap bana lete (You could have made it) and why are you even discussing our Heeramandi? We don't discuss your films. We don't even know whether you

About Heeramandi Shekhar plays the character of Nawab Zulfikar in Heermandi, while his son Adhyayan portrays the young Zulfikar and Nawab Zorawar. The series is set against the back-

drop of the Indian

make films.'

independence movement and marks Sanjay Leela Bhansali's debut on OTT platforms. The epic drama is set in the 1920s and 1940s during the British Raj.

The title of the show is derived from the redlight district of Heera Mandi in Lahore (now in present-day Pakistan) during pre-partition India. The story highlights on the power struggle among the courtesans of Heera Mandi, the Nawabs of Lahore and the British officers. Manisha Koirala, Sonakshi Sinha, Aditi Rao Hydari, Sharmin Segal, Sanjeeda Sheikh, Farida Jalal, Fardeen Khan and others play crucial char-

acters in Heeramandi.

Janhvi Kapoor thanks fans for Mr and Mrs Mahi's success: Your love is worth everything

Janhvi Kapoor-starrer Mr and Mrs Mahi, which also features actor Rajkummar Rao, is going steady at the box office. And the actor has given a shout out to her fans, saying their love and support push her to work harder.

The film, which released on May 31, has amassed 21.10 crore in its first five days. Janhvi has penned a thank you note to her fans.

Gratitude towards her ans

Reacting to the response to the film, Janhvi said in a statement, "Your love has motivated me to keep going and keep working even harder and pushing myself in my craft".

"Your love is worth everything! Mr and Mrs Mahi is a piece of my heart and for all those who understood and connected with what we were trying to say, thank



you," she added.

About the film

Directed by Sharan Sharma, the film features Janhvi as Mahima. a doctor, who becomes a cricketer after her husband Mahendra, essaved by Raikummar. spots cricketing talent in her and encourages her to chase her dream. He also becomes her coach. For the film, Janhvi underwent two years of rigorous training and overcame several injuries such as shoulder dislocation.

The film's title is a tribute to the fans of Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the former captain of the Indian cricket team, who is lovingly called Mahi by his fans and teammates.

his fans and teammates. It also features Rajesh Sharma, Kumud Mishra, Zarina Wahab among others. The film marks the second collaboration between Janhvi and Sharan. Janhvi and

Rajkummar were earlier seen in horror comedy Roohi.

The film was released on May 31. It earned 6.75 crore on day one of its release, 4.6 crore on day two, 5.5 crore on day three and 2.15 crore on day four, as per Sacnilk.com.

On day five, the film earned 2.10 crore nett in India as per early estimates. So far Mr and Mrs Mahi has earned 21.10 crore. The film had an overall 10.60% Hindi occupancy on Tuesday.

Janhvi's next project On the work front, Janhvi will be seen in the mythological epic Karna, and Devara opposite Junior NTR. She also has projects such as Ulajh, RC16 with Ram Charan, and Karan Johar's Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari opposite Varun Dhawan in her kitty.

Amitabh Bachchan, Prabhas-starrer sci-fi fantasy 'Kalki 2898 AD' trailer to be unveiled on June 10

With the anticipation running high for the upcoming multistarrer sci-fi magnum opus, 'Kalki 2898 AD', the makers of the film have now revealed the date of the trailer's official release.

The trailer of the film, which stars Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Prabhas, Deepika Padukone and Disha Patani will be unveiled on June 10, 2024.

The makers took to their social media and shared the announcement with a poster from the film showing Prab-



has's character standing atop a hill with the futuristic city in the background. The poster reads, 'Everything is about to change'.

The makers wrote in the caption, 'A new world awaits. #Kalki2898AD Trailer on June 10.'

The film had its teaser first unveiled at San Diego Comic-Con last year. Bachchan's first look from the film was unveiled on his 81st birthday. The film is directed by Nag Ashwin.

The film, bankrolled by Vyjayanthi Movies, is set for a worldwide release on June 27, 2024.

Modi 3.0: BJP Likely To Keep Top Ministries, Allies Push For More

N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar have emerged kingmakers in this election and are learnt to have demanded plum roles at the Centre

NEW DELHI, Jun 6 (Agencies): Two days after Lok Sabha election results denied a clear majority to the BJP, its allies in NDA have started bargaining hard for plum posts at the Centre. The BJP, however, is not in the mood to let go of key miniseries and roles, sources have said. With the single largest party well short of the magic figure, NDA allies are now on a tight deadline to reach a consensus as plans are afoot to hold the swearing in ceremony of the third Narendra Modi government this weekend.

The four allies whose support is critical for the BJP to reach majority are N Chandrabau Naidu's TDP, which has won 16 seats, Nitish Kumar's JDU (12), Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena (7) and Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas (5).

N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar, both coalitionera veterans, have emerged kingmakers in this election and are learnt to have demanded plum roles at the Centre for their support.

TDP, it is learnt, has also sought the Lok Sabha Speaker's post, while JDU sources said they may press for a Common



the Cabinet Committee on Secu-

rity -- defence, finance, home

The BJP will also not want

to let go of portfolios that are

critical to its infrastructure push,

such as road transport and high-

ways, or its welfare agenda.

Among the BJP's promises in

the run-up to the election was

support to four "castes" identi-

fied by Prime Minister Modi

-- the poor, women, youth and

farmers. The BJP will be look-

ing to retain control in portfolios

Construction of roads and

highways in the past 10 years

of Narendra Modi government

has received appreciation.

Led by Nitin Gadkari, this push

relating to these groups.

affairs and external affairs.

Minimum Programme for the NDA government and hope that a coordination committee formed for its implementation is led by Nitish Kumar.

The BJP, sources said, is not ready to give away the Speaker's role and TDP may be offered a Deputy Speaker post. JDU holds the Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman post anyway.

There is another big change. The Narendra Modi governments formed after the 2014 and 2019 elections had only symbolic representation of allies because the BJP had absolute majority on its own. But this time, the BJP may have to distribute ministerial berths in proportion

to seats won by each ally.

The BJP, however, is not keen on accommodating allies in four

has enhanced connectivity to remote areas. The BJP would not want to lose momentum by giving charge to one of its allies, sources said.

Another key portfolio is the Railways. While JDU sources have said they are keen to get the Railways ministry charge, held by Nitish Kumar in the past, voices in the BJP argue that key reforms are underway in this sector and any disruption may stall them.

In the past two Narendra Modi governments, allies received roles in relatively low-key portfolios such as food processing and heavy industries.

But this time, the BJP may have to agree to some of its allies' demands, as they do not have a majority on their own.

According to sources, JDU may be offered portfolios such as panchayati raj, rural development, while TDP may get civil aviation and steel. The BJP may, however, try to accommodate allies' MPs in Minister of State roles in big-ticket ministries such as Finance and Defence.

Other portfolios the BJP may be open to handing over to portfolios include tourism, skill development, science and technology and earth sciences.

Bengaluru court tomorrow in BJP defamation case issue a non-bawarrant against Gandhi for not shun an luna 1 de

Rahul Gandhi to appear before



BENGALURU, Jun 6 (Agencies): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will be appearing before the local court in Bengaluru tomorrow in connection with a defamation case filed by Karnataka's BJP unit against the advertisement calling the saffron party corrupt in local newspapers ahead of the 2023 state polls.

Earlier, the court had

granted bail to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and state Congress president D K Shivakumar. Rahul Gandhi is the fourth accused in the case, following Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), Shivakumar, and Siddaramaiah, who are the first three accused.

Karnataka's BJP unit has asked the court to

issue a non-bailable warrant against Rahul Gandhi for not showing up on June 1, despite Congress stating that Rahul was not involved in the publication of the advertisement.

Rahul was let off the hook; however, the court said that he must be present on June 7.

BJP MLC and General Secretary Keshav Prasad had filed the defamation case against Congress.

The Congress, alleging that a 40 percent commission was levied for the execution of all public works, also released a 'corruption rate card' targeting the previous government in the advertisement.

Man found dead inside car in Delhi's Nehru Place

NEW DELHI, Jun 6 (Agencies): A dead boy was found inside a car in the Nehru Place area of New Delhi, police said on Thursday.

As per police reports, a man was found dead inside a ford car parked at a crowded place in Nehru Place.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South reached the spot along with other senior police officials.

The police have cordoned off the area.

It is still not certain, whether it is a murder or a suicide, the police said.

Nine persons injured in cylinder blast in Mumbai

MUMBAI, Jun 6 (Agencies): At least nine persons were injured after an LPG cylinder exploded and caused a fire at a house in Mumbai's Chembur area on Thursday morning, officials said.

A wall of the house collapsed and the roof of an adjacent shop was also damaged due to the impact of the blast, an official said.

The incident took place in the onestorey house located on C G Gidwani Marg in Chembur at around 7.30 am when a woman lit a gas stove for cooking, an official said.

As the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) was already leaking from the cylinder, it exploded after the stove was

lit, he said.

A blaze erupted following the blast and it was later put out, the official said.

Eight persons who were in the house and other person outside the structure received injuries, he said.

Those injured included two minors and three women, the official said.

All the injured persons were rushed to the civic-run Shatabdi Hospital in



Govandi area, he said.

Four persons - Jyotsna Limbajiya (53), Piyush Limbajiya (25), Nitin Limbajiya (55) and Preeti Limbajiya (34) suffered deep burn injuries, and as many others - Om Limbajiya (9), Ajay Limbajiya (33), Poonam Limbajiya, (35), Mehak Limbajiya (11) - received mild injuries, he said.

Another person, Sudam Shirsat (55), received head and leg injuries and was shifted to the Sion Hospital for further treatment, the official said.

