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2 retirees among 13 officers get selection grade

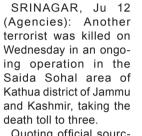
JAMMU, Jun 12 (Agencies): Two retirees among 13 officers of J&K Secretariat (Gazetted) Service-I, have been granted Selection Grade (Nonfunctional) of Level-10A

These officers include Faroog Ahmed Wani, Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din, Braham Raj, Rajinder Singh, Mohammad Iqbal Lone, Surjit Singh-I, Mohammad Shafi Lone, Surjeet Singh -II, Imtiyaz Ahmad Wani (Retd), Mohd Amit Shah-II, Muni Lal Sharma (Retd) and Manzoor Ahmed Jan. An order in this regard was issued today by the General Administration Department of J&K Government.

IAF Effort: General **Elections-2024**

NEW DELHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): The Transport and Helicopter fleets of Indian Air Force (IAF) undertake varied war and peacetime tasks. In addition to the peacetime role of sustaining our troops by air maintenance. airlift of combat troops during domestic and international exercises, etc, a number of tasks towards nation building are undertaken. IAF has particularly been on the forefront in aid to civil power. During the General Elections-2024, substantial flying effort has taken place over the last few months by the medium lift helicopters (Mi-17 Variants), light utility helicopters (Chetaks) and the indigenousmanufactured lv Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH) Dhruv. IAF has been actively involved with the task of airlifting electronic voting machines and deploying Election Commission of India (ECI) personnel on election duties, as has been carried out during previous General/ Assembly elections. During General Elections 2024, IAF played a pivotal role in extending the reach of ECI into remote corners of the country and to places where movement by road was a security concern. The task was time bound as polling officers had to be positioned at each remote polling station within two days prior to the election date and de-inducted on the day of polling. IAF played a vital role in five of the seven phases of General Election-2024, flying over 1000 hours in over 1750 sorties.

Kathua encounter: One more terrorist killed, toll 3



Quoting official sources, news agency Kashmir Scroll reported that security forces have killed one more terrorist in the operation which was launched late last evening after terrorists



opened fire in the vil-

Will PM Modi visit

Manipur after RSS chief

Bhagwat's remarks, asks

lage. Soon, security forces rushed to the village and launched a counterterrorist operation, in which one terrorist was killed while a CRPF man suffered injuries. However, the injured CRPF man succumbed earlier today.

Reports said that searches were underway in the area with the security forces believing that one more terrorist was hiding in the civilian area

Cong questions PM Modi's 'Silence' on terror attacks in J&K

Daily Evening Newspaper

with government

INTERNATIONAL

NEW DELHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): The Congress on Wednesday said the BJP's chestthumping and "hollow" claims of return of peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir have been thoroughly exposed by the three terror attacks in the region in the past three days.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said the country is demanding answers as to why those plotting against the country are not being caught under the BJP rule.

"Narendra Modi is busy responding to congratulatory messages and cannot even hear the cries of the families of the devotees who were brutally killed in Jammu and Kashmir," he said in a post in Hindi on X. There have been three separate terror incidents

said.

licity department Pawan Khera also questioned the silence of Prime Minister Modi on the matter. claiming he has time to respond to Pakistani leaders, but no time to condemn the brutal terror attacks.

"BJP's loudmouth chest-thumping and hollow claims of return in the last three days in Reasi, Kathua and Doda of peace and normalcy in in Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir have "but the prime minister is been thoroughly exposed. still busy celebrating," he The fact that BJP did not even bother to fight elec-Congress leader and intions in Kashmir valley is charge of media and pub-

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PM Modi likely to visit Srinagar on June 21 to participate in **International Yoga Day event**

SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Srinagar on June 21 to participate in the International Yoga Day event, official sources said on Wednesday. The PM is expected to participate in a Yoga

event to be held at Sher-

i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), on the banks of Dal lake, on June 21. Modi would lead the 10th International Yoga Day celebrations from

Srinagar, the sources said, adding that several sports persons from J&K

Dialogue with Pakistan only way to end terrorism in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir will not end unless talks are held with Pakistan, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said here on Wednesday

came after three terrorist

attacks took place in the

Abdullah's remarks

security personnel.

Jammu in as many days. On Sunday, terrorists attacked a bus carrying pilgrims, causing it to veer

off the road and fall into a deep gorge in Reasi, killing nine and injuring 41. Two days later, terrorists attacked a joint checkpost in Doda, injuring six

In another incident late on Tuesday, a suspected Pakistani terrorist was killed by security forces

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DIG, SSP escape unhurt in terrorist attack in Kathua, **Arms, Ammor Recovered**

JAMMU, Jun 12 (Agencies): The DIG Jammu and Kashmir Police and Senior Superintendent of Police Kathua had a narrow escape after a terrorist fired a barrage of bullets on their vehicles amid the ongoing anti-terrorist operation in Hiranagar, an official

said. The official said that the cavalcade of the two police officers came under attack after a hiding terrorist fired over two dozen rounds. "There however was no harm caused to any of the officers' or any of the person-Turn to page 9

Elaborate security arrangements in place for Mela Kheerbhawani: SSP Ganderbal

Woman objects to

giving free ration to in-laws, commits suicide with 2 kids

Thousands of Kashmiri Pandits leave for Kheer

Bhawani Mela in Kashmir amid tight security SRINAGAR, Jun 12



GANDERBAL, Jun 12 (Agencies): Police on Wednesday said that Elaborate security arrangements have been made for the upcoming mela Kheerbawani in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

Senior Superintendent of Police Ganderbal. Sandeep Gupta said that



all the security related foolproof arrangements are in place and pilgrims should come without any fear. SSP visited Kheerbawani Temple in Tulmulla area of Ganderbal to review security arrangements.

Elaborate foolproof security arrangements have been put in place for pilgrims intending to

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JAIPUR, Jun 12 (Agencies): A woman allegedly jumped into a water tank along with her two children after a quarrel with her husband who wanted to give the free ration they received to his parents, police said on Wednesday.

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(Agencies): Over 5000 people, mostly members of the Kashmiri Pandit community, embarked on their journey for the annual Kheer Bhawani Mela in Kashmir amid tight security arrangements in place, officials said.

The four-day pilgrimage started today was flagged off by Divisional



Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Relief Commissioner Dr. Arvind Turn to page 9

8 terror handlers declared proclaimed offenders by **Police in B'la**

SRINAGAR, Jun 12 (Agencies): A court has declared eight militant handlers based in Pakistan as proclaimed offenders in the Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the police, the eight people have been absconding for years, and notices were pasted on their houses by officers.

The Court of Sub Judge Uri declared eight terror handlers-Mohammad Azad, Naseer Ahmad, both residents of Kundi Barjala, Kareem Din of Jabla Uri, Mohammad Hafeez Mir of Bada Gowahalan, Meer Ahmad of Singtung Gowhalan, Bashir Ahmed of Dardkoot, Showkat Ahmed Paswal of Gowhallan, and Ahad Bhat of Souhara-as proclaimed offenders on the application moved by Baramulla Police. Police said that several Turn to page 9

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TENTH DAY /UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Vinod Gupta S/o Lt Sh Banarsi Lal Gupta on June 5, 2024 (Wednesday).

TENTH DAY will be performed at Mahajan Hall (Shalimar Road, Jammu, near Ranbireshwar Temple) on June 13, 2024 (Thursday) from 12 PM to 1 PM.

UTHALA will be performed at Kalgidhar Gurudwara Sahib (Rehari Chungi, Jammu) on Sh Vinod Gupta

June 17, 2024 (Monday) from 4 PM to 5 PM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:** Smt Varsha Gupta (Wife) Karan Gupta (Son) Kanika & Sahil Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law) ALL GUPTA FAMILY MEMBERS PH : 90868-37773/ 98161-09953

ADDRESS : House No. 24, Exchange Road, Kacchi Chawni, Jammu

OBITUARY & 10TH DAY

With profound grief & somow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Bansi Lal Raina S/o Sh. J.L. Raina of Bhagat Barzula Srinagar, Km r at present 19/A Ext. Lane Two Block-B, Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu on 06th June 2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on 15th June, Saturday at 8:30 PM at Muthi Ghat, Jammu,

GRIEF STRICKEN

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Usha Raina - Wife Ashok Raina & Kalpana - Brother & Bhabhi Kishni Badam Wo Lt. Y.L. Badam - Sister Virinder & Kiran - Son & Daughter-in-law (9419209787) Marju & K.L. Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law Sunita Bhat Wo Lt. Sh. Surinder Bhat - Daughter Anupama & Vishal Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law

Grand Children - Sagar Bhat, Taniya & Roshanjha Tushar Raina, Akahit& Anchit

13TH DAY/UTHALA (EK TU HI NIRANKAR)

With profound grief and sorrow, we here by inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Bimla Devi (Retd. Sr. Nursing Supervisor Indira Gandhi Dental College, Jammu), wife of Late Sh Paras Ram Dalotra.

13th Day will be performed on Thursday (13th of June, 2024) at our residence H.No.396 Last Morh, Bahu Fort, Jammu,

Smt Bimla Devi through Nirankari Satsang from 12.30 pm to (Retd. Sr. Nursing Supervisor) 1.30 pm and thereafter Guru Ka Langar will be served.

GRIEF STRICKEN Sons & Daughter's-in-laws

Sh Pankaj Kumar & Smt Meena Kumari Sh Ankush Kumar and Smt Teena Kumari Sh Rankush Kumar and Smt Deepika Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Chandan Bala & Sh Yogesh Kumar 9906141312, 7889559924

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 Cobiny, Sopore, Kashmir) presently at House No. 21, Ward No. 1, Bharat Nagar, Udhampur, J&K attained Nirvana on 8th June 2024 at 4 AM.

OBITUARIES



With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Sh. Sudesh Kumar Gupta Slo 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 SH. SUDESH KUMAR GUPTA 2024 from 12 Noon onwards at our residence. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Vijay Rani - Wife

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta & Mrs. Sarika Gupta (Son & Daughter in Law) Mrs. Archana Gupta & Mr. Sanjay Gupta (Daughter & Son in Law) Smt. Lalita Gupta W/o Late Sh Krishan Lal Gupta (Sister) Sh. Vijay Kumar Gupta & Smt. Mohini Gupta (Brother & Bhabhi) Grand Children (Vansh, Dhriti, Ribhav)

10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Indra Kumari W/o Late Sh. Krishan Gopal. The 10th Day will take place on 6/6/2024 (Thursday) at Mahajan Hall from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. KRIYA will be performed at our residence H.No.36, New Kaleeth Nagar, Upper Gumat, Jammu at 12 Noon. Rasam Pagri will be performed at Mahajan Hall from 5 P.M. to 6 P.M on 15/06/24 Deeply Remembered By: Rajkumari W/o Late Sh Satpal Gupta Kanta Gupta W/o Late Sh Romesh Chandra Gupta Son and Daughter in law Rajinder Gupta and Palak Gupta Sunil Gupta and Rashmi Gupta Vined Gupta and Bhavna Gupta Daughter and Son-In-law Neelam Mahajan and Sudeishan Mahajan Sunita Gupta and Late Sh Anil Gupta ovely Gupta and Rajinder Gupta Arti Gupta and Sanieev 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

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Bhagwan Singh S/o Sh. Kirpa Singh Village Ghaink Nandwal on 4-6-2024 (Tuesday) presently at Nandwal. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 13-06-2024 Thursday at Nandwal (Near Govt. Middle School Nandwal at 10 AM. SATSANG at 12 AM. BHOG-2 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN

Manohar Singh Ji & Sudesh Ji - Son & Daughter-in-law Bhajan Singh Ji & Ashu Ji - Son & Daughter-in-law Guideep Singh Ji & Anju - Son & Daughter-in-law Hardev Singh Ji & Neelam - Son & Daughter-in-law Asha & Dev Raj - Daughter & Son-in-law Raj Kumari & Janak - Daughter & Son-in-law Mob: 9906239154, 8899441192, 9086060638

ADH-BARKHI

Ad h-Barkhi of our beloved father Sh. Devinder Kumar Khajuria will be performed on 14th of June 2024 at our residence, 405/2, Vinayak Nagar, Muthi, Jammu. DEEPLY REMEMBERED & MISSED BY Smt. Sangeeta Sharma -Wife aughters & Sons in Law



10TH DAY KRIYA with heavy heart, we inform the sac demise of our beloved Pushpa Handoo Raina

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Jammu, Wednesday, June 12, 2024

W/o Late Sh. Bal Krishan Raina on 4th June 10th Day Kriya will be performed at 8.00 AN

Alka and Deepak Handoo

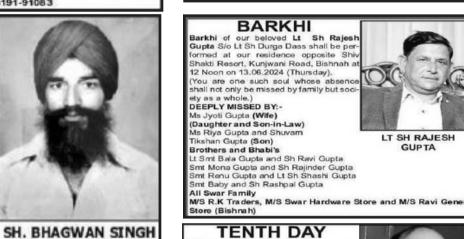
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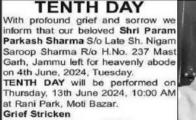
Vijay Kharu - Sister in Law

on Thursday 13th June 2024 at Ganga Ghat, Chota Haridwar, Muradnagar, Uttar Pradesh. GRIEF STRICKEN Daughters and Sons In Law Achla and Pankaj Sindhu

Pushpa Handoo Raina







Shri Param Parkash Sharma

Smt. Prabha Sharma (Wife) Brothers and Sister-in-laws Smt. Rama Rani and Sh. Hariom Sharma

Late Smt. Urmil Sharma and Late Sh. Omkar Sharma Smt. Kamlesh Churamani and Sh. Bharat Bhushan Churamani Daughters and Sons-In-law: Mrs. Yashima Sharma (Rinni) W/o Mr. Love Kumar Sharma

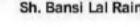
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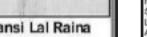
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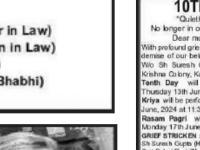


Sh. Bansi Lal Raina









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. Dinesh Pangtey

Sh. Bhushan Lal Gareeb & Smt. Lajwanti Gareeb

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.

10th Day will be performed on Wednesday, 12th

of June 2024 at 11:00AM at our residence 8/26

UTHALA will be performed on Saturday 15th of

10th DAY/KRIYA

Grand Children, Great Grand Children, & entire Gareeb family

Son & Daughter-In-Law

May her soul rest in peace.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughters:

Son : Rakesh Rakwal

Tali Morh Old Janipur, Jammu.

Husband : Sh Sita Ram Rakwal

Poonam Rakwal, Subha Rakwal

at Bhagwati Nagar Shanti Ghat at 10 am.

Mrs. Sadhana & Dr. Ashok Chanyel (9419114727)

Mrs. Aradhana & Mr. S.K. Kotwal (9419114684)

Road Jammu from 10 am onwards.

Daughters and Sons-in-laws

Grandson and Daughter-in-law

Harnam Thakur, on 04.06.24.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Rani Jamwal- Wife

SH. MOHAN LAL JI GAREEB

Sisters & Brother in Law

Smt. Suraj Kala & Sh. Prem Nath Sharma Smt. Anita Sharma Granddaughters: Adiva & Aiza Mob. 9682306180, 9796655669, 9419881200

Sandeva Khajuria & Aditya Sharma

Suyasha Khajuria & Vishal Sharma

Smt. Suman Sharma & Sh. Surinder Khajura

Smt. Vineeta Sharma & Sh. Mohinder Khajuria

Sisters in Law & Brothers

Sh. Ravinder Khajuria

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

Sons & Daughter-in-laws

Mrs Sweety & 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 Wd/o I Kumar

Grand Children:

Bhawna & Raghav, Anubhuti & Abhinandan Dr Abhimanyu, Samridhi & Tushar Sharma

Contact Details: 9419141598 / 9103837073

SH. VIJENDER

WANCHOO

Smt Shama Rani Shama

Sh. Devinder Kumar Khajuria

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 8 72, Kendriya Vihar, Sector 14, Panchkula, Harvana.

The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at 6 am. on Saturday the 15th June 2024 at Gaggar 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 & Bijal Mattoo -Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law ALL DEAR AND NEAR ONES.

