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BRIEFLY

80 Police personnel relieved from Jammu **District for** further posting

JAMMU, Jun 8 (Agencies): Consequent upon their transfers and adjustment to different districts, the Jammu and Kashmir Police have relieved 80 police personnel from Jammu district to enable them join new places of posting with effect from June 10.

Over Rs 23 lakh stolen money recovered from Awantipora woman: **Police**

SRINAGAR, Jun 8 (Agencies): Srinagar Police have recovered over Rs 23 lakh stolen money from a woman who has been taken into custody, officials said today.

"Srinagar Police recovers stolen money to a tune of Rs 23,46,000 from accused namely Nusrat Nisar W/o Nisar Ahmad Kuchay R/o Barsoo Awantipora," said a spokesman in a post on X. "Case FIR No. 69/2024 u/s 454,380 IPC stands registered in PS Saddar & the accused has been arrested. Further investigation is going on," added the spokesman. Further details are awaited.

Process to hold assembly polls in J&K begins

SRINAGAR, Jun 8 (Agencies): Kickstarting the process to hold assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has invited applications for allotment of common symbols for registered unrecognised parties for the election. The Commission has decided to accept applications seeking allotment of common symbol under



Para 10B of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968 for the general election to the LegislaTerritory of Jammu & Kashmir with immediate effect.The EC's move to invite applications for common symbols from registered unrecognised parties indicates that assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir are imminent. In December 2023, the Supreme Court had directed the poll-body to hold assembly polls in the UT by September 30, 2024.

SRINAGAR, Jun 8 (Agencies): Law enforctive Assembly of Union ing agencies have to act tough against some unscrupulous elements to ensure that the atmosphere of peace in Jammu and Kashmir is not disturbed, Director General of Police RR Swain said on Saturday. "When there will be peace, elections can take place and, when

there is no fear, then only people can vote without fear. That's the

terror

maintain J&K's peaceful atmosphere: DGP Swain

atmosphere we want to darbar in Pulwama dismaintain. Sometimes, trict. we have to face brickbats as well (while doing streets remain peaceful, please accept that we so)," Swain told reporters after holding a public have to be tough against

some people. Police, by definition, is law enforcement," he added.

Swain said everyone was satisfied that the recent Lok Sabha elections were held peacefully and witnessed a high voter turnout in Jammu and Kashmir. "We all are satisfied that the elections were peaceful and the turnout was high. It is a good beginning and we would like to see this trigger a positive change by Turn to page 9

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seized in **Baramulla** SRINAGAR, Jun 8 (Agencies): Jammu and

handlers

Kashmir Police attached properties worth crores of rupees belonging to two Pakistan-based terror handlers hailing from Baramulla district on Saturday. According to officials,

Properties of

2 Pak-Based

terror handlers Jaleel Ahmad Rather and Mohammad Ashraf Mir, both residents of Baramulla's Tilgam, have been operating from Pakistan Over one lakh devotees throng Baba Nagri shrine in Ganderbal District on annual Urs SRINAGAR, Jun 8 revered patron saint of the Gujjar/Bakarwal

divide.

"To ensure that the

(Agencies): More than one lakh devotees on Saturday paid obeisance at the Baba Nagri shrine in Wangat area of Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) Ganderbal District on the 128th Urs of Sufi saint, Baba Jee Sahib Larvi Nagashbandi.

Baba Jee Sahib Larvi Nagashbandi is the most

Teacher suspended for criticizing **Govt policies in Doda**

JAMMU, Jun 8 (Agencies): A teacher was placed under suspen-

Surankote, Kalakote, community of J&K cutting across the religious

He was a social reformer and a Sufi saint of the 18th century. Gujjar/Bakarwal Muslims and Hindus from different parts of J&K including Poonch, Rajouri, Mendhar, Pahalgam, Babdipora, Kokernag, Kulgam and even from outside J&K throng the saint's shrine in Wangat Village each year.

The shrine is situated 45 kms from Srinagar city.

Baba Jee Sahib originally belonged to Turn to page 9

Udhampur girl tops Jammu **Division in**

JKBOSE

Exam in

science

stream

Class 12th

MeT forecasts fresh spell of 'heat wave' in J&K from June 10

JAMMU, Jun 8 (Agencies): Weatherman on Saturday forecast fresh spell of "heat wave" from June 10 onwards in Jammu and Kashmir. A meteorological department official told that partly to generally cloudy weather with possibility of light rain/ thunder at scattered places was expected towards afternoon of June 8 in J&K. From June 9-17, generally dry weather is expected even as the possibility of light rain/thunder at isolated places can't be ruled out, he said. It means that weather

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for 2013 Sopore terror attack case

SIA raids timber dealer's residence

SRINAGAR, Jun 8 (Agencied): The State Investigation Agency residence of Ahmadulon Saturday raided the lah Malla in the Nawab residence of a timber Bazar area of the city dealer in the old city in the early hours and here in connection with seized some material an 11-year-old terror and documents, the offiattack in Sopore which cials said. left four policemen dead, They said the raid was officials said.

The SIA sleuths carried carried out as part of the out the searches at the

investigations into the April 2013 terror attack in the Hygam area of Sopore in Baramulla district.

Four police personnel were killed in the attack when terrorists, waiting in an ambush, opened fire on them.

for some time now. After obtaining an attachment order passed by the additional sessions court in Baramulla, police attached eight 'kanaals' and four

'marlas' of land, they said. The action was taken under CrPC section 83 Turn to page 9

sion for "disseminating confidential information and criticizing government policies" in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, officials said on Saturday.

The action against Grade-II teacher Fiaz Ahmed was taken after a video showing the

in Bhatyas zone went viral on social media early this week.

dilapidated condition of

his remote Government

Middle School Draman

The teacher is seen talking about the shabby accommodation, lurking threat to the lives of the minor students and inadequate staff to manage eight classes.

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UDHAMPUR, Jun 8 (Agencies): Mahika Pandoh, a resident of Udhampur district, topped the Jammu division in Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education (JKBOSE) class 12th (science stream) examinations with 98.4% marks.

While talking to news agency, she thanked her parents for supporting and motivating her.

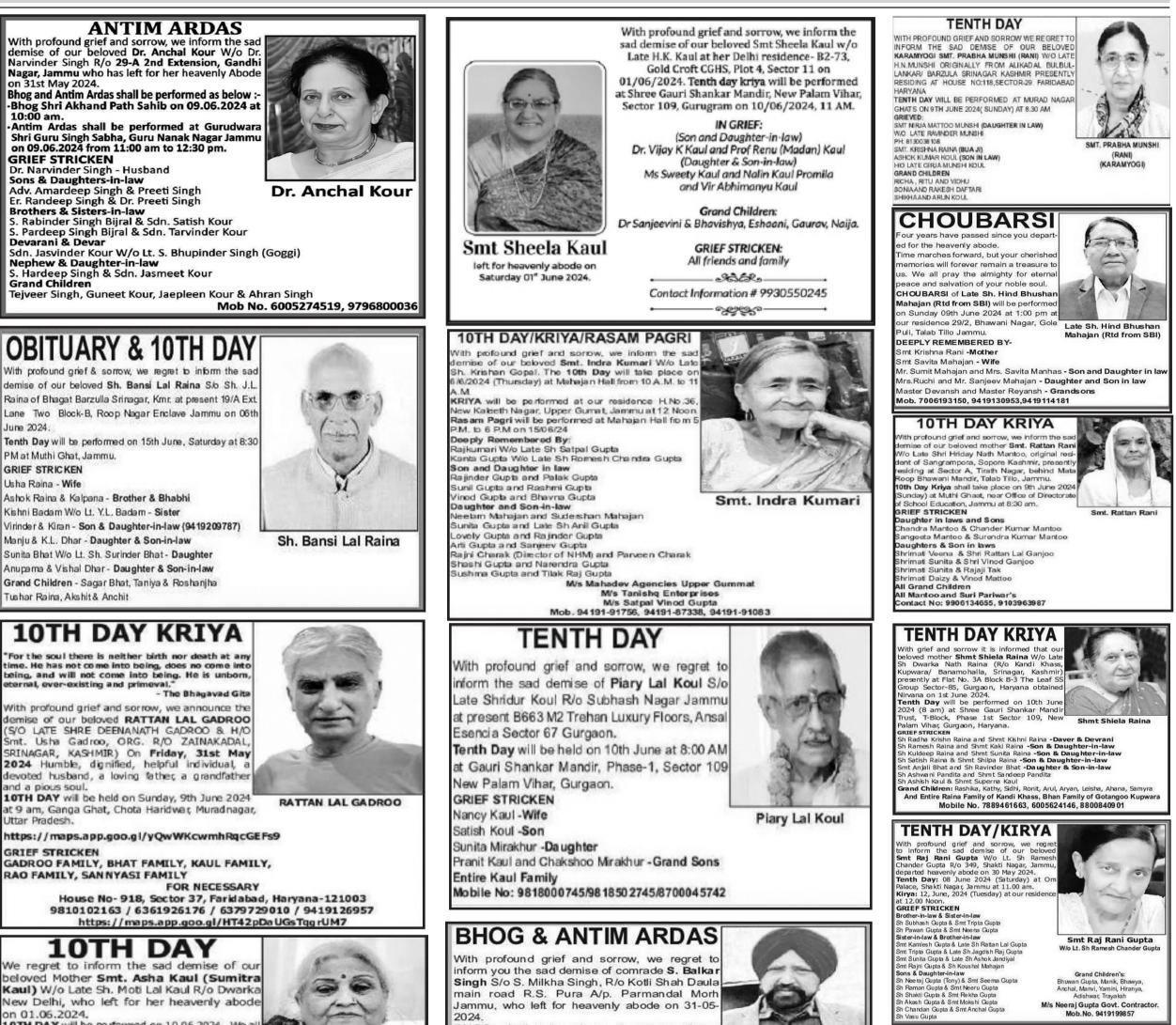
"I have got 492 out of 500 marks. It made me happy as my hard work paid off. My parents have supported me. They used to motivate me whenever I got lower marks," Pandoh said. She said that to get good marks, hard work is not enough but one has to do smark work and be consistent. She said that giving full focus while studying is important, adding that when it is not possible to give full Turn to page 9

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10TH DAY KRIYA

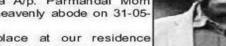
Kaul) W/o Late Sh. Moti Lal Kaul R/o Dwarka New Delhi, who left for her heavenly abode on 01.06.2024.

10TH DAY will be performed on 10.06.2024. We all pray for Moksha of the pious departed soul.

main road R.S. Pura A/p. Parmandal Morh Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 31-05-2024.

BHOG shall take place at our residence 'armandal Morh Bari Brahmna Jammu

M/s Neeraj Gupta Govt. Contractor. Mob.No. 9419199857





(Mobile No. 9810189691) Vasudha and Rakesh Malik

Vandana Kaul Grand Children: Ridhima Malik

Tejaswi Kaul Dhand - Rishabh Dhand Chaitanya Kaul Vibhor Malik Family and Relatives:

Smt. Ratni Wanchoo (Usha Saraf) W/o Late Dr. R. L. Saraf Ram Krishen Koul & Usha Kaul Vijay Saraf and Reeta Saraf Tej Kishen Saraf and Seema Saraf All Kaul's and Saraf's

10TH DAY KRIYA

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 Stric ken**

Son & Daughter-in-law Pawan Tiku & Sunita Dhar (Tiku)

Daughter & Son-in-law

Promila Koul & Vinod Koul Anupuma Raina & Ashok Raina Ashok Kachru & Neerja Kachru -Brother & Bhabi

Grand Children: Yashodra, Akshita, Danish & Kartik Ph. No. 9419131697, 9419198098

10TH DAY, 13TH DAY, KIRYA, RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Darshan Kumar (Telecom Oversear) H/o Smt Sita Rani R/o House No. M-172, Street No. 17 Rajpura, Jammu who expired on 1-6-2024. Tenth Day will be performed at our residence M-172, Street No.2, Rajpura, Jammu on 09-06-2024 at 10 am. 13th Day/Kirya will be performed on 12-06-2024 (Wednesday) 11 am at our residence M-172 Street No.17 Rajpura, Jammu. Rasam Pagri/Uthala will take place on 12-06-2024 (Wednesday) at 2 pm to 3 pm at 0m Palace near Jagat Resort Shiv Nagar, Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughter-in-law & Sons

Smt Rekha Rani & Sh Anil Kumar (Dev) -9796000865 Smt Meena & Sh Danesh Kumar -9622072300 Smt Taro Devi W/o Lt. Sh Dev Raj -Bhabhi & Brother Smt Usha W/o Sh Inder Kumar -Bhabhi & Brother Grand Daughter & Son-in-law Kritika & Prince Ritika & Mehak -Grand Daughters Prisha -Great Grand Daughter



Smt. Asha Kaul

(Sumitra Kaul)

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH (Friday) 7/6/24 at 9 am.

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH (Sunday) 9/6/24 at

9 am followed by Kirtan and Antim Ardas from

11 am to 1 pm at Guru Dwara Singh Sabha Kotli Shah Daula main road R.S. Pura and Guru Ka Langar thereafter.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sdn. Harbhajan Kour (Wife)

Lt. Smt. Prabha & Sh. Janki Nath Raina

Smt & Sh. Vikas Koul (Daughter) and Samast Parivar

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh Tara & Mrs. Supreet Kour

Mrs. Chetna Singh Tara - Grand Daughter

Mr. Ajitpal Singh Raina - Grand Son-in-law

Master Sanvir Singh - Great Grand Son

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"Noble soul never dies, always remain in the heart of

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Smt & Sh. Ashwani Pandita (Son)

Smt & Sh. Rajeev Koul (Daughter)

Wednesday 5th of June, 2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-law

Contact No:

loved ones".

S. Sarabjeet Singh and Karamdeep Kour (Son and Daughter-in-law) Kamaljeet Kour & S. Jatinder Singh (Daughter & Son-in-law) [Insp. JKP]

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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, Anantnag Kashmir, A/P Block No 89, Flat No. 06, Lane No. 18, Jagti: Nagrota, Jammu on 02/06/2024. Mourning will be held at community hall, back side of Land 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 Pandia (S/o Lt. Sh. Somnath Pandita) (Sister and Brother-in-law)

Sh. Kanaya Lal Pandita



With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mr. Vishal Kakroo S/o Lt. Smt Shama Rani Kakroo & Sh Prithvi Nath Kakroo at present Block 161, Flat No.18, Jagti Migrant Colony. 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Nagrota Ghat, near Sainik School on 14-06-2024 at 8.00 am.



Mr. Vishal Kakroo

Grief Stricken Smt Shama Rani Kakroo -Mother Smt Simi & Raj Kr. Kakroo -Brother & Bhabi Smt Sushma Kakroo -Wife Ms. Mrinalini Kakroo -Daughter Smt Prana & Ashok Kr. Braroo -Sister & Brother-in-law Smt Kusum Lata & Sh Selish Kaloo -Sister & Brother-in-law Smt Aniali & Ravinder Bhat -Sister & Brother-in-law Ph.No. 7006117833, 7006465712

10TH DAY/KRIYA



Sh. Arun Kumar Sharma (Nittu Purohit)

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-Mamta Sharma- Wife Abhinav Sharma- Rupali Sharma- Son & Daughter-In-law Abhishek Gour & Anirudh Sharma- Son Adweta Sharma- Grand Daughter Brothers & Sisters-In-law Bharat Bhushan & Ekka Bharat Pramod Sharma & Kusum Lata Anil Bhushan & Neeru Devi Swaran Bhushan & Pooram Sharma Kewal & Kanchan- Brother-In-law & Sister ALL PUROHIT & KHAJURIA FAMILY PHONE NO: 9622023451, 9103115366, 7006514508

SHADMOS/MASVAR

Six months have passed since you left us for heav enly abode. Though the pain of losing you will neve diminish of fade, your blessings will continue to guid us even from elystan gates. Though you are no physically present with us, but you are always ther in our hearts and thoughts. Being our guide and men tor you always showed us the righteous path. The Shadmos and Masvar of our beloved mothe Late Amar Rani Koul will be held at our resideno 146, Colonels Colony, Bohri on 7th and 8th Jun respectively.



Late Amar Rani Koul

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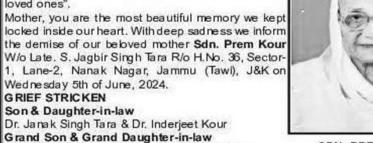


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Smt Kanta Devi Tiku

Sh Darshan Kumar



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1, Lane-2, Nanak Nagar, Jammu (Tawi), J&K on

ondly remembered and missed by:-

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Annual Mahayajnya of Bhagawaan Gopinathji celebrated

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JAMMU, June 8: The annual Mahayajnya of Jagadguru Bhagawaan Gopinathji was observed with great devotion and fervour across the country and abroad on Saturday, corresponding to the lunar calendar date "Zyesht Zoon Pach Doi.' This event is dedicated to promoting universal peace and brotherhood. The Mahayajnya took place at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram in Udaiwala, Bohri, here, It commenced at 7:30 PM on June 7 and concluded with Puran-Aahuti at noon on Saturday, followed by the distribution of Prasad. Thousands of devotees gathered at the Ashram from early morning to offer their respects at the lotus feet of the Master.



