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BRIEFLY

CRPF Bus catches fire in Ramban, Occupants escape unhurt

JAMMU, Jun 13 (Agencies): A CRPF bus on its way to Jammu from Srinagar caught fire due to a technical snag in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district. The occupants escaped unhurt, officials said on Thursday.

The bus, part of a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) convoy, caught fire near Battery Chashma on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in the afternoon, the officials said.

The fire was brought under control and no one was injured. The vehicle suffered some damage, they added. Ramban SHO Vijay Kotwal said preliminary investigations suggested the fire was caused by a short circuit in the engine wiring.

"The CRPF personnel travelling in the bus are safe," he said.

2 dead 15 injured in road accident in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, Jun 13 (Agencies): Two persons died, and 15 others were injured after a bus in which they were travelling met with an accident in Jammu Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thursday.

Police said the ill-fated passenger bus turned turtle after the driver lost control over it and met with an accident at Pazzalpora-Rafiabad area resulting in the death of two persons and injuries to 15 others.

The injured were shifted to Government Medical College Baramulla for treatment, where the condition of them is stated to be stable.

Massive search operations continue in J&K to hunt down terrorists

JAMMU, Jun 13 (Agencies): Massive search operations continued on Thursday in different districts of Jammu and Kashmir, especially Doda and Reasi, to track down and neutralise terrorists involved in recent attacks in the union territory, officials said.

Terrorists struck at four places in Reasi,

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PM Modi reviews security situation in J&K after spate of terror attacks

NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): After four terror attacks in as many days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stepped in to review the security situation in Jammu & Kashmir. In a major move, the PM has asked for the deployment of the full spectrum of the country's counter terror capabilities in the operations against terrorists.

Modi chaired a review of the situation in J&K with NSA Ajit Doval and



other top officials. PM was given a full overview of the security

related situation in J&K. PM was apprised of the counter-terror efforts

being undertaken. The PM also spoke to Home Minister Amit Shah and discussed the deployment of security forces and counter terror operations. Modi has also spoken to J&K LG Manoj Sinha and took stock of the situation in J&K. The PM was briefed on the efforts being undertaken by local administration by Sinha, officials said. The PM's review comes ahead of a security-review meet to be

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We are committed to affordable access to public healthcare and to build a healthy society: LG Sinha



SRINAGAR, Jun 13 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today chaired the Governing Body Meeting of SKIMS, at Civil Secre-

tariat. This was the first meeting after the re-constitution of the Governing Body of SKIMS Soura, Srinagar.

The meeting held extensive deliberations on key aspects of patient-care services and gave in-principle approvals to various agenda items for improving the overall functioning of the reputed health institution.

The Lt Governor directed the concerned authorities to make systemic interventions for quality care, affordable and accessible health-care services to

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JK DGP R R Swain talks tough on Militancy, issues warning to supporters



KATRA/JAMMU, Jun 13 (Agencies): In the wake of four terror attacks in as many days, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police R R Swain on Thursday accused Pakistan of trying to disturb peaceful atmosphere through its mercenaries, and asserted that the Indian forces were determined to give a befitting response to the enemy.

He warned the "enemy

agents" that they would repent their decision of supporting terrorism and said "they have stakes including families, land and jobs unlike Pakistani terrorists who have nothing to lose."

Terrorists struck at four places in Reasi, Kathua, and Doda districts over the past four days, killing nine people, including seven pilgrims returning from Shiv Khouri temple, and a CRPF jawan, and left seven security

personnel and several others injured. Two suspected Pakistani terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Kathua and a large quantity of arms and ammunition were recovered from them.

"The starting point (of terrorism in J&K) is across the border. The clear intent of the adversary is that if they cannot motivate locals for subversive activities to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in Kashmir, send their own people, Pakistanis, after recruiting them there and forcibly pushing them into this side," the DGP told reporters in Reasi district.

The police chief was in Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the famous Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, and chaired a high-level meeting to

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Dr Farooq must not behave like PRO of Pakistan: Chugh



SRINAGAR, Jun 13 (Agencies): BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh who is also party In-Charge for J&K and Ladakh today lambasted National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah for suggesting dialogue with Pakistan at a time when the neighboring country has been sending organised groups of terrorists to J&K to step up terrorist activities.

In a strong reaction to

PRO and think of India as a nation first", said Chugh adding that it is strongly reprehensible that instead of asking Pakistan to stop terrorist activities in J&K Abdullah was suggesting India to go for peace talks.

Chugh said it is extremely unfortunate that Abdullah's have been always speaking in the voice of Pakistan and have no concern for the development and growth of the common man in J&K.

At a time when tourism is at its peak in J&K the Pakistan-sponsored terrorism should be strongly condemned by Abdullah's. "Abdullah should instead tell their mentors in Pakistan to stop cross-border terrorism and then make any suggestion to the Modi government", Chugh added.

"Farooq Abdullah should stop behaving like a Pakistan's ISI

National Anthem made compulsory across schools in J&K

JAMMU, Jun 13 (Agencies): The School Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir has directed all schools in the Union Territory to start the morning assembly with the national anthem.

The Principal Secretary to the Government, School Education Department, through a circular directed all schools to make the morning assembly uniform across the Union Territory.

"Morning assembly should begin with the National Anthem as per standard protocol," the circular, issued on Wednesday, read.

The department said the morning assemblies have proved to be an invaluable ritual in instilling a sense of unity and discipline among the students.

"They (assemblies) serve as platforms to nurture the values of moral integrity, shared community and mental tranquility. However, it has been observed that such a significant ritual/ tradition is not being carried out uniformly across various schools of JK UT," the circular, which suggested 16 steps for the schools to follow.

The department suggested inviting guest speakers, creating awareness about environment, and against the drug menace, as some of the steps for schools to include in the morning assemblies.

Govt initiates inquiry against then XEN among 4 officers of JSD

JAMMU, Jun 13 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government has initiated a departmental inquiry against then Executive Engineer, PHE Division Budgam, and three other officers of the Jal Shakti Department for causing

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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).



Sh Vinod Gupta

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

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

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

OBITUARY & 10TH DAY

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



Sh. Bansil Lal Raina

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

GRIEF STRICKEN

Usha Raina - Wife
Ashok Raina & Kalpana - Brother & Bhabhi
Kishori Badam W/o Lt. Y.L. Badam - Sister
Virinder & Klian - Son & Daughter-in-law (9419200787)
Marju & K.L. Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law
Sunita Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. Surinder Bhat - Daughter
Anupama & Vishal Dhar - Daughter & Son-in-law
Grand Children - Sagar Bhat, Tanviya & Roohanjha
Tushar Raina, Akhish & Anshu

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Balam Singh Baloria** S/o Lt. Sh Gian Singh Baloria R/o 29-Colonel Colony Bohri Jammu (Originally from Bhatoli Bhadenwah) left for heavenly abode on 05th June 2024.



LT SH. BALAM SINGH BALORIA
20-07-1959 TO 05-06-2024

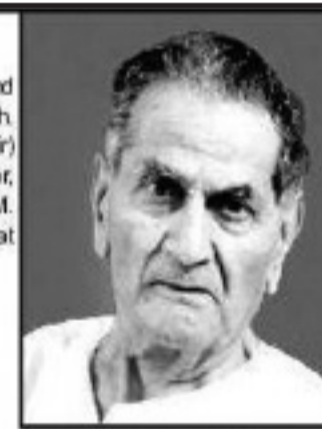
The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** shall be performed at Shanti Ghat, Near A.G. Office, Shakti Nagar, Jammu on 14th June, 2024 (Friday) at 8.00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Sheela Devi (Wife)
Ritish Baloria (Son)
Meenakshi Baloria & Sorab Bhatti (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Kerti Baloria and Hritesh Anand (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Smt Pushpa Devi & Madan Singh Baloria (Bhabhi and Bhaiya)
Smt. Suman Devi and Kahan Singh Baloria (Bhabhi and Bhaiya)
Smt Chand Rani and Dr. D.S. Jamwal (Sister and Brother in law)
Devansh, Sparsh & Hridyanahi- (Grand Children)
6006041309, 9419308263

TENTH DAY

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



SH. MOHAN LAL JI GAREEB

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. Phooli Parashar & Sh. Parmesh Chand Parashar
Smt. Santosh Pangley & Sh. Dinash Pangley
Son & Daughter-in-Law
Sh. Bhushan Lal Gareeb & Smt. Lajwanti Gareeb
Grand Children, Great Grand Children, & entire Gareeb family

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

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



SMT. SUMAN LATA RAKWAL

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN

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

10th DAY/KRIYA

With deep grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Sh. Saran Dev Thakur** Rtd DC, S/o Late Sh. Harnam Thakur, on 04.06.24.



Sh. Saran Dev Thakur
Rtd DC

10th Day shall be performed on 13th June Thursday at Bhagwati Nagar Shanti Ghat at 10 am.

13th Day Kriya and Uthala on 15th June Saturday at our residence H.No. F-33/44 Ashok Nagar Canal Road Jammu from 10 am onwards.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Rani Jamwal- Wife
Daughters and Sons-in-laws
Mrs. Sadhana & Dr. Ashok Chanyel (9419114727)
Mrs. Aradhana & Mr. S.K. Kotwal (9419114684)
Grandson and Daughter-in-law
Mr. Sourav & Mrs. Kashish Chanyel
Mrs. Swati & Mr. Sachit Gupta - Grand Daughter and Son-in-law
Dr. Sonali & Mr. Abhishek Rana - Grand Daughter and Son-in-law
Great Grand Children

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our revered & beloved mother **Ammaji (Smt Arandati Vaishnavi)** W/o Late Sh. Sudarshan Vaishnavi originally R/o Nai Sarak, Habba Kadal, Srinagar Kmr. presently residing at H.No.61. Sec-6. (near Saibaba Temple), EWS Colony, Lower Roop Nagar Jammu left for her heavenly abode on 6th June (Thursday), 2024 at 10.30 PM.



(Smt Arandati Vaishnavi)

D.O.D 6-6-2024

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat, on 15th June (Saturday) near Director of School Education. The assembly will be held at 8.30 AM at Muthi Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Asha Thussu W/o Late R.L. Thussu- Daughter
Sons & Daughters in law
Vijay Vaishnavi & Dura Vaishnavi
Tej K Vaishnavi & Neena Vaishnavi
Ramesh Vaishnavi - Son
Sons & Daughters in law
Maharaj K Vaishnavi & Bimla Vaishnavi
Surennder Vaishnavi & Vijay Vaishnavi
Virender Koul & Veena Koul- Son-in-law & Daughter
Virji Vaishnavi & Reeta Vaishnavi- Son & Daughter-in-law
Grand Sons, Grand Daughters, Great Grand Sons & Daughter
Vaishnavis, Thussus, Rainas, Bhat, Saprus, Kous, Panditas

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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.



Smt. Indra Kumari

KRIYA will be performed at our residence H.No.36, New Kabeeth Nagar, Upper Gumati, 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. Ramesh Chandra Gupta
Son and Daughter in law
Rajinder Gupta and Palak Gupta
Sunil Gupta and Rashmi Gupta
Vind Gupta and Shavna Gupta
Daughter and Son-in-law
Neebam Mahajan and Sudeshan Mahajan
Sunita Gupta and Late Sh. Anil Gupta
Lovely Gupta and Rajinder Gupta
Aarti Gupta and Sanjeev Gupta
Rajni Charak (Director of NHM) and Parveen Charak
Shashi Gupta and Narendra Gupta
Sushma Gupta and Tilak Raj Gupta

M/s Mahadev Agencies Upper Gummat
M/s Tanishq Enterprises
M/s Satpal Vinod Gupta
Mob. 94191-91756, 94191-87338, 94191-91063

BARKHI

One year has passed since you left us for your eternal journey. Your memories are still fresh and we feel your presence everywhere, everytime.



Late Sh. Tilak Raj Gupta

BARKHI of our beloved father **Late Sh. Tilak Raj Gupta** S/o Late Sh. Bishan Dass Gupta at our residence H. No 7 sector no 1 Pomposh Colony Janipur shall be performed on 14th June 2024 (Friday) at 11:00 am at our residence.

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY:

Smt. Tripta Gupta - (Wife)
Son and Daughter-in-law
Sh. Rohit Gupta and Smt. Neha Gupta
Pankaj Gupta
Sahil Gupta
Jandyal Family

PH : 9796080918, 7006763580, 80827 57273

ADH-BARKHI

Adh-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.



Sh. Devinder Kumar Khajuria

DEEPLY REMEMBERED & MISSED BY

Smt. Sangeeta Sharma -Wife
Daughters & Sons in Law
Sandeva Khajuria & Aditya Sharma
Suyasha Khajuria & Vishal Sharma
Sisters in Law & Brothers
Smt. Suman Sharma & Sh. Surinder Khajuria
Sh. Ravinder Khajuria
Smt. Vineeta Sharma & Sh. Mohinder Khajuria
Sisters & Brother in Law
Smt. Suraj Kala & Sh. Prem Nath Sharma
Smt. Anita Sharma
Granddaughters: Adha & Aiza
Mob. 9682306180, 9796655689, 9419881200

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.



Smt Shama Rani Sharma

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

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

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughter-in-laws
Mrs. 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 W/o I Kumar
Grand Children:
Bhawna & Raghu, Anubhuti & Abhinandan
Dr. Abhimanyu, Samridhi & Tushar Sharma

Contact Details:
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TENTH DAY KRIYA

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



SH. VIJENDER WANCHOO

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

GRIEF STRICKEN

Rajni Wanchoo -Wife
Sameer Wanchoo -Son
Usha Kak -Sister-in-law
Kameshwar & Santosh Wanchoo -Brother & Sister-in-law
Krishna & Dilip Kaul -Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law
Lalit & Neena Wanchoo -Brother & Sister-in-law
Surinder & Bjal Mattoo -Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law
ALL DEAR AND NEAR ONES.
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RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Sanjay Gupta** S/o Late Daya Ram Gupta R/o Ward No. 10 Akhnor on 1st June 2024.



Sh. Sanjay Gupta

RASAM PAGRI / UTHALA will be held on 14 June 2024 (Friday) at Jiya Pota Ghat Akhnor from 4 PM to 5 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Brother & Sister in Law.
Sh. Suresh Gupta (Bittu Pansari) & Babita Gupta
Sisters and Brothers in law's.
Sh. Parsholam and Smt. Kanta Devi
Sh. Tarseem Gupta and Smt. Sunita Gupta
Mob. 84920 51053, 94191 37052

10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

"Quietly Remembered everyday
No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts,
Dear mother you're always there"



Smt Reva Gupta
(Retd ZPEO)

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Reva Gupta** (Retd ZPEO) W/o Sh. Suresh Gupta (Plassiwale) R/o Ward No. 3, Krishna Colony, Kathua on 4th June, 2024.

Tenth Day will be performed at our residence on Thursday 13th June 2024 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. Kriya will be performed at our residence on Sunday 16th June, 2024 at 11.30 am.

Rasam Pagri will be performed at our residence on Monday 17th June, 2024 at 11 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

Sh. Suresh Gupta (Husband)
Smt. Dulari Parri (Mother-in-law)
Praveer Gupta (Son)
Panki & Ntin Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Rakesh Gupta & Anika Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Grand Children : Mahi & Rishiha

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ANTIM ARDASS

With profound sorrow we inform that our beloved **S. Dheeraj Singh** S/o Late S. Kulwant Singh R/o Link Road Simtal/PP Bhat, Pritham Singh Colony Upper Gadar Jammu has left for the heavenly abode on 6th June 2024.



S. Dheeraj Singh

Programme
*Katha/Kriya at residence from 06:45 PM to 07:45 PM daily up to 14.06.2024 (Friday)

* Samapti Sri Sehaj Path Sahib on 15.06.2024 (Saturday) Morning at 9 AM at residence.

* Antim Ardass/Vishesh Diwan at Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu on 15.06.2024 at 4 PM to 6 PM.

Grief Stricken

Son: Gurminder Kour - (Wife)
Ms. Prabhleen Kour & Anmol Kour - (Daughters)
S. Gurcharan Singh & Sdm. Indrajit Kour - (Brother & Bhabhi)
S. Tejinder Singh & Sdm. Sukhinder Kour - (Brother & Bhabhi)
S. Ranjeet Singh & Inder Kour - (Mama Ji & Mami Ji)
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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Shama Bhat** W/o Lt. Pary Lal Bhat of Gunt Qasbi Kuywan at present Flat No 0066 Tower 5 Sec 84 Gurugram Haryana, Jammu address Patoli Brahminia on 10th June 2024.



SMT. SHAMA BHAT

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on 19th June 2024 at Gauri Shankar Mandir Trust T-Block Phase 1 Sector 109 New Palam Vihar Gurgaon at 7:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sh. Khoro Bhat - Son
Sh. Rakesh Bhat and Smt. Neelu Bhat - Son and Daughter in law
Smt. Sushma Bhat and Sh. Ravinder Bhat - Daughter and Son in law
Smt. & Sh. Jasbeer Lal Bhat - Brother in law and Sister in law
Sh. Pankaj Nath Bhat - Brother in law
Smt. Usha Vahi - Sister in law
And Grand children
Purnabhat Bhat, Davarshi and Disha
Mobile No. 9910991509, 9721141310

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Shri Vijay Kumar Sawhney (Retd SE)** S/o Late Shri Khem Raj Sawhney R/o Shakti Nagar Jammu.



Shri Vijay Kumar Sawhney (Retd SE)

Fifth Day will be performed on (14-06-2024) (Friday) at Radha Krishan Mandir Rani Park Jammu at 10-11 AM.

