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BRIEFLY

Drone seized near India-Pakistan Border in Tarn Taran

CHANDIGARH, Jun 22 (Agencies): A China-made drone has been seized from a field near the India-Pakistan border in Punjab's Tarn Taran district, a BSF spokesperson said on Saturday.

The drone was found by Border Security Force (BSF) and Punjab Police personnel in the field near Noorwala village during a search operation on Friday, the official said.

It was a China-made DJI Mavic 3 Classic drone, the spokesperson said.

Properties of three drug peddlers attached in Rajouri

SRINAGAR, Jun 22 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday attached properties worth Rs 51 lakh belonging to three notorious drug peddlers in Rajouri district, officials said.

The police have attached three moveable properties as they were proven to be acquired through illegal means and proceeds of narcotics trade, they said.

A team from Nowshera police station has attached three vehicles include a dumper truck, a Mahindra Pickup Bolero and a motorcycle. The value of the three vehicles is approximately Rs 51 lakhs.

The vehicles belong to notorious drug peddlers Sukhvinder Singh, Naveen Kumar and Davinder Kumar, all residents of Sehar Makri, Bhawani, they said.

The properties have been attached under the NDPS Act.

The alleged drug peddlers were arrested after a massive recovery of narcotics that were made by police with the help of locals near LoC in Sehar Makri area of Nowshera and a cross-LoC smuggling racket was busted, they said.

Delhi Court postpones interim bail plea hearing of Engineer Rashid

SRINAGAR, Jun 22 (Agencies): A Delhi Court on Saturday postponed hearing of Engineer Rashid's interim bail plea until July 1 for taking oath.

Lt Governor performs Pratham Puja of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra

The Holy Yatra will start from 29th June



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jun 22: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha performed the 'Pratham Puja' to mark the ceremonial commencement of the Annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, through video conferencing today.

The Lt Governor sought the blessings of Baba Amarnathji and prayed for the good health, progress, and well-being of all the people.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lt Governor highlighted the efforts of the Administration and the Shrine Board to bring qualitative improvement in the overall Yatra experience for devotees.

"Officials of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and concerned departments are committed to provide better facilities and services for pilgrims. There has been significant enhancement in essential facilities, infrastructure and security. We are taking every possible measure to ensure the yatra is smooth, safe

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Lt Governor launches Rural Sanitation Directorate's Swachh initiatives for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Jun 22: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha launched various Swachh initiatives of Directorate of Rural Sanitation for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024, at

Raj Bhawan today. In his address on the occasion, the Lt Governor commended the Directorate of Rural Sanitation. He said the new logo, Swachh Yatra Anthem, Website and mobile application will greatly benefit our

objective of Zero-Waste Pilgrimage. The Lt Governor highlighted the integrated strategy of the UT Administration and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board aimed at Zero-waste, clean and

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US: 3 dead, 10 wounded in mass shooting in Arkansas

SAN FRANCISCO, Jun 22 (Agencies): Three people were killed and ten others were wounded in a mass shooting outside of a grocery store in Fordyce, US state of Arkansas, state police said.

At a press conference, the state police said that two law enforcement officers were among those injured, and the civilians had injuries ranging from non-life-threatening to critical condition, reports Xinhua news agency.

The shooter was critically injured after being shot by police and has been taken into custody,

police said. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said special agents from its New Orleans field office were sent to the scene to assist in response to the shooting.

Fordyce, a city of about 3,400 people, is located some 70 miles south of Little Rock, the state's capital.

"I have been briefed on the tragic shooting in Fordyce, and I'm in constant contact with State Police at the scene. I am thankful to law

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Security measures tightened ahead of Amarnath Yatra

SRINAGAR/JAMMU, Jun 22 (Agencies): With the Amarnath Yatra set to begin in a week, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said security arrangements have been tightened and facilities improved for the successful conduct of the pilgrimage.

Jammu Additional Director General of Police Anand Jain has reviewed security arrangements along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, emphasising the need for the highest level of alertness to scuttle any attempt by terrorists to disrupt the pilgrimage, officials said



on Saturday.

Taking part in the virtual 'Pratham Puja' of the Amarnath Yatra at the Raj Bhawan in Srinagar on Saturday morning, Sinha said, "Darshan for the pilgrims across the country will begin from June 29. The (Shri Amarnath) Shrine Board and the J-K administration have made special

arrangements for the pilgrims. In the last two years, the facilities for the yatriss have improved a lot."

Sinha said the roads leading to the cave shrine have been upgraded and some stretches have been widened by the Border Roads Organisation

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MeT predicts generally dry weather in J&K from tomorrow, fresh rain spell from June 29

SRINAGAR, Jun 22 (Agencies): The weatherman has forecast generally dry weather in Jammu and Kashmir from June 23-28 but said possibility of brief spell of rain and thundershower at few places can't be ruled out.

From June 29-30, a meteorological department official here said that a fresh spells of rain and thundershower is expected at many places of J&K.

He said in last 24 hours till 0830 a.m., Srinagar received 1.44mm of rain, Qazigund 1.8mm, Pahalgam 5.6mm, Kupwara 2.1mm, Koker-nag 6.8mm, Gulmarg

6.6mm, Jammu 0.0mm, Banihal 0.8mm, Batote 0.3mm and Bhandarwah 2.9mm.

Regarding the temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 14.5°C against 15.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.3°C below normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 13.2°C against 14.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.2°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 10.6°C against 10.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C

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OBITUARY/TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt. Kamla Wati Bhan** W/o Late Sh. Neel Kanti Bhan originally R/o Rainawari Srinagar A/p Flat No. 7, Block-170, Lane No. 26, Jagti, Nagrota who left for the heavenly abode on 14/06/2024. The mourning shall be held at Community Hall, Lane No. 4, Behind Block No. 19, Jagti Nagrota.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 23/06/2024 at 8:00 AM and Assembly will be held there-after.



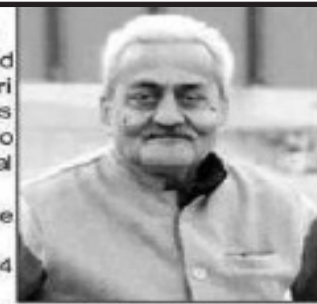
SMT. KAMLA WATI BHAN
1930 - 2024

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sons & Daughters-in-laws
Sh. Sangeet Prakash Bhan & Smt. Veena Bhan
Smt. Kusum Bhan W/o Lt. Sh. Samvith Prakash Bhan
Sh. Aumar Krishna Bhan & Smt. Ratna Bhan
Sh. Praduman Krishna Bhan & Smt. Sunita Bhan
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Santosh Bhan & Sh. I.K Bhan
Grand Children
Priyanka, Shalini, Ashish, Supriya, Siddharth, Rahul, Aastha, Aditya, Mrudula.
Mobile:- 7006381262, 7006847290, 9165022095, 7006141919

TENTH DAY AND KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Shri Sudarshan Kumar Narula** S/o Late Shri Ramdesh Narula resident of 8/A Shastri Nagar Jammu, who left us on 13th of June 2024(Thursday) for eternal journey to heavenly abode.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 22nd of June 2024 (Saturday) at our residence at 10:00 AM.
KRIYA will be performed on 24th of June 2024 (Monday) after 11:00 AM at our residence.
UTHALA will be performed on 24th of June 2024 (Monday) at Ram Mandir Shastrinagar Jammu from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.