The Trust made extensive arrangements to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the annual Mahayajnya. Hundreds of devotees, both young and old, volunteered their services at various counters for Prasad distribution, shoe

collection, fruit refreshments, lemon water, and other activities The Ashram premises facilitated hassle-free

movement of devotees. Bhajans and Kirtans continued throughout the day, creating an atmosphere of bliss and

joy. The day's events culminated with the Samohik evening Aarti. Despite the extreme heat, devotees participated with true devotion. The function was peaceful, owing to the orderly behaviour of the devotees and the presence of

police personnel at the premises.

In addition to Jammu, the Mahayajnya was performed at various other Ashrams and Satsang Mandals, including Kharyar, Srinagar, Kashmir; Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi; Vikaspuri, West Delhi; Pune, Maharashtra; Whitefield, Hosahalli, Bengaluru; Kukatpally, Hyderabad; Amritsar, Chandigarh, Jalandhar, Jaipur, Chembur and Kandivilli, Mumbai, Vaishali and Ghaziabad. The Trust expressed its gratitude to the Police,

PDD, Municipality, UEED, Traffic Police, and other authorities whose commendable services ensured the smooth conduct of the Mahayajnya 2024. Their coordinated efforts were crucial in making the event a success.

AIMCCC asks Govt to bring facts of burning temples at Srinagar AIMCCC also appeals

govt of JKUT, District

Commissioners of vallev

to make necessary secu-

rity measures for safety of

temples/shrines, resident

Minorities in valley (tem-

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properties of displaced

Kashmiri Pandits and

ensure that no encroach-

ment of land takes place

AIMCCC is very much

concerned about ille-

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Valley. The people behind

these shocking deeds

have no right and are not

Kashmiri pandit Repre-

sentatives. We demand

henceforth

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JAMMU, June 8: AIMCCC held a meeting to discuss present scenario of happenings going on in JKUT where it was seriously viewed that the old Shiv Mandir in the core heart of Tourist hub of Gulmarg (Baramulla) got burnt and another temple at Sagam (Anantnag) got damaged recently and the reasons behind it are still unknown. The responsible administration of concerned districts is requested to bring facts before the public after making proper investigation.

a complete enquiry right from our displacement (year 1989-90) so that the actual position of temples/shrines and land is brought back to its original status, said president Desh Rattan Pandita.

Others who spoke on topic were BK Raina Chairman, PN Jalali Vice President, JL Raina Gen Secretary, Ramesh Tikoo Coordinator, Mahila District presidents Jammu Priya Dhar, Srinagar Anjli Kartikoo, Doda Bhaderwah Meela Misri and all the members suggested to frame a visit of all the districts of valley to know the present position of all temples and shrines.

JKPTCL Office of the Executive Engineer Trans. Line Maintt. Div.II, JKPTCL, Jammu. Email: xentlmd02@gmail.com Ph/Fax: 0191-2950860

E-NIT No: TLMD-II/J/02 of 2024-25 Dated: 05-06-2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, JKPTCL, Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, Executive Engineer Trans. Line Maintenance Division-II, JKPTCL, Gladni, Jammu invites bids from the original equipment manufacturers/authorized distributors/dealers, approved and eligible firms/ suppliers registered with State Govt. / Central agencies for the Rate Contract for the year 2024-25 for supply of Electrical Spares, Hardware Material, T&P , Fire Fighting Equipment and Accessories required for maintenance and construction works in Grid Sub Station and Transmission Lines in accordance with the terms and conditions and specifications described in the tender documents.

S.No.	Broad Category Of Item	Cost of tender document	Earnest Money (Rs.)	
1	Hardware Fittings and Accessories, Clamps and Connectors for ACSR/AAAC conductors	Rs. 944/- (Rupees Nine	Rs. 5,000/-	
2	Electrical Items and Spares for 220/132/33KV Circuit Breakers & Control Panels	Hundred & Forty four Only) in the shape of	(Rupees Five Thousand Only) for each item category	
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A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document		The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over <i>http://jktenders.gov.in</i> from 06-06-2024 (1700 Hrs onwards)		
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D	e-Bid online submission (end) date & time		28-06-2024 up to 1400Hrs		
Ε	Technical Bid opening Date & time		02-07-2024 at 1400Hrs		
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Gh. Rasool Bhat, Constable in J&K Police, son

resident of Lalgam, Tral,

in the Armory of a district,

he was supplying ammu-

nition and weapons to the

terrorists for a long time.

He was linked to the ter-

rorist ecosystem, through

a network of OGWs, who

have been operating at

the behest of terrorist

outfits based in Pakistan.

Shabeer Ahmad Wani.

Teacher in the Educa-

tion Department, son of

Mohammad Ashraf Wani.

resident of Bungam,

Damhal Hanjipora, Dis-

trict Kulgam, has been

an active member of

Jamat-e-Islam (Jel).

a proscribed separat-

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Anayatullah Shah Pirzada, Assistant Lineman in the Jal Shakti Department, son of Ab. Rashid Shah Pirzada, resident of Watergam, Rafiabad, District Baramulla, is a terrorist associate/OGW of Al-Badr Mujahideen, a proscribed terror outfit, has worked covertly in a variety of ways to support the agenda of terrorists. He had direct association with dreaded terrorists like Yousuf Baloch and Tameem, who were the Commanders of Al-Badr Mujahideen, operating at different times in Kashmir. He has been involved in various FIRs pertaining to the recovery of satellite phone, hand grenades etc communicating with the terrorists of Al-Badr Mujahideen based in Pakistan. Government has adopted a Zero tolerance policy towards antinational elements who have been taking advantage of being in Government service.

Dr Razdan calls on LG Sinha



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SRINAGAR, June 8: Dr Maharaj Krishan Razdan, Patron, Samajik Vikas Sansthan J&K today

called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan. He was accompanied by Sh MK Pandita, General Secretary of the organisation.

nity Radio Station which

comes as a new dawn for

Leh, Ladakh. The event

was also attended by RK

Jarangal, DDG AIR Leh,

Tsewang Palijor, Deputy

Secretary Cultural Acad-

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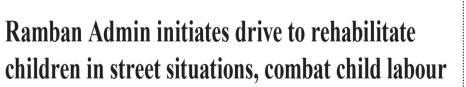
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Community Radio Station inaugurated at Leh



played a substantial role in strengthening Jel and creating network of people among Jel sympathizers. Various FIRs have been registered against him because of his direct involvement in inciting and leading an unlawful assembly of mob instigating rioting and violence in D.H.



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RAMBAN, June 8: The **District** Administration Ramban today launched a comprehensive drive to rehabilitate children in street situations, including those engaged in child labour and begging. This initiative was conducted under the supervision of District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) Rahul Gupta, following directives from Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Hag Chaudhary, and led by Assistant Labour Commissioner, Amit Kumar, in collaboration with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Ramban.

The rescue team carried out surprise inspections across various business establishments in Ramban, including shops, restaurants, street stalls, dhabas, and workshops. Several minors were rescued during these inspections, highlighting the urgency and necessity of this drive. The joint team com-

prised members from multiple agencies, including the Child Welfare Committee Ramban, Labour Department, District Child Protection Unit Ramban, Child Helpline Ramban, Health Department, Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Ramban, District Police

Ramban. The team has mandated strict actions against those found violating child protection laws. This includes the cancellation of business registrations for establishments forcing children to work and initiating criminal proceedings against individuals involved in trafficking or forcing children into bea-

ging. Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee has urged the public to report any instances of child abuse, trafficking, or exploitation to the district child protection unit or by calling the Child Helpline at 1098. The team included Child Helpline Coordinator, Muddasar Jiral, Protection Officer DCPU,

Rozy Akhter, CWC Member, Syed Adfar, Labour Inspector, Roop Sharma, Counsellor MCC, Lovepreet Singh, along with DCPU staff, medical personnel, and police officers, including lady constables.

The rescued children were produced before the CWC for rehabilitation and were provided temporary shelter at Palaash, a child care institute for boys in Ramban. The establishments found employing underage children have been warned and will face legal action under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. The ALC emphasized

that such drives will continue until the district is free from child labour and related issues. The DCPO confirmed that hotspot zones have been identified throughout the district, and similar operations will be carried out in the future to ensure a sustained effort in protecting and rehabilitating vulnerable children

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LEH, June 8: The Fire and Fury Corps inaugurated the Community Radio Station as part of Op Sadbhavana for the local populace of Leh on June 7. Leh now has a new voice 'Yang Syan (90 Mhz)', for the people and by the people.

The inauguration event with the youth of Ladakh. was a celebration for the The team 'Yang Syan' locals who were reveraims to live upto their berating with excitement motto 'Dil Se DilTak' by to be part of the positive engaging the people of step. The Chief of Staff, all age groups with inter-Fire and Fury Corps esting content, exciting inaugurated the Commumusic and fervour.

Badminton Competition at GHS Kungwari



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, June 8: In continuation with the efforts of nurturing sporting talent of youth and encouraging the young minds to participate in constructive activities, Indian Army organised Badminton Competition at Government High School, Kungwari. The people who witnessed the Badminton Competition lauded the initiatives and expressed their gratitude, encouraged to promote such initiatives by Indian Army which will aid in developing sportsmanship spirit amongst the youth and to drive them towards national mainstream by involving in constructive activities that develops camaraderie. Prizes were awarded to the students who excelled in the event. A total of eight Teachers and 50 students attended the match.



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UNIONTERRITORYOFJAMMUANDKASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM JAMMU. <u>E-NIT INVITING BIDS FOR OUTSOURCING OF SPACE</u> FORESTABLISHINGSHOESTALLATYATRINIWASBHAGWATINAGARDURING SHRI AMARNATH JI YATRA, 2024 (JOTA)024

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On behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, etendersareinvitedfromregisteredFirms/Agencies/Companiesforoutsourcing of space for establishing shoe stall at Yatri Niwas during Shri Amar NathJi Yatra, 2024.

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1. The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.infrom06/06/2024to13/06/2024upto 1200 Hrs.

2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://jktenders.gov.infrom06/06/2024 to13/06/2024.

3. Bids shall be opened on line in the office of Director Tourism, Jammu on 14/06/2024 at 1200 Hrs. If the office happens to be closed on thedateof openingofthebidsasspecified, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue

DeputyDirectorTourism Jammu

No:DTJ/Estates/07-08 Dated:- 05-06-2024

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Exam Preparation

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Key points to keep in mind while Bank

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Plan your daily study routine and stick

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Choose good books and online resources.

Quality materials help you learn effective-

Solve previous years' papers and take

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Identify subjects you find challenging and

Read newspapers and watch the news to

stay informed. Current events often appear

Eat well, stay hydrated, and get enough

sleep. A healthy body supports a sharp

Believe in yourself and stay confident. A

positive mindset helps you perform better.

Ways to Figure Out Your Strengths and

Discovering your strengths and weak-

nesses can be an enlightening journey,

helping you understand yourself better.

It's an essential step in personal and pro-

fessional development, and here are some

Think about moments in your life when

you felt proud, accomplished, or fulfilled.

What were you doing at that time? Reflect-

ing on your successes can highlight your

strengths. Similarly, consider times when

you felt frustrated or challenged. These

moments often reveal areas for improve-

Ask family, friends, or colleagues for

honest feedback. Sometimes, those around

you can see your strengths and weaknesses

more clearly than you can. Be open to what

they have to say, and use their insights to

3. Take Personality and Skill Assessments

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Notice the things you do effortlessly

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Weaknesses for Bank Exam Preparation

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FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

E very year, on the 8th of June, World Tumor Day serves as a solemn reminder of the global burden of cancer. From the bustling streets of New York to the remote villages of Africa, cancer knows no boundaries, affecting millions of lives each year. It's a day dedicated to raising awareness, promoting early detection, and advocating for improved treatments and support for those battling this relentless disease.

Cancer, a term encompassing a myriad of diseases characterized by the uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells, poses a significant threat to public health worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), cancer is the second leading cause of death globally, responsible for an estimated 10 million deaths in 2020 alone. From breast cancer to lung cancer, colorectal cancer to prostate cancer, the impact of this disease is felt across all age groups, genders, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

One of the most potent weapons in the fight against cancer is awareness. World Tumor Day provides an opportunity to educate communities about the risk factors associated with cancer, the importance of adopting healthy lifestyle choices, and the significance of regular screening and early detection. By empowering individuals with knowledge, we can potentially prevent a significant number of cancer cases and ensure that those affected receive timely medical intervention.

In recent decades, remarkable strides have been made in cancer research and treatment, offering hope to patients and their families. Breakthroughs in genomics, immunotherapy, targeted therapies, and precision medicine have revolutionized the way we understand and approach cancer treatment. From personalized treatment regimens tailored to an individual's genetic profile to innovative surgical techniques and minimally invasive procedures, these advancements have significantly improved outcomes and quality of life for cancer patients.

Despite these advancements, significant challenges persist in the global fight against cancer. Access to cancer care remains uneven, with disparities in healthcare infrastructure, resources, and expertise disproportionately affecting low- and middle-income countries. Limited access to screening and diagnostic services, high treatment costs, and cultural barriers often result in late-stage diagnosis and poor prognosis for many individuals. Addressing these disparities requires concerted efforts from governments, healthcare organizations, and civil society to ensure that all individuals, regardless of their socioeconomic status or geographic location, have access to quality cancer care. On World Tumor Day, advocates and supporters around the world come together to amplify the voices of cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and healthcare professionals. Through awareness campaigns, fundraising initiatives, and community outreach efforts, they strive to reduce the stigma surrounding cancer, promote empathy and understanding, and provide much-needed support to those affected by the disease. By fostering a sense of solidarity and collective action, they inspire hope and resilience in the face of adversity. As we commemorate World Tumor Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to the fight against cancer. Let us honor the memory of those we have lost, celebrate the courage of survivors, and pledge to work tirelessly towards a future where cancer is no longer a threat to our loved ones. By joining forces, raising awareness, and advocating for change, we can create a world where every individual has the opportunity to live a life free from the burden of cancer. Together, we can make a difference.

How to Clear Bank Exam without Coaching

By: Vijay GarG

learing a bank exam without coaching might seem daunting,

 but it's definitely achievable with a little dedication and a good plan. Start by understanding the exam pattern and syllabus, so you know exactly what to expect. Next, create a study schedule that fits your daily routine and stick to it - consistency is key.

Use reliable books and online resources to study, and practice with mock tests to get familiar with the exam format. Focus on your weakness areas, but also remember to revise your strengths. Stay positive, take breaks when you need to, and believe in yourself. With a bit of discipline and determination, you can clear the bank exam on your own and feel proud of your hard work.

Here are the Key Points on How to Clear Bank Exam without Coaching

1. Analyse Syllabus and Exam Pattern Start by learning the exam pattern and syllabus. Knowing what subjects will be tested and how the exam is structured will help you focus on what's important. 2. Make a Study Plan

Create a daily study schedule that includes all the subjects you need to cover. Stick to this schedule to stay organized and on track with your preparation. 3. Use Good Study Materials

Use reliable books and online resources to study. There are many free materials available, such as PDFs, online courses, and YouTube videos, that can help you understand each topic.

4. Practice Regularly

Practice is key to doing well in bank exams. Solve previous year's papers and take online mock tests to get used to the type of questions and improve your speed and accuracy.

5. Focus on Weak Areas

Identify which subjects or topics you find difficult and spend more time improving on them. Don't ignore these areas, as strengthening them can significantly boost your score.

6. Stay Updated on Current Affairs Bank exams often include questions on current affairs and general knowledge. Read newspapers, watch news channels, and use apps to stay informed about what's happening around the world.

7. Improve Your Speed and Accuracy Bank exams are often time-bound, so it's

important to work on your speed. Practice solving questions quickly and accurately to do well in the exam. 8. Take Regular Breaks

While studying, it's important to take breaks to avoid burnout. Use techniques like the Pomodoro method, where you study for 25 minutes and then take a 5-minute break. This keeps your mind fresh.

9. Stay Positive and Confident

Believe in yourself and your ability to clear the exam. Stay positive and confident throughout your preparation. If you face difficulties, take them as challenges and work on overcoming them.

a hidden talent or an area that needs improvement.

7. Journaling

Writing about your thoughts, experiences, and feelings can help you identify patterns. Reflecting on your journal entries can highlight areas where you excel and where you struggle

8. Work with a Coach or Mentor

A coach or mentor can offer valuable guidance and feedback. They can help you identify your strengths and weaknesses and provide advice on how to develop or address them.

9. Evaluate Your Goals and Challenges Think about your goals and what challenges you face in achieving them. This evaluation can highlight strengths you can leverage and weaknesses you need to address

10. Stay Open and Curious

Being open-minded and curious about yourself encourages self-discovery. Approach this process with a willingness to learn and grow, and you'll uncover valuable insights about your strengths and weaknesses.

Bank Exam Syllabus

If you're preparing for a bank exam, it's important to know what topics you need to study. Here's a simple breakdown of the typical syllabus:

1. Reasoning Ability

Logical reasoning, puzzles, seating arrangement, coding-decoding, directions, blood relations, and syllogisms.

This section tests your problem-solving and logical thinking skills. 2. Quantitative Aptitude

Basic arithmetic, algebra, geometry, data interpretation, and number series.

This section looks at your math skills and how quickly you can solve problems.

3. English Language

Grammar, vocabulary, comprehension, error detection, and sentence rearrangement.