Grief Stricken

Brother in law
Smt. Suman & Sh. Vijay Kumar Puri
PURI FAMILY
Telephone 9469170362, 9419616296

10TH DAY KRIYA

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



Mr. Vishal Kakroo

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 & Bhabhi
Smt. Sushma Kakroo -Wife
Ms. Mrinalini Kakroo -Daughter
Smt. Prana & Ashok Kr. Braroo -Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Kusum Lata & Sh. Selsih Kaloo -Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Anjali & 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 Zaidar Mohalla Habba Kadal Srinagar on 6/6/2024 (Sunday) presently at H.No. 35, Laxmi Puram Chinore Jammu.



Smt. Lalita

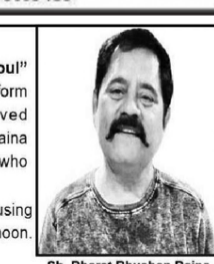
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 18/6/24 (Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat (Near Director Office) & Assembly will be at 9:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Moti Lal Ji & Dulari Ji - Son & Daughter-in-law
Krishen Ji & Usha Ji - Son & Daughter-in-law
Ashok Ji & Artie - Son & Daughter-in-law
Santosh & Kamal Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law
Phooli & Pawan Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law
Suneeta & Dileep Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law
Veena & Vjesh Ji - Daughter & Son-in-law
All Grand Children
Mob.: 9906309158

FIFTH DAY

"In the Loving Memory of our beloved heart & Soul"
With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Bharat Bhushan Raina** S/o Late Bansil Lal Raina R/o H.No. 72, Rampura, Gandhi Nagar - Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 10/06/2024.



Sh. Bharat Bhushan Raina

FIFTH DAY will be performed at Shiv Mandir, Housing Colony Udhampur on 14/6/2024 from 11a.m. to 12 noon.

Grief Stricken:

Brother in law and Sister in law
Sh. Brij Mohan Sharma and Smt. Manorma Sharma
Nephew
Sh. Harsh Baru, Sh. Shivom Baru

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Singh appeals Govt to handle terror attacks with iron hands

Top News Report

SAMBA, June 13: Asking the people of Jammu region not to panic, Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has urged the Govt to deal with the terror attacks with iron fist.

These attacks in Reasi, Kathua, and Doda Districts in last three days have spread widespread panic among the people, Manjit Singh said as per a press release.

He was speaking at a meeting at Rampur village in Vijaypur Block in Samba District that was organized by Block President of the Party, Ex-Capt. Mohan Lal Sharma, and Ex-Naib Sarpanch, Ram Murti Sharma.

In this meeting, the Former Minister expressed his concern



over the security related issues raised by the people in the meeting regarding recent terror attacks and worries among the people along the International Border and its adjoining villages in Samba District, Jammu District, and Kathua District.

He said that "Although the people have extended their full support to the security forces, and J&K Police, they are worried about their security in

the wake of movement of suspected persons as reported in various areas."

He said that the people are avoiding going out during the evening or night hours shows how the people are concerned. In this situation, he appealed to the Govt to deal with terror attacks/

such acts with iron hands and trace out the suspected persons with the involvement of all the security agencies in a coordinated manner.

He said that the important role of Former Panchayat Members, and Nambardars cannot be ruled out in maintaining peace, and finding out suspected persons. Hence, their services must be utilized in monitoring the situation in border villages.

"He also emphasized on the role of youth in keeping vigilance in their respective villages, and towns," he suggested and added that the people should not

panic, but remain vigilant. He also asked the people to maintain calmness, and communal harmony at any cost, especially when the Jammu plains are passing through a tough phase of fresh terror threats.

He said that the enemies want to destabilize the situation in Jammu and Kashmir by fueling the peaceful situation and igniting communal tempers.

"We shall fight the elements within the society, who want to take charge of the situation and ensure the situation remains peaceful and help the authorities in maintaining the situation harmonious," he added.

He asked the Party cadre to coordinate with the village heads, and help the people during difficult times.

JD(U) team welcomes Vivek Bali at Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: The Jammu Team of Janata Dal (United) proudly welcomed State General Secretary Vivek Bali to Jammu, marking a significant event for the party in the region.

This warm reception comes on the heels of Bali's noteworthy visit to Delhi, where he had a fruitful meeting with the esteemed Party head, Nitish Kumar.

During the Delhi meeting, Vivek Bali and Nitish Kumar Ji engaged in comprehensive discussions concerning the recent Lok Sabha elections, which saw remarkable results for JD(U). These results have firmly positioned JD(U) as a pivotal force in the formation of the new government, highlighting the party's growing influence and the effectiveness of its progressive policies.

The JD(U) Jammu team,



along with local leaders and party workers, gathered in large numbers to express their solidarity and support for Bali.

This event underscores the unity and collective spirit within the party, as well as its commitment to strengthening its presence and impact in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, Bali expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome and reiterated his dedication to advancing the party's mission in the region.

He emphasized the

importance of collaborative efforts to address local issues and enhance development initiatives, in line with JD(U)'s vision for a prosperous and inclusive India.

The JD(U) Jammu team is energized by Mr. Bali's leadership and looks forward to working closely with him to further the party's goals. Together, they aim to build on the momentum from the recent electoral success and continue to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir with dedication and integrity.

NC intensifying efforts for resounding victory in upcoming Assembly Polls: Vijay Lochan

Says only NC can fulfill aspirations of marginalized section of society in J&K

Top News Report

BISHNAH, June 13: A meeting of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Scheduled Castes (SC) Cell was convened today under the leadership of Vijay Lochan, Chairman of the JKNC SC Cell at Palli Morh Bishnah.

The meeting was conducted with an aim to review the post-election scenario following the recent Parliamentary polls and to strategize for the upcoming Assembly elections.

At the commencement of the meeting, Jagga Ram Bhagat, Vice President of the JKNC SC Cell, Jammu Province, provided an in-depth briefing to the senior functionaries regarding the problems being faced by the marginalized sections of society. He highlighted the persistent issues affecting the depressed communities and underscored the necessity for urgent redressal.

He pointed out the significant hardships faced by the youth residing in these regions, primarily due to the absence of a dedicated welfare policy for them.

In addition to youth issues, Rakesh Singh Raka, Vice President Central Zone, highlighted the hardships faced by farmers due to the unavailability of irrigation water and regular power supply for their fields. The scarcity of water and power supply is significantly impacting agricultural activities, leading to widespread discontent among the farming community. Raka assured the farmers that the MSP shall be given to them if NC voting in power.

Addressing the party workers, Vijay Lochan



expressed grave concerns about the worsening conditions along the border areas in absence of elected government in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the present dispensation has miserably failed to stand on the expectation of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Vijay Lochan criticized the government's inaction in initiating a recruitment drive for two Border Battalions as promised by the Govt, which could provide much-needed employment opportunities and security for the border youth. "The youth in the border areas are grappling with severe difficulties due to the lack of targeted welfare policies," Lochan observed, adding "The government's failure to launch a Border Battalion recruitment drive has left these young individuals without viable opportunities, exacerbating their plight."

Looking ahead to the upcoming Assembly polls, Vijay Lochan emphasized the importance of these elections for the JKNC, especially in view of seven Assembly constituencies are reserved for Scheduled Castes. He termed the

upcoming elections as crucial for the party's objective to form the government in Jammu and Kashmir for the development and upliftment of the people of J&K who are facing multiple problems for the last ten years.

"These Assembly polls are of paramount importance for us. It is essential that we strengthen the party base at gross root level and ensure a robust strategy to secure victory in these reserved constituencies," he added.

The meeting concluded with a resolution to strengthen the hands of JKNC President Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah and to redouble the efforts of party cadre in fortifying the Party's strength for making the next government of National Conference in Jammu and Kashmir.

Among those who were present in the meeting include Jatinder Bhagat, Ashwani Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Ram Lal Karloopia, Ram Pal, Darshan Lal, Kuldeep Singh Manhas, Subash Chander, Jameet Raj, Jagi Ram, Lal Din, Kuldeep Raj and others.

GDC Marh in collaboration with NIPAM organized online workshop on IPR

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: The Department of Commerce and Economics of Government Degree College Marh, in association with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (RGNIPM) under NIPAM, organized two days online national workshop Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) & Patents and Design Filing.

The workshop was coordinated by Prof. Surbhi Gupta (HOD Commerce) and Dr. Priya Sharma (HOD Economics) under the supervision of college Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul who inaugurated the proceedings of the workshop. He emphasized the need of awareness of intellectual property rights among students and faculty for benefit of society in the long term. He also congratulated the coordinators Prof. Surbhi Gupta and Dr. Priya Sharma for their initiative and go getter attitude.

Prof. Surbhi Gupta welcomed the resource

person Kumar Raju (Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, RGNIPM Nagpur) who presented a detail power point presentation of the subject. He described in detail various aspects of IPRs like patents, inventions, SICLD, copyrights, trademarks, designs, geographical indications, trade secrets, types of claim or claims and filing process along with its implications and procedure for registration. Kumar Raju also handled queries of Principal, Faculty and Students in efficient manner. Feedback form was also circulated and filled by participants. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Priya Sharma. E-Certificates of appreciation shall be issued to all the participants of the college from NIPAM. The technical support was extended by Mohit Kalotra (MTS) coordinated by students of college namely Ketan Kumar, Dhruv, Atinder, Sandeep Mottan, Nandveer Choudhary, Kajal Puri, Janvi and Heena. Refreshment was served to the students.

Chandan Datta urges PM to rectify issues of NEET students

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Social Activist Chandan Datta has made an urgent appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reassess and immediately halt the practice of conducting exams through autonomous private non-government organizations like the National Testing Agency (NTA).

The NTA, an autonomous organization, currently conducts prestigious national exams such as NEET and JEE.

Datta raised concerns about the vulnerability of such exams to paper leaks and irregularities, citing a recent incident in the NEET exam where over 1500 candidates were given grace marks. He pointed out that six candidates from a single center in Haryana achieved a perfect score of 720/720, a rare occurrence in NEET's history.

Datta noted that similar irregularities, including the Sub-Inspector exam scam in Jammu and Kashmir and the NEET

exam, both of which are under judicial scrutiny in the Supreme Court, have been linked to Haryana.

Datta emphasized that compromising the future of over 24 lakh youth is unacceptable. He questioned why these critical exams cannot be conducted by a central government agency like the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). He highlighted the UPSC prelims, which handle over 10 lakh candidates annually without significant irregularities, as an example of well-managed examinations.

Established in 2017, the NTA's role in conducting entrance exams has come under scrutiny. Datta argued that non-government organizations should not be entrusted with conducting such important exams that determine the future of the nation's youth.

He called for serious introspection on this matter to safeguard the integrity of these exams and the future of the nation's youth.

Bukhari extends greetings on eve of Mela Kheer Bhawani

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 13: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Thursday, extended warm greetings to the people, especially the Pandit brethren on the eve of Mela Kheer Bhawani, which is being celebrated at the historic temple of central Kashmir's Tulmulla tomorrow.

In his message, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "The Kheer Bhawani Mela has been the hallmark of the pluralistic ethos of Jammu and Kashmir. For centuries, this sacred festival has been playing a pivotal role in promoting harmony between the communities in Jammu and Kashmir. On this spiritual occasion of Mela Kheer

Bhawani, I extend my heartfelt greetings to everyone, especially the Pandit brethren."

He added, "May this occasion usher peace, harmony and brotherhood among the communities. I request Pandit brothers and sisters to pray for the sustained peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir, on this revered occasion."

DC Ramban reviews SANJY-2024 arrangements

Top News Report

RAMBAN, June 13: The Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, conducted a comprehensive review meeting on Thursday to assess and finalize the preparations for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2024. The annual pilgrimage is set to commence on June 29, 2024.

The meeting was attended virtually by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACR, Harpal Singh, ACD Srinath Suman, ACP Ashfaq Khanji, Executive Engineers, and all designated nodal officers.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for meticulous planning and coordination to ensure the smooth conduct of the Yatra. He directed all nodal officers to ensure that adequate arrangements are made at the Yatri Niwas, Langer sites and other designated lodgment centers throughout the district. These centers are crucial for accommodating the influx of pilgrims during the Yatra. Executive Engineers from JPDC, Jal Shakti, and PWD have been tasked

with ensuring adequate Power and Water Supply at all identified locations and lodgment centers. They were directed to complete these arrangements well in advance to cater to the needs of the pilgrims effectively.

The Public Works Department (PWD) is directed to expedite all assignments related to the Yatra to ensure that all facilities are operational ahead of time. The meeting also deliberated on making provisions for the early deployment of security forces to maintain a secure environment for the pilgrims. All

officers were instructed to develop detailed plan sketches for their respective sectors. This planning is essential for ensuring foolproof arrangements for SANJY 2024, covering aspects such as accommodation, safety, and amenities for the pilgrims.

To ensure these preparations are on track, the Deputy Commissioner will personally visit key locations and accommodations, including Yatri Niwas Chanderkote and Lamber Camp Banihal, among other locations designated for the stay of SANJY pilgrims.

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Dy. CE/GSU/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites Open Tender (E-Tenders) against below titled tender and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date **05.07.2024** up to **15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Tenderers are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit Receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information log on to www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Type	Open Tender	Tendering Section	Gati Shakti Unit	Bidding System	Two Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders	11.06.2024	Bid Starting Date	21.06.2024	Bid Closing Date/Time	05.07.2024 15:00 Hrs.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	OP-05-GSU-FZR-2024-25 Dated: 11.06.2024	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment of General Consultant for Gati Shakti Unit, Firozpur Division

Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
₹2,59,38,442.24	₹2,79,700.00	120 Days	18 Months

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e-NIT No: MHDK/Tech/e-NIT/ 2024-25/04 dated: 11-06-2024 due on 19-06-2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, tenders through e-Tendering mode are invited from registered, reputed, functional & financially sound contractors/firms having the requisite eligibility criteria as mentioned as per the Scope & Technical specifications and terms and conditions as envisaged in the standard bidding document.

S. No	Description of work	Cost of tender document	Earnest Money	Eligibility Criterion of Bidder
1	Shifting 40 KVA DG set (Mahindra make) from blood bank to old mortuary of Associated Hospital, GMC Kathua	₹600.00	₹ 1580/-	Registered & reputed contractors/ firms

Status of TS: Accorded vide no. MHDK/Tech/SE maint. / 03 of 06/2024 dated 11/06/2024 issued by Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospital Division, Kathua.

Status of AAA: Accorded vide order no.: 128-GMC Kathua of 2024 dated: 10-06-2024 issued by Principal, Government Medical College, Kathua.

Project Authority on whose behalf the work is being undertaken: Principal, Government Medical College, Kathua.

Critical Dates:

Date of Publication on website	: 11.06.2024 at 04.30 pm
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Bid Submission End Date	: 19.06.2024 at 06.30 pm
Technical Bid opening date	: 21.06.2024 at 02.00 pm

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EDITORIAL

Security Measures

Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has long been a region of strategic and political significance in South Asia, necessitating robust security measures to maintain stability. The region's complex socio-political dynamics, combined with its history of insurgency and external threats, have led the Indian government to implement a multi-faceted approach to security. This involves a combination of military, paramilitary, police, and intelligence efforts, along with socio-economic and political strategies aimed at fostering long-term peace and development.

The Indian Army plays a crucial role in maintaining security in J&K. The region hosts a substantial military presence, with several corps stationed along the Line of Control (LoC) and the hinterland. The primary objective is to deter infiltration by militants from across the border and to conduct counter-insurgency operations. The army employs advanced surveillance technology, including UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles), thermal imagers, and ground-based sensors to monitor and secure the LoC. Regular patrols, ambushes, and area domination operations are conducted to prevent militant activities and ensure the safety of local populations.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) augment the Indian Army's efforts. The CRPF is extensively involved in counter-insurgency and law enforcement operations within the region, while the BSF and ITBP focus on securing the borders. The Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) play a vital role in intelligence gathering, community policing, and maintaining law and order. Special units like the Special Operations Group (SOG) and the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) are specifically trained to handle high-risk situations involving terrorists.

Effective intelligence gathering is critical in J&K due to the persistent threat of militant.

Agencies like the Intelligence Bureau (IB), Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), and Military Intelligence (MI) collaborate closely with local police and paramilitary forces to track and neutralize threats. High-tech surveillance tools, cyber monitoring, and human intelligence (HUMINT) are extensively used to preempt and respond to security threats. These agencies also work to disrupt the financing and logistic networks that support militant operations.

The Indian government recognizes that socio-economic development is crucial for long-term stability in J&K. Programs aimed at improving infrastructure, education, healthcare, and employment opportunities are prioritized to address the root causes of unrest. Initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Development Package (PMDP) focus on comprehensive development and rehabilitation projects. Additionally, the armed forces engage in civic action programs to build goodwill among the local population. These initiatives include medical camps, vocational training, and educational support.

Political measures are essential for addressing the unique challenges in J&K. The abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 marked a significant shift in the region's governance, integrating J&K more closely with the rest of India. This move aimed to streamline governance, enhance economic development, and curb separatist sentiments. Ensuring fair and transparent local elections, encouraging democratic participation, and fostering dialogue with various stakeholders are part of the strategy to promote political stability.

Engaging with local communities and addressing their grievances is vital for sustainable peace. Efforts are made to involve community leaders, religious figures, and civil society in promoting peace and countering radicalization. Deradicalization programs target youth who might be susceptible to extremist ideologies, offering them alternative narratives and opportunities for personal development.

Strengthening the legal and judicial framework is crucial for dealing with terrorism and insurgency. Special courts and fast-track mechanisms are established to expedite the prosecution of terror-related cases. Laws such as the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) provide the legal basis for taking stringent action against individuals and organizations involved in terrorist activities.

