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BRIEFLY

J&K Police foil man's suicide bid in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Prompt and timely intervention by J&K Police on Tuesday foiled the suicide attempt by a man in Srinagar city, said officials on Tuesday. Police said that a man belonging to the Ganderbal district attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the Jhelum River in the city.

"Prompt and timely intervention by police personnel of Shaheedgunj police station foiled the man's suicide attempt. He jumped into the Jhelum River from Budshah Bridge in Srinagar. Police personnel from Shaheedgunj police station rescued the man from the river," said the officials.

"He has been shifted to the SMHS hospital in the city where doctors said his condition is critical," police said.

Reports said that the man is working in the local police department.

More details are awaited.

MeT forecast 'Heatwave' in Jammu, Hot & Dry Weather in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Amid forecast for heatwave in plains of Jammu and hot & dry weather in rest of J&K, most places recorded below normal night temperature on Tuesday.

A meteorological department official said till June 17, weather is expected to be generally dry weather even as possibility of light rain/thunder at isolated places can't be ruled out.

He said 'heatwave' is expected over plains of Jammu while hot and dry weather is likely in the rest of the places of J&K.

From June 18-21, he said, generally cloudy weather with possibility of light rain/thunder is expected at isolated places towards afternoon.

Regarding the forecast, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 12.7°C against 12.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.6°C below normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year.

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Jammu to Vaishno Devi helicopter service to resume from June 18, booking started

KATRA, Jun 11 (Agencies): To facilitate pilgrims seeking special darshan quickly, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board will start its Jammu to Sanjhi Chhat helicopter service from June 18, 2024.

Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Anshul Garg, said that the SMVDSB is starting the Jammu to Sanjhi Chhat helicopter service for pilgrims who want to have darshan at Bhawan in a day.



The Shrine Board will introduce two types of packages: 'Same Day Return' (SDR) for Rs 35,000 and 'Next Day Return' (NDR) for Rs

50,000 per person. Sharing the details, officials said that in the SDR format, pilgrims will be provided battery car service to Bhawan upon

reaching Panchhi Helipad, a special darshan slip, 'prasad', a priority ticket for the cable car to offer prayers at Bhairon Temple, battery car service on return to reach Panchhi Helipad, and a helicopter ride back to Jammu Airport.

Board officials further stated that the NDR package includes rooms at Bhawan and 'Atka Aarti' in addition to all SDR facilities.

Notably, the helicopter service is currently available only between Katra

Centre notifies fresh term for Justice Rajesh Sekhri as Additional Judge Of J&K High Court



NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): The Ministry of Law and Justice on Tuesday notified the appointment for fresh term for Justice Rajesh Sekhri as additional

judge of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

Minister of Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal on Social media stated that in the exercise of the power conferred by the Constitution of India, the President of India, after consultation with the Chief Justice of India has approved a fresh term for Justice Rajesh Sekhri.

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NDA Partners Left with 'Leftovers' in Modi Government: Omar Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): The allies of the BJP do not have much sway in the power corridors as the party has not left any meaningful ministerial portfolios for them, National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah claimed on Monday.

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Militancy Persists Due to Porous Border with Pakistan: Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): National Conference president Farooq Abdullah Tuesday said though the security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir was good, terrorism was still alive as the border with Pakistan remains permeable.

"The security (scenario) is good. Terrorism is there. Our border is permeable and there cannot be



control everywhere," Abdullah told reporters in Baramulla when asked about the Reasi terror attack in which nine pilgrims were killed.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir condemned the attackers. "I regret that innocent pilgrims, unarmed people, were attacked. We all, the people of the state, should

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Three held for providing support to militants in Pulwama

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Three over ground workers of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) have been arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district in connection with the recovery of two improvised explosive devices, police said on Tuesday.

The explosive devices, weighing about six kgs, were recovered on Sunday and were destroyed a day later, a police official said.

During further investigation following the killing of LeT commander Reyaz Dar and his associate Rayees Dar

on June 3, police recovered the explosives from the over ground workers (OGW) network of the slain terrorists, the official said.

He said three OGWs have been arrested for providing shelter and logistic support to the slain terrorists.

SKIMS performs Micro vascular toe to hand transplant surgery

SRINAGAR, Jun 11 (Agencies): Department of Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, SKIMS achieved a rare feat after performing its first "Microvascular Toe to Hand Transplant Surgery" successfully.

The highly specialised and skilled procedure lasted about 12 hours. This surgery is techni-

cally very challenging and even the minutest of error can result in loss of the reconstructed digit. The surgery involves removal of a toe from foot along with its microvasculature (arteries and veins for blood supply), nerves (for sensation) and tendons (for movement) and transplanting the toe to

the nonfunctional hand with deficient digits to make it functional. After stable bony fixation, the vessels and nerves from the toe are then anastomosed (microvascular anastomosis) under high resolution microscope (20 X) to the vessels and nerves of hand using specialized

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Reasi Terror Attack | Delhi Survivor recalls hiding his children under bus seat as bullets were fired

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): "I bent down and hid my two children under the bus seat as bullets were being fired from hills... I will never forget those 20-25 minutes of horror," Bhawani Shankar, a survivor of the deadly terror attack on a bus carrying pilgrims in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district,

said on June 10.

A resident of Delhi's Tughlakbad Extension, Mr. Shankar said he had gone to visit the Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu on his marriage anniversary on June 6. He was accompanied by his wife Radha Devi and two children — five-year-old daughter Deeksha and three-year-old son

Raghav.

Mr. Shankar and his family members are among the five hailing from Delhi injured in the terror attack and are undergoing treatment in Jammu hospitals.

Nine people were killed and 41 injured as the terrorists opened fire at the 53-seater bus, which was on its way from the

Shiv Khori temple to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra, causing it to veer off the road and fall into a deep gorge near the Terryath village of the Poni area of Reasi on Sunday evening.

"On June 6, we boarded the Shree Shakti Express from Delhi and reached Katra.

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UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Manohar Lal Gupta S/o U. Sh. Sain Dass** R/o H.No. 92/2, Bari Brahmana, Samba.

Uthala will be performed on 12-06-2024 (Wednesday) at SP High School, Bari Brahmana from 4 PM to 5 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Meera Gupta - Wife
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Chander Mahajan & Shiwani Gupta
Neechal Mahajan & Salonia Mahajan
Nephews & Daughters-in-law
Varun Mahajan & Rishi Gupta
Tarun Mahajan & Surbhi Gupta
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Ratika Gupta & Rajesh Gupta
Anjali Mahajan & Vishal Gupta
Brothers & Sisters-in-law
Sh. Romesh Kumar & Lt. Rashmi Gupta
Lt. Sh. Rakesh Kumar & Sneha Gupta
Kushbu Gupta & Naimish Gupta - Niece & Son-in-law
Children: Rajja, Nisha, Kavya, Kalravi, Kashvi, Medansh, Shrovan, Virrit & Drishya

M/S SAIN DASS MANOHAR LAL, KARYANA STORE
M/S SAIN DASS ROMESH KUMAR, GENERAL STORE
M/S ROYAL ELECTRONIC
BARI BRAHMANA, SAMBA
CONTACT : 9419197889, 9419144156



Sh. Manohar Lal Gupta

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved **Sh. Sudesh Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh. Neel Kanth Gupta R/o Gupta Street Main Bazar Ramban** has left for his heavenly abode on 1st of June 2024. May his soul rest in peace.

10th Day will be performed on Monday, 10th of June 2024 at 11:00 AM at Community Hall near Raghunath Temple Ramban.

Kriya will be performed on Thursday, 13th of June 2024 from 12 Noon onwards at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Vijay Rani - Wife
Mr. Sanjeev Gupta & Mrs. Sanika Gupta (Son & Daughter in Law)
Mrs. Archana Gupta & Mr. Sanjay Gupta (Daughter & Son in Law)
Smt. Lalita Gupta W/o Late Sh. Krishna Lal Gupta (Sister)
Sh. Vijay Kumar Gupta & Smt. Mohini Gupta (Brother & Bhabhi)
Grand Children (Vansh, Dhriti, Ribhav)




SH. SUDESH KUMAR GUPTA

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Inderjeet Anand S/o Lt. Sh. Krishna Lal Anand R/o F-73, New Circular Road, Near New Era School, Jammu.**

10th Day will be performed on 12/06/2024 (Wednesday) at Peer Kho Temple (New Circular Road, Jammu) from 5.30 am to 10.00 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Neena Anand - Wife
Rama Devi & Surinder Abrol - Sister & Brother-in-law
Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Rajeev Anand - Son
Sh. Manu Raja Anand & Smt. Sheel Samrajy Anand
Sh. R.K. Anand & Smt. Suran Anand - Brother & Sister-in-law
Sh. V.K. Anand & Smt. Neelam Anand - Brother & Sister-in-law
Sh. Sham Lal Anand & Smt. Anil Anand - Brother & Sister-in-law
Grand Daughter - Anushka Anand & Shivanya Anand
Mob.: 9419222843, 9797350661, 9419116613, 7089673806




Sh. Inderjeet Anand
Retd. Dept. of Industries & Commerce (DIC)

OBITUARY & 10TH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Bansilal Raina S/o Sh. J.L. Raina of Bhogal Barzulla Srinagar, Knt. at present 19/A Ext Lane Two Block-B, Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu on 06th June 2024.**

Tenth Day will be performed on 10th June, Saturday at 8:30 PM at Muthi Ghat, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Usha Raina - Wife
Ashok Raina & Kalpana - Brother & Bhabhi
Kishni Badam W/o Lt. Y.L. Badam - Sister
Virinder & Kiran - Son & Daughter-in-law (9419200787)
Manju & K.L. Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law
Sunita Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. Surinder Bhat - Daughter
Anupama & Vishal Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law
Grand Children - Sagar Bhat, Tanviya & Roshanika
Tushar Raina, Akshita & Anshita



Sh. Bansilal Raina

10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

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

KRIYA will be performed at our residence H.No.36, New Kalthan Nagar, Upper Gummat, Jammu at 12 Noon. Rasam Pagri will be performed at Mahajan Hall from 5 PM to 6 PM on 15/06/24.

Deeply Remembered By:
Rajkumari W/o Late Sh. Satpal Gupta
Kanta Gupta W/o Late Sh. Romesh Chandra Gupta
Son and Daughter in law
Rajinder Gupta and Palak Gupta
Sunil Gupta and Rashmi Gupta
Vinod Gupta and Bhavna Gupta
Daughter and Son-in-law
Neelam Mahajan and Sudeshan Mahajan
Sunita Gupta and Late Sh. Anil Gupta
Lovely Gupta and Rajinder Gupta
Ani Gupta and Sanjeev Gupta
Rajni Charak (Director of NHM) and Parveen Charak
Shashi Gupta and Narendra Gupta
Sushma Gupta and Tilak Raj Gupta

M/s Mahadev Agencies Upper Gummat
M/s Tanishq Enterprises
M/s Satpal Vinod Gupta
Mob. 94191-91756, 94191-87338, 94191-91083



Smt. Indra Kumari

UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. HANS RAJ GUPTA S/O L. SH. BELI RAM R/O PEER KHOTI, JAMMU NEAR BABLI SWEET SHOP, JAMMU, EXPIRED ON 09/05/2024.**

UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 12 JUNE, 2024 FROM 4 PM TO 5 PM AT BRAMHAN SABAHA, PARADE, JAMMU.

GRIEF STRICKEN-
SMT. KAMLA GUPTA - WIFE
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW & SONS
SMT. MOHINI GUPTA & SH. KULDEEP GUPTA
SMT. BABY GUPTA & SH. RAJESH GUPTA
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
SMT. ANJU SARAF & SH. RAJEEV SARAF
GRAND KIDS: KANAV MAHAJAN, MAYANK GUPTA, MAYANK GUPTA, DINKAR GUPTA, SUDANSHU SARAF

RSVP
M/S. HANS RAJ & SONS
BHAWANI AGENCIES
SARDARI LAL & SONS
MOB: 9419190494, 9419255119, 7066676741, 941925519, 9086117702



SH. HANS RAJ GUPTA


BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Son Prem Kour W/o Late S. Jagbir Singh Tara R/o Sector-1, 36 Nanak Nagar, Jammu** who has left for her heavenly abode on Wednesday, 5th June 2024.

Bhog and Antim Ardas shall be performed as under :-
Aarambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence on Monday 10-06-2024 at 9.00 AM
Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib on Wednesday, 12-06-2024 at 9.30 A.M.
Antim Ardas at Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Nanak Nagar on Wednesday 12-06-2024 from 10.30 AM to 12 Noon.

Grief Stricken :
Sons & Daughter in laws
Prof. Janak Singh Tara & Dr. Inderjeet Kour (University of Jammu)
S. Hardeep Singh Tara & Sdn. Gurmeet Kour
S. Mohinder Singh Tara & Sdn. Jaspreet Kour
Sdn. Harvinder Kour W/o Late S. Manjeet Singh (Daughter)
S. Kalyan Singh (Brother in law)
Sdn. Anrit Kour (Sister in law)
(Brother in law & Sister in law)
S. Gurbaaz Singh & Sdn. Tej Kour
Oriental Insurance

Nephews : S. Devidinder Singh, S. Tavinderjit Singh



Prem Kour
W/o Late S. Jagbir Singh Tara

Grand and Great Grand Children
TARA FAMILY
Contact Nos :
94191-43769, 9797380031,
94191-44515, 94191-98421

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Vaishno Devi W/o Late. Sh. Dhian Singh Charak residence of Village Takar (Sarore), Tehsil - Bishnah District- Jammu** expired on 03rd June 2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 12th June 2024 (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN :-
Sh. Sham Singh Charak (Son)
Mob:-9419114793
Sh. Kehar Singh (Son)
Mob:-9419125364



SMT. VAISHNO DEVI

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **S. Santokh Singh S/O Late S. Dhanwant Singh, R/O Chatha Mill (Opp. CRPF Gate), Jammu,** on 04/06/2024.

Aarambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib will be performed on 10-06-2024 (Monday) at 08:30 AM at their Residence.

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib will be performed on 12-06-2024 (Wednesday) at 09:00 AM at their Residence.

ANTIM ARDAS will be performed at Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Chatha Mill, Jammu, on 12-06-2024 (Wednesday) from 05:00 PM to 06:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sdn. Naninder Kour (Mother)
Sdn. Bhavneet Kour (Wife)
Sdn. Swaranjeet Kour & S. Parkash Singh (Sister & Brother-in-Law)



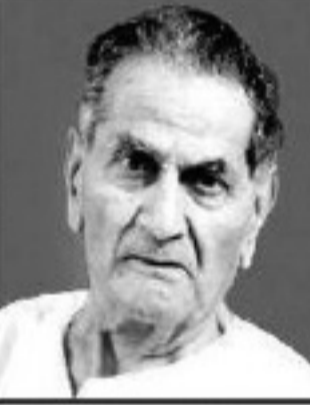
S. SANTOKH SINGH

TENTH DAY

Our family mourns the loss of our most respected and beloved father **Sh. Mohan Lal Ji Gareeb S/o Lt. Sh. Gobind Ram (R/o 7A New Colony, Sopore, Kashmir)** presently at House No. 21, Ward No. 1, Bharat Nagar, Udhampur, J&K attained Nirvana on 8th June 2024 at 4 AM.

Tenth Day will be performed on 16th June 2024 (9 AM) at Devika Ghat, Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Jai Kishori (Wife)
(Sons & Daughters-in-Law)
Sh. Roshan Lal Gareeb & Smt. Neelam Gareeb
Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gareeb & Smt. Rita Gareeb (Daughters & Sons-in-Law)
Smt. Phoola Parashar & Sh. Parmesh Chand Parashar
Smt. Santosh Pangtey & Sh. Dinash Pangtey
Son & Daughter-in-Law
Sh. Bhushan Lal Gareeb & Smt. Lajwanti Gareeb
Grand Children, Great Grand Children, & entire Gareeb family



SH. MOHAN LAL JI GAREEB

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Nirmala Dhar W/o Sh. Kuldeep Kumar Dhar on 03.06.24 R/o 92/B Tirath Nagar Talab Tiloo Jammu.**

10TH DAY KRIYA will be held at Muthi Ghat on 12.06.24 (Wednesday) at 8.30AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN :
Sh. Kuldeep Kumar Dhar (Husband)
Lt. Sh. Surinder Dhar & Smt. Sunita Dhar (Brother & Bhabhi)
Smt. Asha & Sh. Ajay Punjabi (Sister & Brother -in-law)
Daughters & Son-in-laws
Mrs. Anrita & Mr. Nitin Mattoo
Mrs. Urvashi & Mr. Akshay Koul
Grand Children
VIVAAN & KAIRA
NAKASHI'S, ZUTSHI'S, SUMBLI'S, MATTOO'S & KOUL'S
CELL NO. 94197-08801, 79731-62144, 90043-96597



Nirmala Dhar

TENTH DAY/KIRYA


With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Raj Rani Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Ramesh Chander Gupta R/o 349, Shakti Nagar, Jammu,** departed heavenly abode on 30 May 2024.

Tenth Day: 08 June 2024 (Saturday) at Om Palace, Shakti Nagar, Jammu at 11:00 am.

Kriya: 12 June, 2024 (Tuesday) at our residence at 12:00 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law
Sh. Sushash Gupta & Smt. Tripta Gupta
Sh. Pawan Gupta & Smt. Neera Gupta
Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law
Smt. Kamlesh Gupta & Late Sh. Ratan Lal Gupta
Smt. Tripta Gupta & Late Sh. Jagdish Raj Gupta
Smt. Sunita Gupta & Late Sh. Ashok Jandoli
Smt. Rajni Gupta & Sh. Koushal Manjari
Sons & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Manu Gupta (Son) & Smt. Soorina Gupta
Sh. Raman Gupta & Smt. Neera Gupta
Sh. Shakti Gupta & Smt. Rekha Gupta
Sh. Aash Gupta & Smt. Mohini Gupta
Sh. Chander Gupta & Smt. Anchal Gupta
Sh. Yashu Gupta

Grand Children:
Shweta Gupta, Manik, Bhawya,
Anchal, Manvi, Yami, Harany,
Adishwat, Tayishah
M/s Neeraj Gupta Govt. Contractor.
Mob.No. 9419198857



Smt. Raj Rani Gupta
W/o Lt. Sh. Ramesh Chander Gupta

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Mother **SMT. SUMAN LATA RAKWAL W/o Sh. Sita Ram Rakwal** has left for her heavenly abode on 3rd of June 2024. May her soul rest in peace.