This section checks your understanding of the English language.

4. General Awareness

Current affairs, banking awareness, and static general knowledge

This section tests how much you know about what's happening in the world and

Basic computer terminology, hardware, software, and internet.

This section assesses your familiarity with computers and technology.

Know the Exam Difficulty Level of the Bank Exam

Understanding the difficulty level of an exam you're preparing for is crucial to your success. It's like setting off on a journey knowing what lies ahead, and being prepared for it emotionally and intellectually. Here's how you can gauge the difficulty level and why it matters so much.

1. Understand the Syllabus and Exam Pattern

First, immerse yourself in the exam syl-

2. Analyze Past Papers

Going through previous years' exam papers is like peering into the minds of the examiners. It gives you a real sense of the types of questions asked and the level of complexity you can expect. This can feel a bit intimidating at first, but it's a vital step to understand what lies ahead.

3. Gauge the Time Pressure

Understanding how much time you'll have for each section of the exam is important for planning your approach. Time pressure can be one of the most challenging aspects of an exam. It's natural to feel anxious about this, but practicing under timed conditions helps you build confidence.

4. Know Your Strengths and Weaknesses Be honest with yourself about which subjects or topics you find challenging. It's okay to feel nervous or uncertain about certain areas. By acknowledging your weaknesses, you can focus your efforts where they are most needed, turning anxiety into determination

5. Talk to Others Who Have Taken the Exam

Speaking to peers or seniors who have taken the exam before can give you a firsthand account of its difficulty level. Their experiences can provide comfort, encouragement, and practical insights, helping you feel less alone in your journey.

6. Take Mock Tests Taking mock tests under exam-like conditions is an emotional rollercoaster but invaluable for understanding the exam's

difficulty level. The nervousness, excitement, and even frustration you might feel during these tests prepare you emotionally for the real thing, helping you face the exam with courage.

7. Stay Realistic but Positive

It's important to stay realistic about the exam's difficulty while maintaining a positive mindset. Acknowledge the challenges, but also remind yourself of your strengths and your reasons for taking the exam. This balanced view helps you stay grounded and motivated.

8. Prepare Emotionally and Intellectually Knowing the exam difficulty level helps you prepare not just intellectually, but emotionally as well. Facing a challenging exam can be stressful, but approaching it with a clear understanding of what to expect helps you feel more in control and ready to face the challenge head-on.

9. Adapt Your Preparation

Use your understanding of the exam's difficulty level to tailor your preparation. Focus more on challenging areas, but also take time to reinforce your strengths. This balanced preparation gives you confidence and peace of mind as the exam approaches. 10. Stay Resilient

Even when you understand the difficulty level, the actual exam can still be tough. Stay resilient and remember that exams are not just tests of knowledge, but also tests of character and determination. Keep your spirits up, stay focused, and believe in yourself.

Personality tests and skills assessments can provide valuable insights into your characteristics and abilities. These tools can the basics of banking. help you uncover hidden strengths and 5. Computer Knowledge areas that need improvement. Just be sure

10. Revise Regularly As the exam approaches, revise what you've studied to reinforce your knowlit might indicate a weakness or an area that needs work.

6. Explore New Activities

5. Observe Your Reactions

Trying new things can reveal hidden strengths and weaknesses. Experiment with hobbies, skills, or activities you've never tried before. You might discover

labus and pattern. Knowing what subjects or topics will be tested and how the exam is structured helps you mentally prepare for the challenge. It's like equipping yourself with a map before embarking on a trek, so you're not caught off guard.

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

Home Remedies for Prickly Heat

By: Shahnaz Husain

The 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-

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 cooling 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 heat, due to its analgesic and antiinflammatory 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.

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)

LOCAL

GHS City Chowk observes Day 4 of Summer Camp on "Reduce Waste" theme

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 8: Government High School (GHS) City Chowk, Jammu, has observed Day 4 of summer camp focused on the theme "Reduce Waste."

The camp aimed to educate and engage students in sustainable practices through a series of interactive and practical activities.

More than 35 students of the school participated in it. Under the guidance of I/ C Mrignayani Slathia, the teaching faculty of the school viz. Jyoti Sharma, Sabita, Farida Kouser, Dr. Alka Sharma and Saima organised various activities including community awareness drive too. The program included educational sessions, creative arts and crafts

using recycled materials, and practical sessions on waste management.

Expert speakers conducted sessions on the impact of waste on the environment and the significance of the 3Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Students were encouraged to think critically about their daily habits and how they can contribute to waste reduction

Students created innovative art pieces and useful items from dis-

carded materials, showcasing their creativity and resourcefulness. This activity aimed to instill the value of reusing and repurposing waste. Hands-on activities, such as composting and segregating waste were conducted to provide students with practical knowledge and skills. These sessions emphasized the importance of

and management at the household level. As a part of the camp, students also participated in a cleanup drive around the school premises and the surrounding community. This activity not only helped in

proper waste disposal

beautifying the area but also served as a real-life application of the waste reduction principles discussed during the camp. The girl students were also made aware about their personal and menstrual hygiene. They were also informed about the use of incinerator installed in the school .

The students created awareness amongst local shopkeeper and even bag picker about the segregation of the waste.

Mrignayani Slathia expressed her satisfaction with the students' enthusiastic participation and the success of the camp

She stated, "It is crucial to instill environmental awareness and responsibility in our students from a young age. The summer camp on 'Reduce Waste' provided a platform for our students to learn and practice sustainable habits that they can carry forward in their daily lives." The summer camp con-

cluded with an exhibition of the students' artworks and projects, which was attended by parents, teachers and local community members. The event was a testament to the creativity and commitment of the students towards a cleaner and

greener environment.

Retirees Police League District Jammu holds monthly meeting

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 8: The monthly meeting of the Retirees Police League District Jammu, was held on Friday under the chairmanship of Karanjit Sinah. President of the Retirees Police League, District Jammu.

The meeting began with a two-minute silence in memory of Senior Prosecuting Officer R.P Singh, who recently passed away. Several critical issues were discussed, including the non-availability of medicines in the Police Hospital, Jammu, which affects senior citizens and retired police personnel, and the need for better prioritization of services for retired police personnel in various police units.

about discrepancies in the salaries and pensions of retirees holding the same ranks and the lack of reservation for the children of retired police personnel in government job recruitments.

It was noted that, unlike other districts in the Union Territory, no meetings for ex-police personnel have been held in Jammu District for a long time. Additionally, it was suggested that police units should attend the funerals of retired police personnel as a mark of respect.

The meeting concluded with a vegetarian lunch, and all members expressed their gratitude to the local administration for providing logistical support, which helps in carrying out the activities of the League effectively

JKUM leaders visit Er Rashid family, pledge to fight for his release from jail



release of Eng Rasheed,

Sheikh Ishfaq said,

"We are grateful that the

people supported him

and he won. Now, we

must fight for his release

so that he can serve the

people and raise their

Party's Spokesperson

Ejaz Ahmad said that

people have proved that

humanity is still alive by

voting in large numbers

and defeating a former

CM. We will now con-

tinue our fight to get him

out of jail."

voices in parliament."

who is still in jail.

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 8: Jammu and Kashmir United Movement (JKUM) leaders headed by Ex-MLA and President JKUM Sheikh Ishfaq Jabbar including, Chief Spokesperson Ejaz Ahmad, Youth Leader lobal Sopori, and others, today visited the family of recently elected Member of Parliament Eng Rasheed in Langate, who won by over 2 lakh votes.

They extended their wishes and pledged to continue fighting for the patience and successful campaign. He criticised Omar Abdullah, calling him arrogant for accusing Eng Rasheed's sons of being separatists. Ejaz stated, "Omar is frustrated because he lost by more than 2 lakh votes. People have rejected him because he is a liar and has made no sacrifices for the Kashmir cause. Boycotts used to help NC, so now they are frustrated that people came out in large numbers and voted for Eng Rasheed. Kashmiris believe in humanity, and they have proved it.

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He also praised Eng Rasheed's sons for their

Meeting of District level committee regarding **Re-human conditions in prisons convened**

conditions in prisons was convened on Saturday by the Principal District Judge (Chairman of District Legal Services Authority - Doda), Amarjeet Singh Langeh in which the other members are District Magistrate-Doda, Senior Superintendent of Police- Doda, Secretary-District Legal Services Authority- Doda and Superintendent of jail On behalf of District of requirement for further construction/ enhancing capacity of the jail was discussed. Issues like non-availability of doctor, ambulance in District Jail, quality of available drinking water and regular electricity supply etc. were also discussed and remedial measures were directed to be taken by concerned. It is pertinent to mention that meeting was convened in compliance with direction of Executive Chairman, J&K-Legal Services Authority in light of

Supreme Court direction.

Punjab wrestler Talab lifts Gran Morh Dangal Title



achal Pardesh. Winner Nadeem awarded with cash prize of Rs. 13,000 while runner-up wrestler Sunny got Rs. 8,000.

DPS Jammu recognized as one of India's best schools for 2024 by Careers 360

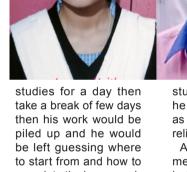
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Kaith Biradari hails excellent performance of Apurva, Lucky in Class 12 Exams

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 8: The Kaith Biradari members, who joined here today, strongly hailed Apurva Kaith (daughter of Parveen Kaith of village Tinde Khurd) for securing 95% marks in her medical stream and Lucky Kumar Kaith (son of Raj Kumar Kaith of village Garhi) for obtaining 90% marks in his commerce stream in the recently declared results of Higher Secondary Part-II (12th) Examinations

Speaking during the course of meeting, R.L.Kaith said, Consistency is very important to achieve the goal. If one



complete the huge pending work. Therefore, Kaith advised that one should

study the portion that he has selected to do as per his plan and do it religiously each day. All present in the meeting congratulated both the said students for their achievements

amazing journey ahead.

and wished them for an

Concerns were raised

Top News Report DODA, June 8: Meeting of District Level Committee regarding Re-human

Magistrate, Addl Deputy Commissioner -- Doda Sudarshan Kumar participated while Senior Superintendent of Police- Doda was represented by Addl. Superintendent of Police Doda. Similarly, In-charge Superintendent Jail -Bhaderwah and Secretary-District Legal Services Author-

ity- Bhaderwah Ramesh Lal also participated. In the meeting assessment of available infrastructure and current capacity of District Jail - Bhaderwah was discussed and assessment

Top News Report

KATRA, June 8: Wrestler Talab, resident of Baba Flahi in Punjab lifted "28th annual Gran Mord (Reasi) Dangal Title 2024" by defeating wrestler Rahul of Haryana in the 1st main bout that lasted for 12 minutes.

Dangal was organized by Garn Mord Kesari Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of former Sarpanch Raj Kumar Sharma (President), former Sarpanch

Kartar Nath and Jugal Kishore Sharma

ADDC Reasi Sukhdev Singh Sambval was the chief guest, who gave away cash prizes to the wrestlers. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports council and President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association presided over the func-

tion. Chief Planning officer Reasi Narinder Gupta, ACR Reasi Anshu Mali Sharma, D.S.P Reasi Neeraj Pandyar and SHO Reasi Chaman Gorka were the guests

of honour.

The bouts were officiated by Deepak Wazir, Raiinder Kumar Ramnotra, Raj Singh, Pawan Singh and Retired Captain Kamal Singh Proceeding of the Dangal were conducted were Jugal Kishore Sharma (Retired Master) and Anil Kumar.

Winner of first bout was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 90,000 while runner-up wrestler Rahul got Rs. 60,000. 2nd main bout was won by Nadeem of J&K Police of Doda who defeated Sunny of Una in Him-

that they have lost and

that PM Modi and NDA

have not won the majority

BSP leader said the era

of "dictatorship" is over,

expressing confidence

that the opposition in

the new Lok Sabha will

be more robust. Reflect-

ing on the results of the

Parliamentary elections,

Gupta underscored the

power of the people, "The

voters have spoken. They

demonstrated that the

seats," he said

Another 2nd main bout was fought between Neeru Gujjar of BSF of Chandigarh and Dillar Khan of J&K Police. This bout ended in a draw Rs. 21,000 was jointly given as cash prize to both the wrestlers equally.

Members of Gran Morh Kesari Dangal Committee who helped in the conduct of Dangal included Former Sarpanch Raj Kumar Sharma (President), Former Sarpanch Kartar Nath, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Ajay Singh, Som Raj Bawa, Sham Lal, Abdul Kareem, Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Rashid (Panch), Anil Kumar, Krishan Lal, Pawan Kumar, Makhan (Panch), Sourav Sharma, Raghav Sharma, Kartar Singh, Pbbu Kumar and Beebaan

Shiv Kumar Sharma appealed all the youths to adopt sports as part of life



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 8: Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu has been recognized as one of India's Best Schools for the year 2024 and been awarded the prestigious AAAA+ grade in the Day School category for the academic year 2024 by Careers 360. The evaluation considered several critical factors, including students' academic performance, faculty quality, and infrastructure

Careers 360, a renowned data-enabled and technology-driven education prod-

ucts and services company, does not rank schools nationally but rates them by their location, allowing for broad comparisons between institutions in a specific area. This approach helps parents make informed decisions about their children's education by considering local educational standards.

The company has been assessing all schools for over three years using a rigorous rating system developed with advice from academic experts. The assessment relies on objective data obtained from public sources, focusing on various aspects of school education. DPS Jammu's high rating reflects our commitment to excellence in education. This accolade is the result of the untiring efforts of the dedicated teachers. school management, and the entire DPS Jammu community Distinguished man-

agement of the school,

Aiatshatru Singh Presi-

dent RCT, Dr. Ritu Singh,

Pro VC-DPS Jammu and

S.S. Sodhi, Director-DPS

Jammu congratulated the

Principal, staff, students

and all parents of the

school for the achievement

and said that "This recognition emphasizes our continuous efforts to provide top-notch education and foster a nurturing environment for our students." They conveyed their best wishes to all

Expressing her gratitude to the school management. all staff members. parents and students, Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra said that "Our focus remains on providing quality education and helping each student achieve their full potential. This recognition will motivate us to reach further heights of success".

Narendra Modi won't be survive for full term: Rajesh Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 8: Bahujan Samaj Party General Secretary and Media head Rajesh Gupta on Saturday said Modi government will not survive because it's standing on crutches.

Gupta said, "Mangoes and melons don't go well together. This government will fall in midway." "Let them be in their thoughts. Let them be



happy. I suggest that the BJP should also accept

ultimate power lies with the people, as evidenced by these elections. This is a significant milestone. The electorate has the ability to make or break political entities.'

"Those who claimed a landslide victory of 370-400 seats should stop conducting exit polls. They should close down their operations and apologize to the public for creating false expectations.'

GPC Ramban holds session on Entrepreneurship Development

Top News Report

RAMBAN. June 8: Government Polytechnic Ramban proudly announces the successful completion of a highly engaging and informative lecture on Entrepreneurship Development, held today in the institution under the guidance of **Deputy Commissioner** Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary. The

event drew a large audience of aspiring student entrepreneurs eager to gain insights and practical knowledge from, District Officer, JKEDI, Ramban Mohd Noman and Manager Trainings,

Irshad Nakshbandi,. The experts from JKEDI delivered a compelling lecture, sharing invaluable expertise and personal experiences of many successful entrepreneurs.

The lecture covered essential topics such as ideation, market analysis, business planning, funding strategies, and scaling operations. The event ignited the minds of aspiring entrepreneurs and business enthusiasts.

At the end the attendees were engaged in the interactive Q&A session, where they had the opportunity to seek personalized advice and

insights. Participants left the event feeling inspired and equipped with actionable insights to advance their entrepreneurial ventures.

The event was organised under the overall supervision of the Principal of the Institution, Er. Vivek Mahajan and coordinated by HoD ECE, Pawan Kumar and Demonstrator Electrical Engineering Department, Aabid Hussain.

ENTERTAINMENT

Shooting for Udaariyaan in tricity, Sargun Mehta is happy with the rise of the Punjabi industry

In a vibrant press conference held at the shoot location of Colors' show Udaariyaan, actress-producer Sargun Mehta introduced the new cast members. She roped-in the known face of television industry, talented actor Avinesh Rekhi to play Sarabjeet Singh. To support the love triangle of the story, actresses Aditi Bhagat and Shreya Jain would also be part of the fresh casting after the 15-year time leap.

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Set in the heart of Punjab and filmed near Gharuan village, Udaariyaan has captivated viewers with its rich storytelling and compelling characters. Sargun, who has written the show from a scratch, said, "When I stepped into production, it was indeed a big thing for us. But gladly I had the support of my creative team and my husband, Ravi Dubey. Even though Udaariyaan has ruled the TRP charts, it has had its share of ups and downs. But we have learnt from it." Time leap

For the unversed, this is the fourth time leap in the show. While Sargun always brought new cast through time leaps, she said it was not intentional. "It's purely a chance that it has happened, before but I always go by what the story demands. This time around while writing the script, I had Avinesh's



"From years now it has been

about what's next because I

am continuously working,"

said Sargun, who is awaiting

the release of her film Carry

On Jattiye. As for her music

video, Ve Haaniyaan, again

released under her production,

Dreamiyata Musiic, it is going

from strength to strength. The

four-month-old song has now gained up to 99 million views

name in my mind because he had done a show titled Choti Sarrdaarni in the past, where he played a character of a Sardar," she said.