+919915560572 +919779439911, +919467862072



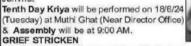
With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mr. Vishal Kakroo S/o Lt. Smt Shama Rani Kakroo & Sh Prithvi Nath Kakroo at present Block 161, Flat No.18, Jagti Migrant Colony. 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Nagrota Ghat, near Sainik School on 14-06-2024 at 8.00 am.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



Mr. Vishal Kakroo Smt Sushma Kakroo -Wife Ms. Mrinalini Kakroo -Daughter Smt Prana & Ashok Kr. Braroo -Sister & Brother-in-law Smt Kusum Lata & Sh Selish Kaloo -Sister & Brother-in-law Smt Aniali & Ravinder Bhat -Sister & Brother-in-law Ph.No. 7006117833, 7006465712

TENTH DAY KRIYA

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



Smt. Lalita

Moti Lal Ji & Dulari Ji - Son & Daughter-in-law Krishen Ji & Usha Ji - Son & Daughter-in-law Ashok Ji & Artie - Son & Daughter-in-law Santosh & Kamal Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law Phoola & Pawan Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law uneeta & Dileep Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law Veena & Vijesh Ji - Daughter & Son-In-law All Grand Children Mob.: 9906309158 All Grand Children

TENTH DAY KRIYA We inform with heavy hearts and teary eyes, our

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

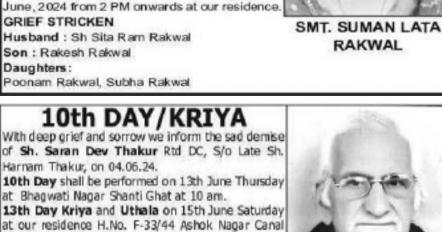


Grief Stricken: -

Sh Sumir Saproo and Smt Rekha Saproo (Son and Daughter-in-Law) Smt Vijay Kumari Thusoo and Sh Opinder Krishen Thusoo (Daughter and Son-in-Law) Smt Vimla Saproo Dhar and Sh Sanjay Dhar (Daughter and Son-in-Law) Grand Children: Subash Utkarsh, Sharan, Sushumuna, Sohum, Sukshum Extended Family and Friends. Contact:- Sumir Saproo :- 9840042486

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Sainik Colony. GRIEF STRICKEN

LOCAL/ ADVT

Declare Jammu Province drug free zone: JPBM

'Property and water

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: While demanding restoration of statehood with land and job guarantee to the Jammu & Kashmir, the Jammu Province Bachao Manch (JPBM) urged upon the Government of India to combat corruption, price hike, unprecedented tax imposition, drug abuse, crime, unrest among youth, farmers, workmen, professionals and small traders. JPBM to launch aware-

ness campaign against the "Youth Unrest and Drug Abuse" on non-Political levels today which shall be taken to the gross root level in all the districts and blocks of



the region While mentioning about the Permanent Residential Certificate, Ashok Sharma, Chairman of the Manch said that every citizen of J&K was feeling proud to have PRC as it was once identity and pride of the people and so the government must restore the PRC system to the people of erstwhile

mir Coming heavily on the government for not removing Ban Toll Plaza and smart meters. besides levying the

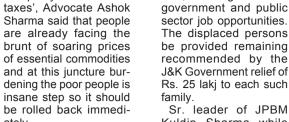
Rattan Lal expresses concern over surge in

Urged to review security measures and a more

terror activities across Jammu Region

pragmatic approach to tackle terrorism

State of Jammu & Kash-



ately Referring to the inhabitants of LoC and IB, the JPBM chairman said that government must provide them 5 Marlas of residential plots to the safe places so that they may live their lives without fear psychosis. He exhorted that the Trade & Commerce' is being high jacked by the outsiders and the same

should be retained with the original residents of

Sr. leader of JPBM Kuldip Sharma while expressing serious concern over the menace. of drug abuse in the Jammu, said that government must develop a mechanism to make Jammu region a "Drug Free Zone"

They further asked the government to immediate release the wages of daily wagers of PHE and other departments, and regularize all these daily

J&K, ensuring the locals

wagers who have completed seven years of services. They exhorted the government to save the culture of Jammu as outsiders are damaging the culture which is matter of serious concern. Satish Poonchi, who resigned from the mem-

bership and Vice Chairmanship of the JBM in wake of contesting recently held Lok Sabha election, have again sought the membership and is being elevated as Vice Chairman of the JBM. Among others who

attended the event included Satish Poonchi, Advocate Sumit Sharma, Er. Ashwani Kumar Sharma and Kailash Nath

VC JU releases Music Book "ANUNAAD -Sangeet Lekh Sangrah"

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: The Institute of Music & Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu, organised a book release function today at the University of Jammu. The highly anticipated music book titled "ANUN-AAD - Sangeet Lekh Sangrah" was released by the

NAAD," highlighting the book's celebration of the universal language of music. He noted, "ANU-NAAD' celebrates the diversity and splendor of music through evocative prose and profound insights. The editors have beautifully revealed the



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu,

Prof. Umesh Rai. Edited by distinguished faculty members Dr. Sumeet Madan (HOD, Violin Department, IMFA), Dr. Roshi Shaminotra (Vocal Department, IMFA), and Dr. Anjul Mittal (Sitar Department, IMFA), "ANUNAAD" is a collection of diverse articles that explore the multifaceted world of music. The book promises to be a significant contribution to the field of music education and appreciation.

souls. The book release function was organised in presence of Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal of IMFA, and Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to Vice Chancellor.

Prof. Malik extended his compliments to the editors, describing "ANUN-AAD" as a symphony of words that resonates with the deepest chords of the human spirit. "This exquisite book takes readers on a transformative journey, offering a rich collection of articles penned

BLSKS celebrates World Day against Child Labour

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: To celebrate World Day Against Child Labour 2024 and promote the folk culture of Jammu and Kashmir, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS), in coordination with Sangam Tru Art Production, presented its 433rd regular series musical play "Bal Majdoori" at the Open Air Theatre Durga Bhawan Janipur, Jammu.

The theme for this year's World Day Against Child Labour, observed annually on June 12, is "Let's act on our commitments: End Child Labour.

The program was inaugurated by Chief Guest V.K. Magotra, former Regional Director of the Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. J.K. Raina, Producer and Director of Films, and Mukesh Singh, Media Person, were Guests of Honour.

The event aimed to rejuvenate the traditional, primitive folk art and culture of the J&K region and raise awareness about child labor. Specially prepared items on themes like "Bal Majdoori," "Bacho Se Majdori Mat Karwayo,'



"Apna Kam Khud Karo," and "Apun Jago Duen Jagao," along with skits, songs, and dances, were presented to inform the masses. Music for the event was composed by Mahesh Kotwal.

In his address, the Chief Guest highlighted that child labour involves the employment of children in activities that hinder their development and deprive them of education and recreation. He praised the organiz-

ers for their effective and colorful awareness programs, emphasizing the role of illiteracy among parents in perpetuating child labor. The event's performances were recorded and uploaded online for broader public

benefit. Dr. M.L. Dogra, Chairman of Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan, delivered the welcome

and its severe implications. He explained that employing children below 14 or engaging those between 14 and 18 in hazardous occupations is a serious offense in India, punishable by jail time and fines. Dogra stressed that

address, discussing the

origins of child labor

poverty is the primary driver of child labor. making it more prevalent in developing and underdeveloped countries. He provided tips to help end child labor, such as educating oneself, supporting fair trade, and advocating for legislative change.

The event featured performances by Usha Raina, K.K. Joshi, Kuldeep Raj, Zulekha Bano, Naiya Digra, and Renu Bala, who delivered enthralling performances. Deepak Kumar presented a vote of thanks

Vice Chancellor exhorts augmenting food production through Rice-Wheat Rotation

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 12: Faculty of Agriculture held the Wheat Field Day on Wednesday. Prof. Nazir A. Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir inaugurated the event. The event was also attended by Prof. Dil Mohammad Makhdoomi Director Extension, and Prof. Haroon Rashid Naik Director Research. Dean FoA welcomed Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and briefed about the wheat programme at Faculty of Agriculture. Besides faculty members, a large number of farmers attended the event. The



the early wheat varieties that can be harvested in last week of May, and exhorted upon the farmers to be a part of this university effort to popularize rice-wheat rotation for augmenting food production and increasing cropping intensity in Kashmir of Agriculture in helping farmers of the region in achieving food and nutritional security and getting increasing returns.

Prof. Ganai had a detailed visit of wheat nurserv and complimented the breeders for maintaining the vast diversity of wheat germplasm including wild relatives and novel trait sources. A number of wheat and barley products were also showcased at the event that attracted widespread attention of farmers.

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: In the wake of a disturbing surge in terror incidents across the Jammu region, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President J&K National Conference Jammu on Wednesday expressed deep concern over the deteriorating security situation and the administration's apparent failure to effectively curb terrorism.

Interacting with the functionaries of YNC Jammu at Sher-e- Kashmir Bhavan Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province said that three terror attacks within 72 hours time in Jammu region have exposed the negative narrative created by the administration

"It is alarming to see that despite numer-

ous assurances and tall claims by the administration, the ground reality paints a very different picture. The people of Jammu region continue to live in fear, and the lack of concrete action is deeply disheartening", he said, adding that despite so many terror attacks in the recent past including one at Dhangri village in Rajouri District, ambushes on armed forces' convoys, Reasi attack, and the latest ones in Hiranagar village and in Doda district vesteray night, the people sitting

a matter of grave concern for one and all

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at the helm of affairs must understand the gravity of

such sensitive issues. government i ne should strengthen intelligence network, enhance coordination among

ensure that security per-

equipped and supported", he said and added that during the previous NC regime, the terrorism was at its lowest but in Jammu region now the things have been deteriorated and innocent people are being targeted. He urged for an urgent review of the security measures and a more pragmatic approach to tackle ter-

security agencies, and

Those who were present included:- Bimla Luthra former MLA. Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary Jammu, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Sahil Kerni District Secretary Urban YNC, Sahil Singh District Secretary Rural YNC, Akbir Singh, Abhi, Ashok Saini, Prem Lal and Tarvinder Singh.



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about the end of terrorism in J&K. He said that the spike in terror activities is

address, Prof. Rai expressed his delight at the release of "ANU-

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by eminent personalities professors, and scholars from across India," he remarked.

event was organized to showcase extra early maturing wheat varieties to farmers. In his address, Hon'ble

Vice Chancellor congratulated the Division of Plant Breeding for breeding

valley. He assured farmers of all possible support including seed availability and technology support for increasing farm output. He highlighted the role of University and Faculty

Labour Department organizes Online Seminar with Stakeholders **Collective action needed to create a world free** from Child Labour: Charandeep Singh

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 12: Labour Department, J&K on Wednesday organized an Online Seminar on the occasion of World Day Against Child Labour observed every year on June 12. The Seminar was hosted on the theme : 'Let's Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour'.

The seminar witnessed participation of Senior Officers of the Police Department and their representatives, officers of the Labour Department, Social Welfare and Health Department. Chairpersons and members of district Child Welfare Committees, members representing Juvenile Justice Boards. representatives of Child Line, Advocacy groups, Traders Federations and other stakeholders working in the field of Child Labour across all the districts of the UT of J&K. In his key note address, Labour Commissioner, J&K Charandeep Singh touched upon the theme emphasizing the need for collective action to eradicate child labour and protect children from abolition of Child Labour is enshrined in the Constitution and also Acts and Laws have been enacted on the issue and more recently India has ratified the two main conventions of International Labour Organization (ILO) on Child Labour namely Convention No. 182 and Convention No. 138 which mandate countries to take immediate and effective measures to secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour as a matter of urgency and also establish a minimum age for entry into work or employment; and establish national policies for the elimination of child labour respectively. He added that the enactment of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016 further strengthened the legal framework against

child labour by expanding

the prohibition of employ-

ment of children below 14

years in all occupations

and processes, except

where the child helps his

family in non-hazardous

occupations or sectors.

Charandeep Singh said

despite legislative mea-

exploitation. He said

sures and efforts by governmental and non-governmental organizations, child labour remains prevalent across the country. particularly in rural and informal sectors.

Labour Commissioner. J&K emphasised on the importance of conducting extensive awareness campaigns and to ensure continuous monitoring and strict enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with child labour laws and swift interventions in cases of violations.

Detailed presentations on various topics was also made during the seminar with Assistant Labour Commissioner, Anantnag Sh Peer Zameer Ahmad speaking on the topic 'Child Labour Policies', Assistant Labour Commissioner, Kupwara, Sh Arshid Qadir on 'Role of Statutory and Law Enforcement Bodies' and Assistant Labour Commissioner, Udhampur Ms Sapna dwelling upon the role of various stakeholders in eradication of Child Labour.

In his concluding remarks, Labour Commissioner. J&K called for collective dedication

towards eradicating child labour which has been a dark stain on society, depriving countless children of their childhood and robbing them of the chance to receive an education and a better future. "By recognizing the socio-economic factors that contribute to child labour, providing support and resources to vulnerable families, empowering them to overcome poverty and secure a better future for their children through commitment and collaborative initiatives of various stakeholders including government bodies,

non-profit organizations, businesses, communities, and individuals can we truly hope to bring an end to this injustice" he said adding that the seminar was conducted to mobilize stakeholders and fostering collaboration to create a world free from child labour. Deputy Labour Commissioner, Jammu/ Kashmir/ Central. Inspector of Factories Jammu / Kashmir, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Labour Officers and Labour

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Tender Notice No.: 433-Sig-T-09-24-25 Closing Date/Time: 05-07-2024/15:00 Date:- 11/06/2024. Sr.DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders on https://www.ireps.gov.in against Tender Notice no. 433-Sig-T-09-24-25 Closing Date/Time 05-07-2024 at 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender tow vards tende document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal LIKE net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Man ual payme through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. NITHEADER

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Ph. No: 0191-2505123 Subject : Revised Tentative Seniority List of Junior Assistants of Rural Development Department District Jammu as it stood on 01-06-2024 NOTIFICATION

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Assistant Commissioner Development Jammu Gramin Vikas Bhawan, Talab Tillo, Jammu

> No. ACDJ/2024-25/ Dated: - -2024

Whereas, Final Seniority list of Junior Assistants of Rural Development Department Jammu was again issued by then Assistant Commissioner Development Jammu vide order No. ACDJ/Estt./2021-22/8256-77 Dated: 02-12-2021

Whereas, the then Assistant Commissioner Development, Jammu vide order No. ACDJ/Estt./2023-24/16043-63 Dated: 10-02-2024 had issued the Tentative Seniority list of Junior Assistants of Rural Development Department Jammu

Whereas, this office is in receipt of objections to the Tentative Seniority list of Junior Assistants of Jammu District issued vide Assistant Commissioner Development , Jammu letter No. ACDJ/Estt./2023-24/16043-63 Dated: 10-02-2024 from Mr. Vivek Anand, Jr. Asstt. Presently working in the office of Director Rural Development Department, Jammu vide Director Rural Development Jammu's Order issued vide letter No. DRDJ/Estt./71/2021-03/(108295) 45653 Dated 28-02-2024.

Now, therefore, a Revised Tentative Seniority List of the Junior Assistants as it stood on 01-06-2024 as per Annexure -A to this Notification is hereby issued for information of all the concerned which shall remain available in this Office as well as in the Offices of Block Development Officers of District Jammu.

The Date of Birth Certificate /Educational Qualification/Category indicated against each Official in the Tentative Seniority list shall not be taken as authentic, which shall have reference to the date of birth recorded in the Service Book/DOB Certificate /Educational Qualification Certificate /Category Certificate, as required under rules.

The Block Development Officers are directed to submit to this office the attested copy of the first page of the service book and copy of date of birth certificate of the Officials listed in the Annexure -"A" to this Notification for verification of relevant entries recorded in the Revised Tentative Seniority List. The Officials claiming the SC & ST category are required to relevant category certificates issued by the concerned Tehsildar to claim benefits of the categories, if applicable.

Any Official/Officials who are not satisfied with the position assigned to them in the Revised Tentative Seniority List may file objection(s), if any before the Assistant Commissioner Development Jammu within the period of 15 days from the date of issuance of this Notification.

As such, the Revised Tentative Seniority List is issued without pre-judice to the outcome of writ petition(s) pending, if any, on the subject before any competent Court of Law.

DIP/J-1303/24

(Dr. Vikas Sharma) JKAS Assistant Commissioner (Dev.) Jammu

Inspectors of all districts participated in the semi-

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EDITORIAL

Rising Terrorism

ammu and Kashmir (J&K) have long been a hotspot for geopolitical tensions and militant activities, but recent trends indicate an alarming increase in terrorist incidents, underscoring the persistent security challenges faced by the region. The surge in violence is deeply concerning, affecting the lives of civilians, security personnel, and the broader socio-economic fabric of the area. Over the past year, J&K has witnessed a notable escalation in terrorist activities. Incidents have ranged from high-profile attacks on security forces and political leaders to bombings in public spaces and targeted killings of civilians. These acts of violence have not only resulted in significant loss of life but have also created an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty among the local population.

One of the most harrowing attacks occurred recently in Jammu, where a terrorist assault on a busy market left dozens dead and many more injured. This incident, among others, highlights the audacity and preparedness of militant groups operating in the region. Such attacks are often meticulously planned and executed, aiming to inflict maximum casualties and disrupt normalcy.

Several factors contribute to the rising tide of terrorism in J&K. Firstly, the geopolitical rivalry between India and Pakistan continues to play a significant role. Militant groups based in Pakistan, such as Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), are believed to have bolstered their operations, exploiting the porous borders and local discontent. Secondly, internal factors such as political instability, economic challenges, and social discontent have created fertile ground for radicalization. The revocation of J&K's special status under Article 370 in August 2019 has led to political and social upheaval, with many residents feeling disenfranchised. This sense of alienation is often manipulated by terrorist groups to recruit and radicalize young people. The human cost of terrorism in J&K is profound. Civilians bear the brunt of violence, living in constant fear of attacks. Schools, markets, and places of worship have been targeted, disrupting daily life and stunting economic development. The psychological impact on children and young adults, who grow up in a climate of fear and violence, is particularly concerning. Furthermore, the frequent imposition of curfews and communication blackouts as security measures have adverse effects on the local economy and social fabric. These restrictions, while necessary for security, also contribute to the sense of isolation and frustration among the populace. The Indian security forces have been on high alert, conducting extensive counter-terrorism operations across J&K. These operations have resulted in the neutralization of several highprofile militants and the dismantling of terrorist networks. However, the dynamic and evolving nature of terrorism requires constant adaptation and intelligence-driven strategies. In addition to combat operations, efforts are being made to strengthen local police forces, improve infrastructure, and enhance coordination between various security agencies. The government is also focusing on community policing and building trust with local residents to foster better cooperation and intelligence sharing. The Indian government has reiterated its commitment to combating terrorism in J&K, emphasizing the need for a multifaceted approach that includes security, political engagement, and socio-economic development. Initiatives aimed at addressing unemployment, education, and healthcare are being prioritised to undermine the appeal of militancy. Internationally, India continues to seek support in isolating Pakistan-based militant groups. Diplomatic efforts are aimed at holding Pakistan accountable for harboring and supporting terrorists. There is also a push for greater international cooperation in intelligence sharing and counter-terrorism training. The increasing terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir presents a formidable challenge that requires a comprehensive and sustained effort. Addressing the root causes of militancy, enhancing security measures, and fostering socio-economic development are crucial steps towards restoring peace and stability in the region. The resilience of the people of J&K and the commitment of the security forces will play pivotal roles in overcoming this turbulent period.

Manpower shortage calls for a rethink of Agnipath scheme

By: Maj Gen Ashok K Mehta (Retd)

THE Agnipath scheme was a big issue for the Opposition during the recent election campaign. Referring to the scheme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the Opposition of using the Army as a political weapon. This is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. Now, NDA allies Janata Dal (United) and Lok Janshakti Party in the Modi 3.0 government have sought a review of the scheme.