The security measures in Jammu and Kashmir are comprehensive and multi-dimensional, reflecting the complexity of the challenges faced. By combining military might, intelligence operations, socio-economic development, political reforms, and community engagement, the Indian government aims to secure the region while fostering an environment conducive to peace and prosperity. The continuous evolution and adaptation of these strategies are essential to address emerging threats and ensure long-term stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

How to Prepare for IIT JEE Exam Without Coaching from Class 9th Onwards?

By: Vijay GarG

Candidates aspiring for pursuing engineering from the prestigious IITs start their preparations from class 9th onwards. This is considered the best time for starting the IIT preparation as candidates are introduced to Physics, and Chemistry for the first time. Thus, they will focus on the basic concepts with the JEE preparation mindset. JEE or Joint Entrance Examination is conducted for IIT admissions.

The exam is conducted in two phases - Main and Advanced. JEE Main is for admission into NITs, IITs, and other GFTIs while JEE Advanced is for IITs Admission. However, only the top 2.50 lakh JEE Main qualifiers are eligible for appearing in the JEE Advanced. Thus, for getting admission into IITs, candidates need to qualify for both JEE Main and Advanced. Now, that you know the admission procedure, let's move on to how you can prepare for the IIT JEE exam without coaching.

As you are starting your JEE preparation from class 9th, you can easily go for self-study and save on the coaching fee. Those who start their preparation in class XI have a huge syllabus to cover in less time. Thus, more pressure. But, with the amount of time you have, it is very much possible to get through the exam without coaching. Just stay focused and dedicated to your goal. We will be covering the preparation tips class-wise.

Benefits of Starting JEE Preparation from Class 9th

Preparation Tips for IIT JEE Exam Without Coaching

Some common points to keep in mind while preparing for the JEE exams irrespective of when you start are time management, focusing on the important topics, continuous revision, and solving previous years question papers. Let's move on to the preparation

tips in detail:

Preparation Tips for Class 9th and 10th

Go through the JEE Syllabus
The first thing to do is to analyse the syllabus and mark the topics that are in your syllabus. Here are the subject-wise topics which are common in JEE Main and class 9th and 10th syllabus.

Physics - Atoms and Nuclei, Properties of Solids and Liquids, Motion, Work, Energy, and Power, Sound, Force and Newton's Laws, Electric Current, Magnetic Effects of Current, Gravitation, Optics.

Chemistry - States of Matter, Matter and its Nature, Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure, Atomic Structure, Environmental Chemistry.

Mathematics - Quadratic Equations, Probability, Trigonometry, Co-ordinate Geometry.

JEE Main Syllabus
JEE Advanced Syllabus
Make Notes

Study each topic deeply and clear your doubts with your teachers. You can also refer to books other than your curriculum books for more details related to the topics. While studying any topic, make notes of the important points. Solve the questions at the end of each topic. The questions will also help in making notes. These notes help in revision. If you want to buy a preparation book, you can get one. Try to cover all the topics in class 9th only as in class 10th, you also have to focus on the board exam preparations.

Mock Tests/ Previous Years Question Papers

You will find various mock tests online for JEE Main which are designed especially for class 9th students. Appear in such mock tests. Also, you can go through the previous years' questions papers and solve the questions which are from your syllabus.

Preparation Tips for Class 11th
Preparation Books

If you haven't bought a preparation book yet, buy it now. Get separate books for each subject for detailed information. If you don't want to buy books, get them from your school library. The set of sample papers and previous years' questions papers are also available. You can get them for practice.

Now check out the JEE exams syllabus for all the topics. You need to cover all the topics. As stated above, you need to cover most of the topics in class XI only because of board exam preparations in class XII. The preparation must catch full swing in class XI.

Time-Table
Make a timetable for JEE Main preparation. Check out the previous years' data for topic-wise weightage. Assign more time for important topics. However, don't ignore the other topics. Do include a 10 to 15 minutes break in between your study sessions.

Online Crash Courses
There are online crash courses for JEE Main preparation. You can join these courses for revision of important topics, some useful tricks for problem-solving, mock tests, and solved questions papers.

Preparation Tips for Class 12th
In class 12th, you need to focus on the board exam preparation as well as JEE preparation. This is the most crucial year. You need to work on your time-management skills this year. Because time is the only factor that will give you an edge over other competitors. Here is what you need to do.

Balanced Time Table
Prepare a balanced timetable keeping in mind your class 12th board and JEE Main preparation. Take out time for physical activities and some entertainment to refresh your mind.

Revision
You must have completed the JEE Main exam syllabus till now. If there are any new topics, you

can cover them. Keep your focus on revising all the topics. Take out your revision notes. If there is any confusion, read the topic again. Take the help of your subject teachers in clearing your doubts.

Previous Years Question Papers

Solve as many sample papers and previous years' question papers as you can. Solve the same papers again and again. This will help in gaining confidence, attaining time-management skills, etc. It might feel monotonous to solve the same paper again and again but it will be beneficial. Solve a paper until you get all the answers correct. While appearing for the mock tests, you must decide your approach towards solving the paper i.e. which section will you solve first.

As you are starting your preparation from class 9th onwards, do not take it lightly thinking that you have ample time. Make a friend circle who share the same goal. Discuss your problems related to various topics. Stay focused and dedicated but not pressurised. Take out time for your school studies, physical activities, and other hobbies.

Exam Day Tips
JEE Main exam is conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) from 2019 onwards. The exam is now held in two sessions in - January and April. The best of the two scores is considered for merit list preparation. Thus, you have an additional chance to score better. Here are some points to remember on the exam day.

*(Vijay GarG Retired
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Natural Ways to Lighten Dark Underarms



By: Shahnaz Husain

The underarm area rarely gives us any trouble but are major cause of embarrassing and frustrating during summer season. Dark underarms sometimes forces us to stop wearing favourite sleeveless top or going out for a swim?

The skin in this area is very sensitive and is susceptible to a variety of problems like rashes, pigmentation, infection, ingrown hair, and even pimples due to use of skin products which contains chemicals. The excessive use of deodorants causes discoloration and dead cells accumulate in the underarm area and cause darkness.

Darkening of the skin under the arms is common. This may be caused by reaction to antiperspirants, deodorants or some hair removal creams. There can be a reaction to alcohol or certain perfumes in deodorants. Shaving can also cause darkening of the skin. The other reasons may be perspiration, sun-exposure or hereditary factors. Dark skin under the arms poses a problem where clothes and grooming are concerned, making it impossible to wear sleeveless or strappy dresses.

The good news is that regular use of herbal remedies can lighten and brighten dark underarms in few months time

Home remedies for lightening under-arm skin colour:

Waxing is the best option, as it removes hair by the roots. As such, it is said to weaken the follicles over a period of time and thus discourage hair growth. The lemon and sugar mixture used for waxing would itself help to lighten the skin, as lemon juice helps to make skin colour lighter. Combined with sugar it is more effective. Waxing is

the best option, as it removes hair by the roots. As such, it is said to weaken the follicles over a period of time and thus discourage hair growth. The lemon and sugar mixture used by most beauty parlours also helps to lighten skin colour. Ready-to-use wax and waxing strips are also available, but getting your waxing done at a beauty parlour may give better results.

For dark skin under the arms, mix gram flour (besan) with yogurt and a pinch of turmeric into a paste. Apply three times a week on the area and wash it off after half an hour. Yogurt contains lactic acid and helps to lighten skin colour. Turmeric is also a mild natural bleach.

Both cucumber and lemon juice help to lighten skin colour. Mix them in equal quantities and apply under the arms 3 or 4 times a week. Wash if with plain water after 15 minutes.

Rice flour can be mixed with yogurt and used as a scrub under the arms. Apply the paste and leave on for 15 minutes. Then moisten the area and rub it gently on the skin,

washing off with plain water. Rice flour helps to remove the dead cells along with their contained pigment.

Potato juice may be applied under the arms daily to make the skin colour lighter. Apply and leave on for 20 minutes. Wash off with plain water.

Mix baking soda with water into a paste and apply under the arms daily. Leave on for 5 minutes and wash off with water.

Sesame seed (til) oil mixed with coconut oil can be applied and massaged daily. Sesame seed oil has SPF and helps in cases of sun-damaged skin. Coconut oil contains vitamin E, which benefits the skin and helps to lighten the skin colour.

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Summer camp concludes at Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, June 13: A mega event was organized by School Education Department Kishtwar in connection with culmination/ valedictory function held as closing ceremony of Summer camps with CEO Kishtwar, RK Veshesta leading from the front.

Pardeep Koul (Lecturer Chemistry) District Nodal Officer Kishtwar managed the event involving a large number of schools from the District.

A Week long summer camps were held in all schools of District with different themes on each day. The themes under which activities were carried out in the entire district include, Adopt Healthy Life Style, Adopt Sustainable Food Systems, Reduce e-waste, Reduce



Waste, Save Energy, Save Water and Say No to Single Use Plastics.

The function among others was attended by Chief Education Officer Kishtwar, RK Veshesta, DFO Kishtwar, Vijay Kumar, religious scholars, Mahant Ram Saran Dass & Dr Mohd. Iqbal Malik and students of

various schools of the District.

The guests were presented flower pots instead of bouquets.

After welcome address DNO, Eco-clubs, Mr Pardeep Koul briefed regarding various activities that were carried out on all 7 themes in the entire district and also

spoke at length about the objectives of holding the Summer Camps.

Speaking on the occasion, CEO Kishtwar touched all the areas of the week long Summer Camp in the entire district. He urged the students to take care of the mother earth and made an appeal to play their role

on all the 7 themes.

DFO Kishtwar, Vijay Kumar delivered a very impressive speech much to the delight of guests and students amidst clapping by all present in the scintillating programme. The students also presented their speeches and staged various skits to make things understand which was applauded by one and all. Poetry and music was also displayed by the students.

A dedicated team comprising of Meenakshi Sharma, Rajesh Parihar, Fida Hussain, Deepak Kumar, Sumit Badyal, Amjad Hussain, Bharat Bhushan and others played major role to make the event a great and grand success.

Prizes were given away to all the participants by the dignitaries present on the occasion.

Kulgam residents aghast over dilapidated condition of link road; seeks admin intervention

Top News Report

KULGAM, June 13: The residents of Nowbugh Gujer Basti of Kund in South Kashmir's Kulgam district have expressed strong resentment against the authorities over dilapidated road conditions in their locality.

The residents said that a link road connecting in their locality with the main road are dotted with potholes, giving a tough time for commuters. Adding that our roads have turned muddy. We are confined to our homes during bad weather as all roads are getting waterlogged due to lack of drainage system and people are facing difficulties in walking.

They also claimed that the road had not been repaired, and no macadamization has been done since decades, the locals blamed that the authorities weren't concerned for the inconvenience caused to the commuters due to dilapidated condition of roads.

They further claimed that while all roads in district Kulgam were macadamized, the brief stretch of link roads in these



have been forgotten altogether by the concerned department and despite bringing the issue into the notice of concerned authorities several times.

Meanwhile, residents of the area appealed Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam and other concerned department to macadamise the road on priority basis so that residents may have a sigh of relief.

DFSS demands strong action against Pakistan



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Under the leadership of president Ashok Gupta, workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) organized a protest in Jammu city. They burned an effigy of the Pakistani Prime Minister in response to recent attacks. Gupta criticized newly elected MP from Rai Bareilly, Rahul Gandhi, for stating that the newly elected Prime Minister is celebrating his third-term win while Jammu faces terror attacks, calling this statement unfortunate.

Gupta emphasized

that national security should be above politics. He cited the 1990s era of militancy in Jammu & Kashmir when opposition leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee supported the ruling government on national security issues, projecting a united front to the world.

Gupta compared the situation to the 26/11 attacks, noting that the two terrorists recently gunned down in Jammu had a large cache of weapons, medicines, painkillers, and food, indicating they were prepared for a prolonged fight in the dense forests.

He urged the INDI Alliance to address statements from its members suggesting dialogue with Pakistan, despite Pakistan's involvement in militant activities and attacks on Indian soldiers and civilians.

He called for strong action against Pakistan, possibly another surgical strike, to combat terrorism and send a clear message globally. Prominent party members, including Abhishek, Lal Singh (Ex Sarpanch), Sushil, Ram, Akshay, Nanku, Kalu, Prem, Vikky, Gurbachan, and Krishan, participated in the protest.

Vilakshan expresses serious concern over rise in terror activities in J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Vilakshan Singh, President of the J&K National Panthers Party (Bhim), has expressed serious concern over the recent rise in terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir. Singh strongly condemned the four recent terror attacks that occurred in Reasi, Doda, and Kathua districts of J&K in just four days.

He highlighted that the sudden spurt in Pakistan-sponsored terrorism requires to be dealt with an iron hands. He said that Pakistan is doing its best to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in J&K. He said that Pakistan has been stunned due to successful and peaceful completion of Lok Sabha polls in J&K.

He said that concrete measures are required to curb terrorism in J&K.

In his statement, Singh criticized the Union Territory (UT) administration for neglecting the security needs of JKNPP (Bhim) leaders. "The UT administration has left the leaders of JKNPP (Bhim) at the mercy of God, failing to provide security to our leaders despite the increase in terror activities," he said.

Singh urged the government to take strong steps to eradicate the menace of terrorism from UT of J&K. He also demanded that security be provided to the leaders of JKNPP (Bhim) with immediate effect to ensure their safety and enable them to continue their work without fear.

Shujat, Hashmi remembered in Islamic Republic of Iran

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 13: The prominent sociopolitical activist Syed Karar Hashmi, studying at Qom Seminary in the Islamic Republic of Iran paid rich tributes to the 6th Martyrdom Anniversary of Dr Syed Shujat Bukhari and 28th Death anniversary of his grandfather Syed Manzoor Hashmi, both big guns from North Kashmir Baramulla.

In a statement to the press he said that Dr Syed Shujat Bukhari was silenced for speaking the truth and his departure on this day left a void which is hard to fill. On 14th June 2018, the country lost its fearless iconic leader, an institution of Journalism in himself, who gave his blood hoping for peace.

He also paid tribute to his grandfather Syed Manzoor Hashmi on his



28th death anniversary, who was a well-known name in the literary, linguistic, compilation and educational circles of Kashmir. He was a prolific writer, poet, critic, author, researcher and analyst and educator. Garmal, Loluk Sargam and Ichhar Phula are his well-known literary creations. In recognition of these four collections of poetry, Hashmi was awarded by the State Academy of Culture. Hashmi Sahib was also very proficient in prose.

He said that both Bukhari and Hashmi were literary figures from Village Kreeri and the water-gam of North Kashmir, Baramulla. Late Bukhari served as the president of Adabi Markaz Kamraz, a literary forum that works for the promotion of the Kashmiri language. Their contributions to Kashmiri art, culture and language have been promising and revolutionary. He prayed Almighty Allah to bless the highest position to departed souls in Jannatul Firdous.

JKDT acknowledges swift support in restoration efforts for ancient Shiv Temple, Gulmarg

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Chairman Trustee and Trustees of J&K Dharmarth Trust (JKDT) extended their heartfelt gratitude to the Civil Administration, CEO of Gulmarg Development Authority, the Indian Army, and the J&K Police Department for their prompt and invaluable assistance in restoring the ancient Shiv Temple, known as Maharani Temple, in Gulmarg following the unfortunate fire incident on June 5, 2024.

Pertinent to mention here, this temple, con-

structed in 1915 by the late princess of Dharamkot state in Gujarat and wife of Maharaja Hari Singh, tragically reduced to ashes due to a devastating fire caused by an electrical short circuit on June 5, 2024.

In a press statement released here today, Brig R.S. Langeh (Retd), President of J&K Dharmarth Trust, expressed his appreciation, highlighting the collaborative efforts that have been pivotal in the ongoing restoration of this revered cultural heritage site.

He further emphasized the Trust's commitment

to preserving the rich cultural heritage of Jammu & Kashmir and upholding the sanctity of Sanatan Dharma. "The Maharani Temple holds immense historical and spiritual significance to the Royal Family of J&K, and we are dedicated to ensuring that it is restored to its original magnificence at the earliest," he added.

The J&K Dharmarth Trust reassured devotees and the public that restoration work is progressing steadily, with all efforts focused on returning Maharani Temple to its sacred role in the cultural tapestry of the region.

40 rural girls join 14th free Summer Camp of Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation today inaugurated its 14th Summer Camp. 40 girls from classes 8th, 9th & 10th are attending the 8 days free residential camp. Participants belong to rural areas such as villages Arnia, Jourian, Ranjari, Surinsar, Damsal and many other villages of the region.

The camp was declared open by Prof Poonam Dhawan- former Dean Academic Affairs, Jammu University and Cluster University. She



also spoke to the children about the important lessons of life which they should keep in mind at this young age.

The camp is very fruit-

ful for these students. They will receive lectures on life skills, academics and personality development. Regular health checkups are

also done by doctors. Balanced diet will be provided to the students. They will also take part in drama, debates, yoga, arts and craft, music and

sports activities. Additionally the Foundation also arranges counselling sessions with the psychology department of Jammu University.

The Managing Trustee informed the participants about the objectives of the camp and the need for everyone to make the best use of this opportunity to improve their standards and develop their overall personality.

The participants were energetic and thrilled at joining the camp. They talked excitedly of their long association with the Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation.

Moov unveils 'Moov Cool'

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Moov, India's leading pain relief brand, has launched 'Moov Cool', a revolutionary innovation inspired by cold therapy. Infused with the cooling power of menthol, the new product has been designed to offer relief from muscle and joint pain due to injuries, sprains, strains and muscle soreness associated with an active lifestyle.

According to Reckitt Pain India DCG Demand Survey conducted in December 2021, with over 4000 respondents in India, nearly 8% of

respondents stated that their pain incidents are sports or exercise related. Moov Cool addresses fitness-related injuries, including muscle soreness, sprains, and strains. Powered by menthol, Moov Cool provides an ice-like cooling sensation that helps numb the affected area and starts working in 15 seconds.

