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ENTERTAINMENT

The Archies actor Mihir Ahuja I don't mind doing another project with...



Delhi Minister Atishi seeks emergency meet with Lt **Governor over water crisis**

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BRIEFLY

Govt modifies holidays on account on **Guru Arjun Dev Ji's** Martyrdom Day, Guru Hargobind Ji's birthday

JAMMU, Jun 9 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government has revised the holiday schedule, declaring a restricted holiday on June 10, 2024, for the Martyrs Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, previously observed on June 16. Additionally, the public holiday for the Birthday of Guru Hargobind Ji has been moved to June 22, 2024, instead of the initially scheduled July 5.

Man dies of electric shock in Sopore

SRINAGAR, Jun 9 (Agencies): A man in his 30's was electrocuted to death after receiving an electric shock at his home in Zaingeer village in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, official said here on Sunday morning.

Sadhus reach Jammu ahead of annual Amarnath Yatra

JAMMU, Jun 9 (Agencies): The famous Ram Mandir in the old city reverberates with chants in praise of Lord Shiva as Sadhus from across the country have started reaching here to take part in the annual yatra to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas.

Click here to connect with us on WhatsApp The 52-day pilgrim-

Anantnag and the 14 km shorter but steep Baltal age will commence from route in Ganderbal — on the twin tracks --the June 29. A day ahead, traditional 48 km Nunthe first batch of pilgrims wan-Pahalgam route in will leave Jammu's



Bhagwati Nagar base camp and Ram Mandir for the valley.

The shrine houses the naturally formed icelakh pilgrims paid their obeisance at the 3,880 meter high shrine last vear.

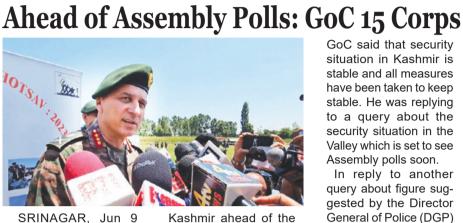
Ram Mandir in the Purani Mandi area of Jammu, the city of temples, hosts the Sadhus and Sadhvis at its sprawling complex with the government departments lending their support to ensure various facilities including onthe-spot registration for yatra for the visitors.

Mahant Rameshwar

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The temple head

Dass said all necessary **Turn to page 9**



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found on Greek island

Body believed to be missing

TV presenter Michael Moslev

Security situation stable in Kashmir

upcoming Assembly

polls slated for Septem-

Talking to reporters on

the side-lines of felicita-

tion ceremony of Kargil

War veterans at Gener-

al Bipin Rawat stadium

at Baramulla here, the

ber this year.

INTERNATIONAL

SRINAGAR, Jun 9 (Agencies): General officer Commanding (GoC) of Srinagar-based army's 15 Corps, Lieutenant Governor Rajiv Ghai Sunday said that all measures have been taken to keep the security situation stable in GoC said that security situation in Kashmir is stable and all measures have been taken to keep stable. He was replying to a query about the security situation in the Valley which is set to see Assembly polls soon.

In reply to another query about figure suggested by the Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain on Saturday that 70 to 80 foreign terrorists were active in J&K and the focus of terrorism has shifted from resident to foreign, the GoC said: "Numbers suggested by DGP is a

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Jammu Jeweller crafted lotus flower in silver | PDP leader Sartaj Madni's for Modi on becoming PM for third term

shivlingam and over 4.5

JAMMU, Jun 9 (Agencies): A jeweller from Jammu affiliated with BJP has crafted a 3-kg lotus flower - the symbol of the party - in pure silver as a gift for Prime Minister designate Narendra Modi on assuming office for the third term on Sunday.

Rinku Chauhan, a resident of Muthi village on the outskirts of Jammu, said the idea to present the unique gift to Modi came to his mind after the BJP government fulfilled its promise of revoking Article 370 that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019 and constructed Ram temple in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya.



ally crafted the Lotus cial candidate in Urban

"The abrogation of Article 370 ended stonepelting and helped in restoring peace in Kashmir. The construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya was pending for the last 500 years," he said. Displaying the wellframed gift, he said he

used all his experience and "my soul rests in it. I hope Modi will like this gift as he is like a god to me."

His wife Anjali Chauhan said they are eagerly waiting for the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister to hand over this gift to him. Meanwhile, a group of Yoga enthusiasts performed their routine morning exercise at Mubarak Mandi in the old city with special prayers for Modi for the Turn to page 9

son dies of heart attack



SRINAGAR, Jun 9 (Agencies): Senior PDP leader Sartaj Madni's son passed away on Sunday after suffering a heart attack at his resi-

NCLT allows insolvency against "Pains me to write himalayan this. We lost Aroot Madni - Sartaj sahab's mineral son who passed away due to a heart attack water on earlier today. No words **J&K Bank's** can suffice for how we all feel. We raised him Plea like a son & will miss NEW DELHI, Jun 9 him terribly. This aching void can never be filled,"

(Agencies): The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has directed initiating insolvency proceedings against Himalayan Mineral & saddened to hear Waters, allowing Jammu about the death of Aroot & Kashmir Bank's plea

LeeL Electricals.

for default of a corpo-

rate guarantee given for

The Allahabad bench

of NCLT has also

appointed Bhoopesh

Gupta as the interim

resolution professional

(IRP) for this Dehradun-

based firm's Corporate

Ishfaq Ahmad Gojree (31), son of Ghulam Mohammad Gojree, a resident of Harwan Bomai, an auto driver by profession received electric shock at his home during night hours, official told. He said the Gojree was shifted to Sub District Hospital (SDH) Sopore, however, doctors who attended him declared him as brought dead.

Meanwhile police have taken cognizance of the incident and started further investigation in this regard.

"The body has been handed over to the family for the last rites. following medico legal formalities, official added.

Vitamin D not a screening test, need not be routinely checked:

Doctors

NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): Vitamin D is not a screening test, and there is no need to regularly test for the essential vitamin good for bones and heart, said doctors on Saturday, amid new guidelines by the US Endocrine Society. Also known as the sunshine vitamin, it is a fat-soluble vitamin that exists in two main forms: D-2 and D-3. It is an essential micronutrient important

"It took me 15 to 20 days to prepare this gift for our beloved prime

flower in sliver and am waiting to present it to him," Chauhan, spokesperson of the party's youth wing Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), said at his residence.

He was expelled by the party in 2018 for supporting an independent candidate - his wife -

Local bodies elections. However, his expulsion was revoked within a few weeks.

Chauhan, who is affiliated with BJP for the past nearly two decades, said he was confident of Modi's return for the third term, given his good work and popularity across the country.

dence in south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

Reports said that Aroot Madni, 39, was found unconscious when his family members went to wake him up today morning

He was rushed to a hospital where doctors declared him dead on arrival

Madani, son of senior PDP leader Sartaj Madani. All deaths are untimely but to pass away suddenly in one's 30s is especially tragic. I send my condolences to Sartaj Sb & his extended family including Mehbooba Mufti Sahiba & her family," posted Omar on X.

Mehbooba Mufti wrote

ilayhi raji'un. Shocked

"Inna Lillahi wa inna

on X.

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> **Contact: MBA Motors** 9086207123

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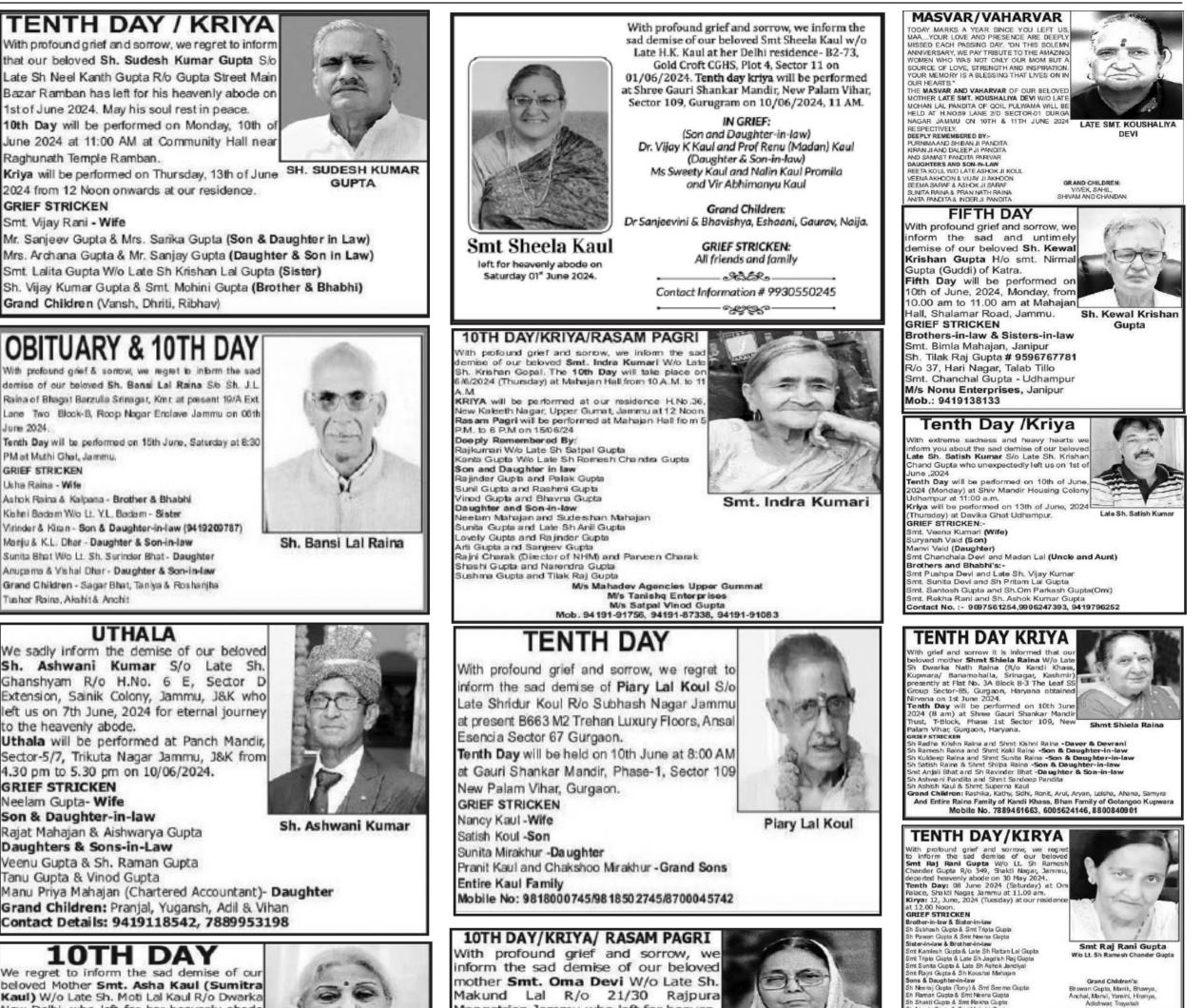
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OBITUARIES

Top News of J&K Jammu, Sunday, June 09, 2024



Raina of Bhagat Barzula Srinagar, Kmr at present 19/A Ext. Lane Two Block-B. Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu on 06th June 2024. Tenth Day will be performed on 15th June, Saturday at 8:30 PM at Muthi Ghat, Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN Usha Raina - Wife Ashok Raina & Kalpana - Brother & Bhabhi Kishni Badam Wo Lt. Y.L. Badam - Sister Virinder & Kiran - Son & Daughter-in-law (9419209787) Marju & K.L. Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law Sunita Bhat Wo Lt. Sh. Surinder Bhat - Daughter Anupama & Vishal Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law

Tusher Raina, Akshit& Anchit

Sh. Ashwani Kumar S/o Late Sh. Ghanshyam R/o H.No. 6 E, Sector D Extension, Sainik Colony, Jammu, J&K who eft us on 7th June, 2024 for eternal journey to the heavenly abode. Uthala will be performed at Panch Mandir, Sector-5/7, Trikuta Nagar Jammu, J&K from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm on 10/06/2024. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Son & Daughter-in-law Rajat Mahajan & Aishwarya Gupta Daughters & Sons-in-Law

Veenu Gupta & Sh. Raman Gupta Tanu Gupta & Vinod Gupta Manu Priya Mahajan (Chartered Accountant)- Daughter Grand Children: Pranjal, Yugansh, Adil & Vihan Contact Details: 9419118542, 7889953198

We regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother Smt. Asha Kaul (Sumitra Kaul) W/o Late Sh. Moti Lal Kaul R/o Dwarka New Delhi, who left for her heavenly abode on 01.06.2024. 10TH DAY will be performed on 10.06.2024. We all

pray for Moksha of the pious departed soul.

Makund Lal R/o 21/30 Rajpura Mangotrian Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 30th May, 2024. TENTH DAY will be performed on 8th

Son & Dang Herkin-Haw Shi Neeraj Qupta (Smr) & Smri Seema Gupta Shi Azang Qupta (Smr) & Smri Seema Gupta Shi Shakan Gupta & Smri Nekra Cupta Shi Akana Gupta & Smri Makahi Cupta Shi Akana Gupta & Smri Anchal Gupta Shi Vana Qupta **10TH DAY KRIYA**



Vasudha and Rakesh Malik

Vandana Kaul

(Mobile No. 9810189691)

Smt. Asha Kaul (Sumitra 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

TENTH DAY/KRIYA KARAM

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Ram Chand S/o Nikka Ram R/o Daskal who left for heavenly abode on (Sunday) 02-06-2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on (Tuesday) 11-06-2024 at Amar Banquet Hall, Daskal Akhnoor.

SATSANG at 12:00 PM. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Wife- Smt. Krishana Devi Sons & Daughter-in-laws Sh. Pritam Chand & Smt. Pinki Devi

Sh. Ashok Kumar & Smt. Asha Devi Sh. Vijay Kumar & Smt. Santosh Devi Son-in-law & Daughter

1944-2024 LATE SH. RAM CHAND (Ex. Naib Subedar Retd)

Sh.Krishan Lal & Smt. Rekha Devi CONTACT NO: 9906108347, 9419125719, 8082854868

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 Nagaç 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



June 2024 (Saturday) at our residence at 11 AM.

KIRYA will be performed on 9th June 2024 (Sunday) at our residence at 12

Noon onwards.

SMT. OMA DEVI

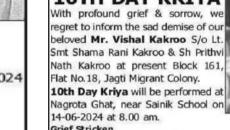
UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI will be held on 10th June 2024 (Monday) at Hari Mandir Rehari Colony Jammu at 5-6 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Sanjay Sharma & Anju Bala - Son and Daughter-in-law Sanjeev Sharma & Sanjeevan Jyoti - Son-In-law & Daughter Deepak Sharma & Amar Jyoti- Son-in-law & Daughter MOB: 9419110061, 9419131821

OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved (Sh. Kanaya Lal Pandita) S/o Lt. Sh. Neel Kant Pandita original resident of village Shergund, Ananthag Kashmir, A/P Block No 89, Flat No. 06, Lane No. 18, Jagti, Nagrota, Jammu on 02/06/2024. Mourning will be held at community hall, back side of Lan 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)

Sh. Kanaya Lal Pandita





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

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



TENTH DAY KRIYA

We inform with heavy hearts and teary eyes, our beloved Sh Radha Krishan Saproo, son of Late Ram Chand Saproo, has embarked on his final journey at Chennai. (Tamil Nadu) on 4th June 2024. Born and raised in Bul Bul Lankar Srinagar, Kashmir and spent his recent years of Exile Life in Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu. Tenth Day Kriya will be Performed on 13th June 2024 at 7.30 AM at Chennai.



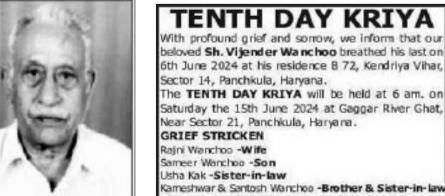
Sh Sumir Saproo and Smt Rekha Saproo (Son and Daughter-in-Law) Smt Viay Kumari Thusoo and Sh Opinder Krishen Thusoo (Daughter and Son-in-Law Smt Vimla Saproo Dhar and Sh Sanjay Dhar (Daughter and Son-in-Law) Grand Children: Subash Utkarsh, Sharan, Sushumuna, Sohum, Sukshum Extended Family and Friends.

Contact:- Sumir Saproo :- 9840042486

Grief Stricken: -

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ALL DEAR AND NEAR ONES.

beloved Sh. Vijender Wanchoo breathed his last on The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at 6 am. on

WANCHOO



SH. VIJENDER



Lalit & Neena Wanchoo -Brother & Sister-In-law Surinder & Bijal Mattoo -Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law

Sameer Wanchoo -Son Usha Kak -Sister-in-law Kameshwar & Santosh Wanchoo -Brother & Sister-in-law Krishna & Dilip Kaul -Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law

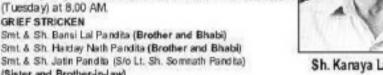


TENTH DAY KRIYA

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Lt. Smt. Probha & Sh. Janki North Raina Smt & Sh. Ashwani Pandita (Son) Smt & Sh. Rajnev Koul (Daughter) Smt & Sh. Vikas Koul (Daughter) and Samast Parivar Contact No: 9018091811, 8219494492, 8899524869, 7006014143

(Sister and Brother-in-law)



h. Sat Prakash Purohit Ji.