According to recent reports, the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) has launched an inquiry into manpower shortage resulting from the scheme. Why the DMA waited two years is intriguing, for it was clear as daylight that unacceptable deficiencies would accrue as the quota for recruitment was woefully inadequate in the backdrop of the rate of retirement, especially after the nearly three-year drought in recruitment amid the Covid-19 pandemic. But there was a method to the madness.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was seated among Service Chiefs when the transformative Agnipath scheme was announced in June 2022. Officers of the tri-service DMA spelt out its virtues: arguably a more youthful profile for below-officer rank personnel. Serving Chiefs, whose deep selection generally ensures conformity, later lauded the

controversial reform. Gen MM Naravane (retd), predecessor of Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Manoj Pande, reportedly mentioned in his long-delayed book, Four Stars of Destiny, the shock and awe generated by Agnipath, which was described as 'a bolt from the blue' for the Air Force and the Navy. The Tour of Duty scheme, conceived earlier by the late Gen Bipin Rawat, was a short-term recruitment plan to be test-bedded for 5,000 personnel. Even before the DMA launched its investigation into Agnipath, I had begun to quiz officers and others about it. The negative views of veterans are well-known. I visited two infantry regimental centres – Gorkha and Garhwali – in Shillong and Lansdowne and the Signals Training Centre in Goa. Until recently, infantry regiments, barring Gorkhas, were only marginally deficient in manpower, but managing units on the LoC and LAC was not easy.

The Gorkhas were the ones to take a hit. Sixty per cent of the manpower for 38 Gorkha battalions comes from Nepaldomiciled Gorkhas (NDGs). Nepal had quietly rejected Agnipath, which was imposed unilaterally — without any consultation — though recruitment is in accordance with the 1947 tripartite treaty between the UK, India and Nepal.

Last month, Foreign Minister S Jaishankar said India would act in its national interest and not at the behest of any other country, referring to Nepal.

No one needs to tell Jaishankar that NDGs joining the Indian Army is not just recruitment but a strategic bonding and an Indian asset in Nepal. In the absence of recruitment for four years, many Gorkha battalions are nearly 100 soldiers short of the authorised strength. Further, the 40 per cent Indian-domiciled Gorkha (IDG) quota is undersubscribed: so, Garhwalis and Kumaonis are being recruited in lieu of Gorkhas. Last year, Gen Pande even considered disbanding Gorkha battalions.

In Shillong, Sabathu, Banaras and Lucknow, the Gorkha regimental centres are training Agniveers from other regiments. The truncated 31-week training programme is producing yet-to-be-tested shortservice soldiers. Even in Goa, where they train communication specialists, no one spoke well of Agnipath. During the election campaign, anti-Agnipath protesters demanded a return to the old recruitment system, whose star attraction was pension. Even as the government is keen to project Agnipath's resultant youthful profile, the real motive is the reduction of salary and pension bills to create funds for modernisation. In 2023-24, the capital outlay pertaining to defence modernisation and infrastructure development was Rs 1.63 lakh crore, while Rs 1.38 lakh crore were allocated for pensions.

No recruitment for nearly three years of pandemic created a void in the Army alone

of 1,80,000 personnel. In addition, the Agniveer intake of around 42,000 (28,000 Army, 8,000 Navy and 6,000 IAF) annually tells a different story. The Army is recruiting for four years with 25 per cent retention from 28,000 personnel, which is 7,000, while nearly 70,000 will retire every year. On top of this, 2023 was the Army's year of transformation and rightsizing. An additional 1,00,000 soldiers were to be retrenched in addition to the shortfall of 1,80,000 in 2023, plus the yearly depletion. By April last year, after the Integrated Defence Staff ordered a 10 per cent reduction in combat units, manpower deficiency had risen to alarming levels.

I raised the matter at a veterans' seminar last year, which was presided over by Gen Pande. Stunned silence prevailed. No one in the armed forces is prepared to bell the cat. A Lieutenant General who dealt with manpower – he has superannuated but still can't be named – went to meet the Joint Secretary concerned in the PMO to inform him about the alarming deficiency. When he spelt out the estimated shortfall, he was informed: "Sahib ko sab malum hai" (Sahib knows it all). Agnipath and Agniveer are believed to be the PM's contribution to the vocabulary of transformational defence reforms. However, the scheme has severely undermined the operational capabilities of the armed forces. That's why the DMA has launched an internal survey.

Scientific Mysteries on Earth That Remain Unsolved 2024

By: Vijay GarG

he last few centuries have marked remarkable the spark that ignites thought, awareness, and self-recognition, remains an enigma of profound complexity. Despite the strides made in neuroscience, the exact method by which neural impulses become subjective experiences continues to be unknown. The term 'Hard Problem of Consciousness,' introduced by philosopher David Chalmers in 1995, probes the reasons and mechanisms behind the transformation of physiological processes into personal awareness.

Turbulence is narrowly delineated as a characteristic of incompressible fluid motion occurring at exceedingly high Reynolds numbers, prompting an endeavor to delineate the aspects understood and those still veiled in mystery. The suitability of applying the Navier-Stokes equations of hydrodynamics to actual turbulent flows and the accomplishments and constraints of direct numerical simulation are scrutinized. Deliberation ensues regarding universality, highlighting Kolmogorov's seminal 1941 scaling concepts' remarkable efficacy despite uncertainties surrounding fundamental assumptions like local isotropy. While explorations extend this scaling paradigm to encompass the multifractal portrayal of dissipation fluctuations, it remains predominantly phenomenological. Consequently, turbulence, as defined earlier, persists as an "unsolved" enigma, lacking a comprehensive physical elucidation of the observed phenomena.

considerations of convection and evaporation impacts to the dynamics of hydrogen bonding, yet a conclusive rationale continues to evade researchers. 6. Ball lightning

L progress in science. In the 17th century, Isaac Newton resolved the age-old debate on the nature of forces and motion through his three laws. The 18th century saw Ben Franklin make significant advancements in our understanding of electricity. The 19th century brought Charles Darwin's explanation of species diversity, James Clerk Maxwell's revelations on the physics of light, and Dmitri Mendeleev's classification of chemical elements. The 20th century featured Albert Einstein's groundbreaking contributions, including his theories on gravity, and Watson and Crick's decoding of the molecu-

lar basis of genetics and life. The quest for knowledge forms a fundamental part of human nature, compelling us to investigate our surroundings and search for answers to the deepest questions about our existence. Historically, humanity has achieved significant progress in comprehending the cosmos, the complexities of life, and the enigmas of the human psyche. Despite uncovering new insights and achieving groundbreaking discoveries, numerous enigmatic puzzles persist, eluding our understanding and challenging even the brightest minds in contemporary science. 1. Consciousness

The heart of consciousness,

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2. Missing Baryon problem

Astronomers have achieved remarkable advances in mapping the universe's large-scale structure, yet a substantial fraction of the universe's ordinary matter remains unaccounted for. This 'missing baryon problem' has baffled scientists for decades. Recent findings hint that these elusive baryons might inhabit the diffuse gas between galaxies, but their precise nature and location still evade researchers.

3. Origin of Life

The enigma of how nonliving chemical substances transitioned into living entities remains deeply profound. Theories such as the primordial soup, introduced by J.B.S. Haldane and Alexander Oparin in the 1920s, propose that simple organic compounds gave rise to life. However, the precise mechanisms that triggered the origin of life continue to elude scientific understanding. 4. Turbulence

5. Mpemba Effect

The Mpemba Effect denotes a counterintuitive phenomenon wherein hot water freezes quicker than cold water under specific circumstances. Initially noted by Tanzanian high school student Erasto Mpemba in 1963, this anomaly has undergone validation through various experiments but still lacks comprehensive comprehension. Theories posited to elucidate the Mpemba Effect span from

Ball lightning, a rare and enigmatic atmospheric occurrence, manifests as luminous, spherical entities exhibiting a spectrum of sizes and colors. Despite various hypotheses posited to decipher its enigma, ranging from electrical discharges to plasma and even quantum phenomena, scientific consensus remains elusive. The capricious and fleeting attributes of ball lightning render it a formidable object of investigation, perpetuating its enigmatic nature and confounding scientific inquiry.

7. The Tunguska Event

In Siberia near the Tunguska River in 1908, a monumental explosion ensued, leveling thousands of square kilometers of forest and releasing energy equivalent to 185 Hiroshima atomic bombs. The exact cause of the Tunguska Event remains elusive, with theories ranging from a meteoroid or comet impact to more speculative explanations involving antimatter or even extraterrestrial intervention. Despite exhaustive research efforts, this unexplained phenomenon endures as one of the most perplexing events in modern history.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

LOCAL

Samsung launches 2024 QLED 4K Premium TV series with Quantum Dot feature, 4K upscaling

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QLED 4K TV series is

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The DC also urged the

general public to cooper-

ate with the administra-

tion by following all safety

guidelines and ensuring a

peaceful and harmonious

celebration of Eid-ul-Azha.

the SDMs and Tehsildars

to make an inventory of

local Yatras and ensure

their smooth celebrations

The meeting was attend-

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Kumar, ADC Ramban

Varunjeet Singh Charak,

SDM Gool, SDM Ramsoo,

SE JPDCL, Tehsildars,

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Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched the 2024 QLED 4K TV series at a starting price of INR 65990 in India. The 2024 QLED 4K TV line-up comes with a plethora of premium features.

The 2024 QLED 4K TV will come in three sizes - 55", 65" and 75". It is available on online platforms including Samsung.com and Amazon. in, beginning today.

Powered by Quantum Processor Lite 4K, the 2024 QLED 4K TV series provides 100% colour volume with Quantum Dot and Quantum HDR. It also comes with 4K upscaling, which enables users to enjoy high-resolution 4K content; Q-Symphony sound technology, Dual LED, Motion Xcelerator for gaming and Pantone Validation, a trusted symbol of colour fidelity for consumers. "Content consumption

has changed rapidly over the past couple of years with users demanding a more immersive and premium viewing experience. To cater to this demand, we have launched the 2024 QLED 4K TV series which is a stepping-stone in the world of premium and elevated viewing experiences. The new TV series provides lifelike picture quality with the 4K upscaling feature that refines the content on the screen to near-4K levels, taking the overall viewing experience several notches higher," said Mohandeep Singh, Senior Vice President, Visual Display Business. Samsung India. Going beyond indusinnovative backlighting technology brings bolder contrast by augmenting the backlight colour tone to match the type of content being watched. The 2024 QLED 4K TV

series displays a seamless AirSlim design, making it blend into the wall like never before. The boundless screen and adjustable stand elevate the home entertainment set-up. The TV series also enhances the sustainability cohort with assistance from Solar-Cell Remote that can operate without the need for batteries. In addition, AI Energy Mode provides energy saving benefits. For a truly immersive content viewing experience, the 2024 QLED 4K TV series features Q-Symphony, OTS Lite and Adaptive Sound features, allowing users to feel the on-screen motion

as if it is real. It creates a 3D surround sound effect through real-time content analysis, creating an immersive watching experience.

The 2024 QLED 4K TV series comes with the Motion Xcelerator and Auto Low Latency Mode (ALLM), optimising competency for gamers. Predicting the movement between the frames, these features improve the smoothness of the screen's motion and provide faster frame transition with low latency. The 2024 QLED 4K TV series also features Samsung's TV Plus service comprising 100+ free channels. Furthermore, the built-in Multi Voice Assistant provides customers seamless connectivity, while Samsung Knox, the top-tier security solution, provides a safe home experience.

Shoaib Javaid Paray joins Janata Dal United

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and vision will be instru-

mental in advancing our

mission and addressing

the needs of the people

"Paray, in his remarks,

highlighted his motivation

for joining JDU, citing the

party's progressive poli-

cies and dedication to

social justice. "I am hon-

ored to be part of Janata

Dal United. I believe that

together, we can bring

about meaningful change

of Bandipora.

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 12: JD(U) State President G M Shaheen has Mr. Shoaib Javaid Paray, has officially joined the Janata Dal United (JDU). The event took place in the presence of the esteemed JDU leader, G M Shaheen.

Paray's decision to join JDU marks a pivotal moment for the party in the region. His extensive experience and dedicated service in Bandipora will undoubtedly strengthen JDU's position and outreach in the district. Welcoming Paray into the JDU fold, G M Shaheen expressed his confidence in the positive impact of this new alliance. He stated, "Paray's inclusion in the party is a testament to JDU's growing influence and commitment to fostering inclusive and effective gov-

and work towards the prosperity and development of Bandipora," he

said. This strategic move is expected to galvanize the JDU's grassroots support and mobilize efforts towards upcoming electoral challenges. The party is poised to leverage Mr. Paray's local insights and organizational skills to enhance its footprint in Bandipora and beyond.

Ramban Admin finalises Eid-ul-Azha preparations

No unscheduled power cuts, shutdown only with the permission- DM

Top News Report

RAMBAN, June 12: District Magistrate Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, has finalised preparations for the upcoming Eid-uI-Azha festival, today, in a meeting with officials of various departments in the Conference Hall of DC office complex, aiming at to ensure it's smooth celebrations.

During the meeting, the DM directed all concerned departments to ensure adequate arrangements for essential services, including supply of essential commodities. The DC directed the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department to ensure adequate supply of essential commodities like foodstuffs, LPG, etc

across the district.

The PHE and PDD departments were instructed to ensure uninterrupted water and electricity supply throughout the festival period. District Magistrate has ordered to avoid unscheduled power cuts. He has directed to get prior permission from the DM's office for unavoidable power shutdown.

down. The Traffic Police Department was tasked with ensuring smooth traffic flow on all major roads, especially near Eid Gahs, Jama Masjids and other religious places. The Health Department was instructed to maintain full preparedness to handle any medical emergencies. The Police Department was instructed to 'Anti-Human Trafficking' on concludes at SKPA Top News Report

Three-day course on

UDHAMPUR, June 12: A three-day course on 'Anti-Human Trafficking' at S.K. Police Academy, which began on 10th June 2024, concluded today. The training program saw the participation of 17 officers from various units and wings of the J&K Police.

Eminent guest faculty from various academic institutions were invited to deliver lectures, and the Academy's faculty shared their expertise on several crucial topics. These included the concept of human trafficking, child trafficking, underlying reasons and solutions, investigation procedures, FIR writing, search, seizure, and arrest processes in human trafficking cases, charge-sheet submission, relevant laws, case studies, and the roles of NGOs and police in prevention. A group exercise focused on SOPs related to missing children was also conducted.

The valedictory function featured Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, and Dy. Director (Indoor) of SKPA, as the chief guest. In his address, Gupta emphasized the importance of understanding legal provisions to address human trafficking, child trafficking, forced labor, and sex trade—emerging challenges for law enforcement. He highlighted the need for law enforcement agencies to be well-equipped to tackle the increasing frequency of human trafficking crimes.

The course was coordinated by Sandeep Mahajan, Inspector, with assistance from SI Dhian Singh, member of the faculty. Workshop on "Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Healthcare" held at Aryans



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, near Chandigarh organised a workshop on "Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Healthcare". Pooja Kumar, Women Entrepreneur, Founder Director; Innove Intellects, Patent agent, Govt. of India interacted with the faculty members & Aryans students of Engineering, Nursing, Pharmacy etc

Pooja while interacting said that Healthcare innovation is key for the future of healthcare. The impact of Artificial intelligence is creating ripples in the field. Many of the diagnostic tests and radiological studies like MRI and CT scans are now being read by machines instead of people. Pooja educated the stuing advancements of digital technology, the healthcare sector has witnessed immense transformation. From IoT-powered wearables to remote consultations, digital transformation in healthcare has significantly redefined the way medical professionals diagnose, treat, and monitor patients, as well as perform other administrative tasks.

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Uday, Hari Singh seek people's support for upcoming Assembly elections



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: Uday Bhanu Chib, National IYC General Secretary and former Youth Congress President of Jammu and Kashmir, along with Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), have called for widespread support of general public for the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. They emphasized that the present administration has failed to provide basic amenities and has not met the expectations of the general public. During a series of

Nukkad Meetings held at Keran Ward No. 63 of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and Patian

 of Panchayat Keran in the Jammu North Assembly
Segment, Uday Bhanu
Chib and Hari Singh Chib
rallied Congress workers
and people of the area,
urging them to ensure
the victory of the Congress party in the ensuing Assembly elections
for a prosperous future.
The meetings were also
attended by Som Nath
Sharma, former Block President of Pata Paloura. At Patian, the meeting was organized by Harbans Lal, while in Keran Ward No. 63, the arrangements were made by Pritam Singh and Ashok Sharma. The gathering in Keran was notably addressed by Keran Wala Baba, a revered figure with a significant following in both Jammu and Punjab, further bolstering the event's impact.

Speaking at the meetings, Uday Bhanu Chib criticized the present dispensation, stating, "The present administration has failed to provide even the most basic amenities to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The proxy Government of BJP in J&K has miserably failed to live up to the expectations of the general public. It's time for a change, and we need the support of every citizen to bring about that change."

Ram, and others.

Hari Singh Chib emphasized the importance of collective effort, "We appeal to all our workers and supporters to come together and work tirelessly to ensure the Congress party's victory in the upcoming Assembly elections. Together, we can build a brighter and more prosperous future for Jammu and Kashmir." Prominent among those who were present in the meetings included Parshotam Singh, Madan Singh, Ahok Sharma, Pappu, Kailash, Fakir Chand, Neeta, Surinder Kumar, Pummy, Jung Bahadur Singh, Kaka

JU organises awareness program on National-level Research Paper Writing competition on 'Vision for Viksit Bharat'

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: The Department of Geography, today organised an awareness program on National-level Research Paper Writing competition of Bhartia Shiksha Mandal Yuva Ayam on the theme 'Vision for Viksit Bharat'. After the research paper writing competition, a threeday Akhil Bharatiya Convention of selected researchers will be organized from 15th to 17th November 2024, at S.G.T. University, Gurugram, Harvana.