The condition of all the injured persons was stable, he added.

Will PM fulfil his promise of giving special status to Andhra, Bihar, asks Congress

NEW DELHI, Jun 6 (Agencies): The Congress on Thursday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi whether he would fulfil his promise of giving special category status to the states of Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh also took a swipe at the prime minister, saying it is being claimed repeatedly that the Modi 3. 0 government will be formed but the truth is that this time it will be "Modi 1/3 government".

In a video statement posted on X, Ramesh said the Congress has four questions for the prime minister -- two for Andhra Pradesh and



two for Bihar.

"On April 30, 2014, in the holy city of Tirupati, you promised to give special category status to Andhra Pradesh so that massive investment comes in. It's been 10 years but it has not happened. Will that promise be fulfilled now? Will the PM give special category status to Andhra Pradesh," Ramesh said.

He claimed that Prime Minister Modi has been trying to privatise the steel plant in

Vishakhapatnam.

"All parties are opposed to this. Will you stop the privatization of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant now?" he said.

Ramesh also asked the prime minister whether he will fulfil his 2014 election promise and the

ten-year-old demand of his ally and JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar by giving special category status to Bihar.

"There has been a demand for this but the PM did not break his silence on the issue," he said.

Ramesh said the 'mahagathbandhan' government of the RJD, Congress and Nitish Kumar had gotten a caste survey done in Bihar.

"We demanded that a nationwide caste census be carried out and even Nitish Kumar has supported this. Do you (PM) promise to conduct caste census in the entire country like it has been done in Bihar?" Ramesh said.

The Congress' posers on Bihar and Andhra come after the BJP on its own fell short of an absolute majority in the Lok Sabha polls but it may, as things stand, form the government on the back of its allies.

With support from Naidu's TDP and Nitish Kumar's JD(U), which won 16 and 12 seats in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar, respectively, and other alliance partners, the NDA has crossed the halfway mark.

The TDP and JD(U) have already dismissed suggestions of defecting to the opposition alliance and have clearly stated that they will remain with the NDA.

Karnataka Minister resigns after allegations in illegal money transfer case

SHIVAMOGGA, Jun 6 (Agencies): Karnataka ST Welfare Minister B Nagendra resigned on Thursday after his name cropped up in an illegal money transfer issue that came to light after a state government employee in Shivamogga died by suicide. Chandrashekhar P, accounts superintendent in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd died by suicide on May 26, leaving behind a death note.

The note revealed the unauthorised transfer of Rs 187 crore belonging to the state-run Corporation from its bank account,



and from that, Rs 88.62 crore was illegally moved to various accounts allegedly belonging to "well-known" IT companies and a Hyderabad-based cooperative bank.

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, earlier in the day, said Minister Nagendra, who

is facing allegations in connection with an illegal money transfer case involving a state-run corporation, has not resigned, minutes after declaring that he has quit his post. Earlier, after Nagendra met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar, also state Congress chief

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Minister Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar, also state Congress chief,
said: "Not wanting to embarrass
the party, he (Nagendra) voluntarily came forward and has resigned.
We did not ask him to resign. We
had a discussion with him."

Shivakumar quoted the 52-year old four-time MLA, also Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister, as saying that he was ready for any probe, including by the CBI.

BJP cheated people, did politics in name of Lord Ram: Faizabad MP Awadhesh Prasad

LUCKNOW, Jun 6 (Agencies): Newly elected Samajwadi Party MP from Faizabad Awadhesh Prasad on Thursday attacked the BJP, saying this party is not the "real" follower of Lord Ram, and accused it of doing politics in his name and cheating the people.

Prasad defeated his

nearest rival from the BJP, Lallu Singh, by 54,567 votes in Uttar Pradesh's Faizabad parliamentary seat, where a grand Ram temple was built in Ayodhya on the orders of the Supreme Court and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had led its consecration ceremony on January 22.

"The BJP did politics in the name of Ayodhya. They have worked against the dignity of Maryada Purushottam Ram," Prasad told agency.

During the just-con-



cluded Lok Sabha elections, BJP leaders had given the credit of the Ram temple's construction to Modi and the issue was also one of the party's key poll planks.

When asked about the BJP's slogan "Jo Ram ko laaye hain hum unko layenge" (those who have brought Ram, we will bring them), Prasad said, "They (BJP) have not brought Ram. This was their false slogan. The public has under-

one brought Ram. Ram himself came thousands of years ago."

"Ram is in everyone's heart. He is the centre of everyone's faith. They (BJP) were doing politics in the name of Ram and have cheated the country. They have ruined the country," he said.

Describing himself as a "real" Ram bhakt (follower of Lord Ram), Prasad said, "I am very fortunate that I was born in Ayodhya. I have studied there. My grandfather, father, brother and maternal uncle are named after Ram. We (the Samajwadi Party) contested elections from a seat on which the whole world was watching...people of the BJP are not the real followers of Ram. We are the real ones."

On BJP's promise that it would bring Ram Rajya in the country, the MP said in Ram Rajya, people did not suffer. But during the BJP's tenure people faced every kind of problem whether it was inflation or unemployment, Prasad said.

Hitting out at the BJP on the four-year army recruitment scheme Agnipath, Prasad said, "By doing this, our country's army was insulted."

"When our INDIA bloc government is formed, then the Agniveer Yojana will be abolished," he added.

Speeding Car Evades Signal, Hits Another, Flips Multiple Times

HYDERABAD, Jun 6 (Agencies): Dramatic CCTV footage capturing an accident between two cars at a busy intersection in Hyderabad has surfaced online. The video shows a collision between a speeding black Kia Carens, which was attempting to jump a red light, and a white Toyota Innova Hycross. The Kia

Carens flips multiple times over after contact. The accident took place near Secunderabad Club on Thursday.

The 40-second clip shows the Kia Carens speeding to make the traffic light. When it attempts to cross the junction, the Innova makes contact with its door, causing the Kia to lose control. The Kia

flips multiple times and then eventually comes to a stop, the clip shows. A traffic police constable and locals rushed to the rescue of the people who were trapped in the car and pulled them out safely.

The driver and passenger sustained minor injuries and were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Israel's military targets 'Hamas compound' in school; Hamas-linked media says 39 killed, dozens injured

Information about the strike in Nuseirat area remains contradictory

JERUSALEM, Jun 6 (Agencies): Israel's military said Thursday it targeted what it called a "Hamas compound" inside of a school in the Gaza Strip, an attack Hamas-affiliated media reported killed at least 32 people and wounded dozens.

Information about the strike in the Nuseirat area remained contradictory on Thursday morning, and The Associated Press could not immediately independently confirm details about the strike.

Hamas' al-Aqsa television broadcaster reported at least 39 dead, without offering a source for the figures. The Palestinian news agency WAFA said at least 32 people were killed and dozens of others wounded.

The Israeli military said its



fighter jets struck the school run by the United Nations agency providing aid to the Palestinians, known by the acronym UNRWA.

The Israeli military claimed, without immediately offering evidence, that Hamas and the Islamic Jihad used the school as cover for their operations. "Before the strike, a number of

steps were taken to reduce the risk of harming uninvolved civilians during the strike, including conducting aerial surveillance, and additional intelligence information," the Israeli military claimed.

The Nuseirat refugee camp is in the middle of the Gaza Strip. It is a built-up Palestinian refugee camp in central Gaza dating back to the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

The Israeli military published a graphic of the school, which clearly had "UN" on its roof. The graphic described the strikes targeting two areas of the building on its upper floors.

The war began with Hamas' Oct. 7 attack inside Israel that killed at least 1,200 people with 250 others taken hostage. The Israeli military campaign in the Gaza Strip has killed at least 36,000 Palestinians, with hundreds of others killed in operations in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

4 Dead, Dozens Injured As Trains **Collide In Czech Republic**



PRAGUE, Jun 6 (Agencies): Four people died and dozens were injured when an express train crashed headon with a freight train in the Czech city of Pardubice late Wednesday, an emergency services spokesperson said today.

"I can confirm that four people suffered injuries incompatible with life," local emergency spokeswoman Alena Kisiala told broadcaster Czech TV.

The accident had occurred shortly before 23:00 (2100 GMT) near the main train station in Pardubice, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) east of the capital Prague, Czech TV reported.

The express train had been carrying more than 300 passengers, many of them foreigners, it added.

Prime Minister Petr Fiala offered condolences on social media platform X. saying the crash was "a great disaster" and that "we all think of the victims and the injured".

The interior and transport ministers arrived at the site around 01:00 am Thursday (2300 GMT Wednesday).

Interior Minister Vit Rakusan said the majority of the injuries were light, and that the passengers were evacuated into the train station building.

The express train, operated by the private Regiojet company, was heading to the western Ukrainian town of Chop close to the border with Slovakia.

The timetable shows the train leaving Prague at 1952 GMT was due to leave Pardubice at 2047 GMT. It was expected in Chop at 0835 GMT

on Thursday after crossing Slovakia. Czech TV footage showed at least one of the carriages had derailed and that passengers were being ushered into

buses near the Pardubice main station. Rakusan said that police were identifying the passengers gathered at the train station after Regiojet had provided the passenger list.

Rescuers said that nine ambulance vans, two helicopters and more than 60 firefighters, both professional and voluntary, had been deployed.

"The rescue work was complicated because the first carriage was deformed. That made it hard to access the injured people," firefighter Pavel Ber

told reporters at the site Local fire brigade spokeswoman Vendula Horakova told Czech TV the freight

train was transporting calcium carbide. Investigation into the cause of the accident is underway, said Transport Minister Martin Kupka.

He added that the main train corridor connecting Prague with the second Czech city of Brno and the third city of Ostrava would remain closed for at least several hours.