KRIYA will be performed on Monday, 10th

(Nittu Purohit)



LOCAL/ ADVT

Curative aspect of Yoga was organised at Chhanni Himmat

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 9: As a symbol of celebrations of the International Day of yoga, Vichar Kranti Manch International and Indian Yoga Association organised a program on yoga as a therapeutic aspect of yoga. Yoga acts both as a curative and preventive therapy. According to medical experts, yoga therapy is successful because of the balance created in the nervous and endocrine system, which directly influences all other systems and organs of the body. d

Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner, State Chairman Indian Yoga Association, and President Vichar Kranti Manch International explained why disorders/ toxins accumulate in the body. Certain basic internal as well as external causes



tes, Asthma Gas, Acidity,

Anaemia, Skin problems,

Heart diseases, Piles,

Obesity, Renal calcite,

Nervous Disability, Inso-

mania, were discussed

call,

of disorders accumulated and disease in the body. Some 11 points/ basic were discussed * Diet related irregulari-

ties * Shortage of fresh air. * Inadequate moments/ exercises * Suppressed wishes,

* Stress/ Tension, * Sleep deprivation,

Disobing nature's laws. * Dis proportion of five elements in the body.

* Obestructing nature's about. Some homemade medicines were also sug-Injustice against aested. body and Lethorgy. Narendra Wadhera, Yogasan Pranayam to President Evening Walkcure/ manage different ers Association, Sector diseases were demon-2 Trikuta Nagar and strated and discussed in Shri Rakesh Verma, details, that of high/low Yoga teacher & Direcblood pressure, Diabetor Cybertechdemonof yoga with Patanjali's Ashtang yoga with main focus on laughter yoga. Some exercises were also practiced. Sh Adarsh ji, Regional Coordinator and Preceptor of Heartfulness, explained in detail the benefits of meditation and its impact on physical, mental, and emotional levels. Bhai Kuldeep Ji from Brahma Kumaris Mission also talks about meditation with a poem concerning to go inside and introspection. Chandramohan

Sharma, General Secrectary VKMI, presented a vote of thanks. Program was supported by the office bearers of Shivalik Branch of Bharat Vikas Parishad, S/Sh HC Vaid, and Ashok Khajuria. S/ Sh Anil sadhotra, Jaipal Singh, Lavan Gulati, and Ashok Gupta from Shantikunj Haridwar associated with organising the event

SMVDU Faculty interacts with Kashmir University **Design Your Degree Team**



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JAMMU, June 9: The Design Your Degree (DYD) Faculty Team from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) recently engaged in a dynamic and insightful interaction with Faculty Mentors and Students from Kashmir University (KU). This collaborative session marks a significant step in advancing innovative educational practices under the national policy of NEP-2020. Key figures from Kashmir University Main Campus, including Prof. Khursheed Butt, Dean College Development Council; Prof. M. Tariq Banday, Director of IoT, Zakura; and Prof. Syeda Afshana, Academic Coordinator of DYD, were present alongside other faculty mentors. Representing SMVDU were Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, the Nodal Officer, accompanied by Team Members from 9 differ-

ent Schools namely, Dr. for real-time application of skills and knowledge. Sumeet Gupta, I/c Examination, Dr. Rashi Taggar, Both teams expressed Dr. Isha Malhotra. Dr. their gratitude to Prof. Meenakshi Gupta, Dr. Nilofer Khan, Hon'ble Sandeep Bhougal, Dr. Vice Chancellor, Kash-Mir Irfan ul-Haq, Dr. mir University, for facili-Madhu Mangal Chaturvetating this valuable and di, Dr. Pankaj Biswas and insightful interaction. The Dr. Sudesh Kumar. The team was motivated by SMVDU Vice Chancel-KU team highlighted the unique features of their lor Prof. Pragati Kumar, DYD program, which who believes that these emphasize enhanced interactions are part of student engagement, a meticulous preparainterdisciplinary learntion for the launch of ing, practical skill devel-SMVDU's own fouropment, and adaptabilyear DYD program from the Academic Session ity. This program spans 2024-25 onwards. Applieight semesters, employing a unique pedagogy cations are now open for that replaces traditional this innovative Bachelor's exams with continuous program, which aims to project-based assessprovide students with the ments. Students during opportunity to explore their face-to-face intertheir talents and make action expressed their a societal impact. The satisfaction with the proprogram promises holisgram, noting increased tic development through enthusiasm and influence exposure to diverse fields among peers to join the of Engineering, Sciences, Humanities and maninitiative. They shared their excitement about agement while providing the continuous assesshands-on training and multiple exit options. ment model, which allows

Army organise awareness lecture on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' at Reasi



Top News Report

REASI, June 9: Gender parity in terms of survival and education is essential to equitable economic development and a cornerstone for ensuring basic human rights. Woman constitute almost half of the population of the world. Education for a woman is the best way to improve the health, nutrition and economic status of a household that constitute a micro unit of a nation economy. The importance of women in overall development of the society and in taking country to future glory cannot be ruled out. Indian Army in its efforts to generate awareness about Government welfare schemes intended for girls, organised a lecture on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' at Govt Higher Secondary

Fire incident at Rani Temple Gulmarg Widely condemned

streted Yogasans Sh

Ashok Gupta, Vice presi-

dent VKMI and Founder

Chairman Trustee of Sarv

Uthan Trust, explained

about the significance



Top News Report SRINAGAR, June 9The recent Fire incident at world famous Rani Temple at Gulmarag in Kashmir and undesired triffle between two neighing any official statement regarding the settlement of issue which is learned to have been sorted out amicably between two neighbours, Instead of visiting there on the ground or deputing any

responsible officer on

spot, District Head autho-

body to issue a public

statement and sort out

the issue hence thereby

showed the sheer neg-

ligence on his assigned

and bounden duty as a

custodian of Migrants

under immovable migrant

The speakers also in

one voice expressed

that District Administra-

tion should have come

to the forefront keeping

in view the sensitivity of

the situation, and it was

questioned and criticized

by the speakers in the

meeting and impressed

upon Dy.commissoner

Anantang to take migrant

issues with seriousness

with utmost sensitiv-

ity and priority for which

migrants of the District

have expressed complete

This meet was organ-

ised by . M K Yogi Senior

Community leader which

was attended by Sh.

Moti Lal Malla, BJP KDD

Mandal President, B. L

Raina, and his Team,

M.K.Bangroo, Vinod Pan-

Sundari Lal Koul from

PNBMT, P L Swadeshi,

President ADKUF, Ex.

Sarpanch Manoj Kumar,

dita, Vishal Jotshi,

disappointment.

property Act 1997.

Durga Nagar- Dogra Nagar welfare committee coordinator's. B L Raina. M K Razdan and Sanjay Gunjoo,

Social Activist, Mr. Razdan, an eminent personality Sharda Nandan

brought together enthutory related to Dhanidhar siastic youth from three Fort. Seeing the sacrificschools and resident es made by our ancesyouth of Rajouri to wittors in defending Rajouri and its rich heritage. ness the grand and glorious history and culture motivated the youth and of Rajouri including hisyoung children of Rajouri.

focusing on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' were also briefed to the attendees. To further motivate the audience, the achievements of popular women from India, who have left an indelible mark on the world arena was also highlighted. The awareness drive encouraged the students to strive for excellence to become independent and confident members of the society.

School Chakalsalta. The

emphasis of the lecture

was to understand the

importance of women

and providing the oppor-

tunities and equal rights

to them not only in terms

of career growth but also

in personality building.

The overall growth of

the society is equal to

the opportunities pro-

vided to the women.

Various programmers of

Army organised Awareness Lecture on Happy and Healthy Citizen through Yoga at Poonch



Top News Report

POONCH, June 9: Yoga is a practice involving physical, mental and spiritual self. It was a discipline that originated in ancient India and was aimed at instilling peace of mind and body with concentration, meditation posture and breathing. India Army organized 'Yoga : Happy and Healthy Citizen' for spreading awareness amongst young generation as well as resident populace regarding importance of Yoga in one's life to remain healthy at Behramgala. The Yoga session was aimed to help the civil population increase routine mental and physical energy, so as to boost alertness and enthusiasm, and curtail negative feelings after getting in to a routine of practicing yoga. Indian Army demonstrated certain Yoga exercises to the gathering to imbibe them in their daily routine to remain healthy. A lecture emphasized on importance of good eating habits, balanced diet plan, maintaining personnel hygiene & increasing happiness quotient amongst people and youth was also delivered to the attendees of the event.

the Central Government bours belonging to different religious faiths over a piece of land in Verinag Area in District Anantnag Kashmir was widely condemned in one voice by entire Kashmiri Pandit Community living in. Exile in Jammu and other parts of the country.

These incidents were described unfortunate and infelicitous at a time when Yatra time in Kashmir and tourist season is at peak.

In a Press Statement issued today by Senior kashmir Pandit leader M.K.Yogi who said that an emergent meeting of Kashmiri Pandits was held in this connection at Durga Nagar Jammu today which was attended by large number of intellectuals, scholars, civil society members, socio Political activists, heads of many social and political organization and philanthropists of Kashmir Pandits community in which all the speakers termed such incidents as most painful and shock-

The speakers also described the role of whole District Administration of Anantnag as surprising, astonishing and jolting for not issu-

ing.

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BMW 520D, Model 2011, Chandigarh No with Jammu N.O.C for sale, Non Accidental, Full Insured @8,50,000/-, Diesel, Average around 20 KM on Highway. Mercedes Benz E-250, Model 2012, Jammu No for sale, Non Accidental, Insured @ 6,50,000/-, Diesel, Average around 20 KM on Highway. BMW X1, Model 2012, , Jammu No for sale, Non Accidental, Insured @ 7,50,000/-, Diesel, Average around 20 KM on Highway. All are in excellent conditions. Contact: MBA Motors 9086207123

Bhat and representatives of ASKPC. rised local Religious

MK Yogi in his address appealed His Excellency Lt. Governor to take all preventive measures for the safeguard of temples, Shrines and the life and property of Kashmiri Pandits across the valley. He expressed gratitude to Hon'ble Lt.Governor J&K for ensuring the smooth conduct of coming Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra. How ever he appealed concerned officers of Yatra especially Relief Commissioner Migrants J&K, D.C.Relief and other officers to ensure coordinate the Yatra in order make this voyage a historical one.

He also appealed Lt.Governor to issue afresh directions Dy.commissioner Anantang for addressing the such issues and other minor migrant land issues on priority basis by make all Tehsildars at Tehsil Level accountable for any non compliance or non seriousness in migrant grievances. Yogi also laid stress for passage of the Temples and Shrines Bill forthwith which has now become the need of the hour

of Rajouri, 'Remembering our War Heroes' and 'Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. This event highlighted the glorious past and rich heritage of Rajouri. It

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RAJOURI, June 9:

As a prelude & run-up

to Rajouri Day Celebra-

tions, a Light and Sound

Show was organised at

Dhanidhar Fort, Rajouri,

under the aegis of Indian

Army. The theme of the

event was glorious legacy



Pre-Rajouri Day celebrations at Dhanidhar Fort

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION CHENANI

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. 09 of 2024-25Dated 06.06.2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contrac -tor	Head of Account
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
1	CONST. OF BOYS AND GIRLS TOILET AT HIGH SCHOOL LATTI GHARAT ZONE DUDU.	4.09	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	60 Days	"D"	SAMAGRA
2	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL OF PRIMARY SCHOOL NADANI SER.	6.5	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	60 Days	"C/D"	SAMAGRA
3	CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD FROM NH- 44 TO CHABBA MOHALLA WARD NO. 04 AT VILLAGE NARSOO.	2.02	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	30 Days	"D"	"State Sector"

Position of AAA:-Accorded Position of T.S:-Accorded Position of Funds:-Available

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website http://jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06-06-2024			
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06-06-2024 to 21-06-2024 1800 Hrs			
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting.				
4	Bid submission Start Date	06-06-2024 from 1800 Hrs			
5	Bid Submission End Date	21-06-2024 up to 1800 Hrs			
б	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	22-06-2024 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Chenani.			
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.			
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EDITORIAL

RESPONDING TO TERROR

ndia has also suffered greatly due to terrorism over many years as have Pakistan and the Middle East. Repeated attacks have caused a certain numbness in the human psyche in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places.

When such incidents happen, we hear a lot of cosmetic condemnation and diplomatic sympathy. We need to go into the root cause of the mind-set – the source of funding and the arms supply. When an inhuman act is committed with a misplaced religious sanctity and pride, then common sense, reason and dialogue do not find place at all. Any military action only makes things worse and results in the regrouping of the ideology. We have seen this over and over again.

If a society has to live in fear all the time, it does not speak well of the century we are in. Where have we gone wrong? Who can take action? Many such questions arise and remain unanswered.

Are the religious leaders, at least, at this point ready to take up responsibility? Can they risk their position and lives to speak up against such ideologies that do not respect life? Will the government ban the arms lobby and check the funding that goes into terror groups? Will the world ever move towards a common goal where there is justice, where compassion and brotherhood reign as life's central philosophy? Can diversity be celebrated instead of tolerated? Can our education system promote reason over blind faith?

A zillion such questions float only to leave the common man more frustrated and depressed. There are some who turn a blind eye towards any such happening and switch over to entertainment channels while others are numb watching violent movies. In this world we do see many heroes amongst commoners who come along to help and bring a ray of hope, and are also committed to uplift the mood of the society. Theses common heroes are a boon; they are the real Spiritual Beings.

By: Vijay GarG

"n a country obsessed with the prefix of an engineer, it is Lalmost imperative for the parents to dream of their kids being one. In junior classes, you will get to hear all sorts of dreams from the kids. You will come across wannabe pilots, art teachers, tango dancers, and photographers. But once they reach their junior college level, you will be amazed to find them rushing to some coaching institutes for preparing IIT Joint Entrance Exam. What is such a rush all about? Why not follow your passion than to be a part of the rat-race?

But then there are students who are really passionate about getting into the premier engineering colleges and graduating from there. Many youngsters dream of creating their own unique identity in the engineering fields. The vast opportunities offered today are unparalleled. The advanced IT training prepares a student to be a torch-bearer in the IT revolution. Today graduates from Indian Institute of Technology's and several Indian engineering colleges are holding top positions in Google, Microsoft, and several IT giants. Every now and then, we come across some architectural marvels around the world. Just imagine the pride associated with the architects of Burj Khalifa! There are many students who want to share this pride and prestige. IITs allow students to bring these dreams to reality. The high quality of faculty and exposure is unparalleled. IITs were established with the motto of promoting industrial development in war-torn India. Over the subsequent years, they grew in number as well as student capacity. They began to attract the attention of companies all over the world.

institutions. But this is also a sad reality that the seats are limited in IITs. So, when the not so lucky kids fail to clear JEE, they begin to lose hope as if their world has ended. Come on kids! The world is full of opportunities. Do you think Mark Zuckerberg needed a degree from MIT to create Facebook? He had passion and he followed his dreams. He did not get bogged down by the academic requirements. And he won!

Obviously, the youngsters found

themselves attracted towards these

So, when you realize that you failed to clear IIT Joint Entrance Exam, spare few moments and

introspect. Try to find your real calling. And if you realize that engineering is not the one, then work towards your real calling. You can appear in entrance exams for NIFT, NID, law colleges, CA, CS, allied medical fields like biomedical engineering, lab technicians and so on. If you are really into computers, you can consider doing BCA and MCA. As a matter of fact, people with MCA are paid the same as engineering graduates. And if you are passionate about being an engineer, then look at the other engineering colleges. We have got several National Institute of Technology's that offer equally good education and environment. You will get an equal number of opportunities there. And always remember, it is the talent that matters. Try to exhaust all the opportunities provided to you in these NITs. When you work really hard and smart, you are bound to succeed.

Along with the NITs, we have got a number of Indian Institute of Information Technology's, BITS Pilani, BIT Mesra, SPAs and state engineering colleges. There are a number of private engineering colleges also that are well-reputed and boast of the rich faculty and alumni. You will be surprised to know that the Google CEO Satya Nadella is not an IITian but alumni of Manipal Institute of Technology. What I want to convey here is when Satya would have failed in IIT entrance exam, he too would have been unhappy. But he did not let that failure stop him from achieving his dreams. He worked hard in the college and let the fire to succeed be in him forever. Today he might be the CEO of the biggest IT firm, but he did start modestly. So, when you too fail to clear IIT, take it as a chance to work harder. You have nothing to lose but everything to gain. Work on your weakness and hone your strong points. You have 4 years of the engineering course to make a concrete road towards your success. Utilize the chance.

Was Sir Jagdish Chandra Bose having an IIT degree? No! IITs were not even established in his time. He graduated from the University of Calcutta. But it was his endeavour and efforts that made him one of the greatest scientists of all times. Having an IIT badge is not everything. But having the persistence to excel does matter.

And who can forget our own missile man, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam! Even he wasn't an IITian. He did

What if not IIT? to find your real neering college and went on to be the soul of India's missile mission

the soul of India's missile mission. But then he did work hard. And only that matters at the end. We are not saying that the IITs are bad but we are emphasizing that IITs are not the end of the world.

If you wish to get into the field of architecture, always appear for NATA. This will give you chances to apply in premiere architecture colleges of India. School of planning and architecture are spread all over the country. These are the ones that are the most sought after by future architects. If you find yourself more inclined towards building structures with an aesthetic sense, then studying the architecture should be your call. Ou can even pursue your career in interior designing. They have a huge demand these days. We have buildings all around us and at the same time, we are facing space crunch. A good interior designer knows how to utilize the maximum space. You must have seen the craze for space saving furniture. So, when people or organizations get a new building, they consult an interior designer in order to make their home/office look presentable and comfortable. Most construction and architecture firms hire interior designers who work in sync with the architects.