10th Day will be performed on Wednesday, 12th of June 2024 at 11:00AM at our residence 8/26 Tali Moh Old Janipur, Jammu.

UTHALA will be performed on Saturday 15th of June, 2024 from 2 PM onwards at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Husband : Sh. Sita Ram Rakwal
Son : Rakesh Rakwal
Daughters :
Poonam Rakwal, Subha Rakwal



SMT. SUMAN LATA RAKWAL

TENTH DAY/RASAM PAGADI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Shama Rani Sharma W/o Late Shri H R Sharma of Indian Navy (War Hero of 1971 Indo-Pak War)** on 3rd June 2024.

10th Day will be performed on 12th June (Wednesday) at our residence (Plot No.3 & 4, Vir Sainik Colony, Jammu) from 10.30 am - 11.30 am.

Rasam Pagadi will be held on 14th June between 4-5 pm at Ram Mandir Sector-D Sainik Colony.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sons & Daughter-in-laws
Mrs. Sweetsy & Dr. Narendra Sharma (Consultant Radiologist)
Mrs. Renu & Om Prakash Sharma (Naval Dockyard)
Mrs. Aradhana & Capt. Ashok Kumar Sharma (Indian Navy)
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Nirmala Sharma W/o I Kumar
Grand Children:
Bhawna & Raghav, Anubhuti & Abhinandan
Dr. Abhimanyu, Samridhi & Tushar Sharma

Contact Details:
9419141598 / 9103837073



Smt. Shama Rani Sharma

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Mr. Vishal Kakroo S/o Lt. Smt. Shama Rani Kakroo & Sh. Prithvi Nath Kakroo** at present Block 161, Flat No.18, Jagti Migrant Colony.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Nagrota Ghat, near Sainik School on 14-06-2024 at 8:00 am.

Grief Stricken
Smt. Shama Rani Kakroo -Mother
Smt. Simi & Raj K. Kakroo -Brother & Bhabhi
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. Anjali & Ravinder Bhat -Sister & Brother-in-law
Ph.No. 7006117833, 7006465712




Mr. Vishal Kakroo

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Lalita W/o Lt. Sh. Vasdev of Zaindar Mohalla Habba Kadal Srinagar on 9/6/2024 (Sunday)** presently at H.No. 35, Lakmi Puram Chhinore Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 16/6/24 (Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat (Near Director Office) & Assembly will be at 9:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Moti Lal Ji & Dulari Ji - Son & Daughter-in-law
Krishen Ji & Usha Ji - Son & Daughter-in-law
Ashok Ji & Arlie - Son & Daughter-in-law
Santosh & Kamal Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law
Phoola & Pawan Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law
Suneeta & Dileep Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law
Vaena & Vijesh Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law
All Grand Children
Mob: 9906309158



Smt. Lalita

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 Overseer)** H/o Smt. Sita Rani R/o House No. M-172, Street No. 17, Rajpura, Jammu who expired on 3-6-2024.

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 Om Palace near Jagat Resort Shiv Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughter-in-law & Sons
Smt. Rekha Rani & Sh. Anil Kumar (Dov) -9796000805
Smt. Meena & Sh. Danish Kumar -9622072300
Smt. Tara 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 & Nehak -Grand Daughters
Prisha -Great Grand Daughter



Sh. Darshan Kumar

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved **Sh. Vijender Wanchoo** breathed his last on 6th June 2024 at his residence B 72, Kendriya Vihar, Sector 14, Panchkula, Haryana.

The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at 6 am. on Saturday the 15th June 2024 at Gagger River Ghat, Near Sector 21, Panchkula, Haryana.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Rajni Wanchoo -Wife
Sameer Wanchoo -Son
Usha Kak -Sister-in-law
Kameshwar & Santosh Wanchoo -Brother & Sister-in-law
Krishna & Dilip Kaul -Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law
Lalit & Neena Wanchoo -Brother & Sister-in-law
Surinder & Bijaal Mattoo -Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law
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SH. VIJENDER WANCHOO

TENTH DAY KRIYA

We inform with heavy hearts and teary eyes, our beloved **Sh. Radha Krishna 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.

Grief Stricken-
Sh. Sumit Saproo & Smt. Rekha Saproo (Son and Daughter-in-Law)
Smt. Vijay Koushal Thakur and Sh. Gopinder Krishna Thakur (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Smt. Vima Saproo Dhar and Sh. Sanjay Dhar (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
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Sh. Radha Krishna Saproo

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NC pays floral tributes to Afzal Beigh, Mohi-ud-Din Shah on their death anniversaries

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JAMMU, June 11: Rich tributes were paid to Mirza Mohd Afzal Beigh and Kh. Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Shah on their 42nd and 20th Death Anniversaries respectively during a function held at Sher-i-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu.

Addressing the gathering, Additional General Secretary and former minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra said that late Mirza Mohd Afzal Beigh and Kh. Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Shah would be remembered for a long time to come for their historical role which they played during their lifetime by serving the state in various capacities. He said Beigh was Architect of land reform act and



abolition of big landed Estate Act. He was also close associate of late Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and remained with him for a long time in Jail also. He was instrumental of 1975 accord between late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi and Sher

-I Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah referring to late Mohi-ud-Din Shah.

Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province said these two leaders served the state and that they were part of movement launched under the leadership of late Sher-i-Kashmir

J&K State in the early forties.

True tributes would be to follow their path and complete the work which they could not complete during their life time. They were close associates of Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah and remained jail during

freedom struggle. Both were eminent advocates of J&K High Court.

Among those who were present on the occasion include Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu Province, Abdul Gani Malik Zonal President Udhampur Reasi and former minister, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary Jammu, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Vijay Laxmi Datta Sr leader, Rita Gupta Vice President Central Zone, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Waris Gill President Christian Cell, Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC, Nirmal Singh, Gurnam Singh Block President Jammu East, Sahil Kerni, Jatinder Kumar and others.

Last 10 years have witnessed series of revolutionary governance reforms happening, these would continue: Dr. Jitendra



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NEW DELHI/JAMMU, June 11: Dr. Jitendra Singh assumed charge as Minister of State for the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions for the third consecutive term today at 10 a.m. in North Block, New Delhi.

After taking charge, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, "The last 10 years have witnessed a series of revolutionary governance reforms happening under the leadership of PM Modi, and these will continue during this term."

Dr. Jitendra Singh assuming the charge as Minister of State for the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions.

Dr. Jitendra Singh thanked PM Modi for reposing faith in him once again and giving him this responsibility for the third consecutive term. Dr. Singh has held this portfolio since 2014. He is a Member of Parliament from the Udhampur Lok Sabha Constituency.

Addressing the media after taking charge, Dr. Jitendra Singh said reforms would continue till Mission Viksit Bharat is attained. He added that this would be a continuation of work that had been done over the last 10 years. Dr. Jitendra Singh, while highlighting the achievements of DoPT, said that governance reforms in the last 10 years under the guidance of PM Modi were path

breaking and inspired by the spirit of Minimum Government and Maximum Governance, increasing citizen centricity to bring ease of living to every citizen of the country. He also highlighted reforms such as pensions for widowed and divorced daughters, reforms in rules and regulations in the working of various government departments, discarding the interview process for selection, providing level playing field to aspirants from remote areas and doing away with age old rules and regulations.

Dr. Jitendra Singh added that administrative reforms and the landmark Karmayogi Mission are some of the revolutionary reforms taken during last two terms. He categorically mentioned that CPGRAMS is a role model for Public grievance redressal across the world.

V. Srinivas, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, along with Radha Chauhan, Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training, and other senior officials were also present while the union minister assumed charge.

Administrative Secretary Tourism inspects Sindhu Ghat for 28th Sindhu Darshan Yatra

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LEH, June 11: The Administrative Secretary of Tourism and Culture, UT Ladakh, Vikram Singh Malik, conducted an inspection of Sindhu Ghat in preparation for the upcoming 28th Sindhu Darshan Yatra. The visit aimed to review the venue and evaluate the arrangements being made for the important and prestigious event.

Secretary Vikram Malik examined the infrastructure and facilities at Sindhu Ghat, ensuring that all necessary measures are in place for the comfort and convenience of the pilgrims and visitors. He emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness and safety standards throughout the event.

The Secretary highlighted the collaborative efforts of various departments in organizing the event and ensuring its success. Sindhu Darshan Yatra is a significant cultural and spiritual festival that attracts participants from across the country and beyond and the yatra symbolizes the rich cultural heritage and communal harmony of the region, he added.

Secretary Vikram Malik interacted with the officials and urged them to expedite any pending tasks. He directed the concerned officers to put water dispensers for safe drinking water, hygiene and sanitation, and publicity of the event on time. He also reviewed the approach roads, and logistical support to be provided during the yatra.

The Administrative Secretary was accompanied by the District Magistrate, Leh; Superintendent of Police, Leh; Superintendent of Police, Security, Leh; Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Leh; Superintendent Engineer of the Power Development Department, Leh; Deputy Secretary of Culture Academy, Leh; Executive Engineer, PWD (Construction Division) Leh; Assistant Director of Information Department, Leh; Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Leh; Executive Engineer of Public Health Engineering, Leh; OSD Tourism to the Administrative Secretary; Officer of the Municipal Committee, Leh; Representatives from Sindhu Darshan Yatra Samiti; and officers from concerned departments.

Civil Defence organises Mock Exercise-cum-demonstration programme



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JAMMU, June 11: On the directions of Directorate of HG/CD/ SDRF J&K, a mock exercise-cum demonstration programme was held at Railways Station, Jammu which was organized by Civil Defence, Jammu under the supervision of Dy. SP. Anita Pawar, Dy. Controller Civil Defence Jammu. Large number of civilians, Railways staff/ Coolies and Shopkeepers of Railway station have witnessed the mock exercise/ demonstration.

In addition, basic knowledge of First Aid, Fire fighting CPR, Choking and other rescue methods to be used during Rail accidents was also given by the Civil Defence experts. The main aim of the mock exercise was to educate the audience with regard

to preventive measures to be taken during Rail accidents/ disaster.

Jugal Kishore S.S.A railway Station Jammu, appreciated and thanked the Civil Defence team for organizing such programme. Sh. Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, Sh. R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu and other wardens of Civil Defence, Jammu were also present on the occasion.

Approval to construct 3 crore houses is revolutionary step by Modi 3 Govt: Khatana

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, June 11: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana has said that the government assistance for the construction of three crore houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) which has been approved by the Union Cabinet in its first meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a revolutionary step which will go a long way in addressing the housing needs of homeless population in the country.

In a statement issued by the BJP MP from New Delhi, Khatana said that J&K homeless people will

also benefit from this. "In the last 10 years PM Modi has launched revolutionary schemes for the people of the country like Ayushman Card which provides medical treatment for dreaded ailments upto the expenditure of Rs. 5 lakh free of cost," said Khatana.

"In the very first meeting of the Union Cabinet of Modi 3.0 government the PM again made a public centric scheme which clearly shows that PM Modi is continuously working for the welfare of common people," he said.

The senior BJP leader said that the government has approved to provide assistance to three crore additional rural and urban households for the construction of houses to meet the housing requirements arising out of the increase in the number of eligible families.

"These houses will be having all the basic amenities like toilets, LPG connection, electricity connections and functional household tap connections," the BJP MP maintained adding: "Under PMAY, a total of 4.21 crore houses have been completed for the eligible poor families under the housing schemes in the last 10 years which was never even thought of by the previous regimes who only exploited the poor of India using their religious backgrounds and other factors for their vote bank politics."

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT No.JS/PHECD-1/04 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, of J&K Union Territory, E-Tender (Item Rate Based-Annual Maintenance) is invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-1, Jammu, from approved and eligible contractor of appropriate class registered with UT of Jammu and Kashmir/ other UT's or State Govt./CPWD/MES/Railways, registered firms/contractors under two cover system, Cover 1 comprising of technical bid and cover 2 comprising of financial bid for the following work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender (In Rs)	Cost of Tender document Fees (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Day to Day emergent nature of repairs, maintenance and restoration works of Bakshi Nagar Section	Rs. 9.00 Laacs	500.00	Rs.18000/-	AtoD	Up to 31/03/2025
2	Day to Day emergent nature of repairs, maintenance and restoration works of Rajpura Section	Rs. 9.00 Laacs	500.00	Rs.18000/-	AtoD	Up to 31/03/2025
3	Day to Day emergent nature of repairs, maintenance and restoration works of Patel Nagar Section.	Rs. 6.00 Laacs	500.00	Rs.12000/-	Ato D	Up to 31/03/2025
4	Day to Day emergent nature of repairs, maintenance and restoration works of Toph Section.	Rs. 9.00 Laacs	500.00	Rs.18000/-	AtoD	Up to 31/03/2025
5	Day to Day emergent nature of repairs, maintenance and restoration works of Janipur	Rs. 11.00 Laacs	1000.00	Rs.22000/-	AtoD	Up to 31/03/2025

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender (In Rs)	Cost of Tender document Fees (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
6	Day to Day emergent nature of repairs, maintenance and restoration works of Newplot Section.	Rs. 11.00 Laacs	1000.00	Rs.22000/-	AtoD	Up to 31/03/2025

Position of funds :-Provision as per Annual Repair Statement 2024-25

- Date of publishing:-08/06/2024 (1800Hrs)
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- Thebidsshallbeuploadedonthewebsitewww.jktenders.gov.infrom08/06/2024 (1800Hrs) to 29/06/2024 upto (1200Hrs).
- Thecompletebiddingprocessshallbeonline.

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TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No: ED-I/20 of 2024-25

Dated:08-06-2024

INVITATION:-

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer Electric Division I, Parade Jammu, JPDCL Jammu, herein after referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from local Representatives already in the trade for "Rate Contract for Providing of DG sets on rent basis for installation at Different locations within the Jurisdiction of Electric Division-I, Parade Jammu during the financial year 2024-25".

- Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.
- The tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Time
A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	08.06.2024 from 12:00Hrs.
B	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	28.06.2024 upto 14:00 Hrs.
C	e-Bid submission(start)date & time	08.06.2024 from 14:00Hrs.
D	e-Bid submission(end)date & time	28.06.2024 upto 14:00 Hrs.
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee	28.06.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs.
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	29.06.2024 at 14:00Hrs.
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders
H	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, Electric Division I, JPDCL Parade Jammu.
I	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.500 (Five hundred only), Non-Refundable)
J	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.5000/-

- The Bidders need to submit the proof/ cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through treasury receipt/ Demand Draft (from Non-UT Bidders) from any Nationalized/ Scheduled bank pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division I, JPDCL Parade Jammu, payable at Jammu. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division I, JPDCL Parade Jammu and should reach before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the e-Bids.
- Bidders must quote for all the particulars of the item in the Technical Bid and in the price schedule/BOQ of financial bid. The bids of Bidders who will not quote for all the particulars for any item in technical and financial bids shall be liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Employer keeping in view the interest of the JPDCL.

No: - ED-I/1676-79 Dated: 08-06-2024
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Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
JPDCL Electric Division-I
Jammu

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Engineer (DR/Workshop, Northern Railway, Jalandhar Cantt, for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-

S. No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Approx Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of opening	Bidding start date on IREPS	Cost of tender form Rs.	Completion period of work
1	OT-11- JREC-2024	Construction of thrust bed for coating of pre-tensioned 9.15m span PSC slabs in Bridge Workshop, Jalandhar Cantt.	61,84,703.83	1,25,900.00	01.07.2024	17.06.2024 to 01.07.2024	0	06 Months

Date & Time for submission of Tender and opening of tender: Up to 15:00 hrs on dates shown against each and opening of tender thereafter at 15:00 hrs on same date.

Website Particulars where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded: The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.treps.gov.in.

No. 80-W/30(Bridge) Invitation Dated: 06.06.2024

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ROADWAYS

India's roadways network is one of the largest in the world, spanning over 6.3 million kilometers (about 3.9 million miles). This extensive system plays a crucial role in the country's transportation infrastructure, supporting both economic activities and daily commutes. The roadways in India are classified into several categories: National Highways, State Highways, District Roads, and Rural Roads. Each category serves distinct purposes and collectively ensures connectivity across the nation.

National Highways (NHs) are the arterial routes of the country, connecting major cities, ports, and state capitals. Managed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), these roads are critical for long-distance travel and heavy freight transportation. As of 2023, India has over 140,000 kilometers (about 87,000 miles) of National Highways. Significant corridors include the Golden Quadrilateral, which links Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata, and the North-South and East-West Corridors, enhancing connectivity across the breadth and length of the country.

State Highways (SHs) are pivotal in linking districts within states and connecting them to the National Highways. These roads are maintained by state governments and span approximately 180,000 kilometers (about 112,000 miles). State Highways are essential for regional connectivity and play a significant role in the movement of goods and passengers within states.

District Roads are further divided into Major District Roads (MDRs) and Other District Roads (ODRs). MDRs connect production areas, markets, and administrative centers within districts, while ODRs serve smaller towns and rural areas. Together, they form a network that supports local transport and economic activities. The combined length of district roads is substantial, though exact figures vary across sources.

Rural Roads are the lifelines of India's vast rural hinterland. Under schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the government has been working to enhance connectivity in rural areas. These roads are crucial for providing access to markets, healthcare, and education, significantly impacting rural development and poverty alleviation. As of recent estimates, rural roads account for over 70% of the total road network in India.

Urban Roads encompass the network within cities and towns. They are managed by municipal corporations and urban development authorities. These roads include major arterial routes, sub-arterial roads, and local streets, all contributing to the urban infrastructure. The rapid urbanization in India has led to an increasing focus on developing urban road networks to manage congestion and improve transportation efficiency.

India's road infrastructure has seen significant improvements in recent years, with ambitious projects aimed at enhancing connectivity and reducing travel time. Initiatives like the Bharatmala Pariyojana focus on the development of economic corridors, border and international connectivity roads, and coastal and port connectivity roads. These projects aim to bridge critical infrastructure gaps and promote economic growth.

Despite these advancements, India's road network faces several challenges. Maintenance and upgradation of existing roads remain a concern, with issues like potholes and poor quality of construction affecting travel safety and efficiency. Traffic congestion, particularly in urban areas, and road safety are major challenges, with a high incidence of road accidents reported annually.

Moreover, funding constraints and land acquisition hurdles often delay road projects. The government has been exploring public-private partnerships (PPPs) and other innovative financing models to address these challenges and accelerate infrastructure development.