Pardubice was also the scene of the worst-ever Czech railway accident in 1960 when 118 people died and around 100 were injured in a head-on collision between two passenger trains just north

Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama and Somalia are set to get seats on the UN Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, Jun 6 (Agencies): Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama and Somalia were set to get seats on the U.N. Security Council in a secret ballot Thursday in the General Assembly.

The 193-member world body is scheduled to vote to elect five countries to serve two-year terms on the council. The 10 nonpermanent seats on the 15-member council are allotted to regional groups who usually select their candidates but sometimes can't agree on one. There are no such surprises

Last year, Slovenia soundly defeated Russia's close ally Belarus for the seat representing the East European regional group, a vote that reflected strong global opposition to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

This time, the regional groups put forward

Somalia for an African seat, Pakistan for an Asia-Pacific seat, Panama for a Latin America and Caribbean seat, and Denmark and Greece for two mainly Western seats.

The five council members elected Thursday will start their terms on Jan. 1, replacing those whose two-year terms end on Dec. 31 — Mozambique, Japan, Ecuador, Malta and Switzerland.

They will join the five veto-wielding permanent members — the United States, Russia, China, United Kingdom and France — and the five countries elected last year - Algeria, Guyana, South Korea, Sierra Leone and Slovenia.

The Security Council is charged with maintaining international peace and security. But because of Russia's veto power it has been unable to take action on Ukraine - and

because of close U.S. ties to Israel it has not called for a cessation of hostilities in Gaza.

All five countries expected to win seats on Thursday have served previously on the Security Council - Pakistan seven times, Panama five times, Denmark four times, Greece twice and Somalia once.

Virtually every country agrees that almost eight decades after the United Nations was established the Security Council needs to expand and reflect the world in the 21st century, not the post-World War II era reflected now.

But with 193 countries with national interests, the central question — and the biggest disagreement — is exactly how. And for four decades, those disagreements have blocked any significant reform of the U.N.'s most pow-

Netherlands kicks off four days of European Union elections across 27 nations

THE HAGUE, Jun 6 (Agencies): Polls opened in the Netherlands on Thursday to kick off four days of voting in European Union parliamentary elections across the 27 member states that are expected to deliver gains for the

Estonians can cast their ballots across six days that started Monday, but the Netherlands is the only EU country to start its single-day vote so early, followed by Ireland on Friday and the rest of the EU nations over the weekend. Europe-wide results will be announced Sunday night after all member states have completed voting.

The Dutch voting comes six months after Geert Wilders' far-right Party for Freedom sent shockwaves around Europe by becoming the biggest party in the Dutch national parliament. Polling suggests Wilders will build on that popularity and set the tone for much of the bloc.

Since the last EU elections five years ago, populist, far-right and extremist parties are leading governments in three EU nations, are part of governing coalitions in several others, and appear to have surging public support across

The EU elections are the world's second-biggest exercise in democracy behind the election in India, and the stakes are high.

Almost 400 million voters will be electing 720 members of the European Parliament from beyond the Arctic circle to the edges of Africa and Asia. They will have an impact on issues ranging from global climate policies and defense to migration and geopolitical relations with China and the United States.

Since the last European elections in 2019, war has broken out on the fringe of the bloc following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a country that desperately wants to join the EU.

A founding member, the Netherlands was long unwavering in its support of EU policies. Research from the Clingendael think tank, though, suggests dissatisfaction with the EU among Dutch people, and that while most believe that the Netherlands should remain in the bloc, many also believe it should be more self-sufficient.

While many voters are predicted to lurch to the right, the Christian Democrat-dominated European People's

Party led by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, is currently the EU legislature's biggest bloc and is bound to be the coalition kingmaker when the dust settles on the election results.

In the Netherlands, Wilders' PVV could build on its domestic success and surge, possibly overtaking the combined Labor Party and Green Left. Labor topped the Dutch EU Parliament election in 2019 with 19% of the vote for six seats while the Greens took 11% and three seats. Wilders' party at the time only managed 3.5% and no seats.

Wilders and one of his likely coalition partners, the Farmer Citizen Movement, are popular among farmers in the Netherlands who have staged regular protests to call for an easing of EU legislation they say is crippling their livelihoods.

Wilders has in the past called for the Netherlands to leave the EU as Britain did, but his party's manifesto for the election starting Thursday makes no mention of a so-called Nexit. Instead, it urges voters to back the PVV so it can change the EU from within, similar to plans of many other hard right parties across the bloc.

The number of members elected in each country depends on the size of the population. It ranges from six for Malta, Luxembourg and Cyprus to 96 for Germany. In 2019, Europeans elected 751 lawmakers. Following the United Kingdom's departure from the EU in 2020, the number of MEPs fell to 705. Some of the 73 seats previously held by British MEPs had been redistributed to other member states.

The lawmakers, known as Members of the European Parliament of MEPs, can vote on a wide range of legislation laws relating to climate, banking rules, agriculture, fisheries, security and justice. They also vote on the EU budget, which is crucial to the implementation of European policies, including, for instance, the aid delivered to Ukraine.

After the election, MEPs will elect their president at the first plenary session, from July 16-19. Then, most likely in September, they will nominate the president of the European Commission, following a proposal made by the member states. In 2019, von der Leyen narrowly won a vote to become the first woman to head the institution.

National Security Adviser Sullivan to visit New Delhi to engage new govt on shared India-US priorities: White House

WASHINGTON, Jun 6 (Agencies): US President Joe Biden's National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan will visit India to engage with Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led new government on shared priorities, including the trusted, strategic technology partnership, the White House said, as the two top leaders seek to deepen the bilateral partnership.

Sullivan's visit was discussed during the phone call President Biden made to Prime Minister Modi on Wednesday to congratulate him on his re-election for a historic third term.

"President Joseph R Biden. Jr spoke today with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India to congratulate him and the National Democratic Alliance on their historic victory in India's general election." the White House said in a readout of the call.

Biden also commended the people of India for participating in the elections, with nearly 650 million going to the polls to vote, the readout said.

The two leaders emphasised their commitment to deepening Indian democracy."

the US-India Comprehensive and Global Strategic Partnership and to advancing their shared vision of a free, open and prosperous Indo-Pacific region, it said.

"The two leaders also discussed National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan's upcoming travel to New Delhi to engage the new government on shared US-India priorities, including the trusted, strategic technology partnership," the White House said.

Prime Minister Modi, responding to Biden's congratulatory message, replied that he was "happy to receive call from my friend President @JoeBiden. Deeply value his warm words of felicitations and his appreciation for the

"Conveyed that India-US Comprehensive Global Partnership is poised to witness many new landmarks in the years to come. Our partnership will continue to be a force for global good for the benefit of humanity," Modi wrote on X.

Sullivan's travel dates to India have not been announced yet but is expected to be within days of Modi being sworn in for the third time on Saturday.

Modi is all set to take charge as the prime minister for a third consecutive term with the Bharatiya Janata Partyled National Democratic Alliance (NDA) winning 293 seats in the Lok Sabha polls. Modi is likely to take oath on

In a separate statement, Senator Ben Cardin, Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, congratulated the people of India for concluding their elections, with votes cast at over a million polling stations throughout the country over the course of just a few weeks' time.

"The people of India have again demonstrated their commitment to the democratic process, casting their votes in spite of this year's intense heatwaves," he

"The US-India partnership is, and will remain, important for regional and global prosperity for many years to come. I look forward to strengthening this relationship, and believe it will endure so long as it is founded in mutual respect and trust, and a commitment to democratic values," he said

"As political leaders begin to form a new government, I reaffirm my support for the people of India in their continued efforts to strengthen justice and the rule of law, to enhance transparent governance, and to safeguard human rights." Cardin said.

Chairman emeritus of Cisco, John Chambers, in a LinkedIn post, congratulated Modi on his third term in office.

"When I reflect back on my first meeting with PM Modi, I recall being struck right away with his humble yet courageous spirit and also his bold vision for India. His Digital India initiative is one of the best I have ever seen, and recent major partnerships in defence, technology and more are a clear indicator of the country's growth trajectory," he said.

"As I said at the Kennedy Center last June, I trust PM Modi with my life and I believe India will become the #1 GDP in the world, in large part because of his efforts. I look forward to collaborating further to make the US-India partnership the strongest in the world as the Chairman of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum. Keep an eye on India -I, for one, will continue to be the biggest bull on the country under his leadership," Chambers said.

US Approves Sale Of F-16 Parts Worth \$80 Million To Taiwan

WASHINGTON, Jun 6 (Agencies): The U.S. State Department has approved the sale to Taiwan of F-16 fighter jet spare and repair parts for an estimated \$80 million, the Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency said.

The sale will help "improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region," the Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) said in a statement.

Taiwan's defense ministry thanked the United States and said the sale would boost the combat and defense needs of its air



force. The ministry said the sale would be finalized in July.

"With normalized gray-zone harassments, the Chinese Communist Party attempted to squeeze our naval and air training space and response time, as well as limiting our rights of self-defense," it said in a statement.

China has repeatedly demanded the United States, Taiwan's most important arms supplier, halt the sale of weapons to the island, which Beijing claims as its own territory over Taipei's strong objection.

China's defense ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Talking to reporters in parliament on Thursday, Taiwan Defence Minister Wellington Koo said Taiwan must boost its self defense capabilities to be a part of "effective deterrence"

in the U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy. "But for Taiwan-U.S. military cooperation, there are many things we can only do, not tell," he said.

VKMI, IYA celebrate World Environment Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: Vichar Kranti Manch International (VKMI) and Indian Yoga Association (IYA) celebrated World Environment Day, a global reminder of our duty to safeguard and restore ecosystems.