Along with all these options, you should really give it a nice long thought if you really want to be an engineer? Talk to your seniors, teachers or friends. We need to accept that Indian parents can't see anything beyond medical and engineering streams while the world is bubbling with opportunities. There are a number of websites that offer career advice. Interact with them. They deal with hundreds of students every day and have a good experience. They can suggest you a better career option to suit your personality and needs. They also have a good knowledge of colleges and their fees along with the placement

opportunities. If you are taking admission in some private engineering college, always inquire about the placement. There are tech colleges growing like mushrooms in our country. Majority of them don't even have a permanent faculty, let alone proper infrastructure. Graduates from these colleges face problems in getting jobs. Also, many colleges don't even have proper affiliations. They may have big hoardings on the prominent locations but that does not mean that they are recogabout IIPM in New Delhi. It gets front page news and big events every now and then. Just check the UGC website. You will be shocked to know that this high profile institute comes under the fake university category. You may get a job but you will never be counted as a graduate. If you wish to appear for government services or UPSC exams, you will not be eligible. So never go after the advertisements, do a proper background search before joining any college.

If your economic status allows, you can go for engineering abroad. Many countries are known for their quality yet affordable education. You will get a global exposure there. You can learn the engineering techniques there and utilize them back home. But this option is strictly based on your economic status.

And if you really want to study in IITs, then you can apply to them for post-graduate and doctoral programmes too. Your dreams can be fulfilled this way too albeit for a higher degree. But even for that, you need to qualify Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) or Joint Admission Test for M.Sc (JAM).

But the only thing that we want to tell you is that dreaming of being an IITian is good but don't make it your desperation. Work on your personal development and growth as a person. There are opportunities all around you. You can grow on to become the CEO of a company even from your garage. Just don't lose hope. Look at the life history of all successful people. They have all stumbled in their life but then gained their foot with confidence and hope. Take your failure as a learning step. Embrace the halt and find your shortcomings. Work on them. Work hard. Work smart. Utilize all the opportunities available to you. You will be surprised to see that your failures have taught you lessons to succeed. You will be better equipped to deal with rejections. Not only that, with passing years, you will know the exact ways to succeed. Trust us, that is how great and successful people are made. They know how they had failed and ensure not to repeat the same mistake. Just never lose hope. Always be optimistic.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

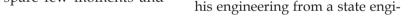
The media should highlight such acts of bravery and sometimes does too!

Educationists will have to wake up and bring an education in peace so that the coming generations are both sensible and sensitive to life. Religious leaders will have to come together to promote the common good of mankind and reform the misguided. I strongly believe this is all doable in our generation.

Many times people who feel very passionately for a cause feel justified in adopting violent means in its pursuit. They are driven by a sense of righteousness, though misplaced, and their commitment to their cause is commendable. They are willing to resolve differences through dialogue if approached in the right way.

We have been able to successfully bring back many extremists from a life of violence and rehabilitate them in mainstream society. In fact, many of our free tribal schools in terrorist-affected regions in India are being run by former extremists. They were hostile in the beginning, threatening our volunteers but when they saw that these efforts were benefiting their own communities, they became volunteers themselves.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the attacks. Such incidents cause anger which can lead to polarisation based on ethnicity and religion, but the real polarisation is between open and narrow-mindedness. While a narrow fanatic outlook can only lead to differences that divide us, it requires wisdom and a broad vision to go past them and arrive at values that unite us. The world needs the latter and not the former.



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Role of Electric Vehicles in transformation of new India



By: Dr. Anurag Pathak

s one of the world's largest automobile markets, India's country-wide electrification will be a turning point for the entire world and the country itself. Driven by the Indian government's push towards sustainable mobility, growing consumer demand for new technologies, and the emergence of private players with an interest in EV technology, the future of electric vehicles in India looks promising.

There once was a time when EVs were a novel concept with scalability issues. Today, all that has changed! Sure, the Indian government is awarding hefty tax rebates to EV buyers, which makes the future of electric cars in India brighter, but that's not the only reason why they are purchasing them.

Automotive doyens like Tata, Mahindra, Hyundai, Toyota, and

many others are now able to provide EVs at pocket-friendly prices. For example, a Tata Nexon SUV starts at the price of Rs. 14.99 lakhs, which is more affordable than various other SUVs like the Hyundai Creta, Vitara Brezza, and a few others. While these may carry similar price tags, their running and maintenance costs are higher than the Nexon EV. What's more, the Nexon EV comes with a factoryfitted 30.2 kWh battery pack that offers an ARAI-certified driving range of 312 kilometres per charge. The manifold benefits that include low purchasing and running costs, along with tax subsidies, are why the future of electric vehicles in India is positive.

Imagine owning and driving a car where it never pinches you when you hand over your credit card to pay substantial fuel bills, or when you mustn't change your engine oil, carburettor, or other such parts unique to fuel-powered vehicles often.

Despite what many may believe, the future of electric vehicles in India is incredibly bright. Thanks to the advent of path-breaking EV technologies in India as well as the world and the willingness to share these technologies for the global good has led to low manufacturing and driving costs.

Not only have electric vehicles (EVs) proven to be a cleaner alternative to fossil-fuel-powered vehicles, but they are also one of the most cost-effective ones. This is a huge plus for EV adoption in India, given the soaring fuel prices.

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), global EV sales in 2021 doubled from the previous year to 16.5 million EV units sold worldwide. India also announced that EVs will represent at least 30% of all road traffic by 2023. Though a modest target, a 30% adoption rate will have global ripple effects, both environmentally and economically.

For starters, India is the world's third-largest oil importer, but the transition to EVs will significantly reduce its oil dependency, disrupting global oil markets. If India can meet its ambitious adoption targets, the country will create a model that other emerging economies can replicate. This, in turn, will have further impacts on oil markets as the dependency on this fossil fuel decreases.

Additionally, with India's population of 1.4 billion and its rapidly growing economy, the country is certain to be an influential player in the global EV market today. The full adoption of electric vehicles in India will represent a major step in the right direction toward sustainable development in worldwide mobility.

The strong initiatives taken by the Indian government for EV adoption deserve special mention here. Through tax subsidies and stricter regulations, the government is encouraging newer potential vehicle owners to opt for an EV rather than a fossil-fuel car. Add to it; many credible lending institutions are extending easy car loans to make EV purchases possible.

As a result, the end consumer is able to purchase electric vehicles in exchange for a significant tax rebate and finds it relatively cheap to drive them. What's more, an EV has negligible maintenance costs. With all these benefits, the future of electric vehicles in India is not only bright but is all set to become brighter.

By switching to EVs, India will curb its CO2 emissions by one Giga tonne by 2030. This feat will translate into less air pollution in metros and mini metros and will keep the present and future generations healthier.

Not just India, but the entire planet is grappling with climate change and global warming. Car buyers can do their bit to save planet Earth – the only home we know, by investing in EVs. With zero tailpipe emissions made possible by millions of vehicle buyers will ultimately benefit us all.

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LOCAL

SCS GDC Mendhar's Department of Botany Orchestrates Educational Botanical Field Trip to Noorichamb

Top News Report

MENDHAR, June 9: The Department of Botany at SCS GDC Mendhar orchestrated an enriching Botanical Field trip to the picturesque Noorichamb area nestled in the Pirpanjal region of Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir. Under the esteemed patronage and guidance of Principal Dr. Mohammed Azam and the joint supervision of Dr. Mahroof Khan, Head of the Department of Botany, and Dr. Gowhar Ahmad Shapoo, Former Lecturer, the trip witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of B. Sc Semester 2nd.

The expedition was graced by the presence of esteemed Dr. Rani Mughal, Principal GDC Surankote who also shared her experience with students and



congratulates organisers. Distinguished faculty members including Dr. Bashir Ahmed, Prof. Sarshad Hussain, Prof. Inam ul Haq, Dr. Jameel Ahmed, Dr. Parveiz Hussain. Prof. Mohammed Rafi, Dr. Imtiyaz Ahmad Wani, Dr. Mohd Jameel, Dr. Mohd Riaz. Dr. Sved Zaigham Abbas, Dr. Liyaqat Ali and other staff

Department of Botany in organizing such a valuable event. Dr. Shapoo, drawing

from his extensive experience, enlightened the students on the scientific methodologies of field surveys and the collection of plants, emphasizing the significance of in-situ and ex-situ conservation practices. He also imparted valuable knowledge on taxonomic

descriptions of various plants and facilitated the collection of samples for herbarium preparation and subsequent transplantation in the college's Botanical Garden.

Despite his absence, Dr. Mahroof Khan conveyed his appreciation for Dr. Shapoo and the participating students for their efforts in organizing this crucial event. Principal Dr. Moham-

med Azam lauded the dedication of both the staff and students of the Department of Botany, emphasizing the pivotal role of field trips in academic and research pursuits.

Prof. Inam ul Haq, representing the Department of Zoology, extended gratitude to all participants for their contributions towards the success of the event, underscoring its role in fostering awareness about the economic, ecological, and sustainable development aspects associated with the flora of the region. The Botanical Field trip to Noorichamb stands as a testament to SCS GDC Mendhar's commitment to holistic education and environmental stewardship, empowering students to become conscientious custodians of nature.

BMO Thathri reviews implementation of RKSK programme



NHM, Block Accounts

Manager Thathri, Block

Coordinator Adolescent

Health and AFs held

deliberations on various

aspects of the scheme

and discussed the differ-

ent activities to be cov-

ered under the scheme

for the financial year

2024-25 which includes

Adolescent Health Day,

Adolescent Friendly

Club meeting, ASHA

Incentives for mobilizing

Adolescent & Commu-

nity, Workshop and dif-

ferent Trainings covered

The chair (BMO Tha-

thri) passed necessary

under the programme.

Top News Report

DODA, June 9: To carry out the different activities and in order to ensure holistic development of Adolescent population under Rashtriya Kishore Swastha Karyakram (RKSK), the Block Medical Officer Thathri Dr Shafqat Javed Zargar on 08-06-2024 convened a meeting with the staff of CHC Thathri. The meeting which was attended by Dr Bishen Singh (Consultant Orthopedic), Mr Jonson Chandail (Divisional ASHA Coordinator), BMEO directions to all the participants and stressed upon them to work in a cordial atmosphere, so that the target fixed under the programme shall meet in a time bound manner and to implement the programme at gross root level.

The BMO also directed the Coordinator concerned and other participants to coordinate with RBSK teams for making necessary field visits to visit schools, AWCs and facilitate counselling to adolescent groups on RKSK on priority.

Journalist union of Kulgam grieved over demise of Ex-MLA's son

members commended

the initiative taken by the

Top News Report

KULGAM, June 9: Journalist union of Kulgam (JUOK) led by its president, Gh Nabi Khanday on Sunday expressed deep shock and grief over the demise of son of Ex MLA Devsar, Mohd Sartaj Madni.

Aroot Madni, son of former MLA Devsar and Senior PDP Leader Sartaj Madni, passed away at Government Medical College Anant-



nag due to a sudden cardiac arrest on Sunday morning, Aroot was also the maternal cousin of PDP President Mehbooba Mufti

Col Mahan Singh pays tribute to

Amar Shaheed Rajinder Singh on

his 25th Martyrdom Day



peace to the departed soul and endurance for the family to face this difficult time.

100 attend patient's awareness session on brain tumour

Top News Report

AMRITSAR/JAMMU, June 9 : As many as 100 people attended a patient's awareness session on brain tumour to mark 'World Brain Tumour Day' at Ivy Hospital here today.

Addressing the session, Dr Yanish Bhanot associate director neurosurgery & neuro inter-

speaking to walking etc, and all our emotions. from love to hate, are controlled by the brain, the spinal cord and nerves that are intimately connected. The brain is housed in a rigid shell (skull) and the body maintains a rather homogenous atmosphere, air conditioned & shock proof, inside the



Govt HSS chinta is celebrating world environment week



Segregation for appro-

priate Waste disposal,

Install two bin system in

office and classrooms,

Cleanliness Drive involv-

ing students and staff

members, Plantation

drive in Plastic jars/

bottles (for reused pur-

pose), Painting competi-

tion, Skit on the theme

Reduce, Reuse and

Recycle. Speech and

chart presenting, Interac-

tion with small junk shop

dealer regarding how to

segregate Waste mate-

rial and how items are

recycled. Construction

Arvind Kumar Lecturer

Top News Report

DODA, June 9: Govt HSS chinta is celebrating world environment week from 5th to 12th of June 2024 on the eve of environment day on the theme "Land Restoration, desertification and draught resilience '

in this regard was 'Reduce Waste'. In order to aware about the reuse, recycle and reduce of Waste material in environmental conservation different activities were conducted which includes as under

Pledge regarding

officer for today's theme -Reduce waste The Staff members who remain present and par-

ticipated in today's activities includes Dr Mohinder Nath Sr Lect Urdu, Sanjay Kumar Lect Maths, Pooja Devi Lect English, Moti Lal Master, Monika Master, Krishna Devi Master, Anjana Devi Tr, Santosh Kumari, Versha Bhagat Tr, Munish Kumar Tr.

The whole program was organised under the guidance of Worthy CEO Doda Prakash Lal Thapa, Principal Sh Vijay Kumar and Vice Principal



Top News Report

BASOHLI, June 9: Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua, today paid tributes to Amar Shaheed Rajinder Singh on his 25th martyrdom day at Marta Nagrota Chowk. Hundreds of veterans, along with local residents and family members of the Kargil hero who made the supreme sacrifice while fighting the enemy to secure an important post in difficult mountainous terrain at a height of more than 14,000 feet above sea level, attended the event.

Besides Col Mahan Singh (Retd), other prominent figures present at the memorial included Capt Des Raj, Capt Nek Ram, Capt Kishori Lal, Rakesh Shukla, Ajit Singh, and Archana Badhwal, Veer Nari and spouse of the martyr

The event began with the hoisting of the Tricolour by Col Mahan Singh, the Chief Guest, followed by the chanting of the National Anthem, lighting of the lamp, and laying of Pushpanjali by all present.

Speaking on the occasion, Col Mahan Singh

lauded the valor of the heroes from this hilly region, particularly Shaheed Rajinder Singh, who was a brave heart and created history by leading from the front and making the supreme sacrifice for the motherland. He praised Shaheed Rajinder Singh's courage and determination, highlighting his crucial role in securing an important

post in challenging mountainous terrain. Col Singh emphasized

that such acts of bravery and selflessness are the bedrock of our nation's security and sovereignty. He asserted that we must never forget our freedom fighters and national heroes, as they are the pillars behind our country's independence and strength. These heroes' sacrifices ensure that our frontiers remain secure, enabling us to live in peace and safety. Their legacy of valor and dedication not only protects our borders but also contributes to the nation's ongoing prosperity and development, he added. Col Singh urged everyone to remember and honor these heroes, as

their sacrifices allow us to sleep peacefully at night and ensure the flourishing

of our country. Later, the DDC Chairman also interacted with the veterans, residents, and family members of the martyr. A Chabeel and Langar were also organized on the occasion.

vention said that brain of tissues inside the skull tumours account for leads to the formation of about 2% of all cancers. a tumour which causes Around 500 new cases local destruction and of brain tumours are pressure on surrounddiagnosed every day ing normal tissues." worldwide and most of

them are not inheritable. "Brain tumours can occur at all ages and as of now, no definite cause has been found for their origin with no any such specific preventive measures that can be taken to prevent it."

Dr Sarabjit Singh senior neurologist said that risk of brain tumour can be reduced by avoiding environmental hazards such as smoking and excessive radiation exposure. He said , "All our func-

tions, from eating to

Dr Jagbir Singh neurologist said that now advanced technologies have made it possible for the neuro experts to venture in areas which were, for long, considered to be unapproachable or have unaccept-

> injury., He further said that incidence and prevalence of brain tumour is growing rapidly in India. Every year 40,000 to 50,000 people are diagnosed with brain tumour which reduces life expectancy by 20 years.

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Saroori condoles demise of PDP leader's son

Top News Report

JAMMU, JUNE 9: **Democratic Progressive** Azad Party (DPAP), Vice Chairman, G. M Saroori has extended his deepest condolences to Former Legislator and Senior People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Sartaj Madni sahib on the tragic demise of his son Aroot Madni who passed away due to sudden cardiac arrest.



The party in a statement said it stands united in grief, offering support to Sartaj Madni and his

time. "The pain of losing a loved one is immeasurable and cuts deep into our hearts. On behalf of the entire DPAP family, I want to convey our profound sorrow to Sartaj Madni and his family. "We offer our unwav-

family during this difficult

ering support to Sartaj Madni and his family. Let us come together to share the grief & pain the family is going through during this difficult phase," said Vice Chairman G. M Saroori.

Nirmal, Kavinder greet Dr Jitendra Singh on his tremendous victory in Lok Sabha polls

Top News Report

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, June 9: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Kavinder Gupta, along with former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, met with former Union Minister and Member of Parliament Dr. Jitendra Singh today in New Delhi and extended their heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Jitendra Singh for his remarkable and third-time victory from the Doda-Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving significant representation to Jammu and Kashmir by including Dr. Jitendra Singh in his panel of Ministers during the last two terms of the Modi government.

Reflecting on the expectations from the newly formed Modi government, Kavinder said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have high hopes from Modi Govt 3.0. He believed that under Prime Minister Modi's visionary leadership, the J&K UT will witness unprecedented growth and development.



Kavinder emphasized that the BJP's strong leadership and focus on good governance have been pivotal in gaining the trust and confidence of the people. "The continuous support from the electorate is a clear indication that they resonate with the BJP's vision of a prosperous and developed Jammu and Kashmir." he said. Kavinder emphasized that the Modi Govt 3.0

will continue to strive for the welfare and progress of the region, aligning with the aspirations of its people.

Dr. Nirmal Singh also emphasized the strategic

importance of Dr. Jitendra Singh's role in the Modi government and highlighted how his leadership has positively impacted the region, fostering growth and development.