The main objective of this competition and three-day Convention is to enable and inspire the youth to make their valuable contribution related to every field of nationbuilding in this AMRIT-KAAL.

At the outset, Dr. Rajender Charak enlightened the students regarding the competition and also encouraged them to participate in it. Dr.Shashi Prabha.

Head Department of Geography discussed in detail with the P.G Students about 'Viksit Bharat' and Viksit Bharat 2047 which represents the government's vision to transform the county into a developed nation by its 100th independence in 2047.

The four pillars of Viksit Bharat are Yuva (Youth), Garib (Poor), Mahila (Women) and Kisan (Farmers). She emphasized the crucial role of youth in transforming the dream of our Hon'ble Prime Minister—making Bharat a developed nation-into reality by using their wisdom and conducting research based on societal needs. The Programme was attended by the faculty members of the department, Miss Suman Khushwa, Dr.Davinder Manhas, Dr.Tajinder Kour, Research Scholars and Students of 2nd and 4th Semester of the Department.

Dimple leads anti-Pakistan protest against terrorists attack

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led an anti-Pakistan protest in response to the militants' attack on the DIG and SSP convoy in Kathua and Doda districts.

The protest, which included burning Pakistani flags and effigies of ISI, Hafeez Saeed, Azhar Masood, and other militant leaders, disrupted vehicular traffic on the Amphalla Janipur High Court road.

Addressing the rally, Dimple demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi initiate an NIA investigation into the attacks. He emphasized that militancy is on the rise in the Pir Panjal, Poonch, and Rajouri districts and urged the government to strengthen security arrangements, especially with the upcom-



ing assembly elections and the influx of pilgrims for Amarnath Yatra and Kheer Bhawani in Katra Vaishno Devi.

Dimple described the attacks on the convoy as akin to war-like situations and criticized the intelligence failure that allowed militants to infiltrate, attack, and escape. He called for surgical strikes and military action against Pakistan, aiming to reclaim POK, Gilgit, and Baltistan as parts of Jammu and Kashmir,

India. He warned against tolerating militancy, antinational activities, and targeted killings in J&K. Dimple appealed to the Director General of J&K Police and security forces to conduct combing operations to eliminate ISI modules in the region. He also called on the Indian Army Chief to commence surgical strikes and military actions against Pakistan.

Prominent leaders supporting the protest included Rupesh Bhat, Bunty Dogra, Saschin Soi, Arjun Anand, Ajay Mehta, Ashok Sharma, and Vijay Kumar. Dimple reiterated that J&K was, is, and will remain part of India, and he pledged the full support of Mission Statehood to the Indian Army and J&K Police in their efforts.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sonam Bajwa is ready to get out of her carefully cultivated image of a true blue Punjaban to play a Haryanvi, and her co-star Ammy Virk is all praise for her effort to get into the skin ofher character

For a Punjabi movie, the title itself triggers interest. Kudi Haryane Val Di, says lead actor Ammy Virk, is as much about Haryana as it is about Punjab. "In fact, it has a pan-India appeal," he adds. That's delightfully aspirational.

Ammy calls his co-star Sonam Bajwa's best performance till date. And that's guite a statement, considering her body of work.

Sonam, for her part, says she has worked the hardest for this one in her 10-year-long career. "It wasn't a Hindi film or a Haryanvi web series where we were all talking in the same language. Maybe, I wouldn't have felt so nervous or pressurised in that situation. But after working in Punjabi films for a decade, playing a Haryanvi girl was challenging because the audience has a fixed mindset about artistes. and they've not seen me do this before. Playing this role was a big risk, but what is life if you don't take risks?'

She also makes sure to appreciate Ammy when she adds, "Ammy is such an effortless actor; he makes everything look so easy. Be it an emotional scene or a comic act, he can pull off anything. Our bond of friendship aside, I am a huge fan of him as an actor.'

Seema Kaushal, who plays Ammy's mother in the movie,



raises the expectations even further. "Sonam has really given this movie her all. She focused on becoming the character, and that shines through in the movie," she says.

Yashpal Sharma, who plays Sonam's father, terms the filmmaking experience a joy. "The whole process was better than many Bollywood projects. This movie not only has masala but is rich in content as well. There are very few films that can pack all the elements; this one does so. It's a light-hearted comedy with the right doses of emotion and romance," he says.

Veteran actor Yograj Singh says even after so many years in the industry, he "had a lot to learn from Ammy and others in the team." The admiration and

respect are mutual. Ammy says, "Seventy per cent of comedy in the movie comes from Yograj."

Team Kudi Haryane Val Di showers lavish praise for producer Pawan Gill for being completely involved and invested in the process and 'taking really good care of everyone'. The movie, Gill says, depicts "Haryana-Punjab love; we have the same bloodline, outlook, culture. With time, some shifts have come, but the core is the same. That's interesting and intriguing. We are looking forward to the movie."

Like Sonam, Ammy, an established and bankable star now with several hits against his name, also finds himself high on the list of the much-admired. "He is very humble; he has no

airs about himself. Even after being such a big star, he is one such person who would greet everyone on the set, ask about their well-being, and if you are working with him, just know that you will end up eating a lot because he enjoys feeding everyone," says Kaushal.

She also has an insightful take on co-star Yograj Singh, "I've done many films with him. I used to be scared of him, but as you get to know him, you realise he is such a simple, down-to-earth person. The entire team was a delight to work with.3

While everyone talks about the movie experience and what has gone into its making, Honey Mattu wants to highlight the visionary director that Rakesh Dhawan is. Having previously worked with him, he says, "Be it Annhi Dea Mazaak Ae, Aaja Mexico Challiye, Chal Mera Putt, or for that matter any movie written or directed by him, all his films will have just the right amount of emotions, comedy, and there's always a subject that needs mass attention. So, aoing by his style of storytelling, I can assure the audience there won't be a dull moment in Kudi Haryane Val Di."

Releasing on June 14, the trailer of Kudi Haryane Val Di does create a buzz, much like its title.

Sarah Hyland on Modern Family reboot: 'I would want to see a script first'



Actor Sarah Hyland talked about the return of the American sitcom TV series Modern Family. Hyland shared that she is interested in seeing the evolution of her character, reported agency. She plays the character of Haley Dunphey in the show.

"I would want to see a script first," said Hyland. "I think creatively for me, I would want to know what was going on with Haley. I want to see her career back and stuff and her creativity and I want her to be able to do both," she added. Hyland played Haley

Dunphy for all 11 seasons of Modern Family. At the end of the last season in 2020, her character was attempting to manage her work and being a parent to newborn twins.

"I want to see Haley do what Claire Dunphy then set out to do and did as an amazing mother as well as businesswoman and CEO," said Hyland about her character. "And I would really love to see that creative side back for Haley. So yeah, I don't know," she added.

She opened up about the reboot of the show after her former co-actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson shared pictures from the Modern Family set on his Instagram Stories. If she is going back on the sets of the show, Hyland shared, "Yes. I love Modern Family so much. I love the cast with my entire heart and soul. I mean, Jesse and I are so close, and his husband Justin and my husband Wells, the four of us vacation together. I would love to be back with everybody," reported agency.

Sonakshi Sinha, Zaheer Iqbal to get married on June 23

Film actor Sonakshi Sinha will reportedly get married to her longtime partner, actor Zaheer Iqbal, later this month. News of the wedding comes just a month after the premiere of Netflix series 'Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar', in which Sinha played the dual role of Rehaana and Fareedan. While there is no official confirmation about the ceremony, sources close to the Sinha's family said "the reports



Ariana Grande's ex-husband Dalton Gomez confirms new relationship with Maika Monroe

Dalton Gomez, the ex-husband of pop sensation Ariana Grande, has made romance Instagram official with actress Maika Monroe.

The couple, who had been rumoured to be dating since October 2023, made their relationship public through their recent post on Instagram.

Monroe, best known for her role in the horror film 'It Follows'. shared a series of photos on her Instagram page, marking their debut as a couple on Instagram. The post, captioned with a simple star emoji, began with Monroe standing on her tiptoes



filled sighting at Los Angeles' LAX airport.

Before finding love with Monroe, Dalton Gomez was married to Ariana Grande.

The couple's relationship flourished during the pandemic, culminating in their engagement in December 2020 and their wedding in May 2021.

However, their marriage came to an end. Gomez and Grande finalised their divorce in March 2024

On the other hand, Maika Monroe was previously linked to 'Stranger Things' star and singer Joe Keery. The former couple made their first red carpet appearance together in October 2017 but separated sometime between 2022 and 2023. Keery opened up about their split in a recent interview, mentioning his arrival in Calgary to film season 5 of 'Fargo' right after their breakup.

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According to insiders, the wedding will be an intimate affair attended by family and close friends at a fine-dining restaurant in Mumbai on June 23.

Sinha and Iqbal, who have been dating for a while, co-starred in the 2022 comedy drama

'Double XL' The two are yet to publicly confirm their relationship, but their Instagram feed is filled with

photos of each other. They are often spotted attending events and social gatherings

together.

to kiss Gomez in a crosswalk

The affectionate display of affection was followed by another picture of the couple snuggled up to each other in front of a breathtaking sea view. Both Gomez and Monroe opted for comfortable, all-black outfits, perfectly complementing each other in the golden-hour shot.

While Monroe had previous-

ly shared pictures of Gomez on her Instagram stories, this marked their first appearance together on the main grid.

According to People magazine, the couple has been spotted together in public several times, including a recent PDA-

He attributed his isolation and focus on work as a way to cope with the end of their relationship.

Hrithik Roshan likes post on Kangana Ranaut slapgate, both actors were once involved in ugly spat

Finally, Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan has reacted to the slapgate involving the newly elected Mandi BJP MP Kangana Ranaut. The actor was once mired in a

controversy with actor-turnedpolitician.

Hrithik Roshan, Alia Bhatt, Sonakshi Sinha, Zoya Akhtar, Soni Razdan, Arjun Kapoor and Prajakta Koli are among several Bollywood actors who have thrown their support behind Kangana Ranaut following the altercation at the Chandigarh airport on Thursday (June 6, 2024).

Fresh from her victory from Mandi parliamentary constituency in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Kangana Ranaut was allegedly slapped by a CISF woman constable. The drama unfolded as Kangana was en route to Delhi, two days after clinching the Mandi constituency seat in Himachal Pradesh under the banner of the BJP.

Condemnation of the incident poured in swiftly from various quarters, with veteran personalities such as Anupam Kher, Mika Singh, Raveena Tandon and



Shekhar Suman expressing their dismay.

Journalist Faye D'Souza took to Instagram to decry the use of violence, invoking the principles of non-violence championed by Mahatma Gandhi. Her post, resonating with many, highlighted the need to address disagreements through dialogue, not physical force. The post was liked by Hrithik Roshan and other actors.

"Violence can never be the answer. Especially not in our coun-

try that was born out of Gandhi's ideals of non-violence. It doesn't matter how much we disagree with views and statements made by someone, we cannot react with violence, and we should not condone it. It is particularly dangerous when security personnel react violently while in uniform. Imagine, over the last ten years, if those of us who questioned power were assaulted at airports by constables who were in agreement with that power," read the post by Fayed.

Kartik Aaryan addresses being notorious for his dating life, says he's single now: 'Dara dara ghoom raha hu'

Kartik Aarvan is busv with promotions for his next film Chandu Champion. In a new interview for Raj Shamani's You-Tube channel, the actor addressed the attention on his dating life, and admitted that he is currently single. Kartik has been linked to several actors in the industry, including Sara Ali Khan, Ananya Panday and Janhvi Kapoor. What Kartik said about

his dating life In the interview, when Kartik was guizzed about

his 'notorious' dating rumours, the actor said, "Mera personal life at one point pe kaafi talked about ho gaya tha uss moment pe. Tab se aaj tak wahi chal raha hai. Main toh privately bhi date nahi kar raha hu. Abhi toh dara dara ghum raha hoon shayad (My personal life was talked



dating is different in his

position because the

number of people he

meets have become

limited. "You meet very

few people after getting

famous. Because of

your work, you meet a

guess)."

He also added how

people. Your day goes in that zone. It becomes like that. You might earn a lot. and become famous, but one thing is for sure that you can't buy love I'm not dating anyone. I'm even called romantic hero, but I have been unlucky in love. So, I feel I have to find the right person whenever that happens."

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More details

Kartik and Sara worked together in Love Aaj Kal (2020), and the duo reportedly broke up shortly after its release. Kartik and Ananya were also rumoured to be dating, which was later confirmed by filmmaker Karan Johar on his chat show Koffee with Karan. Chandu Champion releases in theatres on June 14.

about a lot at one point of time. Till now, it has been the same thing. I am not even dating privately. Just roaming around scared, I

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PM's Warm Gesture For Pawan Kalyan, Chiranjeevi **At Andhra Oath Event**

PM Modi led Pawan Kalyan and Chiranjeevi to the centre stage by their hands in a gesture that underlined the importance of the BJP's Andhra alliance.

AMARAVATI, Jun 12 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared a warm moment with Telugu superstars K Chiranjeevi and Pawan Kalyan at the oath-taking ceremony of Chandrababu Naidu. He led the two brothers to the centre stage by their hands in a gesture that underlined the importance of the BJP's Andhra alliance. They also posed for the cameras, holdings hands.

PM Modi also shared a candid moment with Mr Naidu after the latter was sworn in as Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister for the fourth time. After his oath of office, Mr Naidu walked up to PM Modi and the two leaders shared a tight hug, marking the formation of a TDP-BJP coalition government in Andhra. PM Modi's cabinet colleagues,



Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari, and JP Nadda, also attended the swearing-in ceremony, besides alliance partners like Eknath Shinde of Shiv Sena and Chirag Paswan of the Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas). The BJP had fought elections

in Andhra Pradesh in an alliance with the TDP and Pawan

Kalyan's Jana Sena. Mr Kalyan was also sworn in as a minister after Mr Naidu.

The BJP-TDP-Jana Sena alliance swept the simultaneous Lok Sabha and Andhra Pradesh

elections. They won 164 out of the total 175 seats in the Assemblv and 21 of Andhra's 25 Lok Sabha seats.

The TDP also emerged as a key ally whose support was crucial for the BJP to form a coalition government at the centre after it fell short of the 272-majority mark. In the Modi 3.0 cabinet, TDP has got a cabinet berth and a Minister of State post.

The BJP and TDP had struck an alliance just ahead of the elections, marking Mr Naidu's return to the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) after six years. The TDP was a crucial part of the NDA until 2018, when Mr Naidu, then the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, decided to exit over concerns regarding financial support for the state.

First session of 18th Lok Sabha to begin on June 24

Rajya Sabha session to commence on June 27



NEW DELHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha will be held from June 24 to July 3.

It will feature oath-taking by the newly elected members, election of the Speaker, President's address and discussion thereon.

The session will end with PM Narendra Modi's reply to the President's address

The 264th Session of Rajya Sabha will commence on June 27 and will end on July 3, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said on Wednesday.

Will PM Modi visit Manipur after **RSS chief Bhagwat's remarks**, asks Uddhav Thackeray

MUMBAI, Jun 12 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday asked whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Manipur after RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's remarks on the situation in the north-eastern state.

Addressing a press conference here, the former Maharashtra chief minister also sought to know what was the difference on the ground after the abrogation of Article 370, which provided special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

"Lives are being lost. Who is responsible for the terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir?" he asked.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Bhagwat on Monday expressed concern over



state must be consid-"Will Prime Minister

Modi visit Manipur after RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's remarks?" Thackeray asked.

ered with priority.

"I am concerned about future of the country and not about future of the NDA government," the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader said.

He also said there were no differences in the opposition, Maha Vikas Aghadi, comprising the Shiv Sena (UBT),

legislative council polls to four constituencies. "There is no differ-

Thackeray ence," asserted. It is a fact there was a "loose connection" in

the dialogue (among the MVA partners), Thackeray said, adding that he was not here after the Lok Sabha polls.

During this time, all parties declared their candidates and nominations had to be filed within the stipulated time, he said. The deadline for filing

Water crisis: Supreme Court pulls up Delhi government for inaction against water tanker mafia

NEW DELHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Wednesday pulled up the Delhi government for its failure to take any action against the water tanker mafia in the national capital which is facing an acute water crisis during peak summer.

"If you are not taking action, then we will hand it over to Delhi Police to take action against the tanker mafia," a Bench led by Justice PK Mishra told senior advocate AM Singhvi who represented the Delhi government.

"There is so much spillage ... the tanker mafia is there. People are suffering. We are seeing this in all channels. You are not doing anything. It's a recurring problem every summer. What have you done to prevent water wastage?... Have you taken any action or (filed) FIRs against the tanker mafia? Tanker mafias get water and pipelines are running dry," the Bench said.

Solicitor General Tushar Menta had earlier pointed out that 52.35 per cent of water in Delhi either went waste or was pilfered by the water tanker mafia, leaving just 47.65 per



see that affidavits in support of the Delhi government's petition were filed by Delhi Water Minister Atishi and not DJB officials - which was the norm.

Interestingly, the Himachal Pradesh government told the Bench that 137 cusec water was already flowing to Delhi.

"Why didn't you inform the Upper Yamuna River Board on June 5? Why are false statements being made before this court?... We will straightway send your officer to jail for contempt," the Bench told Himachal Pradesh Advocate General Anup Kumar Rattan.

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Rattan said he would explain it to the Bench on Thursday.

Singhvi and advocate Shadan Farasat submitted on behalf of the Delhi government that the tankers were of the Delhi Jal Board. They said the Delhi government would file an affidavit detailing the steps taken to deal with pilferage of water.

Represented by senior advocate Shyam Divan and Senior Additional Advocate General Lokesh Sinhal, the Haryana government said there was no unutilised water available with Himachal Pradesh and that the court was being misled.