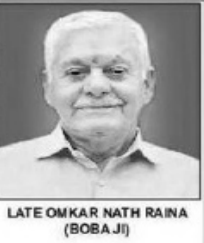
Shri Sudarshan Kumar Narula

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Kaancha Narula -**Wife**
Smt. Priyanka and Sh. Anil Narula -**Daughter in law and Son**
Smt. Reena and Sh. Rajneesh Khora -**Daughter and Son in law**
Smt. Santosh and Sh. Tavinder Narula -**Bhabhi and Brother**
Smt. Deep Bala and Sh. Mahesh Chander Arora -**Sister and Brother in law**
Smt. Indu and Sh. Anil Arora -**Sister and Brother in law**
Smt. Bindu and Late Sh. Sanjay Sabharwal -**Sister and Brother in law**
Narula Family
Chopra Family
Contact Number: 946909222, 9419140408, 7889580644

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER **LATE OMKAR NATH RAJA (BOBAJI)** S/O LATE DEV LAL RAJA OF W/O SH. RAMA, PAHALGAM, A/P H. NO. 25, SEC. 6, JAWALAJI COLONY GANJAL, JAMMU ON 17TH JUNE 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 26TH OF JUNE AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AT 08:30 AM.



LATE OMKAR NATH RAJA (BOBAJI)

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
SHYAMA PYARI -**WIFE**
SWARAN KUMAR RAZDAN -**SON**
SMT. DAZY RAZDAN -**DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**
DAUGHTERS AND SON IN LAWS:-
DAZY W/O SUNIL KUMAR BHAT
CHAMPA W/O SANJEEV PANDITA
SISTERS:-
PHOOLA PANDITA W/O LATE P. N. PANDITA
BROTHERS & BHAIBS:-
SHIBAN KRISHAN RAJA & SANJOSH RAJA
RAVI JI RAJA & PRIMLA RAJA
SHRAWAN KUMAR RAJA & LALITA RAJA

CONTACT NO:
9086563249, 9419143154,
9419121641, 9419173752

OBITUARY AND TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved **Sh. Sham Lal Dhar** S/o Late Sh. Sarwanand Dhar, originally R/o Yorekhopora Gazigund, Kashmir, left for heavenly abode at Ahmedabad Gujarat on 17.06.2024.

Mourning will be observed at 8-32(A) Bharat Nagar, Bantala Jammu from 22.06.2024. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 26.06.2024 at Muthi Ghat (Near office of Director Education) at 9 AM.



SH. SHAM LAL DHAR

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Ranji Dhar (Wife)
Kapil Dhar (Son)
(Daughter and Son-in law)
Smt. Meena Kanti and Sh. Indar Kumar Kandoo
Smt. Roopa Ji Koul (Sister)
Sh. Onkar Nath Dhar (Brother)
Sh. H.N. Dhar and Smt. Asha Ji (Brother and Sister-in-law)
Sh. S.N. Dhar and Smt. Seema Ji (Brother and Sister-in-law)
Grandchildren: Meer, Nilesh Kandoo.
Contact numbers: 9622342883, 958102801, 8454044604 and 9665525744.

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With Profound Grief and Sorrow we inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Shri Chaman Lal Koul (Waffa)** S/o Lt. Dina Nath Koul O/R Karapora Khushki, Rainawari Srinagar at present R.K Vihar, Lane No. 1, Udheywala, Jammu on 19th June, 2024.

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 28th June 2024 at Muthi Ghat at 8 AM.



Shri Chaman Lal Koul (Waffa)

IN GRIEF
Smt. Sarla Koul- **Wife**
Daughter and Son-in-law
Smt. and Shri Shivani and Ajay Bhan
Sons and Daughter in laws
Shri and Smt. Sanjay & Arjana Koul
Shri and Smt. Sameer & Rozezy Koul
Shri and Smt. Upender and Rajani Koul- **Brother and Bhabhi**
Shri and Smt. Surinder and Kiran Koul- **Brother and Bhabhi**
Shri and Smt. Rattan Lal Koul & Kanta Koul- **Brother and Bhabhi**
Shri and Smt. Jawaharlal Koul and Shama Koul- **Brother and Bhabhi**
Shri and Smt. Chinital Koul & Mirmala Koul- **Brother and Bhabhi**
GRAND CHILDREN: Hiti Bhan, Ansh Bhar, Arjan, Yakshit, Dev Rishi
Mourning will held at H.No. 8, Lane No. 1, R.K Vihar, Behind Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu
Contact: 7006543328, 9541401618, 9419145060, 6006270790

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **SMT HARSH BALA** W/o Sh Deep Raj Gupta R/o Ward No 4 Sunderbani who left for heavenly abode on 07.06.2024.

UTHALA will be held on 23rd of June 2024 (Sunday) at Sri Radha Krishan Mandir Sunderbani from 3 pm to 4 pm.



SMT HARSH BALA

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh Deep Raj Gupta (Husband)
Sons and Daughter-in laws
Sh Ashutosh Gupta and Smt Poonam Gupta
Sh Neeraj Gupta and Smt Seema Rani
Daughter and Son-in-law
Smt Meenakshi Sharma and Sh Rajinder Sharma (DDC Member)
Mob 9697520274, 9419175033, 9858576415

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely death of our mother **Smt Veena ji Bhat** W/o Sh Rattan Lal Bhat originally R/o Village Wadipora Handwara Kashmir A/P Ashok Vihar Phase 2 Gurugram Haryana.

Tenth Day will be performed at 7 AM on the 28th June 2024 at Gauri Shankar Mandir New Palam Vihar Gurugram Haryana.