Dr. Jitendra Singh expressed gratitude towards Kavinder and Dr. Nirmal Singh for their support and encouragement, acknowledging their significant role in fostering unity and progress within the BJP and the region as a whole. He reiterated his commitment to serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir diligently and pledged to work tirelessly towards addressing their concerns and aspirations.

ENTERTAINMENT

Rakul Preet Singh on her role in Kamal Haasan's Indian 2: 'She knows exactly what she wants'

For actor Rakul Preet Singh, working on Indian 2 alongside actor Kamal Haasan has been an enriching experience. As she awaits the release of the film she says she connects with the role in the sequel on a personal level.

What did she say about Indian 2

Sharing insights about her character in Indian 2, Rakul said, "It is surely one of the most special films of my career. Not just for the people that I am working with but also because of my character".

"I play a headstrong, confident girl, who knows exactly what she wants. And somewhere, I resonate completely with this character in my real life. It's too early to disclose more, but yes, it's been a delight to work with Shankar sir, pulling off this character by picking up from the nuances he shared with me," she added.

More about Indian 2 The sequel to Shankar's 1996 film will be released on July 12.

film will be released on July 12. Some time back, the film's main lead, Kamal Haasan, took to X (formerly Twitter) to share a new release date, writing, "#Indian2 Releasing worldwide in cinemas 12th July 2024!"



The second part comes with the tagline Zero Tolerance, and has been in production since 2019. It will feature Kamal reprising his role as Senapathy. It will also features Kajal Aggarwal and Siddharth in lead roles. The film was temporarily put on hold after an accident injured

on hold after an accident injured the crew on sets in 2020. Shooting was also delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The production resumed in 2022, with Shankar juggling shooting between this and Ram Charan, Kiara Advani-starrer Game Changer.

About the first part

The first part featured Manisha Koirala, Urmila Matondkar and Kasthuri Shankar along with Kamal. He was seen in dual roles as Senapathy and Chandru, a righteous father and a corrupt son. The film tells the story of an Army veteran who turns vigilante to teach corrupt officials a lesson and ensure they don't take bribes. AR Rahman's music for the film was a massive hit. Rakul's upcoming work

Apart from Indian 2, Rakul Apart from Indian 2, Rakul has a busy schedule ahead. She is currently filming for De De Pyaar De 2 and will soon be seen in film, Mere Husband Ki Biwi alongside Arjun Kapoor and Bhumi Pednekar. Furthermore, she will star in Ameeri with a cast including Neena Gupta, Chunky Pandey, and Simone Singh.

Kishori Shahane Vij talks about her role in Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye



Zee TV's popular show Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye has been captivating audiences with

its gripping storyline. Kishori Shahane Vij, who is essaying the role of Babita, said, "When I discovered that Babita's character was taking an extremely negative turn, I wasn't completely shocked. From the beginning, I was told that Babita would be a strong character in the show, always focused on protecting Virat."

"From Babita Ahuja's perspective, she is protecting her son and isn't doing anything wrong. The challenge in portraying this character lies in her complexity. She isn't a bad person, she's just protective of her family. There are moments when her attitude towards Amruta changes, requiring me to make sudden shifts in my portraval, which I believe the audience enjoys. My character has a deep purpose, and for an actor, it is always interesting to portray such roles. Every day I give my hundred per cent so that Babita Ahuja will be remembered for years to come," she added.

'Heeramandi' star Sharmin Segal: 'My DMs are filled with a lot of love'

Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar' was released on Netflix over a month ago. While the show has arrived with a compelling story, it also witnessed some amazing performances and specially the performance of Sharmin Segal as Alamzeb has been earning a lot of love. The actress is indeed very delighted about the same.

Recently in an interview, Sharmin spoke about the importance of focusing on the positive reactions she has been receiving. She said, "I've chosen this profession to cater to an audience, so I was prepared for reactions and responses and there has been so much love also. Sometimes looking at the negativity, we tend to completely omit the positivity." Sharmin further added she has always been focusing on the positive. "Maybe the first few days it (the negativity) did. I just felt a little like uneasy, but after that, it's always a constant dialogue with yourself. You have thoughts, and then you think about those thoughts, judge, and that is what shapes morality and ethics,"



Adah Sharma reveals she was diagnosed with endometriosis due to stress while gaining weight for Bastar: A Naxal Story

With as many as four releases in the last one year including a mix of OTT and theatrical projects, Adah Sharma is surely enjoying the best phase of career. However, the actor confesses that physical transformation required for all of these projects did take a toll on her health, and she even ended suffering from endometriosis. "I had to be in a different body for these films. For The Kerala Story, the first half I had to be petite and lean, so I look like a college girl. For Commando, I had to be muscular; for Sunflower, l play a bar dancer, so l had to look voluptuous and sexy. Whereas for Bastar, I had to be broad and large, as makers wanted me to have a towering personality so that I could look like someone in charge and control," says Sharma. In fact, Sharma reveals that for Bastar, she used to eat a lot in order to gain weight, along with muscle mass. "I ate around 10 to 12 bananas a day because they wanted me to gain weight, but at the same time not be unfit. There was a lot of action in the movie. I also had to be



severe back problems. I've been a gymnast all my life and my back flexibility was always my pride," Sharma continues, "But, in this case, my back was in a very bad state and the film was a stressful one. I don't know how to keep a role separate from real life, and sometimes I get so involved that I allow it to take a toll on me. I was so stressed that I got a condition called Endometriosis, which means periods nonstop, and mine went on for 48 days." It didn't stop here and the actor soon had to get back in shape to play an attractive bar dancer in her next. "I had to immediately get svelte and sexy for the next character I was playing. I'm fortunate my trainer is my mother so with a mix of yoga, dance and mallakhamba, I managed to shed those extra kilos. I had to do it without doing the jumpy cardio because of my back," says the 32-year-old, who followed a strictly vegan diet while doing all this. While all of this has been quite taxing for

got to learn during this process. "When you are stressed, your entire body shuts down; no nutrients get absorbed, your skin doesn't shine, you lose hair. Sleep is extremely important, and helps you keeping your phone away. When your mind is in a good place, there is nothing you can't do. Even things beyond your imagination are possible," she expresses, adding that at the end of the day, all these physical ups and downs are "totally worth it" and gratifying for an artiste. "As an actor, I always feel I should go that extra 1000 miles for playing any character. It's an opportunity of a lifetime to play and be someone else on screen. What is the fun if you look exactly like your real self in every film. I only see pros. I love what I do and I wait to get roles where I can change my body and mould my mind, my voice ,my personality into someone else. Films remain forever, so I like to give it my all," concludes Sharma, who will next be seen in The Game of Girgit.

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Sharmin asserted that she has also received love from a section of the audience. "I don't think it later affected me as much, because you've to sift through it, because there are people who are saying positive things also. And I can't negate that only because those people have taken their time out to write good things about me. And, I can't suddenly fixate on somebody that has taken their time out to write negative things

about me,"

Sharmin mentioned that she respects audiences' opinions. She said. "If it's constructive, then yes I am very open to listening to it. But if it's not, then you've to focus on the amount of love. My DMs are filled with a lot of love. Negativity tends to be spoken about a lot more in public because people want to talk about negative things, but there is a lot of positivity also like I need to embrace that as well."

really strong because we were carrying real guns which weighed eight kilos, running up and down rocky terrains and mountains. Nuts, dry fruits and a lot of flax seed laddoos... I would carry with me at all times, and eat two of those half an hour before going to sleep," she recounts. While gaining weight was in itself a task, Sharma says that picking up heavy guns particularly took a toll on her body and physical health. "In real life, when you do weight training, you are very careful. You breathe mindfully, but on a shoot, you are making erratic movements, because we were fighting a war in the film. My pelvis shifted and I got

The Archies actor Mihir Ahuja: I don't mind doing another project with Bollywood star kids

Actor Mihir Ahuja, who was last seen in Zoya Akhtar's The Archies as Jughead Jones, feels that the best part of being an actor is learning new things. "My character played drums in the film, I did some drumming workshops, so now I am a professional drummer. That's what I like about acting, you get to play different characters and learn new skills on every set." he shares.

The interest in music for the actor was since childhood. "I have always had a knack for I am a beat boxer and it was slightly easier for me to get the rhythm of drumming and understand it. Beat boxing is kind of very similar to drumming in terms of pace. I enjoyed it and now whenever I am free and not shooting, I go to a studio nearby and play drums. I might post those videos soon on my social media. Moreover, I have just started learning to play the guitar because the next project that I'm doing, I am

playing the lead vocalist

and guitarist in it," Ahuja

music since I was a kid. adds.

The actor, who has done projects like Made In Heaven (2019), Super 30 (2019), and Taj Mahal 1989 (2020), came into limelight much later with The Archies. "I have done projects before but it wasn't as in the limelight as this one. It also has a lot to do with the platform, the creator, the writer and many other factors. Who wouldn't watch a Zoya Akhtar film?

Moreover, I think even the topic was something very interesting and different, targeting



a huge range of audience which helped in gaining the hype that it did. And as far as my popularity goes, I think that also at the end was because of how hyped the show was," explains the 25-year-old.

"I personally don't think anyone was out of focus and Zoya also made

sure of that from the very beginning. It's an ensemble cast and it's not focused on any one character story. And, it showed in the film as everyone had their own arc in the story. I never saw any discrimination there," Ahuja, who co-starred with Suhana Khan, Agastya Nanda, and Khushi Kapoor in the film, further adds, clarifying that the star kids weren't the centre of attraction.

He also shares that he is comfortable in doing more projects with star kids and doesn't cloud

his judgement of attention and screen time on thaqt basis. "I won't mind doing another one, why would I? I would love to. be it a star kid or anyone. If someone is talented and a good actor, they deserve a chance. I've been lucky that after Archies, the character really worked for me and people related with it," says Ahuja. The actor shares that he is getting calls for

her physically, Sharma

admits that "mind con-

from Bollywood. "I even aim to work Internationally, language or accent shouldn't be a barrier in my career. I just shot for an Australian film with a crew there, Hindi Vindi and it's releasing all over Australia in August this year. It's about language barriers between a grand mom and a grandson and music becomes a mode of communication between them. It's about an Indian kid born in Australia.

The director also flew down to India recently and we discussed about releasing it in India. We don't know if it will be theatres or OTT, let's see," he concludes.

NATIONAL

Ahead Of Taking Oath, PM Modi Pays Tributes To Mahatma Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Narendra Modi is set to begin his third straight term as prime minister.

NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi visited Rajghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, on Sunday, marking the beginning of the day of his swearing-in ceremony with tributes to the Father of the Nation. Narendra Modi is set to begin his third straight term as prime minister.

Following his visit to Rajghat, he paid tributes to stalwart BJP leader and former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at his memorial 'Sadaiv Atal'.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the



first ever BJP prime minister and is credited for the party's rise as a pillar of national politics along minister-designate visited these monuments.

He also offered his respects at the National War Memorial, a monument to soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice for the country.

President Droupadi Murmu will administer PM Modi and his Council of Ministers oath of office at a ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhawan on Sunday evening.

Several allies such as the TDP, JD(U), and Shiv Sena are likely to be represented in the coalition government.

Maldivian President Muizzu arrives in Delhi to attend Modi's oath-taking ceremony

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spokesperson Randhir

"India and Maldives

are maritime partners

and close neighbours,"

Bangladesh President

Sheikh Hasina and Vice-

President of Seychelles

Ahmed Afif have already

Besides Muizzu,

Hasina and Afif, the

other leaders attending

the ceremony are Nepal

Prime Minister Pushpa

Kamal Dahal 'Prachan-

da', Sri Lanka President

Ranil Wickremesinghe,

Mauritius Prime Minis-

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NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu arrived in Delhi on Sunday morning to attend the swearingin ceremony of Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi.

It is Muizzu's first visit to India after he became the island nation's president in November last year.

The Maldivian President is among the leaders from seven countries from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region attending the swearing-in ceremony of Modi and his council of ministers this evening at Rashtrapati

"President @MMuizzu of Maldives arrives to a warm welcome in New Delhi to attend the swearing-in ceremony Minister Narendra Modi for his third consecutive term is in keeping with the highest priority accorded by India to its 'Neighbourhood First' policy and 'SAGAR' vision," the Ministry of External Affairs said on Saturday.

India has been cooperating with the countries of the Indian Ocean region under the broader policy framework of SAGAR or Security and Growth for all in the Region.

In addition to participating in the swearingin ceremony, the foreign leaders will also attend a banquet hosted by President Droupadi Murmu.

The invitation by New Delhi to Muizzu to attend the swearingin ceremony assumed significance as it came amid frosty ties between India and the Maldives. The ties between India and the Maldives came under severe strain since November last year when Muizzu, known for his pro-China leanings, took charge as Maldivian president. Within hours of his

oath, he had demanded the withdrawal of Indian military personnel from his country. The Indian military personnel were replaced by civilians earlier this month.

Army mulls raising tenure of Agniveers

with Lal Krishna Advani.

Supporters were present in

sizeable numbers as the prime

NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): Followina recommendations from senior Army officers, discussions are on within the force to raise the minimum service tenure of Agniveers from four years to seven-eight years and retain 60-70% of them permanently. The recommendations were sent around three months back for the ongoing review of the Agniveer scheme.

The analysis of the feedback collected from all formations and senior officers is aimed at ensuring that the Agniveer induction does not lead to functional issues with a decline in

"operational efficiency". A source confirmed that recommendations included "increasing the retention percentage, raising the induction age for those in technical grades to 23 years. sanctioning ex-gratia for a disability developed during training, exit management under a professional agency and a subsistence allowance to a family of Agniveer killed in action.'

The entire exercise has aimed to bring down the pension bill and maintain a youthful profile of the force. The feedback includes the lack of on-the-job training, seen as "leading to inexperience and inadequate expertise," said a source. "Adversaries on northern (China) and western (Pakistan) sectors are increasing their synergies and jointness. So, the time is right to make amendments in the scheme," said an Army officer. Sources pointed out that the experience issue can be resolved with a little tweak.

The Agniveer's fouryear fixed service, instead of leading to cohesion to perform as a unit, is seen as leading to competition to prove one's employability as a permanent soldier. The previous train-



ing period was for 11 months instead of six. The service period for the soldiers is counted from the day they start their training. Reservations of par-

ties, including those in NDA Several parties, includ-

ing those in the NDA, dissatisfaction

ervations against the scheme. Public representatives have raised socio-cultural concerns saying released Agniveers trained to handle arms and explosives "may be amenable to exploitation" due to

have raised their res-

Bhavan.

Anurag Thakur yet to get nod for a cabinet berth: Sources

Anurag may be considered for a plum organisational role given his seniority

NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): Five-term Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur has not yet got a cabinet induction call, sources told agency on Sunday.



'Narendra Destructive Alliance': Congress' swipe at Modi ahead of swearing-in

NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): Taking a swipe at Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi, the Congress on Sunday said he will get himself sworn-in this evening as "the leader of the Narendra **Destructive Alliance** (NDA)" even though he



(NDA)," he said. Modi is set to be sworn-in this evening. The dignitaries and special invitees attending the ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Sunday evening include leaders from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean Region.

cal brotherhood created such a toxic environment of hostility and hatred that it resulted in the cold-blooded murder of the Mahatma on January 30, 1948."

"He (Modi) never pulls up his colleagues who make Nathuram Godse into some sort of a hero.

He displaces Mahatma

They said they were hopeful that a call might come by the evening. Anurag, information and broadcasting minister in the outgoing cabinet, is currently at his Delhi residence meeting supporters.

Anurag may be considered for a plum organisational role given his seniority. BJP president JP Nadda is all set to get a cabinet berth in line with the past practice of

appointing party chiefs as cabinet ministers. Sources said the BJP may find it difficult to have two cabinet ministers from a small state like Himachal which has four Lok Sabha MPs.

If Nadda gets a cabinet role, Anurag could be accommodated in the organisation though sources close to him said they would await the developments during the day.

lacks all legitimacy.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "Remember May 28, 2023? It was the day that Narendra Modi walked into the new Parliament building with the Sengol for which August 15, 1947 history was fabricated 'to not only justify Modi's pretensions of being 'Samrat' but also to appeal to the Tamil electorate." "That day itself, I had exposed Modi's fakery

using archival material," he added.

"We now know the outcome of that drama. The Sengol remains a respected symbol of Tamil history but the Tamil electorate and indeed India's electorate has rejected Mr Modi's pretensions," Ramesh said.

The Congress leader claimed that Modi has suffered a huge personal, political, and moral defeat. Modi has been forced to bow to the Constitution that he has subverted in the last decade, Ramesh said.

"A vastly diminished 'one-third' Pradhan Mantri, now lacking all legitimacy, has managed to get himself sworn this evening, as the leader of the Narendra Destructive Alliance

Though BJP could not get a majority on its own in the recent Lok Sabha polls, the partyled National Democratic Alliance secured 293 out of 543 seats. The Congress got 99 seats in the polls. The majority mark in the lower house is 272.

> In another post on X, Ramesh took a swipe at Modi over his visit to Rajghat this morning. "Aap track record

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Gandhi's statue in Parliament House - not once but twice," Ramesh said. "He (Modi) falsely claims that before the Attenborough film of 1982 Mahatma Gandhi, he was not known to the

world. He demolishes and destroys Gandhian institutions in Varanasi, Ahmedabad, and elsewhere. Breathtaking hypocrisy!" Ramesh said.

Delhi Minister Atishi seeks emergency meet with Lt Governor over water crisis

NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): Delhi Minister Atishi on Sunday said she has sought time for an emergency meeting from Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena, to apprise him of the water crisis in the national capital. In an X post, Atishi said, "Have sought time from the Hon'ble Delhi Lieutenant Governor for an emergency meeting, to apprise him of the inadequate water being released by Haryana from the Munak Canal."