The Upper Yamuna River

withdrawal point, authorised/ approved discharge of scheme of that particular withdrawal point, water utilised by HP and surplus water released for Delhi. "Himachal Pradesh needs to

submit the details...to ascertain their utilised share (of water) in the absence of which the Board is not in a position to estimate the unutilised share of the state of HP which they want to share with NCT of Delhi and pass through the state of Harvana," the UYRB said.

The Supreme Court had on Monday taken strong exception to the Delhi government's failure to remove certain defects in its petition seeking a direction to the Haryana government to release surplus water provided by Himachal Pradesh to deal with the water crisis in the national capital.

"You cannot take this court for a ride. Let the office (Supreme Court Registry) verify that you removed the defects and if you did not, then let the petition be dismissed... It will be dismissed," the Bench had told Singhvi.

"Defects were pointed out last

peace eluding Manipur even after one year and said the situation in the strife-torn northeastern

Congress and the NCP (SP) led by Sharad Pawar, over candidates for the upcoming state

nominations was June 7. Voting will be held on June 26 and results will be declared on July 1.

Man Who Threatened To Blast Nitin Gadkari's Nagpur Office Arrested From Karnataka

BELAGAVI, Jun 12 (Agencies): An incident of a gangster arrested on charges of threatening Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and a senior IPS officer, being thrashed inside the premises of the court for raising pro-Pakistan slogans was reported from Belagavi city of Karnataka on Wednesday.

According to police, the arrested gangster Jayesh Pujari, who had threatened to blast the Nagpur office of Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and demanded a ransom from prison, raised "Pakistan Zindabad" slogans when he was produced before the district court.

The people, advocates and others who were present in the court, started thrashing him immediately after he raised the pro-Pakistan slogans.

The police team that had produced him in court rescued him with difficulty and brought him out of there.

Later, he was taken to the APMC police station.

Jayesh Pujari was produced before the court in connection with the life threat to Karnataka IPS office, Alok Kumar.

Sources said that Jayesh Pujari raised pro- Pakistan slogans as he was not allowed to present his case before the court.

Jayesh Pujari, who is presently lodged in Hindalga central prison, hails from Dakshina Kannada District in Karnataka. Police sources stated that they will lodge a separate case against him for raising pro-Pakistan slogans in court.

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The Bench directed the Delhi government to file an affidavit detailing the measures taken by the Delhi Jal Board to check pilferage and wastage of water in the national capital and posted the matter for Thursday. The Bench was perplexed to

ernment said that 137 cusec water was already flowing to Delhi and the NCT government maintained that it did not reach Delhi, the Bench wondered, "if water is coming from Himachal Pradesh then where is the water going in Delhi?"

Board (UYRB) has told the Bench that "complete information for ascertaining the utilisation (of water) by HP has not been supplied. The Board said Himachal Pradesh was required to provide details such as location, latitude and longitude of

week and still defects are not removed. Mr Singhvi will not remove the defects ... " it had said after Divan pointed out that the state was unable to upload its documents as defects in the Delhi government's petition had not been removed.

8 of family killed as sand-laden truck overturns on people in UP

Superintendent of Police Keshav Chadra Goswami says the victims were buried alive under the sand

HARDOI, Jun 12 (Agencies): A sand-laden truck overturned on people sleeping outside their house here early on Wednesday, leaving eight members of a family dead, police said.

Superintendent of Police Keshav Chadra Goswami said the victims were buried alive



under the sand. Locals tried to remove the sand to rescue the family but in vain. A bulldozer was subsequently called to remove the sand and the bodies recovered. The deceased were identified as Awdhesh (40), his wife Sudha (35) and their three chil-

dren Lalla (5), Sunaina (11) and Buddu (4) besides their relative Karan (35), his wife Hero (30) and their daughter Komal (5). "Another five-year-old girl was injured and has been admitted to a hospital," the officer said. The truck driver has been arrested.

2 Die, Over 80 Taken Ill Due To Cholera Outbreak In Madhya Pradesh's Bhind

BHIND, Jun 12 (Agencies): At least two elderly people died and over 80 persons fell ill due to an outbreak of cholera in Madhya Pradesh's Bhind district, a health official said on Wednesday.

The outbreak occurred in ward number 5, 6 and 7 of Phoop town in the district due to water contamination.

Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO, Bhind) D K Sharma told agency, "Due to infection in water, some cases of cholera outbreak were reported after which some patients were admitted to the district hospital and some of them were treated at the local community health centre.

Till now, a total of 84 people have been affected, and most of these patients have recovered and returned home. Currently, there are six patients admitted to the hospital. Two patients were referred to Gwalior who have recovered and returned.'

"Till now, two elderly people have died in the outbreak while a girl died two days ago and she died due to fever. She had vomited once and was having a fever," CMHO added.

He further said that the Nagar Palika had closed the drinking water supply queue as of now and water was being supplied through other means. "The entire house in

the affected area has been surveyed, amedicines and chlorine tablets have been given to them. People have been told to drink water only after boiling it. Apart from this, the Nagar Palika has been instructed to remove water contamination wherever it is happening," he added.

"It seems to happen only due to contaminated water, and once the sample is tested, things will become clear, CMHO Sharma said

"Arrangements of ambulances have been made, the team of doctors has also been increased and we are keeping a close eye on the matter," he added.

3 die, 24 injured as bus falls into gorge in Uttarakhand

UTTARKASHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): Three women died while 24 people were injured when a bus driver lost control over the vehicle and it fell into a gorge near Gangnani on the Gangotri National Highway in Uttarakhand, police said on Wednesday.

According to them, the incident occurred 50 km from Gangnani on Tuesday night. The bus went



towards Uttarkashi from

Gangotri with 27 pil-

grims, a police officer

said, adding that rescue

and relief work began

promptly and the injured

were sent to Uttarkashi

District Hospital and

out of the driver's control, broke the crash barrier, fell into the gorge and got stuck on a tree before it could hit the bottom, police officials said

The bus was going

The deceased have been identified as Deepa Tiwari, a resident of Rudrapur in Udham Singh Nagar district of Uttarakhand; Neema Teda and Meena Rekwal, both residents of Haldwani; police said. At this same place in 2010, a truck fell into a gorge, killing 27 kanwariyas, while in 2023, seven pilgrims died in a bus accident here.

Bhatwadi Health Centre.

INTERNATIONAL

Several Indians among 41 killed in blaze at Kuwait apartment

The fire started in a kitchen in the 6-storey building in Mangaf area in the early hours of Wednesday

DUBAI, Jun 12 (Agencies): Several Indians were feared to be among 41 people killed on Wednesday in a major fire at a building in Kuwait housing workers. according to reports emanating from the Gulf nation.

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The fire started in a kitchen in the six-storey building in Mangaf area in Kuwait's southern Ahmadi Governorate in the early hours of Wednesday, officials said.

The building reportedly had nearly 160 people living in it, who are workers of the same company. Many workers staying there

were reportedly Indians.

"In connection with the tragic fire-accident involving Indian workers today, Embassy has put in place an emergency helpline number: +965-65505246. All concerned are requested to connect over this helpline for updates. Embassy remains committed to render all possible assistance," the Indian Embassy in Kuwait said in a post on X.

Indians constitute 21 per cent (1 million) of the total population of Kuwait and 30 per cent of its workforce (approximately 9 lakhs).



"Deeply shocked by the news of the fire incident in Kuwait City.

There are reportedly over 40 deaths and over 50 have been

hospitalized. Our Ambassador has gone to the camp. We are awaiting further information," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in a post on X.

Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousuf Al-Sabah ordered police to apprehend the owner of the Mangaf building where the fatal blaze occurred Wednesday, the building's janitor, as well as the owner of the company responsible for the workers pending the end of the criminal evidence personnel's examination of the scene, the Kuwait Times reported.

"What happened today is a result of the greed of the company and building owners," the minister said in a statement as he visited the fire scene.

He said that he gave orders to Kuwait Municipality and the Public Authority for Manpower to launch immediate action to address similar violations where large numbers of workers are crammed into one residential building, and make sure that all safety requirements are in place in order to prevent similar incidents in the future.

UN Probe Flags "Crimes Against Humanity" In Gaza, Israel Rejects Findings

Israle military retaliation in Gaza after the October 7 attack has killed over 37,000 people.

GENEVA, Jun 12 (Agencies): Both Israel and Hamas committed war crimes in the early stages of the Gaza war, a U.N. inquiry found on Wednesday, saying that Israel's actions also constituted crimes against humanity because of the immense civilian losses.

The findings were from two parallel reports, one focusing on the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks and another on Israel's military response, published by the U.N. Commission of Inquiry (COI), which has an unusually broad mandate to collect evidence and identify perpetrators of international crimes committed in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

Israel does not cooperate with the commission, which it says has an anti-Israel bias. The COI says Israel obstructs its work and has prevented investigators from accessing both Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

Israel's diplomatic mission to the U.N. in Geneva rejected the findings. "The COI has once again proven that its actions are all in the service of a narrow-led political agenda against Israel," said Meirav Eilon Shahar, Israel's Ambassador to the U.N. in Geneva

Hamas did not immediately respond to a request for comment.



250 taken hostage in the Oct. 7 cross-border attacks that sparked a military retaliation in Gaza that has since killed over 37,000 people, by Palestinian tallies.

The reports, which cover the conflict through to end-December, found that both sides committed war crimes including torture; murder, or willful killing; outrages upon personal dignity; and inhuman or cruel treatment. Israel also committed addition-

al war crimes including starvation as a method of warfare, it said, saying Israel not only failed to provide essential supplies like food, water, shelter, and medicine to Gazans but "acted to prevent the supply of those necessities by anyone else".

Some of the war crimes such as murder also constituted crimes against humanity by Israel, the COI statement

crimes knowingly committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack against civilians.

"The immense numbers of civilian casualties in Gaza and widespread destruction of civilian objects and infrastructure were the inevitable results of a strategy undertaken with the intent to cause maximum damage, disregarding the principles of distinction, proportionality, and adequate precautions," the COI statement said.

Sometimes, the evidence gathered by such U.N.-mandated bodies has formed the basis for war crimes prosecutions and could be drawn on by the International Criminal Court.

MASS KILLINGS. SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND HUMILIATION The COI's findings are based on interviews with victims and witnesses, hundreds of submissions, satellite imagery, medi-

Among the findings in the 59-page report on the Oct. 7 attacks. the commission verified four incidents of mass killings in public shelters which it said suggests militants had "standing operational instructions". It also identified "a pattern of sexual violence" by Palestinian armed groups but could not independently verify reports of rape.

The longer 126-page Gaza report said Israel's use of weapons such as MK84 guided bombs with a large destructive capacity in urban areas was incompatible with international humanitarian law "as they cannot adequately or accurately discriminate between the intended military targets and civilian objects".

It also said Palestinian men and boys were subject to the crime against humanity of gender persecution, citing cases where victims were forced to strip naked in public in moves "intended to inflict severe humiliation".

The findings will be discussed by the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva next week. The COI composed of three independent experts including its chair South African former U.N. human rights chief Navi Pillay was set up in 2021 by the Geneva Council. Unusually, it has an open-ended mandate -a fact criticized by both Israel and some of its allies.

Kim Jong Un Praises "Invincible" Ties With Russia **Amid Reports Of Putin Visit**

in a message to Putin

carried in the official

Korean Central News

Their "meaningful"

ties will "further consol-

idate the eternal mile-

stone" in the new era,

Kim added, according

Yonhap said that sat-

ellite images showed

possible signs of a

"large structure" being

installed in Pyong-

yang's Kim II Sung

Such activity has pre-

viously been observed

when North Korea was

preparing for large-

scale events in the

capital, such as mili-

tary parades or visits

by high-ranking foreign

figures, according to

When he visited

Putin last year, Kim

said the North's ties

with Moscow were his

country's "number one

to KCNA.

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Agency Wednesday.



SEOUL, Jun 12 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Wednesday hailed his country's ties with Russia, saying the two nations were "invincible comrades-in-arms", amid reports President Vladimir Putin will visit Pyongyang imminently. Kim made a rare overseas trip to meet Putin in Russia's far east last year, with Seoul and Washington subsequently claiming Pyongyang was shipping weapons to Moscow for use in Ukraine, violating UN sanctions, in return for technical help with its satellite program.

Putin was expected to pay a return visit to North Korea in the coming days, after the Kremlin told Russian media in May that the trip was "being prepared".

South Korea's Yonhap

listic technology, but Moscow used its UN Security Council veto in March to effectively end UN monitoring of violations, for which Pyongyang has specifically thanked Russia. North Korea has denied the allegations that it is shipping weapons to Russia, calling the claim "absurd".

However, a pentagon report last month said Russia is using North Korean ballistic missiles in Ukraine, citing debris analysis.

Experts said that during Putin's visit to Pyongyang, North Korea would likely push to export more war materials to be used in the Ukraine war, in exchange for importing food and energy from

Russia. There is a "disparity in the threat perception between what's happening in Ukraine -- an actual, visible conflict -and what's happening in North Korea -- the possibility of a crisis, which may seem distant when compared to the realities of the Russia-Ukraine war," Soo Kim, a former CIA analyst, told agency. "This plays to both Putin and Kim's advantage, obviously, as Putin, who's currently embroiled in the war and is pressed to receive help in his war efforts, and Kim is keen to build out his weapons program further," she added.

By Israel's count, more than 1,200 people were killed and

said, using a term reserved for the most serious international

cal reports, and verified opensource information.

Jailed ex-Pakistan PM Imran Khan changes his mind, gives green signal for talks with government

ISLAMABAD, Jun 12 (Agencies): Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan in an apparent U-turn has given a green signal for talks with the government to ease the ongoing political tension, days after refusing to have a dialogue with the toothless ruling coalition.

The change of heart came after the Supreme Court during a hearing of a case on changes to the country's graft laws observed that Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party should initiate talks with the government and resolve its issues in parliament through dialogue.

Speaking to journalists outside the Adiala Jail where Khan is incarcerated, PTI leader Gohar Ali Khan said that Khan has given the go-ahead for the talks with the government. He said the party would initially take its allies into confidence but could also take a solo flight on the issue.

"We told the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder that dialogue is necessary, as the distance is widening. He agreed with us (on this)," Gohar told the media outside the Adiala jail in Rawalpindi.

According to Gohar, Khan, 71, wanted the avenues of dialogue to be opened.

"The PTI founder has said many times that 'I am ready to forgive what happened to me'," Gohar was quoted as saying by Geo TV.

The cricketer-turnedpolitician has been lodged at the highsecurity Adiala Jail at Rawalpindi since his arrest 10 months ago for his involvement in multiple cases, some of which have resulted in conviction. When asked if the

negotiations will take place at the behest of the Supreme Court's advice, Gohar said: "The option given by the apex court is also under consideration." However, he emphasised that it is PTI's "own decision" to negotiate

"The PTI founder did not write any letter to the SC for negotiation. PTI will also respond to its negotiation option."

Gohar said that the party would begin its negotiations after talking to Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party chief Mahmood Khan Achakzai. He said there is an alliance with Achakzai and other parties, and that his party will take them



the party's leadership

was directed to hold

talks with various politi-

cal parties outside the

Parliament, while its

lawmakers were also

asked to enhance its

relations with parties in the ruling coalition gov-

Gohar told journalists

that the party's founder

met with lawyers today

and informed them

about not being allowed

Khan's decision came

after his interaction with

Chief Justice of Pakistan

Qazi Faez Isa when he

appeared for a hearing

before the Supreme

During the hearing per-

taining to the National

Accountability Bureau

(NAB) law amendments,

CJP Isa suggested that

Khan go to the Parlia-

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"Negotiations can also be held at the alliance level. PTI can also initiate itself," said the party's chief, reiterating that there is no option but negotiation.

"We have never refused to negotiate. The ice is breaking. We want things to improve," said Gohar, insisting that his party's negotiation offer should not be interpreted as a deal.

However, he made it clear that the negotiations should not be considered as a deal or weakness of the party. His comment comes days after Khan decided to step back from his rigid stance, ordering his party leaders to establish contacts both inside and outside the Parliament to ease the ongoing political tension, sources told Geo News.

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minister has given his party's three-member committee the authority to establish contact with the sources.

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power," he said.

by a journalist that the Supreme Court has also now asked him to talk to other political parties, Khan said he did not even negotiate with (Prime Minister) Shaukat Aziz during the Musharraf era. "I only spoke to Musharraf's representative," he said. Khan said that at the request of former Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial, his party negotiated with other political parties on the issue of elections. He said the elections were to be held in 90 days, and alleged that Bandial came under pressure and could not

time.

the country needs to The former prime

the establishment, said Last week, Khan said that dialogue would be held only with those who wield real power in the

"We will talk with those who have power. They (parties in the government) do not have When pointed out

Wednesday.

enforce the polls on

news agency reported the visit could take place "as early as next week," as part of a tour that would also include a stop in Vietnam.

Ties between North Korea and Russia have "developed into an unbreakable relationship of comrades-inarms," leader Kim wrote

Analysts have also warned that ramped-up testing and production of artillery and cruise missiles by the nucleararmed North could be in preparation for shipments to Russia for use in Ukraine.

North Korea is barred by UN sanctions from any tests using bal-

Elon Musk's X Begins Hiding Likes For Users



SAN FRANCISCO, Jun 12 (Agencies): Elon Musk on Wednesday confirmed the roll out of a new feature that will hide all likes by default for X users. X is rolling out "private likes" which will likely show up on users' timelines from

This means that users' likes on the platform will be hidden by default and they "will be able to like content without worrying about who might see it".

Musk said that it is "important to allow people to like posts without getting attacked for doing so".

Last month, Haofei Wang, X's director of engineering, had said the upcoming change is meant to protect users' public image. "Yeah, we are making likes private. Public likes are incentivising the wrong behaviour," he had posted on X.

For example, many people feel discouraged from liking content that might be "edgy" in fear of retaliation from trolls, or to protect their public image.

"Soon you'll be able to like without worrying who might see it. Also a reminder that the more posts you like, the better your 'For you' algorithm will become," Wang had said.

According to the social media platform, like is visible between you and the author.