India's roadways are a vital component of its transportation network, supporting economic activities and ensuring connectivity across the nation. While significant progress has been made in expanding and modernizing the road infrastructure, continuous efforts are needed to overcome existing challenges and further enhance the efficiency and safety of the road network. With sustained investment and strategic planning, India's roadways will continue to play a crucial role in its development trajectory.

Will Rajasthan be able to be free from TB by 2025?

By: Amarpal Singh
Verma

Many diseases are still a challenge in the whole world. Many countries are trying to eradicate these diseases but due to various reasons, it is becoming difficult to control them. Tuberculosis, which is said to be the oldest disease in human history, is also one of these diseases. Rajasthan, the largest state of India, is facing the challenge of TB disease. Although treatment for TB is available, still a lot of hard work has to be done to eradicate TB in the state as compared to all other infectious diseases.

Like the whole country, the roots of TB are very old and deep in Rajasthan too. 26 percent of the world's TB patients are in India and six percent of them are in Rajasthan, due to which TB eradication has remained a challenge for a long time. The government has taken extensive steps for this, but even today there is a lack of necessary awareness about this deadly disease, lack of knowledge about the ways to avoid infection and misconceptions, negligence and blind faith prevalent in the community regarding proper treatment of patients are obstacles in TB eradication.

The World Health Organization set the goal of eliminating TB by the year 2030, and India went even further by setting the goal of eliminating TB by 2025. Under the central government's goal, work was started on a large scale in Rajasthan, but instead of decreasing, new cases of TB are increasing continuously here. According to the data, one lakh 2032 patients were found in the state in the year 2015, which increased to one lakh 6756 in the year 2016. Similarly, one lakh 5953 patients were found in the year 2017, which increased to one lakh 79 thousand 168 in the year 2018. One lakh 75 thousand 218 patients were found in the year 2019, which increased to one lakh 37 thousand 343 in the year 2020. Similarly, in the year 2021, one lakh 49 thousand 225 patients were found in the state, whose number has increased to one lakh 69 thousand 522 in the year 2023. Most of the cases in the state are of lung TB, but MDR TB also remains a big crisis for health. This is a type of TB on which medicines have no effect. Every year about one and a

half thousand patients of MDR TB are coming up in the state. Out of every one lakh people in the state, 209.3 people are suffering from TB. The rural and poor and deprived class people of the state are facing the maximum outbreak of TB. Although no district of the state is untouched by TB, but the maximum number of patients are coming up in Jaipur, Ajmer, Alwar, Banswara, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Dungarpur, Hanumangarh, Sriganganagar, Jodhpur, Karauli, Kota, Nagaur, Tonk, Udaipur and Sikar districts. TB disease has become a challenge in tribal-dominated Banswara, Dungarpur districts because most migration takes place from there. Due to migration, the identified patients are not getting treatment. According to a study by Geetanjali Medical College, Udaipur, an increase in the prevalence of TB has been observed among silicosis patients in the mining area near Udaipur in the southern part of the state. The outbreak of TB has increased in many villages around the Suratgarh Thermal Power Station in Sriganganagar district. Reports of increase in TB cases have also come in the media in many other industrial and mining areas of the state.

However, the success rate of TB treatment has increased in Rajasthan. According to the India TB Report 2023, the success rate in the state is 84.7 percent, but still three percent of people suffering from TB die every year. In the year 2021, 4852 people have lost their lives due to TB. These deaths are happening due to delay in starting treatment. TB patients leaving treatment midway, many registered patients not being traced after some time and treatment failing are also the reasons for the increase of TB. According to the latest report, 2.7 percent people in Rajasthan leave treatment midway and disappear, due to which it is not possible to follow up their disease. While the disease of such people is increasing due to lack of treatment, they are also becoming the reason for spreading infection. This is very worrying because one TB patient can infect fifteen people. Apart from this, the treatment of 0.6 percent people in the state is proving ineffective.

The government in the state is sending five hundred rupees to the account of every patient under the Nikshay Poshan Yojana. The government is spending crores of rupees every year on expen-

sive medicines and tests, but every year a large number of new patients are found and deaths due to TB show the seriousness of the situation. In such a situation, the question arises whether the target of making Rajasthan TB free by 2025 can be achieved?

Dr. SP Singh, a former Indian Administrative Service officer who has served in the Medical and Health Department of Rajasthan for 27 years, says that the efforts to eliminate TB have certainly gained momentum due to the active-ness of WHO, the government and various agencies, but it is still not possible to eliminate TB by 2025. Even though this is due to increasing the scope of investigation, the way TB patients are increasing year after year in Rajasthan, it is certain that it will take time to eliminate TB. Until the number of patients does not decrease, TB cannot be expected to end. If all efforts are made in a coordinated manner, it will take three to five more years to eliminate TB.

Dr. Singh, who was selected as a consultant in the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP) of the World Health Organization in the year 2001, says that lack of necessary resources, poor health infrastructure in rural areas, poverty, lack of nutrition, blind faith are such reasons which are not allowing us to achieve victory over TB. The last chapter of TB can be written only with additional efforts. On the other hand, the state government claims that extensive work is being done to make the state TB free. 'TB Free Gram Panchayat Abhiyan' is being run to make villages TB free and to identify and treat patients up to the Gram Panchayat level. In Rajasthan, last year, the second phase of 'TB Free Gram Panchayat Abhiyan' was started in 7 thousand Gram Panchayats to make the Gram Panchayats of the state TB free. This year this campaign will be run in 9328 Panchayats. Next year this campaign will run in all the remaining Panchayats. In the year 2022, eight districts have been honored by giving Sub National Certificate of TB Elimination Award for remarkable work towards TB elimination. 29 Gram Panchayats of the state have been declared TB free. Last year, Rajasthan has reached fourth place in the country in terms of identifying TB patients, giving better treatment and providing them financial assistance.

The state has done remarkable work in 9 indexes like examination of infected patients, expenditure on medicines and tests etc. and TB Preventive Therapy (IPT) in small children up to the age of six years, but the target of making the state TB free by the year 2025 still seems to be far away.

Acting State Nodal Officer (TB) Dr. Indrajit Singh says that we are making the facility of molecular test available to CHCs in the state. Due to this, correct investigation is being done and the risk of untimely death is being averted. We are rapidly increasing these tests in the state. He tells that more TB cases are being reported in the state because there has been progress in registering the information of TB patients in the state. Active TB cases are being detected by connecting private health providers to the campaign on a large scale.

On the question of Rajasthan becoming TB free by the year 2025, Dr. Singh said that we are trying to ensure that no one dies of TB in the state, take care of potential patients and provide smooth treatment. This will make the dream of TB free Rajasthan come true. As per the need, the government can extend the target of TB free by the year 2025 by one or two years.

Dr. SP Singh says that there is a need to work on a large scale to eliminate TB. On the one hand, while working as a mass movement for TB free Rajasthan will have to be done, on the other hand, coordinated and effective efforts will have to be made to ensure success in identifying people who come in contact with TB infected and implementing measures for prevention of the disease, otherwise not only will the efforts to eradicate TB in Rajasthan be affected, but the fulfillment of the dream of making India TB free will also be questioned.

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Childhood Holidays

By: Vijay Garg

At present, summer vacations are going on in schools. As a tradition, children now have the opportunity to go out somewhere. Most of the children will go to their grandmother's house. Here a question comes to mind that why it usually happens that children like their grandmother's house during long holidays. After all, why isn't this election also held at grandma's house? It could also be the house of an aunt, sister or any other relative! But it seems as if someone has whispered to the children that they have to go to their grandmother's house. Although there are many children who try other options during holidays, in which they focus on learning some other skill. Some children enjoy playing at their grandmother's house during holidays, while some children spend time learning creative work. When the children who go to their grandmother's house during holidays play with the children of their maternal uncles and aunts, they start feeling closer to their own world. It is an attempt to find one's place in the society that is becoming lonely in cities and metros and when one finds one, one feels happy. even in summer this season is usually the season of holidays as well as weddings. At this time, most of the girls reach their parents' home. Everyone's arrival time is usually the same or around

the same. That too because of distance. It is difficult to understand why such gatherings do not take place at any other place other than the children's grandmother's house or the daughters' maternal house. It may be possible that since a woman is emotionally attached to her maternal home and there is a direct connection there in the form that when her maternal grandparents go to meet her daughter, she goes to her in-laws' house. When they reach there, their bond with the children also becomes a little closer. That's why children also want to go to their grandparents' house as soon as they get a chance. But then one wonders why this kind of emotional connection is not possible with other relatives. Whereas everyone is generally connected with each other on an equal level. They share their happiness and sorrow with each other in times of need or on other occasions. However, earlier when all the children used to gather at their grandmother's house, big utensils were taken out to cook food as per their need. These were kept stored in some room. At that time, there was no insistence regarding aluminum as there is today that eating food made from it would cause any harm. Therefore, then large aluminum pots, pans and large iron pans were used. There was often a crowd gathering in the large courtyard of the house while cooking. All the women remained gathered there. The daughters-in-

law of the house would keep the girls informed about the condition of the village. Where what happened, where what is going on these days etc. This would have provided the aunts and uncles with information about the entire village, including where they with whom, how, what to talk about or not to talk about. A sketch of it was drawn in his mind. Relationships were maintained and maintained on this basis. On the other hand, the children's platoon kept going on. Many times they would form a group and the number of children playing together would reach up to twenty. In such a situation, an undeclared organization would have been formed. In contrast to the world of children confined and imprisoned in smartphones in cities and metros, it used to be like life, where children used to keep their feet on the ground and enjoy the happiness of life. He understood the world. In the afternoon, the people of the house would go to rest after eating and drinking and the children would go to the gardens and ponds with their group. It was natural to spend the afternoon in the gardens. Coolness in summer and open space to play. In sports, sometimes Kabaddi, sometimes Gilli-Danda or Anti-Chowk, Genda Bhadbhad etc. Unlike today, entertainment was not limited to cricket or football on a small screen of mobile. We spent the whole afternoon playing in the garden, without

realizing when it would be evening. Sometimes children would also bathe in puddles. Who knows how many in these days. Learned how to swim. It is difficult to find swimming pools in the city and even if they are found, they are available only after paying fees for some time. When the children returned home in the evening after playing, they would find freshly roasted gram or corn grains. Even today, the children who live in their grandmother's house in the villages get food made from grains and vegetables without chemical fertilizers, the taste of which lingers on the tongue of the children. The reason is that the aroma and taste of such grains and vegetables is a world away from the taste of urban food. The whole environment should make children feel important. Used to make me feel safe. When the summer holidays are over, the children will return enriched with the sweet and sour taste and experience of mangoes from their grandmother's house and the gardens there and then get engrossed in their own world. Meanwhile, apart from the grandparents, other relatives will also wait for the children to come and fill their house and courtyard with life.

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KCPS students complete Adventure Trek

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: Twenty students from KC Public School recently completed an adventure trek in the Saach Pass region of Chamba, Himachal Pradesh, under the aegis of the International Award for Young People (IAYP) and Round Square.

As a Round Square school, KCPS arranges several outward-bound activities throughout the academic year to enable students to realize their potential, face challenges, and widen their perspectives through experiential learning.

The adventure began with an acclimatization

trek to Devi Kothi, situated at an altitude of 8,000 feet.

This trek involved a challenging climb of 6 kilometers to the apex of a wooded ridge through dense alpine forest, followed by a 2-kilometer descent to the ancient shrine in Devi Kothi village. After paying obeisance at the temple, the trekkers reached Government Middle School Tapa at the end of Devi Kothi valley, where they received a warm welcome from the students and staff.

KCPS has established a friendly partnership with this remote school in Himachal Pradesh over the years, facilitating annual interactions

between the students of both schools. This year's interaction began with the distribution of chocolates and culminated in a delightful cultural program meticulously prepared by the local students for their guests.

Following this, the students prepared for the next day's trek to Saach Pass, standing at an impressive altitude of 14,500 feet. Saach Pass is renowned as one of the most challenging passes in the Pir Panjal Range, providing a route to the remote Pangi Valley, nestled along the Chandra Baga River (known as the Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir).

After spending an hour

at the pass, the students embarked on their return trek to Satrundi, descending to an altitude of 11,000 feet.

During the descent, they took the opportunity to study the glacial systems and observe the sparse flora characteristic of such high altitudes.

The students were escorted on the trek by Dr. Ram Thakur (Academic Director), AK Mishra (Principal) Ajay Thappa, Rajni Dubey, Nishu Dubey, Rahul Thakur, Anil Sood and Manoj Kapoor (RS Rep). The team of student trekkers included Shubhaghi Sharma, Aseemta Mahajan, Aashvi Sharma, Qudsia, Sarvani Chowdhary, Diya Dubey,

Akshara Vig, Aasmi Gupta, Mrinmay Mehta, Harshita Manhas, Arushi Pandita, Shiv Mahajan, Kritin Jain, Ayam Gandotra, Rakib Qureshi, Medhaj Pathania, Rahul Anand, Vardan Raina, Shaurya Mahajan, and Ajitesh Sharma.

Raju Chowdhary, Chairman of KC Public School, Arti Chowdhary, Director of the School, and Arjun Chowdhary, Vice Chairman, congratulated and lauded the students for completing a challenging adventure trek and for their dedication and commitment to the cause of environmental conservation, especially in the fragile Himalayan ecological region of Saach Pass.

JKBS members felicitate Maan Singh Kaith from Rajasthan

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: The Jammu and Kashmir Block Sabha (JKBS) members felicitated their eminent guest from Kaman, Rajasthan, in a brief function held at R.S.Pura.

Speaking on the occasion, JKBS' General Secretary R.L.Kaith said, "Maan Singh Kaith is an incredible man who has always inspired and supported others while facing own challenges".

Also speaking, JKBS' Member and BJP Office Secretary Hans Raj Loria described Maan



Kaith as one of the kindest souls on this planet".

Prominent among those who were present on occasion included JKBS' Deputy Chairman Havildar Des Raj Kaith, JKBS' R.S.Pura

Block President Jagdish Raj Kaith, JKBS' Satwari Block President Naresh Kumar Kaith, Retired Manager Ramesh Kumar Kaith, Retired Manager Tarsem Lal Loria and Krishan Lal Mandi.

Bharti Airtel Foundation and Directorate of School Education, Jammu Join Hands to empower teachers

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: In a significant step towards improving quality of education and teaching practices in Jammu schools, Bharti Airtel Foundation and the Directorate of School Education, Jammu, came together to launch 'Professional Development Initiative for Teachers'. The Foundation is supporting the government in Jammu Division to build capacities of teachers while enabling them to build an understanding about Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), Pedagogical Skills and Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs).

Central to this mission is TheTeacherApp which serves as a comprehensive resource hub for educators, providing access to a wealth of teaching materials and tech. integrated strategies. The

initiative has received an exceptional response, with 18,526 teachers registering on the app since its launch. The

workshops organised as part of the initiative provided teachers in Jammu with valuable knowledge about FLN principles and effective teaching methods. Within the first two days, over 10,000 teachers participated in webinars on the app, demonstrating their enthusiasm to improve their teaching abilities.

In the upcoming phase of the program, educators will have the chance to engage in Reflective Learning using TheTeacherApp, starting on June 14, 2024. The goal is to engage them through competition, allowing them to participate in self-paced webinars and expert-created courses centered on different themes. Educators can select topics of interest to deepen their knowledge, improve their teaching methods, and share their insights through video submissions. Outstanding submissions will have the opportunity to showcase their learnings and good practices through podcasts on the app, inspiring larger teaching

community on the app to uplift their schools.

The competition offers educators a platform to share creative ideas and enhance educational institutions in Jammu together. The active participation of teachers in the overall initiative is vital for its success along with close participation of District Nodal Offices under Directorate of Education, Jammu. It aims to create a lasting impact in classrooms by enhancing the educational landscape in the state. Upon completion of the program, teachers will attain certifications by successfully passing three assessments on FLN, Teaching Learning Material, and Pedagogy.

These certifications will be offered in partnership with the Directorate of School Education Jammu. Through this partnership teachers of Jammu Division are encouraged to avail the exclusive opportunity to learn, improve their skills, and engage with a vibrant community of educators dedicated to excellence.

92 Bn CRPF organises Medical Camp in Sharmarg



Top News Report

HANDWARA, June 11: Continuing its commitment to the wellness of civilians, the 92 Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Health Department, successfully organized a free medical camp under the Civic Action Programme.

The camp was organized in Sharmarg and was conducted under the guidance of Gyanendra Verma IG, Kashmir Ops Sector, and Rajender Singh Rawat, DIG North Kashmir Operational Range, Baramulla.

The camp saw a large turnout of needy residents from the area, who availed themselves of the free healthcare services provided and received valuable information on the prevention and symptoms of various diseases.

A dedicated team of Six Medical Officers conducted free medical check-ups for approximately 310 civilians and distributed free medicines.

The main objective of the camp was to reach out to

the underserved population in the area, offering essential health services and raising awareness about the importance of health maintenance.

Ashfaq Ahmad Mir, son J&K Police Shaheed Nazir Ahmad Mir of Sarmarg inaugurated the Civic Action Programme in the presence of Naresh Kumar, Commandant of the 92 Battalion, Commandant urged the local population to engage in regular physical exercise, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and uphold good hygiene practices.

He also highlighted the role of the CRPF in fostering a positive relationship between the local community and the force.

Locals expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the CRPF for organizing the medical camp, marking it as the first significant outreach by the force in the area. Prominent residents from the locality appreciated the CRPF's efforts in organizing such an impactful event, which has significantly contributed to the wellbeing of the community.

The success of this medical camp underscores the CRPF's dedication to the health and wellness of the people, further strengthening the bond between the locals and the force.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is the largest Central Armed Police Forces. It functions under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India. The CRPF's primary role is to assist the State/Union to maintain law and order and contain insurgency.

The CRPF has a significant presence in Jammu & Kashmir, playing a vital role in ensuring security and assisting in civic operations to support local communities.

This press release aims to inform the public and media about the recent medical camp organized by the 92 Battalion CRPF in collaboration with the J&K Health Department, highlighting the CRPF's continuous efforts to support and uplift local communities. 92 Bn CRPF is in the service of local of North Kashmir since 2007.

Kulgam's Waltangoo Nard village lacks potable water supply, residents suffer

Top News Report

KULGAM, June 11: The residents of Shamaspora Gujer Basti Waltangoo Nard area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district have expressed resentment against the authorities for failing to provide their regular drinking water supply in their locality for the last one month.