Commenting on the launch, Kanika Kalra, Regional Marketing Director, Health & Nutrition, Reckitt South Asia said, "As one of India's most trusted pain relief brands, Moov has been helping Indians deal with their pains for decades.

With changing lifestyles, sports and fitness related injuries have become more common, and consumers are looking for innovative solutions for instant pain relief. To address these needs, we are delighted to introduce Moov Cool, a formula inspired by cold therapy that provides consumers relief from muscle and joint pains due to injuries such as sprains, strains, and muscle soreness. This launch is a testament to our commitment to offering the best solutions to meet our audience's evolving needs and further enhances our product innovation."

Awareness camp/ sensitization on UT Award 2024-25 for Handicrafts Artisan organised

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: In orders to create awareness among the Artisan of District Jammu, an awareness programme organized under the esteemed guidance of Worthy Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu, Suraj Prakash Rukwal.

The objective of the camp was to create awareness among the Artisans working in sector regarding filing of UT Award nomination form/guidelines of the award and to avail benefits of different schemes



provided by Department of Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu Division, through single window portal designed for easy accessing of services provided by departments through a single portal.

Sonika Parihar, Assistant Director Handicrafts Jammu, welcomed the

artisans of the department. She gave brief presentation about filing of UT level Award 2024-25 nomination form/guidelines of the award.

The officer sensitized the artisan about the directions to be followed for the upcoming UT level Award 2024-25 nomination

tion. Rashmi, AHTO, Madhvi AHTO Salim AHTO inform the artisan about the process of filing of nomination and also make the artisan aware about the guidelines which released from department time to time.

Deputy Registrar Industries, Shazia Rehman/

Assistant Director, Handloom, Smt Rupali Mahajan Jammu were also present on the occasion and aware the artisans about the online mode of adoption of schemes and also about the importance of UT Level Award. It is also informed to the artisan about the helpdesk which has established for filing of nomination. Artisans share their experience and gave their feedback.

The programme was concluded by vote of Thanks by Simmi, HTO with appeal to file nomination within prescribed time limit.

Gippy Grewal decision to cast his son Shinda in 'Shinda Shinda No Papa' was rooted in their shared experiences

Shinda Shinda No Papa, Punjabi cinema's recent offering, has captured the hearts of audiences with its honest exploration of parenthood, generational gaps, familial dynamics, and the bonds that keep us together. At its helm is the versatile Gippy Grewal, whose vision and personal experiences led to this film that has made waves at the box office.

The actor opens up about the journey of creating Shinda Shinda... and the impact it has had on him as both a filmmaker and a parent. At the heart of the narrative is Gippy's son, Shinda, whose on-screen portrayal also reflects their real-life relationship.

This isn't Shinda's debut; he has already won many a heart with his charm and screen presence before, to which Gippy says, "I feel really proud about it, but I had no such plan to make him an actor. He hasn't taken any training or attended workshops; he is a natural." The decision to cast his son wasn't planned but rather an organic choice, rooted in their shared experiences. Gippy feels Shinda brings with him a sense of authenticity and innocence that resonates with audiences. "As an actor, this is the first time we are working together," Gippy



says. "But I've seen how he connects with everyone. During the final promotions of Shinda Shinda, he entered the stage doing cartwheels, shook hands with people, took photos. I was impressed by his confidence." But does Shinda want to

pursue acting as he grows up? That doesn't even come to this kid's mind. He is doing it as the responsibility of being Gippy Grewal's son. "When I ask him what he wants to become, he always says 'I'll be a basketball player'. As a parent, I am sup-

portive of whatever he wants," Gippy talks about his upbringing and that of children in today's time. So, which one scores better? "Both are the right ways. The difference is how our parents brought us up was according to the times they were living in, and how we are bringing our children up is shaped by the needs of today. As kids, our parents would seldom explain things in detail. In fact, they would often just shoo us away and we dared not say a word. But you can't do that to a kid now. Children have so many questions these days, and you are supposed to answer." On the evolving dynamics within families, Gippy quotes a scene from the movie to explain his point. "In a scene, Shinda asks his grandfather when he would spank my father, did he go to the police? And the grandfather tells him, no, he didn't feel the need to go to the police because he had so many family members to go to, your uncle or your grandmother would become police for him." The actor continues, "Today, we have nuclear families, so with whom does he share his complaint. Every child wants that kind of support system to feel heard and understood, which is missing among families these days."

Sunny Deol announces 'Border 2' on 27th anniversary of 1997 blockbuster



Bollywood star Sunny Deol on Thursday announced the sequel to "Border" on the 27th release anniversary of the 1997 blockbuster film. According to the makers, the upcoming movie is "India's biggest war film" which will be directed by Anurag Singh, known for "Kesari" and the first two films in the "Jatt & Juliet" franchise. Filmmaker JP Dutta, who directed "Border", will serve as a producer on the sequel alongside

his daughter Nidhi Dutta via JP Films. Bhushan Kumar and Krishan Kumar will also produce the new movie under the banner of T-Series. Deol shared the announcement teaser of "Border 2" on his official X page. "Ek fauji apne 27 saal purane waade ko pura karne, aa raha hai phirse. India's biggest war film, #Border2. Produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, JP Dutta & Nidhi Dutta will be directed by Anurag Singh #T-Series

#JPFilms," the actor wrote.

Released on June 13, 1997, "Border" was based on the events of Battle of Longewala during the India-Pakistan War of 1971. It also starred Suniel Shetty, Jackie Shroff, Akshaye Khanna, Sudesh Berry and Puneet Issar alongside a supporting cast of Kulbhushan Kharbada, Tabu, Raakhee, Pooja Bhatt and Sharbani Mukherjee.

One of the top grossing films of 1997, the film's popularity was propelled by its songs, penned by Javed Akhtar and composed by Anu Malik.

Tracks "Sandese Aate Hain", "Ae Jaate Hue Lamhon", and "Mere Dushman, Mere Bhai" continue to be popular.

"Border" also won three National Film Awards: best film on national integration, best lyricist for Akhtar, and best playback singer (male) for Hariharan (Mere Dushman, Mere Bhai).

Kiran Bedi's journey as first woman IPS officer to be captured in biopic

A biopic on Kiran Bedi, the first woman IPS officer of India, has been announced. It is titled Bedi: The Name You Know. The Story You Don't.

Dream Slate Pictures made the announcement about the biopic in Delhi. This film chronicles the life of Kiran Bedi, India's first and indomitable woman IPS officer, written and directed by Kushaal Chawla. In an interview, Kiran Bedi expressed her excitement about her upcoming biopic. "It gives butterflies in my stomach."

The film promises to delve deeper into Bedi's life, "revealing the untold incidents, personal and professional challenges



and unwavering determination that shaped her extraordinary career in policing," according to a report. The writer- director

for the film, Kushaal Chawla also expressed that his personality has been inspired and shaped seeing the work of Kiran Bedi.

Ali Fazal explains how he approached his character Guddu Pandit in 'Mirzapur'

Actor Ali Fazal, who is gearing up for the release of the upcoming season of the fan-favourite streaming action-crime-thriller series 'Mirzapur', has shared that he approached his character of Guddu Pandit in an analytical way because he is so far off from his character and the world of 'Mirzapur' in real life.

Recently, the makers of the show announced its return with a third season. The series will see the return of beloved characters played by Ali Fazal, Pankaj Tripathi, Shweta Tripathi Sharma, Rasika Dugal, Vijay Varma, Harshita Gaur, Anjum Sharma, Priyanshu Painyuli, and Isha Talwar, among others.

Talking about his part in the show, Ali said: "I



suppose by default the format has become a very integral part of my life and performances. Because it is the one

place where people get to track the entire gram, so there is season 1, season 2, and now season 3. I don't know

what season 3 holds, but I know I have justified a graph for this particular boy who has the essence of it all, who holds his innocence despite so much corruption around him."

The actor shared that the role has taken a lot out of him, and it's something that he will always cherish.

"It is a world I don't belong to, a character I don't belong to, but I have tried to make sense of it with an analytical approach. I study the way they write, the way they think, and the way they interact with people in those areas. And of course, kahaniyan, kahaniyan hain, they can be told in any perspective," he continued.

For Ali, the rest of it has been the icing on

the cake. Guddu is a bodybuilder, there is a maniness and madness associated with the character.

The actor further mentioned, "These are the effects of the core traumas that this person has been through. To be able to have so much compassion that I wanted to achieve through playing this part, and also for the audiences to see what a person in that situation can go through, or maybe in any other situation, it can be endless situations in a story."

For him, the biggest challenge was to be able to put himself away from it, look at it, and observe the character without judging it.

'Mirzapur 3' is set to stream on Prime Video from July 5.

Radhikka Madan: If I try to follow somebody, I don't enjoy it

From funky casuals to chic couture, Radhikka Madan likes to experiment with her fashion choices, and she inculcated this habit early on. "I always wore what I felt like wearing. I didn't care about trends and felt very uncomfortable when I tried to be somebody else. Even now, if I try to follow somebody, I don't enjoy it. I have different versions of myself which I try to express through fashion," says the Pataakha girl.

Madan admits that Shiddat (2021) changed how her style was perceived, but it was unintentional. She insists, "I equally liked Sarika's chashma in Angrezi Medium (2020) and Supri's stole in Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota (2019). Shiddat got a lot of love, but the intention wasn't to up the glamour quotient." Yet, she admits that her look in the song Chitta, did become a trend: "My makeup artist got a lot of requests from brides to do the same

look."

Her acting journey has also been as interesting as the 29-year-old shifted to films from TV and she admits, "It was relatively tougher, and it is like that for anyone coming from outside. I have been insecure, and I have seen things not work out, but I have had the patience to wait."

The actor's first film was MKDNH which took her to film festivals. "I didn't even know what festivals were before as I was a hardcore commercial girl who grew up on Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, Kal Ho Naa Ho and Andaz Apna Apna. It agitated me, but Vasanth (Bala, director) sir, Vishal (Bhardwaj, filmmaker) sir and Homi (Adajania, director), they set the base for me. If not for them, I don't know what my career graph would have been," she asserts.

During this journey, Madan has had incidents where she has been put under the radar. Ask her how she



pulled herself out of it and she says, "I won't lie, there are days when I feel extremely low and there is self-doubt. There are days when you literally have to force yourself out of bed. It is extremely tough, but later you realise that period was a gift. After every such period, I realise my performance

becomes more mature in whatever I do next as there is a lot more fire and zeal," she says.

Last year, Madan got the Best Actress award at New York Film Festival for her upcoming film Sanaa, and it opened her up to newer things. "It reinstills the faith in your craft and gives you a new perspective. Now

when I act, I see a film in its entirety. It's not just about me and my craft," she says, adding that Sanaa has "changed me as a human and as an actor".

Madan has Sarfira releasing next month opposite actor Akshay Kumar, and it still feels surreal to her. "Sometimes it's hard to believe it's happening. I have to keep reminding myself as it doesn't sink in. I am waiting for the trailer to come out and I am sure when it does, I will be balling," she says, adding that while the hunger to prove herself drives her, it also keeps her from acknowledging her efforts. "My parents and friends tell me that I should be proud of myself, but I keep thinking about what more I can do. That drive takes over any other feeling. I know that I need to balance it out, but I don't do that. Hopefully, I'll soon be able to do that," she admits.

Richie Mehta, Alphonse Roy, others to take masterclasses at 18th MIFF



The 18th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) will feature interesting panel discussions with filmmaker Richie Mehta, Nemil Shah, Alphonse Roy and Georges Schwizgebel.

The biennial film festival organised by the NFDC, which focuses on short films, documentaries and animation films, will also see several interesting masterclasses and panel discussions addressing a wide range of conversations around diverse

filmmaking techniques and formats.

MIFF is all set to take place from June 15 to 21 at the National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) in Mumbai.

Among those scheduled at the 18th MIFF, are Nemil Shah, a 28-year-old filmmaker who won a Nation Award for his short film Dal Bhat.

He will conduct a masterclass with Alphonse Roy, the wildlife cinematographer celebrated for his exceptional work on documentaries such

as Treasure Seekers: Tibet's Hidden Kingdom and Man Eaters of India among others.

Award-winning animation film director Georges Schwizgebel will take masterclasses on animation and documentary filmmaking. The festival will also see Richie Mehta in conversation with veteran filmmaker Ketan Mehta, Emmy nominated animation filmmaker Vaibhav Kumaresh and actor-producer Jacky Bhagnani.

Row over NEET-UG: Grace marks given to 1,563 candidates withdrawn, students to be given option to take re-test on June 23, Centre tells Supreme Court

The court says it will not stay the counselling process for admissions

NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): Amid a raging row over the NEET-UG examination, the Centre told the Supreme Court on Thursday it has cancelled the grace marks given to 1,563 candidates who took the examination for admission to MBBS and other such courses. They will have the option to either take a re-test or forgo the compensatory marks awarded to them for loss of time.

Refusing to stall the counselling for NEET-UG, 2024, scheduled to commence from July 6, the top court made it clear that the admission of successful candidates to medical colleges and other institutions will be subject to the outcome of the petitions which have sought reliefs like cancellation of the examination held on May 5 on grounds of question paper leak and other malpractices.

A vacation bench of justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta termed as "fairly reasonable" the decision to cancel the grace marks awarded to 1,563 candidates on the recommendation of a panel set up to look into



the grievances voiced by the petitioners. The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducts the all India pre-medical entrance test.

At the outset, lawyer Kanu Agarwal, appearing for the Centre and the NTA, said the committee set up to look into the grievances decided on June 12 to "allay the fears of the students".

It was of the view that the grace marks be withdrawn and replaced with an option of re-test for these candidates

which will be conducted on June 23. A notification to this effect will be issued during the day.

He said the committee was of the view that the award of grace marks on grounds of loss of time while taking the test resulted in a "skewed situation" as it had to be limited only to the questions that remained un-attempted.

After examining all aspects, the panel concluded that it would be appropriate to recommend cancellation of scorecards

of these beneficiary candidates. "According to the recommendations, it has been suggested that the score-cards of the affected 1,563 candidates issued on June 4, 2024 will stand cancelled and withdrawn. These affected 1,563 candidates will be informed of their actual scores without compensatory marks. Further, re-examination will be conducted for the affected 1,563 candidates.

"The results of the affected candidates who do not wish to appear for the re-examination will be declared on their actual marks without compensation obtained by them in the examination held on May 5, 2024 and the marks obtained by the candidates who will appear in the retest will be considered and their marks based on the examination held on May 5, 2024 will be discarded," the bench noted in the order.

The results of the re-test will be declared on June 30 and the counselling for admissions to MBBS, BDS, and other courses will start on July 6, the Centre said.

Himachal Pradesh tells Supreme Court it doesn't have surplus water, court asks Delhi govt to approach Yamuna board

The court asks the Delhi government to submit an application to the UYRB by 5 pm seeking supply of water to the national capital on humanitarian grounds



NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Delhi government to approach the Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB) for water supply as Himachal Pradesh took a U-turn and told the top court that it did not have surplus water to spare.

A vacation bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Prasanna B Varale asked the Delhi government to submit an application to the UYRB by

5 pm seeking supply of water to the national capital on humanitarian grounds.

The Himachal Pradesh government told the Supreme Court that it does not have surplus 136 cusecs of water and withdrew its earlier statement.

The bench said that sharing of Yamuna water between states is a complex and sensitive issue and this court does not have the technical expertise to decide on it even on an interim basis.

"The issue should be left to be considered by the body constituted by the agreement of parties in the memorandum of understanding dated 1994.

"Since the UYRB has already directed Delhi to submit an application for the supply of water on humanitarian grounds... such an application be made, if not already made, by today by 5 pm, and the board shall convene a meeting tomorrow and take decision in the matter at the earliest," the bench said.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by the Delhi government seeking a direction to Haryana to release the surplus water provided by Himachal Pradesh to the national capital to mitigate its water crisis.

Pema Khandu sworn in as Arunachal Pradesh CM for third term

ITANAGAR, Jun 13 (Agencies): BJP leader Pema Khandu took oath as the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third consecutive term on Thursday.

Khandu, the MLA of Mukto, was sworn in by Governor KT Parnaik in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president JP Nadda and several other leaders.

Along with Khandu, 11



other MLAs were also sworn in as ministers. The BJP returned to power in Arunachal

Pradesh for the third time in a row, winning 46 seats in the 60-member assembly.

5 killed as fire breaks out in residential building in Ghaziabad

It is suspected that a short circuit caused the fire

GHAZIABAD, Jun 13 (Agencies): Five people were killed and two injured when a fire broke out in a residential building here, police said on Thursday.

It is suspected that a short circuit caused the fire.

Information was received about the fire in the building in Behta Hajipur under the Loni Border police station area on the intervening



night of Wednesday and Thursday. Police personnel and firefighters rushed to the spot and rescued a woman and

a child from the building, Additional Commissioner of Police (ACP) Ankur Vihar Bhaskar Verma told agency.

According to preliminary investigation, a short circuit led to the fire, police said.

Additional Police Commissioner, Ghaziabad, Dinesh Kumar P, said the fire started on the ground floor of the building and quickly spread to the first and second floors, trapping the residents.

The fire spread due to the foam kept in the house. Five bodies

were recovered from the building, he said.

Police said the deceased had been identified as Saiful Rehman (35), wife Nazira (32), daughter Isra (7), Faiz (7-month-old) and Farheen alias Parveen (25).

The injured, Arsh (10) and Uzma (25), were admitted to GTB Hospital in Delhi. Arsh was later discharged, they said.