The event, held at Himmat Learning Field Higher Secondary School in Chhanni Himmat, Jammu, saw the participation of guests and dignitaries.

Prof. RD Sharma, former Vice Chancellor of Jammu and Noida University, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Prof. Sarla Kohli, Vice President of VKMI and Former Principal of GGM Science College, presided over the function.

Among the distinguished guests were Ashok Gupta, Founder Chairman Trustee of Sarv Uthan Trust and Vice President of Bharat Vikas Parishad; KS



Samyal, Retired Superintending Engineer and
Vice President of Trikuta Nagar Development
Council; Anju Bansal,
Swar Kokila and Former
President of Bharat
Vikas Parishad Shivalik; Abhinandan Jain,
Director of Mahaveer
Physiotherapy and Yoga
Centre; and Yashpal
Sharma, Director of Skill
Development and Financial Solutions.

The event began with a warm welcome address by Chander Mohan Sharma, General Secretary of VKMI and Chairman of HLF Higher Secondary School, followed by the felicitation of the chief guest. Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, President of VKMI and Chairman of IYA, delivered a comprehensive lecture on the theme of

World Environment Day

2024, focusing on "Land Restoration Desertification and Drought Resilience," emphasizing the urgency to protect our environment and combat desertification.

Monica Khajuria, Nutritionist and LM of VKMI, highlighted practical steps to reduce pollution, including minimizing the burning of fossil fuels and adopting the principles of Reduce,

Reuse, and Recycle.
Prof. Kohli elaborated

Prof. Kohli elaborated on the importance of energy conservation, proper water usage, and adopting eco-friendly lifestyles, advocating for the rejection of single-use plastics and waste segregation.

Prof. Sharma emphasized the significance of not only planting trees but also ensuring their sustenance. A tree was planted during the event, accompanied by a soulful song on environmental conservation sung by Bansal.

Indu Sharma, Principal of HLF Higher Secondary School, extended gratitude to all participants and dignitaries for their contribution to this noble cause.

The event served as a platform to raise awareness and inspire action towards environmental conservation, underscoring the collective responsibility to protect and preserve our planet for future generations.

Friendly Volley Ball Match at Gei, Doda



Top News Report

DODA, June 6: On popular demand of inhabitants of Gei, Indian Army organised a friendly volleyball match between two local teams in alignment with "Khelo India". Both the teams consisted of players from various caste, creed and religion & displayed very high degree of sportsmanship

and healthy competitive sprint. It was a thrilling and exciting match till the end. More than 40 people gathered to witness the match. The Volleyball match was aimed at developing a competitive spirit amongst the youth and also to provide them a platform to showcase their talent. The match was witnessed with keen interest by one and all

thus generated bonhomie amongst the players as well as residents. Indian Army congratulated both the teams for the sterling performance and distributed prizes to both the teams Team members and residents expressed their heartfelt gratitude for organizing the event and requested for more such sporting events in

Raman Suri demands probe into fire at historic Lord Shiv Temple, urges swift rebuilding

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: Expressing his shock over the fire incident that severely damaged the 109-year-old famous Lord Shiv Temple at Gulmarg, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri today urged the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to get the incident probed thoroughly and fix the guilty.

He also urged the Dharmarth Trust, which manages the affairs of the temple, to begin rebuilding the temple at the earliest besides ensuring safety and security of the Shivalinga and idols of other deities of the temple, till the temple is rebuild

Raman Suri said, the establishment must find out the cause of the fire and help Dharmarth Trust reconstruct the temple to its old glory of great religious and tourism significance. He said, since ages pilgrims as well as tourists have been thronging this temple during their visit to Gulmarg and the same has also been featured and filmed many-a-times.

This place is close to the hearts of people around the globe and must be expeditiously reconstructed, so that prayers are started as soon as possible.

The BJP leader said, this Lord Shiv temple, located about 55 kms from Srinagar was built in 1915 by Mohini Bai Sisodia, the queen of Kashmir's last king Maharaja Hari Singh. Known as Mohinishwar Shivalaya Shiv Mandir or the Maharani temple, it was made up of locally sourced material including wood and stones, and its pyramidal dome was visible from all corners of Gulmarg.

Appreciating the role of local police and residents in dousing the flames, Raman Suri said that everyone present on the spot helped a lot, which is highly appreciable. The temple, which is a popular tourist attraction and has appeared in several Bollywood movies, must immediately be restored to its old glory, Raman Suri added.

AYUSH Deptt Ramban organize Yoga Camp at GHSS Sanasar

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RAMBAN, June 6: The Department of AYUSH, in collaboration with the Education Department Ramban, organized a Yoga Camp at Government Higher School Sanasar on Thursday, as a prelude to the 10th International Day of Yoga 2024.

The Yoga Mega Camp, themed "Yoga for Women Empowerment," was a significant step towards promoting health and well-being among women.

The event was led by a dedicated team from AYUSH Ramban, headed by District Yoga Coordinator, Dr. Masood Iqbal, and included Medical Officer, Dr. Showket Mir, Senior

Pharmacist, Shashi Kant Sharma and Sajid Hussain, Yoga Expert. The Yoga camp was conducted under the guidance of Deputy Director Jammu, Suresh Kumar, and the esteemed Director of AYUSH J&K, Dr. Mohan Singh.

The camp commenced with a lecture on the importance of yoga for women's well-being delivered by Dr. Masood Iqbal Zarger. This was followed by insightful talks from Lecturer Anil Sharma and Principal Rajesh Sharma. The theme-based Yoga Asanas were then demonstrated by Dr. Masood Iqbal, engaging about 430 students from Government Higher Secondary School

Sanasar in various sessions of Yoga

Asanas and a lecture/symposium session.

the future.

In addition to the yoga sessions, the AYUSH Department distributed immunity-boosting medicines, coordinated by Physics Lecturer Ravinder Sharma Principal GHSS Sanasar, Rajesh Sharma also organized a symposium competition on Yoga, featuring participants from both boys' and girls' sections, enhancing the interactive and educational experience of the camp.

The Principal also expressed his gratitude to Dr. Masood Iqbal Zarger and his team from AYUSH, as well as the school staff and participating students, for their efforts in making this program a grand success.

Vishal Khatri Sabha organizes 22nd Bhandara at Utterveni

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: Vishal Khatri Sabha today organized 21st Bhandara at Utterveni on Jyeshtha Amavasya by President Devender Seth.

Large number of people participated in the religious event. Amavasya is new moon day in Hindu calendar. It is significant day as many rituals are performed only on Amavasya Tithi.

Amavasya falling on weekday Monday is known as Somvati Amavasya and Amavasya falling on weekday Saturday is known as Shani Amavasya. All Amavasya days are appropriate to perform Shraddha rituals to appease ancestors. Amavasya day is also appropriate day to perform Kalasarpa Dosha puja.After payers and rituals, Seth prayed for peace in J&K and said that such events bring people closer to each other. He said Sabha is committed to strengthen their resolve and continue to serve community regularly. Seth urged people to stay connected to their roots and continue to observe such rituals in a big way that is aimed at strengthening our culture and heritage.We in Jammu and Kashmir UT



are very much connected to roots and such rituals had always been our way of life, he asserted he added. He said historically rich Jammu has many temples, palaces, water bodies and buildings that if developed can become places of attractions for visitors from all over the country. He laid stress upon the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the bond of unity, harmony and peace for welfare of the Union Territory.Seth said that the society has to grow in unison and spirit of solidarity by isolating all those creating division, either due to ignorance or for vested interest. For this, he highlighted the crucial need of imbibing the spirit of selflessness and righteousness, cornerstone of every religion, saying unity and tranquility alone will help in isolating such forces. "We have to fight collectively to all those who promote hate, which is not in consonance of our pluralistic ethos", he said and urged the people, especially youth, to come forward and play their useful role in this regard. He said religious polarization is dangerous for the sensitive state like Jammu and Kashmir.Seth observed that Jveshtha Amavasva is observed on the Amavasya date of the Krishna Paksha in the month of Jyeshtha. Activities such as bathing, donating, chanting, and penance should be performed on this day.Bathing in holy rivers and pilgrimage sites like Haridwar holds special significance on Amavasya. If one cannot bathe in holy rivers, mixing Ganga water in the bath at home can also confer merit. It is also essential to donate something to the needy around you on this day. Fasting on Amavasya for the peace of ancestors not only pleases the ancestors but also gratifies Brahma, Indra, Surya, Agni, Vayu, Rishis, animals, birds, and spirits.

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According to astrology, the moon is considered the deity of the mind. On Amavasya, the moon is not visible, affecting emotional people the most, especially women. The absence of the moon on this day causes agitation in our bodies. Negative thinkers are particularly susceptible to negative influences, added Seth.

Awareness campaign organized across Districts to combat fall armyworm threat

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: An extensive awareness campaign is being conducted since three to four days across various panchayats especially in Udhampur District to educate farmers on the management and control of Fall Armyworm (FAW), a significant agricultural pest.

The campaign targeted key areas including Nalla Malian, Gordhi Jagir, Gordhi Khas, Kaghote, Amroh and Satyalta of Sub Division Ramnagar, District Udhampur.

Under the guidance of Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, and the diligent efforts of District and Sub Divisional Agriculture officers of Udhampur District, these awareness camps were meticulously organized. The participation and enthusiasm of farmers were commendable as they actively engaged in learning about the management and control strategies against Fall

Armyworm.
Director Agriculture
Jammu has emphasized the importance of

spreading awareness about Fall Armyworm across all districts of Jammu Division. His directive underscores the seriousness with which the agricultural community is addressing this threat and the collective effort required to mitigate its impact. The Technical Advisory has also being issued to all the Maize growing districts of Jammu Division from the Directorate of Agriculture Jammu for the remedial measures to control the insect-

The combined expert team of Agriculture Department and SKUAST-J has been constituted to visit the infested areas of Udhampur and Reasi Districts to provide suggestions for corrective measures in these affected areas, thereby bolstering the fight against Fall Armyworm.

pest.