"Delhi is supposed to receive 1050 cusecs of water from the Munak Canal via the CLC and DSB sub-canals. However, this has reduced to 840 cusecs. 7 Water Treatment Plants are dependent on this water. If the amount of water does not increase today, then the water situation across Delhi will worsen in 1-2 days," she added.

"Hon'ble Delhi Lieutenant Governor is the representative of the Central Govt. Will be requesting him to intervene and resolve the situation," Atishi tweeted.

This comes a day after Atishi alleged Haryana was not releasing to Delhi its share of 1,050 cusecs of water through the Munank canal.

Addressing a press conference, Atishi said during the summer, when Haryana releases



1,050 cusecs of water, Delhi receives about 990 cusecs

"However, in the past one week, Delhi has been getting less water. It received 924 cusecs on June 1, 884 cusecs on June 4, 856 cusecs on June 6, and 840 cusecs on June 7. During every summer, there is a loss of around 59 to 60 cusecs of water due to evaporation. If 840 cusecs of water is reaching Delhi, it means Haryana is not releasing water in the Munak canal," she said.

Delhi has been grappling with a water shortage, with Atishi blaming Haryana for not releasing Yamuna water to the city.

The problem has become acute in some areas such as Chanakyapuri, where residents were seen climbing on top of a tanker with pipes to get their share of water.

The acute shortage has become an "existential problem" in Delhi, the Supreme Court observed on Thursday and directed the Himachal Pradesh government to release 137 cusecs of surplus water to the national capital and Haryana to facilitate its flow.

The top court also said there should be no politics over water.

Atishi said if water at the carrier-lined channel and the Delhi sub-branch -- two subcanals of the Munank canal -- stay at this level, then all of Delhi will face a shortage in the coming two days.

Early on Saturday, Atishi visited the two sub-canals of the Munak canal in Bawana.

According to an agreement between Haryana and Delhi, Haryana has to release 1,050 cusecs of water daily for the national capital through the Munak canal, she said.

Right now, there is a problem in some parts of Delhi but if the water coming from the Munak canal falls, if Haryana does not release the right amount of water, then the situation will become even more serious and there will be shortages in all parts of the city, Atishi claimed

Family, friends bid tearful adieu to media baron Ramoji Rao

The funeral was held with full state honours at Ramoji Film City here, with his son Kiron lighting the pyre



(Agencies): The mortal remains of media baron and Ramoji Group chairman Ch Ramoji Rao, were consigned to flames near here on Sunday.

The funeral was held with full state honours at Ramoji Film City here,

ed the last rites.

Ramoji Rao, who created a sensation in the media industry in undivided Andhra Pradesh with the Eenadu newspaper and ETV group of channels, was a recipient of Padma Vibhushan.

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to observe state mourning on June 9 and 10.

During the state mourning, the National flag will be flown at halfmast throughout the state and there will be no official entertainment, an official communication said.

early on Saturday. He

HYDERABAD, Jun 9 with his son Kiron lighting the pyre. Ramoji Rao, who revolutionised the news and entertainment industry, died at a hospital here

was 88.

TDP chief N Chandra-

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the leaders who attend-

INTERNATIONAL

Polls open in 20 EU countries as voting for the European Parliament enters its final day

Sunday's voting marathon winds up a four-day election cycle that began in the Netherlands on Thursday.

BRUSSELS, Jun 9 (Agencies): Polling stations opened across Europe on Sunday as voters from 20 countries cast ballots in elections that are expected to shift the European Union's parliament to the right and could reshape the future direction of the world's biggest trading bloc.

War in Ukraine, the impact of climate policy on farmers and migration are some of the issues weighing on voters' minds from Portugal in the west to the alpine nation of Austria to Poland in the east and Cyprus in the Mediterranean as they cast ballots to elect 720 members of the European Parliament.

Sunday's voting marathon winds up a four-day election cycle that began in the Netherlands on Thursday.

An unofficial exit poll there suggested that Geert Wilders' anti-migrant hard right party should make important gains in the Netherlands, even though a coalition of pro-European parties has probably pushed it into second place.

If that trend continue, lawmakers will find it harder to pass legislation and make decisions.

"Right is good," Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who leads a stridently nationalist and anti-migrant government, told reporters after casting his ballot.

Since the last EU election in 2019, populist or far-right parties now lead governments in three nations — Hungary, Slovakia and Italy — and are part of the ruling coalition in others, including Sweden, Finland and, soon, the Netherlands. Polls give the populists an advantage in France, Belgium, Austria and



Italy.

Surveys suggest that mainstream and pro-European parties will retain their majority in parliament, but that the hard right, including parties led by politicians like Wilders or France's Marine Le Pen will eat into their share of seats.

The biggest political group — the centre-right European People's Party (EPP) — has already edged away from the middle ground, campaigning on traditional far-right issues like more security, tougher migration laws, and a focus on business over social welfare concerns.

Much may depend on whether the brothers of Italy — the governing party of populist far-right Prime Minister Georgia Meloni, which has neo-fascist roots — stays in the more hard-line European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR), or becomes part of a new hard-right group that could be created in the wake of the elections. Meloni also has the further option to work with the EPP.

The second-biggest group the center-left Socialists and Democrats — and the Greens

Chief among them is the presidency of the powerful executive branch, the European Commission, which proposes laws and watches to ensure they are respected. The commission also controls the EU's purse strings, manages trade and is Europe's competition watchdog. Other plum posts are those of the European Council presirefuse to align themselves with dent, who chairs summits of presidents and prime ministers, the ECR. A more dire scenario for pro-European parties would and EU foreign policy chief, the be if the ECR joins forces with

bloc's top diplomat. EU lawmakers have a say on legislation ranging from financial rules to climate or agriculture policy. They also approve the EU budget, which apart from funding the bloc's political priorities bankrolls things like infrastructure projects, farm subsidies or aid delivered to Ukraine. But despite their important role, political campaigning often focuses on issues of concern in

for the Europeans and their

international partners. Beyond

the wrangling to form political

groups and establish alliances

inside parliament, governments

will compete to secure top EU

jobs for their national officials.

individual countries rather than on broader European interests. Voters routinely use their ballots to protest the policies of their national governments. Official results of the polls,

which are held every five years, cannot be published before the last polling stations in the 27 EU nations close – those in Italy at 11 p.m. (2100 GMT).

Unofficial estimates are due to trickle in from 1615 GMT. Partial results will be released late on Sunday but a clear picture of what the new assembly might look like will only emerge clear on Monday.

Progressive party in Thailand braces for court case that might dissolve it

BANGKOK, Jun 9 (Agencies): The former leader of Thailand's progressive opposition Move Forward party vowed on Sunday to keep fighting as the party faces a court case that could result in its dissolution.

The Constitutional Court has agreed to rule on whether the party violated the constitution by proposing to amend a law that forbids defaming the country's royal family. The petition requested the party's dissolution and a 10-year ban on political activity by its executives. The court has not said when it will rule on this case.

Pita Limjaroenrat, the former leader of Move Forward, laid out the details of the party's legal defenses that have been submitted to the court at a news conference on Sunday.

"If there is a rule of law in Thailand, I'm extremely confident" the party's arguments will prevail, he said.

Pita said the Constitutional Court does not have jurisdiction to rule on this case and that the petition filed by the Election Commission did not follow due process because Move Forward was not given an opportunity to defend itself before the case was submitted to the court.

The petition was filed after the same court ruled in January that the party must stop advocating changes to the law, known as Article 112 in Thailand's criminal codes, which protects the monarchy from criticism by imposing penalties of three



to 15 years in jail per offense.

That ruling did not set any punishment for the party. Move Forward shook

up Thai politics by winning the most seats in the general election last year but was blocked from taking power and has since been fighting several legal battles to keep its positions in Parliament. These legal cases are seen as part of a yearslong attack against the country's progressive movement by conservative forces

trying to keep their grip on power. Move Forward's pre-

decessor, the Future Forward party, was dissolved by the Constitutional Court in 2020 for violating election laws on donations to political parties.

Move Forward has insisted that it wants to keep the monarchy above politics and not be exploited as a political tool. Thailand's monarchy

is considered untouchable but student-led pro-democracy protests, triggered by the dissolution of Future Forward in 2020, began to challenge that sentiment by openly criticizing the monarchy. That led to vigorous prosecutions under the law, which critics say is often used as a tool to quash political dissent.

The advocacy group Thai Lawyers for Human Rights says that since early 2020, more than 270 people have been charged with violating Article 112. Some of those are Move Forward's own lawmakers. Thailand's courts, especially the Constitutional Court, are considered a bulwark of the country's traditional royalist establishment, which has used them and nominally independent state agencies such as the Election Commission to issue rulings to cripple or sink political opponents. Pita warned that get-

ting rid of the country's largest opposition party would mean "an attack on democracy" as it would weaken the mechanism of checks and balances on the government.

"The strength of democracy is not about how robust the government is, but how fair and active the opposition is," he said.

The Move Forward party finished first in the 2023 general election after campaigning to amend Article 112 and introduce other democratic reforms. The victory indicated that many Thai voters were ready for change after nearly a decade of military-controlled

government. But the militaryinstalled Senate blocked the party from taking power by refusing to confirm Pita, who was the party's candidate for prime minister. Senators said they opposed Pita because of his intention to enact reforms to the monarchy.

Cargo ship hit by missile in Gulf of Aden in suspected attack by Yemen Houthi rebels

DUBAI, Jun 9 (Agencies): A missile struck an Antigua and Barbuda-flagged cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden in a suspected attack by Houthi rebels in Yemen, authorities said Sunday. The missile hit the ship's forward station, starting a fire that those on board later put out, the private security firm Ambrey said. A second missile fired at the ship missed and people "on board small boats in the vicinity opened fire on the ship during the incident," Ambrey added, though no one was hurt onboard. The British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations center similarly reported the attack and fire late Saturday in the same area off Aden, saying "damage control is underway." Suspicion for the attack immediately fell on the Houthis. The rebels did not immediately claim

the assault, though it can sometimes take hours or even days for them to acknowledge their attacks. 250 hostage.

Le Pen's Identity and Democ-

racy to consolidate hard-right

Questions remain over what

group Orbán's ruling Fidesz

party might join. It was previous-

ly part of the EPP but was forced

out in 2021 due to conflicts over

The EU's parliament doesn't

propose laws, but it must weigh

in on draft proposals on topics

ranging from climate, agriculture

and fisheries, to banking rules,

security and justice. It can also

block the appointment of top

officials to the powerful EU com-

These elections come at a test-

ing time for voter confidence in a

bloc of some 450 million people.

Over the last five years, the EU

has been shaken by the coro-

navirus pandemic, an econom-

ic slump and an energy crisis

fueled by the biggest land con-

flict in Europe since the Second

The polls also mark the begin-

ning of a period of uncertainty

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World War.

The Houthis have launched more than 50 attacks on shipping, killed three sailors, seized one vessel

South Korea to restart anti-North broadcasts in retaliation against trash balloons

SEOUL, Jun 9 (Agencies): South Korea announced Sunday it would resume anti-North Korean propaganda loudspeaker broadcasts in border areas in retaliation to the North sending over 1000 balloons filled with trash and manure over the last couple of weeks. The move is certain to anger Pyongyang and potentially prompt it to take retaliatory military steps, and adds to tensions between the war-divided rivals amid a diplomatic stalemate over the North's nuclear ambitions.

over the trash-carrying balloons, South Korea also suspended a 2018 tension-easing agreement with North Korea, allowing it to

paper. Some were popped and scattered on roads, residential areas and schools. No highly dangerous materials were found and no major damage has been reported. The North's vice defense minister, Kim Kang II, later said his country would stop the balloon campaign but threatened to resume it if South Korean activists sent leaflets again. In defiance of the warning, a South Korean civilian group led by North Korean defector Park Sanghak, said it launched 10 balloons from a border town on Thursday carrying 200,000 anti-North Korean leaflets, USB sticks with K-pop songs and K-dramas, and \$1 U.S. bills. South Korean media reported another activist group also flew balloons with 200,000 propaganda leaflets toward North Korea on Friday. Kim in recent years has waged an intensifying campaign to eliminate South Korean cultural and language influences. In January, Kim declared the North would abandon its longstanding goal of a peaceful unification with the South and rewrite its constitution to cement the South as a permanent enemy. Experts say Kim's efforts to reinforce the North's separate identity may be aimed at strengthening the Kim family's dynastic rule. North Korea's balloon campaign is also possibly meant to cause a divide in South Korea over its conservative government's hard-line approach to North Korea. Liberal lawmakers, some civic groups and front-line residents in South Korea have called on the government to urge leafleting activists to stop flying balloons to avoid unnecessary clashes with North Korea. But government officials haven't made such an appeal in line with last year's constitutional court ruling that struck down a law criminalizing an anti-North Korea leafletting as a violation of free speech.

The Houthis, who seized Yemen's capital nearly a decade ago and have been fighting a Saudi-led coalition since shortly after, have been targeting shipping throughout the Red Sea corridor over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. They say the attacks are aimed at stopping the war and supporting the Palestinians, though the attacks often target vessels that have nothing to do with the conflict.

The war in Gaza has killed more than 36,000 Palestinians there, while hundreds of others have been killed in Israeli operations in the West Bank. It began after Hamas-led militants attacked Israel on Oct. 7, killing about 1,200 people and taking around and sunk another since November, according to the U.S. Maritime Administration. A U.S.-led airstrike campaign has targeted the Houthis since January, with a series of strikes May 30 killing at least 16 people and wounding 42 others, the rebels say.

But while gaining more attention internationally, the secretive group has cracked down at dissent at home. Eleven Yemeni employees of United Nations agencies and others working for aid groups have been detained by the Houthis under unclear circumstances, as the rebels face increasing financial pressure and airstrikes from the U.S.-led coalition. The rebels also recently sentenced 44 people to death.

Following an emergency security meeting led by South Korean national security director Chang Ho-jin on Sunday, officials decided to install and begin the loudspeaker broadcasts, Seoul's presidential office said in a statement.

Chang and other South Korean security officials berated Pyongyang for attempting to cause "anxiety and disruption" in South Korea and stressed that North Korea would be "solely responsible" for any future escalation of tensions between the Koreas.

The North said its campaign came after South Korean activists sent over balloons filled with anti-North Korean leaflets, as well as USB sticks filled with popular South Korean songs and dramas which Pyongyang is extremely sensitive to as it fears it could demoralize front-line troops and residents and eventually weaken leader Kim Jong Un's grip on power, analysts say.

With the loudspeakers, South Korea may blare anti-Pyongyang broadcasts, K-pop songs and outside news across the rivals' heavily armed border.

In 2015, when South Korea restarted loudspeaker broadcasts for the first time in 11 years, North Korea fired artillery rounds across the border, prompting South Korea to return fire, according to South Korean officials. No casualties were reported.

Last week, as tensions spiked

and possibly restart live-fire military exercises in border areas.

South Korean Defense Minister Shin Won-sik in a meeting with top military commanders called for thorough preparation against the possibility that the North responds to the loudspeaker broadcasts with direct military action, the South Korean Defense Ministry said in a statement. However, the ministry didn't immediately confirm whether the loudspeaker broadcasts had started as of Sunday afternoon.

North Korea continued to fly hundreds of balloons into South Korea over the weekend, a third such campaign since late May, the South's military said.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected the North launching around 330 balloons toward the South since Saturday night and about 80 were found in South Korean territory as of Sunday morning. The military said winds were blowing eastward on Saturday night, which possibly caused many balloons to float away from South Korean territory.

The South's military said the balloons that did land dropped trash, including plastic and paper waste, but no hazardous substances were discovered.

The military, which has mobilized chemical rapid response and explosive clearance units to retrieve the North Korean balloons and materials, alerted the public to beware of falling objects and not to touch balloons found on the ground but report them to police or military authorities.

In North Korea's previous two rounds of balloon activities, South Korean authorities discovered about 1,000 balloons that were tied to vinyl bags containing manure, cigarette butts, scraps of cloth, waste batteries and waste

Body believed to be missing TV presenter Michael Mosley found on Greek island

ATHENS, Jun 9 (Agencies): Police said that a body believed to be that of missing British TV presenter Michael Mosley was found on a Greek island Sunday morning. A police spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of an ongoing investigation, said the body was found on a rocky coast by a private boat and that formal identification was pending.

Mosley went missing on the island of Symi Wednesday afternoon after going for a walk.

Lefteris Papakalodoukas, the island's mayor, told The Associated Press he was on the boat with members of the media representatives when they saw a body some 20 meters above the Agia Marina beach a little after 10 a.m. "We zoomed with the cameras and saw it was him," he said.

The mayor said that the body



appeared to have fallen down a steep slope, stopping against a fence and lying face-up with a few rocks on top of it. The body had a leather bag in one hand, said Antonis Mystiloglou, a cameraman with state TV ERT, who was also on the boat.

Mosley, 67, is well-known in Britain for his regular appearances on television and radio and his column in the Daily Mail newspaper. He is known outside the U.K. for his 2013 book "The Fast Diet," which he co-authored with journalist Mimi Spencer. The book proposed the so-called "5:2 diet," which promised to help people lose weight quickly by minimizing their calorie intake two days a week while eating healthily on the other five.

He subsequently introduced a rapid weight loss program and has made a number of films about diet and exercise.

Mosley has often pushed his body to extreme lengths to see the effects of his diets and also lived with tapeworms in his guts for six weeks for the BBC documentary "Infested! Living With Parasites."

Mosley has four children with his wife Clare Bailey Mosley, who is also a doctor, author and health columnist.