"The author will be notified, but not anyone else. Bookmark is only visible to you. We could even make it customisable for users," according to Wang.

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Haier India introduces Graphite Refrigerators with Matte Finish Steel Doors

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: Haier Appliances India, the No.1 global major appliances brand for 15 consecutive years, unveiled its Graphite series, a premium range of steel door refrigerators featuring a matte finish and contemporary design elevating the aesthetics of modern Indian homes. The series will be available in capacities ranging from 205 to 602 Lts, catering to various storage requirements, making it suitable for every Indian household.

With a focus on premiumization, the new range of refrigerators feature a sleek matte finish design, seamlessly blending into

modern Indian homes is available across a wide and elevating kitchen range of configurations spaces with contempoincluding Direct Cool, top-mounted, bottomrary elegance. The series

PRESENTING THE ALL NEW

GRAPHITE SERIES

MATT FINISH REFRIGERATORS RANGE

mounted, 2-door side-byside, and 3-door side-byside. Haier has also introduced the matte finish series in its revolutionary 3-door Wi-Fi Convertible Side by Side Refrigerators range, empowering users to convert the freezer section to a fridge from anywhere using the HaiSmart App.

Commenting on the launch, NS Satish, President, Haier Appliances India said, "At Haier, our enduring commitment revolves around delivering customer-inspired innovative solutions that enrich everyday lives across the country. Our strategic focus revolves around introducing bestin-class products across various categories on

the back of exhaustive research, state-of-the-art technologies, and highly efficient manufacturing processes. Having established a strong presence in the Indian market for over two decades, the launch of our Graphite Series reflects our commitment to consumers by offering the perfect combination of premium innovation and design. Recognizing the evolving needs of consumers, we are steadfast in our pursuit of offering appliances that combine efficiency with aesthetic excellence. We are confident that our new range will deliver a premium experience, aligning perfectly with the evolving needs

of our customers.

Prithivigarh Resort welcomes Anmol Rathore & Family to Bhaderwah

Top News Report

BHADERWAH, June 12: Prithivigarh Resort, nestled in the picturesque Jaie valley of Bhaderwah, is delighted to announce the arrival of Anmol Rathore and her family Urmila Prithviraj Katal, the esteemed owner of Prithivigarh Resort extends a warm welcome to Rathore, a local luminary who has achieved significant milestones.

The opportunity to host Anmol Rathore and her family is a source of great pride for Prithivigarh Resort and the entire community of Bhaderwah. As a beacon of hospitality in the region, Prithivigarh Resort is dedicated to providing exceptional experiences and celebrating the accomplishments of



individuals like Rathore. Urmila Prithviraj Katal expresses her heartfelt joy at the recognition of Ms. Rathore's achievements. "We are thrilled to have Anmol Rathore and her family as our guests at Prithivigarh Resort. Rathore's success is a testament to the talent and determination found in our community, and we

are honored to be part of her journey."

Prithivigarh Resort is renowned for its luxurious accommodations. breathtaking views, and impeccable service. Guests can expect an unforgettable stay surrounded by the natural beauty of the Jaie valley and the warm hospitality of the Prithivigarh team.

Altaf Bukhari concerned over two terror incidents in Kathua, Doda

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: Apni Party President, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari has expressed concern over the terror related twin incidents in Kathua, and Doda.

Expressing his displeasure over the incidents, Altaf Bukhari said that these terror incidents aim to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu region by targeting the civilian population, and security forces.

"The Govt should take a tough stance, and the security forces should ensure the peace is not disturbed and communal harmony is maintained," he said.

He further asked the people to remain vigilant from the elements. who are trying to disturb peace, and help the security forces in maintaining a peaceful atmosphere.

"The Govt should keep close monitoring of the situation in Jammu region's three districts i.e., Reasi, Kathua, and

Doda Districts where these terror related incidents have been reported in the last over 72 hours," he said.

He suspected that these terror incidents seem a conspiracy against the strong Govt of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Condemning the terror attack in Kathua, he also expressed solidarity with the family members of CRPF personnel namely Kabir Dass, who was martyred at village Seda

Sohal in Hiranagar in Kathua District. Meanwhile, Vice President, Aijaz Ahmed Khan

has strongly condemned the terror incident in Reasi in which a bus carrying Shiv Khori pilgrims was targeted. He also condemned the

terror incidents in Kathua's Hiranagar and Doda district in which a CRPF person was martyred, and several security force personnel injured in Doda respectively. General Secretary of

the Party, Vijay Bakaya also expressed shock

over the surge in terror incidents and alarmed the authorities that they should act carefully to foil any kind of the nefarious designs of the anti-

national elements. "These incidents have the potential to create panic in the society and hurt communal harmony," he added, expressing faith at the capability of the J&K Police and security forces that they would handle the situation. Similarly, Provincial

President of Jammu, S. Manjit Singh also condemned the terror attacks, and asked the security forces to act tough against the terrorists

He also appealed to the people of Jammu region to maintain communal harmony at any cost.

Other leaders of the Party from Kathua and **Doda including President** Kandi (Bani-Basohli), Yasar Choudhary have also condemned the terror incidents and termed it a threat to the peace in the region.

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: Prof. B N Tripathi, the Vice Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST)-Jammu, addressed media persons today to announce the inaugural AgriThon 2024. All statutory Officers, including Deans and Directors were present during the event. The event, a first for the Union Territories (UTs) of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, will be hosted by SKUAST-Jammu under ICAR's NAHEP World Bank project.

Prof. Tripathi highlighted the significance of the event, noting its primary aim to motivate students from higher education institutions across J&K and Ladakh, including agricultural universities, technical institutions. IIT, IIM, NIT, Central and State Universities to devise innovative. out-of-the-box solutions for real-world problems of agriculture and allied sectors

He emphasized that the AgriThon 2024 is



designed to spark young minds for both personal growth and the betterment of the agricultural sector and its farmers. A dedicated portal for the AgriThon 2024 was also launched by the Vice Chancellor to ensure smooth submission of concepts notes and transparency in proceedings. Registration for the event is free of cost and can be done through the online portal https:// skuast.org/AgriThon/ or by scanning the provided QR code. The Vice Chancellor outlined the event's structure, which

promotes inter-institutional and multifaceted collaborations. Participants can form groups of four, including at least two students and/or faculty members, along with entrepreneurs from J&K. They are invited to submit concept notes that align with one of four thematic areas: 'Innovations in Livestock, Dairying, Poultry, and Fish Farming', 'Innovations in Crop and Horticulture Farming', 'Innovations in Farm Mechanization, Digital Agriculture, and Automation', and 'Innovations in Post-Harvest Processes.

Value Addition, Supply Chain, and Logistics. The last date for submitting the concept notes at level I is 25th June 2024 The final event will be held at SKUAST-Jammu, Main Campus Chatha, where each team will have 15 minutes for their technical presentation. Screened ideas will be evaluated by the high level committee on the basis of novelty, value proposition, market strategy, team composition, risk fac-

tors, and strategies to overcome these challenges. Winners from each thematic area will be awarded cash prizes and citations. The cash prizes worth Rs. 7.40 lakhs include Rs. 1.0 lakh for the first position, Rs. 50,000 for the second position, Rs. 25,000

for the third position, and Rs. 10,000 for the fourth position. All screened applicants who appear for the final presentation will receive a certificate of participation. Prof. Tripathi encouraged all eligible students and entrepreneurs to participate and contribute to the

advancement of the agricultural sector in the region.

The queries of the press and media were addressed by Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, and Dr. Hema Tripathi, Associate Director Extension & Organising Secretary. Dr. Manish Kumar, e-platform organizer, Dr. Vikas Sharma, PI NAHEP & Organising Secretary, Dr. Punit Choudhary, and Dr. Pawan K Sharma. Co-Organising Secretaries, were also present during the conference.

Cong questions PM Modi's 'Silence' on terror attacks in J&K

a testament to the fact that their 'Naya Kashmir' policy is an abject failure," Khera said in a statement.

His remarks come amid a rise in terror incidents in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch

Khera claimed that in the past 10 years, "loud chest-thumping" by the Modi government has made national security a "casualty." While innocents suffer the consequences of cowardly terror attacks, business as usual continues, he said.

"Even as Shri Narendra Modi and his NDA Government was swearing in, and heads of states were visiting the country, India suffered a horrific and gruesome terror attack in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir. where 9 precious lives were lost and at least 33 people were injured, when terrorist fired upon a bus filled with pilgrims from Shiv Khori Temple to Katra," he said.

"Not even innocent children were spared. Did the victims not deserve a word of sympathy from the self-proclaimed 'divine' prime minister," he asked.

Following that, the Congress leader said, another terror attack took place in Kathua, where one civilian was injured.

On June 11, he said, six security personnel and a civilian were injured in an encounter with terrorists at Chhatrakala, Doda, Jammu. According to officials, terrorists opened

fire on a joint checkpoint manned by the 4 Rashtriya Rifles and police in Chattergalla area along Bhadarwah-Pathankot.

"A spate of terror attacks has gripped Jammu and Kashmir in the past three days, whilst PM Modi is busy posting responses to congratulatory tweets by Pakistani leaders Nawaz Sharif and Pak PM PM Shahbaz Sharif. Why has he not spoken a single word on the dastardly terror attacks? Why has he maintained a stoic silence," Khera asked.

"Is it not a fact that Pir Panjal Range Rajouri and Poonch has now become a hotbed of cross-border terrorism in the past 2 years, as over 35 soldiers have been martyred, following terror attacks in these areas in the past two years, alone? And now terror has also spread to neighbouring Reasi district, which was considered relatively peaceful," he said.

The Congress leader noted that at least 19 major terror attacks have taken place on security installations under the Modi government, including on CRPF camps, army camps, Air Force station and military stations in Pulwama, Pampore, Uri, Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amarnath Yatra attack, Sunjwan Army camp, Poonch terror attacks where scores of precious lives have been lost.

"Is it not true that Modi Government invited the rogue ISI to investigate the Pathankot attack in 2016," he asked.

Is it not true that Modi government endangered national security even as 2,262 terror attacks took place in J-K, in which 363 civilians died and 596 jawans were martyred, Khera added.

DIG, SSP escape unhurt in terrorist attack in Kathua. Arms, Ammor Recovered

In a related development, the security forces recovered arms and ammunition around the ongoing gunfight site.

As per the official, the recovered arms and ammunition included; three magazines containing 30 rounds, one another magazine containing 24 rounds, 75 rounds in a separate polythene, 3 live grenades, 1 lakh currency (200 notes of rupees 500), eatables (Pak-made chocolates, dry channa and stale chapatis), Pak-made medicines and injections (pain-killers), 1 syringe, 2 packs of A4 batteries and 1 handset wrapped in tape having antenna and 2 wires hanging from the handset.

Meanwhile, in view of the terrorist attack on a joint camp of security forces in Chattergala area in Bhaderwah, the authorities have ordered for suspension of traffic movement on Bhaderwah-Pathankot Highway till further orders.

Dialogue with Pakistan only way to end terrorism in J&K: Faroou Abdullah

in Kathua district. The overnight encounter ended after a second terrorist was also gunned down on Wednesday but a CRPF jawan lost his life in the operation. The NC president told reporters here on

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Wednesday, "I have always said that terrorism is not going to end unless there is an understanding between the two nations (India and Pakistan). Terrorism will continue and we will have to face it. The tragedy is that innocent people are getting killed... and that is unfortunate.'

More innocent people would lose their lives unless "we wake up" and "find a solution to this". he said.

Referring to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's remarks that India will focus on resolving issues along its borders, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said "dialogue" is the only way forward.

Shortly after taking charge of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for the second term, Jaishankar on Tuesday said efforts will be made to address cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan as it cannot be the "policy of a good neighbour."

Jaishankar also said India will focus on resolving the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

"The foreign minister himself said yesterday that with China, we have to have a dialogue and for the first time, he mentioned Pakistan also. I hope they continue and find a solution to it," Abdullah said.

"We are the ones facing tragedies. Innocent people of the state are facing tragedies and a reflection of this happens in the rest of the country. I hope they realise that the time has come to end this," he added.

PM Modi likely to visit Srinagar on June 21 to participate in **International Yoga Day event**

would also attend the event.

They said the government has started making massive arrangements for Modi's first trip to Kashmir after being sworn in for the third consecutive time as Prime Minister. The Prime Minister on Tuesday urged everyone to make Yoga an integral part of

their lives. He also said that Yoga offers a sanctuary of calm, enabling us to navigate life's challenges with calm and fortitude.

"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," Modi said in a series of posts on X yesterday.

"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 encouraging 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.

Thousands of Kashmiri Pandits leave for Kheer Bhawani Mela in Kashmir amid tight security

Karwani and other officers of the divisional administration from the Nagrota area.

The devotees left in 176 buses while singing bhajans and chanting slogans.

"More than 5000 Kashmiri Pandits departed for Kashmir to participate in Kheer Bhawani Mela. They have left Nagrota early today in 176 buses amid tight security arrangements in place," Relief Commissioner Dr. Arvind Karwani told media.

The devotees were seen enthusiastic to participate in Mela Kheer Bhawani and other shrines in Kashmir valley. "We are eagerly waiting the moment to reach to the Tul Mula Ganderbal and take part in Kheer Bhawani Mela. Besides we are visiting other shrines of Kashmir valley also," devotees expressed.

The annual Kheer Bhawani Mela, celebrated on Zeisht Ashtami, will be held on June 14 at the shrines of Tulmulla in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, Tikker in Kupwara, Laktipora Aishmuqam in Anantnag, Mata Tripursundri Devsar in Kulgam, and Mata Kheer Bhawani Manzgam in Kulgam.

Around 80,000 migrant Kashmiri Pandits from different parts of the country and outside are expected to visit the five renowned temples in the valley this year.

8 terror handlers declared proclaimed offenders by **Police in B'la**

cases were registered against the eight handlers.

"The terror handlers are presently at PoJK/ Pakistan and are working with different terrorist outfits," police said.

Police said proclamation orders under Section 87 CrPC have been obtained from the court against the eight terror handlers, which have been pasted at their residences and public places with the directions of the court.

"They have asked to present themselves before the Court of Law within one month. failing which process for attachment of property under Section 88 CrPC shall be initiated against them," police said.

Elaborate security arrangements in place for Mela Kheerbhawani: **SSP Ganderbal**

visit Mata Kherbhawani in Tulmulla area of Ganderbal district, adding that all routes have been secured for the safety of pilorims. who intend to visit Mata Kherbhawani temple here. Besides Jammu and Kashmir police, CSPF and army have also been deployed for a secure and peaceful Mela Kheerbhawani.

"We are here for them and assure pilgrims that their safety is of most importance for us. They shouldn't feel any threat and should visit the Mata Kherbhawani temple without any fear as we are here for their safety and security," he said.

IAF Effort: General Elections-2024

This herculean task was achieved through close coordination with ECI and Chief Election Commissioners (CECs) of various States through nodal officers in order to optimize utilisation of assets factoring security, weather, road connectivity, etc. Helicopter assets of Indian Army (IA) and BSF were also dovetailed into the overall plan towards smooth conduct of General Elections-2024.

Woman objects to giving free ration to in-laws. commits suicide with 2 kids

The incident happened in Rajasthan's Barmer district on Tuesday night, they said. Rehmat (28) committed suicide by jumping into the water tank near their house along with her daughter Maryam (8) and son Yasin (5), Assistant police sub-inspector Sanwalaram said.

BUSINESS/LOCAL

Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy organizes Yoga Classes

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UDHAMPUR, June 12: Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur organized Yoga Classes under the overall supervision of Garib Dass, ADGP, the Director of SKPA Udhampur. The event took place at the main Parade ground where GOs, NGOs, other Police personnel, and trainees from various ongoing courses assembled at the ground at around 05:45 hrs to attend the yoga session in natures lap.

At the beginning the Academy welcomed the guest faculty and intro-

duced themselves to all the participants and briefed them by yoga experts. Subsequently all the participants starts to perform yoga exercises as offered under the supervision of yoga experts Shri. Narinder Anand and Smt. Shweta Anand, National Coordinators of the Youth Empowerment Group, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kerala. The Yoga experts also

delivered a lecture to the participants, highlighting the benefits of yoga exercises for maintaining physical and mental health about significance of yoga which becoming more popular among all

broad holistic approach that focuses on teaching people a new lifestyle, way of thinking, and way of being in the world. In the process, however, it is also found to bring a myriad of healing effects. By attending to practices for improving, regaining or retaining general good health, a person is likely to find that some of his more specific difficul-

ties tend to disappear. Many of the healing effects of yoga are clinically verified. the most important benefits of yoga is its application in relieving stress, fatigue, invigoration and vitality

and its anti-aging properties and its application for relaxation therapy. The Nation also celebrates and organizes various yoga events worldwide on the 21st of June every year as "International Yoga Day" to raise public awareness about the benefits of yoga, especially in addressing current health issues. Multiple organizations are engaged in organizing yoga events in every nook and corner to address health issues during the present and future lives of human beings.

The yoga classes started on 12.06.2024 from 0600 hrs to 07:30 hrs

and scheduled to be culminated on 13.06.2024 within the premises of SKPA Udhampur. The Academy also provided basic amenities, suitable accommodation, and transport facilities for the guest faculty from the aforementioned organization from Udhampur to Jammu and vice versa. The techniques and procedures to be adopted has been taught by the yoga faculty during yoga exercises with the aim to given relief and stressfree life especially Police Personnel and the same required to be continu-

into.

ously for betterment of the department.

Religious Tourism And Heritage Cultural Trust organises Chintan Baithak Meeting

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JAMMU, June 12: In view of recent spur in terror violence in Jammu region, a grave concern stands raised by peace loving citizens of Jammu under the banner of Jammu Kashmir Religious Tourism Culture & Heritage Trust at Press Club Jammu and organised by Mahant Rajesh Bittu, Chairman of Trust. Chintan Baithak, as the

meeting was referred, was attended by a good number of prominent persons from all walks of life, and from social and political backgrounds.