During the campaign, crucial resources such as PP chemicals and informative pamphlets were distributed among the farmers to aid them in implementing effective management practices against Fall Armyworm.

Bi-Annual congregation of Khajuria Biradari on June 9

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: Bi-Annual Mail of Khajuria Biradari is to be held on 9th of June, (Sunday) at DevSathan Baba Ambo near Bagh-e-Bahu Jammu.

This was announced by Shri Baba Ambo Smarak Committee President Ajit Khajuria, Vice-President Yash Pal Khajuria and others while interacting with media persons here on Thursday.

They said that the function will start with Hawan at 8.00AM. After Puran Ahoti, Preeti Bhoj will also organized on the occasion. They appealed all the members of Khaju-

ria families to participate in the function and seek the blessing of Kuldevta. About Thirty Thousands devotes is likely to be attended on the occasion.

Among others who were present on the occasion which included Sudershan Khajuria, Anil Khajuria, Subash Shastri, Ajay Khajuria, Radeyshavam Khaiuira, Vinod Khajuria, Mahinder Khajuria, Bimal Khajuria and Sourab Khaiuria. A free medical camp will also organized in the mail in which several prominent doctors will be participated in it. Free medicines will be distributed among the needy patients.

Half yearly congregation of Chassyal Rajput community on June 16

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: The half-yearly congregation of the Chassyal Rajput community will be held at the ancient temple of Kuldevta King Mandlik (Gugga Pir) on Sunday,

The congregation is being organised at Mandyal village in Sunderbani tehsil of Rajouri district. All Biradari members are invited to attend the

congregation.

The Devasthan Committee appealed to all the community members that they should not only be a part of the Jagratra to be held on June 15, Saturday night, but also take Prasad in the Bhandara on Sunday morning as part of other rituals including Pujan.

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MeT forecasts more rains, thundershower as night temp drops below normal at most places in J&K

Jammu, he said, recorded a low of 20.2°C against 30.5°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 5.1°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 12.0°C, Batote 13.6°C and Bhaderwah 11.2°C, he said.

Won't allow anyone to hurt religious sentiments of any community in Kashmir: IGP V K Birdi

The IGP requested the people of Kashmir not to fall prey to rumours having potential to trigger law and order situation. "We will not allow vested interests to damage the communal fabric in Kashmir," he said.

Meanwhile, Police said that after the positing of a sensitive content against religious sentiments of a particular community by one student of GMC Srinagar, a criminal case, FIR number 13/24/ under sections 153, 153 A, 295 A., 505, (2) IPC has been registered at police station Karanagar on June 6, 2024.

"Common public is appealed to desist from spreading rumours/false information. They shouldn't fall prey to false propaganda of anti-social elements. Legal action shall be taken against those found involved in provocative act/instigation," the police said.

Congress convenes CWC meet on June 8 to discuss poll result

It will be after a gap of 10 years that the Congress will have the Leader of Opposition's position in the Lok Sabha, a post it failed to get as its tally was below the requisite 10 per cent of total seats in the House both in 2014 and 2019. Top Congress leaders, including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, besides others leaders would participate in the deliberations.

'Two Chinese among 4 held for smuggling gold worth Rs 5.45 cr at Delhi airport'

allegedly smuggling gold worth Rs 5.45 crore at the international airport here, the customs department said on Thursday. The accused were intercepted after their arrival from Hong Kong on Tuesday. The detailed examination of their baggage and personal search resulted in recovery of 8.2 kg gold, having tariff value of Rs 5.45 crore, it said.

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The updated Smart

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(M70D model) and the M5

The upgraded 32" 4K

UHD Smart Monitor M8

introduces new features

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es to the next level. The

Al upscaling brings lower

resolution content up to

nearly 4K5, and Active

Voice Amplifier Pro uses

Al to analyze background

noise in the user's environ-

ment to optimize dialogue

in the user's content6.

The 360 Audio Mode7 is

available on the M8, which

pairs with Galaxy Buds

to create an immersive

sound environment. The

built-in SlimFit Camera

also makes it easy to con-

(M50D model).

OLED technology

Samsung India unveils 2024 lineup of Odyssey **OLED** monitors with Al powered features

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: Samsung, India's largest electronics brand, today unveiled its 2024 lineup of Odyssey OLED gaming monitor, Smart Monitors and ViewFinity monitors with features that unlock next-level experiences and new Al capabilities1 for consumers. The Odyssey OLED G6, and the Smart Monitor lineup heightens joy with more enhanced entertainment features, while the Smart Monitor M8 powered by AI and the ViewFinity lineup boosts connectivity to create a complete workstation.

"Through the introduction of our 2024 lineup of Odyssey OLED gaming monitor, Viewfinity and Smart Monitors, we want to unlock better experiences for consumers. Powered by groundbreaking AI Technologies and multi-device experience, the Odyssey OLED gaming monitor and Smart Monitors respectively will redefine visual excellence and creativity. Equipped with the OLED Safeguard+, the world's first proprietary burn-in protection technology, the OLED gaming monitor prevents image burning by applying a pulsat-

ing heat pipe", said Mr. Puneet Sethi, Vice President, Consumer Electronics Enterprise Business, Samsung India.

The Odyssey OLED G6 is a 27" QHD (2560 x 1440) resolution monitor, supporting a 16:9 aspect ratio. Its 360Hz refresh rate and 0.03ms GtG response time make it easy for gamers to keep up with fast-moving game-The new Odyssey OLED

model features Samsung

OLED Safeguard+, a new proprietary burn-in protection technology. This technology is the first in the world to prevent burnin by applying a pulsating heat pipe to the monitor. Additionally, the Dynamic Cooling System evaporates and condenses a coolant to diffuse heat five times more effectively than the older graphite sheet method which prevents burn-in by reducing temperature at the core. The monitor also detects static images like logos and taskbars, automatically reducing their brightness to provide another means of burn-in preven-

The Odyssey OLED G6 delivers unmatched OLED picture quality with a brightness of 250 nits (Typ.), while FreeSync

Premium Pro keeps the GPU and display panel synced up to eliminate choppiness, screen lag and screen tearing.

Samsung's new OLED Glare Free technology3 also preserves colour accuracy and reduces reflections while maintaining image sharpness viewing experience, even in daylight. The OLEDoptimized, low-reflection coating overcomes the trade-off between gloss and reflection thanks to a new, specialized hardcoating layer and surface coating pattern.

The monitor features a super slim metal design that gives it a distinct identity, while Core Lighting+ enhances entertainment and gaming experiences with ambient lighting that synchronizes with the screen. The ergonomic stand also makes long sessions more comfortable with adjustable height, plus tilt and swivel support.

The new Odyssey OLED monitor is the next entry to expand Samsung's OLED monitor market leadership. The OLED monitor unveiling comes after Samsung achieved the top position in global sales in the OLED monitor market within only one year of launching the duct video calls through first OLED model4. This mobile applications with achievement underscores Samsung Dex8 Samsung's rapid ascent The M7 is available in

32" and 43" with 4K UHD (3840 x 2160) resolution, a brightness of 300 nits (Typ.) and a gray to gray (GtG) response time of 4ms. The M5 is available in 27" and 32", with FHD resolution (1920 x 1080), a brightness of 250 nits (Typ.) and a GtG response time of 4ms.

Optimized for creators and professionals and built with responsible practices, the latest ViewFinity lineup includes the View-Finity S8 (S80UD and S80D models), ViewFinity S7 (S70D model) and the ViewFinity S6 (S60UD and S60D models).

The ViewFinity S7 is available in 27" and 32' options, each with UHD 4K (3840 x 2160) resolution, a brightness of 350 nits (Typ.) and a refresh rate of 60Hz. The View-Finity S6 is available in 24", 27" and 32" options, each with QHD (2560 x 1440) resolution, a refresh rate of 100Hz and a brightness of 350 nits (Typ.), including a USB hub and height-adjustable stand. The S60UD model also includes a built-in KVM switch and a USB-C port (up to 90W charging)

Charkha Development Communication Network celebrates World Environment Day at Poonch



gram. On this occasion,

guests were greeted with

shawls as a token of

welcome. Charkha vol-

unteer trainer Khawaia

Yusuf Jameel introduced

the Charkha Develop-

ment Communication

Network's aims and

Bukhari elaborated the

fundamental objectives

of World Environment

Day and offered valuable

advice on key measures

to maintain a clean and

transparent environ-

"Fundamental prin-

ciples and regulations

of Charkha organization

and its team are very

encouraging. I appreci-

ate the school adminis-

tration for presenting an

excellent program with a

striking theme in keep-

Charkha volunteer

trainer Poonch Rehana

Chief Guest Dr. Rubia

objectives

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Top News Report

POONCH, June 6: Charkha Development Communication Network organised World **Environment Day today** at Middle School Arai Havelli of district Poonch.

Dr. Rubia Bukhari, Incharge, Department of Sericulture, Poonch Campus was the Chief guest and Senior teacher of the school Sayed Liyaqat Hussain presided over the function.

Essay writing and speeches were the highlights of the program. Speakers expressed their views about the environmental changes and the responsibilities at both global and national levels to address them. The main focus of the program was to raise voice about environmental pollution, forest conservation and measures to contain them sooner the better.