Locals said that the area has been without water for the last one month while the authorities, despite repeated pleas to restore the water supply, have failed to take any concrete steps in this regard.

"We are being deprived of water facilities and despite repeated requests, the concerned department nor the administration is bothered to sort out our hardships,"

said a resident.

A senior citizen of the area said the area is facing an acute shortage of drinking water supply and the officials of the concerned Jal Shakti Department are paying a deaf ear to the inconvenience faced by the locals.

Locals said that several representations were made to the Jal Shakti department but they are paying no heed to the pleas.

The residents of the area have urged the LG Manoj Sinha and DC Kulgam to take immediate steps.

When Contacted Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Jal Shakti Department Quazigund, Mohammad Rafiq acknowledged that the issue will be sorted out soon.

Leaders who weaken BJP in Kashmir should be removed: Chandel



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: Hinduist Sanatani leader Raju Chandel, speaking to journalists in Jammu today, criticized the BJP for not fielding Lok Sabha candidates in the Kashmir Valley.

He stated that leaders who failed to secure Lok Sabha seats despite party support should be held accountable.

Chandel emphasized that if BJP's strong candidate, Ravindra Raina, had been fielded from the Rajouri Poonch Lok Sabha seat, the BJP would have likely won. He lamented that years of hard work by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to build the party organization in Kashmir were undermined by recent actions. He noted that despite some leaders

rebelling, state president Ravindra Raina managed to control the situation and strengthen the party.

However, the decision not to field candidates in three Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir weakened the organization, and those responsible for such decisions should face strict action.

Chandel called for an immediate reshuffle of party workers in Jammu and Kashmir and urged that individuals who have joined from other parties be given appropriate roles to help the BJP form the government in the upcoming assembly elections. He stressed that the mistake of not fielding candidates in key Lok Sabha seats should not be repeated.

Furthermore, Chandel demanded that all Panch Sarpanchs in Jammu and Kashmir be provided with police security. He also called for a review of the security provided to certain leaders who, according to him, do not require it, and advocated for increased security for all Hindu leaders working in the region.

Dimple visits GMC Jammu to meet injured

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: President Mission Statehood, Sunil Dimple expressed deep concern over the critical condition of many injured individuals, including young girls and newlyweds who visited Vaisnho Devi and Shiv Khori darshans and have lost their loved ones.

He urged Prime Minister Modi to arrange for the safe return of these pilgrims to their home states free of charge via air and train. Dimple also demanded compensation, better medical facilities, and expressed solidarity with the families of the martyred and injured.

He criticized the inadequate medical treatment, noting that critically injured patients, including those with serious neuron and head injuries, were being placed in general wards



instead of ICU or emergency disaster wards.

He highlighted the poor condition of the toilets and bathrooms at GMC Bakshi Nagar, describing them as very bad and pitiable.

With the upcoming assembly elections and the ongoing Amarnath Yatra and pilgrims' rush in Katra Vaisnho Devi, Dimple stressed the need for the government to enhance security arrangements.

He appealed to NGOs

and the public to provide quality meals, fruits, and juices to injured pilgrims in GMC Jammu and other Katra Reasi hospitals.

Dimple criticized the intelligence agencies, blaming them for the infiltration of militants from Pakistan and their attacks on civilians and security forces. He issued a stern warning to militant organizations, declaring that their cowardly attacks and targeted killings would no longer be tolerated.

Braham Jyot inaugurates Mehfil e Qawwal

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: Braham Jyot Satti (Senior leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) inaugurated Mehfil e Qawwal (Eternal night of music) and Bhandara at Pakka Talab New Plot, Rehari Jammu.

The Program was organised by Sunny Baba (Lakhdata Peer).

Ravi Mehra (Vice President BJP OBC Morcha), Rakesh Pandey (Mandal President), Nidhi Magotra (Former Councillor), Kaamta Baba, Gulshan Kumar, Balwan Singh, Sanjeev Bhat, Sanjay Bhat were present on the occasion.

The programme started with the felicitation of Braham Jyot and other guests. After that they cut the cake and inaugurated the program with a patriotic song by Qawwals later on Bhandara were opened for Public.

Speaking on the occasion Braham Jyot congratulated the Sunny Baba for this wonderful program and he also congratulated the whole nation in swearing of PM Narendra Modi for the third consecutive time.

He said it was very



eternal program and it was started with a patriotic song by Qawwals, which by successfully stirring the pristine emotions of communal harmony, amity and brotherhood, won thundering applause from the audience.

He said Renowned Qawwals of the Jammu and punjab including Gurdev Bakshi (Amritsar Waale) and his team enthralled the music lovers of Jammu.

The evening started with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Braham Jyot and by other prominent citizens.

The area was jam packed during the entire concert and the audience longed for more. This was an evening that is going to remain etched in the minds of the audience who were present to witness this concert.

He said qawwal's calm take off with compositions based in classical music came as a kind of treat for the music aficionados present in large numbers and bursting with wah, waws.

He said these kinds of problems spread communal harmony and eternity and should be organised more.

MDK Foundation organises seminar on 'Impact of Social Media on Children'

Top News Report

JAMMU, JUNE 11: The MDK Foundation—a prominent NGO on Tuesday in Jammu organised a seminar on the topic 'Impact of Social Media on Children'.

Different speakers on this occasion talked on the proper use of social media platforms like Facebook, YouTube, WhatsApp etc.

Natish Mahajan, J&K Co-Incharge Social Media BJP said

that the use of social media platforms should be there to spread important information which may be useful for the society.

He said that use of social media by the children should be restricted as they are increasingly getting addicted to the smart phones which is affecting their health—both physical and mental.

"While posting messages on social media platforms one should be sensible as any wrong mes-

sage may lead to violence and law order situation," he said.

Asger Ali, DP ST Morcha Jammu North said that present Cyber Police is on toes to check and monitor regularly the social media platforms.

"So be careful on social media as any wrong message on social media may today land you in some problem," he said.

Mushtaq Qadria said that during the times of some emergencies

like the lockdown triggered by the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19, students used to study through online classes and social media helped them a lot in such times.

"Similarly, many jobs were saved after people worked from homes in which many social media platforms played an important role to facilitate the works," Qadri continued. Molvi Talib Hussain, Mohd Anwar, Saleem Khan and others were also present on the occasion.

Celebs congratulate Narendra Modi on his third consecutive term as Prime Minister

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the oath of office for his third successive term, celebrities took to social media platforms to extend their heartfelt congratulations to PM Modi. Here's a look...

Congratulations to India's beloved Prime Minister @narendramodiji and #NDA-Government commencing your historic third term. Looking forward to a more prosperous India under your reign. Jai Hind #Narendramodi #PMOath #ModiCabinet. — Ram Charan

Huge and heartfelt congratulations and wishing our Honorable Prime Minister, Sri Narendra Modi ji — a phenomenal and exceptional 3rd term in the Highest office of this country. We know you will compassionately lead us to an era of stupendous growth, progress, prosperity and make us a glorious nation that the world looks up to in awe, because of the love and



kindness we exude, within the philosophies of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Praying for your good health and the extraordinary future that awaits this great nation. — R Madhavan

Nations that harness their greatest strength—their people — shall accomplish the greatest glories. Congratulations to the Hon. Prime Minister of India, Shri @narendramodiji, on your third term. In the spirit of

national interest, unity, and patriotic duty, let the elected representatives of the 18th Lok Sabha, work together to fulfil the dream of a stronger, brighter, and more inclusive India. Jai Hind! — Kamal Haasan

A pledge that empowers and ensures safety for the people of India! Victory to India! — Anupam Kher

Congratulations shri @narendramodiji for a historic 3rd term and

the swearing in ceremony. May you guide our country to greater heights. Hari Om. — Varun Dhawan

Heartiest congratulations to our honourable Prime Minister - Shri Narendra Modi ji. India looks forward to being led by your strength, passion and vision for the years to come! @narendramodiji. — Karan Johar

Best wishes, Prime Minister @narendramo-

di ji, on your swearing-in. May your tenure be marked by progress, strength, and unwavering commitment to the nation's prosperity. Bharat Mata Ki Jai." — Anil Kapoor

Heartiest congratulations to Honorable Shri Narendra Modi ji on taking the oath as the Prime Minister of the country for the third consecutive time. Under the skilful leadership of the respected PM, the country will reach new heights. — Sonu Sood

Many congratulations to the Honourable Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji on becoming the Prime Minister for the third consecutive time. — Kapil Sharma

The people of India extend best wishes to our respected leader @narendramodiji on this historic occasion of him becoming the PM for the third time. Remember one thing that the people love you a lot. — Paresw Rawal

Big B to be seen in a special role in Gujarati film Fakt Purusho Maate



Megastar Amitabh Bachchan is set to portray the role of God in

the upcoming Gujarati film Fakt Purusho Maate.

The film is a sequel to the 2022 Gujarati film Fakt Mahilao Maate, in which Big B also made a special appearance. The cast includes Yash Soni, Mitra Gadhvi, Esha Kansara and Darshan Jariwala. Producer Anand Pandit spoke about Big B's association with the franchise, "We shot with Amitabh Bachchan on June 6, and everyone on the sets was awestruck by his energy, dedication, legendary professionalism, and larger-than-life presence. He was a very special part of Fakt Mahilao Maate, and, to be honest, it is hard for me to imagine a project without him. Anyone who has worked with him once wants to work with him again and again."

Fakt Purusho Maate has been written and directed by Jay Bodas and Parth Trivedi. The film is expected to be released around Janmashtami this year.

Groove to Dupatta Drill, a peppy number by Simiran Kaur Dhadli

The unstoppable Simiran Kaur Dhadli, from Punjab, also known as The Woman King, returns to her throne in the hip hop realm as she drops a new song Dupatta Drill. Having Punjabi and Haryanvi twists, this track celebrates her jaatni swag.

Featuring the charming Pranjali Dahiya in the music video along with Simiran, the throbbing rhythm of Dupatta Drill builds a lasting impression.

Produced by Stanley Christ, the lyrics are by Rawme Hooda.

Simiran shared, "This song is a deeply personal celebration of my culture and tradition, blended with confidence and swag."

The track Dupatta Drill has allowed me to explore my roots through a mix of ancestral Punjabi and Haryanvi beats.

I can't wait for the listeners to enjoy the track and celebrate love."



Pul Moran, a historic bridge that stands the testimony of the love between Maharaja Ranjit Singh and nautch girl Mooran Sarkar, has now become a hot spot for wedding photoshoots

Sanjay Leela Bhansali's grand ode to the courtesans in Netflix's Heeramandi has everyone swooning over the 'gajgami walk', the aesthetically brilliant visuals and supremacy of the royal courtesans during the time. At the peak of their prominence, these royal courtesans were known for their artistic brilliance, etiquette and power, which had their royal patrons in a chokehold.

Numerous stories, documented and undocumented, throughout history stand as a testimony to the influence of royal courtesans over the political, cultural and historical landscape of the country.

One such testimonial of a story of love and rise of a woman from being known as a 'nautch girl' to a queen is Pul Mooran.

A historical monument situated 35 km outside of Amritsar city and close to the Attari-Wagah border, Pul Mooran was historically known as Pul Kanjri (kanjri was the word used to refer to the dancing community and considered derogatory). Known as the Taj Mahal of Punjab, Pul Mooran



was built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh as a bridge on a canal, while crossing the Ravi, and reach the resting place he had built in between the twin cities of Amritsar and Lahore. In popular culture and literature, it's believed that Maharaja Ranjit Singh built this bridge as a symbol of love he had for Mooran Sarkar.

Story of love Mooran was a Muslim dancer, hailing from the street dancing community in village Makhanpur, who became a royal courtesan. Once, as she was coming to meet the Maharaja for their rendezvous at the baradari, he had built near the village, she lost her silver slipper in the Hansali canal. Upset, she

refused to perform for him that day and that's when the Maharaja ordered construction of the bridge, now known as Pul Kanjri/Mooran. She won the king's heart with her beauty and intellect, and was a medium between the common villagers and the royal court. Maharaja Ranjit Singh later married Mooran, despite the opposition from Sikh religious scholars and it remains a historical fact that their marriage was a way to uplift the community of street dancers, who were later rehabilitated in local Hussainpura and Sharifpura localities. Maharaja Ranjit Singh, at Mooran's request, also built a mosque called as Masjid-e-Tawafan in 1824,

which was renamed in 1998 as Mai Mooran Masjid in Lahore.

Conserved and renovated

Its history might have begun with a love story, but Pul Mooran became an important centre for trade in later years of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's regime. Post Partition, the structure was captured by the Pakistani army during the Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971, but was recaptured by the Indian Army later. The baradari, used as a home stay for Maharaja while travelling from Amritsar to Lahore, has been conserved and renovated with concerted efforts by late Manveen Sandhu, founder of Spring Dale Educational Society

and School. The school continues to engage locals as well as visitors in the history behind the hauntingly beautiful monument. The baradari has 12 gates, a vast courtyard, a sarovar, and temple made of Nanakshahi bricks, with beautiful fresco work depicting various Hindu deities on the ceiling and side walls. The courtyard was used for cross-border cultural programmes till a few years ago, which was initiated by Manveen Sandhu who had also written a play, Mooran Sarkar, directed by eminent theatre-person Kewal Dhaliwal and saw a collaboration between artistes from India and Pakistan.

Manveen Sandhu was also instrumental in renaming the place from Pul Kanjri to Pul Mooran, as kanjri is a word in Punjabi used in derogatory context. The place is now maintained by ASI, Punjab Heritage and Tourism Promotion Board and Springdale.

Today, the historic structure provides a great backdrop for soon-to-be married couples as a popular destination for wedding photoshoots.

Priyanka Chopra condemns terror attack on pilgrims in Reasi, asks 'Why civilians and children?'

Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas was left devastated like everyone right now in the nation after terrorists attacked a bus in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Taking to Instagram stories on Tuesday morning, Priyanka condemned the attack and questioned the hatred that is being witnessed across the world.

She wrote, "Devastated. This heinous attack on innocent pilgrims is horrific. Why civilians and children?! It's so hard to comprehend the hatred we're witnessing around the world."

Earlier on Monday, Varun Dhawan also

shared a post on his Instagram stories that read, "Devastated by the horrific attack on innocent pilgrims in Reasi. I strongly condemn this cowardly terrorist act. Praying for the departed souls. My condolences to the victims and their families. Om Shanti."

Parineeti Chopra wrote on X, "Heartbroken to see the images coming in from #Reasi. Praying for the family of the deceased; may God give them strength, and may the injured recover as soon as possible."

Deeply saddened by the attack, Mohit Raina offered prayers for the victims. He posted,



'Deeply disturbed and saddened by the attack on pilgrims in Reasi. Jammu, May Almighty give the loved ones of victims the strength to bear the pain. Prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured.'

Apart from them, Kangana Ranaut, Riteish Deshmukh, Anupam Kher and others expressed their griefs.

At least nine people died and over 30 others were injured after a bus, travelling from Shiv

Khori shrine to Katra, carrying pilgrims was targeted by terrorists on Sunday evening, when it reached the Pouni area, bordering Rajouri district. The bus plunged into a gorge following the attack.

The Jammu and Kashmir police have said that the terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba is believed to be behind the attack. They have formed 11 teams to investigate the attack.

A team from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) assessed the situation. The NIA's forensic team is working on collecting evidence.

Karan Veer Mehra to do cameo in Pukar-Dil Se Dil Tak



Actor Karan Veer Mehra, a well-known artiste, will be seen in a cameo in Sony Entertainment Television's family drama, Pukar — Dil Se Dil Tak as Gautam. He has a pivotal role in the storyline. Mehra shared, "Gautam is the brain behind the success of the Maheshwari family business, and he continues to be their employ as he feels it's his duty towards Digvijay and Rajeshwari Maheshwari."

PM Modi's appeal ahead of International Yoga Day: Integrate yoga into your lives

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the International Day of Yoga, which will be celebrated on June 21, marked a timeless practice that celebrated oneness and harmony

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): With just 10 days left for the International Day of Yoga, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged people to reiterate their commitment to making yoga an integral part of their lives and also encourage others to do the same.

PM Modi also shared AI-generated videos of him performing various asanas and describing their benefits on his X handle. He said that the International Day of Yoga, which will be celebrated on June 21, marked a timeless practice that celebrated oneness and harmony.

"In ten days from now, the world will mark the 10th International Day of Yoga, celebrating a timeless practice that celebrates oneness and harmony. Yoga has transcended cultural



and geographical boundaries, uniting millions across the globe in the pursuit of holistic well-being," he tweeted.

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ing millions around the globe in the pursuit of holistic well-being.

"As we approach this year's Yoga Day, it is essential to reiterate our commitment to making yoga an integral part of our lives and also encourag-

ing others to make it a part of theirs. Yoga offers a sanctuary of calm, enabling us to navigate life's challenges with calm and fortitude," he said.

Last year, PM Modi led a yoga session at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York in a historic celebration to commemorate the 9th International Day of Yoga. The event, which created a Guinness World Record, saw the participation of top UN officials, envoys and prominent individuals from over 180 countries.

Recognising its universal appeal, in December 2014, the UN proclaimed June 21 as the International Day of Yoga by a resolution. The day aims to raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practicing yoga.

Rajnath Singh take over as Defence Minister deferred as he is in Odisha



NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Formal 'taking over' by Rajnath Singh as Defence Minister has been deferred as the senior BJP leader is away to Odisha.

The minister is the Central observer for the BJP as the party MLA's choose their leader in the Odisha Assembly. The BJP won the Assembly elections conducted alongside

the Lok Sabha polls defeating the Naveen Patnaik-led Biju Janta Dal.

In case of Rajnath, he is already the Defence Minister. A small formality has to be done by him of signing a file of assuming responsibility. Till he does that, he is still the Defence Minister as he has not relinquished charge.

Though no official date has been given for Rajnath's take over, sources in the MoD said it would likely happen on Thursday.

Earlier on Tuesday, the newly appointed Minister of State Sanjay Seth called on Rajnath before assuming office.

Naidu and Nitish are 'dissatisfied souls' after portfolio allocation, claims Sanjay Raut

MUMBAI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Tuesday claimed that BJP allies Nitish Kumar and N Chandrababu Naidu were "dissatisfied souls" following the allocation of portfolios in the Union cabinet.

Talking to reporters here, he also latched onto the term "bhakti aatma" used by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar, and said this "wandering restless soul" will not rest until the BJP-led governments at the Centre and in Maharashtra were dislodged.

If RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat thought that the NDA government at the Centre was not in the interest of the country, he should pull it down, the Rajya Sabha member said.

"There are two 'atrupa aatmas' (dissatisfied souls) in the Centre — (Bihar Chief Minister) Nitish Kumar and (TDP chief) Chandrababu Naidu. You (BJP) should satisfy these



two 'atrupa aatmas'. The way portfolios have been allocated, it seems all souls are dissatisfied, especially the NDA allies," Raut said.

In the portfolio allocation on Wednesday, Lalan Singh of Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal-United got the Panchayati Raj, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Ministries, while TDP's K Rammoan Naidu got the Civil Aviation Ministry.

JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy was given the "most rejected" portfolio, Raut commented further. He has got Heavy Industries and Steel ministries. BJP kept everything for itself, Raut claimed.

Pointing out that there

was no Muslim minister in the Modi-led cabinet, the Sena (UBT) leader said it was against the Constitution.

"Modi had made it clear during the polls. They want to place a wedge between Hindus and Muslims in the country. He thinks Muslims have not voted for BJP, which is why they are not in the cabinet," Raut alleged.

There was "no life" in the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, Ajit Pawar-led NCP and Raj Thackeray's Maharashtra Navnirman Sena, Raut said, claiming that these parties were formed "out of fear" and with a motive to weaken the Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar).

VIP security up for major change in Modi 3.0; NSG, ITBP to be withdrawn

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): The VIP security setup of the Union government is expected to witness a major "shift and overhaul" with the new ministers taking charge and the task of guarding over a dozen high-risk persons by the National Security Guard (NSG) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) being transferred to other paramilitary forces, official sources said Tuesday.

The sources said that a review of this important wing under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is expected to be undertaken soon and the covers extended to various political figures and candidates, ex-ministers, retired bureaucrats and some others will be either withdrawn, scaled down or upgraded.

It has also been decided that the long-awaited proposal of completely withdrawing 'black cat' commandos of the NSG from VIP security duties will be implemented now and all its 9 Z-plus category protectees will be handed over to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) VIP security unit, the sources said.

Similarly, some of the VIPs secured by the personnel of the border guarding force ITBP may be transferred to CRPF or the VIP security wing of CISF called the special security group



(SSG), they said.

Those protected by the close protection force of the NSG commandos include Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, his predecessor and BSP supremo Mayawati, Union defence minister Rajnath Singh, veteran BJP leader and former deputy prime minister LK Advani, Union shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal, BJP leader and ex-Chhattisgarh CM Raman Singh.

Former Jammu and Kashmir CM and Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) president Ghulam Nabi Azad, National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah and TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu are also protected by NSG commandos.

ITBP protects veteran BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi,

NC leader Omar Abdullah and PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti and some others.

The plan to relieve NSG from VIP security tasks has been in the making since 2012 when NSG commanders foresaw an event where simultaneous terror attacks could be witnessed at one time on multiple centres in the country and the commandos will have to be rushed in different directions.

Agency had reported in January 2020 that after the removal of SPG from the Gandhi family — Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra — a committee of MHA had decided to withdraw NSG from VIP security tasks.

The Union government has decided to "restructure" the NSG and use its manpower to

raise and station 'strike teams' of commandos in some high-risk areas like near the Ram temple in Ayodhya and around some critical assets located in the southern part of the country.

Withdrawal of the NSG from VIP security, once done, will happen after over two decades that the 'black cat' commandos were drafted in this duty, a task not originally charted for it when the force was conceptualised and raised in 1984.

The Union government "is of the view" that the NSG should concentrate on its original charter of handling specific tasks of counter-terrorist and counter-hijack operations and that the task of securing high-risk VIPs was proving to be a "burden" on its limited and specialist capabilities.

Around 450 'black cat' commandos are expected to be freed once NSG is withdrawn from VIP security duties, the sources said.

CRPF and the CISF VIP security wings secure more than 200 persons at present. While the former paramilitary force is tasked to protect Union home minister and the Gandhi family apart from others, the latter has NSA Ajit Doval, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and others as its protectees.

Chinese man, who entered India illegally, attempts suicide in Bihar jail, dies

MUZAFFARPUR, Jun 11 (Agencies): A Chinese man, accused of entering India illegally, died on Tuesday after he allegedly made a suicide attempt at a jail in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district, officials said.

Li Jiaqi of China's Shandong province was arrested on June 6 near

Laxmi Chowk in the Brahmapura police station area for not having valid travel documents, including visa.

A map of China, a mobile phone and currencies of China, Nepal and India were found in his possession, they said.

A case was regis-

tered under The Foreigners Act, 1946, and subsequently, he was sent to jail and lodged at the Amar Shaheed Khudiram Bose Central Prison, they added.

"On June 7, he was found injured and unconscious in the toilet of the prison's hospital after attempting to cut

his important body parts with broken eyeglasses.

He was immediately shifted to Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH), Muzaffarpur, by the jail authorities, where he succumbed to injuries on Tuesday," said a statement issued by the hospital.

'Cross-border terrorism cannot be policy of good neighbour': Jaishankar after ex-Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif's post about 'hope'

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): A day after former Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif made an effort to initiate a kind of conversation with India, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said there has been an issue of cross-border terrorism and that cannot be the policy of a good neighbour.

Jaishankar was interacting with the media after formally taking over as External Affairs Minister for the third term of Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance.

He was asked about Pakistan to which he said "You are aware of the issue that has been there for years is cross-border terrorism - how do we find a solution to it, so that cannot be the policy of a good neighbour."

The minister literally drew the red line on what would be India's stance on Pakistan sponsored terrorism before any effort is made to have a working relationship. Jaishankar mentioned



about the posts on X by Nawaz Sharif and also the response given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday.

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, on Monday greeted Modi and called for new beginning asking to replace 'hate with hope' and to 'seize the opportunity' to shape the destiny of the two billion people of South Asia.

Within two hours of Sharif's post on X, PM Modi responded by 'appreciating' Sharif's message and laid down what is India's position, making it clear that people of India always stood for 'peace, security and progressive

ideas'.

"Appreciate your message. The people of India have always stood for peace, security and progressive ideas. Advancing the well-being and security of our people shall always remain our priority," Modi said on X.

Nawaz Sharif, whose younger brother Shehbaz Sharif, is the present PM of Pakistan, had posted on X: "My warm felicitations to Modi Ji on assuming office for the third time. Your party's success in recent elections reflects the confidence of the people in your leadership. Let us replace hate with hope and seize the opportu-

nity to shape the destiny of the two billion people of South Asia".

Detailing priorities of the government, Jaishankar said we began the day of swearing-in with a 'neighbourhood first' affirmation. All our neighbours came and the Prime Minister himself met all of them.

"They (the visiting dignitaries) are leaving with a sense that our neighbouring relationships will be the first priority, will be the overriding priority of the Modi government," he said.

When Narendra Modi took oath on Sunday, top leader of seven neighbouring and Indian Ocean countries were present.

India had invited the Prime Minister of Pakistan when Modi took oath of his first-term in 2014.

The present diplomatic freeze in India-Pakistan bilateral relations meant an invite in 2024 was ruled out as bilateral ties are not even in 'working mode'.

Massive fire engulfs factory in Maharashtra's Bhiwandi, no injuries

BHIWANDI, Jun 11 (Agencies): A major fire erupted at a diaper-manufacturing factory in Sawarali MIDC of the Bhiwandi Taluka in Maharashtra, officials said on Tuesday.

As per reports, a massive fire broke out on the first floor of Sadashiv Hygiene Private Limited Company at around 3 am on Tuesday. Within minutes, the entire building was engulfed in flames.

The manufacturing facility had plenty of diaper-making materials,

plastic, cotton cloth in large quantities stored in abundance inside the building.

Several fire tenders were rushed to the spot from Bhiwandi, Kalyan and Thane to douse the fire, but the fire-fighting efforts were hampered due to the lack of water supply in the area. However, the blaze was eventually brought under control, the officials added.

The cause of the fire is not known yet, while no one is reported to be injured in the incident as



well. This came a day after a fire engulfed the roof of the four-storey BJP's office in Madhya Pradesh's Indore as party workers ignited firecrackers to celebrate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's oath-taking ceremony.

The fire started as some firecrackers ignited the scraps of plywood, an old sofa, waste materials, and various other pieces of furniture on the roof of the building, according to an official from the BJP media cell.

Massive search operation under way for missing plane carrying Malawi vice president

Vice president is facing corruption charges over allegations that he received money in return for influencing the awarding of government contracts

BLANTYRE (MALAWI), Jun 11 (Agencies): Soldiers are searching mountainous forests near a city in northern Malawi after a military plane carrying the country's vice president and a former first lady went missing in the area on Monday, President Lazarus Chakwera said today.

The plane carrying 51-year-old Vice President Saulos Chilima, former first lady Shanil Dzimbiri and eight others left the southern African nation's capital, Lilongwe, at 9:17 am and had been expected to land 45 minutes later at Mzuzu International Airport, about 370 kms (230 miles) to the north.

But air traffic control told it to not attempt a landing and to turn around because of bad weather and poor visibility, Chakwera said in an address broadcast live on state TV channel MBC.

Air traffic control lost contact with the aircraft and it disappeared from radar a short time later, he said.

"I know this is a heartbreaking situation. I know we are all frightened and concerned. I too am concerned," Chakwera said. "But I want to assure you that I am sparing no available resource to find that plane. And



I am holding onto every fibre of hope that we will find the survivors." Mzuzu is Malawi's third biggest city and the capital of the northern region. It lies in a hilly, forested area dominated by the Vipha mountain range, which has vast plantations of pine trees.

The president vowed that search operations would continue through the night and said authorities using telecommunications towers tracked the last known position of the plane to a 10-km (6-mile) radius in one of the plantations. That area was the focus of the Malawi Defence Force search and rescue operation, he said.

"I have given strict orders that

the operation should continue until the plane is found," Chakwera said.

Chakwera said the US, the UK, Norway and Israel offered assistance in the search operation and had provided "specialised technologies" that the president hoped would help find the plane sooner.

Chakwera said Dzimbiri, the ex-wife of former President Bakili Muluzi, was also one of the passengers. The group was traveling to attend the funeral of a former government minister. Three of those onboard were the military crew flying the plane, the president said.

Chakwera asked Malawians to pray for all those onboard and

their families.

Chilima has been vice president since 2020.

He was a candidate in the 2019 Malawian presidential election and finished third. That vote was won by incumbent Peter Mutharika but was annulled by Malawi's Constitutional Court because of irregularities. Chakwera finished second in that election.

Chilima then joined Chakwera's campaign as his running mate in an historic election rerun in 2020, when Chakwera was elected president. It was the first time in Africa that an election result that was overturned by a court resulted in a defeat for the sitting president.

The vice president had been facing corruption charges over allegations that he received money in return for influencing the awarding of government contracts, but prosecutors dropped the charges last month. That led to criticism that Chakwera's administration was not taking a hard enough stance against graft.

Chilima was arrested in late 2022 and made several court appearances, but the trial has yet to start. He has denied the allegations.

4 Israeli Soldiers Killed In Gaza, Hamas Says They Were "Booby-Trapped"



JERUSALEM, Jun 11 (Agencies): The Israeli military said on Tuesday that four soldiers had been killed in fighting in southern Gaza the previous day, more than eight months into its war against Hamas. The soldiers were "killed in fighting in south Gaza" on Monday, the military said in a statement, without elaborating on the circumstances of their deaths.

Israeli public broadcaster Kan said that the soldiers were killed in an explosion in a building in Gaza's far-southern city of Rafah.

On Monday evening, Hamas's armed wing, the Ezzedine al-Qasam Brigades, said its fighters had "booby-trapped" a building in the Shabura refugee camp in Rafah.

"The Qassam mujahideen were able to detonate a booby-trapped house inside which a Zionist force was holed up ... leaving members of the (Israeli) force dead and wounded," the group said in a statement.

The Times of Israel reported that seven soldiers were also wounded in the blast, five of them seriously.

The latest deaths took to 298 the military's overall losses since its ground offensive in Gaza began on October 27, it said.

The military has been locked in street fighting with Hamas in Rafah since launching its controversial ground assault on the city on May 7.

Foreign governments, including US ally Israel, had opposed the operation, out of concern for the safety of Palestinian civilians sheltering in the city. Well over a million have since fled, seeking refuge where they can.

The Gaza war was triggered by Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attack on Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,194 people, mostly civilians, according to an agency tally based on Israeli official figures.

Israel's retaliatory military campaign has killed at least 37,124 people in Gaza, also mostly civilians, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry.

Chinese premier to visit Australia on June 15

MELBOURNE, Jun 11 (Agencies): China's Premier Li Qiang will visit Australia later this week, officials said on Tuesday.

Li's visit to Australia will be extended from Saturday to Tuesday and is the first visit by a Chinese premier to Australia since 2017.

"Premier Li Qiang's visit is an important opportunity to engage directly on key issues for both nations. Australia continues to pursue a stable and direct relationship with China, with dialogue at its core, said Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in a statement.

Albanese and Li will hold an annual leaders' meeting at Parliament House in the Australian capital Canberra, an



Australian government statement said.

Li, the second most powerful official in China's leadership, will also visit the Australian cities of Adelaide and Perth.

Li's visit follows Albanese's visit to Beijing in November last year, where leaders agreed to resume key bilateral dialogues and to further several areas of cooperation.

China imposed a

series of official and unofficial trade barriers that cost Australian exporters up to 20 billion Australian dollars (\$13 billion) a year after Australia's previous government demanded an international inquiry into the causes of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of those barriers have been removed since Albanese's government was elected in 2022.

Singapore Airlines offers compensation to passengers of turbulence-hit London to Singapore flight

SINGAPORE, Jun 11 (Agencies): Singapore Airlines on Tuesday offered monetary compensation and a full refund of the airfare to the 211 passengers onboard the flag carrier's turbulence-hit London to Singapore flight last month, which led to the death of one passenger and injured many others.

On May 21, Flight SQ321 en route from London to Singapore encountered extreme turbulence.

The Boeing 777-300ER aircraft was carrying 211 passengers and a crew of 18 when it made an emergency landing at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport.

Passengers and crew were thrown up to the plane's ceiling before falling back down, leading to the death of one man and injuries to dozens of others.

In a statement, the SIA said compensation offers were sent to passengers.

Those who sustained "minor injuries" from the incident were offered USD 10,000 (SGD 13,500) in compensation.

"For those who sustained more serious injuries from the incident, we have invited them to discuss a compensation offer to meet each of their specific circumstances when they feel well and ready to do so," the statement said. "Passengers medically assessed as having



sustained serious injuries, requiring long-term medical care, and requesting financial assistance are offered an advance payment of USD 25,000 to address their immediate needs," the SIA said.

"This will be part of the final compensation that these passengers will receive," it added.

A full refund of the airfare will be offered to all passengers of Flight SQ321, including those who did not suffer any injuries.

They would also receive delay compensation under the European Union or United Kingdom regulations, the SIA said.

No mention of compensation for the 18 crew members on board Flight SQ321 was made, according to a Channel News Asia report.

South Korean troops fired warning shots after North Korean soldiers briefly crossed land border

SEOUL, Jun 11 (Agencies): South Korean soldiers fired warning shots after North Korean troops briefly violated the tense border earlier this week, South Korea's military said Tuesday, as the rivals are embroiled in Cold War-style campaigns like balloon launches and propaganda broadcasts.

Bloodshed and violent confrontations have occasionally occurred at the Koreas' heavily fortified border, called the Demilitarized Zone. While Sunday's incident happened amid simmering tensions between the two Koreas, observers say it won't likely develop into another source of animosity as South Korea believes the North Koreans didn't deliberately commit the border intrusion and North Korea also didn't return fire.

At 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, some North Korean soldiers who

were engaged in unspecified work on the northern side of the border crossed the military demarcation line that bisects the two countries, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

Those North Korean soldiers carrying construction tools — some of them armed — immediately returned to their territory after South Korea's military fired warning shots and issued warning broadcasts, the Joint Chiefs of Staff said. It said North Korea had not conducted any other suspicious activities.

South Korea's military has assessed that the North Korean soldiers didn't appear to have intentionally crossed the border because the site is a wooded area and MDL signs there weren't clearly visible, Joint Chiefs of Staff spokesperson Lee Sung Joon told reporters.

Lee gave no further



details. But South Korean media reports said that about 20-30 North Korean soldiers had entered South Korean territory about 50 meters (165 feet) after they likely lost their way. The reports said most of the North Korean soldiers were carrying pickaxes and other construction tools.

The 248-kilometer (155-mile)-long, 4-kilometer (2.5-mile)-wide DMZ is the world's most heavily armed border. An estimated 2 million mines are peppered inside and near the border, which is also guarded by barbed wire fences, tank traps and

combat troops on both sides. It's a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

On Sunday, South Korea resumed anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts from its border loudspeakers in response to the North's recent launches of balloons carrying manure and rubbish across the border. South Korea said North Korea has installed its own border loudspeakers in response but hasn't turned them on yet.

North Korea has said its balloon campaign was in response to

South Korean activists' launches of their own balloons to drop propaganda leaflets critical of leader Kim Jong Un's authoritarian rule, USB sticks with K-pop songs and South Korean drama shows, and other items in North Korea.

North Korea is extremely sensitive to any outside criticism of its political system as most of its 26 million people have no official access to foreign news. On Sunday night, Kim's sister and senior official, Kim Yo Jong, warned of "a new response" if South Korea continued its loudspeaker broadcasts and refused to stop civilian leafletting campaigns.

The tit-for-tat over speakers and balloons — both Cold War-style psychological warfare — have deepened tensions between the Koreas as talks over the North's nuclear ambitions have remained stalled for years.

Bangkok Pet Market Catches Fire, Kills Hundreds Of Animals



BANGKOK, Jun 11 (Agencies): A fire ripped through pet shops next to Bangkok's famed Chatuchak market early Tuesday, killing caged dogs, cats, birds and snakes, and damaging more than 100 stalls, police said.

The fire is believed to have started in the ornamental fish zone in Srisomrat Market, adjacent to the bigger Chatuchak, around 4:00 am (2100 GMT), according to Tivakorn Prongseng, a police inspector investigating the case.

The blaze spread to more than 100 stalls across about 1,300 square metres (14,000 square feet), he told agency.

There were no reports of human casualties, but multiple caged animals were found dead at the market, which belongs to the State Railway of Thailand, he said.

The fire was extinguished by 6:00 am, and the cause is being investigated, Tivakorn added.