Civil Society of Jammu region today strongly condemned the recent rise of terrorist related incidents during which many innocents lost their lives while some jawans of security forces attained martyrdom.

Mahant Rajesh Bittu said that in Jammu and Kashmir, innocent people are being killed by mili-



tant attacks, in connecthe militants. While addressing tion with this, the all civil society and the religious the gathering, Team Jammu chief Zorawar community of Jammu and Singh Jamwal strongly Kashmir have today orgacondemned the ternized a discussion meetrorist attacks in Reasi, ing through the Religious Kathua and Doda dis-Tourism and Haritage tricts of Jammu region Cultural Trust in Jammu and demanded a strong and in this meeting, the action against all those Jammu and Kashmir who trying unleash government was warned fresh reign of terror in that if these attacks are this peaceful region. He not stopped, then all the asserted that it seems religious community and Pakistan has forgotten civil society will unite and Balakot action by Indian start demonstrations in Jammu and will carry out forces and further urged a strong protest against the government of India

to formulate a stern policy to ensure not even a single subversive activity by anti national elements takes place in J&K.

Former President Shri Amar Khastriya Rajput Sabha and Sr BJP Leader Narayan Singh said that Amarnath Yatra is about to start and such militant attacks have started in our Jammu, the government should take some action in this regard, if this is not done then all the people of Jammu Kashmir will start a movement in which the government will be responsible and will be seen on all the district roads adjoining Jammu and Jammu. During the meeting a unanimous resolution was passed by the gathering to initiate mass campaign to make people aware and keep a cautious approach on every suspected movement in their respective areas and give a befitting reply to anti national elements. Other Persent the occasion Rajive Gupta Vice

President Chamber of commerce, Ravinder Singh, Jasvinder Singh, Vicky Sarpanch, Tersam, Rajan Gupta, Karan Singh, Manav Gupta, Kuldeep Kandari, Rajinder, Bharat Raksha Manch, Former Corporator Amit Gupta, Vishal, Pankaj Gupta, Mahant Shri Shanti Giri, Mahant Shri Mohan Giri , Vijay Krishan Prasher yoga Acharya, Mohan Bharati, Mahant Jasmeer, Mahant Meshanand, Mahant Raj Giri.

Narinder visits Sartaj Madni's residence in Nowpora Kulgam to condole

Down in the dumps, EV industry awaits another shot of FAME

NEW DELHI, June 12 (Agencies): With a new government in power at the Centre, India's electric vehicle (EV) industry is awaiting a fresh instalment of an incentive package to save it from the morass it has sunk

The good news? It is very much on the cards, as part of Modi 3.0's 100-day Plan, and could well be announced at the earliest

Just as well, because the expiry of the previous instalment of the incentive package, called 'Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric and Hybrid Vehicles in India' or FAME, had seen electric two-wheeler sales plummeting. In fact, when government slashed subsidy from 40 per cent to 15 per cent of a vehicle's price last year, EV sales had dropped by as much as 50 per cent, by some estimates.

When FAME-I was first introduced back in 2015, it spurred a 600 per cent growth in EV sales, though on a minuscule base.

However, EV sales had flatlined since the slash in subsidy last year and the eventual expiry of FAME-II on March 31. Unable to announce a new package due to the election model code of conduct being in place, the government had announced a four-month stop-gap arrangement called Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme (EMPS), with a fund of



500 crore rupees "Expiry of FAME-III is the only reason (behind the drop in electric 2W sales). With EV adoption, we are talking of a long-term shift. There will always be some little bit of ups and downs along the way," said Prtitesh Talwar, president of Lectrix EV, a company that manufactures electric two-wheelers as well as storage solutions. "Ultimately, conversion

will happen. In fact, when I look at our data, I am surprised — so many of our sales, as much as 70 per cent, are happening in tier-2, tier-3 towns, not in metros like Bengaluru!"

While adoption is picking up pace, sales going up and down based on FAME incentives (falling when the subsidy is cut and growing when new measures are announced) will weigh on the government's mind while rolling out FAME-III, expected soon. Initial estimate is an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore meant as subsidies for electric two-wheelers, electric three-wheelers and electric buses.

two years, FAME-III is likely to support electric bus buying by government departments and state road transport corporations. It is unlikely that subsidy will be provided for electric cars. though there is a demand for the same from industry quarters. The bigger question

To be initially valid for

will be what fresh categories would find place in FAME-III — hybrid cars are a possibility, while many have felt that rather than just subsidising sales, the scheme should look at larger issues of the electric mobility sector.

"While incentives are crucial to the industry, we expect FAME-III to include certain measures to alleviate the concerns faced by the industry, such as a higher proportion of incentives for charging infrastructure, dedicated incentives towards research and development, as well as expansion towards commercial vehicles," said Saurav Kumar, partner with the law firm Indus-Law

Summer Camp for Children inaugurated at JU



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of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA)

SRINAGAR, June 12: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Wednesday, extended greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Urs of Hazrat Ameer-e-Kabeer, Mir Syed Ali Hamadani (RA), and appealed to them to pray for sustained peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir

In his message, Bukhari said, "Hazrat Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (RA), as we (RA), will always remain alive in our hearts as he has played a pivotal role in bringing Islam to Kashmir and enriching its cultural and spiritual landscape. Today, on the annual Urs observance, I extend my warm greetings to the people of Kashmir." Apni Party president appealed to people to pray for the sustained peace and prosperity of Kashmir on this auspicious occasion. He also urged the administration

Bukhari greets people on the annual Urs

call him Shah-e-Hamdan

to ensure all the facilities at the shrine of Khankah Srinagar and other religious places where devotees of Shah-e-Hamdan would come to offer special prayers. He said, "The revered

shrine at Khankah is Srinagar the epicentre of faith for the Muslims of Kashmir. The administration must provide all the services, especially the transport facilities, for the people to reach the shrine to offer the congregational prayers."

Narinder visits Madni to condole his son's demise

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JAMMU, June 12: Social activist and senior PDP leader Narinder Sharma visited the residence of People's Democratic Party senior leader Sartaj Madni in Nowpora Kulgam to offer his condolences following the untimely demise of Aroot Madni, Sartaj Madni's son. Sharma met with Sartaj Madni and other family members, extending his heartfelt sympathy over the tragic loss. In his condolence message, Sharma described the tragedy as inconsolable and irreparable, stating that no words could ease the family's pain. He emphasized the community's solidarity with the bereaved family during this time of profound sorrow and prayed for Almighty Allah to grant them the strength to endure their

loss. Sharma highlighted Aroot Madni's contributions as a budding politician and dedicated social activist, praising his philanthropic efforts and expressing that he will be remembered for his commitment to the betterment of people. Sharma concluded by praying for eternal peace for Aroot Madni's soul and strength for the family to accept this difficult reality.

his son's sad and untimely demise

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12:m Social activist and senior PDP leader Narinder Sharma today visited residence of People's Democratic Party senior leader Sartaj Madni in Nowpora Kulgam to condole his son, Aroot Madni's sad and untimely demise. He met Sartai Madani and other members of the bereaved family and extended his heartfelt condolence over the sudden and tradic death of Aroot Madani. In his condolence message. Sharma 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. the bereaved family to We are here to share accept this bitter reality," your grief and stand in he prayed. solidarity with you in this

Top News Report 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.' Sharma termed his demise as unfortunate and huge loss to the family."He was a budding politician and a dedicated social activist who was always keen to work for the betterment of people. He will always be remembered for his philanthropic services," he said.He further expressed his profound solidarity with the bereaved family in this hour of despair."I pray for eternal peace to the departed soul and forbearance to

JAMMU, June 12: Summer Camp for Children was inaugurated here today at the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu. During this program, Children will be given training in Theatre, Dance and Fine Arts by the experts. The camp was inaugurated by Prof. Prakash C. Antahal (Dean Students Welfare) in the

presence of Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Dr. Harleen Kaur, Assistant DSW, Resource Persons of the Workshop, Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor SW, Nitika Aggarwal Bharatnatyam expert and participating children. While interacting with children, Prof. Prakash Antahal encouraged the participants to get the maximum benefit out of this training camp, as during such training programmes, one gets expo-

sure and a platform to enhance his or her talent and gain confidence to face the audience. He asserted that the aim of conducting such workshops within campus is to kindle confidence and creativity in the participants and also to impart a sense of belongingness towards the institution. It is pertinent to mention here that under

the patronage of the

esteemed Vice Chancel-

lor, Prof. Umesh Rai, the

Department of Students

Welfare, University of

Jammu has prepared

a vibrant calendar of

events which will fea-

ture a series of events

of cultural and literary

importance for the stake-

holders of the university,

which would be executed

by the team consisting of

Prof. Prakash Antahal

Dean Students Welfare,

Prof. Monika Chadha

Chairperson, CCC Prof.

Sarika Manhas Co-

Chairperson, CCC, Dr.

Pritam Singh Associate

DSW, Dr. Shallu Sharma,

& Dr. A.R. Manhas Deputy Chief Proctors, Dr. Harleen Kaur and Dr. Ripudaman Parihar Assistant DSW, members of Campus Cultural Committee & Students Cultural Representatives. Mansi Mantoo, Officer Incharge DSW, Sumeet Sharma Drama Instructor & Ifra Kak Cultural Officer.

Children who are participating in the summer camp include Shiva Gupta, Alavya Bhardwaj, Prajval Antahal, Tasmia Sohrab, Tasbia Sohrab, Iknoor Kaur, Kritya Gupta, Yakshita Singh, Ishanvi Salaria, Jyanvi Salaria, Adhya Sharma, Vatsalva Kapoor, Vanshika Pangotra, Manya Rajput, Meeshita Mahajan, Saumya Mahajan, Ashwika Verma, Aradhya Sharma, Bhavya Sharma, Amarta Choudhary, Bharti Kavya Choudhary, & Ayushman Khajuria. Sound was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur and Arif Paul.

Catch all sports action this season with Vi Movies & TV App

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JAMMU, June 12: A recent report by Ormax Media stated that there are 678 million sports audiences in India, with cricket and football being the top two sports with an audience base of 612 million and 305 million, respectively. To cater to this audience's growing preference for digital viewing experiences, Vi, a leading telecom operator, is making it easier for them to find and watch sports content.

This season, Vi users can catch all the

sporting action from the World's Biggest T20 Cricket Tournament on Disney+ Hotstar, UEFA Euro 2024, and Copa America, with a single subscription plan on the Vi Movies & TV App. Enhancing their experience, it is also giving users a chance to stream these events through connected TV, enabling a more immersive viewing experience.

That's not all! Vi has also launched an exclusive bundled subscription to simplify access to Disney+ Hotstar and Sony LIV, ensuring cricket and football fans never miss a moment of their favorite sport.

Army organises Medical Patrol in Poonch

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POONCH, June 12: Medical Patrol plays a crucial role in the remote and inaccessible areas of South of Pir Panjal region by providing essential health care service to the underserved communities particularly those residing in far-flung areas. Army conducted medical patrols dedicated in conjunction with Area Domination Patrols especially for Gujjar and

Bakarwal communities at Navni & Pritpal, Poonch. These patrols aim to provide essential Medical assistance and Healthcare Services to remote areas with limited access. The initiative underscores the Army's commitment towards the welfare of Gujjar and Bakarwal communities and thereby ensuring that maximum AWAM recieves crucial medical attention while migrating to their summer locations.

meeting to gauge situation, outline future strategy **Top News Report** SRINAGAR, June 12: Apni Party leadership has decided to hold an introspective meeting to analyze the reasons for the party's shortfalls during the recent LS polls.

Apni Party calls introspective

According to a party statement issued here, the veteran party leaders met today at the party headquarters in Srinagar and expressed their profound concern over the shortfalls during the recently held Lok Sabha polls.

The leaders noted that the party has not performed as per expectations in the assembly segments, thus it is imperative to ascertain the factors contributing to this unexpected decline in performance.

SPORTS

'Blatant cheating': Indian football fans outraged after controversial referee decision in FIFA World Cup qualifiers against Qatar

Fans and players are calling for accountability and transparency in officiating, hoping such a debacle is not repeated

CHANDIGARH, Jun 12 (Agencies): Indian football fans have been outraged following a controversial referee decision that allowed a disputed goal from Qatar.

The match, held at the Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium, saw India succumb to a heartbreaking 1-2 defeat to Qatar in a do-ordie FIFA World Cup qualifying match. The incident has led social media users branding the decision as 'blatant cheating' and accusing the referee of robbing India of a fair chance.

The match marked the beginning of the post-Sunil Chhetri era, under head coach Igor Stimac. Following Lallianzuala Chhangte's 37th minute goal, India led till the last 15 minutes of the regulation time and were on course for a stunning win over the Asian champions. But the hosts scored an outrageous



Gurpreet Singh Sandhu saved

the goal from Aymen. As the

ball slipped through Sandhu's

legs and rolled out of play,

Qatari forward Al Hassan

pulled it back from behind the

equaliser after the ball had gone over the line. It was a stunning oversight by the South Korean match officials that left the Indians in disbelief. Indian skipper and goalkeeper

line and squared it to Aymen, who slotted it into the net while Indian defenders prepared for a corner kick. Despite immediate protests from Indian players and the linesman's attempts to disallow the goal, the referee allowed it to stand, levelling the score at 1-1.

Replays clearly showed that the ball had crossed the line, but the decision remained.

India conceded another goal in the dying minutes, resulting in a 2-1 defeat.

Indian football fans and players are calling for accountability and transparency in officiating, hoping that such a debacle is not repeated.

Sandhu called for a more aggressive approach by his teammates, saying the 'unfortunate result' has showed that 'you don't just need the hook but the crook as well'.

their net run rate is infe-

himself' on tough New York pitches

Virat Kohli to bring 'earlier version of

T20 World Cup: Manjrekar urges

(Agencies): Ahead of rior India's ICC T20 World Cup game against USA, former Indian cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar urged Virat Kohli to tone down on his aggression and play a slightly conservative game at tough pitches in New York during the competition. India will play the USA in their third Group A game of the T20 World Cup at the Nassau County International Stadium on Wedneswhere he scored 741

In their previous game, India had defeated Pakistan in a low-scoring thriller by six runs.

day.

MUMBAI, Jun 12

USA's last game also saw them beat Pakistan in the Super Over after the match ended in a tie. India is at the top of the group with two wins in two games and four points. The USA is in second place with the same win-loss record and four points, though Virat, who is the lead-

ing run-scorer in the tournament history, has not had the best start to the tournament. with scores of just one and four runs against Ireland and Pakistan as an opener. Both times, he was dismissed while playing aggressively. Virat has come to the tournament after a stupendous Indian Premier League season with the bat for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB),

runs in 15 innings at

61.75 and a strike rate

of 154.69, with a century

Virat registered his

highest-ever strike rate

in his IPL career and

was exceptional against

spinners, taking a more

attacking approach

against them. Speaking

to ESPNCricinfo, Man-

irekar said that while

Virat has changed his

and five fifties.

game after being criticised for his allegedly slow strike rate, the "old Virat" would have been better on tough pitches in New York, where runscoring has been tough and batters have played conservatively.

"The problem with Virat Kohli is that there has been a lot of talk about his strike rate over the last two years, and he completely changed that during this IPL season. His strike rate had reached 150, although others had almost 200, but that is a different topic. He probably must have come to the T20 World Cup with that same mindset, but given the pitches, the old Virat Kohli would have been much better," said Manjrekar. "So, I feel someone should tell him to bring back that earlier version of himself and then change again when the pitches become flat," he added.

SL vs NEP: Sri Lanka stare at early elimination after rain plays spoilsport in Florida

FLORIDA, Jun 12 (Agencies): Sri Lanka find themselves on the verge of getting knocked out of the T20 World Cup 2024 after their Group D match against Nepal was called off due to rain. The gloomy weather at the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground in Lauderhill, Florida meant that the officials had to call off the match even without a toss

After the toss was delayed, rain stopped and the umpires called for an inspection at 8:30 PM local time (6:00 AM IST). However, immediately, it was decided that play would not be possible although the cut off time was 10:48 PM local time (8:18 AM IST). Wanindu Hasaranga and Co. are languishing at the bottom of the table with 1 point and a net run rate of -0.777 after being winless for 3 matches in a row



Sri Lanka's last and the group stage. Sri Lanka's net run rate is final match in the Group stage is against the also also a concern as Netherlands on Sunday, it is the worst amongst June 16 at the Daren all the 5 teams in the Sammy National Crick-Group. et Stadium in Gros Islet, Sri Lanka slumped to St Lucia. Nepal also find a 6-wicket loss at the themselves in a precarihands of the Proteas ous position going into to begin their campaign their remaining games

AUS vs NAM: Australia secure Super 8 spot as Zampa, bowlers steamroll Namibia

Australia secured their passage into the Super 8 stages with a commanding 9-wicket win over Namibia on June 12 in Antigua.

ANTIGUA, Jun 12 (Agencies): Australia secured their safe passage into the Super 8 stages of the T20 World Cup 2024 as they thrashed Namibia by 9 wickets on June 12, Wednesday. Adam Zampa was the star of the show with the ball as the bowlers stepped for the 2021 champions as they steamrolled past Namibia with ease. With the win, Australia joined South Africa as the second team to make it to the next round.

The Aussies won the toss on the day and put Namibia into batting first. Australia had given Mitchell Starc a rest for the game as the onus fell on the likes of Josh Hazlewood, Pat Cummins and Nathan Ellis to deliver the wickets early on. Hazlewood get Australia up and running as he dismissed Nikolaas Davin for just 2 runs in the 3rd over. This would trigger a major collapse for the African side as they went from 14 for 1 to 21 for 5 by the 9th over. Zampa would begin his work with the wicket of Green and then proceed to rattle the Namibia lower order as he



picked up 4 wickets on his way to becoming the leading wicket-taker for Australia in men's T20Is. Namibia captain Gerhard Erasmus, who had a very slow start, would provide some late resistance as he scored 36 off

perishing in the 2nd over, but the damage was already done. Travis Head and Mitchell Marsh carried on the momentum as Australia finished the match within the powerplay overs as the skipper hit the winning runs given a rest and the likes of Cummins and Ellis were expected to support Hazlewood.