Mohammad Riaz

ing with the burning environmental issues," she Reshi also spoke on this occasion. She lauded the organisation for its efforts to deal with the pressing issues concerning particularly environment.

Children participants were awarded prizes and awards during the

Master Syed Liaqat Hussain in his speech praised the organisation for highlighting public issues. He however, thanked the entire Charkha team, especially program organizer Muhammad Riaz Malik for selecting the school

for the event. The coordinator of the event thanked the Charkha team and the school administration especially Magsood Ahmed, Tahira Jabeen, Master Shabbir Ahmed, Master Muhammad Yunus and Naseem Akhtar for collaborating the program success-

Army holds plantation drive on 'World **Environment Day' at Sinthan Maidan**



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, June 6: In honour of World Environment Day and in commemoration of 'Karqil Vijay Diwas', the Indian Army undertook a significant plantation drive at Sinthan Maidan. The event symbolizes the Army's commitment not only to safeguarding the nation but also to nurturing and preserving its

natural heritage The plantation drive organized by the Indian

Army, saw enthusiastic participation from solties. Trees were planted in memory of the brave souls who sacrificed their life during the Karqil War, serving as a living tribute to their valor and patriotism.

The initiative aligns with the Indian Army's ongoing efforts to promote environmental sustainability and foster a greener tomorrow. By engaging in such activities, the Indian Army reaffirms its role as a responsible steward of both national security and environmental stewardship.

This drive stands as a testament to the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to serving the nation and preserving its natural beauty through collective action and community participation, the Army continues to lead by example, inspiring positive change and fostering a brighter, greener future for all.

AIJKBEF condoles demise of Prem Lal

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: All India Jammu & Kashmir Bank Employees Federation (AIJKBEF) under the president ship of Chand Khair condoled the demise of Prem Lal, Banking Attendant (Supervisor) in a road accident on May 28,

A prayer meeting was held in the union office Jammu where the office bearers Vijay Kumar Sharma, President Jammu Unit, Guneet Singh, General Secretary, Jug RAJ Singh, Vice President, Dalip

Singh, Mohinder Singh and Pervaiz Ahmed Chandial (Vice President) were present.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the deceased during this difficult time to bear this irreparable loss and may his soul rest in peace. Prem Lal was the lone bread earner for his family comprising of his two sons, one daughter, wife and father. We request the management of the Bank to help the bereaved family by way of some financial assistance so that the family may continue the vagaries of life," they said.

Army organizes medical and veterinary camps for Gujjar, **Bakarwals at Sadda**

Top News Report

RAJOURI, June 6: Indian Army has always been known for its ethos, values and traditions of highest order.

The professional and humane face of Indian Army is well known and has always been praised and commended. To support and assist the resident Gujjars, Bakkarwals & Pahadi population from Sadda and nearby areas, Indian Army collaborated with State Government to conduct a Medical

and Veterinary Camp at Sadda, Rajouri District.

The event drew a large turnout amongst Gujjars, Bakkarwals and Pahadi Communities. All communities acknowledged efforts made by the Indian Army to provide them much needed medical care by doctors.

Through the collective efforts of Indian Army and team of civilian medical professionals, resident population received much needed healthcare support and contribution to their overall well-being.

The Medical and Veterinary camp was organized mainly with an aim to attend to the medical ailments of civilians, cattle and domestic animals reared by Gujjar and Bakarwal community. Generally, these migratory families and their livestock face lot of problems during migra-

This camp greatly helped these needy Gujjars and Bakarwals, to prepare for their onward journey to higher reaches and towards valley.

Dr. Heeralal honoured with Environment People Warrior Award 2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: Dr. Heeralal Chitrakar was bestowed with the prestigious Environment People Warrior Award of the year 2024 by the Raghuraj People Man Foundation in Uttar Pradesh.

This award, presented on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5, recognizes individuals who demonstrate

exceptional dedication and contribution to environmental conservation

efforts. Dr. Raghuraj Pratap Singh, CEO of Raghuraj People Man Foundation, emphasized the crucial role of environmental protection in sustaining life. He highlighted the foundation's commitment to honoring individuals across the nation who actively engage in

environmental preser-

vation, aiming to inspire more people to contribute towards making the Earth greener.

Dr. Heeralal Chitrakar, hailing from District Jodhpur, Rajasthan, was lauded for his remarkable service in environmental protection spanning over seven years.

He has personally overseen the planting of over 10 thousand saplings and has been instrumental in various initiatives, including water conservation, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (Save Daughter, Educate Daughter), and uplifting children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

In addition to his environmental endeavors, Dr. Chitrakar has actively participated in cleanliness campaigns, voter awareness drives, and initiatives for the rescue of sparrows. His dedication and commitment to serving the environment and society have earned him this prestigious rec-

ognition. Upon receiving the award, Dr. Chitrakar was congratulated and wished well by fellow environmental enthusiasts and supporters. His tireless efforts and steadfast commitment serve as an inspiration to others, reaffirming the importance of individual action in safeguarding our planet's future.

Army organizes World Environment Day at Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch



Top News Report

REASI, June 6: On the occasion of World **Environment Day, Indian** Army organized a series of impactful activities in Reasi, Rajouri and Poonch District to promote environmental conservation and community engagement. The event featured a Cleanliness Drives, an awareness lectures on environmental issues, and a Tree Plantation drive, all conducted with active participation from the resident population

as well as troops. The cleanliness drives

aimed at tidying up public spaces, removing litter and promoting hygiene. Local residents worked together to clean streets, parks, and other communal areas, setting an example of the importance of maintaining a clean environment.

This initiative not only beautified the surroundings but also raised awareness about the significance of cleanliness in preventing health hazards and preserving the natural beauty of the

In addition to the cleanliness drives, Indian Army also organized awareness lectures on environmental issues. The lecture covered crucial topics such as the impact of pollution, climate change, and the importance of sustainable practices. It aimed to educate the local community about the environmental challenges facing the world today and the steps they can take to

mitigate these problems. The lectures successfully engaged, the audience, inspiring them to adopt more eco-friendly habits.

The events also included a tree plantation drives, emphasizing the importance of afforestation in combating climate change and promoting biodiversity. Soldiers and civilians together planted a variety of saplings, contributing to the greening of the area.

Army conducts Essay Writing Competition at Suigarh

Top News Report

DODA, June 6: To provide a platform for the school students to showcase their talent and to enhance their self-confidence, an Essay Writing Competition for school going children has been conducted at Suigarh.

The competition was organised to develop creative skills among the students and to showcase their talent and to enhance their self-confidence. A total of 45 students participated in the said competition.

The response was overwhelming as the event witnessed active participation by the students. The talent and creativity of students in the competition was praise-

The spirit and zeal shown by the children during the competition displayed the growing transformation leaning towards national integrity and amity amongst different communities of the region.

Ankush Teacher, Government High School, Thalela said these type of initiatives leaves everlasting imprint on young minds and are always welcomed as they help such far flung areas to relate it with main stream activities.

At the end of the competition, prizes were distributed to the winners. The talent and creativity of students in the competition was praiseworthy.

Army holds Lecture Cum Essay Writing Competition at Kishtwar



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, June 6: In its continued efforts to raise awareness on the significance of a healthy and clean environment, Indian Army organised a Lecture cum Essay Writing Competition to commemorate World Envi-

ronment Day- 2024 at Government Girls High School, Vill-Sondar of Kishtwar district.

A total of 67 Students attended the event, in which they participated with zeal and enthusiasm. Prizes were awarded to the students who excelled in the event.

Before culmination the students were educated on the importance of combating desertification and restoration of land by afforestation which plays a key role in sustaining a healthy environment. The event was a fruitful and eventful experience.

Rohit Sharma doing fine but New York's drop-in pitch faces criticism

The Nassau County ground's track, which is "bordering on dangerous with huge open cracks", has become a concern for stakeholders of the game trying to sell cricket in America through the ongoing T20 World Cup

NEW YORK, Jun 6 (Agencies): Rohit Sharma's bruised bicep is expected to heal before the game against Pakistan on Sunday but the Nassau County ground's track, which is "bordering on dangerous with huge open cracks", has become a concern for stakeholders of the game trying to sell cricket in America through the ongoing T20 World Cup.

India opened their campaign with an eight-wicket win in a low-scoring match against Ireland, who were bowled out of 96 in just 16 overs.

Rohit, who scored a half century in the successful chase, was hit on his right bicep by pacer Josh Little and was forced to retire hurt. The ball that struck him suddenly took off from length on a pitch that offered a great degree of uneven bounce. Rishabh Pant was also hit on his left elbow during his 36 not out.

"Rohit's injury isn't serious. He himself said that it's a bit sore. He should be okay for Pakistan game (on Sunday) as of now. There are two practice sessions before that," a senior BCCI source said.

Injury scare aside, the nature of the pitch, a drop-in one brought from Adelaide specifically for the World Cup, has raised eyebrows. India are scheduled to play two more games at this stadium.

Player of the final from India's 2007 T20 World Cup triumph,



Irfan Pathan, hardly minced words as he criticised the pitch, calling it unsafe.

"Look, we definitely want to promote cricket in America, but this pitch is not safe for players. If we had a pitch like this in India, a match would never be played there again for a very long time," he said on Star Sports.

"This pitch is definitely not good. I mean, we are talking about the World Cup here, not even a bilateral series," he asserted.

Also unimpressed was former captain Michael England Vaughan.

"Trying to sell the game in the states is great.. love it.. but for players to have to play on this sub-standard surface in New York is unacceptable... You work so hard to make it to the World Cup then have to play on this," he wrote on his X handle.