Local media reported that hundreds of pets had died in the fire, but

Tivakorn said it was too early to say how many had perished.

The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration has set up a presence at the scene to gather information from affected shop owners.

Bangkok Governor Chadchart Sittipunt visited the site and said people could help affected shop owners by offering to house surviving animals.

Fires have previously damaged sections of the neighbouring, tightly packed Chatuchak market, which sells everything from antiques and electronics to dish-ware and food.

The market is a top tourist draw, but also a popular shopping destination for locals.

Conservation groups have previously raised concerns about the sale of live animals in the area, with periodic raids on sellers netting endangered species.

Skoda Auto India equips Kushaq Onyx with an automatic transmission

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: Skoda Auto India, in its strategy of continuous product actions, have implemented one more enhancement in its 5-star safe fleet -- the introduction of the Kushaq Onyx AT. The Onyx was originally released in Q1 2023 based on customer feedback with an aim to provide satisfaction and high value to Skoda fans and customers. Skoda Auto India, based on latest customer feedback, has now further enhanced the Kushaq Onyx with an automatic transmission and a host of new features, making it the most affordable automatic in its segment.

Speaking on the product action, Petr Janeba, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India, said, "The Onyx variant has been a key addition in our line-up combining the value of the Active trim with features from the higher variants. This new



Kushaq Onyx offering is in response to feedback from our customers, which points at a healthy demand for an automatic variant at a more accessible price point. In fact, our value proposition makes this Kushaq the most affordable automatic in its entire segment. Offering a hassle-free ownership experience, getting closer to our customers and constantly listening to our customers is our endeavour, and a key part of our growth strategy."

The Onyx AT, like the

Onyx before it, slots between the current Active and Ambition variants of Skoda's best-selling SUV. The exteriors see features from the higher Ambition variant making it to this Kushaq. One of them are the Skoda Crystalline LED headlamps with DRLs. Further enhancing visibility and safety are the front fog lamps with the static cornering function. The rear sees the wiper and defogger. With this iteration, Skoda Auto India continues with the Tecton Wheel covers

and 'Onyx' badging in the B-pillars.

Inside, the Onyx AT gets even more substantial updates. Topping the list of additions is Hill Hold Control and Paddle Shifters. The driver now gets a 2-spoke, multi-function, leather steering wheel with a chrome scroller. The cabin also gets Skoda's Climatronic with the touch panel, and the scruff plates in the front get an 'Onyx' inscription in them. Customers of the car will also get Onyx-themed cushions and textile mats as standard. All new in this latest product update is the availability of six airbags as standard in the Onyx AT.

The Onyx AT is powered exclusively by Skoda Auto India's proven 1.0 TSI turbo-charged three-cylinder petrol engine. It develops 85 kW (115 ps) of power and 178 Nm of torque and is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission. The Global New Car Assessment

Programme crash tested the Kushaq under its newer and stricter protocols in October 2022. The SUV scored 29.64 points out of 34 for adult occupant safety and 42 out of a possible 49 points for child safety. The Kushaq was the first made-in-India car to score a full five stars for both adult and child protection.

The Kushaq sits on the MQB-A0-IN platform that was specifically developed for India by teams in India and the Czech Republic. It was designed with a focus on high localisation -- 95% -- and low cost of ownership -- starting at Rs 0.46 per kilometre. The Kushaq was introduced in July 2021 and Skoda's second product on this platform -- the Slavia sedan -- debuted in March 2022. The company began 2024 with the announcement of an all-new compact SUV based on this platform. The vehicle will make its debut in 2025.

Max Super Speciality highlights danger of Intense Heat Waves, emphasizes safety measures

Top News Report

CHANDIGARH, June 11: In light of the severe heat conditions in this region that have thrown normal life out of gear, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mohali urged people to take proper care of this severe heat.

Dr. Gurpreet Singh Babra, Director Internal Medicine & Rheumatology at Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mohali said that the health impact of a heat wave depends on the intensity and duration of the temperature, the acclimatization and adaptation of the popula-

tion and the infrastructure and preparedness.

He further said that exposure to heat causes severe symptoms, such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke -- a condition which causes faintness, as well as dry, warm skin, due to the inability of the body to control high temperatures. Other symptoms include swelling in the lower limbs, heat rash on the neck, cramps, headache, irritability, lethargy and weakness. Heat can cause severe dehydration, acute cerebrovascular accidents and contribute to thrombogenesis (blood clots).

People with chronic diseases that take daily medications have a greater risk of complications and fatalities during a heat wave, as do older people and children. Reactions to the heat depend on each person's ability to adapt and serious effects can appear suddenly. This is why it is important to pay attention to the alerts and recommendations of local authorities.

One should also plan ahead. Cancel or reschedule activities for the coolest part of the day and avoid exercising and being outdoors in the heat.

Third batch of Tawi Trekkers J&K leaves for Dharamshala



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JAMMU, June 11: Third batch of Tawi Trekkers J&K comprising 28 students of Govt College for Women, Parade, Jammu left today for Dharamshala to participate in the Dharamshala Himalayan Trekking Programme being organized by Tawi Trekkers J&K under the chairmanship of Anil Goswami, former Home Secretary, Government of India. Anu Sharma, Suksham Verma and Vikas Singh, senior members of the club accompanied the group as leaders.

Meanwhile, activists of the club led by Sonam Sidharth, Field Director of the programme, have

already made proper boarding, lodging and other necessary arrangements at Chamunda and Macleodganj area for the smooth conduct of this prestigious trekking venture.

Earlier, the group was flagged off by Chairman, Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal from Kala Kendra, Jammu in the presence of Shawetika Khajuria, President; Ram Khajuria, Advisor of the club and a number of parents of the participating trekkers. While interacting with the students he advised them to respect and love nature by keeping the camp site as well as the trekking trail neat and clean by not throwing any wrappers of choco-

lates, toffees, biscuits etc.

The programme is being organized in cooperation with J&K Sports Council, Mountaineering Association of J&K, Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantala, Jammu, District Mountaineering Associations Jammu, Udhampur and Samba.

It may be mentioned that Tawi Trekkers J&K is a voluntary, non profit making, social service organization run by a group of highly dedicated young boys and girls whose only motive is to spread spirit of adventure and love of nature among all strata of society without distinction of colour, caste, creed.

Appoint chairman, members of 8th Pay Commission: NMC

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: President of the National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) Subash Shastri today urged upon the Prime Minister to immediately appoint chairman and other members of the 8th Pay Commission adding that except 7th Pay Commission all earlier pay Commission were constituted in the 3rd year of every decade as per past practice.

Interacting with media persons here Shastri said that notification for constitution of the 8th pay commission is the need of the hour, which is bound to have bearing on about one core employees and pensioners, both in Central as well as State governments. He said that commission should timely expedite the report so that the implementation gets executed well before 01-01-2026,

due date for revision of 8th pay commission.

"50 Percent of DA should be forthwith merged into basic pay and pension", he said, adding, 20 percent interim relief should be sanctioned as early as possible in favor of the employees and pensioners, so that they would get sigh of relief of rising prices and inflation.

Stressing on the need Shastri also urged him to immediately restore old pension scheme in place of NPS as confidence building measures. He said that many stale like Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Karnataka have restored old pension scheme in favor of NPC employees. He hoped that the New NDA Government at the Centre will take positive step in this regard.

Shastri also appealed to Prime Minister to release 18 months pending DA

arrears, beside regularization of daily wagers who have completed seven years of service in March, 2024, adding their monthly emoluments should be raised to Rs. 18,000 per month.

Other demands included clearance of all pending GP fund and gratuity cases, setting up of Labor Welfare Board, implementation of all Central Labor Law in UT J&K beside granting medical allowance of Rs. 1000 per month to pensioners at par with Central Government were highlighted on the occasion.

Among other who were also present on the occasion included Rajan Babu Khajuria, B.S Jamwal, Surinder Kumar, Ramesh Sharma, Chaman Lal, Birbal, Raman Sharma, Vinod Kumar, Ex-Sarpanch Sukhdev Singh, Ram Singh, Subash Sharma, Ram Lal Sharma & others.

Take strict action against terrorists involved in Reasi attack: Bharat Priye

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: Strongly condemning the terrorist attack on the bus of devotees in Reasi district, senior Kisan Congress leader Bharat Priye has demanded from the Indian government that no mercy should be shown to Pakistan this time.

Pakistan is taking illegitimate advantage of India's policy of non-violence and is shedding the blood of innocent people by carrying out terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir every day.

Now the time has come that the government should give free hand to the security forces so that they can enter Pakistan and destroy the terrorist



organizations. He said that in the recent past, terrorists have targeted security forces and civilians in Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Kishtwar, Reasi and Udhampur districts. There is anger among the people towards Pakistan and terrorists. Police should take strict action against terrorists and people supporting them.

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Jammu to Vaishno Devi helicopter service to resume from June 18, booking started

and Sanjhi Chhat, with a one-way fare of Rs 2100 per person.

Centre notifies fresh term for Justice Rajesh Sekhri as Additional Judge Of J&K High Court

Arjun Ram Meghwal on Tuesday also assumed charge as Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Ministry of Law and Justice in the newly formed National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government at the Centre.

Justice Sekhri initially became an Additional Judge of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on July 27, 2022, and he assumed office on July 29, 2022.

In May month, the Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud recommended that Justice Rajesh Sekhri be appointed as an additional judge of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court for a fresh term of one year with effect from July 29, 2024.

The Collegium further noted that the Collegium of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court had on April 23 recommended that Justice Rajesh Sekhri be appointed as an additional judge for a fresh term, "there being no vacancy of permanent judge against which he could be considered".

"In view of the above, the Collegium resolves to recommend that Justice Rajesh Sekhri be appointed as an additional judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for a fresh term of one year with effect from July 29, 2024," the Supreme Court Collegium said.

NDA Partners Left with 'Leftovers' in Modi Government: Omar Abdullah

"For all the talk about the NDA partners pressing for their fair share in the Modi 3.0 ministry, they obviously don't have much sway in the corridors of power," Abdullah said in a post on X.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister claimed that the portfolios given to allies are "leftovers" as the BJP "hasn't left anything meaningful for them".

"You can bet your bottom dollar the post of Speaker Lok Sabha will stay with the BJP as well," he added.

Militancy Persists Due to Porous Border with Pakistan: Farooq Abdullah

condemn it and pray that god sends the people who did this to hell," he said.

Referring to the annual Amaranth Yatra which is scheduled to begin later this month, Abdullah said the people of J-K should be ready for the pilgrimage.

"We have always welcomed it and made attempts to make yatriis comfortable. God willing, the yatra will be held in a cordial atmosphere this year also," he said.

Asked about Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's congratulatory post on X on Narendra Modi's third term as PM, the NC president said while the two counterparts may keep congratulating each other, they should act upon the bonhomie.

SKIMS performs Microvascular toe to hand transplant surgery

microsurgical instruments to reconstruct a functional finger. A successful surgery helps a patient to carry out daily activities like eating, gripping, lifting and other vital functions performed by the hand. At the same time the donor foot does not suffer from any functional impairment and the patient can walk normally.

The transplant surgery was performed at SKIMS on a 20-year-old male to reconstruct the index finger of his right hand using the second toe of his right foot. The patient had suffered machine injury which crushed all the fingers of his right hand except the thumb a year back. Only the little finger could be reimplanted and salvaged at the time of initial trauma. The young boy was left with a crippled two-digit hand with loss of middle three fingers and thus could not perform any activity with his right hand.

The surgery was performed by a team of microvascular surgeons of the department led by Dr. Mir Yasir (Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon). While commenting on the surgery, Dr Mir Yasir expressed his satisfaction over the fact that the patient would be able to use his hand for daily activities. He further added that SKIMS offers a platform for such surgeries owing to high end equipment, proper training, dedicated anesthesia care and diligent theatre staff.

Prof. Adil Hafeez Wani, Head of the department, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, SKIMS, while expressing his happiness said that only a few top notch centres in major cities of the country are performing this kind of a procedure. He also said that although microvascular surgery in the department started around two and a half decades back, the department has progressed leaps and bounds doing complex and prolonged surgeries like complex tissue transplantations, brachial plexus injuries, hand and finger re-implantations etc.

It is pertinent to mention that the department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, SKIMS is one of the leading plastic surgery centers of north India and caters to

a huge number of patients from all across the UT, being a pivotal referral centre. The department performs about 5000 elective and emergency surgical procedures annually.

Reasi Terror Attack | Delhi Survivor recalls hiding his children under bus seat as bullets were fired

On June 7, we went to Vaishno Devi temple and returned to our hotel room by midnight on June 8," Mr. Shankar told agency on phone.

"On June 9, we took the bus for Shiv Khori temple from Katra and bought two tickets of Rs. 250, each for the trip," he said.

He said while returning from the temple, the bus was attacked.

"We were sitting near the central aisle in the bus. Our children were on our lap. We heard bullet shots at about 6 pm. In just 10-15 seconds, over 20-25 shots were fired. One of the bullets hit our driver and the bus was out of control," he said.

He said the bus turned and spun in the air and later regained its upright position but its wheels were stuck in boulders and trees in the hilly area.

"I bent down and hid my two children under the seat as firing continued from the hills. We hugged each other tightly thinking that it could be the final moments of our life. Some people were shouting, 'hamla ho gaya hai' [it's an attack]."

"We remained at this position for 20-25 minutes because some more shots were fired when we were lying in the gorge," Mr. Shankar said, adding he will never forget the horrific incident.

He said some of the passengers fell out of the bus. Everyone was shouting and screaming till the rescue team arrived, he added.

Mr. Shankar and his two children are

admitted to the same hospital while his wife is undergoing treatment in another hospital in Jammu and Kashmir.

"My son's hand is fractured and my daughter has head injuries. I have received internal injuries in my back and my wife received multiple injuries in her head and legs," he said. Mr. Shankar is working as a driver for an officer posted at Indian Oil in Delhi. He stays along with his wife, father and brother-in-law in Delhi's Tughlakabad Extension. His brother-in-law works in a private company. "I am in regular contact with my family members in Delhi through phone," he said.

MeT forecast 'Heatwave' in Jammu, Hot & Dry Weather in Kashmir

minimum of 10.0°C against 11.4°C on the previous night and it was 2.9°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said. Pahalgam recorded a low of 5.5°C, same as on the previous night and it was 2.7°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 10.7°C against 12.5°C and it was 1.4°C below normal, the official said.

Kupwara town recorded a low of 10.7°C against 9.7°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.9°C for the place, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 7.5°C against 8.8°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.3°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu, he said, recorded a low of 25.3°C against 23.4°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 0.4°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 12.1°C, Batote 17.3°C and Baderwah 13.0°C, he said.

Natrang empowering children through immense creativity and innovation

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: Natrang the premier professional cultural institution of Jammu & Kashmir is empowering children through highly innovative devices of creativity and innovation. Jammu's most sought after Summer destination- Natrang's Children Theatre Camp is a witness to sheer mind blowing creative activities these days. Natrang's Theatre Camp-2024 is setting new benchmarks by exploring endless possibilities of creativity and innovation amongst children. The most noteworthy feature of this year's camp is that it is being monitored by Padamshree Balwant Thakur himself and is being conducted by Sumeet Sharma who is a National Awardee and a top expert of Children Theatre. New horizons of creativity are being turned inside out by experimenting alternative ways of self-exploration through



the vibrant devices of theatre. Natrang organises a children theatre camp every year for forty-five days since the year 1990. This is the only professional platform for children in Jammu where children get an out of world exposure of creativity, art, aesthetics, innovation and local culture. They are provided immense opportunities to explore their hidden abilities in abundance. While discussing details of this initiative of Natrang, its director Balwant Thakur informed that everywhere the work of creativity with children is being done as a fashion. Everywhere one can find some activ-

ity being organised in the name of art and theatre but in Natrang, highly experienced and professionally trained people work in a highly methodical manner in infusing creativity amongst participating children. He acquired the latest techniques of children theatre training from various countries abroad during his recent foreign postings. The same is now being implemented in the Theatre camps of Natrang. Balwant Thakur further said that while other children during summer vacations remain attracted to the idiot box (Television)/smart phones or may be sleeping at

home, the Natrang Theatre camp children have found an amazing space where they are equipping themselves with multiple abilities and qualities. Theatre is not only making them confident but is also enriching them with intellect and infusing in them the art of self-expression by shaping their public speaking skills.

Natrang is the only theatre organisation in the country which has been running a weekend club for children. This club works on Saturdays and Sundays and children get diverse kinds of training in personality development, public speaking, organizing the self and self-exploration through theatre.

Natrang is all set to devise a yearlong theatre training programme to make children aware of their own self-actualization with the help of experts training them. The curriculum of this year-long theatre programme is conceptualized and

designed by Padamshree Balwant Thakur who has provided a new dimension to the Children Theatre of the Country with his highly innovative Children Plays like 'Rang Badalti Duniya', 'Bhag Beta Bhaag', 'Hum Hain Naa' 'Udaan' 'Mere Hisse Ki Dhoop Kahan Hai' and 'Aap hamare Hain Kaun'.

In the past the experts to work with children have been coming from National and International institutions like, National School of Drama New Delhi and London International School of Performing Arts. The regular faculty include, Sumeet Sharma a National Awardee and also Masters in Dramatics, Neeraj Kant- a veteran theatre artist who has an experience of 35 years of working with children. Other than this many other experts of different art fields like Music, Dance, Painting etc come as visiting faculty to impart a vast knowledge and exposure to the participants.

Support to Disabled Soldiers by War Wounded Foundation

Top News Report

RAJOURI, June 11: ESM Rallies are held by the Army to provide intimate contact & to provide on the spot solution to their problems. On these occasions, we also commemorate the valor and bravery of our fallen heroes by felicitation to their families, as a token of gratitude to our Bravehearts. During a ESM Rally held at Rajouri, a NGO, War Wounded Foundation (WWF) presented Modified Scooters to those ESM from Rajouri, who were physically disabled in the Line of duty. During an impressive function held by Indian Army at Rajouri, modified Scooters were presented by GOC, Rajouri Division to Disabled Soldiers, in the presence of ESM and Brig Harcharan Singh, Director North, WWF.