From producing a TV show, featuring in music videos and Punjabi films, her presence is felt in all mediums; even her character of a cop in the Hindi OTT debut film, Cuttputlli, was much appreciated, but the humble actress feels she rarely and features the real-life couple — Sargun and Ravi. Homecoming

Avinesh Rekhi, who plays Sarab, shared his excitement, "Stepping into the shoes of Sarab in Udaariyaan feels like coming home to my roots. I started my journey with Colors and after the success of Choti Sarrdaarni, I'm thrilled to embark on this new chapter. Shooting in Punjab's picturesque locations is quite a delight."

Avinesh, who has been brought up in Chandigarh, is glad to be back home. He added, "My parents are definitely happy and so am I. Growing up you would always dream of working in the city you spent half your life in, but, thankfully, it became true because of Sargun, who thought of me."

Avinesh said aspiring actors and directors are having more opportunities to showcase their talent these days, thanks to the multiple platforms. "It wasn't the case back in our time," he said. Sargun agreed, "Just in the past four years when I started shooting for Udaariyaan, there was nothing surrounding our location. But today we have coffee shops and hanging out places near our villages. So, Punjab and Punjabi cinema is taking rapid strides.

Helly Shah joins Gullak 4



Helly Shah is all set to make her debut in the OTT space with Gullak 4. Helly said, "My character's name is Preeti, and she's a doctor. This is the first time a new female character is being introduced in the universe of Gullak, which makes me incredibly happy because Gullak is everyone's favourite show. Like many others, I was in awe of the show, recognising its quality and the kind of project I really wanted to be associated with "

Helly added, "I look forward to creating more memories in the upcoming seasons. I hope people accept me in this new character.

They have always showered me with a lot of love, and this means a lot, especially because it's my debut in the OTT space."

The series, which captures the essence of middle-class life in India, has struck a chord with viewers due to its authentic portrayal of everyday struggles and joys.

Musician King drops 'Still The Same' song

Singer King has released Still The Same song from his album Monopoly Moves. The rap track explores emotional detachment. It's a contrast to King's previous release and features a minimalist production by Abhijay Sharma. The lyrics of the song deal with the struggles of moving on from past relationships. King said in a statement, "Still the Same is a song with layers. There's something new waiting to be discovered with every song. It's an experience I can't wait for fans to dive into. Working with Abhijay Sharma was thrilling, we poured our hearts into this song, and it sets the bar high for the rest of the album. Monopoly Moves (MM) is more than just music, it's a movement." Meanwhile, King recently walked the red carpet at the prestigious 77th



Vishal Sharma aka Insane Comic presents his own brand of humour from Himachal Pradesh for audiences to savour

Today India is witnessing a hilarious revolution - the rise of regional stand-up comedy and its marriage with the ever-popular Instagram. Gone are the days of the one language laughtrack, and in come new batches of laughter therapists with jokes that hit close to home with their local communities. Their secret weapon? Their mother tongues. At the forefront of Himachali comedy is a man who rather modestly accredits 'God's plan'



of Himachal, Vishal has perfected bite-sized humour that fits such platforms.

platforms. Not easy at all When asked why he decided to cater to the niche that is regional comedy, he said, "The main idea behind the use of 'pahadi' was to preserve our culture and language. Upcoming generations are losing their command over 'pahadi' because this language has lost popularity over the years." impact of my work, they were behind me all the way," Vishal said.

Inspiration for his comedic genius? It all started with his father. "A man with a joke for every occasion," Vishal revealed. But his comedic influences extend beyond the family. He cites giants of the Indian stand-up scene like Kapil Sharma, Anubhav Singh Bassi, and Harsh Gujral as his idols. So what's next for this rising star? "OTT platforms for

Cannes Film Festival world wor

world what Indian music can do. I wanted to wear an Indian designer's outfit and bring a part of my country along with me. The fabric and the work on my dress gives you a proud touch of our talented handloom industry." King rose to fame after his superhit song Tu Aake Dekhle. He hails from Delhi. for his fame — Vishal Sharma aka Insane Comic. The self-proclaimed trailblazer of 'pahadi' comedy rose to fame through the use of social media, particularly Instagram, and its easy-to- consume short punchy format. From hilarious sketches to witty observations on daily life in the heights

ily admitted stand-up wasn't easy. "People think it's a breeze, but making someone laugh is tough," he described the challenge of crafting humour that genuinely connects.

However, Vishal read-

Luckily, his family's support has been unwavering. "They were a bit surprised at first, but once they saw the acting in my videos, so I hope to find good roles in the future."

sure. I already do some

Any message to his growing audience? "Just be real, honest to yourself and keep working hard." With his infectious humour and dedication to roots, Vishal Sharma is a prime example of how regional comedy is taking India by storm.

Vimarsh Roshan sheds light on his role in Pukaar — Dil Se Dil Tak

Sony Entertainment Television's recently launched drama Pukaar — Dil Se Dil Tak, has kept viewers at the edge of their seats with its compelling tale of love, loss, and redemption.

Set against the backdrop of Jaipur, the show traces the journey of a mother and her two daughters, who are tragically separated by a wicked scheme. In the ongoing track, it is established that Digvijay Maheshwari, played by actor Vimarsh Roshan, is the son of Rajeshwari Maheshwari, a cunning manipulator but also a devoted son, motivated by a strong ambition to become the head of the family business. His constant search for power sees him crossing a point of no return.

when he orchestrates the car accident of Gautam and his family after Gautam was announced as the new CEO.



Vimarsh Roshan sheds light on his character, "I have observed that viewers can connect and look up to positive characters, but negative or grey characters take time to grow on them.

However, the villain often becomes the most crucial part of the story, capturing the viewers' curiosity.

This makes it fairly challenging for any actor because making the audience detest you and yet leave a lasting impression on their mind is not an easy task. Digvijay is fiercely loyal to his mother, Rajeshwari, and has a short temper, which leads him to make impulsive decisions that are evil.

He is filled with angst and jealousy that makes him emotionless, even when it comes to his wife and son, Sagar.

This complexity is what makes playing Digvijay so exciting."

Ananya Panday on voicing Riley in 'Inside Out 2'



Bollywood's Gen-Z diva Ananya Panday, who has lent her voice to the character of Riley in the Hindi version of the upcoming animated film Inside Out 2, has sais the main challenge was to get the little kid's voice out.

Ananya was present at the special launch of Disney and Pixar's fun sequel Inside Out 2 in Juhu, Mumbai.

The actress, who last featured in the streaming movie Kho Gaye Hum Kahan talked about the most appealing thing about the movie, and the challenges she faced in voicing Riley.

"For me, it was a challenge. I have never done something like this. I have only voiced myself in films."

NATIONAL

Modi 3.0 cabinet: Intense jostling on for Railways portfolio

JD(U) and TDP are expected to get the same number of ministerial berths, according to well-placed sources.

NEW DELHI, Jun 8 (Agencies): The 'guess who will be the cabinet minister' game is on as PM Modi is all set to head his first coalition government. The swearing-in ceremony of the NDA government is scheduled for Sunday.

The biggest questions centre around the top portfolios, all of which are expected to be retained by the BJP. These include Home, Finance, Defence, External Affairs, Road Transport, Railways, IT and Education.

The top alliance partners might not have some of their big demands met, despite speculations to the contrary. The JD(U) has asked for Railways and is persistently pressing on it. The TDP has asked for Information Technology, which it is likely to not get.

JD(U) and TDP are however expected to get the same number of ministerial berths, according to well-placed sources. This despite the TDP (16) winning more Lok Sabha seats than JD(U) 12.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had stressed on Saturday that he will be taking the final call



on ministries.

There is no indication yet on how many ministers will be sworn in, though it is expected to be at least a 30-member strong cabinet.

Many BJP leaders were said to be pacifying the gods in a bid to land positions in the new cabinet. The BJP is also reportedly considering dropping several ministers of Modi government's second term.

The jettisoned ones may include those ministers who were defeated in the recent Lok Sabha elections.

About 19 ministers of Modi's second term have lost the elections with big margin of votes. Prominent among them

1.4 S BJ to are Smriti Irani, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, RK Singh and Arjun Munda, all cabinet ministers. Sources say the BJP leaderon

ship is poised to introduce new faces in place of those who faced electoral setbacks or won with narrow margins.

Four ministers are reportedly facing such an action. They could be Smriti Irani, Arjun Munda and RK Singh. They may be accommodated in the Rajya Sabha as they were vocal on the government policies and handled their ministries well.

"By bringing in new faces, the party aims to inject dynamism into key ministerial portfolios, ensuring effective governance and delivery of promises made to the electorate", said a close aide of one of the defeated ministers. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, pitted against Congress' Shashi Tharoor lost the election from Thiruvanathapuram by a margin of 16,077 votes while Smriti Irani lost the election with a margin of over 1.67 lakh votes and Arjun Munda lost with a margin of over 1.49 lakh votes.

Sources suggested that the BJP leadership was disinclined to induct MPs with slender victory margins as ministers in the cabinet. The forthcoming cabinet is said to be a balanced one reflecting regional representation, caste dynamics, and administrative competence.

It is also said changes were in the offing in some key ministries of "BJP quota." One such instance is likely to be the ministry of finance and the ministry of commerce and industry. The tribal affairs ministry is

likely to go with an NDA ally while the ministry of power may go with TDP or JDU.

"If the railway ministry remains with BJP, one of the two MoS posts could go either to the JD(U) or TDP or Shiv Sena Shinde faction," said a source.

CWC unanimously passes resolution to appoint Rahul Gandhi as Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha

on the general elec-

tion results at the CWC

"Our demand is the

same as that of 140

crore people of the coun-

try that Rahul Gandhi

has to take the posi-

tion of the leader of the

opposition," Telangana

Chief Minister Revanth

Reddy said when asked

whether Gandhi should

assume the position of

Leader of Opposition in

"Rahul Gandhi has

taken the responsibility

of fighting for the cause

the House.

meeting.



NEW DELHI, Jun 8 (Agencies): The Congress Working Committee on Saturday unanimously passed the resolution to make Rahul Gandhi the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Rahul Gandhi won the Lok Sabha elections from Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh and Wayanad in Kerala.

Several party leaders joined the clamour for Rahul Gandhi to take up the post even as the Congress deliberated of farmers, women and unemployment for the last 10 years," he asserted.

"Rahul Gandhi said he will make a decision very soon," said Congress general secretary K C Venugopal on CWC urging him to take up role of LoP.

He said the CWC also adopted the resolutions hailing role of Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi in Lok Sabha polls.

In the election results announced on June 4, the Congress emerged as the second-largest party in the Lok Sabha. This will be the first time that the Congress, since its ouster from power in 2014, will get the post of Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

It failed to get the position in the past 10 years as its tally was below the requisite 10 per cent of total seats in the House, both in 2014 and 2019.

Three dead, six injured as fire breaks out in food processing factory in Delhi's Narela

NEW DELHI, Jun 8 (Agencies): Three workers died and six others were injured after a fire broke out and caused a blast in a food processing unit in the early hours of Saturday in the Narela Industrial Area here, the Delhi Police said.

They said they received a distress call at 3.35 am about the fire in the Shayam Kripa Foods Private Ltd that processes dry moong dal.

The fire engulfed the factory, trapping some



Service (DFS) official said around 8.30 am. He said nine people were rescued from inside the building and shifted to SHRC Hospital in Narela. Three of them—

investigations suggest that the blaze started after a gas leak from one of the pipelines. The gas was supplied to burners used for roasting moong dal. As the fire spread, it led to the overheating of

Nitish Kumar was offered PM-ship by INDIA bloc but party has decided not to look back: JD(U)

NEW DELHI, Jun 8 (Agencies): Ahead of the swearing in of Prime Minister Narendra Modiled National Democratic Alliance government on Sunday, key ally of the ruling block Janata Dal (United) has claimed that the opposition INDIA bloc leaders made an offer of Prime Ministership to their supremo and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Speaking to the media persons in the midst of hectic negotiations around the contours of the new union council of ministers, Janata Dal (United) general secretary, KC Tyagi, on Saturday said, "Proposals to the extent of the offer of Prime Ministership to JDU president,



Nitish Kumar have also come from the opposition INDIA alliance leaders. These are the same people who had problems making Nitish Kumar the convenor of their block. Some INDIA leaders even wanted to fied by Nitish Kumar on Friday while endorsing the candidature of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister and NDA leader in the Parliament.

Tyagi said Nitish Kumar was the architect of the opposition INDIA meeting of the alliance, M immediately after which p Kumar quit the block in and rejoined NDA. m Gandhi had said the p proposal needs vetting by TMC's Mamata Banerjee who was not in that meeting.

Meanwhile, the JDU is learnt to be keen on the cabinet portfolio of railway ministry, which the BJP is unlikely to part with given its importance to Prime Minister Modi's infrastructure push in the country.

Nitish may also want
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advancement of Bihar
polls to reap advantage
of the ground support his
party got in Lok Sabha
elections besides finan cial aid for the state.
Meetings are currently
underway between top
BJP brass and the Prime

Minister to finalise the portfolios for the swearing-in of the new government on Sunday at 7:15 pm at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Nearly 9,000 people are on the guest list for the mega event, including several heads of neighbouring countries, rat miners who helped save lives of workers in the Silkyara tunnel of Uttarkashi last year, sanitation workers, and labourers engaged with flagship projects of the government, including those who built the new Parliament building and are involved with aspirational projects such as Vande Bharat trains, key infrastructure projects in the country among others.

workers in it, the official said.

Fourteen fire tenders were pressed into service and the dousing operation was still underway, a Delhi Fire Shyam (24), Ram Singh (30) and Beerpal (42) were declared dead, while others were under treatment, the police officer said. He said preliminary

the compressor, resulting in a blast, he said.
A case is being registred under appropriate sections and an investigation being taken up, he said.

speak to Nitish Kumar in this regard, but the party decided, that it is not going to look back " Tyagi said the JDU will stay in alliance with the BJP-led NDA, as clarialliance and was humiliated by that camp. Tyagi recalled how Rahul Gandhi vetoed the declaration of Nitish Kumar, as the convenor of INDIA at a crucial

There's drumbeat to find silver linings in 'moral, political, personal' defeat for Modi: Congress

NEW DELHI, Jun 8 (Agencies): The Congress on Saturday claimed the mandate of the Lok Sabha polls has been a "moral, political and personal" defeat for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said efforts were now being made to justify his "pathetic" electoral performance.

The BJP has won 240 seats in the justconcluded Lok Sabha polls, falling short of the halfway mark in the 543-member House, but the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) together won 293 seats. The Congress has won 99 seats. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the drumbeat to find silver linings in the mandate that has been a "moral, political and personal" defeat for Modi has started.

"It is being propagated that Mr. Narendra Modi is the first to receive a mandate thrice in a row after Jawaharlal Nehru. How leading a party to 240 seats and becoming an 'one-third' Pradhan Mantri is a mandate is not explained," the Congress leader said.



"Nehru, on the other hand, got 364 seats in 1952, 371 seats in 1957, and 361 seats in 1962 - a 2/3rd majority each time. Yet he remained a

complete democrat, nurturing Parliament so very carefully with his constant presence," Ramesh said.

Neither is Modi the only man since Nehru to be sworn in thrice - in a row or not, he said.

Ramesh pointed out that Atal Bihari Vajpay-

ee was sworn in thrice in 1996, 1998 and 1999. And Indira Gandhi was sworn in 4 times in 1966, 1967, 1971 and 1980, he said.

"The drumbeaters will look for anything to justify Mr Narendra Modi's pathetic electoral performance in 2024," Ramesh said.

In another post, the Congress general secretary said the 2024 elections have been a "moral defeat" for Modi and the BJP, while being a "morale booster" for his party.

NLU student dies after being hit by shooting stone in Himachal's Solan



SOLAN, Jun 8 (Agencies): A 19-year-old student of National Law University, Delhi, died after he was hit by a shooting stone in Himachal Pradesh's Solan district, police said on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Akshat Dev, a resident of Gandhinagar in Rajasthan's Jaipur district. The mishap took place on Friday evening when a group of 13 students of the National Law University had come to Ashwani Khad from where they went towards the waterfall.

While they were enjoying at the waterfall, a stone fell from the cliff and hit Akshat on his head leaving him unconscious due to excessive loss of blood. He was rushed to the Government Regional Hospital, Solan, where he was declared brought dead.

Solan Superintendent of Police Gaurav Singh confirmed the report and said investigation into the matter is underway.

Militants torch police outpost, set several houses on fire in Manipur's Jiribam district

IMPHAL, Jun 8 (Agencies): Suspected militants torched a police outpost and set several houses on fire in Manipur's Jiribam district on Saturday, officials said.

The militants torched the Jiri police outpost located in the Chotobekra area on the banks of the Barak River at around 12.30 am, they said.

The gunmen suspected to be hill-based militants also launched multiple attacks, taking advantage of the darkness in the Lamtai Khunou and Modhupur areas of the district, located nearly 220 km from the state capital Imphal.

Several houses have been burnt, mostly in the outlying areas of Jiribam district, though the exact number cannot be confirmed, a district official based in Jiribam told agency.