Rohit was bewildered by the track's behaviour and con-

Vikram Rathour was a shade more reticent in his analysis. "It is a challenging wicket as far as batting is concerned but this is what we have. So we need to find ways to deal with that," Rathour said in the postmatch press conference, placing the onus on his team to find

ceded that he didn't know what

to expect from it against Paki-

stan. The team's batting coach

ways to score. The ICC has not reacted to the criticism so far and the Indian team management is unlikely to file any official complaint. But the displeasure is clear about the nature of the track, which according to some who saw, is "unfit for T20 cricket" and "bordering on dangerous".

"It is actually a very fresh pitch. There is a grass cover but along with it are big cracks. So, it will seam but also take off from length. Now when you have a fresh track like this, you first try out a few games like you do with beta testing of a new app," the source explained.

"Then you release it in the market. It is not a T20 wicket and all four tracks look the same," said another source after a first-hand look at the track following the match.

May be a roller would even out the cracks but such pitches are known to take time to settle for batting.

While Indian pacers literally toyed with a very competent T20 outfit like Ireland, even the biggest fan of Arshdeep Singh wouldn't have imagined that his deliveries would take off like surface to air missiles.

"One should be glad that nothing serious happened to Rohit and Rishabh (Pant). They are fine," the source added.

However, Ireland's Harry Tector had to undergo a mandatory concussion test after a nasty snorter from Jasprit Bumrah first hit his gloves and then flush on the helmet before Virat Kohli completed the catch.

The ICC rules on quality of pitches are quite clear. An assessment would only be done once the tournament is over and if found sub-standard, the track's overall rating would go down.

Rishabh Pant will continue at No. 3 for India in T20 World **Cup: Vikram Rathour**



NEW YORK, Jun 6 (Agencies): India will continue with wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant at No. 3 in the T20 World Cup following his gritty performance against Ireland, said batting coach Vikram Rathour, who also expressed his delight at having a fully-fit Hardik Pandya back in the fold. Both Pant and Pandya, who returned to top-

are making a comeback to international cricket after a long gap. The duo delivered the goods in India's eight-

flight cricket in the IPL,

wicket thrashing of Ireland in their opening game here on Wednes-

On a challenging pitch with uneven bounce, run-scoring was difficult but Pant unleashed a few stunning shots, including a reversescoop over the Irish wicket-keeper's head for a match-winning six in his unbeaten 36.

The Ireland match was Pant's first game for India since December 2022 when he was involved in a horrific car accident.

"Yes. he has been batting really well. The two games (warm-up and Ireland) he has played, he has looked really, really good," Rathour told the media after the match here at Nassau County Cricket Stadium.

"Yes, at the moment he is our No. 3 and it helps that he is a left-hander," Rathour added, in a way cementing the combination of skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli at the top.

Both Pant and Pandya made their way back into the India squad for the T20 World Cup after proving their fitness and form in the IPL.

Even though he did not garner big numbers as an all-rounder in a turbulent season as captain for Mumbai Indians, India chief selector Ajit Agarkar had said that there is no one in the country who could match Pandya's skills as an all-rounder.

Wednesday, Pandya was quick and precise with his line and length to produce 4-0-27-3 in his first match since October 2023 also in a World Cup.

Pandya had hobbled off the pitch in Pune playing against Bangladesh after twisting his ankle, which left India without an all-rounder and also disrupting the balance of their playing XI, with incoming Suryakumar Yadav failing to make an impact in the 50-overs quadrennial showpiece.

"Hardik looked really good. Hardik has been — I mean, even in the practice game and even in the practice — bowling really well," Rathour said.

"He looks fit enough to go through four overs and he's been bowling with some pace and some accuracy, so yeah, it's great," he added.

Uganda celebrate historic T20 World Cup win vs Papua New Guinea with special dance



GUYANA, Jun 6 (Agencies): Uganda players were over the moon as they celebrated their historic T20 World Cup win against Papua New Guinea with a special dance after the match was done on June 6, Thursday. This is the first time that Uganda has been a part of a major ICC event and they had faced defeat in the first game against Afghanistan a few days ago. However, Thursday was their day as they got on the board in the T20 World Cup 2024.

In what was a low-scoring thriller, Uganda defeated Papua New Guinea by 3 wickets to get their first win in an ICC event. After the game was over, the Uganda players showed their dancing skills as the backroom staff also joined

This is not the first time that Uganda have pulled out the dance moves as they did it after getting qualified for the T20 World Cup 2024.

Uganda won the toss and opted to

field in Guyana on Thursday. In the very first over of the match, PNG lost their captain Assad Vala for 0 to Alpesh Ramjani.

PNG were reeling at 19 for 3 in the powerplay as Cosmas Kyewula and Juma Miyagi joined the party, dismissing Tony Ura and Sese Bau, respectively. Hiri was the only man who showed some resistance as he top-scored with 15 for PNG.

Left-arm orthodox bowler Frank Nsubuga scripted history as he bowled the most economical spell in the history of the men's T20 World Cup. The left-arm spinner picked up 2 wickets and conceded just 4 runs in his four-over spell.

However, PNG would bounce back with the ball and Uganda were left reeling at 26 for 5 in the 7th over. Riazat Ali Shah would then step up to the plate and played a patient knock of 33 from 56 balls as Uganda scrapped over the line in the end.

AUS vs OMN: Marcus Stoinis stars as Australia secure convincing win against Oman

BRIDGETOWN, Jun 6 (Agencies): Marcus Stoinis and Mitchell Starc were the stars of the show as Australia registered a convincing 39-run win over Oman to start their T20 World Cup campaign off in perfect fashion on June 6, Thursday. Stoinis scored 67 runs and picked up 3 crucial wickets to be the star performer of the match and carry his form from IPL 2024 into the ICC event. Chasing 165 to win, Oman's came to an end at 125 for 9 as they suffered their second defeat of the campaign. After being put into bat, the Aussies didn't have a great start with the bat as they lost Travis Head early. The wicket was

doing its fair share of tricks as Mitchell Marsh and Warner struggled to get going. Mehran Khan would then come into the attack and picked up two wickets to completely rock the Australian innings. First, he dismissed Marsh and



followed it up by sending Glenn Maxwell back to the pavilion after Aqib Ilyas took a stunning

Stoinis and Warner steadied the ship before the all-rounder flipped the switch in the 15th over as he took apart Mehran for 26 runs, which also included 4 sixes. Stoinis and Warner continued to counter-attack as the Oman bowling started to fall apart under pressure. Stoinis scored 67 off 36 balls and got support from Warner who got 56 off 51 as Australia posted 164 in the end.

The Oman chase got off to the worst possible start as they lost Pratik Athavale for a duck as

Starc bowled an incredible yorker. Nathan Ellis came in and applied the squeeze which led to the wicket of Kashyap Prajapati. Ilyas provided some entertainment with a few lusty blows, but his wicket sort of ended the

chase for Oman. Stoinis would add to his tally after dismissing Ilyas with the wicket of Zeeshan Maqsood as Starc also came in to grab another one. Adam Zampa reached the landmark of 300 T20 wickets when he yorked Shoaib Khan. Australia were made to sweat on the fitness of Starc, who had to go off the field after picking up a niggle.

Ayaan Khan and Mehran provided some late entertainment with cameos but Australia would ensure they got all the points in the end. All-round Stoinis key for Australia

Stoinis was a matchwinner for LSG in the recently-concluded IPL when he scored a fine hundred in a chase against CSK at Chepauk. He has always been a tricky customer with the ball and his all-round skills would be key for Australia, if they're to go the distance in the tournament.

On a sluggish wicket, where others struggled for timing, Stoinis rode on his luck and started to take the attack to the Oman bowlers. This was the right approach as Australia seemed to be lost in Barbados at that time.

He would then come in and picked two big wickets to cap off a fine night. With Glenn Maxwell struggling for form and Mitchell Marsh yet to be ready to have a bowl, Stoinis seems to be the leading all-rounder in the side at the moment. Oman walks the talk with the ball

During the pre-match presser, Ilyas raised quite a few eyebrows with comments. Heading into the game against the mighty Aussies, the skipper sounded confident and even claimed that his bowling attack can choke the batting line-up of the former champions.

That is exactly what happened during the game as Oman strangled Australia early on and they were in all sorts of trouble. This defiance with the ball was seen in the Namibia game where they refused to give up and defend a target of 110.

Oman will need to improve on certain aspects of their game as they kind of got flustered when Stoinis launched the counter-attack. However, the signs are promising for Oman as they continue to grow in international cricket.

Pakistan vs USA, Today at T20 World Cup Prediction, H2H, Dallas pitch condition and who will win?

NEW YORK, Jun 6 (Agencies): All eyes will be on Pakistan when they take on cohosts USA in their first Group A match of the T20 World Cup 2024 at the Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas on Thursday, June 6. Pakistan, the runners-up from last year and the 2009 champions, will start the match as favourites, but they will know that they can't take the USA lightly.

Pakistan are looking strong on paper, but recent results haven't gone their way. Babar Azam's men headed into the T20 World Cup on the back of a 2-0 drubbing against England in a 4-match T20I series in the UK last month. More importantly, preparation to the showpiece event was cutshort due to the wet weather in England. Pakistan were also stunned by Ireland in the first a 3-match series last month, but Babar Azam's men went on to win it 2-1.

Babar Azam has a point to prove as he was reinstated as captain earlier this year after the Pakistan Cricket Board sacked

Shaheen Shah Afridi from the role after just one series. And there are murmurs of trouble in the Pakistan camp, as usual, but fast bowler Mohammad Amir talked up the morale in their dressing room on the eve of their first match against the USA.