While serving in the army, soldiers are wounded in war or during war-like situations. Hav Hakam Ali and Hav Mukhtar Singh were injured in Manipur during operations against Insurgents. Hav Puran Chand was injured in Kupwara during Counter Insurgency operations. Soldiers lost their limbs, due to injuries. Many of them are confined to the bed or within the confines of their house, due to the injuries. There is a requirement to make



these soldiers mobile, so that they are not dependent on others. WWF helps injured soldiers with mobility equipment, so that they can carry out day today functions and develop self confidence. Around 20 Modified scooters have been distributed in J&K to the deserving ESM, who have sustained injuries, while serving in the Army.

As a token of appreciation, Hony Capt Sadiq Mohd, SC and Nk Ikhlakh were felicitated by the GOC, for their initiative for motivating other injured soldiers. Brig Harcharan Singh thanked the Army authorities for conducting the ESM Rally, to help out the ESM of Rajouri. He informed the gathering about welfare schemes of WWF. Disabled Soldiers are provided Mobility Equipment like Modified Scooters, Electric Wheelchairs and Elec-

tric Autos etc. These ESM are given Monetary help for the marriage of their daughters. There is provision to modify Bathrooms for Disabled Soldiers, to make them comfortable and User Friendly. Also, in case Disabled ESM wants to start a Business, help will be provided, as found fit. From time to time, WWF holds Rallies in all parts of India, to help Disabled Soldiers with an aim to make them psychologically stronger. The Last Rally was held in 2023 at Nagrota, with the help of Northern Command. He said WWF desires to benefit Disabled Soldiers, as per our Motto 'To Help Convert The Disability Into Ability'.

GOC Rajouri Division assured of all support to the ESM. The country is thankful for the contribution of ESM, who gave their best years of life to serve the country.

CRC Jammu organises Medical Awareness Camp

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: The Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Jammu, in a significant collaboration with the PMDK (ALIMCO) and the Team of AYUSH, Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu was proudly organised a Distribution and Medical Awareness Camp at Chatha Farm, with support of Sarpanch Avtar Singh.

The event aims to distribute the 30 Wheel Chairs, Sticks, Walker, Lumbo Belt, Knee Braces, Hearing Aids, Neck Collar and Silicon Cushions to elderly citizens and individuals with disabilities. The concerted efforts of CRC Jammu, ALIMCO and AYUSH underscore their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for every member of society, irrespective of their challenges.

The camp featured with a range of services and provisions, including:

Distribution of Assistive Devices: Qualified professionals on-site distributed assistive devices tailored according to the unique requirements of beneficiaries.

These devices are designed to empower elderly citizens, individuals with disabilities and promote their independence in daily activities.

Medical Awareness Sessions: To foster a culture of health and well-being, informative sessions were conducted to raise awareness about various medical conditions and preventive measures. Through interactive discussions, beneficiaries gained valuable insights into managing their health effectively.

Recognizing the holistic nature of healthcare, the camp incorporated the expertise of the AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) team. Herbal medicines were

distributed to support their overall wellness.

Dr. Rohnika Sharma, Director of CRC Jammu, was the Chief Guest of the program and also expressed her views, stating, "Our collaboration with ALIMCO and the inclusion of AYUSH services exemplify our holistic approach to ALIMCO / AYUSH healthcare. Through this initiative, we aim to not only provide tangible support but also foster a sense of empowerment and inclusivity within the community."

The Distribution and Medical Awareness Camp at Chatha Farm, Jammu, embodies the spirit of collective action and compassion, driving positive change for the betterment of society. CRC Jammu and ALIMCO extended their heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders for their unwavering support and participation in this noble endeavor.

Sachin Tickoo elected for third time to lead JKEEGA

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: In a handout issued by Returning Officer Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA), subsequent to the completion of election processes initiated vide notification no. JKEEGA/GS/Election/2024-26/01 Dated May 18, 2024 for the post of General Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduate Association and Election held thereof on June 10,



2024, in exercise to the Power conferred to me as the Returning Officer in terms of JKEEGA Constitution, Er. Sachin Tickoo is declared as the elected General Secretary of JKEEGA for a period 2024-26.

Vimal Jeet wins Bronze medal in South Asian Body Building C'hip

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: Jammu and Kashmir Body Builder Vimal Jeet won Bronze medal in South Asian Body Building Championship organized recently from June 6 to 10 at Maldives.

A grand welcome was accorded on his arrival at Jammu Railway Station on Tuesday for his success at the south Asian Body Building Championship.

On the ceremony Rajesh Dutta Body Building Association of J

and K thanked and congratulated all members of Body Building Association of J and K for cooperating a platform to the youth to channelize their energy towards sports. Dutta appreciated the work being done by the association in the field of sports and the outstanding performance of the players of UT.

Other officials present were Arun Kumar, Vinay Sharma, Naresh Gupta, Sanjay Bali, Yasvinder, Rahul Sawhney and Rimmy Raina.

Army organised Physical Training of Agniveer Aspirants at Doda



Top News Report

DODA, June 11: An attractive recruitment scheme for Indian youth to serve in the Armed Forces was introduced known as Agnipath. With the announcement of this scheme, a window of opportunities opened for the youth to serve their nation for a period of four years. On completion of the four years period, Agniveers will go back to the society as disciplined, dynamic, motivated and skilled work force for various other employment opportunities. To motivate the youth for enrolment through Agnipath scheme, Army Camp, Doda organised a 'Physical Training for Agniveer Aspirants' at Doda Army Camp. A total of 13 youth attended the training programme. The purpose of organising the training was to motivate & train youth to get enrolled through Agnipath scheme. This event was a noble undertaking by the Army Camp to train & motivate the youth of our district, further strengthening the bond between the Indian army and the AWAM. The participants had a great feedback for the event and were looking forward to regular conduct of such activities by Indian Army.

Delhi Wrestler Johnty lifts 14th Battal Ballian Dangal Title

Top News Report

KATRA, June 11: Wrestler Johnty of Guru Hanuman Akhara Delhi lifted "14th annual Battal Ballian (Udhampur) Dangal title 2024 by defeating Benia Min of J&K Police in the first bout that lasted for 22 minutes. Winner Johnty was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1.50 Lakh while runner-up wrestler Benia Min got Rs. 1,00,000. Vishal Dangal was organized by Battal Ballian Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Deep Singh (Pinka). 2nd main bout was won by Ishaq Ahmed (Lallu) of J&K Police. Winner Lallu was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 60,000/-

while runner-up Wrestler Mir Mohd. of Iran got Rs. 40,000.

Third bout was fought between Babba of Kot Bhalwal v/s Nadeem of J&K Police. This bout ended in a draw. Bouts played between Neeru Gujjar of BSF of Chandigarh v/s Mam Hussain of Domail, Krishan of Delhi v/s Kharpu of Jammu and Muneer of J&K Police v/s Gora of Ajnala (Punjab) ended in a draw. Amir Khan of J&K Police beat Abhisheikh of Delhi. Former Minister of Pawan Kumar Gupta graced the occasion of the chief guest. The grand wrestling event attracted numerous participants and spectators from Jammu Province. Former MLA R. S. Pathania and chief spokes person BJP was the guests of honour.

Former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports Council and President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association Shiv Kumar Sharma presided over the function. In all 70 bouts were played in the said dangal and total Rs six Lakh was distributed as cash prizes among the wrestlers.

Members of Battal Ballian Dangal Committee who helped in the conduct of dangal included Deep Singh (Pinka) President, Sukhdev Singh, Pankaj Singh, Rajinder Singh, Lucky Singh, Moni Raja, Randhir Singh and Dhyan Singh.

The bouts were officiated by Naresh Kumar, (Pappu Lakri), Deepak Wazir, Sat Paul Verma, Om Parkash Verma, Raj Singh, Darshan Singh, and retired Capt. Dhayan Singh.

Manjit Singh gears-up public outreach program in Samba, other areas



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SAMBA, June 11: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has geared-up public outreach programs in Samba and other areas of Jammu region in the wake of forthcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

As per a press release, the Former Minister welcomed the proposal to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir to restore a democratic system.

"The elected Govt would restore the confidence of the people, especially the people who are unhappy with the

performance of the present form of Govt that is run by the bureaucracy," he stated, during a meeting held as a part of a public outreach program in Samba District.

He further stated that the developmental projects have remained incomplete, and the administration in many parts of Jammu, Samba, and Kathua districts have failed to provide basic amenities.

"The elections will calm down the tempers as well as enable the people to elect their own Govt that would redress their grievances," he said.

He said that the Apni Party is committed to revamp the development

and provide equality to all the regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, he educated people about the policy and agenda of the Party that would be implemented if the Apni Party forms the next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir.

He informed that the Party would enhance the widow / old age pension up to Rs 1000, will provide four cooking gas cylinders to each economically poor family under Ujjwala scheme, enhancement of marriage assistance up to Rs 1 lakh to the poor families on the occasion of their daughters, equitable development in all the regions etc.

Govt failed to reduce suffering of women: Bimla Luthra

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JAMMU June 11: Bimla Luthra State Vice President Women Wing and former MLA Jammu and Kashmir National Conference said that the present government has failed to take any concrete steps towards reducing the suffering of women amid these challenging economic conditions. She was addressing the meeting at

Peer Mitha in Jammu East Constituency.

The meeting was organized by Sarooj Sharma Women Wing JKNC. On this occasion various women workers joined National Conference.

Luthra said that today there is a dire need to make the women fully aware about their rights and take appropriate and adequate steps to empower the women folk so that

they come forward to demand their entitlement under such rights. She said that since majority of women are home makers, they are the worst victims of the sky rocketing prices, property tax and unprecedented inflation during the BJP rule due to the wrong policies. Due to non-availability of basic amenities including water, power, roads, Old age pension etc.

Rifle, pistol team for Olympics announced; Manu Bhaker picked in two individual events

The selectors decided to give precedence to trial results, shutting the door on the likes of world champion Rudranksh Patil

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Women's pistol ace Manu Bhaker was the only one to be picked in two individual events after her excellent run of form in selection trials as the national shooting federation on Tuesday announced a 15-member Indian rifle and pistol team for the Paris Olympics.

The team was finalised during a selection meeting held virtually. The squad has eight rifle shooters and seven in pistol discipline.

The selectors decided to give precedence to trial results, shutting the door on the likes of world champion Rudranksh Patil, who has been pleading to be considered despite underwhelming scores in his pet 10m air rifle event as he had won the quota.

In shooting, quotas are won by countries and not individual athletes.

All the team members, along with the coaches and support staff, are currently in a camp in Volmerange-Les-Mines, France, mainly aimed at "acclimatisation and hard-training" before they come back home for a two-week break.

The shotgun squad will be announced after the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Lonato, Italy, competitions in which start from Wednesday and go on till June 18.

The Paris Games will be held from July 26 to August 11.

Indian shooters managed to secure a record 21 of the 24 possible quotas, including a full



allocation of eight each in rifle and pistol events.

This is India's best-ever quota haul in shooting at any edition of the Olympics, eclipsing the 15 from Tokyo Games.

This means the athlete who clinched the quota can be replaced by another, leading up to the Games on the basis of scores in the selection trials conducted by the national federation.

Sharing his thoughts, National Rifle Association of India's (NRAI) senior vice president Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, said, "The selection committee met and deliberated at length. After deliberating at length, we feel we have selected the best team on current form as per merit and sticking to the policy."

"We are confident that everything has been put in place for the team to deliver. Given our depth in rifle and pistol, some very good shooters are not part

of the squad. However, they will have a chance to make a comeback. We wish the squad all the very best."

Deo is right as the performance of the shooters in the trials underlined India's depth and bench strength in rifle and pistol shooting but that is no guarantee for a rich haul at the Olympics.

For proof, one can go back to the Tokyo and Rio Games, where India fielded 12 and 15-member teams and returned empty-handed on both occasions.

On behalf of the federation, Deo thanked the Government of India, the Sports Ministry, and the Sports of Authority of India, who have "guided and supported us in every step of the preparations."

Besides all 16 possible shots at a medal, in eight individual rifle and pistol events, India will also have a record five starts

across the four individual shotgun events. Additionally, India will also field five mixed teams, two each in rifle and pistol and one in shotgun.

K Sultan Singh, secretary general at NRAI, said, "The team is in good form and battle ready, consisting of as many as four Olympians and other senior shooters as well as a lot of extremely promising, confident and matured young talent."

"They have been training very systematically for a long time under the guidance and support of the entire training squad of HPD (High-Performance Director), foreign coaches, national coaches, the sports science team, the physios etc. who have been steadfastly and minutely working towards one goal and that is to have a successful podium finish."

NRAI will also be looking to exchange the spare quota place which has freed up because of Bhaker making it to two events, appropriately as per ISSF rules.

Indian rifle and pistol team for Paris Olympics:

Rifle: Sandeep Singh, Arjun Babuta (10m Air Rifle M), Elavenil Valarivan, Ramita (10m Air Rifle W), Sift Kaur Samra, Anjum Moudgil (50m Rifle 3 Positions W), Aishwary Tomar, Swapnil Kusale (50m Rifle 3 Positions M) Pistol: Sarabjot Singh, Arjun Cheema (10m Air Pistol M), Manu Bhaker, Rhythm Sangwan (10m Air Pistol W), Anish Bhanwal Vijayveer Sidhu (25m RFP M), Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh (25m Pistol W).

'Shame on you...': Harbhajan Singh slams Kamran Akmal for disrespecting Sikhs during India-Pakistan T20 WC match

After Harbhajan's outburst, Kamran apologises for his controversial remark on Arshdeep Singh



NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh slammed former Pakistan cricketer Kamran Akmal for his remarks on pacer Arshdeep Singh.

During India's nerve-racking match against arch-rival Pakistan, Arshdeep was handed the final over to take the Men in Blue across the finishing line.

In a video reposted by Harbhajan, Akmal was part of a panel on ARY News. During the show, he made a controversial remark about Arshdeep's religion and stated, "Kuch bhi ho sakta hai... 12 baj gaye hai (Anything can

happen. It is already 12)."

His remarks didn't sit well with Harbhajan and he lambasted Kamran for his remarks over Arshdeep and wrote on X, "Lakh di laanat tere Kamraan Akhmal... You should know the history of Sikhs before you open your filthy mouth. We Sikhs saved your mothers and sisters when they were abducted by invaders, the time invariably was 12 o'clock. Shame on you...Have some Gratitude."

Meanwhile, after Harbhajan's outburst, Kamran Akmal issued an apology for his remarks about the

Indian pacer Arshdeep Singh.

"I deeply regret my recent comments and sincerely apologize to @harbhajan_singh and the Sikh community. My words were inappropriate and disrespectful. I have the utmost respect for Sikhs all over the world and never intended to hurt anyone. I am truly sorry. #Respect #Apology," Akmal said on X.

Indian bowlers, led by an outstanding Jasprit Bumrah, were collectively brilliant, firing their team to a thrilling six-run win over Pakistan in a low-scoring T20 World Cup match on Sunday.

India to host 2025 FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup, tournament to have 24 teams

NEW DELHI, Jun 11 (Agencies): India is all set to be the hosts for the 2025 edition of the FIH Men's Junior World Cup, the hockey governing body announced on June 11, Tuesday. The 2025 edition will also be the first time that the tournament will feature 24 teams, who will battle it out for the title. The last edition of the men's Junior World Cup was held in 2023 in Malaysia and was won by Germany.

FIH released the statement on Tuesday, announcing that India will be acting as the hosts and said that the tournament will take place in December 2025.

"The Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has awarded the organisation of the next FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup to India."

"The tournament will



be played in December 2025."

"It will be the first time ever that a FIH Hockey Junior World Cup will include as many as 24 teams," read the statement.

What did Dilip Tirkey say about the decision? FIH president Dilip Tirkey was delighted with the call made by FIH and claimed that it shows India's importance in international hockey.

"We're delighted that the International Hockey Federation (FIH) chose India to host the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025. We would like to express

our sincere thanks to the FIH and FIH President Dato Tayyab Ikram for entrusting us with this tournament. This prestigious tournament highlights India's growing importance in international hockey and shows our dedication to developing the sport for future generations. We're excited to share India's rich hockey history and provide a stage for young talent to showcase their skills," said Tirkey.

India has hosted the Junior men's World Cup twice in 2016 and 2021. They ended up winning the title in Lucknow in 2016.

T20 World cup 2024: Desperate Pakistan in do-or-die clash vs Canada in New York

NEW YORK, Jun 11 (Agencies): Babar Azam's Pakistan are on the verge of getting knocked out from the T20 World Cup 2024. After losing matches to co-hosts USA and arch-rivals India, Pakistan's campaign is in the doldrums. The team look lost for ideas with the bat, and it is only their bowling line-up that is keeping them competitive in the tournament.

Keeping that in mind, Pakistan will face Canada in their third fixture of Group A in the tournament. Pakistan not only need to win their next two matches, but need to win them by a big margin. Babar Azam and Co. will hope to shake off their terrible defeat and the calls for sacking the entire cricket team and put on a good show. Pakistan have been known to produce their best when pushed into a corner and don't be surprised if that happens once again.

Having said that, Canada are no pushovers. It has been the beauty of this World Cup, one with 20 sides that small teams, who do not play top flight international cricket throughout the year, have been able to cause major upsets. Canada are



coming off a win against Ireland and who knows, they might just cause another upset on a tricky New York pitch?

PAKISTAN vs CANADA: HEAD-TO-HEAD in T20s

Pakistan and Canada have had one match before, way back in the early days of the format. In the match, Salman Butt guided Pakistan to a 35-run win against Canada back in 2008. Shoaib Malik captained Pakistan in that game.

PAKISTAN vs CANADA: TEAM NEWS - T20 WORLD CUP 2024

No one knows what Pakistan are going to do after their embarrassing loss in the T20

World Cup 2024 vs India. It is possible that Pakistan bench Shadab Khan and Imad Wasim, who were not exactly brilliant vs India. Pakistan might bring in Saim Ayub/ Azam Khan for the fixture.

Canada, on the other hand, are unlikely to make any changes to their playing XI, having beaten Ireland in their previous match.

PAKISTAN vs CANADA: NEW YORK PITCH REPORT

The pitch in New York has been a bowlers' paradise. In India vs Pakistan, it was the first time that the New York pitch felt like a fairer competition between the bat and ball. In the first innings, the strip showed inconsistent

bounce under the clouds, and after the sun came out, the pitch really slowed down, making hitting through the line extremely difficult.

Something similar can be expected on Tuesday, 11 June as well.

PAKISTAN vs CANADA: PREDICTED PLAYING XI

Pakistan Predicted XI
Babar Azam (c), Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Saim Ayub, Fakhar Zaman, Shadab Khan, Iftikhar Ahmed, Azam Khan/ Abrar Ahmed, Shaheen Afridi, Naseem Shah, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Amir.