Man finds 'piece of flesh with nail' in ice cream in Mumbai, thought it was 'nut'

MUMBAI, Jun 13 (Agencies): A man from Malad area in Mumbai has complained that he found a piece of flesh with a nail in an ice cream cone that he ordered online, police said on Thursday.

Although it is suspected to be a piece of human finger, it has been sent for an examination, they said.

The incident occurred on Wednesday afternoon, the police said.

"The complainant in the case, a 26-year-old doctor with MBBS degree who stays in Malad west, had ordered a butterscotch ice-cream cone of Yummo company.



While consuming the ice-cream after lunch, he came across a half an inch long piece of flesh with a nail in the ice

cream," he said. The man, who is pursuing his post-graduate studies, took up the matter and lodged a com-

plaint with the ice cream company on its Instagram page, he said.

But since there was no appropriate response from the company, the complainant put the piece of flesh in an ice bag and approached the Malad police station, the official said.

Based on his complaint, the police registered a case against Yummo ice cream company officials, he said.

"The piece of flesh, suspected to be a piece of human finger, has been sent for forensic examination to ascertain whether it is a part of the human body," the official said, adding that a probe in the case is underway.

3 killed in collision between car and truck in Jaipur



JAIPUR, Jun 13 (Agencies): Three people, including a toddler, were killed and one person was injured when their car collided head-on with a truck and fell into a ditch in the Raisar area here on Thursday, police said.

The incident occurred around 12.30 am when the victims, all of them relatives and residents of Uttar Pradesh, were returning from Khatu Shaymji in Sikar, Raisar SHO Mahendra Singh Shekhawat said.

The car collided with

the truck and fell into a roadside ditch. Then the truck also fell on the car. The truck driver managed to flee from the spot, he said.

Ravi (28), his sister Rinki (24), her husband Ankit (30) and their daughter Devki (3) were travelling in the car. While Ravi, Ankit and Devki died, Rinki is undergoing treatment at a hospital, the SHO said.

Police said the bodies would be handed over to the family members of the victims after post-mortem.

Anger in country over NEET exam will 'reverberate inside Parliament': Congress

NEW DELHI, Jun 13 (Agencies): The Congress on Thursday reiterated its demand of a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the NEET exam issue, and asserted that the anger in the country over the matter will "reverberate inside Parliament as well".

The opposition party also demanded the removal of the National Testing Agency (NTA) Director General and claimed that the BJP government's attitude towards the ongoing demand for an inquiry into the NEET exam is irresponsible and insensitive... Ordinary families have been forced to cough up amounts close to Rs 30 lakh due to promises given to them

by different coaching and examination centres," he said. "We believe that no inquiry can be a just, fair and comprehensive if it is headed by the NTA itself. The NTA chairperson should be removed and Prime minister Narendra Modi, who likes giving exam advice to Class 10 students, should not forget the mental anxiety caused to these undergraduates," Gogoi said.

Instead of paying attention to the "NEET scam", he is busy attending oath-taking ceremonies and going abroad on foreign trips,

he said. "Rest assured, the INDIA bloc will take up the cause of these students because that is our responsibility," Gogoi said.

"Now the INDIA bloc has the sufficient strength to bring the government to its



knees and make them accountable to the students," he said. Gogoi credited Rahul Gandhi for taking up the issue of the NEET exam soon after the Lok Sabha results were declared.

"It is a mystery why these results were

declared on June 4. It can only point that they knew a storm was brewing and they wanted to avoid any discussion on these NEET results on June 4 when the entire country would be talking about the election results," Gogoi said.

"We are waiting for the Parliament session, we will raise the voice of 24 lakh youth of the country inside Parliament. The anger over the NEET exam in the country will also reverberate inside Parliament," he said.

The Congress leader also hit out at Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

for rejecting allegations of paper leak in medical entrance exam NEET-UG.

Gogoi said this government's modus operandi has always been to dismiss such charges while the prime minister maintains silence.

Pradhan on Thursday rejected allegations of paper leak in the medical entrance exam, saying there is no evidence of it. "There is no evidence of paper leak in NEET-UG. The allegations of corruption in NTA are unfounded, it is a very credible body," Pradhan told reporters. "The Supreme Court is

hearing the matter and we will abide by its decision. We will ensure no student is at a disadvantage," he added.

The Centre on Thursday told the Supreme Court that the decision to give grace marks to 1,563 NEET-UG 2024 candidates for admission to MBBS, BDS and other courses has been cancelled and they will be given an option to take a re-test on June 23.

If these candidates do not wish to take up the re-test, then their earlier marks, sans the grace marks, will be given for the purpose of results.

“Conflict Very, Very Big Driver”: UN Says 120 Million Displaced Worldwide

UN reports 120 million lives displaced globally with conflicts in places like Gaza, Sudan, and Myanmar forcing even more people to flee their homes.

GENEVA, Jun 13 (Agencies): A staggering total of 120 million people are living forcibly displaced by war, violence, and persecution, the UN said Thursday, branding the ever-increasing number a “terrible indictment on the state of the world”.

The United Nations refugee agency UNHCR said forced displacement globally had once again smashed records, with conflicts in places like Gaza, Sudan, and Myanmar forcing even more people to flee their homes.

The global displaced population is now equivalent to that of Japan, it pointed out in a statement.

“Conflict remains a very, very big driver of mass displacement,” UN refugee chief Filippo Grandi told reporters.

At the end of last year, 117.3 million people were displaced, UNHCR said in a report.

And by the end of April, the number had swelled further, with an estimated 120 million people around the world living in displacement.

The number is up from 110 million a year ago, and has been rising for 12 consecutive years -- nearly tripling since 2012 amid a combination of new and mutating crises and a failure to resolve long-standing ones, UNHCR said.

Grandi told agency he had been shocked at the high displacement figure when he took



the job eight years ago.

Since then it has “more than doubled”, he said, describing this as “a terrible indictment on the state of the world”.

Figures will keep rising Grandi pointed to a palpable increase in crises, and also highlighted how climate change is impacting population movement and driving conflicts.

UNHCR last year declared 43 emergencies across 29 countries -- more than four times what was common just a few years ago, he told reporters.

In particular, Grandi noted, “the way conflicts are conducted ... in complete disregard” of international law, and “often with the specific purpose of terrorising people”.

“This of course is a powerful contributor to more displacement.”

Grandi acknowledged there currently seemed to be little hope of bucking the trend.

“Unless there is a shift in international geopolitics, unfor-

tunately, I actually see the figure continuing to go up,” he said.

Of the 117.3 million displaced at the end of 2023, 68.3 million people were internally displaced within their own country, Thursday’s report showed.

The number of refugees and others in need of international protection meanwhile climbed to 43.4 million, it said.

UNHCR countered the perception that all refugees and other migrants go to wealthy countries.

“The vast majority of refugees are hosted in countries neighbouring their own, with 75 percent residing in low- and middle-income countries that together produce less than 20 percent of the world’s income,” it said.

“Human tragedies” Sudan’s civil war has been a key factor driving up the numbers.

Since the war broke out in April 2023 between rival generals, it has displaced more than nine million more people, leav-

ing nearly 11 million Sudanese uprooted at the end of 2023, UNHCR said.

The numbers were still rising. Grandi pointed to the many still fleeing to neighbouring Chad, which has received some 600,000 Sudanese in the past 14 months.

“Hundreds and hundreds every day are crossing from one devastated country to one of the poorest countries in the world,” he told agency.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo and Myanmar, millions more people were also internally displaced last year by vicious fighting.

And in the Gaza Strip, the UN estimates 1.7 million people -- 75 percent of the population -- have been displaced by the war sparked eight months ago by Hamas’ October 7 attack inside Israel.

As for the war raging in Ukraine since Russia’s full-scale invasion in February 2022, the UN estimated that around 750,000 people became newly displaced inside the country last year, with a total of 3.7 million internally displaced people registered by the end of 2023.

The number of Ukrainian refugees and asylum-seekers increased by over 275,000 to six million, it said.

Syria remains the world’s largest displacement crisis, with 13.8 million people forcibly displaced inside and outside the country, UNHCR said.

China says it has right to file WTO suit over EU electric car tariffs



BEIJING, Jun 13 (Agencies): China said Thursday it “reserves the right” to file a suit with the World Trade Organization over planned new EU tariffs on imports of its electric vehicles.

The European Union warned this week it would slap additional tariffs of up to 38 percent on Chinese electric car imports from next month after an anti-subsidy probe.

The European Commission has proposed a provisional hike of tariffs on Chinese manufacturers: 17.4 percent for market major BYD, 20 percent for Geely and 38.1 percent for SAIC.

The EU said the amount depended on the level of state subsidies received by the firms.

“China reserves the right to file a suit to the WTO and take all necessary measures to resolutely defend the rights and interests of Chinese companies,” Beijing’s commerce ministry spokesman He Yadong told a briefing. He condemned the

move as lacking a “factual and legal basis”.

“This action not only harms the legal rights and interests of the Chinese electric vehicle industry... but will also distort auto production and supply chains around the world, including in the European Union,” he said.

“The actions by the European side are suspected of violating WTO rules and are naked protectionist behaviour,” he said.

The European Commission pointed on Wednesday to “unfair subsidisation” in China, which it said “is causing a threat of economic injury” to EU electric car makers.

The tariffs will apply provisionally from July 4 and then definitively from November unless there is a qualified majority of EU states -- 15 countries representing at least 65 percent of the bloc’s population -- voting against the move.

The EU tariffs, while high, are lower than the 100 percent rate the United States imposed

on Chinese electric cars from last month.

Countermeasures Europe’s automotive sector is the jewel in its industrial crown -- boasting brands such as Mercedes and Ferrari -- but it faces threats including China’s head start in the switch to electric.

Brussels wants to put the brakes on what it claims were unfair practices undercutting Europe’s automakers, which face a 2035 deadline to phase out new sales of combustion engine cars.

Germany, Hungary and Sweden previously expressed concerns about applying higher duties.

Chinese media ramped up threats that Beijing could target EU exports, including pork and dairy products, ahead of Wednesday’s decision.

China launched an anti-dumping investigation in January into brandy imported from the EU in a move seen as targeting France, which pushed for the commission’s probe.

A group representing French cognac producers said it was “deeply concerned” about possible Chinese retaliation.

China’s commerce ministry did not offer specifics when asked on Thursday about countermeasures that might be taken.

Massive Increase In Likes On X After Making Them Private: Elon Musk

SAN FRANCISCO, Jun 13 (Agencies): A day after making likes private on his social media platform X, Elon Musk on Thursday said that the move has resulted in a massive hike in the number of likes for millions of users worldwide.

The tech billionaire had made all likes private by default to help people avoid retaliation from trolls and “better protect user privacy.”

In a fresh post on X, he said that there has been a “massive increase in likes after they were made private.”

After this change, the X users will not be able to see the posts that



other users have liked on the platform.

However, the users can still see the posts they liked and the post’s original writer can see who liked it.

According to the Tesla and SpaceX CEO, the move is important to allow people to like posts without getting

attacked for doing so.

According to the social media platform, “likes” are now visible only to you and the author.

“The author will be notified, but not anyone else. Bookmark is only visible to you. We could even make it customizable for users,” according to the company.

UK’s Labour pitches for power with promise of growth

LONDON, Jun 13 (Agencies): Britain’s Labour party on Thursday launches its general election manifesto, hoping that a promise to get the economy growing again will catapult it into power after 14 years in opposition.

Labour has been consistently some 20 points ahead of Rishi Sunak’s Conservatives for nearly two years, making its leader Keir Starmer a virtual shoe-in as the country’s next prime minister if polls are correct.

But Starmer, 61, still has work to do before polling day on July 4 to overcome persistent Tory claims about Labour profligacy with public finances and warnings that it will increase personal taxes.

The manifesto launch comes two days after the Tories promised voters more tax cuts, in a campaign where the affordability of the main parties’ spending plans have come under close scrutiny. In details trailed in advance by the party, Starmer will describe Labour’s blueprint for government as a “manifesto for wealth creation” and call it “our number one priority”.

“The mandate we seek from Britain at this election is for economic growth,” the former human rights lawyer and chief public prosecutor will tell party members in Manchester, northwest England.

“Growth is our core business -- the end

and the means of national renewal,” he will add, promising sustained economic growth to drive up living standards.

To get there, Labour is promising to restore economic stability after the turbulence of recent years that saw inflation hit 11.1 percent in October 2022 -- its highest in 40 years. It vowed to introduce tough new spending rules to allow businesses to plan, a cap on corporation tax at 25 percent and an industrial strategy for longer-term investment, particularly in green tech and AI.

Wriggle room Starmer and his likely finance minister Rachel Reeves look set to have little room for manoeuvre, however, with the economy stagnant in April after emerging from recession in the first quarter.

Both Labour and the Tories have ruled out increasing the VAT sales tax, income tax rates and National Insurance, which pays for state healthcare, pensions and unemployment, if they win.

Economists said the incoming government could get some momentum from expected falls in interest rates and inflation by the end of the year.

Many Labour policies -- from continued support for Ukraine and scrapping the Tories’ plan to deport failed asylum seekers to Rwanda, to recognising Palestinian sov-

ereignty as part of the peace process -- have been drip-fed over months.

As in 1997, when Tony Blair won a landslide after 18 years of Tory rule, Starmer knows that he needs to reassure a jittery electorate that Labour can provide stability and economic competence.

At the last election in 2019, his predecessor Jeremy Corbyn stood on a radical platform that included proposals for sweeping renationalisation of key industries, and tax hikes for high earners.

Starmer, who took over after Labour was routed by Boris Johnson’s Tories and has dragged the party back to the less threatening centre ground, and will vow it is “pro business and pro worker”.

Britons have endured an unprecedented period of political upheaval, with five Tory prime ministers since 2010, and three in just four months in 2022.

Much of that was the result of Brexit, the country’s tortuous departure from the European Union, but also self-inflicted wounds such as Liz Truss’s short-lived tenure, when her unfunded tax cuts spooked the markets and crashed the pound. One of Starmer’s first tasks if he finds himself in Downing Street on July 5 will be to prepare for a crunch NATO summit in Washington the following week, and to host a meeting of European leaders.

Pakistan’s budgetary allocation for defence falls to 1.7 per cent of its GDP

ISLAMABAD, Jun 13 (Agencies): Pakistan’s budgetary allocation of Rs 2,122 billion for defence for 2024-25 constitutes just 1.7 per cent of the cash-strapped but nuclear-armed nation’s GDP, which is the same as the previous year, despite the higher than the Rs 1,804 billion set aside during the outgoing fiscal 2023-24, according to budget documents.

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb presented a Rs 18,877 billion heavily taxed budget for 2024-25.

The finance minister’s speech and various budget documents show that Rs 2,122 billion allocated for the next fiscal year is Rs 318 billion higher than Rs 1,804 billion budgeted for the outgoing fiscal year 2023-24, ending on June 30. According to Pakistan Economic Survey 2023-24, which is a key document showing the budget and performance of the economy each year and is released ahead of the budget each year, defence spending as a percentage of the GDP has come down since 2020. It shows that the defence spending was 2.6 per cent of the GDP in 2020 but it decreased to 2.4 per cent in 2021, and went down further to 2.1 per cent in 2022, followed by 1.9 per cent in 2023 and 1.7 per cent in 2024. For the year 2025, defence spending has been retained at 1.7 per cent of the GDP, showing that there was no change in the share of the army in the overall pie despite it

getting more money in the budget.

The document lists defence spending as per GDP since 2016 when it was 2.3 per cent, and increased to 2.5 per cent of the GDP in 2017 and further to 2.6 per cent in 2018. It remained unchanged at 2.6 per cent from 2018 to 2020 and then decreased.

However, the data released by the government may not convey the real picture of defence spending as several military-related expenses are budgeted in the civilian expenditures. For example, a sum of Pakistani Rs 662 billion, allocated for retired military personnel, which equals to about 31 per cent of the allocation for the armed forces, will not be drawn from the defence budget but rather from the government’s current expenditure.

Similarly, it is believed that key military acquisitions or funding for nuclear weapons and missile programmes are believed to be financed through separate channels, obscuring the exact military spending.

However, the budget document provides some details about the latest allocation, showing that the share of the three services and inter-services organisations has remained fairly consistent since 2019, with the Army getting 47.5 per cent, the Air Force 21.3 per cent, the Navy 10.8 per cent and the inter-services organisations 20.3 per cent of the budget. It shows that this year the Army, Pakistan Air Force, Pakistan Navy and inter-

services organisations will receive an equal percentage increase of 22.3 per cent in their respective allocations, a rare display of parity in funding distribution.

The allocation is divided into four categories: ‘Employees Related Expenses’, covering salaries and allowances for servicemen; ‘Operating Expenses’, which include costs for transportation, fuel, rations, medical treatment, training, and other essential services; ‘Physical Assets’, which funds the procurement of arms, ammunition, and related equipment through local purchases and imports; and ‘Civil Works’ dedicated to maintaining existing infrastructure and financing new construction projects. The civil works category got the biggest 25 per cent increase with Rs 244.8 billion allocation, followed by physical assets, which received Rs 548.6 billion (18.8 per cent increase), and operating expenses got Rs 513.3 billion (15.6 per cent raise).

The ERE (employee-related expenses) head still got the largest chunk of the budget for the armed forces with 39 per cent allocation. Physical assets and operating expenses got 25.8 per cent and 25 per cent of the budget, respectively, while civil works claimed 11.5 per cent. Due to the peculiar security situation of Pakistan and its uneasy ties with India, its defence spending often comes under the scanner both at home and abroad.

NATO chief expects France to remain ‘staunch’ ally



BRUSSELS, Jun 13 (Agencies): NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said Thursday he expects France to stay a key member of the Western military alliance, even if a far-right government comes to power after upcoming elections.