Smt Veena ji Bhat

GRIEF STRICKEN
Husband : Sh. Rattan Lal Bhat
Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law
Sh. Hiralal & Sushmaji
Son & Daughter in law
Ajay & Poonam
Amit
Daughter & Son in law
Nancy & Shibiraji Razdan
Aparna & Kuldeep Koul
Aruna & Paras Madan

Grand Children
Ishan, Isha Anoushka, Shivam, Divya, Akshar, Meghan, Kartik, Archit, Mehar, Bavi
9810920888, 9419703535

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Late Dewarika Nath Bhat** S/o Late Lakhman Bhat R/o Malmoh-Magam District Baranulla Kashmir. At present Block No. 15 Flat No. 63, Lane No. 03 Jagti Colony Nagrota, Jammu departed heavenly abode on 14th June 2024 at 1:15 PM (Friday).

10th Day will be performed on 23rd June, 2024 Sunday at Muthi Ghat near DSE Jammu at 8:00 AM.
Mourn will be held at Baskade of Lane No. 01 Community Hall Jagti Colony Nagrota, Jammu.



Late Dewarika Nath Bhat

GRIEF STRICKEN
Mr. Karan Lal Bhat & Mrs. Renu Bhat (Son & DIL)
Bhavika Bhat (Grand Child)
Mobile No. 94196-94665, 90091-69993
Brother & Bhabhi
Mrs. Uma Shori W/o Lt. Jai Nath Bhat
Mr. Moti Lal Bhat (Brother)
SAMAST BHAT PARIVAR

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Mohan Rani Nehru** W/o Sh. Brij Mohan Nehru of Panzalla Baranulla, Kashmir on 14-06-2024. The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on Sunday 23-06-2024 at residence Panzalla, Baranulla, Kashmir at 9:00 AM.



Smt. Mohan Rani Nehru

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Brij Mohan Nehru - **Husband**
Smt. Renu Nehru - **Son-in-law**
Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law
Smt. Reena & Sh. G.K. Neeru
Smt. Sushma Nehru - **Sister-in-law**
Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law
Smt. Dazy & Sh. Tej Krishan Nehru
Smt. Sarla & Sh. B.N. Rana
Smt. Renu & Sh. Bushan Sharma
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Santosh Nehru & Smt. Rinki
Sh. Rajinder Nehru & Smt. Sushma
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Sunila & Sh. Sunil Pandita
Smt. Anita & Sh. Manish Kaul

Grand Children: Yuktha, Reshoo, Shivam, Nishaan, Richama, Veeraj, Dev, Dishaan, Davleena
Mobile No: 9906162592, 9810295675, 9622219211, 981113018, 9711192324, 9541678890, 9419651551

OBITUARY AND TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND DEEP SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. PHOOLA RAJA (PYARI)** W/O SH. CHAMAN LAL RAJA, OF KHAYAR ANANTNAG PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 82A BUDA NAGAR ENCLAVE (SHV TEMPLE LANE) JAMMU ON 10TH JUNE 2024.

THE TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 25/06/2024 AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMU AT 8:30 AM



SMT. PHOOLA RAJA (PYARI)

GRIEF STRICKEN:
SH. CHAMAN LAL RAJA (HUSBAND)
SISTERS IN LAW
SMT. SHYAMA JI PANDITA
SMT. CHOORA PANDITA
BROTHERS IN LAW & SISTERS IN LAW
SH. MOTI LAL RAJA AND SMT. GEETA RAJA
SH. SHAD LAL RAJA AND SMT. BITA RAJA
DAUGHTERS AND SONS IN LAW
SMT. DOLLY KUL & SH. RAMESHJI KUL
SMT. ANULEE KUL AND SH. SANJAY KUL
SMT. BAPITA & SH. SHALESHJI
SMT. HANSHI RAJA & SH. AKHIL BHAT
SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN LAW
SH. NITESH RAJA & SMT. RASHI RAJA
SH. HITESH RAJA & SMT. PREETI PANDITA

GRAND CHILDREN
MKHIL KUL, HAROK KUL, AASHRAY KUL, KARAN RAJA, KAASHNI RAJA
CONTACT DETAILS: 896883263, 9993782956, 9419727877, 7009054183

CHOUBARSI

Choubarsi of our beloved **Late Smt. Sheela Devi** W/o Lt. Sh. Mansa Ram R/o Upper Barnai, Ward No. 65, Jammu will be performed on 23rd of June, 2024 (Sunday) at 12:00 Noon at Nakul Palace, Akhnoor Road, Barnai.

Satsang Time is 12:00 Noon
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY
Sons
Sh. Brij Kumar, Laxman Singh, Badshah, Gulab Singh and Lal Singh
Daughter-in-laws
Smt. Geeta Rani, Neelam, Anju, Rani and Raj Kumari
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Suneeta Devi and Sh. Gopal Kundan
Grand Children :
Ms. Aakarsha, Kajal, Akanksha, Apeksha, Surjit, Gurmeet, Shivam, Deepak, Kuldeep and Hardik



Late Smt. Sheela Devi

Sons
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Daughter-in-laws
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10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief, we would like to share that **Smt. Sheela Bhat** W/o Sh. Badrinath Bhat, erstwhile resident of House No. 25, Shastri Nagar, opposite Degree College Bemina, Srinagar, left this materialistic world for "Vaikunth Dham" on 17/06/2024 at her present residence; 102, Sector 45-A, Chandigarh.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 26th June 2024 at Lakhmpur, Kurali-Ropar Road at 8:30 am. **Assembly** will be held at our residence House No. 102, Sector 45A, Chandigarh.



Smt. Sheela Bhat

GRIEF STRICKEN
Bhat Parivar # 9888369961

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our mother **Smt. Prabha Raina** W/o late Shri Radha Kiran Raina of Jawahar nagar, Srinagar and presently at 16-A, Bhawan i Nagar, Jaspur Jammu has left for her heavenly abode on 16th June 2024 at Jammu.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 25th June (Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat at 8:00 AM.



Smt. Prabha Raina

GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughter & Son-in-law
Shashi & Late Sh. Kavi Rattan
Daughter-in-law & Son
Suneeta & Viender Raina
Grand Daughter & Son-in-law
Jharna & Himanshu
Mansiraitan - Grand Daughter
Dheeraj & Dr. Suhagini- **Grand Son-in-law & Grand Daughter**
Great Grand Children : Ishbi, Aryanam, Marya, Ashmit, Shivaarsh
Mob.: 9419155536, 9419182609

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that our father **Sh. Jagdev Raj Sharma** has left for heavenly abode on 14/06/2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on Sunday, 23rd of June 2024 at 10.00 AM at our residence H.No. 568/5 Surya Vanshi Nagar, Evergreen School Lane, Lower Roop Nagar Muthi, Jammu.