They did just that as the pacers controlled the momentum in the powerplay and put Namibia immediately on the back foot. Then, it was all about the Zampa show, as he ended with figures of 4 for 12 in 4 overs to wreak havoc. Zampa has now gone to 3rd in the top wicket-takers list in the ongoing campaign and these are wonderful signs for Australia in the Super 8s, where they're expected to face India. England on the brink after Australia win

England's Super 8 hopes have now taken a big hit after Australia's win. The defending champions have just 1 point from 2 matches and will face Oman and Namibia next. However, wins in those games might not be enough to save them. England can maximum get to 5 points, the same as Scotland at the moment. In the game between Australia and Scotland, Buttler and Co. will be cheering their arch-rivals on and hoping they thrash Scotland.

qualify? For Sri Lanka to make their way through to the next round, they have to beat the Dutch in their last and final league game. Moreover, Netherlands and Bangladesh cannot win any of their remaining matches in

against South Africa and

How can Sri Lanka

the Netherlands.

for 77, their lowest in the history of T20Is. Thereafter, they lost to Najmul Hossain Shanto's Sri Lanka by 2 wickets. After their washed out match against Nepal, Sri Lanka need a miracle to advance to the next round.

in the worst possible

manner. Hasaranga's

men were bowled out

43 balls to ensure they went past the 50-run mark. But his wicket signalled the end of the resistance as Namibia were bundled out for just 72 runs.

The Australia chase was given an incredible start as David Warner took the attack to the Namibia bowlers. Warner scored 20 off 8 balls before

in the end. No Starc, No problem for Australia

In the first game, Starc set the tone for Australia as they defended perfectly against Oman. However, he had a slight niggle in the game and it sort of affected him in the England game. Today, the pacer was

Babar Azam took Paki-

stan over the line with

Rizwan and Babar

shared 63 runs for the

second wicket to set up

the platform for the win.

Babar made a run-a-

ball 33 with one six and

a four, while Rizwan

once again played the

role of an anchor, scor-

ing 53 not out from as

many deliveries with two

Pakistan did appear to

be making heavy weath-

er of a modest chase

when they had crawled

fours and a six.

15 balls to spare.

Distinguished Football Coach TK Chathunni Dies At 75

KOCHI, Jun 12 (Agencies): Former Kerala footballer TK Chathunni. who made a name for himself as a renowned coach, died on Wednesday at the age of 75 in Kochi following a brief illness, the All India Football Federation said. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. He was a top-rated defender during the 1960s and 1970s and also played for India during the Merdeka

Tournament 1973 in Kuala Lumpur. Having featured in six international matches for India, he also played for clubs like EME Centre (Secundrabad), Vasco Club (Goa) and Orkay Mills (Mumbai), besides also featuring for Services in the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy. But it was in coaching where he made a name for himself, having credited for unearth-

ing talents like former greats IM Vijayan, Bruno Coutinho and Jo Paul Anchery among others. As a coach, he helped Mohun Bagan win their maiden national league title, then NFL, during the 1997-98 season. He also holds the

distinction of coaching highest number of clubs in the country including that of FC Kochin, Salgaocar FC, Dempo Sports Club and **Churchill Brothers**



He coached Kerala Santosh Trophy team, Kerala Police among others

Describing Chathunni as a top class coach, AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey said: "Chathunni was a dependable defender and later a topclass coach. I extend my sincerest condolences to his family at this time of sorrow." AIFF acting secretary general M Satyanarayan stated: "TK Chathunni was a reputed footballer of his time and continued to inspire footballers of later generations with his coaching. His death has created a void in Indian football.'

NEW YORK, Jun 12 (Agencies): Pakistan's batters finally rose to the occasion to beat Canada by seven wickets in their must-win Group A match and give their campaign a boost in the T20 World Cup here

Opting to bowl, Pakistani bowlers, led by Mohammed Amir, produced a unified show to restrict Canada for a modest 106/7

While chasing 107 to win, opener Mohammad Rizwan and skipper

Pak live to fight another day to 28/1 in the powerplay with the Canadian seamers doing a fine

> iob. However, it became much easier when Canada spinners came into the attack and with their vast experience, Babar and Rizwan brought the equation down with deft rotation of the strike and punishing the bad balls.

Earlier, Aaron Johnson was the only bright spot for Canada.

On a two-paced wicket with the occasional uneven bounce making the rest of their batters struggle, Johnson waged a lone battle for Canada with a 44-ball 52, studded with four sixes and fours as the Pakistani bowlers kept chipping away with wickets.

Brief scores: Canada: 106/7 in 20 overs (Johnson 52; Amir 2/13, Rauf 2/26); Pakistan: 107/3 in 17.3 overs (Rizwan 53*, Babar 33; Heyliger 2/18).

"I Think It's A Team Game": India Coach's Sharp Retort To **Question On Ravindra Jadeja's Form**

NEW YORK, Jun 12 (Agencies):, Jun 12 (Agencies): India's bowling coach Paras Mhambrey opened up on all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja's poor performance in the ongoing T20 World Cup 2024 and said that it is a 'team game' one cannot expect all the players to come into form at once. In the ongoing T20 World Cup 2024, Jadeja has given a sloppy performance with both bat and ball. In India's first two matches of the tournament against Ireland and Pakistan, the 35-year-old failed to pick up wickets or deliver with bat. Speaking at the pre-match press conference, Mhambrey said that he is

happy that Rahul Dravid and Vikram Rathour are having conversations with Jadeja to motivate him. "I think it's a team game, right? It's going to be 11 guys. You really don't expect all of them coming into form. It's going to be performed every game that will happen. For me, I personally feel whatever conversations Rahul and Vicky are having around, I've been pretty happy with it. And you expect a oneodd game out there," Mhambrey said.

The bowling coach added that it's a long tournament and experienced player Jadeja needs just one game to get his form back. He also pointed out that it's not just Jadeja who's out of form but Shivam Dube and others are also struggling. "It's a long tournament. I think...someone like Jadeja, who's so vastly experienced, he just needs a game out there to just get his roots around and feel around. And we know that the skills that he has and the experience, he's going to go ahead and he's going to win your games. So that confidence we have in not only Jadeja but honestly with someone like Dube and others as well," he added.

He further said it's important for the team to back the players, especially in a tournament like T20 World Cup.

LOCAL

Blood Donation drive marks first anniversary of KISNA Diamond and Gold Jewellery in Jammu

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JAMMU, June 12: KISNA Diamond and Gold Jewellery, a leading name in exquisite jewellery, proudly marks the one-year milestone of its exclusive showroom in Augaf Market, Jammu.

To honour this special occasion, the company had organized a Blood Donation Drive to give back to the people of Jammu That has supported them throughout their iournev

conducted on behalf of the consumers who had purchased jewellery from the KISNA's exclusive

This noble initiative was

showrooms at Jammu. Jewellery said, "As we

celebrate the 1st anni-This social welfare approach reflects KISversary of our exclusive NA's holistic commitshowroom in Jammu, we ment to making a positive are honoured to contribimpact on society beyond ute to the well-being of its business operations. our community through Ghanshyam Dholakia, this blood donation drive. Founder and Manag-At KISNA, we believe ing Director of KISNA in making a meaningful Diamond and Gold impact beyond jewellery,

and this initiative exemplifies our commitment to social responsibility."

Parag Shah, Director, KISNA Diamond & Gold Jewellery said, "Today, as we honor the first anniversary of our exclusive showroom in Jammu, we reaffirm our commitment to giving back to the community. The blood donation drive stands as a testament to our values of compassion and solidarity, reflecting our ongoing mission to make a positive impact beyond the world of jewellery.

Arnav Jain and Rajeev Jain, Franchise Partner, KISNA, said, "Hosting the blood donation drive on

the occasion of our showroom's first anniversary in Jammu, fills us with pride and gratitude. It's a reflection of our dedication to serving not just our customers, but also the wider community. We believe in giving back, and this event exemplifies our commitment to making a meaningful difference in people's lives.' The blood donation drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from employees, customers. and members of the local community, reflecting the collective determination

to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

SMVDU Katra Alumni commissioned into Indian Army as Officer

Top News Report

KATRA, June 12: Nikhil Sharma, a former student of the School of ECE 2018-22 batch got commissioned into the Indian army as an officer on 08 June 2024 from Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.

The POP of the 154th Regular and 137th Technical Graduate Course was held at IMA on Saturday morning. After the oath ceremony at IMA, they took their first step of serving in the army as lieutenants.

Out of the total 394 cadets who passed out from IMA, 39 were foreign cadets. 355 Indian cadets will join different tions of the Indian Army and always keep the national flag high before being appointed as officers of the Indian Army.

ously keeps honing the talent of its students. Students passing out from SMVDU are making the university proud by getting posted in various institutions in the country and abroad. This achievement of Lt. Nikhil Sharma has made the

corps of the army and go to serve in every corner of the country. SMVDU alumni Nikhil

Sharma was also one of these cadets, who made the university proud with his success, 355 Gentleman Cadets took a pledge to maintain the rich tradi-

The SMVDU continu-

university family proud. SMVDU Vice Chancel-

lor Prof. Pragati Kumar sent his best wishes to the alumni. Lt. Nikhil Sharma thanked his professors and University for guiding him to make this possible.

Summer camp concludes at GHS City Chowk

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: The summer camp at GHS City Chowk concluded amidst enthusiasm and fun

All the students participated actively in the camp under the guidance of their mentors. As desired by the Chief Education Officer Jammu all the activities were performed day wise and as per the format /instructions issued by the higher authorities

On day one the students were apprised of healthy life style and also World Environmental Day was celebrated by planting trees and telling about afforestation and its uses. Also they were asked to

become responsible humans in land restoration

On the second day children spoke about the sustainable food system.The students were helped to revive their kitchen gardens. Uses of climber plants were discussed with the students as it is a space saving farming. Reduction of E waste was discussed with them through skits rallies and symposium

Fourth day included knowledge about reducing waste. Conservation of energy was the topic for the fifth day. Water and the importance of rain harvesting

was discussed with the local community. Single use of plastic was the

day. Mrignayani Slathia I/c Headmaster lauded the efforts of all the staff members and congratulated all the students for actively participating in the camp where they learnt by doing and per-

> forming She especially thanked Mr Manik Jamwal (teacher)who was the nodal officer of the camp.

highlight of the concluding

She also appreciated all the staff members for their contribution for making the camp a success especially Sunita Pandit (Master) who was also the coordinator of the week long Summer Camp for her contribution in teaching the children through TIE (Theatre In Education)as per NEP-2020.

Government claims to curb militancy proved futile: TMF

cases of militancy, resulting in the deaths of 17 civilians and two security personnel. Despite the security forces killing 13 terrorists, militancy activities continue unabated. In response, Vijay Sharma, Chairman of the Team Mask Force (TMF), issued a press release urging the government to strengthen its intelligence and security measures to combat militancy.

Sharma highlighted that despite years of efforts and significant financial expenditure, militancyrelated activities persist, leading to ongoing loss of lives in JK UT.

Sports vital for combating rising drug abuse among young: Tarun



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: In a stirring appeal to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Tarun Sharma, an actor, director, and social activist, emphasized the crucial role of sports in combating the rising tide of drug abuse among young people. As the President of Nat Manch, Youth President of Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Trust J&K, President of Japan Shotokan Karate-Do Kanninjuku Organization J&K, and a

schools

Dr. Tarun Sharma presented medals and trophies to the winners, coaches, and school management for their outstanding performance. He passionately encouraged the youth to take to the playgrounds and invest their time in

Dr. Sharma also called upon local authorities and community leaders to prioritize the development of sports infrastructure in rural areas, highlighting the need for a collective effort to nurture and promote rural sports.

Labour Dept in partnership with GHSS observes World Day Against Child Labour

Top News Report

RAMBAN, June 12: The Office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, in partnership with the Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Ramban, celebrated the World Day Against Child Labour today. The event was marked by an enthusiastic participation from the school community and officials, aiming to raise awareness about the fight against child labour. The occasion was graced by notable dignitaries including Rahul Gupta, District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) and District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) Ramban; Amit Kumar, Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) and Assistant Director Employment, Ramban; entities found promoting K.K. Sharma, Principal, child labour. child labour. GHSS Ramban; Ranjay

Amit Kumar ALC Ramban focused on key provisions of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, as amended in 2017. He explained the definitions

involvement in preventing

Lovepreet Singh Career Counsellor provided an in-depth discussion on the origins and reasons behind child labour. He motivated students to pursue higher education and provided guidance

drive, promoting environmental awareness and responsibility among the

students. The winning students of the quiz competition were awarded prizes in recognition of their knowledge and participation. Ranjay Kumar Senior Lecturer

The Rajouri District Inter-School Karate Championship was recently held at New Public High School in Sunderbani. The tournament was organized under the technical supervision of Ganesh Gupta, Style Chief J&K and Chief Instructor. Present at the event were Aryan Sharma, the organizer of the tournament; Lovely Sharma, Principal of New Public High School; Rajinder Sharma, DDC; and

BJP leader

Rohit Kumar. The tournament concluded with great enthusiasm and a display of exceptional sportsmanship, featuring participation from seven

At the end of the event, sports.



claims that militancy has

been curbed since the

abrogation of Article 370.

As of mid-2024, there

have been 19 reported

250 students, along with staff members from GHSS, the ALC office, and DECC Ramban were in attendance. Rahul Gupta elaborated on the objectives and theme of the World Day

Kumar, Senior Lecturer;

and Lovepreet Singh,

Career Counsellor from

the District Employment

and Counselling Centre,

Ramban. Approximately

Against Child Labour. He discussed the critical roles of various international organizations and bodies in combating child labour and outlined the support systems in place in district Ramban to rescue and rehabilitate affected children. He also detailed the legal penalties for individuals and

and prohibitions concerning child and adolescent labour, the role of inspectors, and the functions of the District Task Force in enforcing these laws. He also emphasized the importance of compulsory primary education for children up to the age of 14. K.K. Sharma, Principal of GHSS Ramban,

addressed the root causes of child labour in India and suggested ways to mitigate this societal challenge. He highlighted the importance of education and community

on preparing for civil service examinations. His session aimed to inspire students to aspire to greater educational and career achievements as a means to combat child labour.

The event also featured an interactive quiz competition, where questions related to child labour prevention and general knowledge were posed to the students followed by Prize distribution to winners

This session was followed by a tree plantation

in Mathematics at GHSS Ramban, hosted the event and concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks to all participants and contributors. He expressed gratitude for the successful collaboration and the commitment to organizing similar events in the

future The Assistant Labour Commissioner assured that more such awareness programs will be conducted to continually educate and mobilize the community against the menace of child labour.

dedicated social, sports, and political activist, Dr. Sharma underscored the transformative power of physical activity and the importance of engaging the youth in constructive pursuits.

Tournament officials included Pankaj Sharma, Rinku Mehta, Dheeraj Singh Manhas, Manik, Seema Sharma, Karan Singh, Gagan Singh, Prashant Dayal, Mandeep Singh, and

Sanjay Sharma, a senior

Dire need to wipe out growing terrorism in Jammu region: SSP

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP) JK UT expressed his anguish and pain on rapidly growing terrorism in Jammu region.

He condemned cowardly, inhuman and dastardly attack by terrorists on innocent pilgrims in Reasi district, resulting in loss of ten valuable lives and injuries to 30 persons.

Over last two years 32 soldiers have attained martyrdom in Poonch and Rajouri districts and recent attack in Reasi indicates that Pakistan along with its proxies has succeeded in shifting the epicenter of terrorism from Kashmir to Jammu Emboldened by their success, they may move unless appropriate and stringent measures are taken by the government to nip the bud on urgent basis

Coming Amarnath

Yatra and assembly

elections are likely to

deployed on ground.

DCs and SSPs must

districts and dovetailed in anti militancy operations Recent election and huge participation by people in voting process, clearly define that issue now is less political and military centric.

be accountable for their

A retired general from army needs to be brought in as Lt Governor alongwith two military advisors one each in Kashmir and Jammu regions who directly report to Lt Governor. Unified Command already existing needs to be revitalized to counter the double whammy of terrorism and narco terrorism.

Desperate situation need desperate measures, hence seamless integration of all resources, in a well coordinated manner will yield desired results in our fight of complete wiping out of terrorism in JK UT.

Shiv Sena(UBT) J&K, congratulated the party MPs on victory

Top News Report

MUMBAI, June 12: A team of party leaders from J&K led by Manish Sahni, chief Shiv Sena (UBT)J&K met the newly elected MPs Anil Desai and Arvind Sawant, who registered third consecutive victory in the Lok Sabha elections at Sena Bhavan in Mumbai today. Sahni congratulated them for their brilliant victory and gave them blessings of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi in the form

the current situation in was expressed on the

Jammu Kashmir was discussed and concern On this occasion,

increasing terrorist incidents in Jammu division. Various activities pertaining to Summer **Camp conclude**

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 12: As per the directions received from Samagra Shiksha Department, Directorate of School Education Jammu and Chief Education Officer Jammu Jagdeep Kumar Padha, various activities pertaining to Summer Camp concluded here on Wednesday at different High and Higher Secondary schools of district Jammu.

The seven days theme based activities initiated from 5th June and ended on 12th of June with the great participation and involvement of all the students, teachers, HOIs and community members Alka Sharma moti-

by uploading the media regarding Summer Camp on the official facebook page of worthy Chief Education Officer Jammu.

vated the stakeholders

result in more attack and government has to come in proactive mode, completely shedding the reactive mode. We have no options but to seal

the LOC, strengthen our intelligence, empower VDCs, ensure area domination with emphasis on human intelligence and come down heavily on sleeper cells, OGWs and sympathiser with strict and exemplary laws to ensure no local support is provided to local and foreign militants. For eradication of militancy additional forces and intelligence resources must be

Region, he said.

in to Ramban and other districts of Jammu region.

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