“Regardless of the different parties elected and the different majorities in the parliaments, we have always seen that NATO allies have remained committed to the alliance because this is in the security interest of each and

every ally,” Stoltenberg said at a meeting of NATO defence ministers in Brussels.

“So I expect France to remain a staunch and important ally also in the future.”

French President Emmanuel Macron sent shockwaves across Europe on Sunday by dissolving parliament and calling a snap vote after his liberal party was trounced by the far-right National Rally (RN) at EU polls.

Macron on Wednesday accused the RN, led

by rival Marine Le Pen, of being “ambiguous” about Russia and aims to “leave NATO”.

Le Pen’s party has previously advocated to leave NATO’s US-led military command structure, but not to quit the alliance as a whole.

More recently, RN leaders have suggested they would not change France’s status in NATO while Russia’s war on Ukraine is ongoing.

French leader Charles de Gaulle previously withdrew France from NATO’s military command in 1966 due to complaints over US domination.

The decision -- which saw NATO move its headquarters from Paris to Brussels -- was only reversed by former president Nicolas Sarkozy in 2009.

People should get immediate relief from electricity, water problems: Suresh

Top News Report

AKHNOOR, June 13: A meeting of District Development Council of Jammu district was held under the chairmanship of DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan, in which the works of Jal Shakti Department and PDD were reviewed. In this meeting, BJP senior leader and District Development Council member Pandit Suresh Sharma raised the problems being faced by the people.

Suresh Sharma said that at present the power crisis has deepened a lot,

there are 8-10 hours long and unannounced power cuts in rural areas due to which people are facing a lot of problems. The people are not able to get enough water. These unannounced power cuts should be stopped immediately. Apart from this, there are many villages where problems like low voltage still exist, new transformers should be installed at those places soon so that people do not have to face the problem of low voltage.

Suresh Sharma said that a 10 MVA transformer

was approved last year for the Maira Mandrain receiving station, it should be installed there as soon as possible so that people of Maira Mandrain as well as other areas can get its benefits. Apart from this, Suresh Sharma, while discussing with the Jal Shakti Department in the meeting, said that the new tube wells approved under the Jal Jeevan Mission are still stuck in the tender process and work has not started on the ground level. In every meeting for the last two years, the department

has been saying that this work is starting soon, but till date the construction work of those tube wells have not started.

Suresh Sharma said that the Jal Shakti Department should ensure that the construction work of these tube wells starts and a time limit should also be fixed for it so that people can get their benefits.

Pandit Suresh Sharma further said that whenever a motor pump breaks down, it takes 15 to 20 days to repair it, due to which people have to face lot of difficulties.

He told the department officials that it should be ensured that it should not take more than two or three days to repair any motor pump, so that people can get relief. Apart from this, Suresh Sharma said that where motor pumps break down and in the villages where water projects are closed, water should be continuously provided through water tankers. All the members of the District Development Council and senior officials of the PHE Department and PDD Department were present in this meeting.

Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre to launch Yoga & Meditation Classes from June 21

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre, Udheywala, Jammu, is pleased to announce the commencement of Yoga & Meditation Classes starting from June 21, 2024. These classes aim to promote holistic well-being and stress management among participants.

In a media statement issued today, Swami Jaynadhara-nanda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu said that the Yoga & Meditation Classes will be led

by certified instructor who have years of experience in guiding students towards inner peace and relaxation. Our classes are suitable for all levels.

"We are glad to bring this transformative practice to our community. Our goal is to help individuals connect with their inner selves and find peace in a fast-paced world," he said.

Swami Jaynadhara-nanda said Yoga and meditation have been scientifically proven to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and increase mindfulness. By incor-

porating these practices into your daily routine, you will notice a significant improvement in your overall health and well-being, he said.

He appealed to the people of Jammu district to participate in large number in the Yoga & Meditation Classes at Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre, Udheywala, Jammu every day from 6.30 am to 7.30 am.

For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact us at 9596984032 or visit our Medical Centre at Udheywala.

PNB MetLife declares Rs 930 Cr Bonus 5.82 lakh customers to benefit from strong performance in participating products

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: PNB MetLife, one of India's leading life insurance companies, announces a bonus of Rs 930 crore for eligible participating policyholders, benefiting 5.82 lakh customers.

This milestone showcases PNB MetLife's unwavering commitment to customer care, financial security, and helping individuals achieve their big dreams.

This year's bonus marks a significant 21% increase from the previous year, with an additional INR 161.40 crore taking the bonus amount declared this year to Rs 930 Cr. The number of eligible beneficiaries has increased by 30,000 poli-

cyholders, representing a growth rate of 5.43% against last year.

"The Rs 930 crore bonus declaration this year reinforces our commitment to generate the best possible outcomes for our customers' financial security and long-term prosperity. Life insurance policies are designed for the long term, and participating insurance products allow us to reward customers throughout the policy term. The company's commitment to customer care and fostering financial well-being remains at the forefront of its mission, ensuring that policyholders can confidently pursue their aspirations," remarked Sanjay Kumar, Chief Investment Officer, PNB MetLife

PNB MetLife has a legacy of over two decades, of consistently delivering bonuses on participating insurance products. This dedication to transparency, integrity, and trust reinforces PNB MetLife as a reliable and caring partner in our customers' financial journey. The company's innovative need-based solutions and personalized services are designed to enhance customer experiences, further cementing its position as a trustworthy brand.

As PNB MetLife celebrates this achievement, the company reaffirms its pledge to champion the aspirations of its customers, continually innovating and evolving to meet their needs and dreams.

Security restored to Political Leaders in Sensitive Chenab Valley: Ajeet Bhagat

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, June 13: Jammu and National Conference Senior leader and Spokesperson Ajeet Bhagat addressed the press, emphasizing the urgent need to restore security for political leaders in the sensitive districts of Kishtwar, Doda, and Ramban in the Chenab Valley Zone. Bhagat underscored the heightened risk in these areas due to a history of militant attacks and the recent withdrawal of security for several leaders.

Bhagat highlighted that these districts have experienced significant violence, with numerous political leaders being targeted and killed in the past. He called on security agencies to learn from these incidents and act swiftly to reinstate the withdrawn security measures.

He described the current atmosphere in Kishtwar, Doda, and Ramban as chaotic, with markets in disarray and a pervasive sense of fear and terror among the populace and political leaders. Bhagat warned that failure to restore security could lead to dire consequences, and he expressed his intention to seek intervention from the Supreme Court if necessary.

He held security agencies directly accountable for any untoward incidents that might occur in these districts if immediate action is not taken to ensure the safety of the political leaders.

Sonika flags off 4th group for Dharamshala Himalayan trekking



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Sonika Mahajan Principal of The Shri Ram Universal School, Jakh, Jammu flagged off the 4th group comprising 30 students including 13 girls for the Dharamshala Himalayan Programme being organized by Tawi Trekkers J&K in the Dauladhars of Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh. Three teachers of the school Minkle Verma, Sahil Gupta and Vandana also accompanied the group led by Senior members of Tawi Trekkers J&K Sourav Deep Singh, a trained mountaineer and Bhanu Partap Singh.

Meanwhile, the 3rd group of trekkers of Govt College for Women, Parade which reached Dharamshala yesterday is enjoying the soft trek today to Gallu temple and Dharamkot, popularly called mini Israel.

It may be mentioned here that Tawi Trekkers J&K has been organizing Himalayan Trekking Programmes in Dailhousie -Chamba, Kullu-Manali and Dharamshala areas of Himachal Pradesh since 1994. Over the years these programmes have emerged as the most popular activity of the club for students during summer vacations in which over 15000 boys and girls have participat-

ed so far. The purpose of these programme is to take the students away from the heat and dust and also hustle and bustle of city life and bring them close to nature.

The next group of trekkers of Aryan Oriental Convent Hr, Secondary School Udhampur, Jammu shall leave for the Himalayan Trekking Programme within a couple of days.

Meanwhile, a small group of about 10 members of the club shall undertake a high altitude trek to Triund, an elegant meadow situated at an altitude of over 10000ft in Dhauladhars of Himachal Pradesh.

Mela-cum-Bhandara on Birth Anniversary of Peer Badshah Karim Ali Shah organised

Top News Report

R.S PURA, June 13: Mela-cum-Bhandara on the Birth Anniversary of Peer Badshah Karim Ali Shah was organised by the villagers at Jinder Melu, R.S Pura today. The local folk songs and music was displayed in the memory of Peer Badshah Karim Ali Shah by the artists. The organising committee facilitated the former Minister Ch. Gharu Ram, former MLA Ashok Sharma, Sat Paul Mandi, Girdhari Lal Moton CMO (Retd) Gharu Ram Motton and

Suraj Motton.

While highlighting the contribution for the composite society of Peer Badshah Karim Ali Shah, the former Minister urged upon the people to strengthen the Dogra culture and its heritage of which communal harmony is a major part. He said that the wrestling, Tug of War and Kabbadi need to be organised as a regular feature to involve the youth in productive field.

After paying the rich tribute to Peer Badshah Karim Ali Shah, Ashok Sharma, former MLA said

that the Saints and Sufis have taught us the lesson of brotherhood, communal harmony and peaceful co-existence of mankind. He lauded the role of organising committee headed by Gharu Ram Motton for organising such a simple but impressive programme depicting our culture, heritage and oneness among all the communities.

He made appeal to the people to remain vigilant against the policy of divide and deceit and also to work for removing the trust deficit in public life.

Secy DDMRR&R reviews dev projects, assesses public grievances at Sathra

Top News Report

POONCH, JUNE 13: Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DDMRR&R), Anil Koul, today visited Sathra and convened a public darbar to assess and address grievances and demands of locals.

The public outreach program was attended by people from various parts of Sathra block, who raised their issues including early completion of JJM projects, hike in electricity bills, inclusion of unexplored areas of Mandi tehsil in the tourism map, construction of foot bridge at Kalani, macadamization of Sathra-Mandi road and other matters related to Health and Education sector.

Addressing the concerns of the public, the Secretary assured that all the issues raised will be addressed on a priority basis. He urged upon all the stakeholder departments to adopt a proactive and people friendly approach in delivering prompt public services. Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Sandesh Kumar Sharma, briefed the Administrative Secretary about the development initiatives and efforts undertaken by the district administration. He affirmed that all the public inputs obtained during the camp would be recorded and integrated into actionable plans.

Bukhari expresses grief over loss of 3 lives in Baramulla road accident

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 13: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Thursday, expressed his profound grief and sorrow over the tragic road accident, which killed at least three people and injured 18 others in Baramulla

today. In his statement, Bukhari expressed grief and sorrow over the tragic accident, and said, "I am deeply saddened to hear about the tragic accident that claimed three precious lives and injured 18 others. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the families who lost

their loved ones in this mishap. May Allah give them the much-needed patience to bear the pain of this debacle and rest the departed souls in eternal peace."

Apni Party President has urged the administration to ensure best possible treatment for the injured.

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PM Modi reviews security situation in J&K after spate of terror attacks

undertaken by Amit Shah as well. J&K is facing a crucial time as the Amarnath Yatra is to begin this month-end till August 19 and will be followed by assembly elections in J&K in September, as per the deadline mandated by the Supreme Court. The government wants peaceful conduct of both the Amarnath Yatra as well as the assembly elections and is planning to deploy a large amount of forces in J&K for the same.

Top sources in the J&K Police, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and intelligence agencies said these attacks were desperate attempts by terrorist groups, especially after India successfully conducted the Lok Sabha elections in J&K.

We are committed to affordable access to public healthcare and to build a healthy society: LG Sinha

the patients. It must be ensured that all the necessary medical equipments are

being procured and functioning properly, he said.

"We must focus on people-centred approach for accessible, equitable and efficient delivery of healthcare services. We are committed to affordable access to public healthcare and to build a healthy society," the Lt Governor further added.

The members of the Governing Body also shared their valuable suggestions and inputs on augmentation of healthcare facilities in SKIMS.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar; Advisor to Lt Governor; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Dr M Srinivas, Director AIIMS New Delhi; Dr Rajiv Bahl, DG ICMR; Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health and other members attended the meeting.

JK DGP R R Swain talks tough on Militancy, issues warning to supporters

review security in the district, where terrorists attacked a bus Sunday evening, killing nine and injuring 41.

The meeting, among others, was attended by Reasi Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Udhampur-Reasi Range Deputy Inspector General of Police Rayees

Mohammad Bhat, and Reasi Senior Superintendent of Police Mohita Sharma.

"The enemy agents are doing it (helping foreign terrorists) for money and narcotics. They will be identified and dealt with sternly. We want to warn them that while the (foreign) terrorists will get killed ... those who are supporting them will repent," the police chief said.

He said the foreign terrorists have nobody to care about, whether they have children or not. "We don't know whom they are sending here after picking them from jails. Those who are supporting them have land, children and jobs here and they will suffer."

Swain said Pakistan seeks to use the tough terrain of Jammu and Kashmir by sending foreign terrorists into the forests and to disturb the peaceful atmosphere. "This is the truth."

He, however, said the security forces are determined and promise-bound to maintain peace and eradicate terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir.

"What will be our response? We are ready for the small loss because when a war is thrust upon us and terrorists stand before us to kill or get killed, we utilize all our resources and our effort is to give a befitting response. Since they don't have anyone to care about, their power to inflict loss appears more," he said.

He said terrorism spread its tentacles to Jammu region especially Doda and Ramban in 1995 but it was completely wiped out by 2005.

"If we are face to face with the same type

of challenge, rest assured that we are committed and promise-bound to give them a befitting response and kill them one by one to maintain a peaceful atmosphere," he said.

Govt initiates inquiry against then XEN among 4 officers of JSD

monetary losses to the Government in the execution of a public project.

Massive search operations continue in J&K to hunt down terrorists

Kathua and Doda districts over the past four days, killing nine pilgrims and a CRPF jawan and leaving seven security personnel and several others injured.

Two suspected Pakistani terrorists were also killed in an encounter with security forces in Kathua and a large quantity of arms and ammunition were recovered from them.

According to the officials, Army, police and paramilitary forces resumed search operations in the morning in Kota top in Gandoh, Chattagalla and adjoining areas in Doda district where seven security personnel, including two policemen, were injured in separate gunfights with terror-

ists on Tuesday and Wednesday.

There has been no fresh contact with the fleeing terrorists so far, the officials said.

Police had on Wednesday released sketches of four terrorists involved in two attacks in the district and announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh for information leading to their arrest.

Earlier, police had announced a cash reward of Rs 20 lakh and released the sketch of one of the terrorists involved in the attack on a bus carrying pilgrims in Reasi district on Sunday that left nine people dead and 41 injured.

The officials said the search operation is underway in Reasi as well as adjoining Rajouri district.

Searches are also being conducted in Nowshera in Rajouri and adjoining Poonch. Security forces have also been put on alert in Kathua, Samba and Jammu districts in view of intelligence inputs about a possible terror threat, they said.

Two terrorists were gunned down by the security forces in a fierce gunfight in Kathua that began on Tuesday night and lasted more than 15 hours. A CRPF jawan was also killed in the operation while a civilian was injured. Police had on Wednesday issued an advisory, urging residents of the Jammu region to stay vigilant regarding the movement of suspicious individuals and objects. The advisory was issued following intelligence inputs suggesting the possibility of a terror threat in parts of Rajouri and Jammu districts.

YRS stages protest against terrorist attack, burns Pak effigy

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JAMMU, June 13: After back to back 4 militant attack in Jammu Province, Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) held a strong massive protest and condemned terrorist attack held in Jammu.

While during protest YRS President Vikram Singh Vicky along with Former Presidents Rajan Singh Happy and Rajveer Singh along with core committee members and all stakeholders shows their anger and strongly condemned the activities and target killing of civilians in Jammu Province.

YRS raised slogans "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Pakistan Murdabad" at



Press Club Jammu near Dogra Chowk and burnt the flag and Effigy of Pakistan and said that Pakistan always trying to disturbed the climate of

J&K.

While addressing media Vikram said that why central administration and UT administration silent on these terrorism activities,

as the climate and present scenario of Jammu is totally disturbed and its same as the Era of nineties (90's) and same as the scenario of Kashmir at

that time.

Rajan Singh demands to issue and renew the weapons license of people in Jammu Province and meanwhile Rajan puts a question to our political leaders that why politicians are silent in this time.

Rajveer Singh also expressed that LG administration took some hard steps to finish this terrorists activities and keeps peaceful climate of J&K.

Meanwhile Vishal Singh Spokesperson YRS questioning the Dogra leaders that why they not raise the voice in Delhi about Jammu Province and when they took stand for the betterment of Jammu.

Yoga Camp organised at Ved Mandir Ambphalla



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: The Bharat Vikas Parishad Jammu East branch held a mega yoga session in celebration of International Yoga Day 2024 at Bal Niketan, Ved Mandir, Ambphalla, Jammu. The event was chaired by B.B. Sharma, State President of Bharat Vikas Parishad.

Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Convener Bharat Vikas Parishad, State Yoga Commissioner, Chairman India Yoga Association, and President Vichar Kranti Manch International, was specially invited to conduct the session. Ashok Gupta, State Vice President BVP and Vice President VKMI, opened the session by discussing the definition and significance of yoga in daily life for maintaining physical fitness and mental health.

He provided an overview of Patanjali's eight-fold yoga and enlightened the students and inmates of Bal Niketan, an orphanage managed by the Ved Mandir committee, on the benefits of Hasya yoga through practical applications.

Dr. Jain spoke about the "Ideal Student Life," highlighting its four limbs: Morality, Discipline, Study, and Yoga Practice.

He offered practical

tips for managing anger, such as removing oneself from the situation, Using a code word to signal anger, Focusing on the surroundings, Concentrating on breathing, and Using a grounding object.