Sh. Jagdev Raj Sharma

Kriya will be performed on Monday, 24th of June, 2024, from 10 AM to 12 Noon at our residence H.No. 568/5 Surya Vanshi Nagar, Evergreen School Lane, Lower Roop Nagar Muthi, Jammu

Uthala will be performed on Monday, 24th of June 2024 from 4 PM to 5 PM at Jai Bua Duti Palaoe, Muthi Morh Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Ram Payara (Wife)
(Brother & Sister in law)
Sh. Sukhdev Raj Sharma & Smt. Adarsh Sharma
(Brother in Law & Sister in Law)
Sh. Sarveshwar Khajuria & Smt. Chanchala Devi
(Sons & Daughters in Law)
Sh. Rajesh Sharma & Smt. Asha Kiran
Sh. Naresh Sharma & Smt. Monika Sharma
Sh. Mahesh Sharma & Smt. Suman Sharma
Grand Children : Tanya, Ramit, Suvidya, Akshat, Rijul, Shubani, Manyo.

DIAMOND DENTAL CLINIC
Main Chowk Janipur
Contact: 9906000349, 7006783877, 7006237592

10TH DAY

"With profound grief and sorrow we inform that our mother **Mrs Kanta Zalpuri** W/o Lt Ram Nath Zalpuri, original resident of Chinkral Mohalla, Srinagar, presently at 2474 HIG, Phase 2, Urban Estate, Dugri, Ludhiana, passed away on 16 June 2024 and the **10th Day** will be on 25 June 2024 at Cremation ground, Dugri near Glada Flats, Ludhiana.



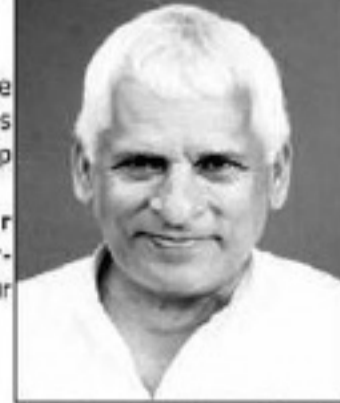
Mrs Kanta Zalpuri

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Zalpuri's, Gorkhu's, Dhar's, Misri's, and Koul's"

BARKHI

One Year has gone since you left for heavenly abode though you are not with us yet your loving memories are still fresh in our hearts. We pray to God to keep your noble soul in heaven with peace.

BARKHI of our beloved **Late Shri Anoop Kumar Padha (Retd. Accounts Officer)** shall be performed on 24th June 2024 Monday at 12PM at our Residence W. No. 4 Krishna Nagar Colony Kathua.



ANOOP KUMAR PADHA (Retd. Accounts Officer)

IN GRIEF
Veena Padha -(Wife)
Sumit and Preeti -(Son & Daughter in Law)
Pallavi and Raman -(Daughter and Son in Law)
Anil and Neelam Padha -(Brother and Sister-in-Law)
Anita and Rajesh Sharma -(Sister and Brother-in-Law)
Sapna and Vijay Upadhaya -(Sister and Brother-in-Law)
(M) 9906500511 and 9419151194

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that sad demise of our beloved Mother Kamyoogi **Smt Piyari Bhat** W/o Lt Shri Mohan Lal Bhat R/o Katoosa Kulgam at present C-501, Pioneer Park, Sector 61, Gurgaon, who left her eternal journey on June 18, 2024.

TENTH DAY shall be performed on June 27 at Ganga Ghat of Chhota Haridwar Musod Nagar, Gazabad at 8:30 AM.



Smt Piyari Bhat

GRIEF STRICKEN
(Son in law & Daughter in law)
Sh Deep Kumar Bhat & Sheeta Bhat
(Son in law & Daughter in law)
Sh Raj Kumar Bhat & Sheeta Bhat
Daughter and Son in law
Smt Bobby Ji & Sh. M. K. Bhan
Smt Princy Ji & Sh Sanjay Koul
Smt Dazy Ji & Sh Swarn Razdan
Sister in Law
Smt Chand Rani W/o Lt Sh Kasthi Nath Pandita
Smt Shanta Ji W/o Lt Brij Nath Pandita
Smt. Kshel Ji W/o Bansilal Pandita

Smt Shama Ji W/o Lt Jagar Nath Koul (Sister)
9891538832, 9419206680, 9086563249, 9847053952

10TH & 13TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Naib Chand Thakur** R/o 33A/676 Sec-2 Ganga Nagar Bantalaib, Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 24/6/2024 at 8:00 AM and Thirteenth Day (Kriya) will be performed at our residence on 27/6/2024.



SH. NAIB CHAND THAKUR

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Anvi Dahi (Wife)
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PM Modi committed to fulfill aspirations of J&K people: Bali Bhagat

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JAMMU, June 22: Senior BJP leader and former minister Bali Bhagat on Saturday reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to addressing the aspirations of the people of Jammu & Kashmir regarding the much-awaited Assembly elections in the union territory.

In a statement issued here today, the former minister emphasized the Modi Government's dedication to restoring statehood to J&K, a commitment made by PM Modi during his recent visit to

Srinagar.

"Prime Minister Modi has assured the people of J&K that their aspirations are a top priority for his government. The promise to restore statehood is firm, and steps are being taken to ensure this commitment is fulfilled," he said. He highlighted that the BJP is fully prepared to lead J&K towards a new era of development and governance.

Bali Bhagat emphasized that the BJP all set to form next government in Jammu & Kashmir. "Our Party has a clear vision and a comprehensive plan to drive development



and ensure the welfare of every citizen in the region," he stated.

The senior BJP leader called upon the party cadre to mobilize and prepare diligently for the upcoming Assembly polls, urging them to work tirelessly to secure a resounding victory for

the BJP, emphasizing the importance of unity and collective effort.

"We must gear up for the upcoming Assembly elections and ensure a resounding victory for the BJP. Our party has always stood for the development and progress of J&K, and it is crucial that we continue to work with the same dedication and commitment," he urged.

The former minister highlighted the positive impact of the Modi Government's policies on J&K, including infrastructure development, improved healthcare,

and enhanced educational opportunities. He expressed confidence that the people of J&K would support the BJP's vision and efforts to bring lasting peace and prosperity to the region.

"As the election preparations gain momentum, the BJP remains focused on its mission to build a stronger and more prosperous Jammu & Kashmir. With PM Modi's unwavering support and the dedication of its leaders and cadre, the party is optimistic about the future and committed to fulfilling the promises made to the people of J&K," he added.

DIG JKS Range flags off Bharat Darshan Tour at Glushan Ground

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JAMMU, June 22: Dy. Inspector General of Police (DIG) JKS Range, Dr. Sunil Gupta, flagged off Bharat Darshan Tour of 66 students from different parts of district Ramban at an impressive function from GO's Mess Gulshan Ground Jammu this morning.