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VOTER'S VOICE: The dichotomy in UP voting pattern - Rich on one side and poor on the other

NEW DELHI, June 9 (Agencies): The polls started with mild excitement with the BJP's call of 'abki baar 400 paar'. The opposition was perceived as weak, divided and unprepared to challenge the ruling party. But as the polls progressed, the excitement increased. The INDIA bloc unexpectedly seemed to pose a major challenge to the NDA.

The opposition was successful in raising issues of unemployment, inflation and social justice. Surprisingly, the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya failed to make an impact; voters were more concerned with issues affecting their daily life. The alliance between the Samajwadi Party and the Congress started posing a serious challenge to the ruling BJP. The chemistry between Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav was palpable. Their rallies gathered huge crowds and successfully conveyed to the masses that the call for "400 paar" was meant to change the Constitution and end reservation. This consolidated their base



Minister Narendra Modi

failed to focus on national

issues and the achieve-

ments of his government.

The BJP campaign also

appeared to be nega-

tive; it aimed at distorting

the Congress manifesto

and launching personal

attacks on Rahul and

As the pattern of voting

in the first and second

phase of polling sent

alarm bells, the BJP

campaign became more

vicious. Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, who

almost single-handedly

carried the campaign,

appeared to have lost

Akhilesh.

and attracted dalits and backward classes. The SP, which contested 63 seats, displayed political maturity by fielding non-Yadavs to cause a dent in BJP's base.

The delayed announcement of Congress candidates in Rae Bareli and Amethi was a shrewd move, as it did not give the BJP a chance to decide its strategy on these two seats. The campaign led by the INDIA bloc remained sombre and focused on the main issues. On the other hand, the BJP campaign led by Prime was repeatedly raised to divide voters. The Election Commission remained a mute spectator, raising doubts about its impartiality and independence. The mainstream media acted as an instrument of the government and failed to give an objective picture. The gap was filled by small, indepen-

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coming of a PM. The

Hindu-Muslim issue

dent YouTube channels

that conveyed the ground

reality. They were able to

highlight the concerns of

the common man, such as unemployment and inflation, and the dissatisfaction with government's efforts to deal with these problems. Even in Modi's constituency, Varanasi, the voices of criticism were sharp. People of Varanasi also resented the destruction of temples and houses for creating the Kashi Vishwanath corridor. Even before the polls started, I expected the BJP to lose about 50

seats. As the voting in different phases proceeded, it appeared that the BJP would lose anywhere from 70 to 120 seats, mainly in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka and Maharashtra. This perception was laughed off by most people living in my residential complex, most of them rich and upper middle class. But our maid and milkman said people have voted for the INDIA bloc in large numbers. This was corroborated by many others, like taxi drivers and street vendors. Thus, I see a dichotomy in voting pattern with the rich on the one side and the poor on the other.

of the ex-MP.

patory bail was denied by a Hassan court and the Karnataka High Court. The arrest comes amid outrage against the SIT for not arresting Karthik more than a month after filing cases against the accused.

pen drives containing sexual abuse videos of Prajwal and his victims to BJP leader Devaraje Gowda and the video was leaked in Hassan constituency a week before the Lok Sabha elections on April 26.

A case was regisetered against Karthik and four others on April 23 for

Prajwal Revanna sex video case: SIT arrests former driver Karthik for leaking explicit clips

NEW DELHI, June 9 (Agencies): The Karnataka Special Investigation Team (SIT), which is investigating the sex abuse case against JDS scion Prajwal Revanna has arrested his former driver, Karthik Gowda, in connection with the leaking of obscene video clips

Karthik, who was arrested by the SIT on national highway at the Hassan-Mysuru border on Saturday, was taken to Bengaluru for further interrogation. His antici-

Karthik allegedly gave



leaking the videos, following which two of them -- Naveen Gowda and Chetan Gowda -- were arrested and sent to judicial custody. Two others -- Puttaraju, the former Holenarsipur municipality president, and Sharath, a close aide of former Hassan MLA Pritam Gowda -- are yet to be arrested.

Interestingly, Karthik and Sharath were seen celebrating the election victory of Congress candidate Shreyan Patel, who defeated Prajwal in the polls, in Hassan on June 4 after the results were declared. Prajwal was defeated by Congress's Shreyas Patel in his family bastion Hassan by a margin of 43,588 votes. This is the first time that JDS is losing in its home turf, which was

once represented by the ex-PM himself five times. Karthik, who was the family driver of Revanna clan for several years, was involved in a land dispute in Holenarsipur with Prajwal. In December 2023, Karthik lodged a complaint against the family, alleging that Prajwal and his mother Bhavani Revanna forced him to hand over the land. Following this, Karthik allegedly accessed the videos to blackmail the

familv The SIT on Saturday took Prajwal to his house in Holenarasipura for spot inspection. The investigators had seized pillows and bedsheets from the former MP's home but are yet to recover his "lost iPhone" which allegedly contained the explicit videos.

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League leader was first

strangulated and killed

after which his body was

chopped into pieces,

Efforts to locate the

missing MP, who report-

edly arrived in Kolkata on

May 12 for medical treat-

ment, have been under-

way since Gopal Biswas.

a resident of Baranagar

in north Kolkata and an

acquaintance of the Ban-

gladeshi politician, filed a

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police on May 18.

upon his arrival.

police claimed.

Mallikarjun Kharge to attend PM Modi's swearing-in

NEW DELHI, June 9 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge is likely to attend the oath taking ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Sunday evening

Quoting sources, ANI reported that Kharge has accepted the invite after a discussion with his party and allies. Kharge is the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha.

According to reports, the invitation to Kharge was extended by BJP leader Pralhad Joshi last night

Meanwhile, Deputy Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Pramod Tiwari said he had not received an invitation for the searing-in. "I am the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha. I haven't received

any invitation for the swearing-in ceremony of PM-designate Narendra Modi nor have the INDIA alliance partners. To turn the ceremony into an international event. Narendra Modi is more interested in inviting foreign quests." Tiwari said. Modi is set to take oath on Sunday for a third straight term as the head of a coalition government after two full tenures in which the BJP enjoyed a majority on its own.

The 73-year-old will be equalling the feat of first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who won in 1952, 1957 and 1962 general elections.

Leaders from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean Region are among the dignitaries and special invitees expected to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the prime minister and his council of ministers at Rashtrapati Bhavan at 7.15 pm.

Bangladesh MP murder: Bengal CID recovers human bones near Bagjola canal

WEST BENGAL, June 9 (Agencies) : The West Bengal CID on Sunday recovered parts of human bones near a canal in South 24 Parganas district, during a search operation in connection with its probe into the murder of Bangladesh MP Anwarul Azim Anar, a senior official said.

The specimen was found on the south-eastern bank of Bagjola canal in Bhangar's Krishnamati village, following the interrogation of Mohammad Siyam Hussain, a key suspect in the case who was arrested by the

Nepal Police and extradited to India, he said. "The bone parts appear to be of a human being as suggested by medical officers and forensic experts who were present when these were recovered," the CID officer said. It has lodged a suo moto

case in this regard at the Bijoyganj Bazar Police Station, he said. The bone parts will soon be sent for forensic examination. "Search is underway to trace other body parts of the Bangladeshi politician," the officer said. Sleuths of the CID had earlier recovered pieces

of flesh, weighing around 3.5kg, from the septic tank of a flat in the New Town area where the MP was last seen on May 12. The daughter of the Bangladesh MP is likely to arrive in Kolkata next week to take part in a DNA test in connection with the recovery of the bones and flesh pieces,

the CID officer said. A key suspect in the case, Hussain was arrested by the Nepal Police and extradited to India on Friday. He was also taken to the New Town flat on Sunday to assist the CID in tracing the body parts

of the Bangladesh MP, and the tools used to commit the crime.

Hussain was brought to West Bengal on Saturday evening and sent to 14-day custody of the CID by a local court in Barasat in North 24 Parganas district. An initial probe had revealed that the MP's close friend Akhtaruzzaman, a US citizen, paid around Rs 5 crore to those involved in the crime. Akhtaruzzaman has a flat in Kolkata, and is probably in the US at present, CID officers had said.

Circumstantial evidence

Sadhus reach Jammu ahead of annual Amarnath Yatra

arrangements including the round-theclock free community kitchen service and medical facilities are in place for the Sadhus, expressing confidence in a trouble-free yatra.

"The temple is serving them for generations, throughout the year. They are visiting the Amarnath shrine to seek blessings and pray for the welfare of the people and the country," ass told PTI.

He said the people in Kashmir will welcome the pilgrims as per age-old tradition so they do not face any problems.

"We are expecting a massive rush of pilgrims to Amarnath this year, given the improved security situation in the valley,"he said, lauding the role of Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and the security agencies for the positive change. Amid chants of 'Bam Bam Bhole and Jai Jai Baba Barfani', the Sadhus and Sadhvis are eagerly waiting for the yatra to commence.

"This is my first pilgrimage to Amarnath shrine and I am excited to get the blessings of my lord," Ram Baba, who had come from Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh said.

Gurvi Giri, a Sadhvi, said she has been visiting the cave shrine for the past five years, and it gives peace to her soul to be there.

Another Shiva devotee said he had come by foot from Himachal Pradesh in five days. "This is my 25th yatra without any break and I am feeling blessed to be here once again".

A Sadhu from West Bengal is confident of undertaking the arduous journey to the shrine with the help of his belt tied to his back to overcome pain.

"I have done a lot of pilgrimage across the country having visited Kedarnath, Badrinath and Gangotri. This time it came to my mind why should I leave Amarnath and start my journey," he said, adding on the way, he came to know about the Ram Mandir and joined others here.

Security situation stable in Kashmir Ahead of **Assembly Polls: GoC 15** Corps

fact. How security agencies are dealing with them (foreign terrorists) is quite evident.'

About situation along the LoC, the army officer said that "situation on the borders was stable." On the recent successful anti-militancy operation in South Kashmir, where longest surviving Lashkar-e-Toiba commander was killed, the GoC 15 Corps said that "every anti-militancy operation is a success and progress ahead.'

Earlier, the GoC said that war veterans of Kargil War were celebrated on the occasion. He said in Kargil War the Himalayan regiment of the army gave a befitting reply to the enemy in Kargil.

Jammu Jeweller crafted lotus flower in silver for Modi on becoming PM for third term

successful tenure of next five years.

The participants were seen carrying 'Modi masks' and also chanted slogans like 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', expressing happiness over BJP returning to power for the third term.

"Nobody can replace Modi and I am happy he will be back as Prime Minister of the country. We voted for Modi," Sonia Tandon said.

BJP candidates Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore retained their Udhampur and Jammu Lok Sabha seats for the third time in a row, defeating rival Congress candidates by over one lakh margin each.

"This is a great day for the country as Modi is assuming power once again with the support of the people," remarked Poonam Sachdev.

Pooja Kapoor expressed hope that the Modi led government will come up with

new welfare schemes for the public and work towards making India more famous at the world stage.

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PDP leader Sartaj Madni's son dies of heart attack

"Shocking and hard to believe that Aroot Madni left for heavenly abode son of senior PDP leader Mohammad Sartaj Madni and maternal cousin of mehbooba mufti passes away due to cardiac arrest. May allah grant him highest place in jannat and courage to family to bear the huge loss!," wrote Arif Laigroo on X.

NCLT allows insolvency against himalayan mineral water on J&K **Bank's Plea**

Process (CIRP).

"We are satisfied that the Applicant/Financial Creditor (J&K Bank) has proved the debt and the default, which is more than the threshold limit... the application u/s 7 is found to be fit for initiation of the CIRP against the Corporate Debtor (Himalayan Mineral Waters," said a two-member bench in the order passed last Monday.

Jammu & Kashmir Bank had claimed a default of Rs 50 crore against Himalayan Mineral Waters, engaged in the business of manufacturing of beverages, being the corporate guarantor for the credit facilities availed by the Leel Electricals.

LeeL Electricals had in May 2017 sold its consumer durable business to Havells India for a consideration of Rs 1,550 crore. Insolvency proceedings were initiated against LeeL Electricals by NCLT in April 2020 over a plea by one of its operational creditors. Later, NCLT passed a liquidation order in December 2021 after it failed to get a buver.

In 2015, a consortium arrangement led by the State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur (now State Bank of India) sanctioned credit facilities to LeeL Electricals for working capital facilities of Rs 35 crore (fund-based) and Rs 15 crore (non-fund based).

This was later extended to Rs 70 crore in 2017 and Himalayan Mineral Waters stood as surety for both agreements.

Later in 2017, when the borrower sold its consumer durable business to Havells India, it requested the financial creditor to reduce the working capital limit to Rs 37 crore on pro-rata basis.

After receiving no payment from the borrowers, the financial creditor declared the credit facilities account of the borrower to be non-performing assets (NPS) as of January 31, 2019 as per the prudential norms issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The borrower offered a one-time settlement (OTS), which was rejected by the creditor.

Since the borrower did not settle the remaining dues, the financial creditor sent a guarantee invocation notice on February 12, 2020 to all the guarantors, including Himalayan Mineral Waters, requesting payment of the liability.

The matter was referred to NCLT, where Himalayan Mineral Waters contended that the working capital, consortium agreement and the deed of guarantee were executed with 12 banks forming a consortium of banks and no individual bank has any right to call the outstanding amount of the credit facility.

It contended that the consortium banks will form opinions and act collectively.

Rejecting it, NCLT said these arguments are not 'tenable' and there is a clear-cut default on the part of the corporate debtor to pay the outstanding amount.

Allowing the plea, NCLT said, "We are satisfied that the present application under Section 7, has been found fit to be admitted... against the Corporate Debtor, M/s, Himalaya Minerals Water Private Ltd and accordingly, a moratorium is declared in terms of Section 14 of the I&B, Code 2016.

Vitamin D not a screening test, need not be routinely checked: Doctors

for the development of bones and teeth

and also the regular functioning of the immune system. Several studies have linked its deficiency with common disorders including musculoskeletal, metabolic, cardiovascular, malignant, autoimmune and infectious diseases

This resulted in widespread supplementation and increased laboratory testing in the general population.

The Endocrine Society in the US, this week, issued a new guideline recommending against Vitamin D testing and supplementation for healthy adults till the age of 75 years.

The panel suggested against routine 25-hydroxyvitamin D testing for generally healthy individuals who do not otherwise have established indications

"Vitamin D is supplemented by probably just about everyone who deals with health, nutrition, health coaches and similar who have absolutely no idea what high levels or doses of vitamin D can do," Phulrenu Chauhan, Section Head – Endocrinology, Consultant - Endocrinology, P. D. Hinduja Hospital, told IANS

He lamented that laboratories are also offering vitamin D evaluation in their packages.

"Vitamin D tests need not be done routinely. This is recommended only in certain specific situations. It is certainly not a screening test," Phulrenu said.

The new guidelines recommended vitamin D intake only for children, pregnant women, seniors aged over 75, and adults with high-risk pre-diabetes.

"Except for these specific conditions. routine measurement of Vitamin D levels is not recommended, as it is costly and supplementation may not lead to positive outcomes in healthy individuals," Anoop Misra, Chairman & amp; Director, Diabetes and Endocrinology, Fortis C-Doc Hospital, told IANS.

"Vitamin D deficiency is widespread in the Indian population, but its significance is not known to the vast majority of people. In children, it can reduce the incidence of rickets; in the elderly, it can decrease mortality; during pregnancy, it can reduce adverse foetal outcomes; and in those with prediabetes, it can prevent the development of diabetes. It is recommended to be administered under these conditions," the expert noted.

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RBI unveils 14 goals for its centenary celebrations in April 2035

The RBI also intends to deepen and universalize digital payment systems by a phased implementation of Central Bank Digital Currency, and internationalise the payment systems.

MUMBAI, Jun 9 (Agencies): From positioning itself as the model central bank of the Global South to capital account liberalization to the globalization of the rupee and reviewing the monetary policy framework, the Reserve Bank, which is in the final decade of its inception to hit the centurymark in 2035, has unveiled a roadmap for the centenary celebrations with 14 aspirational goals

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The monetary authority kicked off the 90th foundation day celebrations on April 1, 2024. The Reserve Bank of India was established on April 1, 1935 as a private stock company by the British but in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. The RBI was initially headquartered in the then Calcutta, and was permanently moved to Bombay in 1937.

The other key goals, aimed at enhancing the country's footprint across the world, include the deepening financial inclusion, which in the past decade has seen tremendous success not just in its territorial jurisdiction but globally as well; widening the financial inclusion, building safeguards against payment frauds, and addressing the balance between price stability and economic growth from an emerging market economy perspective among others.

"As the Reserve Bank approaches the centenary year, RBI@100, it will gear up even more to remain future-ready for our fastgrowing economy," said Governor Shaktikanta Das said Friday while announcing the review of the monetary policy.

He said the central bank has drawn up strategies for the next decade, which include policy actions to position the RBI as "a model central bank of Global South" and appealed to observers of the economy and financial system to closely examine these action plans.

Global South typically refers to the regions and countries such as India, Brazil. Mexico. China. Latin America, and Africa that are underdeveloped economies or low income economies.

"This is not a static document as we are living in a dynamic world. Our endeavour will be to continually update it as may be required," Das said.

The RBI@100 roadmap enlists as many as 14 key goals, which are more aspirational in nature and aim at refining the monetary policy communication and address spillovers to emerging markets from private and public debt overhang in systemically important economies.

These goals also include internationalization of the country's financial sector, more financial sector reforms will be undertaken to expand domestic banking in line with economic growth, and position three to five domestic banks among the top 100 globally in terms of size and operations. The monetary author-

ity also plans to deepen and modernise financial markets, institutions, and infrastructure, and support the International Financial Services Centres Authority to make Gandhi Nagar Gift City a leading global financial centre. To safeguard users against

payment frauds, the RBI plans to widen and deepen consumer awareness, and make payment systems safer and more secure. It also plans to identify and implement solutions for proactive prevention and quick redressal of fraud complaints.