Dr. Jain further elaborated on the causes and effects of anger, providing practical suggestions for coping and seeking support. Various yogasanas, including Vajrasan, Shashankasan, and Virasan, were practiced, with detailed explanations of their procedures and benefits. Special yogasanas like Janushirasan, Paschimottana, and Tadasan (four types) were practiced to promote height increase.

Renu Thapar, a trained yoga teacher, demonstrated yogasanas in a simple and effective manner. Techniques for breath control were taught, focusing on the practical aspects of inhalation and exhalation. Pramod Jain, Yoga Expert and Former State General Secretary, Jain Sabha, led a session on Anulom Vilom Pranayama, highlighting its simplicity and effectiveness.

Dr. Jain also shared tips to strengthen brain power, such as Count-down exercises, Writing with the left hand, Multi-tasking, Studying in the morning, and Practicing

deep and long breathing.

Meditation was also part of the session. The event concluded with blessings from B.B. Sharma, State President BVP, Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Regional Secretary, and Ved Prakash Pada, Jammu East President. Nandini Shukla, Secretary, conducted the program proceedings. Anju Bansal, Convener of the National Group Song competition, recited a bhajan on yoga.

Lal Singh Nag, Yoga Expert, emphasized the importance of incorporating good deeds into daily habits for a successful life. Guests, including Rakesh Verma (MD Cybercafe), Shashi Pal Sharma (Chairman Day Care Centre Roop Nagar), Kuldeep Kaushal, Mrs. Sunita Mahajan (State Finance Secretary), and Kaushal Kumar (Treasurer), graced the occasion with their presence. Nagarmal, Secretary of the Ved Mandir committee, also extended his blessings.

Dr. Sunaila Raina from the Ayush Department provided an advisory on anemia and distributed medicines. Test reports from the last anemia camp were handed over to the in-charge of Bal Niketan. The program concluded with the National Anthem.

PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar conducts felicitation ceremony under NYP-2024 3rd edition

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: A felicitation ceremony of the 3rd edition of National Youth Parliament 2024, organised by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs New Delhi, was conducted in the auditorium of Gcw Gandhi Nagar today. The youth parliament was conducted on the 29th of April 2024 under the supervision of the Co ordinator, NYP, Dr Rippy Bawa, Assistant Professor Department of English and the overall guidance of the Principal of the college, Prof (Dr) SP Saraswat.

The mock parliament was constituted by 55 participants in total out of which 22 were the speakers from the ruling as well as the opposition

party and the remaining played as delegates. The Bill taken for deliberation was The Child Marriage Prohibition Act : 2020 for which a breatching discussion was held.

After the submission of the proceedings and conduct of the event to the Ministry of Youth Affairs, it was accepted and for which they awarded Certificates of Appreciation to the Principal of the institute, the Co ordinator, NYP and the 55 participants which was a matter of great pride and further motivation to the whole organising team of NYP.

In the felicitation ceremony the Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the stake holders as well as the mementoes were presented to the six Best

Speakers of the mock parliament namely Ashpreet Kaur, Sanjeevani Bhardwaj, Tanveer Kaur, Jiya Pathania, Medhavi Raina and Manleen Kaur.

Dr Rippy Bawa, Co ordinator NYP briefed the proceedings of the parliament and its future relevance for the students. Thereafter, Prof SP Saraswat, Principal of the institute congratulated the parliamentarians and the organising team for this successful conduct of event. The other members of the organising committee present were Dr Jagmeet Kour, Dr Nazia Rasool, Dr Pooja Charak, Dr Ujjwal Sharma, Prof Paramjit Singh and others.

The stage anchoring was done by Pratishtha Sharma and Sanjeevani Bhardwaj.

Ahead of Eid-ul-Adha market checking conducted in Chowgam



Top News Report

KULGAM, June 13: On the direction of District Development Commissioner kulgam Athar Aamir Khan. Naib tehsildar chowgam along with Revenue staff conducted a surprise market checking in the main market of Chowgam and its adjacent areas.

Naib Tehsildar Chowgam Mohd Amin Najar carried intensive market

checking at chowgam Kulgam. During the course Expire items were also destroyed.

The checking was aimed to ensure quality, to curb black marketing, profiteering of essential commodities, to keep vigil on erring shopkeepers.

Naib Tehsildar Chowgam told that traders have been requested to display rate lists at their respective shops," he said.

Chandel demands removal of family members of stone pelters from Govt jobs

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Hinduist BJP leader Guruji Raju Chandel, addressing journalists in Jammu, made a strong appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to remove family members of stone-pelting terrorists from government jobs. Chandel emphasized the need to prioritize government employment for Hindu families in Jammu and Kashmir, who he stated have suffered the most from terrorism.

Chandel highlighted that Hindu families adhering to Sanatan Dharma, including Valmiki, Dogras, Rajputs, Pandits, traders, Jatavs, Dalits, Khatiks, and refu-

gees, require urgent support in terms of government jobs and employment opportunities. He urged the Prime Minister to prioritize these communities for government positions.

He called for the dismissal of any individuals in government positions who misuse their authority to aid terrorists and stone pelters. Chandel expressed concern over the rise of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, noting that some terrorists have even won elections while imprisoned. He argued that this situation indicates a resurgence of terrorism supported by sleeper cells and individuals in government positions advancing

Pakistan's agenda.

Chandel insisted that it is crucial to take decisive action against terrorism, suggesting that removing family members of terrorists from significant government posts would help curb terrorism. He claimed that minority Muslims in Jammu and Kashmir are covertly supporting terrorism and that security agencies are aware of this yet fail to act.

Chandel concluded by calling for a comprehensive domestic search operation to identify and bring to justice those who support terrorism, stressing the urgency of addressing the increasing terrorist incidents in Jammu.

Kavinder launches Visa Factory a streamlined visa application services for global travelers

Asks youth to avail benefit of central sponsored schemes

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, today inaugurated Visa Factory, a premier visa and immigration firm, committed to simplifying the visa application process for global travelers.

Giving details about the services, Simrenpal Singh, CEO of Visa Factory, informed that Visa Factory provides a comprehensive suite of services designed to demystify and expedite every step of the visa journey. He said that the firm provides a comprehensive suite of services, including personalized visa assessments to



determine the most suitable visa options based on individual profiles and goals, end-to-end application support with expert guidance on completing and submitting visa applications, customized coaching sessions for

interview preparation, and post-approval services to assist with travel planning, accommodation arrangements, and settling into new destinations.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta complemented Simrenpal

Singh, CEO of Visa Factory, for opening this facility and transforming the visa application experience. He underscored the critical role of visa agencies in guiding young people and others seeking visa-related solutions, facilitating a smoother visa application process.

The senior BJP leader asserted that under the leadership of the Modi Government, entrepreneurship in the country has undergone a significant transformation. This has been achieved through a series of start-up schemes designed to stimulate innovation and encourage economic self-reliance, particularly among the youth. These

initiatives have not only bolstered the entrepreneurial spirit but also paved the way for a more dynamic and competitive economic landscape, he said, adding that the Start-ups has played a crucial role in harnessing young talent and fostering a culture of innovation that is essential for sustainable growth and development in India.

Kavinder urged the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to seize the opportunities presented by central sponsored schemes. He emphasized the importance of leveraging these schemes to become job providers rather than waiting for government jobs.

BJP conducts meeting of Assembly Constituency Prabharis, Convenors, Distt Presidents, Distt Prabharis, Seh-Prabharis

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 13: BJP conducts meeting of Assembly Constituency Prabharis, Convenors, Distt Presidents, Distt Prabharis, Seh-Prabharis Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir conducts meeting of its Assembly Constituency Prabharis & Convenors, District Presidents, District Prabharis and Seh-Prabharis at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP accompanied by Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization) chiefly addressed the meeting. Dr. Narinder Singh, National Secretary, BJP, Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana, MP (Rajya Sabha), Shamsheer Singh Manhas,



former MP (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma, former Minister, Suni Sharma, General Secretary and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary also addressed the meeting.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, congratulated the party functionaries and appreciated their dedicated work during the just concluded Lok Sabha elections. He said that the enthusiasm and the momentum of

this election should be increased further while entering the next elections in Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the party will note down all the suggestions and the issues raised by the senior party leaders present in the meeting and assured that the necessary action will be taken on all the suggestions listed by the party leaders. He also told the party leaders to introspect the political working in

their respective areas to prepare the organization for even better results in the next election.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, sought the detailed reporting of various aspects during the Parliamentary election in their respective areas. He also prompted them to share any issues, suggestions, or incidents during the period. He also asked the senior party leader to put stress on

the review of voter lists and work for a stronger organizational base. He also shared the list of important forthcoming party programmes with the party leaders.

Dr. Narinder Singh spoke on the management at the Mandal level and asked the party leaders to use the time between the elections to build up the faith of people in the party and its leaders. Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana stressed on the support of all the communities to the BJP and asked the party leaders to approach the prominent leaders of these communities more vigorously to gain their further support in the next elections.

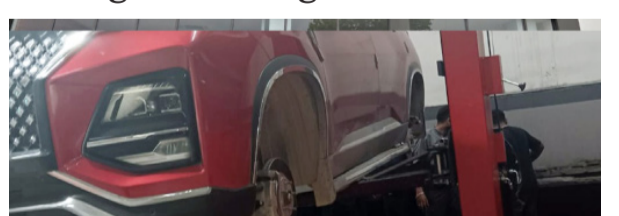
Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal conducted the proceedings of the meeting.

Srinagar MG Hector Service Center Accused of Fraud: Customer Alleges Missing Brake Shoes

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 13: In a troubling incident, Sohail Ahmad, a film actor from Baramulla, has accused the MG Hector service center in Srinagar of severe negligence and fraud. Ahmad claims that instead of replacing all four brake shoes of his vehicle, which is still under warranty, the service center installed only two. This oversight has not only compromised his vehicle's safety but also caused him significant mental distress.

Ahmad detailed his ordeal, stating, "I brought my MG Hector to Srinagar for servicing on April 25, specifically to change the brake shoes. Despite repeated follow-ups, no action was taken until June 1." Frustrated by the delay, Ahmad



found himself relying on local transportation between Baramulla and Srinagar, while his car remained at the service center.

After a week, Ahmad was informed that the brake shoes had finally been installed. However, while traveling to Delhi, his car began making noises again. Upon reaching Jalandhar, he discovered that only two brake shoes had been replaced, leaving his vehicle in a dangerous condition.

Ahmad, now awaiting proper repairs at

the Jalandhar service center, has demanded strict action against the Srinagar MG Hector service center for this gross negligence. He stated, "Such carelessness not only jeopardizes customer safety but also erodes trust in the brand."

Repeated attempts to contact the Srinagar service center for their comments have been unsuccessful, as they have not responded to calls. Ahmad's ordeal underscores the urgent need for accountability and quality assurance in vehicle servicing.

'Let ball do the talking...': Indian pacer Arshdeep after win over USA at T20 World Cup

Arshdeep took home the 'Player of the Match' award for his spell

NEW YORK, Jun 13 (Agencies): Following his side's seven-wicket win against the USA, Indian pacer Arshdeep Singh, who took a match-winning four-wicket haul, said that the wicket assists fast bowlers and helps them get some seam movement.

Arshdeep Singh's spell, followed by Suryakumar Yadav and Shivam Dube's 72-run partnership, ensured India maintained their unbeaten run in the ongoing T20 World Cup as they clinched a 7-wicket win over the co-hosts USA at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

Speaking at the post-match presentation, Arshdeep said, "Very very happy with the performance. In the last two games, I gave away a few more runs and was not happy with that. The team always shows belief in me and kept backing me, I had to deliver for them. The wicket is very conducive to fast bowlers and it's helping us get some



seam movement.

"The plan was simple, pitch it in the wicket and let the ball do the talking. Do not give easy balls to score, our batsmen are also facing difficulties to score runs. The plan was to hit the hard lengths. In conditions like this, you can use the wicket more. When you are playing international cricket, you need to have some routines and the

way you take care of your body counts. All the bowlers have done extremely well, looking forward to doing the same in the next leg as well."

With this win, India has three wins in three games and have moved to Super Eights. The USA stays in second place with two wins and a loss, giving them four points.

Coming to the match, the USA

put on a fighting total of 110/8 in their 20 overs, with Nitish Kumar (27 in 23 balls, with two fours and a six) and Steven Taylor (24 in 30 balls, with two sixes) playing crucial knocks.

Arshdeep (4/9) and Hardik Pandya (2/14) were the top bowlers for India. Axar Patel also got a wicket.

In the run-chase of 111, India lost skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli for single-digit scores and Rishabh Pant (18 in 20 balls, with a four and six).

India was left struggling at 39/3 in 7.3 overs. Then, Suryakumar Yadav (50 in 49 balls, with two fours and two sixes) and Shivam Dube (31* in 35 balls, with a four and six) stitched a match-winning 72-run stand for the fourth wicket.

Saurabh Netravalkar (2/18) was the pick of the bowlers for the USA.

Arshdeep took home the 'Player of the Match' award for his spell.

T20 World Cup: West Indies knock out New Zealand, qualify for Super Eights

West Indies restricted the Kiwis to 136 for 9 in 19 overs



TAROUBA (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO), Jun 13 (Agencies): West Indies knocked former runners-up and last edition's semifinalist New Zealand out of the T20 World Cup with a 13-run victory in their Group C match here.

The win, their third on the trot, also secured tournament co-hosts

West Indies' Super Eight berth, two years after they had failed to make the main round of the T20 World Cup in Australia.

Sherfane Rutherford came up with the

innings of his life, hitting six sixes and two fours in his 39-ball unbeaten 68 to lift West Indies to 149 for 9 from being 76

for 7 in 12.3 overs.

In reply, West Indies restricted the Kiwis to 136 for 9 in 19 overs. Rutherford's fellow Guyanese left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie returned with splendid figures of 3/25. But pacer Alzarri Joseph was the wrecker-in-chief, grabbing 4 for 19.

For New Zealand, Glenn Phillips scored a 33-ball 40.

Brief Scores: West Indies: 149 for 9 in 20 overs (Sherfane Rutherford 68 not out; Trent Boult 3/16, Tim Southee 2/21, Lockie Ferguson 2/27).

New Zealand: 136 for 9 in 20 overs (Glenn Phillips 40; Alzarri Joseph 4/19, Gudakesh Motie 3/25).

Lionel Messi says Inter Miami will be 'my last club'

Messi is preparing with his national team to compete in the Copa América in the US

ATLANTA (USA), Jun 13 (Agencies): Lionel Messi says Inter Miami will be "my last club." The 36-year-old World Cup champion isn't thinking about joining an Argentine club to write the last chapter of playing career.

"I think Inter Miami is going to be my last club. Today I think it is going to be my last club," the Argentina captain said in an interview with ESPN.

Messi is preparing with his national team to compete in the Copa América in the United States. Argentina is the defending champion.

The former Barcelona star has nothing left to prove in the game and filled the only significant unchecked box on his resume by leading Argentina to the World Cup title in Qatar in 2022.

He has won a record eight Ballon d'Or awards and left European football last year to join the MLS club.

Messi's contract with Inter Miami is set to expire at the end of the 2025 season.



"It was a difficult step to leave Europe to come here," he said.

"Having become a world champion helped a lot, and also to see things differently. But I don't think about it. I try to enjoy. That's why I enjoy everything much more, because I am aware that there is less and less to go and I have a good time."

Many Argentine fans hoped Messi would close his career with Newell's Old Boys, the club where he began his training as a child in his native city of Rosario.

The star said he's trying to enjoy the final stretch of his career to the fullest.

"I have a good time at the club, I am lucky enough to have teammates and friends (Luis Suárez, Sergio Busquets and Jordi Alba, all former Barcelona players) by my side," he said.

"I had a good time in the national team, where I have teammates and friends too."

"I enjoy the little details that I know that when I don't play anymore, I'm going to miss," he added.

"My whole life I did this. I love playing ball and I enjoy training, day-to-day life and match days. And yes, there is always the fear that everything will end."

It felt like playing in Ranji Trophy: Shivam Dube on his batting woes on New York pitches

NEW YORK, Jun 13 (Agencies): Accustomed to batting on batters in India, big-hitting all-rounder Shivam Dube conceded that the two-paced tracks for the T20 World Cup matches here left him bamboozled to such an extent that it almost felt like playing a Ranji Trophy game.

The Chennai Super Kings star regained some form with a 35-ball 31 in the seven-wicket win over a fighting USA team that propelled India into the event's Super Eight stage on Wednesday.

The World Cup would move entirely to the West Indies with the Super Eight games.

"I was struggling with my form and focusing on my process," Dube said about his successive failures against Ireland and Pakistan at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium here.

"But here, there was no pressure. All the support staff and coaches backed me and told me, 'It's difficult, but you have the ability to hit sixes, so apply it.'"

"I've never doubted myself for what I've done in the past. I just think that these conditions do not demand what I've done at CSK. These conditions require a different approach, so I was batting differently today," he added.

Dube still has a long way to go before truly justifying his selection ahead of another power-hitter Rinku Singh, who is in the



reserves.

After being named in India's main World Cup squad, Dube managed just 36 runs from five innings in the IPL. His woes continued in the World Cup, where he scored 14 (practice match against Bangladesh), 0 not out, and 3 in three outings before finally delivering a composed knock on Wednesday.

Chasing a modest 111, India were reduced to 44/3 in the difficult drop-in Nassau pitch. Dube also found the going tough and struggled to time the ball, taking six deliveries to open his account.

From being nine off 15 balls, Dube finally managed to connect with an 87-metre six off Corey Anderson in the 15th over.

"It felt like (playing) Ranji Trophy. I don't think in white

ball," joked Dube about his wait for a six.

"Conditions dictate how you want to play here. You have to choose your best shot to hit a six. Today, I was waiting for that opportunity."