The tour has been organized by Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu under Civic Action Programme (CAP).

66 students (participants) alongwith 02 caretakers of District Ramban will proceed from Jammu to Delhi, Delhi to Chennai (By Air) for Bharat Darshan Tour Programme from

June 22 to 26, 2024.

While interacting with the students who belong to different parts of the Ramban district, the DIG Jammu wished them a happy and safe journey and advised them to avail the opportunity to enrich their knowledge by visiting historical places of Delhi and Chennai and also the modern marvels of India.

He advised the students to move out, meet people and see how beautiful, diverse in fauna and flora and in culture our country is.

He said that by these Bharat Darshan tours students can develop better understanding of the world at large and thus become a respon-

sible citizen.

He further advised the students to meet people during this tour with an open heart and spread love and understanding.

The students will visit among other places Lal Qila, Qutub Minar, Lotus temple, Delhi Zoo, Delhi Museum, Parliament, Delhi Metro at Delhi and Taj Mahal at Agra and many historical places at Chennai also. Boarding and Lodging, air travel facilities will be provided to the visiting students by Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu.

The function was attended by S.O to ADGP Jammu Zone, SP Hqrs. Jammu and other Police officers of district Jammu.

DSS raises concerns over escalating drug menace in J&K, calls for immediate action to combat

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JAMMU, June 22: Th Gulchain Singh Charak, President of Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) J&K and former Minister, on Saturday raised a significant issue regarding the escalating drug crisis across Jammu and Kashmir UT in general and Jammu region in particular. The region, historically renowned for its nationalism and resilience, now confronts a silent but potent threat to its social fabric—the rampant proliferation of drugs targeting its youth.

Th. Gulchain Singh Charak was speaking while addressing a press conference at the premises of Dogra Sadar Sabha Jammu today.

Reflecting on Jammu region storied history of defending the nation during the Indo-Pak wars of 1947, 1965, 1971, and 1999, Th Gulchain Singh



Charak emphasized the indomitable spirit of the region's youth and said that the youth of Jammu region have always stood as a bulwark against external aggression and internal strife, he said, adding that their unwavering patriotism has consistently thwarted attempts to sow discord along communal lines.

"In light of these failed attempts to incite unrest, adversaries have adopt-

ed a more insidious strategy by infiltrating the region with drugs. This tactic aims to weaken Jammu and Kashmir from within, posing a grave threat to its future," he added.

Charak called on the administration to recognize the severity of this issue and take robust measures against the drug mafia and said that awareness campaigns and social media initia-

tives, while helpful, are insufficient he noted, "Concrete actions must be visible dismantling of drug mafia networks and the protection of our communities, he added.

The former Cabinet Minister asserted that the role of law enforcement agencies, particularly the police, is crucial in this battle. He stressed that their efforts must extend beyond mere optics and photo opportunities.

The reality of their actions should be evident in the streets of Jammu through successful operations and tangible results against those peddling drugs, he added.

He appealed to the higher authorities to avoid complacency and actively support ground-level efforts. Regular assessments, accountability checks, and sustained commitment are

essential to ensure the effectiveness of anti-drug operations. This battle demands a comprehensive and coordinated approach, involving every layer of governance and society, he emphasized.

Charak reiterated the resilience and strength of the people of Jammu region with robust support from the administration and police, our region can overcome the drug menace. The youth of Jammu, who have always been nationalists at heart, deserve a future free from the clutches of drugs. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that this future is secured, he added.

Among those who were present in the press conference included Col. Karan Singh (Rtd.), PS Gupta, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Dr. VS Sharma and others

Director Agriculture Jammu inaugurates Paddy Transplanter in UT



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JAMMU, June 22: Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, inaugurated the first-of-its-kind Paddy Transplanter 6 Rows Self Propelled issued under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) to a Farm Machinery Bank in Panchayat Khor, Zone Kirpind subdivision R.S Pura.

This initiative aims to increase Farm Mechanization Power from the present 1.75 kW to 2.5 kW in the next 2 to 3 years in the Jammu and Kashmir UT, showcasing a pioneering effort aimed at transforming agricultural practices in the region. The Paddy Transplanter

offers several key advantages to enhance paddy cultivation practices. It significantly enhances cost efficiency by reducing the rising costs of cultivation and labour requirements, thereby addressing the current labour crisis in the sector. Additionally, the transplanter excels in rapid nursery creation, capable of establishing a mat-type nursery covering 1 acre within just an hour. Its ability to ensure precise plant spacing and line sowing according to recommended agricultural practices further enhances productivity and yields in the field. Notably, this advanced machinery is the first of its kind in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kash-

mir, offering unparalleled efficiency and productivity benefits to farmers.

Director Agriculture Jammu expressed optimism for the future of agriculture in the region, stating, "The introduction of the Paddy Transplanter marks a significant step towards modernizing our agricultural practices and ensuring better yields for our farmers. This initiative aligns with our commitment to supporting farmers with innovative technologies that enhance efficiency and profitability."

The inauguration ceremony concluded with a demonstration of the Paddy Transplanter's capabilities, highlighting its role in advancing agricultural mechanization and sustainable farming practices.

SDAO R.S Pura, Surinder Kumar Gupta, Agriculture Extension Officer Kirpind Saloni Sadhotra, Junior Agriculture Extension Officers, and Agriculture Extension Assistants were also present at the occasion.

By voting in favour of BJP people became part of Viksit Bharat'

Inauguration of projects worth thousands of crores is beginning of Modi-3 rule: Khatana

Top News Report

BANIHAL, June 22: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana on Saturday thanked the people of Ramban, Banihal, Mir Bazar and Lambad in Kulgam, and other adjoining areas for voting BJP to success.

"By voting in favour of BJP you people have become part of Viksit Bharat," Khatana said while addressing a gathering at Banihal area.

He said that every vote in favour of BJP matters and all such votes helped PM Modi to helm the affairs of the largest democracy of the world for the third time.

"The nation in general and J&K Union Territory in particular is now witnessing progress under the visionary leadership of PM Modi," the Rajya Sabha member maintained adding that the PM during his recent Kashmir visit has laid foundation of 84 major projects worth Rs. 1500 crore in Srinagar and has launched Comprehensive Improvement in Agriculture and allied Sectors (JKCIP) project at the cost of Rs. 1800 crore besides handing over 2000 government job appointment letters to the youth.

"Not only this the PM Modi has also recently released the 17th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi worth Rs. 20,000 crore for more than 9.26 crore farmers across the country including Rs. 182.55 crore for 8.46 lakh farmers of Jammu and Kashmir," Khatana said assuring that this is just the start of PM Modi's third tenure which will remain full of such welfare measures.