A commando contingent of Manipur Police has been airlifted to Jiribam on Saturday morning from Imphal to assist in the security operations against the militants, police said. Meanwhile, newly elected Congress MP from the Inner Manipur Lok Sabha seat, Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, has urged the state government to protect the lives and properties of the people of Jiribam district. Akoijam told reporters at a press conference here that "I have talked with district officials of Jiribam. They said some rein-

forcements have reached. While those in the town are being provided security, those in peripheral areas are not being provided security." Nearly 239 people, mostly women and children, have been evacuated from their villages in the Jiribam district and are taking shelter at the sports complex in Jiri town after violence broke out following the killing of a man allegedly by militants, officials said Saturday.

On June 6, the Jiribam district administration had clamped an indefinite curfew in the district following the killing of a 59-year-old man belonging to one community, allegedly by militants belonging to another community. The killing triggered a fresh ethnic flare-up in the district, which had remained unaffected by the violence.

Jiribam, which has a diverse ethnic composition comprising Meiteis, Muslims, Nagas, Kukis and non-Manipuris, had so far remained unaffected by the ethnic strife that has been raging in Manipur since May last year. The ethnic conflict between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and hill-based Kukis has led to the deaths of over 200 people and rendered thousands of people homeless.

INTERNATIONAL

UN to declare Israel and Hamas as nations violating children's rights in armed conflict

The inclusion of Israel this month will likely just put more of a global spotlight on the country's conduct of the war in Gaza and increase already high tensions in its relationship with the global body.

UNITED NATIONS, Jun 8 (Agencies): The U.N. secretary-general will tell the Security Council next week that both Israel and Hamas are violating children's rights and leaving them exposed to danger in their war to eliminate each other.

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The secretary-general annually makes a global list of states and militias that are menacing children and threatening them. Parties on the list have ranged from the Kachin Independence Army in Myanmar to — last year — Russia during its war with Ukraine.

Now Israel is set to join them. António Guterres sends the list to the Security Council and the council can then decide whether to take action. The United States is one of five veto-wielding permanent council members and has been reluctant to act against Israel, its longtime ally.

Another permanent member is Russia and when the United Nations put Russian forces on its blacklist last year for killing boys and girls and attacking schools and hospitals in Ukraine, the council took no action.

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The preface of last year's U.N. report says it lists parties engaged in "the killing and maiming of children, rape and other forms of sexual violence perpetrated against children, attacks on schools, hospitals and protected persons."

The head of Guterres' office



called Israel's U.N. ambassador, Gilad Erdan, on Friday to inform him that Israel would be in the report when it is sent to the council next week, U.N. spokesman Stéphane Dujarric told reporters.

The militant Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad groups will also be listed.

Israel reacted with outrage, sending news organizations a video of Erdan berating the head of Guterres' office --- who was supposedly on the other end of a phone call - and posting it on X.

"Hamas will continue even more to use schools and hospitals because this shameful decision of the secretary-general will only give Hamas hope to survive and extend the war and extend the suffering," Erdan wrote in a statement. "Shame on him!"

The Palestinian U.N. ambassador said that adding Israel to the "'list of shame,' will not bring back tens of thousands of our children who were killed by Israel over decades.'

"But it is an important step in the right direction," Riyad Mansour wrote in a statement. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said "the U.N. put itself on the black list of history today" as the move heightened the long-running feud between Israel and the U.N. and even the routine mechanics of Israel's dealings with the world body are now fraught with

tensions. The normally equanimous secretary-general's spokesman broke from the good-natured tone of his noon briefing when asked to discuss the latest development.

"The call was a courtesy afforded to countries that are newly listed on the annex of the report," Dujarric said. "The partial release of that recording on Twitter is shocking and unacceptable and frankly, something I've never seen in my 24 years serving this organization." Condemnation of the sec-

retary-general's decision appeared to bring together Israel's increasingly fractious leadership — from the rightwing Netanyahu and Erdan to the popular centrist member of the War Cabinet, Benny Gantz. Gantz cited Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, as saying "it matter not what say

the goyim (non-Jews), what is important is what do the Jews." For month Israel has faced heavy international criticism over civilian casualties in Gaza and questions about whether it has done enough to prevent them in the eight-month-old war. Two recent airstrikes in Gaza killed dozens of civilians.

U.N. agencies warned Wednesday that over 1 million Palestinians in Gaza could experience the highest level of starvation by the middle of next month if hostilities continue.

the Food and Agriculture Organization said in a joint report that hunger is worsening because of heavy restrictions on humanitarian access and the collapse of the local food system in the eight-month Israel-Hamas war.

The proportion of Palestinian women and children being killed in the Israel-Hamas war appears to have declined sharply, an Associated Press analysis of Gaza Health Ministry data has found, a trend that both coincides with Israel's changing battlefield tactics and contradicts the ministry's own public statements.

The trend is significant because the death rate for women and children is the best available proxy for civilian casualties in one of the 21st century's most destructive conflicts. In October, when the war began, it was above 60%. For the month of April, it was below 40%.

Yet the shift went unnoticed for months by the U.N. and much of the media, and the Hamaslinked Health Ministry has made no effort to set the record straight.

Maldivian President Muizzu says he would be honoured to attend PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony

ed greetings from Prime

Minister Modi, stating

that the Prime Minister

is looking forward to

having the President

attend this momentous

ceremony marking his

third swearing-in as

Prime Minister of India,

expressed his gratitude

to the Prime Minister for

the invitation, adding

that he would be hon-

oured to attend this his-

He also stated that he

looks forward to working

with the Prime Minister

to further strengthen

the close relations with

India, noting that the

Maldives-India relation-

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the High Commissioner

for personally delivering

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Earlier on Wednesday,

Muizzu had congratulat-

ed Modi and voiced his

desire to work with the

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MALE, Jun 8 (Agencies): Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu said on Saturday that he would be honoured to attend Prime Minister Narendra Modi's swearing-in ceremony and his visit to India for the historic event would demonstrate that bilateral ties are heading in a positive direction.

Muizzu's remarks came as he accepted the invitation to attend Prime Minister Modi's swearing-in ceremony in New Delhi. Modi will be administered the oath of office on Sunday, his third consecutive term as Prime Minister.

President Muizzu has accepted the invitation to attend the swearingin ceremony of Prime Minister Modi and the Council of Ministers of the Government of India, his office said in a statement.

Munu Mahawar, India's Higher Commissioner to the Maldives, presented the letter of invitation to the President during a courtesy call at the President's Office.

At the call, the High Commissioner extendties.

"Congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi and the BJP and BJP-led NDA, on the success in the 2024 Indian General Election, for the third consecutive term.

"I look forward to working together to advance our shared interests in pursuit of shared prosperity and stability for our two countries,' Muizzu posted on X.

This will mark the pro-China president's first official visit to India since assuming office on November 17 last year. Unlike his predecessors, who made the first port of call to New Delhi after assuming office, Muizzu had travelled to Turkiye first and to China for his first state visit in January.

Within hours of his oath, Muizzu had demanded the removal of 88-odd Indian military personnel from his country, straining bilateral ties. The military personnel were repatriated from three aviation platforms and replaced by civilians from India by the May 10 deadline set by Muizzu.

The swearing-in ceremony is expected to witness the presence of leaders from neighbouring countries, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius, and Seychelles, in addition to the Maldives, as part of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

Danish PM Mette Frederiksen attacked in Copenhagen, man arrested

STOCKHOLM, Jun 8 (Agencies): Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen was attacked by a man ir central Copenhagen on Friday evening. The attack which took place in a square not far from Frederiksen's home left the Prime Minister "shocked". Copenhagen police have confirmed the incident but refused to give more comment, Swedish Television (SVT) reported. "Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen was beaten on Friday evening at Kultorvet in Copenhagen by a man who was subsequently arrested. The Prime Minister is shocked by the incident," the Prime Minister's office said in a statement without giving further detail.



Italian PM Giorgia Meloni tops polls as EU elections enter third day

BRUSSELS, Jun 8 (Agencies): Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni is polling well ahead of her rivals as Italians, Estonians, Latvians, Maltese, Czechs and Slovakians go to vote in the European Parliament elections on Saturday. Meloni could be poised to act as kingmaker for the next European Commission president if her Brothers of Italy (FdI) makes major gains. Incumbent Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has been openly courting Meloni in the hope of winning the confirmatory votes of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) group, a pan-European soft-eurosceptic bloc that Meloni now leads and whose ranks FdI candidates aim to join if elected to the European Parliament. As the third-most populous country in the European Union (EU), Italy can send a total of



came out fighting on Wednesday after surviving an assassination attempt on May 15 that shocked Europe.

The World Food Program and

The attacker was arrested following the incident. However, his identity and the motive behind the attack are not known yet.

The attack comes two days before Denmark votes in the EU election. Frederiksen (46) became Prime Min-

ister in 2019 after taking over as leader

of the centre-left Social Democrats four years earlier. This made her the youngest prime minister in Danish history. European Commission chief Ursula

von der Leyen called the attack a "despicable act".

European Council President Charles Michel said on X that he was "outraged". "I strongly condemn this cowardly act of aggression," he said.

Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson and Minister for Foreign Affairs Tobias Billstrom also condemned the attack

76 delegates to the 720-seat European Parliament, putting anyone who wins big there in a powerful position at the EU level

According to a "poll of polls" compiled by the news website Politico, the conservative FdI is in first place with 27 per cent, six points ahead of the centreleft Democratic Party.

Saturday marks the third day of four in the EU-wide elections, in which different countries vote on different days. Its polling day for Latvia, Malta and Slovakia; the second and final day of polling for the Czech Republic, and the first of two for Italy and Estonia.

Slovakia's left-wing nationalist Prime Minister Robert Fico

Fico was shot multiple times in an attack that appears to have been politically motivated.

The recovering Prime Minister published a video on Wednesday in which he said an activist of the "Slovak opposition had carried out the attempt on his life," adding there was no reason to believe the attack was the act of a "lone lunatic."

Fico's party SMER is leading in the polls at 23 per cent, two points ahead of the liberal Progressive Slovakia party.

The first preliminary results indicating the composition of the next European Parliament will only come late on Sunday night after every member of the 27-nation bloc has voted. These will be updated during the early hours of Monday.

North Korea, China, Russia Expanding Nuclear Weapons At Breakneck Pace: US

WASHINGTON, Jun 8 (Agencies): North Korea, China and Russia are expanding and diversifying their nuclear weapons stockpiles at a "breakneck" speed, a White House official has said, warning that absent a change in the trajectory of their arsenals, the US may have to increase its own. Pranay Vaddi, senior director for arms control, disarmament and nonproliferation at the National Security Council, made the remarks at a forum, noting that the three countries are driving the US and its allies into bracing for a "world where nuclear competition occurs without numerical constraints", Yonhap news agency reported. "Russia, the PRC and

North Korea are all expanding and diversifying their nuclear arsenals at a breakneck pace, showing little or no interest in arms control," he said at the event hosted by the Arms Control Association, a US-based nonpartisan organization. PRC stands for China's official name, the People's Republic of China. "Those three, together

with Iran, are increasingly cooperating and coordinating with each other in ways that run

counter to peace and stability, threaten the United States, our allies and our partners, and exacerbate regional tensions," he added.

The official pointed out that to deal with the realities of a "new" nuclear era, President Joe Biden recently issued an updated nuclear weapons employment guidance. "It emphasizes the need to account for the growth and diversity of the PRC's nuclear arsenal and the need to deter Russia, the PRC and North Korea simultaneously," he said. "It also reaffirms our commitment to use arms control and other tools



to minimize the number of nuclear weapons needed to achieve US objectives."

Vaddi warned that the US will need to adjust its posture and capabilities to ensure its ability to deter growing threats from the three countries should there be no change in their current nuclear weapons policy trajectory. "Let me be

clear (that) absent a change in the trajectory of adversary arsenals, we may reach a point in the coming years where an increase from current deployed numbers is required," he said.

Vaddi stressed that Washington has already taken "prudent" deterrence steps, including pursuing a modern variant of the B61 nuclear gravity bomb, and seeking to extend the life of certain Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines during the transition from legacy to modern capabilities.

He also pointed out that the US has "fully" invested to ensure that

its "extended deterrence" commitment to using the full range of its military capabilities, including nuclear, to defend allies, continues to contribute to nonproliferation efforts. He mentioned the

Washington Declara-

tion between the US

and South Korea as an

example of efforts to

"jointly approach nuclear

scenarios" with allies as

"equal partners". South

Korean President Yoon

Suk Yeol and Biden

adopted the declara-

tion last April as part of

efforts to enhance the

credibility of extended

The official criticized

deterrence

their "outright refusal" to even discuss arms control, and North Korea for answering the US' attempts to engage on risk reduction and nuclear issues with "more missile tests and greater hostility" "Practically speak-

Russia and China for

ing, they are forcing the US, our close allies and partners to prepare for a world where nuclear competition occurs without numerical constraints," he said. "The reality is that further enhancing our capabilities and posture is incredibly important to rejuvenating strategic arms control.'

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GDC Bomai celebrates World Environmental Day

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 8 GDC Bomai celebrated World Environmental Day in collaboration with SKUAST-K, SRDE and Department of Forest, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir (UT) on 8th June 2024 on the theme "Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience" under the slogan "our land our future" with an objective to create awareness among the Students about significance of environment in our lives. The one day program started with Tilawat Quran by Dr. Arshad Ahmad followed by welcome address by Prof. Mir Shabir Ahmad (Associate Professor Chemistry) GDC Bomai, in which he welcomed all the invitees to the occasion. The welcome address was followed by a thought provoking speech by Chief Patron who besides welcoming the quests emphasized on the need of preserving natural resources. He laid stress on ensur-



ing his views on the

occasion, Dr Bilal empha-

sized that such seminars

educate the people about

importance of environ-

ment and our responsibil-

ity towards its protection.

Dr Gh. Nabi Lone

lecturer Zoology GDC

Bomai delivered key

note address and in his

address talked about

world environmental day

and present environmen-

tal issues. The key note

address was followed by

the awe inspiring speech

of the chief guest, Dr

Shaikh Gulam Rasool-a

renowned environmen-

talist, who spoke about

ing peace with the earth by being disciplined and sensitive to environmental

challenges Dr. Bilal Ahmad, Head, Division of Agri-Economics & Statistics, FoA, SKUAST-K in his address spoke about the importance of environment and environmental issues. Dr. Bilal advocated that Environment Protection is the foundation for sustaining our planet earth, community and economy, quoting a verse of holy Quran, "Eat and drink, but do not waste. Surely He does not like the wasteful." Surah Al-A'raf 7:31. While sharthe importance of Forests and our responsibility towards Conservation and protection of forests. He further said that the forest and trees filter the air and absorb harmful gases. Plants purify water, reduce the chances of flood and maintain natural balance. The Guest of honor. Dr. Imtiyaz Ali khan, Forest

Range officer Baramulla division in his meticulous and well planned speech delineated various aspects of Environment and other allied issues. He impressed upon the audience to be the torch

bearers for safeguarding our natural resources.

As a part of awareness. the fish farmers from Wular area participated in the Programme. A documentary on climate change was presented by Er.Abdul Rashid Bhat displaying the factors responsible for this drastic phenomenon.

The programme culminated by a formal vote-ofthanks by Dr. Snober Mir faculty, GDC Bomai. She thanked the Chief Patron Prof Aijaz Ahmad Hakak, Patron Prof. Bilal Ahmad Bhat, Chief guest on occasion Dr. Shaikh Gh. Rasool, Guest of honour Dr. Imtiyaz Ahmad, Participants, speakers Er Ab. Rashid Bhat, Dr Gh. Nabi Lone, Dr. Mehrajud-din Bhat ,students of GDC Bomai, SKUAST-K, CUK, local people who provided their full support for the success of the Programme.

A plantation drive was organized in which saplings were planted by the guests as well as students.

Ayush, Kishtwar Admin conduct two Yoga Camps



coordination with Police

Administration, where the

police officials participat-

While addressing the

event, DSP Sajad Khan

expressed views on the

importance of Yoga in

routine life and Women

Empowerment. During

the event, various Yoga

Asanas and Pranaya-

mas related to health and

hygiene were demon-

strated. Around 70 par-

ticipants participated in

Another Mega Yoga

Camp was conducted

under the supervision

of Dr. Taraq Hussain at

District Hospital Kishtwar

where students of ANM

School and patients of

Drug de addiction Centre

the Yoga Session.

ed in Yoga Session.

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, June 8: As per the guidelines from the Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India 2 Mega Yoga Camps of Yoga Mahotsava as a prelude to the International Yoga Day based on the theme 'Yoga for Women Empowerment' were organised in District Kishtwar under the guidance of the Director of Ayush J&K Dr. Mohan Singh and Worthy Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav (IAS) and supervision of District Nodal Officer Ayush Kishtwar Dr. Vikram Singh Jamwal. One Mega Yoga Camp was organised at District Police Line Kishtwar in

participated in various Yoga Asanas and they were taught different methods of meditation and their benefits.

The whole event was coordinated by Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kishtwar, Yudhvir Singh, teaching facility of ANM College and Staff of DH Kishtwar. About 66 participants participated in the camp.

The arrangements for the smooth conduct of camps were made by the team of Ayush Kishtwar along with the management of District Hospital Kishtwar and Police Administration. Both the Camps of Yoga Mahotsava were a great success

J&K UT Open Taekwondo Championship 2024 concludes Jamwal, Deepak Dogra,



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 8: Two days J&K UT Open Taekwondo Championship 2024 organized by Taekwondo Association of J&K concluded at Baby Caters Hall, Rehari, Jammu here today. The Championship

was organised under the supervision of Quimti Lal Jain - General Secretary Taekwondo Association of J&K.