"It's not easy to come here and start hitting from ball one; you have to take your time," he admitted.

He may not have enjoyed batting on these tracks but bowling, he has certainly liked.

"Obviously I miss six-hitting at CSK and in India...it's difficult to bat here in these conditions and in the nets as well. It is definitely better to bowl here, I would have bowled more but was hit for a six and didn't get opportunity," he said.

Asked if he would want to 'delete' the difficult memories of his struggle at this venue, he

said: "I won't delete this from my memory because this is my first World Cup."

"Only batting is difficult -- be it chasing or batting first. But we had a good partnership and we finished early so I would say chasing was little easier as we won today," he said.

"The ball is skidding, staying low, keeping sideways and some are coming very fast off the pitch -- it's doing all sorts of things. So, it's difficult to judge. I don't think you have ever seen this in a T20 World Cup."

Dube also blamed his and others' woes on the day matches being played in a makeshift stadium without proper stands for the spectators.

"Because of the backdrop, it's a bit difficult. Moreover, there is a lot of light, so it's a bit difficult to judge the ball," he said.

Premier Indian batter Virat Kohli got out for a golden duck, extending his poor run after being promoted as an opener in the mega-event. He has scores of 1, 4 and 0 in three innings so far.

Asked about the senior batter's lack of form, Dube said, "There is nothing I can say about Virat Kohli because I'm not Virat Kohli."

"His bad patch means he got out cheaply a couple of times but will come back scoring hundreds in the next three matches. We all know his game and how he plays," said Dube.

When I'm nervous, my body works well: Nikhat

CHENNAI, Jun 13 (Agencies): With her steely resolve and ability to overwhelm rivals at will, Nikhat Zareen has been a towering presence in world amateur boxing in the last three years or so. She might seem invincible inside the ring on most days but she still feels nervous. With the Paris Olympics drawing closer and closer, Nikhat admitted that even while chasing her ultimate dream, nervousness is something she lives with and thrives on.

"Before every competition I get nervous. If I don't get nervous, my body doesn't work the way I want. When I'm nervous, my body works well. I'm more focussed. Also, this is my first Olympics and I don't have the experience of

playing at the Olympics. That is also the reason I'm nervous.

But once I enter the ring, I don't think about the outside world. I just want to win my bouts and come back with a medal," Nikhat said during an interaction facilitated by Sports Authority of India (SAI), Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and Boxing Federation of India (BFI).

Back-to-back world titles (2022 & 2023), Asian Games bronze medal (2023), Commonwealth Games gold medal in 2022, her record speaks for itself. Ever since earning a spot in the national team, she has evolved into a better boxer. And now, she's determined to add an Olympic medal to her CV. Some-

one who sets the bar high, she said that her family and friends help her calm her nerves.

"I talk to my family or talk to my very close friends. Before going to the venue, I listen to music. I pray and also play games which help me get distracted," Nikhat, who's currently training at SAI NSNIS (Patiala), said.

One thing that stands out is Nikhat's mental fortitude. Something that has been engraved in her ever since she took up the gloves. It's a well-documented tale that she faced early resistance due to gender stereotypes in her community in her hometown in Telangana before fighting countless battles inside the ring to earn her spot in

the national team.

That is evident when she spoke about seedings in the upcoming Games. "Seeding doesn't matter much because there are a lot of boxers who couldn't win a medal despite having a seeding. I feel whatever happens, however the draw might be, I just want to win. That is the mindset I like to possess. I have also realised that, whenever things are tough, I tend to perform better," the 27-year-old noted.

She's aware that people consider her to be one of the faces of Indian boxing at present. Nikhat is grateful to be getting this opportunity and it's a given that she'll be looking to leave no stone unturned ahead of the Paris test.

Fans demand ICC to shift T20 World Cup matches from Florida after 'flash-floods' alert

FLORIDA, Jun 13 (Agencies): Fans are demanding the International Cricket Council (ICC) to shift the T20 World Cup 2024 matches out of Florida after flash floods warning in the city. Notably, heavy rainfall in South Florida on Wednesday, June 12 left several streets flooded disrupting the life of the citizens.

Several images and videos of water logging in the city surfaced on social media showing roads filled with water. With heavy rain and flood warnings issued, fans are demanding the ICC to shift the remaining games scheduled in Florida to New York or Dallas.

Notably, three more matches are remaining to be played at the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf



Ground, Lauderhill, Florida on June 14, 15 and 16. Two of the remaining three matches of Group A will have a major effect on the tournament with USA and Pakistan's qualification to Super 8 on the line.

Co-hosts USA will take on Ireland on June 14 in a crucial Group A clash as a win for the USA will help them qualify for the Super 8 stage. Even if the game gets washed out, the Monank Patel-led side will qualify for

the next round having five points to their name from four matches.

Hence, a washout will prove to be detrimental to Pakistan's chances of qualifying for the next round as they're currently tottering on the third spot on the points table with just one win from three matches having two points to their name. The Babar Azam-led side is heavily dependent on Ireland to beat the USA in their last fixture to remain in con-

tention for the Super 8.

Rain could spoil Pakistan's party

However, if Ireland do manage to beat the USA, Pakistan will also have to win their last game against the same opponent on June 16. Hence, the 2009 champions can't afford to get their last match washed out as it will lead to their elimination from the tournament.

Pakistan started their campaign with a shocking loss against the USA in the super over. In their second fixture, they failed to chase down a low score of 120 and lost the match by six runs. Hence, inclement weather in Florida will take the excitement out of the tournament and will prove to be a huge hurdle in ICC's attempt to promote the game in the USA.

IGNOU launches Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

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JAMMU, June 13: The Faculty of Public Administration, School of Social Sciences (SOSS) at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is happy to announce the launch of Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (PGDDRRM) Programme.

This programme is designed to address the increasing threats from natural and human-induced hazards, aiming to make our nation safer and more resilient while

enhancing the career prospects of learners.

The Programme is designed to comprehensively cover various aspects of disaster risk reduction and management, including an internship component aligned with the National Education Policy, 2020. Candidates who have completed a Bachelor's degree are eligible to apply. Admissions are open twice a year, in the July and January admission cycles, through the official website at <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in> for which the last

date is June 30, 2024. The PGDDRRM Programme has a duration of one year, with a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 3 years for completion.

The PGDDRRM Programme is designed to cater to the needs of the Government/NGO functionaries, Military, Paramilitary, police, home guards, civil defence personnel, Academicians, geologists, scientists, meteorologists, engineers, journalists, officials from public sector undertakings and corporate sectors, People's representatives, rural

development functionaries, primary health centre functionaries, relief workers, social workers, environmentalists, and more.

The PGDDRRM Programme is based on a multidisciplinary approach with an Internship designed for practical experience, as Disaster Risk Reduction and Management is a crucial field that requires skilled professionals. In this context, learners/students will gain comprehensive knowledge and hands-on experience in disaster risk reduction and management, preparing them for

current and emerging job opportunities.

"The interested learners must go ahead to enrol for this crucial programme given the prevailing circumstances across the world which will serve as a ray of hope to the humanity and the flexibility in learning the IGNOU offers facilitates students to study at their own pace, accommodating their schedules and enhancing their learning experience and job perspectives as well", said Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu.

Er. Sajad Reshi extends greetings on Urs Shah-i-Hamdan, Mela Kheer Bhawani

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JAMMU, June 13: Er. Sajad Reshi, the IT Head of the BJP Minority Morcha in Jammu and Kashmir, extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasions of Urs Shah-i-Hamdan and Mela Kheer Bhawani.

In his message, Er. Sajad Reshi emphasized the significance of these revered festivals in the cultural and spiritual landscape of the region. Urs Shah-i-Hamdan commemorates the contributions of Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani, a distinguished saint and

scholar who played a pivotal role in spreading Islam in Kashmir. Mela Kheer Bhawani, on the other hand, is a sacred Hindu festival celebrated with devotion at the Kheer Bhawani temple in Tulmulla, symbolizing the rich tapestry of communal harmony in Jammu and Kashmir.

"These festivals remind us of the enduring legacy of our shared cultural heritage and the spirit of unity and brotherhood among the people of Jammu and Kashmir. As we celebrate Urs Shah-i-Hamdan and Mela Kheer Bhawani, let us reaffirm our commitment to peace, prosperity, and

communal harmony in our beloved region," Er. Sajad Reshi remarked.

He also highlighted the importance of embracing the values of tolerance, understanding, and mutual respect that these festivals embody. Er. Sajad Reshi urged the people to come together in the true spirit of these occasions, fostering an environment of inclusivity and solidarity.

Er. Sajad Reshi concluded by extending his best wishes for peace, happiness, and prosperity to all, hoping that these celebrations bring joy and contentment to every household in Jammu and Kashmir.

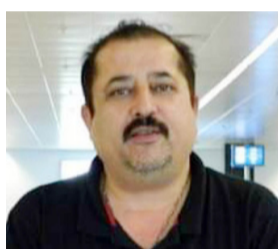
Rajesh questions PM, HM how militants entered our territory despite tight security on borders

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JAMMU, June 13: Jammu Warriors Front (JWF) Chairman Rajesh Gupta on Thursday strongly condemned the series of terror attacks and questioned the sudden eruption in terror incidents.

Gupta said we have full faith and efficiency of our security forces and intelligence agencies. But million dollars question is when our government claimed that on our borders security arrangements are so meticulous that even a bird can't access then how these militants entered in our territory.

JWF Chairman blamed PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah of misleading the entire nation about the real security situation,



Gupta said that situation has worsened the Jammu province for the past two years, especially in Rajouri-Poonch but now it has spread tentacles in other parts engulfing the entire Jammu province in militancy.

Rajesh Gupta urged Home Minister to ask the top brass of all security forces how this infiltration is happening when we have tight security in our borders.

People of Jammu living in terror nobody is feeling sense of security. The

government is responsible to give the sense of security to the people.

Gupta further added the Amarnath Yatra is starting month end and assembly elections are due, this sudden spurt is very surprising and worrisome. The Govt. has failed to ensure peaceful atmosphere after 10 years and control militancy which has revived. The hitherto peaceful areas are under grip of militancy while Prime Minister and Home Minister and other BJP leaders make tall claims.

Jammu Warriors Front fully supported the Govt and security forces for firmly dealing with terrorism and to ensure safety of innocents and jawans. Gupta also appealed to the masses to maintained the communal harmony and peace in Jammu.

SMVDU student gets top position in Go4 Youth Green Olympiad from J&K

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KATRA, June 13: Nipun Vij, a student of M.A. Economics Integrated Course, School of Economics participated in Go4Youth Green Olympiad launched by TERI.

He topped from Jammu & Kashmir in this all India level exam representing Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. He scored 96 out of 100 marks and topped the Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory.

This exam was conducted a month ago and the results were declared through a webinar which he participated in an online mode. It was an all India level exam in which he managed to secure the top position for our University in Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory. Around 5000 students

from all over India took this exam and represented their respective schools and universities. The exam was conducted online with 50 questions to be answered and there was no negative marking.

Many webinars explaining about Green Olympiad and environmental issues around the world were conducted before the exam date.

It was an all India level exam in which 40 students were the main scorers and there was another list of state toppers where they got the highest marks.

An e-certificate of distinction is also awarded along with the state representation. A medal, certificate and a cash prize of Rs 2000 will also be provided by post.

Awareness programme organized at GDC R S Pura



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R S PURA, June 13: NSS unit in collaboration with Department of Mathematics and Department of Economics organised a lecture on Financial literacy programmes to make decisions about future. Dr. Chanchal Angral NSS PO formally welcomed the guests and gave introduction of the session. Dr. Jugal Kishore HOD Department of Math-

ematics presented formal vote of thanks and Dr. Shivani Manchanda HOD Economics also played an instrumental role in organising the event. The other dignitaries present in the event were Dr. Neena Gupta, Dr. Shifali Abrol, Dr. Raj Kumari, Dr. Swatantra Kaur, Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Dr. Neeru Sawhney, Dr. Priya Darshini along with the faculty of GDC RS Pura.

Physical Education Department lifts Cricket (M) Title in JU

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JAMMU, June 13: The Physical Education Department outplayed Chemistry Department by 10 wickets in the ongoing Inter-departmental Cricket (M) tournament of the Jammu University for the session of 2023-24 organized by Campus Sports Committee at University of Jammu.

Earlier batting first, the Physical Education team scored 128 runs loss of 5 wickets in 15 overs. Pankaj Sharma scored highest 69 runs from Physical Education

Department. Aqib took 4 wickets where as Nikhil 2 and Snehal, Sajad and Pankaj clinched 1 wicket each. While chasing the target of 128 runs, the Chemistry Department all out on just 65 runs in 12.5 overs.

The tournaments were organized under the direct supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba Chairman, Campus Sports Committee University of Jammu.

The matches were officiated by Raj Kumar Bakshi, Ashok Singh, Vijay Raina and Amit Gill,

Munish awarded Global Young Scientist Award 2024

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JAMMU, June 13: Munish Sharma, a Senior Research Scholar from the Department of Plant Sciences, School of Life Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Shahpur Campus, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh has been awarded with Global Young Scientist Award-2024 for outstanding contribution and recognition in the field of Plant Sciences (Botany) in 7th International Conference GABELS-2024 held on 8-9th June, 2024 at Kathmandu, Nepal.

This prestigious recognition of international repute is a testament to his quality and significance to his

field of study. Munish Sharma till now has a fascinating academic career having published more 30 review and research papers, 2 books, 24 book chapters, having 280 total citations, 11 h-index, 12 i-10 index. Sharma had received 05 awards of national and international repute.

He had been selected in various Hands-on-Training/Workshop sponsored by DST/SERB. Sharma is currently life member of various reputed societies.

He is also executive member of Himalayan Life Science Society. He has participated and presented papers in various national and international conferences.

He had also an organizing committee member of various seminars, workshops and conferences. He is also editorial board members of some reputed journals.

He is currently acting as managing editor of Journal of Ethnopharmacology and Toxicology (ISSN: 3048-5401).

Sharma extends his heartfelt gratitude to his supervisor, Dr. Munish Sharma, and Head of the Department, Dr. Sachin Upmanyu, for their unwavering support and scientific guidance. He also acknowledged Central University of Himachal Pradesh for providing lab facilities and infrastructural support.

Display Your Talent organised

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JAMMU, June 13: Display Your Talent-a mega event in connection with Eco Club Summer Camp was organised today on the theme Say No To Single Use Plastic by the Chief Education Officer, Jammu in collaboration with Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K UT at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu. District Education Planning Officer, Jammu Tirthlochan Singh Billowaria was the Chief Guest.

Through this event the students were given ample opportunities to showcase their talent in the field of creative writing, singing, music, art and craft, painting,



slogan writing and poster making. The event was attended by a large number of students and teachers from various Govt. schools. Shashi Kant Lakhanpal Divisional Incharge Cultural and Coordination Cell, DSEJ said that the event will make the students aware of harmful effects of plastics and will motivate them to act respon-

sibly. A symbolic Plantation Drive was also held to show that we all should have a great concern for trees and must follow the rule one man plant tree.

T.S. Billowaria said that a mass plantation drive shall be conducted in the coming month at an appropriate time in all schools of district Jammu.

Bhajan on Mata Raignya, Kheerbhawani Tulmulla released

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JAMMU, June 13: A devotional song dedicated to Mata Kheerbhawani was released on Thursday by Chief Guest Ritu Singh Director Delhi Public School Jammu, Katra and Nagbani, Vice chairperson Maharaja Hari Singh Social and Educational Foundation and Director Hari Niwas Palace Hotel. Guest of Honour Rashim Deepika Thusoo Financial Advisor Science and Technology Govt of J&K and Tarun Uppal social activist and

founder of Nirbhay Bharat foundation at Press Club Jammu. The devotional song titled "Maaji Raignya Rot Tulmulli Sathan" has been written and sung by Kanwal Peshin renowned Poet and writer who has many credits to his name and the song has been produced by Athrot Cultural Foundation Music has been arranged by Rajesh Khar and Video/audio has been recorded at Kongposh Studio Jammu. The song is about ancient Kheerbhawani Tulmulla mela and the lyrics so aptly written



are describing the journey of Mata from Lanka to Kashmir and discovery by a Kashmiri Pandit brahmin Taploo and its values the Bhakti is vis-

ible with Mata Raignya visuals from Shalimar Garden Sahibabad, Raitan Budgam and Tulmulla Ganderbal Kashmir which makes this presen-

tation more beautiful the writer in the concluding part prays for the wellbeing of all and seeks blessings for the devotees in a peaceful atmosphere with

prosperity Athrot Cultural Foundation is headed by RK Pandita and Abhimanyu Peshin and are devoted to preserve culture and language it may be recalled that the song also depicts the significance of Zyeasht Ashtami the pradurbhaw diwas of Mata Raignya.

A short video titled Raignya astuti depicting various aasthan of Mata Kheerbhawani across the Country.

Speaking on the release function Ritu Singh applauded the role of organizers specially

writer and singer for the wonderful presentation of the devotional song. Other guests Rashim Deepika Thusoo and Tarun uppal also appreciated the Athrot team for the wonderful work they have been doing and special praise for preserving cultural and religious heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

The guests were felicitated by Kanwal Peshin with a Mata Raignya pratima at the beginning of the release. A mammoth gathering at Kheerbhawani Tulmulla Ganderbal shall

be witnessing the live streaming of the song as it shall also be released at Tulmulla Ganderbal at the lotus feet of Mata Kheerbhawani in the evening on the eve of Zeath Ashtami through Vomedh Theatre Group headed by Rohit Bhat and his team in which various dignitaries Dr Arvind Karwani Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, DC Ganderbal and several other reputed personalities and philanthropists shall do the release honors and global audience can be able to watch it.