The RBI also intends to deepen and universalise digital payment systems by a phased implementation of Central Bank Digital



Currency (e-Rupee), and internationalise the payment systems-- UPI/RTGS/ NEFT; and to make supervision of regulated entities a global model, deepen financial inclusion, expand credit availability, liberalise the capital account, and inter-

nationalise the rupee. Further, the central bank is also planning to set up a financial sector cloud infrastructure, ensuring transformational shifts in data

collection, processing and storage, and to develop a secure global financial messaging hub. One of the key objectives

for the roadmap is reviewing the monetary policy framework, which was adopted in 2016, as a flexible inflation targeting framework with the objective to maintain consumer inflation at 4 percent with a tolerance of 2 percent plus or minus. The current inflation framework, adopted following the recommendations of a committee headed by the then deputy governor Urjit Patel, is valid until March 31, 2026. The framework also man-

dates the governor to personally write to the government explaining the reasons if inflation has crossed its target for three successive

quarters. After the pandemic induced economic boosters and repo cuts, there was excess liquidity in the system which spiked the prices to low double digits.

On the capital account liberalization, the RBI aims to make the rupee available to non-residents to facilitate cross-border transactions, ensure accessibility of rupee accounts to persons resident outside India (PROIs) and also promote domestic corporations/brands become multinationals/global brands through overseas investments.

The Fourteen Centenary Goals 1. Monetary policy and

liquidity management

(Positioning the Reserve Bank as the leader of the Global South; review of monetary policy framework to address balancing price stability and economic growth from an emerging market economy perspective, refining monetary policy communication, prevenitng spillovers to EMEs from private and public debt overhang in systemically important economies)

2. Globalisation of our financial sector

(which includes financial sector reforms related to expanding banking domestically in consonance with national growth; positioning 3-5 domestic banks among top 100 global banks in terms of size and operations; deepening and modernizing financial markets infrastructure; and supporting International Financial Services Centres Authority to make Gift City a leading global financial centre)

3. Making Reserve Bank's Supervision a Global Model (which includes riskfocused supervision, supervisory culture for effective risk discovery; and ensuring an appropriate compliance culture at supervised entities; building 'through the cycle' risk assessment framework by continuous horizon scanning and holistic risk assessment; customer-centric supervision to improve the conduct of financial institutions to protect and promote customer interests through appropriate supervisory focus; effective corrective actions to focus on prudent supervisory judgement and assessing supervisory effectiveness; and creating a data analytics universe)

4. Deepening and Universalisation of Digital Payment Systems- Domestically and Globally

(which will involve internationalisation of UPI/RTGS/ NEFT; participation in payment systems linkage projects bilaterally and multilaterally; increasing the domestic usage of digital payments; and phased implementation of e-Rupee)

5. Deepening Financial Inclusion

(by focusing on accessibility, availability and quality of financial services to all sections of the society)

6. Expanding Credit Availability

(By strengthen data collection; comprehensive credit information repository to support credit needs and monitoring; unified loan interface; and reviewing priority sector guidelines to proactively address emerging needs)

7. Capital Account Liberalisation and Internationalisation of the Rupee

(to enable availability of the rupee to non-residents for facilitating cross-border transactions in the rupee; enhancing accessibility of the rupee accounts to persons resident outside India (PROIs); adopting a calibrated approach towards interest-bearing non resident deposits; and promoting domestic multinational corporations to become global brands through overseas investments)

8. Dealing with Climate Change

(Regulatory/supervisory framework for addressing challenges arising from climate change; finalising guidance for regulated entities to stress test their asset portfolio to assess impact of climate change; macro stresstesting the impact of climate change on regulated entities from a financial stability perspective; strengthening payment systems' resilience to climate risks; developing climate risk disclosure norms

for regulated entities; provid-

ing inputs to government for finalising taxonomy on climate risks; and publishing a risk management framework for managing climate-related financial risks.

9. Adoption of AI/ML in the **Reserve Bank**

(articulation of an AI policy for the Bank, increased use of AI/ML for effective supervision; management of cyber risks; and forecasting, mowcasting and surveys)

10. Financial Sector Cloud Infrastructure

(building an Indian Financial Cloud by establishing a cost-effective cloud facility for the financial sector to enhance the security, integrity and privacy of financial sector data while facilitating scalability and business continuity; and building an internal AI cloud by developing an enterprise-wide platform with AI/ML capabilities to enhance operational efficiency, productivity, data analytics, risk management, decision making and customer experience.

11. Transformational Shifts in Data Collection, Processing and Storage

Developing data mesh with regulated entities; cloud quantum computing services for analytics; and geotagging for supporting high frequency data analysis)

12. Safeguarding Users Against Payment Frauds

(by widening and deepening consumer awareness; making payment systems more safe and secure; and identifying and implementing solutions for proactive prevention and quick redressal of frauds.

13. Developing a Secure **Global Financial Messaging** Hub

(Exporting financial networks and messaging systems as alternative platforms)

14. Making Reserve Bank's Human Resources and Infrastructure Future Ready.

dementia among people with high BP: Study

older adults are engag-

ing in physical exercise.

NEW DELHI. Jun 9 (Agencies): Physical activity could help older people with high blood pressure lower their risk of dementia, a new research has found.

Previous studies have found that people with high blood pressure, or hypertension, are at an increased risk of cognitive impairment, including dementia, in which an individual's memory and thinking abilities are affected, severely impacting their daily lives

In this study, researchers at Wake Forest University, US, examined how physical activity impacted the risk of

mild cognitive impairment (preceding stage of dementia) in older people with hypertension.

The team found that the participants engaging in vigorous physical activity at least once a week had lower rates of mild cognitive impairment and dementia.

The researchers noted that nearly 60 per cent of the participants, all aged 50 years and above, reported having performed activities that made them sweat, along with increasing heart

rate and breathing at least once a week. "It is welcome news that a higher number of

This also suggests that older adults who recognise the importance of exercise may be more inclined to exercise at higher intensity," said Richard Kazibwe, an assistant professor of internal medicine at the School of Medicine, Wake Forest University. However, the researchers found the protec-

tive impact of vigorous exercise was more pronounced for those younger than 75 years of age.

"While this study provides evidence that vigorous exercise may preserve cognitive func-

tion in high-risk patients with hypertension, more research is needed to include device-based physical activity measurements and more diverse participant populations," said Kazibwe, lead author of the study published in Alzheimer's and Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association.

The latest is part of the larger 'Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial' (SPRINT) study that showed that intensive control of blood pressure to a target of less than 120 mm Hg reduced the risks of cardiovascular disease and death.

It included more than 9,300 participants with hypertension ages 50 and older. It was randomly assigned to intensive or standard blood pressure treatment (limiting systolic blood pressure to less than 140 mm Hg). The findings were published in 2015. In 2019, results of the 'Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial Memory and Cognition in Decreased Hypertension' (SPRINT MIND) study showed that intensively treating blood pressure in older people significantly reduced the risk of developing mild

experience withdrawal symptoms upon discontinuing antidepressants, study finds

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fessionals," said co-lead

author Jonathan Hens-

sler from Charité - Uni-

versitätsmedizin Berlin,

While previous studies

have estimated over half

of patients to experience

discontinuation symp-

toms — about half of

which would be severe,

the researchers said

these figures are based

on observational stud-

ies which cannot reliably

determine cause-and-

research, analysing

data from almost 80

trials and over 20,000

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"It's important to note



NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): One in every six people taking antidepressants will experience withdrawal symptoms, while one in 35 will likely experience severe ones upon stopping, according to a new research published in The Lancet Psychiatry journal.

Researchers said that the study provides reliable estimates regarding the likelihood of patients experiencing withdrawal symptoms upon stopping their antidepressant medications, which are commonly used to treat depression but can also help in treating other conditions such as obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The researchers said that there is a 15 per cent risk of getting these symptoms including dizziness, headache, nausea and irritability,

participants, should ensure that withdrawal symptoms in people are not as high as some previous single studies and reviews have suggested, said Henssler.

The researchers said that plans to discontinue an antidepressant should be made jointly with patients and doctors and that patients should be monitored and supported, especially those developing severe symptoms, as they may be at risk of disengaging from care altogether.

"In patients who have recovered with the help of antidepressants, the decision from doctors and patients may be to stop taking them in time. Therefore, it's important both doctors and patients have an accurate, evidence-based picture of what might happen when patients stop taking antidepressants," said Henssler. While their research did not find a difference between studies

that applied tapering of the antidepressant and studies with a sudden stopping of the medication, the authors called for future research, as they could not make firm conclusions in this regard.

Alcohol-based mouthwash may not be good for your oral health: Study

NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): Commonly used alcohol-based mouthwashes may have adverse effects on oral microbiomes-the community of bacteria that live in the mouth-raising risks of periodontal diseases and some cancers, according to a study.

The oral microbiome plays a role in digestion and keeps the mouth healthy.

The research, published in the Journal of Medical Microbiology, included men who have sex with men, who regularly use mouthwash as a method to reduce the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases. Three months of daily use of the alcohol-based mouthwash increased the amount of two species of opportunistic bacteria-Fusobacterium nucleatum and Streptococcus anginosus-in the mouth

of these men, said the

team from the Institute



of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp in Belgium.

The two bacteria are known to raise the risk of gum disease, and oesophageal and colorectal cancers.

Further, the researchers also observed a decrease in a bacteria group called Actinobacteria-crucial for regulating blood pressure. "Alcohol-based mouth-

washes are widely available.

cognitive impairment.

them daily to tackle bad breath or prevent periodontitis, but they should be aware of the potential implications. Ideally, long-term usage should be guided by healthcare professionals," said Jolein Laumen, from ITM's Unit of Sexually Transmitted

Infections. The researchers also called for larger studies to establish the risk.

The public may use

SPORTS

Keeping white noise aside, India face Pakistan in the Big Apple

Even as the two teams prepare for marquee clash, a lot rides on the India-Pakistan match for the tournament as well

NEW YORK, Jun 9 (Agencies): The day is finally here. India versus Pakistan. In New York. Since the first warm-up match was played at the new modular venue built for the T20 World Cup in the United States, all the conversation has been about this one match. And how the way the contest goes could have an impact on the success of the tournament.

For starters, there are some merits to it. The pitches at the Nassau County venue have not been ideal, to say the least. The ticket pricing and accessibility has only made it worse. The seats for India-Pakistan started at \$300 and went up to \$10,000. About 24 hours before the scheduled start of the match, a significant number of tickets were available starting from \$2500 to \$10,000. And of course all India matches are scheduled for prime-time television viewership in the subcontent; i.e 10.30 AM local time start. However, it might come back and bite the global body considering the weather forecast for Sunday — there is a high chance of rain. Which makes one wonder, despite all the effort from the ICC to



make this match a prime success, one will have to wait and see if the contest lives up to the expectation.

On the cricketing front, India have little less to lose going into the contest. They have two points in the bag, and are acclimatised to the conditions. They have been in New York since arriving in the United States. Rohit Sharma and Co. also know enough to be prepared for the unpredictable nature of the surface.

Pakistan, on the other hand, flew into the city after their loss against co-hosts USA and will be under the pump more than usual. Another loss, with two matches to go, would make it all the more difficult for the Babar Azam-led side to make it to the Super 8s.

The contest, as it has been the case in the past, could come down to Pakistan pacers and Indian batting. Mohammed Amir and Shaheen Shah Afridi could be a handful against Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, and so will Naseem Shah. But then, it will also be crucial for Babar and Mohammad Rizwan to up the ante with the bat. Babar, in particular, will have to step up and be proactive with the bat for Pakistan to set the tone at the top. The spinners, however, will have a limited role considering the conditions in play. It should not come as a surprise if Shadab Khan had little role to play with the ball and Imad Wasim, if fit, will come back into the fray. For India, it is expected to be the same XI unless there is some last-minute injury in the leadup to the game.

The importance of the clash in the larger scheme of things is undeniable. New York as a venue has been in the news for the wrong reasons, and so has the global body and the tournament itself.

However, over the last few days, the World Cup has turned for the better on its head largely thanks to the associate nations. USA beating Pakistan, Scotland ranking up victories, Canada outperforming Ireland has rejuvenated the interest in the tournament and justifying the expansion of the event. All the ICC needs now is an enthralling contest between two arch-subcontinental rivals to set the tournament alive and take it from there. Whether it will happen, we will have the answer by Sunday night.

T20 World Cup: Kohli, Bumrah can take game away from Pakistan, says all-rounder Fawad Alam

added.

NEW DELHI, Jun 9 (Agencies): Pakistan all-rounder Fawad Alam said Babar Azam's side will have to nullify Indian stars Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah in their high-profile T20 World Cup match on Sunday for a win and get their campaign back on track.

While India started the tournament with a resounding eight-wicket win over Ireland, Pakistan shockingly went down against co-hosts USA in the Super Over.

"Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah will make an impact for India in the game because of their experience and also the quality of both of them. They can easily take the game away from Pakistan," Alam told agency.

"As a team, India is well-balanced, and it will be really hard to get past them." Alam, who played 19 Tests, 38 ODIs and 24 T20Is for his country, said left-arm pacer Mohammad Amir will have to come up with a matchturning effort against India, similar to his burst against them in the Champions Trophy final 2017. "I feel Mohammad Amir will redeem himself and give a match-winning performance against India alongside captain Babar who has had a pretty decent record against them," said Alam, whose last T20I for Pakistan came back in 2010.

Amir had an ordinary Super Over against the USA, conceding 18 runs, but Alam warned against writing the pacer off. "Based on that super over, you can't blame Amir. He is not the same bowler as he was four years back. "He has been playing cricket in dif-

ferent leagues and is still Pakistan's best and most experienced bowler," he

Alam, however, accepted that losing to the USA was not "acceptable" and Pakistan would feel pressure against India.

"Pakistan losing to the USA is very shocking. The USA is playing in their first World Cup, so it is not acceptable at all. "Now the pressure is on Pakistan in the game against India. All I can hope is for a good game of cricket," he said. Alam hoped that Pakistan bowling would come good against India, despite lacking good spin options. "Imad Wasim's injury has come as a shock. Shadab is completely out of form with the ball in his hand. Pakistan is clearly lagging in bowling, especially in the spin department.

"India has Bumrah, (Mohammad) Siraj, and Kuldeep (Yadav) who can pose a threat. But if Pakistan bowling clicks in the improved conditions as claimed by ICC then we may witness them having an edge over India," he noted. The left-arm spinner said the International Cricket Council (ICC) should have inspected the drop-in pitch in New York well in advance to the tournament. The deck at the Nassau County stadium has been offering variable bounce to pacers, often posing a threat to batters' limbs.

India's Rohit Sharma and Rishabh Pant took hits during the match against Ireland. "If the wickets are well-prepared in Dallas and Florida then why didn't you host the games there? Now, you are trying to cover up but what about those teams who have already played their games and lost those matches? Who is responsible for that?" he said.

England's T20 World Cup hopes falter after 36-run defeat to Australia

BRIDGETOWN, Jun 9 (Agencies): Jos Buttler said England must "dust ourselves down" after a damaging 36-run defeat by ruthless Australia in Barbados on Saturday left their T20 World Cup defence in the balance.

Australia raced out of the blocks at the Kensington Oval, posting 201-7 in their 20 overs, and England wickets tumbled after a bright start as they struggled to 165-6.

Buttler's men, who flopped badly when defending their 50-over title in India last year, are still winless after their opening game against Scotland was wrecked by rain. But Australia top Group B after two wins as they stay on track to become the first nation to hold all three global cricket titles simultaneously -- Test, one-day and T20.

Opener David Warner top-scored for the winners with 39 while spinner Adam Zampa was player of the match after taking 2-28, including the crucial wicket of Buttler for 42. "They came out with a lot of intent and played really well and put us under a lot of pressure straight away," said the England captain. "It was tough to drag it back from there. They bowled really well in that middle phase, took wickets at regular times and defended really well." 22 runs in his first over and paceman Mark Wood also conceded 22 runs in his opening over as Australia raced to 55-0 off four overs, relishing a short boundary on one side of the ground.

Moeen Ali made the breakthrough England desperately needed, bowling Warner for 39, and paceman Jofra Archer flattened the stumps of Head (34), leaving Australia 74-2. But captain Mitchell Marsh (35) and Glenn Maxwell (28) kept the score ticking over and Marcus Stoinis's 30 off 17 balls ensured Australia became the first side to reach the 200-mark during the tournament. Buttler and Phil Salt ensured England act off to a swift start in their reply

Buttler and Phil Salt ensured England got off to a swift start in their reply, reaching 73-0 at the end of the seventh over. But Zampa bowled Salt for 37 with his first ball and took the prized wicket of Buttler in his next over for 42.

Jacks was caught by Mitchell Starc in the deep off the bowling of Stoinis as Australia turned the screw, conceding just 11 runs in three overs. Moeen took three sixes off a Maxwell over as England briefly flickered but Jonny Bairstow went cheaply and Moeen perished for 25.

David Miller Guides South Africa To Four-Wicket Victory Over Netherlands

NEW YORK, Jun 9 (Agencies): David Miller made a mind-over-matter fifty on a tough pitch as South Africa survived some anxious moments to beat their bogey team Netherlands by four wickets in the T20 World Cup on Saturday. This was South Africa's second consecutive win as they had defeated Sri Lanka by six wickets in their opening Group D match.