More than 120 play-

ers from different districts of J&K including Jammu, Udhampur, Samba, Kishtwar, Doda, Srinagar, Baramulla & Budgam participated in the championship with great zeal and enthusiasm At the closing Ceremo-

ny, Ram Krishan Sharma - President, Taekwondo Association of J&K was the chief guest. In his speech, he thanks and congratulated all members of Taekwondo

Association of J&K for cooperating in organizing Open UT Level Championship and providing a platform to the youth to channelize their energy towards sports. Ravinder Sharma was the guest of honour and he also appreciated the work being done by the Association in the field of sports and the outstanding performance of the players. He also expressed his immense pleasure to the players

who participated in the tournament from different parts of the Union Territory beside the difficult weather conditions. Tarsem Sharma, Former General Secretary Ju-Jitsu Association of J&K as well as member J&K Olympic Association was the special guest. He congratulated the players as well as the association for organising a successful event. Officials of this cham-

pionship were Pawan

Mansha Bashir. Danish Sharma, Suresh Kumar, Rohini Chib, Rajat Bhagat, Geetansh Thakur, Bhavin Thakur, Harsh Vardhan Raina, Rudrakshit Gupta, Udhay Singh, Imran Khan, Sachin Thakur, Namika Mahajan, Manish Gill, Saksham Kumar and Ayush Mahajan. At last Players were felicitated with medals and awards for their achievement. [

Have to act tough against unscrupulous elements to maintain J&K's peaceful atmosphere: DGP Swain

pushing forward a security cycle where everyone is free and without fear," he

He played a substantial role in strengthening Jel and creating network of people among Jel sympathizers. Various FIRs have been registered against him because of his direct involvement in inciting and leading an unlawful assembly of mob instigating rioting and violence in D.H. Pora, during the 2016 unrest. He continues to be a hardcore OGW of banned terror outfits, in particular the HM and his affiliation has perpetually aided terrorist activities in and around Kulgam, collecting information for

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note of the viral video as the concerned teacher did not resist the entry of the unauthorized person into the premises and instead disseminated confidential information as well as criticized the government policies like 'digital India', school education policies and working of higher authorities in violation of service guidelines.

The teacher was asked to explain his position within two days on June 6 and his reply has been found 'not satisfactory' as well as 'non convincing', the order reads.

ings to untie the votive knots.

Using every mode of conveyance including buses, trucks, jeeps, cars and motorcycles, the devotees have been pouring into Wangat as the administration made special deployment of police to streamline the movement of the pilgrims.

The family of the Larvis include Mian Altaf Ahmad, the present chief patron who inherited the chair from his late father, Mian Bashir Ahmad.

Before Mian Bashir Ahmad, the chief

can achieve whatever she wants.

The JKBOSE announced the combined annual class 12 results on Friday, with a 74 per cent overall pass rate in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the details, the overall pass percentage includes 77 per cent of female students and 72 per cent of male students, with females securing the top positions in all streams.

Officials said that a total of 93,340 students were enrolled for the exam which 69,385 were declared successful. Out of those who were declared successful, 25,435 students secured Distinction, 33,437 got First Division, 10,318 Second Division, and 195 students managed Third Division.

added.

Asked about terrorists operating in Jammu and Kashmir, the police chief said while the number of local terrorists is dropping, there are 70 to 80 foreign terrorists operating in the Union Territory.

"We are moving from resident terrorism to foreign terrorism. Resident terrorism means when local boys join the ranks. Their number has come down. Our effort has been to ensure, with the help of the community, that no local boy joins the terrorists ... Due to these efforts, the number of local terrorists has dropped, resulting in lives being saved and a drop in violence," Swain said.

"There are 70 to 80 foreign terrorists who have come in. They have been trying to come here regularly and, when they do come, they bring along guns and IEDs. Sometime back, they tried to blow up electric poles. They don't come with money. schools or hospitals," the police chief said.

There are a few locals who shelter them and take them from one place to another, Swain said. "We have to act against them so that others remain safe.'

J&K Government dismisses four employees for Anti-National activities

Gh. Rasool Bhat, Constable in J&K Police S/o Jawaid Hyder Bhat R/o Lalgam, Tral, District Pulwama, is also involved in the commission of offence of carrying illegal Arms and Ammunition from one place to another for delivery to the terrorists. As Kote NCO in the Armory of a district, he was supplying ammunition and weapons to the terrorists for a long time. He was linked to the terrorist ecosystem, through a network of OGWs, who have been operating at the behest of terrorist outfits based in Pakistan.

Shabeer Ahmad Wani, Teacher in the Education Department S/o Mohammad Ashraf Wani R/o Bungam, Damhal Hanjipora, District Kulgam, has been an active member of Jamat-e-Islam (Jel), a proscribed separatist association having tangible links with terrorist organization.

facilitating attacks, clandestinely.

Anayatullah Shah Pirzada, Assistant Lineman in the Jal Shakti Department S/o Ab. Rashid Shah Pirzada R/o Watergam, Rafiabad, District Baramulla, is a terrorist associate/OGW of Al-Badr Mujahideen, a proscribed terror outfit, has worked covertly in a variety of ways to support the agenda of terrorists. He had direct association with dreaded terrorists like Yousuf Baloch and Tameem, who were the Commanders of Al-Badr Mujahideen, operating at different times in Kashmir. He has been involved in various FIRs pertaining to the recovery of satellite phone, hand grenades etc communicating with the terrorists of Al-Badr Mujahideen based in Pakistan.

Government has adopted a Zero tolerance policy towards anti-national elements who have been taking advantage of being in Government service.

Properties of 2 Pak-Based terror handlers seized in Baramulla

and is linked to an FIR registered under various sections of the law, including the Arms Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the officials said.

They said the property was identified as belonging to the terror handlers during the investigation.

Teacher suspended for criticizing Govt policies in Doda

Chief Education Officer (Doda) Prakash Lal Thappa confirmed the teacher's suspension and said the department has sought a detailed project report (DPR) from the concerned department for repair of the school.

"The teacher was placed under suspension on Friday, while a DPR was sought from the Public Works Department for immediate repair of the school building," Thappa said.

In his suspension order issued on Friday, he said the department has taken a serious

Therefore, pending inquiry into the matter, the teacher is placed under suspension with immediate effect and during the suspension period he shall remain attached to Higher Secondary School Chanti.

The order said a two-member committee comprising the principals of Higher Secondary School (girls) Thathri and Sartingal will conduct an in-depth inquiry into the alleged act of 'violation of government instructions' by the suspended teacher and shall furnish their report to this office within a stipulation of 21 days positively with specific recommendations.

The local residents said over 100 local students are enrolled in the school having a staff strength of four teachers, one of whom is not performing his duties for the past four years.

The school was upgraded to middle school over a decade ago and some more class rooms were added to it but were never completed, prompting the management to adjust the children in the two rooms of the old building that are also not repaired for a long time and posing a threat to the lives of the students, they said.

The teacher said they have raised the issue with the Zonal Education Officer several times

He said one of the teachers is not performing his duties in the school, while another among the rest of the three is looking after the accounts section and only two of them are attending the class

Over one lakh devotees throng Baba Nagri shrine in Ganderbal District on annual Urs

Balakote area now in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. About 128 years ago, he came to Wangat and remained in prayer for many years till his fame travelled far and wide. Devotees have since been coming to the shrine with devotional offerings.

The devotees often tie votive knots at the shrine for fulfilment of their prayers. Once the prayers are answered, the devotees return to the shrine with devotional offerpatron of Baba Jee Sahib's shrine was Mian Nizamuddin Sahib.

Mian Altaf Ahmad is the grandson of Mian Nizamuddin Sahib.

Altaf recently won the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat as NC candidate defeating his nearest rival, former Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti by a margin of over 3.50 lakh votes.

Given the tremendous love and reverence in which the Gujjar/Bakarwal community of Rajouri and Poonch hold the Mians of Wangat, the politics of Mehbooba Mufti and other rivals of Mian Altaf Ahmad meant little to his voters.

A free community kitchen is run by the Mian family during the entire three-daylong annual Urs for the devotees.

Free Langar is also run by the family at the shrine in Wangat the entire year where scores of devotees from different parts of J&K come and have food each day.

Hardly any other religious family in J&K can match the wide popularity of the Mian family as it exists in almost every nook and corner of J&K extending even to Haryana and Rajasthan.

No political speeches are delivered during the annual Urs of the saint. Only recitation of the holy Quran, prayers and religious teachings are made during the Urs days.

Udhampur girl tops Jammu Division in **JKBOSE Class 12th Exam** in science stream

focus it is better to go out for a stroll and engage in a physical sport like badminton to refresh one's mind.

She said that she wants to become a doctor.

Her mother Anjali Gupta said that her daughter getting a top mark in the exam is a happy moment for the family.

"It is a happy moment for us parents. She has recently qualified for the NEET exam. She has scored well in that exam," Anjali Gupta said.

Advising other parents, she said that if a girl has the support of their parents, she

MeT forecasts fresh spell of 'heat wave' in J&K from June 10

was likely to be generally dry on ensuing annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela on June 14 and Eid-ul-Azha festival which is being celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the globe from June 17.

"Farmers are advised to resume farm operations (spray, fertilizer application) from June 9 onwards,", adding, "Fresh spell of heat wave is likely from June 10 onwards."

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 12.1°C against 12.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.3°C below normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 11.6 °C against 10.5°C on the previous night and it was 0.4°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 7.2°C against 7.0°C on the previous night and it was 0.2°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 11.2°C against 9.8°C and it was 1.0°C below normal, the official said.

Kupwara town recorded a low of 10.5°C against 10.7°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.2°C for the place, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 3.4°C against 3.8°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 5.3°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu, he said, recorded a low of 24.1°C against 22.7°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 1.6°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 14.2°C, Batote 15.8°C and Bhaderwah 14.4°C, he said.

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ADGP Armed/L&O J&K conducts joint Darbar of four IRP Bns

SRINAGAR, June 8: Vijay Kumar, Additional DGP Armed/L&O J&K today visited APC Parihaspora to interact with Jawans and officers of armed units after the culmination of Parliamentary elections 2024. It was a joint Darbar of Police personnel of IRP-3rd, IRP-9th, IRP-20th and 21stBattalions.

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While addressing, the ADGP lauded the Officers/personnel of J&K Police and security Forces for their contributions in ensuring peace-

ful and incident free polls. The ADGP credited the Police/Security forces for creating a safe environment that really encouraged people to come out and vote in large numbers and stressed upon the personnel to keep the momentum going for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath ji Yatra 2024 and Assembly elections 2024.

He further sought feedback from the Police personnel about their experiences in discharging election duties and the

challenges faced by them during the 5-phased parliamentary election duties. Besides, ADGP gave a patient hearing to the personnel who presented their genuine grievances before him viz a viz service matters. As many as 34 person-

nel made oral representations before ADGP regarding transfers on account of domestic problems. ADGP issued directions on the spot for their transfer by way of redressal of their grievances.

The ADGP further emphasised upon the personnel to display good behaviour while dealing with public especially during SANJY duties as pilgrims from all across the country visit the UT during the holy pilgrimage. Besides, they should also be smartly turnedout, alert and take great pride in wearing proper uniform as J&K Police is considered as one of the Professional Police Forces in the country. Among others who were present at the Darbar include DIG AP Kashmir Shahid Mehraj-IPS, DIG IRP Ab. Qayoom-IPS & Staff Officer to ADGP Armed Dalip Kumar-SSP. The Darbar was also attended by APC Parihaspora based Commandants Mahmood Ahmed-SSP Commandant IRP 21st Bn. Hakim Munshi-SSP Commandant IRP-3rd Bn, Munir Ahmad-SSP, Dy Co I/C CO IR-20th Bn, Azhar Bashir SSP APCR Kashmir & GOs / other manpower of these four Units.

GDC Reasi organizes Annual Awards Function for Sports, NSS, NCC

Top News Report

REASI, June 8: Govt. Degree College, Reasi organized Annual Award Function in Sports, NSS and NCC in which the sportspersons form various games like fencing, volleyball, judo, wrestling, Archery and NSS & NCC Cadets were felicitated for their outstanding achievements in various sports competitions like Inter-college, All India Inter-University, Khelo-India University Games, NSS National Integration Camps and NCC All India Camps and Republic Day Camps etc. The Awards were presented by Dr. Kulvinder Kour (Principal GDC Reasi), Dr.

Udhay Bhanu (Principal GDC Pouni), Dr. Preetpal Kour (Principal GDC Dharmari), Prof. Darshan Kumar, GDC Mahore and other staff members of the college. Dr. Kulvinder appreciated the efforts of the sportspersons, NSS Volunteers, NCC Cadets and their parents in bringing laurels for the college by their achievements. Colourful Cultural Programs were also presented by the students of the college. Others present on the occasion include Prof. Romesh Attri, Prof. Ravi Kant, Prof. Hitesh Basotra, Prof. Satish Kumar, Prof. kewal Krishan, Prof. Irfan Ali, Prof. Baldev Singh. Prof. Mamta Kundal, Prof.

Pooja Dheman, Prof. Bandral, Akshita Bandral, Rahil Dutta etc. Prof. Ajav Aditi, Atul, Rohit Thakur, Kumar (Fencing Coach), Rohit Sharma, Mahinder, Shashi Kumar Sharma Munir, Nindhya, Neeraj, and Lt. Sunil Mangotra Riya Sharma, Sourav were the special invitees Verma, Sonali Devi, Sunil in the function as they Roy, Suradev, Ashutosh, were also honoured for Anjali, Shreva, Roshi, their achievements during Nazakat, Devinder, Priya their respective tenures Kumari, Simran Devi, in the college. In fencwere honoured for their ing Parvinder Sharma, examplary achievements Gourav Thakur, Prashant in Inter-college and Chib, Ajay Singh, Harsh Inter-University Fenc-Singh, Palk Bharti, ing Competitions. Azad Simran Rajput, Sneha Ali, Beer Singh, Nazia Sharma were honoured Akhter, Mohd Riyaz, for their outstanding Altaf Hussain, Sidharth, achievements in Khelo-Nitin, Nikhil, Sanjeevan, India University Games Romina, Rabia were hon-2022 (Lucknow) & Khelooured in other disciplines like Archery, Wrestling, India University Games 2023 (Guwahati). Bhanu Judo, Volleyball, etc. Pratap Singh, Preeti Devi, Khushi Chalotra and Amit Riya Manhas, Vanshika Kumar were honoured

for their RDC in NSS and NCC respectively. NSS volunteers Amit and Sonali were appreciated for National Integration Camp at Kolkata while Atul Kumar participated in National Youth Festival at Nasik, Maharashtra. NCC Cadets who were honoured include Gourav, Kajal, Vikrant, Sourav, Aman, Akshay, and Abimanue. The whole Program was organized under

the supreme guidance of college Principal Dr. Kulvinder Kour and supervision of Lt. Rakesh Kumar (ANO NCC & Phy. Dir. of the college), Prof. Baldev Singh (HOD of Political Science) and Prof. Irfan Ali (NSS Program Officer)

Admin Secy R&B evaluates maintenance work of NH-44 in view of SANJY-2024

Top News Report

RAMBAN, June 8: Secretary Roads and Buildings (R&B), Bhupinder Kumar, conducted an extensive tour of District Ramban to evaluate the maintenance of NH-44, particularly in light of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024, and to review the progress on the ongoing construction works of the Nashri to Ramban and Ramban to Banihal sections of the NH-44 four-laning project. The Secretary was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudharv. SSP Traffic NHW Ramban, Rohit Baskotra, ADC, Varunjeet Singh Charak, Addl. SP, Gourav Mahajan, PD NHAI, Parshotam Singh, and other key personnel. The visit included on-site inspections and a comprehensive assessment of the construction sites

review of these critical national projects.

to ensure a thorough

During the tour, the secretary directed the executing agency to prioritize the proper maintenance of NH-44 to facilitate a comfortable and safe journey for the yatris, tourists, and other commuters. He issued immediate instructions to expedite the progress on the Nashri to Banihal stretch of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway Four-laning Project. emphasizing its status as a prestigious national undertaking. Deputy Commissioner Ramban, provided a detailed briefing, underscoring the district administration's unwavering commitment to supporting the project and creating an enabling environment for the swift and effective execution of the NH-44 four-laning initiative. He highlighted the essential role of the

district administration's steadfast support and timely assistance in ensuring a seamless and smooth journey for commuters on the national highway. The secretary also

reviewed the functioning of various tunnels between Ramban and Banihal, and received updates on ongoing construction activities at critical locations such as Nashri, Dalwas, Mehad, Cafeteria Morh, Panthial, and the viaduct bypassing Banihal Bazar. These updates reflected the advanced stages of construction, and the Secretary directed efforts to complete the works within the prescribed timeline. Emphasizing the importance of enhancing infrastructure and connectivity, the Secretary assured that there would be a focused effort to complete the 32 km stretch between Ramban and Banihal at the earliest.