On this occasion the locals of Banihal took up many issues like hefty power bills, poor developments of schools in remote areas etc and the MP assured them that soon these issues shall be resolved.

The MP was accompanied by senior BJP leader and Waqaf Executive Office, Aabid Hussain Khan and BJP workers from Devsar Mandal and others.

The gathering assured full support to the BJP candidate in upcoming Assembly elections.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were senior BJP leader Mohd Saleem Bhat, Chowdhary Qasim, Constituency Incharge, Adil Ahmad, Gh Nabi Shah, Ishaq Ahmad, Mohd Syed Malik, Ch Shah Mohd and others.

Kavinder calls for establishment of Duggar Channel to promote regional culture & heritage

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JAMMU, June 22: Kavinder Gupta, Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, has urged the Central Government to take necessary steps to launch Duggar satellite channel in Jammu region. The proposed channel aims to promote, protect, and develop the rich culture, heritage, and languages of the Duggar region.

Kavinder made this appeal following a meeting with a delegation from the Doordarshan Approved Drama Artists Association (DADAA) in Jammu today. The delegation, led by J.S. Babli, President of DADAA, presented a memorandum outlining their long-standing demands.

J.S Babli apprised the senior BJP leader that the primary objective of the Duggar Channel is to safeguard the cultural heritage and languages of the Duggar region while also generating employment opportunities. He highlighted that over one crore Dogri-speaking people reside across areas including Mirpur, Bhimber, Bag, Sialkot, and Shakargarh in Pakistan, as well as Gurdaspur, Pathankot, and Hoshiarpur in Punjab, and parts of Himachal Pradesh. Babli also noted that Jammu's proximity to the International Border and Line of Control makes it an ideal



location for propagating and promoting the Government of India's policies.

Addressing the delegation, the former deputy Chief Minister reflected on the efforts of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, under whose leadership Dogri was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. He stressed the importance of continuing these efforts to ensure that the younger generation learns and appreciates their regional language.

"When you visit other states, you observe people proudly speaking their regional languages. It is crucial that we also focus on raising awareness, especially among the youth, about the importance of our regional language," he said.

Kavinder questioned why, despite the Central Government granting two AIIMS and two Central Universities to Jammu and Kashmir, there are not two

local channels as well. "When J&K has already Kashmir Channel, then the demand for a Duggar Satellite Channel should also be considered," he asserted.

The former Deputy Chief Minister assured the Doordarshan artists that he would take up their concerns with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in Delhi. He committed to making all possible efforts to establish the Duggar Channel in Jammu region, thereby promoting the region's rich cultural heritage.

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EDITORIAL

Amarnath Yatra Preparations

The Amarnath Yatra is one of the most revered and challenging pilgrimages in India, drawing thousands of devotees annually to the Amarnath Cave in Jammu and Kashmir. As the Yatra commences, extensive preparations are underway to ensure the safety, comfort, and spiritual fulfillment of the pilgrims. This document outlines the various aspects of the preparations, highlighting the concerted efforts of religious organizations, government bodies, and local communities.

Various Sadhu Samitis and Sadhu Samaj Nayas Committees across Jammu and Kashmir are working together to facilitate the Yatra. These committees are dedicated to providing continuous support and ensuring the spiritual needs of the pilgrims are met.

Given the challenging terrain and security concerns, the government has deployed a substantial number of security personnel along the Yatra route. The presence of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and local police ensures the safety of the pilgrims against any potential threats.

To address the health and transportation needs of the pilgrims, the government has established medical camps and emergency response units at various points. Helicopter services are also available for those who require urgent medical attention or prefer a quicker journey to the cave.

The paths leading to the Amarnath Cave are regularly maintained to prevent any accidents. This includes clearing any snow or debris, marking the trails clearly, and setting up rest points equipped with basic amenities.

The influx of pilgrims poses a significant challenge to the fragile environment of the region. Authorities have implemented strict waste management protocols, including the deployment of sanitation workers and the installation of portable toilets. Pilgrims are also educated on the importance of keeping the area clean and disposing of waste responsibly.

Considering the high altitude and harsh weather conditions, health advisories are issued to pilgrims. Medical check-ups are mandatory before undertaking the Yatra, and those with pre-existing health conditions are advised to take necessary precautions. Health camps along the route provide medical assistance, oxygen supplies, and emergency care.

Pilgrims are required to register online or at designated centers before embarking on the Yatra. This helps in managing the number of participants and ensures that adequate resources are available. Additionally, tracking systems are in place to monitor the movement of pilgrims, which aids in providing timely assistance if needed.

To keep pilgrims informed, the authorities use various channels including mobile apps, social media, and helplines. These platforms provide real-time updates on weather conditions, route status, and other critical information.

The preparations for the Amarnath Yatra involve meticulous planning and coordination among various stakeholders. From ensuring the safety and health of pilgrims to maintaining the environmental sanctity of the region, every aspect is addressed with utmost care. The combined efforts of religious organizations, government agencies, and local communities reflect the spirit of cooperation and devotion that defines the Amarnath Yatra. As pilgrims embark on this sacred journey, they are supported by a robust framework that aims to make their experience spiritually enriching and safe.

Job oriented and opportunities in Career in Sports

By: Vijay GarG

Gone are the days when sports were merely hobbies. With big business houses investing heavily and governments promoting different sports, it is now a lucrative career not only do you get a chance to represent your country but also get fame and recognition. But, sports as a career does not need to ply the sports persons. You can take a number of allied fields to get into the sporting world. India is the home to more than billion people. There are lakhs of talents that need a good platform. Together with that, sports as a career is still in its nascent stage. You must have seen that the annual IPL gala unveils some of the local talents who would never have got a chance if it were not IPL. There are several tournaments going on in the same format. So, here we will be telling you how to make a career in sports:

How to make a Career in Sports?

Sports is that one field where you need to show your physical as well as mental strength. You need to have high morale. There are times when you are badly losing. But instead of losing hope, if you fight back, you are bound to win. Sports teaches us to be a team player, to rise above the sense of self and to be optimistic. Sports teaches us never to lose hope. Just look at the disabled player's teams. Despite having some physical shortcomings, they play their game and win the hearts. This proves that no matter what kind of body you have, a game will never discriminate with you. All you need to do is cling hard to your dreams and go conquer it.

Career Options and Job Opportunities in Sports

Sportsperson: This is the obvious career in sports. If you are good at any sports, be it cricket, boxing or gymnastics, go for the professional coaching. There are government as well as private institutes run by established players who impart coaching. There you will learn of techniques, have practice and coach under a guy who knows how to handle the pressure. Never give up. Always work on honing your talent. There is one more aspect. Never switch to some sports just because you think that it will pay well. Every sport has equal potential to make you reach the top. Work hard with your favourite sport. Do you think Deepa Karmakar would have performed equally well if she left gymnastics for more famous tennis? No! So

always believe in your strength and work hard. And when you get the chance to represent the nation, don't get into too much pressure. Just perform to your full capability.