After SA elected to bowl, pacer Ottneil Baartman registered his best bowling figures of 4 for 11 as South Africa produced a fine bowling effort to restrict Netherlands to 103 for nine. Despite some early hiccups, Miller (59 not out off 51) played a gem of an innings to guide South Africa home with a ball to spare. It was a torrid start to the run chase for South Africa as they lost Quinton de Kock in the first delivery via a run out. It came after a terrible mix-up with Reeza Hendricks. Hendricks too didn't last long as he was castled by Logan van Beek in the next over.



If that was not enough, skipper Aiden Markram nicked a Vivian Kingma delivery to Scott Edwards behind the wickets apiece. South Africa made a bright start, getting the first breakthrough in the third ball of the innings. Jansen induced an inside edge from Michael Levitt, which wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock picked up even as the bowler and umpire failed to realise the snick. De Kock instantly went for the review and was successful.

(2/19) picked up two

It could have been two down for Netherlands in the third over. Vikramjit Singh's outside edge off a short delivery from Jansen was snaffled by De Kock but the bowler had overstepped by a long way.

in on the reprieve as he soon departed in the next over with Jansen disturbing his timbers. De Leede too found it difficult to handle the uneven bounce of the pitch as he ballooned one to Miller at point from a back of a length delivery from Nortje. Netherlands skip-

Netherlands skipper Edwards showed some early aggression, scooping Nortje for a six but his SA counterpart Markram found him short of the crease with a direct hit at the nonstriker's end.

It was raining wick-

Buttler said England needed to play with a lot of confidence in their remaining games against Oman and Namibia.

"It's all laid out what we need to do so we need to dust ourselves down and go again," he added.

Buttler won the toss in Bridgetown but watched in horror as Australia's openers Warner and Travis Head savaged his bowlers.

Spinner Will Jacks was smashed for

The innings petered out and the impressive Zampa finished with eyecatching bowling figures, with Pat Cummins taking 2-23.

Marsh said his team's all-round game was "outstanding", pinpointing the early fireworks from Warner and Head as key. "That was the difference in the game, the way we started, all based around our trust in each other," he said. "The boys set the tone beautifully."

The top two teams in the group will advance to the Super 8 stage of the competition. stumps in the next over.

The situation turned So worse for South Africa wh when Henrich Klaasen wh was caught at deep as backward square-leg by pla Tim Pringle off Kingma situ as SA slumped to 12 for too

4 in the fifth over. When the going was tough, experienced Miller and young gun Tristan Stubbs forged a crucial 65-run fifth-wicket partnership to keep South Africa in the race. The duo played to the occasion and mostly tried to negoti-

Beek mostly tried to negotiate the bowlers, while ets at the early stages, South Africa had the wherewithal to overwhelm the paltry target as Miller and Stubbs played according to the situation, without taking too many risks.

Miller picked up a few

boundaries and a six

in between to keep the

Despite losing wick-

asking rate in check.

Stubbs and then Marco Jansen departed in quick succession but Miller hammered Bas de Leede for two sixes and a four in the final over to apply finishing touches to the game.

Earlier, Baartman returned with impressive figures, while Jansen (2/20) and Anrich Nortje The Dutch batters found it difficult to negotiate South African bowlers on the tricky New York pitch as they kept losing wickets.

Baartman registered his name in the wickets column when he dismissed Max O'Dowd but the credit should go to Jansen who took a one-handed blinder at first slip. Vikramjit failed to cash ets for South Africa as Nortje dismissed Teja Nidamanuru in the same over as the batter spooned one to Klaasen at deep third man.

Sybrand Engelbrecht (40 off 45) and Van Beek then shared 54 runs for the seventh wicket to bring some respectability to Netherlands total. But once Engelbrecht and Tim Pringle departed in the final over, the writing was on the wall for Netherlands as they could only muster a below-par total.

T20 World Cup 2024: Akeal Hosein's Fifer Fashions West Indies' 134-Run Win Over Uganda

GUYANA, Jun 9 (Agencies): Left-arm spinner Akeal Hosein worked his inimitable sorcery with a fifer as hosts West Indies hammered Uganda by 134 runs in the T20 World Cup in Guyana. Hosein knocked the wind out of the Uganda batting unit with career-best figures of 5/11, helping West Indies bowl out Uganda for 39 in 12 overs, the joint-lowest team total in the men's T20 World Cup. This was after Johnson Charles (44) emerged the top scorer while Andre Russell (30 not out) provided the hosts with the final push to help West Indies post a challenging 173/5.

The win has boosted West Indies' Net Run Rate to a healthy 3.574, which will help them in their bid to finish in the top two in Group C.

The gulf between the two sides was evident when the West Indies bowlers were operating. As was the case in their previous two games, Uganda's top order fell like ninepins with half the side back in the dugout inside the Powerplay. Opening the bowl-

Opening the bowling, Hosein picked three wickets in as many overs. He struck off the second ball of the innings with Roger Mukasa becoming his first victim.

He came back to trap t Run Alpesh Amjani leg-3.574, before wicket in the third over. Riazar Ali Shah in the became his third victim C. an over later.

The Ugandan batters just couldn't read Hosein as the spinner picked two more wickets in his last over to register his maiden five-wicket haul and also the best figures by a West Indian bowler at the T20 World Cup. Earlier, Brandon King (13) and Charles, who was dropped on 23 in the fourth over, scored at a quick pace to give West Indies a solid start after skipper Rovman Powell decided to bat first.

But left-arm spin-

ner Alpesh Ramjani cleaned up King to provide Uganda their first breakthrough.

New batter Nicholas Pooran (22) took a couple of deliveries to settle in before going down on one knee, launching the ball hight over deep mid-wicket for a maximum.

Charles and Pooran continued to hit the maximums every over before Uganda skipper Brian Masaba (2/31) cut short the latter's stay by completing a caught and bowled.

Masaba and off-spinner Frank Nsubuga (0/29) bowled with control and discipline as Uganda kept striking at regular intervals, deflating West Indies' momentum.

The Ugandans bowled 53 dot balls. Charles, who was struggling to get the big shots, was next to go as he sent the ball straight to Ramjani at long on. Shane Rutherford (22) smacked a six and a boundary in the next two overs before Masaba got his counterpart in the 16th over after Powell failed to get the desired elevation.

The big-hitting Russell then sent the ball to the fence six times to help West Indies add 49 runs in the last five overs.

His highness: Carlsen wins at home



STAVANGER, Jun 9 (Agencies): Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa ended his campaign on a positive note by defeating American Hikaru Nakamura in the final round as world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen won the Norway Chess here.

Carlsen walked away with prize money of around \$65,000 for ending with 17.5 points in the unique tournament that ensured that each round had a winner either through the classical time control or Armageddon if the game ended in a draw.

Nakamura finished second on 15.5

points despite losing to Praggnanandhaa, who ended third on 14.5 points.

Praggnanandhaa can be happy with the fact that he defeated the top-three players in the world in one of the strongest ever tournaments.

He had beaten Carlsen and Caruana under the classical time control earlier in the competition and his win against Nakamura ensured that he became the first player ever to beat the top three.

The fourth place went to Alireza Firouzja (13.5 points), who accounted for reigning world champion Ding Liren of China.

In the women's section, Wenjun Ju had no trouble securing the top spot at the expense of compatriot Tingjie Lei. The Chinese won with 19 points, coming from three wins under the classical time control. Anna Muzychuk finished second on 16 points, 1.5 points ahead of Lei who was two points clear of R Vaishali. Koneru Humpy on 10 points ended fifth.

LOCAL

Natrang stages play 'Uthal Puthal'

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 9: Natrang staged 'Uthal Puthal', a play in Hindi based on a short story written by Anton Chekhov and directed by Neeraj Kant here today at Natrang's Studio Theatre Kachi Chawni in its weekly Theatre Series, Sunday Theatre. The emotional quotient prevalent in the plot of the play was much appreciated by the audience. The play speaks about how necessary is the faith and respect is in relationships.

The play revolves around a young girl 'Malvika', who lives as a paying-guest in the house of one Mrs. Maya. She comes home from college one day to find the house in turmoil. When she walks into her room, she sees her mistress rummaging through her things.



Mrs. Maya leaves in hurry and another maid tells Malvika that a very expensive brooch was lost and the ever suspicious and arrogant lady Mrs. Maya is searching and screening each and every one to find that. She has no regards for

anyone's honesty and all are thieves in her eyes. 'Malvika' is very disturbed that the landlady would look through her things, obviously assuming her a thief. Then, at dinner, Maya makes a comment about how she will not tolerate thieves in

her house. This pushes 'Malvika' over the edge, and she decides to leave the place. While she is packing, 'Nikhil', the master of the house and Maya's husband, comes into her room and begs her to stay. He then reveals that actually he stole the brooch as he was short of money and his dominating wife has captured all the possessions with her and turned him to be a beggar in his own house. This disturbs Malvika even more who stavs with her decision to leave the home as there is no dignity in living at a place where there is no respect for your honesty and nothing else is

more important than self respect and dignity for an honest person. Natrang's artists who presented a remarkable performance included Aadesh Dhar as Nikhil, Vrinda Gujral as Malvika, Mehak Chib as Nisha, Payal Khanna as Maya and Sanna Devi & Lalita Sharma as Maid. Lights were operated by Neeraj Kant whereas the sound was rendered by Kushal Bhat. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and presentations were done by Priya

Work in tandem to ensure BJP's dominance in Upcoming Assembly Polls: Purnima

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 9: Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson of BJP J&K and former Deputy Mayor of Jammu, called on party members and supporters to work together cohesively to secure a dominant position for the BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

While welcoming the statement of Chief Election Commissioner for initiating the process for Assembly elections in J&K, the senior BJP leader emphasized the importance of unity and collective effort in the face of the forthcoming electoral challenge. "Our strength lies in our unity. To ensure a resounding victory in the upcoming Assembly polls, we must work in tandem, leveraging our collective resources and strengths," Sharma stated



She highlighted the successes of the BJP in recently concluded Lok Sabha elections, attributing them to the dedication and hard work of the party cadre. "The victories we have achieved so far are a testament to our commitment and the trust that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have placed in us. We must continue this momentum and strive for even greater success," she noted Adv Purnima also

praised the recent initiatives and policies implemented by the BJP-led government, which have significantly contributed to the development and progress of Jammu and Kashmir. "Our Government at the Centre has brought about remarkable changes in J&K UT, focusing on infrastructure, education, healthcare, and social welfare. It is crucial that we communicate these achievements to the electorate and garner their support," she added.

The senior BJP leader urged the party cadre to unite and work tirelessly to ensure the BJP's victory in the upcoming Assembly polls. "We must come together as one and focus on our common goal – a resounding victory for the BJP. Let us pledge to work with unwavering dedication to secure a prosperous future for Jammu and Kashmir under the BJP's leadership," she urged.

Baba Dhol Devta Trust Hosts Free Medical Camp in Memory of Ashroo Devi & Hari Saran

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In addition to medical

examinations, all patients

received free medicines

sponsored by Macleods

Pharmaceuticals, Flor-

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Baxium Health care

ensuring access to

essential healthcare with-

out financial burden. As

a gesture of hospitality

and solidarity, a shabeel

was organized, where

es offered.

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 9: Bakkal Village, Tehsil Bhomag, District Reasi witnessed a remarkable display of community service as Baba Dhol Devta Trust organized a free medical camp on 09th June 2024. Dedicated to the cherished memory of Smt Ashroo Devi and Shri Hari Saran, the event exemplified the spirit of compassion and care.

Under the expert guidance of Dr. Deepshikha Sumbria MS (ENT), the camp provided comprehensive ENT checkups including Nasal, Aural, and Hypopharyngeal Endoscopy and addressed various general health concerns of the attendees. Over 100 individuals from the surrounding areas benefited



soft Drinks and stuffed bread were distributed to attendees and the general public.

Baba Dhol Devta Trust takes pride in honoring the legacy of kindness and generosity embodied by Smt Ashroo Devi and Shri Hari Saran. This initiative reflects the Trust's commitment to serving the community and fostering a culture of empathy and support.

Kesri demands strengthening Mission 'Clean Up' to fight drug menace in J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 9 : A meeting was held by Shiv Sena Hindustan under the chairmanship of Jammu and Kashmir President Pandit Rajesh Kesri at Marol Block Arnia in which the drug smuggling going on in all the districts of Jammu and border areas was discussed. Speaking in the meeting, Kesri said that the young generation of Jammu district is becoming more and more affected by drugs menace. Every day a youth is dying due to overdose of drugs in funeral pyre . Kesri further said that at hospital in Resham Ghar area of Jammu, medicines are given to get rid of the intoxication of the body. but the people who sell the drug, they stand in a queue to take the medi-



cine and after coming out, they sold it to the drug addicts at cheap prices. This is a very big racket, we want the government to pay attention, added Kesri. Kesri observed that due to the strictness in the border area, drug peddlers are now turning towards the cities. A few days ago, a young man in Shalamar area lost his life after consuming overdose. He requested the

government that in order to protect precious there should be more deployment of police officers to have proper cognizance of this. People from all the agencies should be kept 24 hours alert in this area because instead of being a hospital, it is becoming a den of drugs. It is a matter of concern that when young people lose their lives due to drugs, it is a great shock

to the heart that these young people were eligible to join the police but due to drug abuse, these handsome and tall children are in the grip of death. For this, we should also let the parents of the children and the people of the street to play their part and also support the police so that these drug smugglers and drug peddlers can be caught and we can save our young to combat growing drug abuse and its adverse impact on the young generation, the Jammu and Kashmir police have initiated Mission cleanup using 'human intelligence' to target drug traffickers and other anti-social elements and the need of hour is to strengthen mission.Kesri appreciated the drive which has been launched utilizing human intelligence, including youthboth male and femalehaving previously struggled with drug addiction. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Balveer Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Balwant Fauji, Dheeraj Kumar, Balveer Kumar, Rajkumar Baba, Sanjeev Sharma, Darshana Devi, Garo Devi, Rajni Devi, Neeru Devi, Suresh Kumar etc.

generation. In an attempt

Manjit Singh seeks employment for locals in developmental projects in Samba

Top News Report

SAMBA, June 9: The Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Maniit Singh today demanded employment of local youth in the industrial sector, developmental / highway widening project, AIIMS Vijaypur and Central University in Samba.

Addressing a meeting at Ghagour village in Vijaypur, the Former Minister expressed his concern over the increasing unemployment in Samba district among the educated youth that has ultimately linked joblessness with the drug addiction.

"The Govt shall ensure that the unemployed youth get adequate share in jobs in the ongoing developmental projects across the District Samba. The premier hospitals like AIIMS, and Central University in Samba have also been established in the district, but the locals are not being given priority," he said.

He said that the residents of Samba have



being compelled to leave

their home district in the

wake of poor chances

of employment despite

ample opportunities in

Raising his concern,

serious concerns over the deliberate ignorance of the unemployed youth

and institutions have potential to engage the youth in various sectors.

be held accountable for ignoring the locals, and employing the outsiders from the district," he said, while highlighting the plight of the industrial sector in Samba. The industrial sector has employed most of the staff - skilled and

unskilled - from various parts of the country, but

locals were not given priority. "The local youth are

even as these projects "The authorities must

> Samba and work outside the J&K on low wages," he said questioning the silence of the authorities. He said that "The LG administration should look into the issue and ensure that the youth are provided employment at

their home - town.

he said that the youth

are turning towards drug addiction, and crime because of the irresponsible approach of the authorities towards the young generation.

"The police are doing their job. But the authorities should see how the projects, institutions, and industrial sectors fail to provide job opportunities to the youth. The land and resources of Samba are being utilized and then, the locals are being deprived of their basic right of getting a job," he added.

He warned the authori-

ties of playing with the future of the authorities and demanded that a proper policy should be framed ensuring the employment to the local youth in projects, educational, health institutions, and highway widening work.

He said that "The anger is brewing among the locals against the authorities and if they continue to fail, the people will come on the roads in support of their demands." Meanwhile, he sought

an end to the miseries of the people with the holding of the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, and restoration of statehood. "The babus have taken Jammu and Kashmir far granted without an elect-

ed Govt, and there is no accountability to their acts which are anti-public," he added. while welcoming the initiatives taken by the Election Commission of India regarding elections in J&K. He further alleged that the bureaucracy is doing no welfare work for the general masses in Jammu and Kashmir.

Celebration of Kargil Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav by Dagger



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BARAMULLA, June 9: On the occasion of "Kargil Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav", the Dagger Division organised a felicitation ceremony to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who adorned history with their valor during Operation VIJAY. As part of commemoration, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, AVSM, SM***, GOC 15 Corps and Maj Gen RK Kakkar, YSM (RETD) flagged in the bike rally of valiant soldiers, who participated in Operation VIJAY, at revered General Bipin Rawat Stadium. Embarking on symbolic journey, the bike rally had started on 07th Jun from bustling streets of Chandigarh traversing through Udhampur, Srinagar, Baramulla and will continue its journey to Kargil.

It was an important milestone for the Himalayan Brigade as it takes immense pride in its glorious history including the battles fought at Mushkoh valley during Op VIJAY. Amidst heartfelt emotions, the families and next of kin of the fallen heroes were felicitated by the chief guest to commemorate the brave hearts of the formation who gallantly fought the enemy against the odds of weather and terrain. A mesmerizing exhibition of equipment and weaponry as part of Know Your Army Mela was organised by the Baramulla Rashtriya Rifles which further commemorated the noble spirit of the Indian Army, captivating the youth and fostering a sense of national pride and unity. Such events not only illuminate the virtues of our armed forces but also inspire faith and reverence among the local populace. Through their unwavering commitment, the Indian Army remains a bastion of protection and pride, instilling hope and unity in the hearts of all who cherish the spirit of our beloved nation.

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