USA will head into the contest, hoping they have a chance to cause the first major upset of the T20 World Cup 2024. The Monak Patel-led team opened their campaign with a sensational win against Canada, riding on vice-captain Aaron Jones's spectacular 94 not out. USA also defeated Bangladesh in a 3-match T20I series 2-1 last month at home.

USA vs PAKISTAN HEAD-TO-HEAD in

Pakistan and USA will meet for the first time in T20 international cricket on Thurs-

USA vs PAKISTAN TEAM NEWS - T20 WORLD CUP 2024 Pakistan will be without their veteran spinner Imad Wasim. Shadab Khan's form is a cause for concern in the lead-up to the T20 World Cup as Babar Azam's spin attack looks a little weak. However, with the return of Amir, Pakistan have a high-quality pace attack. It is likely that Pakistan might play all their four frontline pacers -- Amir, Shaheen Afridi, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf in the XI for Thursday's game.

All eyes will be on Azam Khan as the young wicketkeeper-batter has faced trolling and personal attacks after his disappointing showing in England. However, Pakistan will back the gloveman for their opener. On the other hand, USA are unlikely to make any changes to their winning XI for the big-ticket test in Grand Prairie. USA captain Monak Patel seems to have recovered from fever ahead of the clash.

USA PREDICTED XI: Monak Patel (captain and wk), Steven Taylor, Andries Gous, Aaron Jones, Corey Anderson, Harmeet Singh, Nitish Kumar, Jasdeep Singh, Saurabh Netravalkar, Ali Khan, Shadley Van Schalkwyk.

PAKISTAN PREDICTED XI: Babar Azam (captain), Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Usman Khan, Fakhar Zaman, Shadab Khan, Azam Khan, Iftikhar Ahmed, Shaheen Shah Afridi. Haris Rauf, Mohammad Amir, Naseem

PAKISTAN VS USA, GRAND PRAIRIE PITCH AND CONDITIONS

USA and Canada played a high-scoring thriller in Dallas with the hosts chasing down 195 in the 18th over. However, the next game between Nepal and the Netherlands was a low-scoring affair. Considering it would be the first day game in Dallas, the pitch might not be extremely batter-friendly. However, it's going to play much better for the batters than New York's pacer-friendly

PAKISTAN VS USA PREDICTION: WHO WILL WIN?

Pakistan seem to be in a state of chaos

in the lead-up to the World Cup. And that's when Pakistan teams tend to be dangerous. Expect a fiery performance from Pakistan as Babar's men would want to be high on confidence for the big-ticket clash against India on Sunday, June 9.

Pakistan are favourites to win the match, but USA can't be taken lightly.

"For us it's like about ourself - we are here to win and we want to win every single game. And this is World Cup, so there is no margin of error. So, we have to perform every single game." - Mohammad Amir on USA threat.

"I mean, we won't focus much on the Pakistan side. We want to focus on our own cricket. And we want to make sure that we continue playing the way we've been playing. And you know, it's T20. Once we have good 30-40 minutes on the field, you never know. We can take the game away." - USA captain Monak Patel on chances of upsetting Pakistan.

SHO Bishnah inaugurates free medical checkup camp at Makhanpur Charkan

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BISHNAH, June 6: Deepak Singh Charak, social activist in collaboration with Directorate of Avush J&K Department of Health and Medical Education Jammu and Kashmir and Nations Development Association (NDA) organized a free health checkup camp at Shiv Mandir Makhanpur Charkan, Bishnah,

The camp was inaugurated by Station House Officer Bishnah, Inspector Abid Bukhari, and he was accompanied by Founder cum Chairman Nations Development Association (NDA) Sushil Singh Charak, Swarn Singh Charak Chairperson Nations Development Association (NDA) J&K, Lambardar Kulbhushan



Singh and former Sarpanch Makhanpur Charkan Dalvinder Singh.

Avurvedic medicines were also provided to them free of cost, as per their specific needs, by

the Department of Ayush. Speaking on the occasion Inspector Bukhari said that organizations like NDA play an important role in providing help and care to people at their

doorstep. Swarn Singh Charak said they are committed to provide best health care facilities to the common man and assured that he along with his team will

medical camps for the common people in the future also.

Dr Veenu Gupta, Dr Pooja Chagdal, Dr Nalni Sharma and Dr Arushi Mahajan from Directorate of Ayush J&K and others were also present during the camp.

Chairman NDA, Sushil Singh Charak expressed his gratitude to Dr. Suresh Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director Ayush Jammu, for deputing competent team of doctors and providing free AYUSH medicines.

He also appreciated the role of Deepak Singh Charak Social Activists and Provincial President NAUP Jammu and his team members for providing logistic and for making local arrangements.

Investiture ceremony held at Police Academy Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, June 6: An investiture ceremony was held at SKPA Udhampur in which Garib Dass, ADGP, Director SKPA Udhampur alongwith Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor/Trg.) & Ramnish Gupta, SSP, Dy. Director (Admn.) decorated HC Dawood Ahmad Sheikh with the DGP's Medal who has been awarded with DGP's Medal/ Commendation Certificate in the vear 2022 and also Commendation Certificate was handed over to him.

Garib Dass congratulated the medal awardee for earning DGP's Medal.

The award of medal is the result of hard work, dedications and sincerity towards ones assigned duties and selection out of many for the same is a matter of pride for official and is family. He wished him best of luck for future service endeavors.

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IEI Jammu Centre celebrates World **Environment Day**

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 6: The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Centre celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June 2024 with the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience".

The event was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Local

The day is celebrated very year on 5th June every year since 1973 to mark the importance of nature and the environment and it also gives out a message to the global population that nature should not be undervalued and it should not be taken for granted at any

World Environment Day is the biggest international day for the environment. On this occasion, Lal Chand, IFS (Retd. PCCF.) J&K and chairman J&K **Environment Impact** Assessment Authority, (GOI) was the Chief Guest, whereas Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma, Chairman, IEI, Jammu Centre presided over the function, Er. Sachin Tickoo, Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu were among distinguished audience in attendance

Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE in her Welcome Address introduced the day's theme to the audience.

She emphasized the importance of the day, reminding everyone of collective responsibility to safeguard our planet. She highlighted critical issues

26 Bn BSF organises free medical cum veterinary camp at Budnamal



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KUPWARA, June 6: BSF's 26 Battalion on Thursday organised a free medical camp under Civic Action Programme at Budnamal 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 Firdous Ahmed Mir along with DIG BSF MD Upadhyay, 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 500 patients including men, women and children and 80 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, DIG BSF Shri MD Upadhyay 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. Second in Command SFP Vaiphei, Deputy Commandant Vijay Kumar, Rakesh 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 were also pres-

ent on this occasion. Dr Aijaz Ahmad Deputy Superintendent Associate Hospital GMC Handwara, Dr Javid Munawer Gynaecologist, Dr Rameez Nabi Dental, Dr Aayat Mir Medical Officer, Dr Javid Ahmad from GMC Handwara were present on this occasion.

GDCW Kathua hosts entrepreneurship awareness lecture by JKEDI



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KATHUA, June 6: Government Degree College for Women (GDCW), Kathua under the patronage of Principal, Dr. Savi Behl, organized an awareness lecture on entrepreneurship in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Thursday.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty

members alike. The awareness lecture aimed to inspire and educate students about the various opportunities and resources available for aspiring entrepreneurs. Distinguished representative from JKEDI, Hari Bhushan, District Coordinator JKEDI Kathua was the resource person on the occasion.

He shared valuable insights into the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, including business planning, funding options, and the support infrastructure provided by JKEDI. In his talk,

Bhushan emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship in driving economic growth and job creation. The lecture covered essential aspects of starting and managing a business, highlighting the steps involved in transforming innovative ideas into successful enterprises.

Dr. Savi Behl, in her

address said "Government Degree College for Women, Kathua, continues to strive towards providing its students with opportunities to learn and grow beyond the conventional curriculum. This awareness lecture is part of a series of initiatives aimed at empowering students with the skills and knowledge necessary for their overall development. This collaboration with JKEDI is a step towards equipping our students with the knowledge and skills required to venture into the business world with confidence.

The interactive session also included a Q&A segment, where students got the opportunity to seek clarifications and gain deeper understanding of the entrepreneurial ecosystem. The participants expressed their appreciation for the insights provided and showed keen interest in exploring entrepreneurship as a viable career option.

Dr. Kamini Kapoor from Department of Physics coordinated the whole event. Dr. Ambica from Department of Chemistry presented the vote of thanks

The programme was coordinated by Skill Development Committee and Institutional Innovation Council (IIC) members Dr. Babita Mahajan, Prof. Yash Paul, Prof. Romika Bassin, Dr. Ambica, Dr. Manjot Singh, Dr. Kamini Kapoor, Dr. Saved Naser Ali Shah, Dr. Ajay Sanotra, Dr. Usha Kiran and Dr. Gagan.

The awareness lecture was graced by Dr. Inderjeet Kaur, Prof. Ashwani Khajuria, Dr. Rachna Devi, Dr. Amita Dua, Dr. Renu, Prof. Sachinjeet Singh, Prof. Surbhi Gupta and others.

Green City Nursery celebrates World Environment Day

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JAMMU, June 6: Green City Nursery Channi Himmat celebrated World Environment Day, here

Proprietor Vibha Verma along with team Green City in consonance with this year's UN theme of land restoration, desertification and drought resilience distributed different varieties of saplings and plants among people from different walks of life at Gandhi Nagar near Green Belt Park.



SHO Gandhi Nagar Sudhir Sadotra graced the occasion and showcased keen interest in the drive by distributing plants among the people.

Those who took part in the celebrations cherished the cause and vowed to take this drive forward for making this world a better place to live.



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