Canada Predicted XI

Aaron Johnson, Navneet Dhaliwal, Pargat Singh, Dilpreet Bajwa, Nicholas Kirton, Shreyas Movva (wk), Dillon Heyliger, Saad Bin Zafar (c), Kaleem Sana, Junaid Siddiqui, Jeremy Gordon.

PAKISTAN vs CANADA: WHO WILL WIN?

It is expected that Pakistan will be heavy favourites for the match. But Canada are expected to be no pushovers either. Pakistan need to win the match by a big margin and would hope to play with some courage in their upcoming game.

South Africa trump Bangladesh by four runs in yet another low-scoring T20 World Cup thriller

NEW YORK, Jun 11 (Agencies): Spinner Keshav Maharaj was lucky to defend 11 runs in the final over as South Africa held their nerves to beat Bangladesh by a mere four runs in yet another low-scoring thriller in the T20 World Cup here.

In a contest where fortunes swung from one side to another, Bangladesh fought valiantly until the end riding on gritty knocks from Mahmudullah (20) and Towhid Hridoy (37), but could not land the killer punch in the 20th over chasing a modest 114.

With six needed off last two balls, Mahmudullah was caught near the ropes excellently by Aiden Markram off Keshav Maharaj (3/27), who was South Africa's most successful bowler. The left-arm spinner bowled three full tosses in the final over but the Bangladesh batters were not able to put them away to end at 109 for seven.

Anrich Nortje (2/17) continued to make the most of his form and Kagiso Rabada (2/19) and Marco Jansen (0/17) provided strong support.

South Africa had recovered to post 113 for six after opting to bat on what has proved to be a challenging surface.

Tanzid Hasan (9) perished early in the run chase after hitting a couple of fours while neither their skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto (14 off 23) nor Litton Das (9 off 13) could convert starts.

Shakib Al Hasan (3) too was beaten by Nortje's pace when the right-arter bowled one short and the Bangladesh all-rounder mishit to lob one high in the sky.

Struggling at 50 for four, Bangladesh found an excellent partnership between Towhid Hridoy and Mahmudullah, who put on 44 for the fifth wicket to take their side close to the finish line.

Hridoy, who began with a six, did well to absorb the pressure in the company of Mahmudullah.

The pair kept shaving off the target with smart rotation of strike as well as picking up the odd boundary, signalling that the wicket really has rewards for those who were able to alter their approach.

Bangladesh seemed

to be cruising towards the target until Hridoy's dismissal — leg-before off Rabada in the 18th over — changed the complexion of the game.

Earlier in the first half, pacers Tanzim Hasan Sakib and Taskin Ahmed excelled in favourable conditions to help Bangladesh restrict South Africa to a below-par total.

Tanzim (3/18) ran through the Proteas top order in company of Taskin (2/19) while Mustafizur (0/18) too played his part well as Bangladesh produced a collective show despite strong

resistance from Heinrich Klaasen (46) and David Miller (29).

Klaasen and Miller looked to revive South Africa from a shaky start with a 79-run stand for the fifth wicket, but the pair could never really accelerate on a two-paced wicket on which the Bangladesh spinners also displayed control.

Tanzim struck thrice in his opening burst to leave South Africa reeling at 23 for four inside the first five overs.

After Quinton de Kock (18) showed aggressive intent by hitting

the right-arm bowler for a six and a four in the initial exchanges, Tanzim made immediate amends to his line and length and hit Reeza Hendricks in front of the stumps for a golden duck.

In fact, it was his simple yet effective tactics of bowling at the wickets paid high dividends as Tanzim cleaned up South Africa captain Aiden Markram (4), who missed a straight one with his bat coming down a bit awkwardly.

Tristan Stubbs (0) had done a fine job of rebuilding the innings

for South Africa in their last outing against the Netherlands, but the right-hander too had a soft dismissal to endure.

Klaasen hit a couple of sixes upfront against Bangladesh spinners to push them back while Miller was content in rotating the strike. However, he was cleaned up by Taskin late in the innings after a 44-ball knock, studded with two fours and three sixes.

Klaasen and Miller did find run-scoring difficult on the Nassau County pitch since they were forced to curb their attacking instinct.

Ensure adequate supply of essentials on Shab-e-Qadr, Eid-UI-Adha in District Ramban: Sajjad Shaheen

Top News Report

BANIHAL, June 11 : Urging the JK Administration to ensure adequate supply of essentials to people on the auspicious occasions of Shab-e-Qadr and Eid-UI-Adha in district Ramban particularly in Banihal and Gool, National Conference leader and district President, Ramban Sajjad Shaheen has said that people should not suffer on account of essentials on these auspicious occasions.

He said that people living in far flung areas are facing shortage of ration and many villages in Banihal, Ramban, Gool and Batote that include Sangaldan, Khari, Trigam, Mahu-Mangit, Neel, Rajgarh, Kanga, Harog, Gagarnag, Pogal, Maligam, Alinbas, Paristan,

Chaka, Sarbagni, Amkote, Thachi, Sarachi, Runi-gam, Tajnihal, Kharwan, Nadika, Sumar, Chamalwas, Chaknarwa, Hinhjal, Phago, Lamber, Nowgam, Chanjlu, Sarachi, Tanka, Armdaka, Bawah, Hijwa, Shagan, Hingni Deedah, Harog, Indh, Chachwa are complaining about frequent electricity cuts and scarcity of drinking water that's causing immense problems to the people during the on going month of Ramadan.

He appealed to the administration to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity and drinking water to people in all village of the district particularly in remote areas of Banihal.

He emphasized that District Administration should maintain complete vigil on the supply of essentials and ensure that people

do not suffer on account of ration, sugar, kerosene, Cooking gas and others essentials. He also urged upon the Administration and Food and Supplies department to take effective measures to check the market prices of essentials and keep the prices under control.

Shaheen further said that it would be better if market checking squads are deployed in every market in the Ramban District and elsewhere so as to ensure that consumers are not charged double price.

Shaheen also demanded release of salaries of casual labours, daily wagers, ReT teachers, SPOs, Anganwari workers, pensioners and employees of all departments whose salary is pending for last many months.

Bukhari, party colleagues visit Devsar to offer condolences to Sartaj Madani

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 11: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Tuesday, visited the residence of Sartaj Madani, senior leader of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), at Devsar in Anantnag to extend his condolences over the passing of Madani's son. The 39-year-old Aroot died on Sunday morning due to cardiac arrest.

During this condolence visit, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari was accompanied by his party colleagues including the party's Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir, General Secretary Rafi Ahmad Mir, Provincial President Mohammad Ashraf Mir, State Secretary and Chief Spokesperson Muntazir Mohiuddin, DDC Devsar Reyaz Ahmad, and others.

According to a press release issued here, Apni Party leaders met Sartaj Madani and other members of the bereaved family and extended their heartfelt condolence over the sudden and tragic death of Aroot Madani.

Speaking on the occasion, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "An inconsolable and irreparable tragedy has struck this family. No words of sympathy can ease the pain that each and every member of this family is feeling at this time. We are here to share your grief and stand in solidarity with you in this time of profound sorrow. May Almighty Allah give you the strength needed to bear the pain of this profound loss, and may Allah rest the departed soul in eternal peace and shower His choicest blessings on his grave."

NSF celebrates 127th birth anniversary of Ram Prasad Bismil

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JAMMU, June 11: National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a programme in University Campus, and on the Birth anniversary of Ram Prasad Bismil who laid his life for the country.

A programme in this connection was organized wherein Sh Ankush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest while Dr Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC Presided over the function. Sh TR Sharma KAS (Retd) and Dr Sukhdev Singh State President NSF was the guest of honour.

The activists of NSF paid tributes to Ram Prasad Bismil and garlanded the portraits of the son of soil, who laid down his life for the sake of the country. Speaking on the occa-

sion Ankush Abrol threw light on the life history of Ram Prasad Bismil and appreciated the efforts of NSF and appealed to the youth to come forward to eliminate all evils from the society.

He expressed that present day youth was frustrated due to lack of job opportunities and neck deep corruption in the recruitment process being followed by the UT administration.

He mentioned that people have suffered a lot during the last five years especially after the abrogation of Article 370, bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir and downgraded of State to a Union Territory.

Dr Vikas Sharma, in his speech said that the sacrifices of such great people could not be ignored, which had secured freedom for the country and its people. He urged the young generation

to strengthen the hands of J&K National Conference (JKNC) enabling it to redouble its efforts to get the status of Jammu and Kashmir statehood restored.

While Speaking TR Sharma stressed upon the youth to shun their self-centered outlook and contribute in the development of the nation. He also threw light on the achievements of Bismil who was one of the founding members of the revolutionary organization Hindustan Republican Association.

Mohd Umer Farooq President University Unit NSF delivered the welcome address, Vineet Gupta Chairman University Unit, was delivering the vote of thanks.

Among others who spoke were Narinder Singh, Abhishek Uppal, Roshan Sharma, Arun Singh, Tufail Reyaz, Aditya, and others.

LFO-BHF, Talla Jewellers organises Free Medical Camp at Gorkha Nagar



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) in collaboration with Talla Jewellers, with the support of Ujala Cygnus JK Medcity Hospital and testing partner Prime Health Care Diagnostics, recently organized a highly successful Free Medical Camp at Guru Gorakh Nath Mandir, Gorkha Nagar.

This camp aimed at providing essential healthcare services to the community,

witnessed an overwhelming response from locals in Gorkha Nagar and surrounding areas.

Under the guidance of dedicated medical professionals, the camp offered a wide range of medical services, consultations, and free distribution of medicines to approximately 200 people. The medical team included esteemed doctors from various specialties namely Dr. Sohail Goni (Physician); Dr. Anu Gandral (Dentist) & Sonu Negim (Cipla Limited) &

Prime Health Care Medical Diagnostic Centre as testing partner, which conducted free medical tests for attendees, contributing significantly to the healthcare outreach efforts.

"We are immensely grateful for the collaboration and support from our partners, LFO-BHF, Ujala Cygnus JK Medcity Hospital & Prime Health Care Medical Diagnostic Centre in making this medical camp a reality & we are always at front foot in serving for the betterment of society," said Kashish Gupta, CEO Talla Jewellers.

"The Free Medical Camp exemplified the collective effort and commitment towards serving the community and promoting the well-being of individuals and beyond. It not only provided essential healthcare services but also underscored the spirit of compassion and solidarity in times of need" said Kunal Rana, Member LFO-BHF.

Members who were present are Abhishek Raina, Abhishek Gupta, Diya, Kashish Katoch, Kaashvi, Kashish, Abhinandan, Shubam, Vidit, Shruti, Kunal, Meenakshi, Tsering, Karanveer Singh and Muskan.

Missing women reunited with family

Top News Report

KATHUA, June 11: J&K Police reunited two missing ladies with their family members in the jurisdictional area of P/S Rajbagh and P/S Basohli. In the first instance as per complainant, on June 24 a complaint was lodged at Police Station Rajbagh regarding one missing lady namely Kusrheeda Begum alias Bholu, daughter of Nawab Din, resident of Boura Tehsil & District Kathua and accordingly a missing report was entered into the daily diary of this police and search was started to trace out the missing lady.

On June 10, a police team of PS Rajbagh headed by SHO PS

Rajbagh under the supervision of SDPO Border after hectic efforts and traced out the missing lady and missing report has been closed.

While in the second instance one more missing report was entered at PS Basohli vide DDR No. 14 dated 06/06/2024 regarding one missing lady namely Pushpa Devi W/o Lekh Raj R/o Ghodal Basohli who was missing since 06/06/2024 has been traced out by police team of PS Basohli led by SHO PS Basohli under the guidance of SDPO Basohli and missing report has been closed.

Meanwhile, after completing legal formalities, both the traced out ladies were handed over to their legal heirs.

Akhnor residents facing problems due to PDD

Top News Report

AKNOOR, June 11: Residents of Akhnor tehsil have faced significant issues with the Power Development Department (PDD) over the past few months due to the installation of smart meters, low voltage problems, and unexpectedly high rent bills. Consumers such as Pardeep Sharma, Om Parkash, Ramesh Chander, Sanjay Kumar, Vijay Verma, and Ravi Kumar have expressed their frustrations. They reported that the installation of smart meters has led to various challenges, including low voltage and sudden increases in rent

bills. Additionally, there is confusion about how bills are received and paid, with some connections being blocked and bills generated without proper communication, causing substantial inconvenience to the public.

Moreover, residents have complained about the unprofessional behavior of PDD officers when addressing billing issues. They have appealed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT) to investigate the PDD's activities thoroughly through an independent agency to ensure transparency and address the public's concerns.

Annual Congregation of Jard Biradari on June 15

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JAMMU, June 11: The Annual Congregation of all Jard Biradari is being held on 15th of June 2024 (Saturday) at Mata Sajoti and Bawa Kaliveer, Kuldev Mandir, Adhi (Taloor) Samba, there will be Ramayan Bhog after Ramayan Path at

8am followed by Hawan and Jaitar. The larger will start at 1pm.

The Committee members of Jard Biradari requested all Jard Biradari and people of near locality to come with family and seek the blessings of Mata Sajoti and bawa Kaliveer kuldev ji.

Tamdeh Festival and Ashadha Sankranti on June 14 : Mahant Rohit

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: The Duggar region will celebrate the significant Tamdeh festival on Friday, June 14, on the occasion of Ashadha Sankranti with traditional rituals and devotion.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sans-than Trust, stated that the Tamdeh festival and Ashadha Sankranti hold great importance in the Duggar region.

On June 14, Friday, the Sun God will enter the Gemini sign, marking the beginning of the Ashadha month.

The Sun will enter Gemini on June midnight 14 at 12:27 (24/27), and the auspicious time of the Sankranti will last until 6:52 AM the next day.

On this day, it is considered highly auspicious to bath in holy rivers and lakes and to perform charity.

If, for some reason, one cannot bathe in holy rivers or lakes, they should add Ganga water



to their bath at home. On this day, people should provide meals and donations, including umbrellas, wooden sandals, gooseberries, mangoes, melons, clothes, water pots, fans, sweets, and monetary offerings, to married daughters, family priests, and Brahmins.

Many people set up stalls offering sweet water, and it is believed that offering water and other items on this day benefits the ancestors, who bless the donors in return.

Donations made on Ashadha Sankranti (Tamdeh) are considered to be ten times more meritorious than on other auspicious days. It is also

encouraged to donate to Brahmins and those in need.

According to farmers, the religious day signifies the proper ripening of native mangoes. After the intense heat, the rainy season begins this month, increasing humidity.

On the day of Sankranti, one should avoid consuming tamasic foods, practice celibacy, and abstain from alcohol and other intoxicants. Some people fast on this day, and those who do should refrain from cutting their beard, mustache, and nails. Those observing the fast should not wear belts, sandals, shoes, or leather items and avoid black clothing. Hurting someone's feelings is considered the greatest violence. Wrong actions can have adverse effects on your body and future. Satvik foods are consumed on this day, and similar offerings are made to the deities. Worship of Lord Satyanarayana, the Sun God, family deities, and one's chosen deity is recommended.

GDC Ramban organises workshop on NEP-2020

Top News Report

RAMBAN, June 11: Institution Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Govt. Degree College (GDC) Ramban organized one day workshop on NEP-2020 under the overall supervision of Principal - Prof. Archana Kaul.

The Principals, Lecturers and other faculty members from the nine Higher Secondary Schools including GHSS Batote, GHSS Kanthi, GHSS Gandhri, GHSS Ramban, GHSS Ukhral, GHSS Pogal, GHSS Senabatti, HSS Dhandrath and GHSS Rajgarh of District Ramban attended the workshops.

The workshop commenced with the formal welcome address by Prof. Satish Kumar Associate professor, coordinator of the IQAC of the College in which he highlighted the objectives of organizing the workshop for officials of school education department.

The workshop highlighted three important

aspects of NEP-2020 - Key Features, Admission Process and Curriculum & Norms for UG admissions.

The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Romesh Chander (Sr. Assistant Professor of Economics), Dr. Rabinder Kumar (Assistant Professor of Hindi) and Prof. Ram Parkash (Assistant Professor of Math).

Dr. Romesh Chander in his lecture highlighted that NEP-2020 envisions a higher education system that is not just about acquiring degrees but about holistic development, critical thinking and preparing individuals for the challenges of the 21st century. Dr. Rabinder Kumar deliberated upon in detail about the stages in admission processes under NEP-2020 and highlighted the difficulties faced by the students especially the students belonging to far flung areas and how they can be overcome.

Prof. Ram Parkash discussed the detailed structure and curriculum

of undergraduate courses and also explained the preparedness of the college for the coming admission process.

The chief guest of the occasion, Principal GDC Ramban - Prof Archana Kaul - in her address highlighted the main objective behind organizing the workshop, whereby the faculty of the school education department is to be made aware about NEP-2020, so they may guide the students timely.

She further emphasized that the school education department should come forward and collaborates with GDC Ramban to aware the students so that more and more students come forward for higher studies under NEP-2020. About 60 participants including the Principals and faculty from school education department and faculty of the college attended the workshop.

The proceedings of the event were meticulously organized by Dr. Vishal Baloria (Assistant Professor History).

SLNMML Trust organises meditation programme



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 11: Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management (SLNMML) Trust, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu organized one day Meditation programme on Tuesday 2024 in Mandir premises in association with A.V. Saik Kumar Reddy, who spent 27 years as Principal Secretary to Brahm-rishi PATRIJI and Chief

Executive Spiritual Science Magazine and visited about 20 years outside Country for spreading vegetarianism and spiritual wisdom for the benefit of Mandir Trustees and devotees visiting Mandir.

The function was presided over by S.C. Rekhi, General Secretary in absence of Trust President Th. Gulchain Singh Charak.

A.V. Saik Kumar Reddy gave a detailed discourse of Meditation and demonstrated various methods of Meditation to the participating devotees.

Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, has been organizing Religious and spiritual programmes in Mandir quiet often to make Sanatan effective. Earlier on 6th of June, 2024, Management Trust celebrated Shri Shani Jayanti.

Prominent amongst those who participated include S. C. Rekhi, Prithvi Raj Vaid, P.C. Gupta, Sumesh Damral, Ramesh Thakur, Karan Singh, Smt Kiran Rajput, Uma Sharma, Kulbir Singh Chib, Parshant Sharma, Jagjit Singh, Tarun Gupta and large number of other devotees.