Sports Physiotherapist: You must have seen that during a cricket match, a player gets a physiotherapist when he/she gets cramps. Sports Physiotherapists are an integral part of every sports team. Not only do they help players in crisis on the field but also keep them in good shape. Those who are faced with injuries undergo treatment under a physiotherapist. They help in gradually getting the strength back and make the body ready to hit the fields. There are many colleges that offer an undergraduate and postgraduate degree in physiotherapy. Spots authority of India and other such sports regulatory bodies always need physiotherapists. You can start working for them.

Dietitian: A sportsperson needs to have a balanced diet. Neither should have too low calories nor too much. A dietitian ensures that players are having a perfect diet according to their body needs and sports schedules. A runner's diet has gone to be different from that of a weightlifter. With a dietitian involved, players don't run into the risk of facing nutrition issues. You can get into this field by doing an undergraduate and postgraduate course in food nutrition and dietetics. Since you will be involved with the sportspersons, you should have a strong background of how much energy that particular game needs.

Sports Coach: A coach is the most respected person in any player's life. They are the ones who recognize the talent and nurture it. You can make your career as a Sports coach. For this not only do you need to have a strong background in the sports, you also need to have strong leadership qualities, keen observation skills, and patience. You should be able to push budding players to get them out of their comfort zone. A major part of this job involves networking. To survive, you must interact. You should coach at any level; be it school, college or a local team. Dedicate yourself to the team's victory. Then only your efforts will be paid attention to.

Sports Management: There are a number of sports events now. From the national to the district level, investors are spending heavily in organizing events to attract new talents. In such big events, proper management is needed. Spectators need to

have proper seating arrangements, drinking water, restrooms and above all security. Also, the players need to have their kit in place. All such requirements need trained personnel. Sports management is a new area in India. But the best thing is that the government is asking the sports club to appoint a full-time CEO to manage the club's affairs. In abroad, all the teams have a manager who is responsible for the upkeep of the team. Be it the inclusion of players or managing funds, they handle it all. So, if you are attracted to this area, you can go for the sports management courses.

Sports Journalist: If you are a true fan but could not make it to the player's list, you can get into the sports journalism. There is an ardent fan following who need rich and informative articles on sports topics. So, if you have a strong background in sports, you can go for the journalism courses. As such, sports journalism is not taught anywhere. Once you get into this field, you need to create a niche for yourself. Start with sports reporting and article writing. You can grow on to become a renowned sports writer! Everyone loves to know more about a particular game.

Commentator: While watching a match, the commentary is what attracts the people most. Not only you get updates every second, but also get expert panel discussing the game strategies. Commentaries are the way so many people enjoy a game even on the radio. To make a career in this field, you should have strong oratory skills coupled with sound knowledge of the sports. Most of the time, it is the ex-sportspersons who do commentary. But in recent years, we have seen some remarkable people getting in this field who are not a sportsperson. Sports commentary for radio is comparatively less paying than that on the TV. But in both cases, it is an amazing option. You get to meet new people every day not to mention the players themselves. And, once established as a Commentator, you can earn anything between 30-40k per day! Job opportunities are in the radio stations and TV channels. You will have to start small. Try in the local channels and then climb up the ladder. This way you will have experience, network and a better idea of the field.

Umpire/Referee: If you love the fair judgment of umpires and their keen observation skills, you can work to be a sports umpire. Not only you need to have a sound knowledge of the rules and regulations, but also great stamina. Just

imagine the stamina needed by a football match referee! Likewise, a cricket umpire needs to stand on the ground at a stretch with complete concentration throughout. To get into the shoes, you need to clear the umpire selection exam conducted by state sports authorities. From here, you can go to the national as well as international bodies. Renowned umpires and referees earn quite handsomely. Additionally, you get to witness the matches from the ground and get to travel the world.

Sports Psychologist: Players go through ups and downs throughout their career. A Sports Psychologist ensures that this emotional turmoil does not affect his/her performance. Because if that happens, it might have an adverse effect on the whole career. As a sports psychologist, you will be required to keep the player's spirits high even in unfavourable situations. You can get into this field by doing a post-graduate degree in clinical psychology and obtaining the license.

Public Relations Manager: Most sports teams and all the established players have their own PR team. Their job is to ensure that there is a positive image of the player among the masses. In sensitive cases, they handle their statements. Overall, their job is to ensure that the player remains in good light. You basically need to be a sharp person. It would be better if you come from the mass communication background. If you happen to be the PR of the renowned teams, you will earn pretty decent.

Sports is the field that holds huge potential in a country with such a large population. The sad reality is that we don't lead the medal tally in major sporting events. Barring the few podiums every now and then. India is yet to be a sports superpower. If we invest in our financial as well as human resources in sports, we will definitely lead the world. Also, our youth's energy will be properly channelled. But we do need to realize that sports are in dire need of trained manpower. Its high time we offer our youth a respectable career in sports.

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Technocracy has a great hope and dependency upon Ai

By: Dr. Anurag Pathak

Artificial Intelligence is the intelligence possessed by the machines under which they can perform various functions with human help. With the help of A.I, machines will be able to learn, solve problems, plan things, think, etc. Artificial Intelligence, for example, is the simulation of human intelligence by machines. In the field of technology, Artificial Intelligence is evolving rapidly day by day and it is believed that in the near future, artificial intelligence is going to change human life very drastically and will most probably end all the crises of the world by sorting out the major problems. Our life in this modern age depends largely on computers. It is almost impossible to think about life without computers. We need computers in everything that we use in our daily lives. So it becomes very important to make computers intelligent so that our lives become easy. Artificial Intelligence is the theory and development of computers, which imitates the human intelligence and senses, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages. Artificial Intelligence has brought a revolution in the world of technology.

AI is widely used in the field of healthcare. Companies are attempting to develop technologies that will allow for rapid diagnosis. Artificial Intelligence would be able to operate on patients without the need for human oversight. Surgical procedures based on technology are already being performed. Artificial Intelligence would save a lot of our time. The use of robots would decrease human labour. For example, in industries robots are used which have saved a lot of human effort and time. In the field of education, AI has the potential to be very effective. It can bring innovative ways of teaching students with the help of which students will be able to learn the concepts better. Artificial intelligence is the future of innovative technology as we can use it in many fields. For example, it can be used in the Military sector, Industrial sector, Automobiles, etc. In the coming years, we will be able to see more applications of AI as this technology is evolving day

by day.