Rissam meets newly elected Amethi MP



Dogra Law College organizes Farewell Function

within the students, inspir

ing them as they embark

ments of the students,

titles were conferred

upon them, marking their

individual strengths and

qualities. These titles

served as reminders of

the indelible mark they

have left on the college

community and as a

testament to their future

Dr. Samar Dev Singh

Charak, Secretary Dogra

Educational Trust also

congratulated the stu-

dents on this significant

occasion. He emphasized

that today is not just a

culmination of years of

hard work and dedica-

tion; it's also a moment

of reflection and antici-

pation. They are stand-

ing on the threshold of a

new chapter in their lives,

ready to step out into the

world beyond these col-

endeavours.

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JAMMU, June 8: Dogra Law College is committed to providing quality legal education and nurturing future legal professionals. With a focus on academic excellence and holistic development, the college prepares students for a dynamic legal career. The college on June 8, 2024, organized a heartfelt farewell ceremony to bid adieu to its graduating students of the Batch 2019-2024. The event, filled with emotion and nostalgia, was a fitting tribute to the hard work and dedication of the

departing students. The ceremony commenced with the auspicious lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the ushering in of new beginnings. Prachi Sharma, student BA LLB 8th semester, delivered the welcome address, extending warm greetings to all attendees and set the tone for the evening. Adding to the significance of the occasion, Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister of Education, J&K State and Chairman Dogra Educational Trust, graced the event with his presence and shared his insightful remarks in his presidential remarks. His words of wisdom and encouragement resonated deeply have learned here, both inside and outside the classroom.

on their new journey beyond the college walls. Biding goodbye to the The evening was not students, Shuchi Sharma, just about formal speech-Academic Coordinator es; it also featured a Dogra Law College urged the students to embrace vibrant array of cultural performances, including every experience that captivating dances and comes their way with an melodious songs. The open mind and a willingperformances added an ness to learn Remember extra layer of joy and that success is not merely celebration to the faredefined by the accolades well, creating cherished you receive or the posimemories for everyone tions you attain but by the impact you make on In recognition of the conthe lives of others and the tributions and achieve-

communities you serve. As you embark on this new journey, know that the Dogra Educational Trust stands behind you, rooting for your success every step of the way. You are not just graduates; you are ambassadors of our institution, carrving forward its legacy of excellence and integrity.

The farewell ceremony at Dogra Law College was not just a goodbye; it was a celebration of accomplishments, friendships, and the beginning of a new chapter. As the graduating students bid farewell to their alma mater, they carry with them the lessons learned, memories cherished, and the bonds forged during their time at the college. The programme con-

cluded with the vote of thanks presented by one of our university toppers, Janvi Parihar.

CWC Poonch organises awareness programme at **GHS** Faisalabad

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POONCH, June 8: Child welfare Committee Poonch under the supervision of its Chairperson Rohit Khajuria organised a day long awareness programme on Child rights and Child Protection with Anganwadi and Asha workers at Government High School Faisalabad one of the remotest villages of district Poonch in tehsil Surankote. The participants were aware about the functioning of

future consequences .How it effect the whole life of Child especially the girl child. The vicious cycle affect her mentally as well as physically and ruin her future prospects to lead a well dignified life. By remaining out of school it will also affect her educational opportunities. The participants were aware about the penal provisions of Child Marriage Restraint Act Of 2006. Strict action shall take against the perpetrator who has committed upon healthy habits among the toddlers. She urged upon the participants to desist from and encourage the children to refrain from junk and packed foods. How it will affect the health of young people once and lead to obesity, juvenile diabetes and other serious health issues. She also highlighted the commendable work done by Asha and Anganwadi workers.

The participants and School management appreciate the efforts of CWC Poonch for organizing such an informative camp on Child Rights and Child Protection. The programme was finally ended up with interactive session with participants Others who were present on the occasion Staff of DCPU, CHL and OC Poonch.

lege walls. He advised the students to carry with them the lessons they

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AMETHI/JAMMU, June 8: Chairman of Congress Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Sangthan (RGPRS) Sandeep Singh Rissam met newly elected Congress Member of Parliament(MP) from Amethi Kishori Lal Sharma, Sandeep congratulated KL Sharma for his victory and wished him a successful tenure ahead. MP Kishori Lal Sharma, has worked in Amethi and Rae Bareli region for over 40 years,

defeated Union minister Smriti Irani by a margin of 1,66,022 votes from the Amethi Lok Sabha seat. Rissam also discussed

various issues related to the development of the Panchayati Raj Sangthan in Jammu and Kashmir Sharma also shared his viewpoint that all Congress workers should continue to serve every single person at the grass roots level and by initiating steps to help people from every economic background.

Child Welfare Committee in the district. In its address to the participants he stressed upon the various legislation enacted by the Government of India from time to time for the protection and Promotion of Child Rights .The main thrust was laid down on Child Marriage and its

the crime under the law of Child Marriage Restriant Act.

Another resource is Dr. Pratibha a renowned social worker, working in the field of child rights and child protection for a long while interacting with the participants through vir-

GPC Jammu celebrates World Environment Day

tual mode she stressed

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JAMMU, June 8; The NSS unit of Government Polytechnic (GPC) Jammu in collaboration with Unnat Bharat Abhvan club organised a plantation derive in the college to celebrate the world Environment Day 2024. The Plantation Drive was carried out under the guidance of Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal of the college.

While addressing the staff and students, he made them aware about how nature when protected and lived in harmony can lead to Sustainable Human Development. He further added that Plants eliminate the pollution and are beneficial for the health. Saplings of different indigenous ornamental, shade bearing, fruit bearing, medicinal and timber-yielding species were planted on the campus.

Climate change poses major threats to health, economy and livelihoods: YP Singh

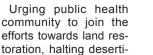
NEW DELHI/JAMMU, June 8: Calling upon people to recognize the integral role of the health sector in environmental conservation and climate action, noted horticulturalist Yogendra Pal Singh said that environmental degradation directly impacts human health. Air pollution, water contamination, and climate change contribute to a range of public health problems. Indiscriminate cutting of full-grown trees has added woes to the wounds

Addressing a programme titled - "Our Land, Our Future" organised at Malviya Smriti Bhawan, New Delhi on the occasion of World Environment Day, Yogen-

dra Pal Singh, popularly known as YP Singh who owns Greenwavs Nursery - one of the largest nurseries in North India, said, "World Environment Day is not just for those working in the environment sectors, it is a call to action for everyone, including all of us working in sectors like horticulture and public health. The worrying reality is that our Region (South East Asia) records the highest number of deaths from climate change annually amongst all WHO regions. Climate change and biodiversity loss already pose major threats to health, the regional economy and livelihoods across our Region."

World Environment Day

is celebrated annually on June 5th, after it was established at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment in 1972. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme, it is the largest global platform for public outreach to raise awareness and taking action on urgent environmental issues – the planet's most-pressing environmental problems. This year, World Environment Day-2024 focuses on land restoration, halting desertification and building drought resilience under the slogan "Our land. Our future". Urging public health



drought resilience, Singh further said. "Let us not forget that this is our land, and our future. We must strengthen collaboration between the health and environment sectors

fication and building

to address shared challenges. It is imperative we advocate for policies that prioritize environmental sustainability and public health, and invest in research and innovation to develop sustainable

healthcare practices." Appealing people to plant more saplings in order to mitigate the problems borne by the climate change, YP Singh reiterated, "We have to prioritize mitigating the impacts of air pollution and hazardous chemicals, building healthcare facilities resilience to climate change, and strengthening the focus on clean and adequate water for drinking, basic sanitation, and

It is pertinent to mention here that the 'SEA (South East Asia) Regional Plan of Action for the WHO Global Strategy on Health, Environment and Climate Change 2020-2030: Healthy Environments for Healthier Population'

clearly outlines various action points of environmental determinants of health for implementation at regional and country level.

Practical and innovative ways for the health sector to engage in land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience include: Integrating health impact assessments into land use planning processes. This can involve assessing the potential health impacts of proposed projects on air and water quality, food security, and exposure to hazards such as drought and desertifi-

Implementing green building practices and sustainable infrastructure in healthcare facilities, to

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reduce their environmental footprint and contribute to land restoration efforts. This can include incorporating green spaces into hospital designs to promote healing and wellbeing.

Community-based health promotion, to empower communities taking ownership of land restoration and conservation initiatives through participatory health promotion programs.

Build climate-resilient healthcare systems, to better withstand the impacts of climate change, including droughts and desertification. Train healthcare workers in climate adaptation and emergency response strategies.

hygiene."

SPORTS

New York Prepares For 'High-Voltage' India-Pakistan **T20 World Cup Clash**

NEW YORK, Jun 8 (Agencies): At the cultural crossroads of the world, New Yorkers will experience a thrilling first on Sunday -- a World Cup cricket match hosted in a US city between Asian powerhouses: rivals India and Pakistan. "India-Pakistan is the game everyone would like to watch, and... it's happening in our backyard," said Ajith Shetty, president of two local cricket leagues. "I'm very, very thrilled," the Indian native told AFP on Friday. However, roughly 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the pop-up stadium at Eisenhower Park on Long Island, fans interviewed in the bustling Little India neighborhood of Queens said they won't be able to attend the game in person.

"I asked about it, but it's so expensive. I'll watch it on my mobile," 31-year-old Rajeet Krishna said.

"Pakistan against India is special... there's a long history there," he said, with the 34,000 seats in the stadium sold out for months

'Lion and tiger'

This first Cricket World Cup hosted in the United States is in the T20 format, with games that last around three hours, as opposed to the five-day contests in the traditional test match format.

Tickets on the resale market are going for at least \$800, with Indian Premier League (IPL) founder and former president Lalit Modi slamming the inflated



The two sides do not meet

outside of official competitions

of the ICC, the international

cricket federation, and the last

test match between them was

"We are going to take revenge,

we are going to beat them," said

Roop Sajnani, an Indian native

The 85-year-old recalled how

his Hindu family was forced to

move from what is today Paki-

stan into India, in the exodus

that preceded partition in 1947.

Many of the businesses and

restaurants in Little India are run

by Bangladeshis, many of whom

lined up behind Pakistan, from

which Bangladesh gained its

"Let's say we just like to see

India lose against all the teams,"

said Mostakim Shahed, a

20-year-old student from Ban-

independence in 1971.

gladesh, with a smile.

who manages a sari store.

in 2007.

prices.

The tournament "in the US is for game expansion & fan engagement, not a means to make profits on gate collections," he said on X. Beyond the Indian and Paki-

stani communities, the face-off is eagerly anticipated by immigrants from other South Asian countries where cricket is popular.

"Like lion and tiger" is how Faros Ahmed, a 58-year-old of Bangladeshi origin, described the rivalry.

"Even if I am not Indian, not Pakistani, I am going to watch it because this is a high-voltage match," said the restaurant manager, who supports Pakistan and will broadcast the game for his customers.

'Like to see India lose' Although both countries are cricket powerhouses, head-tohead matches are rare between

"If you look at Asia, yes, India is the best team," he said. "They are the richest cricket team ... they already have support. Whereas Pakistan, they don't have really support.' 'Bloodbath'

Sunday's meeting is crucial for Pakistan, which risks elimination in the first round after a surprising loss on Thursday to the United States, ranked 18th in the world.

New York-based Pakistani journalist Wajahat S. Khan said he had "never been more excited or terrified about a cricket match at the same time."

"The data doesn't lie. Pakistan is likely to lose. It's likely to be a bloodbath. But you can never write off Pakistan's cricket team. Never."

The US win over sixth-ranked Pakistan has boosted interest in cricket in the country, where the sport remains well outside the mainstream.

"All the news channels are talking about it, people are explaining, what is cricket. People are understanding, what is cricket." Shetty said.

Beyond the tournament, which concludes at the end of June, the local cricket organizer hopes it brings "better infrastructure" for players in the New York area.

They will not, however, benefit from the Long Island stadium, which will be dismantled in July, leaving local leagues to continue their quest for a dedicated arena.





NEW YORK, Jun 8 (Agencies): The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has lodged an unofficial complaint to the International Cricket Council (ICC) over the New York pitch ahead of the match against Pakistan on June 9. This comes after India captain Rohit Sharma copped a blow on his thumb while facing throwdown specialist Nuwan in the nets. Rohit had also suffered a sore arm and was forced to retire hurt during the match against Ireland on Wednesday. He was hit on the biceps by a delivery from Ireland pacer Joshua Little.

Rohit, however, wasn't the only one who was troubled in the nets due to the awkward bounce off the track at the practice venue. According to journalist Abhishek Tripathi, even star batter Virat Kohli faced difficulties while batting in the nets. Kohli, however, did not incur any injuries.

Heading into this high-profile contest, the 22-yard pitch remains a major talking point, having already faced significant criticism for its unpredictability, which the ICC has officially acknowledged.

In the six innings of the three matches hosted at the stadium so far, teams have surpassed the 100-run mark only twice. Some former players have wondered aloud whether the low-scoring conditions would be of any help in selling cricket to the American market through the showpiece.

The four drop-in pitches at the venue, laid in April under the supervision of Adelaide Oval groundsman Damian Hough, are yet to settle down properly.

The uneven bounce of the surface has also raised safety concerns for the batters, especially after Indian skipper Rohit Sharma was hit on his shoulder, forcing him to stop batting during the tournament-opener against Ireland on June 5.

"I don't know what to expect from the pitch to be honest. We will prepare as if the conditions are going to be like this (for Pakistan game). This is going to be a kind of game where all XI of us will need to contribute," Rohit had said after the game against Ireland.

A day after India's game, the ICC had to release a statement, addressing the growing concerns surrounding the pitches prepared for the New York-leg of this T20 World Cup.

"The ICC recognise that the pitches used so far at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium have not played as consistently as we would have all wanted," the statement read.

The Pakistan team, however, is yet to acclimatise to the conditions at Nassau Stadium.

They arrived in New York on Thursday night following their shocking defeat to tournament debutants USA and took the next day off.

T20 World Cup: Bangladesh beat Sri Lanka with two-wicket win in nail-bitting thriller

DALLAS (USA), Jun 8 (Agencies): Leg-spinner Rishad Hossain claimed a match-winning 3/22 as Bangladesh secured a thrilling two-wicket victory over former champions Sri Lanka in their Group D T20 World Cup fixture here. Opting to bowl, Bangladesh restricted Sri Lanka to a below-par 124 for 9 in 20 overs.



NED vs SA, Today at T20 World Cup Prediction, H2H, New York pitch condition and who will win?

NEW YORK, Jun 8 (Agencies): The Dutch remain to be the only associate nation who have beaten South Africa, not just once, but twice. The Netherlands have a chance to do a hat-trick of upsets as they face South Africa in the Group of death at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium on June 8, Saturday. Netherlands trumped South Africa in their last 2 World Cup encounters i.e. T20 World Cup 2022 and ODI World Cup 2023. The Scott Edwards-led side would be eager to register their 3rd win on the trot against a formi-

the 107-run target with 6 wickets to spare at the Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas, Texas on June 4, Tuesday.

Netherlands vs South Africa-HEAD-TO-HEAD in T20Is

Netherlands have beaten South Africa in their last 2 World Cup meetings. However, the Dutch have not won any matches outside those two. In T20 World Cups, the head-tohead stands 1-1.

Netherlands vs South Africa-New York pitch conditions

A tough pitch and a slow outfield is what awaits the 2 teams and there is 25% chance of

played at Nassau. Netherlands vs South Africa team news- T20 World Cup 2024

Anrich Nortje made a stunning return for South Africa and was adjudged as the Player of the Match for his four-wicket haul. Hence, South Africa might not look to tinker with their bowling combination and Gerald Coetzee and Tabraiz Shamsi might have to wait for their chances. South Africa's batting line-up could go unchanged, knowing they got a taste of the New York pitch. The conditions might make the Netherlands have an

O'Dowd, 3 Vikramjit Singh, 4 Sybrand Engelbrecht, 5 Scott Edwards (C/WK), 6 Bas de Leede, 7 Teja Nidamanuru, 8 Logan van Beek, 9 Tim Pringle, 10 Paul van Meekeren, 11 Vivian Kingma

Netherlands vs South Africa -What they said?

"No, definitely not. I think we've obviously got a new regime of coaches so they've brought fresh ideas to the table and the boys are ready to go. I think we've come with a lot of confidence from the previous game but it is a new game which is going back to the drawing board, repeating our processes and plans, and hopefully it's enough to take on the Netherlands team," Keshav Maharaj confident on overcoming past upsets. "Yeah, as confident as ever. We don't see it as a full member, associate sort of, that's not the way we sort of think about our cricket. I think we've shown in the last few years that we're good enough to be at any side. So, for us, it is just another game of cricket," Scott Edwards on pulling off an upset against South Africa.

Pacer Mustafizur Rahman complemented Rishad returning with a splendid 3/17, while Taskin Ahmed bagged 2/25.

For Sri Lanka, opener Pathum Nissanka was their top-scorer with 28-ball 47. It was the second successive loss and would make their Super Eight qualification tougher.

Towhid Hridoy made a

significant contribution in the chase, hitting four sixes and one four in his crucial 20-ball 40, while Mahmudullah steered the chase in his 13-ball-16 not out. Bangladesh won with an over to spare. South Africa. Netherlands and Bangladesh have two points each in that order in Group D, while Nepal and Sri

Lanka are yet to open their accounts. **Brief Scores** Sri Lanka 124/9 in 20 overs (Pathum Nissanka 47; Mustafizur Rahman 3/17. Rishad Hossain 3/22, Taskin Ahmed 2/25) lost to Bangladesh 125/8 in 19 overs (Towhid Hridoy 40, Litton Das 36; Nuwan Thushara 4/18) by two wickets.

dable side of South Africa.

To make the treble happen, it will take some doing, especially after South Africa's dominating opening performance against Sri Lanka. The Proteas had rattled Sri Lanka to their thirdlowest T20I total of 77 runs and had chased it down in a comfortable fashion within 17 overs and 6 wickets to spare in New York on June 3, Monday.

Meanwhile, the Netherlands would look to build onto their last performance against Nepal. They had registered a straightforward win by chasing down

showers as well. The focus will yet again be on the muchdiscussed pitch of the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium. After the ICC's statement, the match between Ireland and Canada witnessed less bounce on June 7, Friday. However, inconsistency was yet again evident during the game. The Netherlands and South Africa will clash on 2 of the unused surfaces on Saturday. How well the Dutch would adjust to the conditions would be key as South Africa might take advantage of having already

extra seamer, who could probably be Kyle Klein. But the inclusion could come at the expense of a shortened batting line-up. Netherlands vs South Africa: Predicted XI

South Africa (Probable playing XI): 1 Quinton de Kock (WK), 2 Reeza Hendricks, 3 Aiden Markam (C), 4 Tristan Stubbs, 5 Heinrich Klaasen (wk), 6 David Miller, 7 Marco Jansen, 8 Keshav Maharaj, 9 Kagiso Rabada, 10 Ottneil Baartman, 11 Anrich Nortje

Netherlands (Probable playing XI): 1 Michael Levitt, 2 Max

AUS vs ENG Prediction Today's T20 World Cup 2024 match: H2H, team news, Barbados pitch condition and who will win?

BARBADOS, Jun 8 (Agencies): Defending champions England take on 2021 champions Australia in their second Group B match of the men's T20 World Cup 2024 at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados on Saturday, June 8. England are heading into the contest on the back of a rain-affected game against Scotland while Australia are high on confidence after having beaten Oman in their opener earlier in the week.

A lot of expected of the big-ticket clash between the two arch-rivals as the T20 World Cup braces for a blockbuster weekend. England were excellent in their home series against Pakistan last month, but there are concerns about their title defense. Even in their first game against Scotland at the same venue, England conceded 90 runs in 10 overs without managing to take a wicket before rain played spoilsport.

Leg-spinner Adil Rashid and third seamer Chris Jordan were taken to the cleaners by Scotland's George Munsey and Michael Jones. However, the performances of their lead pacers Mark Wood and Jofra Archer should come as a big boost to their side.

The pitch in Barbados will also offer a stern challenge to England battles as they have been used to conditions where the ball comes onto the bat nicely. The likes of Jos Buttler, Phil Salt, Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook, and Liam Livingstone will be tested if

the Kensington Oval pitch is sluggish. On the other hand, Australia have the experience of David Warner and Mitchell Marsh to navigate such conditions. Even in the opening game against Oman, David Warner held one end with a 51-ball 54 while Marcus Stoinis went berserk to help Australia post a winning total of 164

On paper, there is nothing much to separate the two champion teams. However, it might come down to which of the two teams adapt to the conditions better. There's rain threat as well in Bridgetown. Barbados and it will play in the captains' head at the toss.

England and Australia have played 24 T20Is between them and the defending champions have a slender advantage, winning 11 out of them. Australia have won 10 while two of their meetings have ended in ties.

However, Australia and England have not played since October 2022. Their game at the T20 World Cup in 2022 was washed out without a ball bowled in Melbourne in November.

Expect another good cricket pitch with bowlers getting a bit more advantage than batters in Bridgetown, Barbados. An early morning start will take out the equation of dew, but there are chances of a couple of showers in the morning. The game is unlikely to be abandoned.

The highest score at the venue so far in four

matches in this tournament is Australia's 164. A score in that range can again prove to be a winning total.

England are unlikely to change their combination for the big-ticket match. Their batters did not get a hit in the rain-curtailer game against Scotland and they will be raring to go. On the other hand, Australia did not pick Pat Cummins in their opening match. The senior fast bowler might return to the squad, replacing Nathan Ellis. There are no major injury concerns in either camps.

Glenn Maxwell's form should be a cause of concern for Australia, but the former champions are likely to back their champion allrounder.

PREDICTED PLAYING XIS

Australia: David Warner, Travis Head, Mitchell Marsh (captan), Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, Tim David, Matthew Wade (wicketkeeper), Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Adam Zampa, Josh Hazlewood

England: Jos Buttler (captai and wicketkeeper), Philip Salt, Will Jacks, Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook, Moeen Ali, Liam Livingstone, Chris Jordan, Jofra Archer, Adil Rashid, Mark Wood.

Australia have a side that is suited to all conditions, but England have the firepower to take the game away. It's a tough to call, but we reckon Australia to win this by a close margin

T20 World Cup: Afganistan bowl out New Zealand for 75. secure 84-run upset win

here, the 2021 runners-

up were skittled out for

75 with just two batters

-- Glen Phillips (18) and

Matt Henry (12) manag-

ing double digits as they

Faroogi and Khan

Wicketkeeper-batter

Rahmanullah Gurbaz,

fresh from winning the

IPL with Kolkata Knight

returned with identical

figures of 4/17.

lasted just 15.2 overs.



GEORGETOWN (GUYANA), Jun 8 (Agencies): Skipper Rashid Khan and inform left arm pacer Fazalhaq Farooqi grabbed four wickets each as Afghanistan stunned New Zealand by a whopping 84 runs in a Group C clash of the T20 World Cup here. Chasing a tricky 160 at the Providence Stadium

Riders, gave Afghanistan a splendid star in a 56-ball 80 after New Zealand chose to bowl. The opener smashed five sixes and as many fours as he along with Ibrahim Zadran (41-ball 44; 2x6, 3x4) put on 103 for the first wicket in 14.3 overs.

But however they could not finish well as Trent Boult (2/22) and Matt Henry (2/37) restricted them to 159 for six.

Brief Scores

Afghanistan 159/6; 20 overs (Rahmanullah Gurbaz 80, Ibrahim Zadran 44; Trent Boult 2/22, Matt Henry 2/37) beat New Zealand 75; 15.2 overs (Rashid Khan 4/17, Fazalhaq Farooqi 4/17).

LOCAL

SPPND GDC Samba, FCI Jammu sign MOU to bolster academic excellence

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SAMBA, June 8: Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College (SPPND GDC) Samba and Food Craft Institute (FCI), Jammu have formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to bolster academic excellence and skill development opportunities for students.

The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of SPPND GDC, Sambaand Prof. Jyoti Bhatii, Principal of FCI, in a ceremony held at the premises of SPPND GDC, Samba.

The collaboration between these institutions aims to facilitate a range of initiatives including outcome-based training, internship programs, faculty exchange programs, student exchange



to excel in their chosen

Principal of SPPND

GDC, Samba, expressed

fields

programs, placement services and related academic services By combining the strengths and resources of both institutions, this partnership seeks to provide students with a holistic educational

experience that equips

them with the skills and

knowledge necessary

her enthusiasm about the education and training collaboration, stating, provided to our students, "This partnership sigultimately preparing them for successful careers in nifies our commitment to nurturing talent and their respective fields." providing our students Prof. Jyoti Bhatii, Princiwith the best possible pal of FCI, echoed similar opportunities for acasentiments, emphasiz-

ing the importance of academic collaboration in shaping the future workforce that is wellprepared to meet the challenges of a dynamic global economy.

The signing ceremony was attended by several witnesses from both institutions. Representing SPPND GDC, Samba were Co-convener IQAC, Convener Skill, Convener Academic Affairs, and HOD Home Science. From FCI, witnesses included the FCI Placement Coordinator and FCI Academic Coordinator With the signing of this MoU, SPPND GDC,

Samba, and FCI embark on a journey of collaboration aimed at fostering academic excellence, skill development and industry readiness among students.

Shiv Sena demands to announce dates for assembly elections

BJP is sure to be wiped out, Kashmir has given indications: Sahni

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JAMMU, June 8: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has demanded the Election Commission to go beyond verbal claims and announce the dates for the Assembly elections in Jammu-Kashmir

In a press conference held today at the Jammu State Central Office, state chief Manish Sahni said that the results of the Lok Sabha elections have been announced and the Central Government is going to be formed on 9 June.

appealed for He the restoration of the democratic process in Jammu-Kashmir. Sahni said that the Election Commission should go



beyond its verbal claims and announce the elections before the deadline issued by the Supreme Court for the dates of the Assembly elections. Sahni said that in the Lok Sabha elections.

the people of Kashmir have completely rejected the BJP and the parties contesting the elections under its patronage. Sahni said that as per

the instructions of the party high command, Shiv Sena (UBT) will field its candidates for the first time in the assembly elections of Jammu and Kashmir with the resolve to fulfil public aspirations and restore the rights of the local people.

On the occasion General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, President Kamghar Wing Raj Singh were present.

YNC nominates Tej Pal Singh as Ward President 58 Dashmesh Nagar

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JAMMU, June 8: Tejinder Pal Singh (Aman) District President YNC Jammu Urban today nominated Sardar Tej Pal Singh as Ward President YNC 58 Dashmesh nagar Digiana Jammu at Sher I Kashmir Bhavan Jammu. With the recommendation of the Ajaz Jan Provincial President YNC Jammu Province and former MLA.

On this occasion Tejinder Pal Singh District President Jammu Urban Youth JKNC, said that BJP has befooled the people with its hollow promises and now the people of Jammu and Kashmir have today realize that they have been totally betraved by the saffron party. He said that



the people across the state are being made to suffer in absence of basic amenities for no fault of theirs. He appealed to the YNC cadre to hold meetings in all the wards District Jammu Urban to prepare upcoming assembly elections.

On this occasion Nitish Gowsami and Muzamil Malik Provincial Secretaries Jammu highlighted the detrimental impact of the BJP regime on

the youth, stressing the urgent need for transfor-

mative change. Those who were present on this occasion. Sarshad Natnoo Zonal President Youth Chenab Valley, Yasir Ahsan Vice President District Jammu Urban YNC, Amit Sharma Joint Secretary District Jammu Urban YNC, Manpreet Singh, Rajesh Sharma, Manjeet Singh, Dalbir Singh, and others

IETE Jammu Sub Centre holds Annual General Meeting

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demic and professional

growth. Through collabo-

ration with FCI, we aim

to enhance the quality of

JAMMU, June 8: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE), Jammu Sub Centre, was successfully held on Saturday. Dr. Vijay Sharma, the Hon. Secretary, welcomed and expressed gratitude to the members for their participation. The meeting proceeded with discussions on various agenda points, all of which were resolved. The financial statement and activity report for the year 2023-2024 received approval during the AGM.

Joy Ganjoo, Chairman of IETE Jammu Sub Centre, highlighted the significance and achievements of the sub-centre for the year 2023-2024. He emphasized the



sub-centre's active role in organizing technical workshops, seminars, and expert lectures, benefiting the student community at various colleges including MAM College Jammu, Govt. Degree College Akhnoor, and Govt. Polytechnic College Vikram Chowk Jammu. These events witnessed significant participation from students, particularly those

from remote areas, and participation certificates were distributed

During the AGM, two senior members, Col. Charan Dass Manotra and Group Capt. S.P Sharma, were felicitated. The meeting also observed a minute of silence in memory of Lt. Jagdish Chander Bharti (Retd. KAS), the father of Prof. Pawnesh Abrol (Former H.O.D CS/IT

JU). The election of office bearers for the Jammu Sub Centre for the term 2024-2026 was conducted under the observation of Umesh Tiwari, an observer appointed by H.Q. IETE, New Delhi, The new office bearers elected unanimously are Dr. Vijay Sharma (Chairman), former Technical Officer at Doordarshan and current Hon. Sec-

retary of IETE Jammu Sub Centre; Dr. Radhika Khanna (Hon. Secretary), former Assistant Professor at MIET College Jammu and current Treasurer, with a Ph.D. in Electronics from the University of Jammu; and Er. Tinny Sawhany (Hon. Treasurer), currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Electronics from the University of Jammu.

Dr. Vijay Sharma thanked the participants and Dr. Umesh Tiwari for their support and active participation, ensuring a smooth election process. Among the prominent attendees were Prof. Pawnesh Abrol (Former H.O.D CS/IT JU), Maj. Gen. S.K. Sharma (Retd., AVSM, FIETE), Prof. Praveen Lehna (Former HOD, Electronics Dept.), Prof. Rakesh Vaid (Dept. of Electronics, JU), and Dr. Suresh Rao (JU).

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CHANDIGARH/ JAMMU, June 8: Nissan Motor India on Saturday announced the upcoming Nissan 'Weekend Carnival', set to take place on June 8-9, and June 15-16, 2024 across its dealership network in India. The carnival aims to bring together the valued Magnite customers, both current and prospective, for an unforgettable experience full of excitement and exclusive offers.

During the Carnival, the guests will experience a vibrant atmosphere with special gifts upon arrival, exclusive gifts or accessories upon bookings, including some exciting deals for GEZA SE models. A few of the lucky visitors also stand a chance to win discounts/ accessories with daily lucky draws.

Families are invited to partake in the engaging activities tailored for children, including color-

ing competitions. Every child accompanied by their parents will receive a special gift, ensuring a festive ambiance for

everyone. As part of the brand's ongoing commitment to enhance customer satisfaction, Nissan also introduces the NMIPL Loyalty Program, designed to reward its loval customers. Eligible customers, including Nissan and Datsun car owners across all variants except MT XE & AMT XE, can avail themselves of benefits up to INR 1,35,100. These benefits encompass special exchange and loyalty offers, a 3-Year Pre-Paid Maintenance Program, exclusive finance options, and more. Nissan Motor India extends a warm invitation

to families and individuals alike for a weekend filled with fun, exceptional offers, and moments that will forge unforgettable memories at its dealerships nationwide.

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JAMMU, June 8: Students, staff and management of Aryans Group of Colleges today celebrated the 18th Foundation Day. On the occasion, total scholarship of Rs.18 Crores was announced by Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh for needy & deserving students in various courses at Aryans. On the occasion various activities were organized at Aryans Campus and Chandigarh.

Representatives of various educational association across nation were special guest including Syed Shameel Ahmed, National President, Private School Association & Child Welfare: GN War, Jammu & Kashmir; Farzana Shakeel, Uttar Pradesh; Abhijit Benerjee, Uttar Pradesh; Rama Chandar Nayar, Kerala; Fozia Khan, Bihar; Javed Khan, Uttar Pradesh etc. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group while addressing that scholarship is available in different courses like B.Tech, Pharma, Law, Paramedical, Physiotherapy, MBA,



BBA, BCA, Polytechnic etc. Students who are interested in getting scholarship can contact on free helpline 098762-99888, 098765-99888, or log on to www.aryans.edu.in for more information. He added that more said

that under this model, partial scholarship will be doled out purely on merit basis. A part of the scholarship will be paid by Aryans Group of Colleges, a part will be paid by a bank as education loan and the remaining part will be borne by the students. Established in 2007, the Group is running 8 different colleges including Aryans College of Engineering, Aryans Business School, Aryans Institute of Management & Technology, Aryans College of Education, Aryans Institute of Nursing, Aryans Degree College, Aryans

College of Law & Aryans College of Pharmacy. The organization is committed to provide high quality education to its students. It is to be mentioned that Aryans celebrates the birthday of Rajni Kataria (Co-founder), beloved mother of Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman & Dr. Parveen Kataria, Director General of Aryans Group as the Foundation Day every year. While celebrating 18th foundation day, to encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence, Aryans group also honoured around top

40 performers with the Appreciation Awards for their excellent commitment to student achievement and contributions in their respective fields. As part of their recognition,

each honoree received

an Appreciation certificate

with other various prizes.

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JAMMU, June 8: Sunil Dimple, president of Mission Statehood, issued a press statement demanding that the Modi-led NDA alliance and the Congressled INDIA bloc hold a debate in Parliament on the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A, which removed the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dimple insisted on the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood before the assembly elections.

Dimple highlighted that while leaders like Nitish Kumar and Chandra Babu Naidu are demanding and receiving special status, Jammu and Kashmir's special status was revoked by the BJP. He called for a parliamentary debate on the BJP's constitutional decisions made on August 5, 2019, which he claimed were detrimental to Jammu and Kashmir's identity, culture, demography, and history.



immediate restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood before the assembly elections, including the Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC) state subject and the implementation of the Instrument of Accession conditions signed by Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh with India. Dimple urged the INDIA bloc to pressure the NDA government for this debate. With the Election Commission of India expected to announce the dates for the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections soon, and the model code of conduct likely to be enforced, Dimple emphasized the need to restore statehood promptly. He warned of intensifying their struggle to protect Jammu and Kashmir's demography and reverse the BJP's decisions from August 5, 2019.

He stated that the new government formed in the state assembly would pass a resolution to overturn these decisions.

Dimple welcomed the Election Commission's steps to hold the assembly elections soon but criticized the BJP for failing to meet the expectations of the people in Jammu and Kashmir and across the country.

He demanded the immediate announcement of the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections schedule by the Chief Election Commission of India.

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