Artificial Intelligence may seem to be a new technology but if we do a bit of research, we will find that it has roots deep in the past. In Greek Mythology, it is said that the concepts of AI were used. The model of Artificial neurons was first brought forward in 1943 by Warren McCulloch and Walter Pitts. After seven years, in 1950, a research paper related to AI was published by Alan Turing which was titled 'Computer Machinery and Intelligence'. The term Artificial Intelligence was first coined in 1956 by John McCarthy, who is known as the father of Artificial Intelligence. To conclude, we can say that Artificial Intelligence will be the future of the world. As per the experts, we won't be able to separate ourselves from this technology as it would become an integral part of our lives shortly. AI would change the way we live in this world. This technology would prove to be revolutionary because it will change our lives for good.

An artificial intelligence program is a program that is capable of learning and thinking. It is possible to consider anything to be artificial intelligence if it consists of a program performing a task that we would normally assume a human would perform.

While artificial intelligence has many benefits, there are also drawbacks. The benefits of AI include efficiency through task automation, data analysis for informed decisions, assistance in medical diagnosis, and the advancement of autonomous vehicles. The drawbacks of AI include job displacement, ethical concerns about bias and privacy, security risks from hacking, a lack of human-like creativity and empathy.

AI generally is undertaken in conjunction with machine learning and data analytics. Machine learning takes data and looks for underlying trends. If it spots something that is relevant for a practical problem, software designers can take that knowledge and use it to analyze specific issues. All that is required are data that are sufficiently robust that algorithms can discern useful patterns. Data can come in the form of digital information, satellite imagery, visual information, text, or unstructured data.

AI systems have the ability to learn

and adapt as they make decisions. In the transportation area, for example, semi-autonomous vehicles have tools that let drivers and vehicles know about upcoming congestion, potholes, highway construction, or other possible traffic impediments. Vehicles can take advantage of the experience of other vehicles on the road, without human involvement, and the entire corpus of their achieved "experience" is immediately and fully transferable to other similarly configured vehicles. Their advanced algorithms, sensors, and cameras incorporate experience in current operations, and use dashboards and visual displays to present information in real time so human drivers are able to make sense of ongoing traffic and vehicular conditions. And in the case of fully autonomous vehicles, advanced systems can completely control the car or truck, and make all the navigational decisions.

The big data analytics associated with AI will profoundly affect intelligence analysis, as massive amounts of data are sifted in near real time—if not eventually in real time—thereby providing commanders and their staffs a level of intelligence analysis and productivity heretofore unseen. Command and control will similarly be affected as human commanders delegate certain routine, and in special circumstances, key decisions to AI platforms, reducing dramatically the time associated with the decision and subsequent action. In the end, warfare is a time competitive process, where the side able to decide the fastest and move most quickly to execution will generally prevail. Indeed, artificially intelligent intelligence systems, tied to AI-assisted command and control systems, can move decision support and decisionmaking to a speed vastly superior to the speeds of the traditional means of waging war. So fast will be this process, especially if coupled to automatic decisions to launch artificially intelligent autonomous weapons systems capable of lethal outcomes, that a new term has been coined specifically to embrace the speed at which war will be waged: hyperwar.

While the ethical and legal debate is raging over whether America will ever wage war with artificially intelligent autonomous lethal systems, the Chinese

and Russians are not nearly so mired in this debate, and we should anticipate our need to defend against these systems operating at hyperwar speeds. The challenge in the West of where to position "humans in the loop" in a hyperwar scenario will ultimately dictate the West's capacity to be competitive in this new form of conflict.

Just as AI will profoundly affect the speed of warfare, the proliferation of zero day or zero second cyber threats as well as polymorphic malware will challenge even the most sophisticated signature-based cyber protection. This forces significant improvement to existing cyber defenses. Increasingly, vulnerable systems are migrating, and will need to shift to a layered approach to cybersecurity with cloud-based, cognitive AI platforms. This approach moves the community toward a "thinking" defensive capability that can defend networks through constant training on known threats. This capability includes DNA-level analysis of heretofore unknown code, with the possibility of recognizing and stopping inbound malicious code by recognizing a string component of the file. This is how certain key U.S.-based systems stopped the debilitating "WannaCry" and "Petya" viruses.

Preparing for hyperwar and defending critical cyber networks must become a high priority because China, Russia, North Korea, and other countries are putting substantial resources into AI. In 2017, China's State Council issued a plan for the country to "build a domestic industry worth almost \$150 billion" by 2030. As an example of the possibilities, the Chinese search firm Baidu has pioneered a facial recognition application that finds missing people. In addition, cities such as Shenzhen are providing up to \$1 million to support AI labs. That country hopes AI will provide security, combat terrorism, and improve speech recognition programs. The dual-use nature of many AI algorithms will mean AI research focused on one sector of society can be rapidly modified for use in the security sector as well.

(Dr. Anurag Pathak
Lucknow)

Apollo Hospitals Pioneers Robotic Cardiac Surgery, Offering Faster Recoveries and Improved Patient Outcomes

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: To deliver advanced treatment options, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals hosted a conference to focus on the growing adoption of robotic heart surgery and robotic coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG). Led by renowned cardiac surgeons Dr. MM Yusuf and Dr. Varun Bansal, the conference emphasized how these advanced techniques translate into better immediate and long-term benefits for patients of all ages. This minimally invasive approach allows patients to begin walking within a day of surgery and often be discharged within 48-72 hours.

Additionally, these surgeries are essential for patients needing treatment for coronary artery disease, heart valve diseases, heart tumors, and birth defects in the heart. Apollo Hospitals has achieved remarkable success in these techniques, boasting a 98% success rate and minimal risk. Robotic heart surgery offers a minimally invasive approach utilizing advanced robotic technology and surgical expertise to perform procedures through extremely small incisions.



Compared to traditional open-heart surgery, this method boasts numerous advantages, including the use of all arterial grafts, fewer complications, no bone cutting, significantly shorter recovery times, and minimal scarring.

Dr MM Yusuf, Senior consultant, Heart Specialist, Robotics and Minimally Invasive Heart Surgery at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, says, "Robotic cardiac surgery signifies a transformative advancement in heart care. By leveraging cutting-edge robotic technology, we are able to perform highly precise and minimally invasive procedures that significantly reduce recovery times and postoperative complications. Our patients benefit from quicker

mobilization, reduced open-heart surgery, this method boasts numerous advantages, including the use of all arterial grafts, fewer complications, no bone cutting, significantly shorter recovery times, and minimal scarring. This innovative approach is revolutionizing cardiac surgery, and we are proud to be at the forefront, providing exceptional care to our patients. The integration of robotic technology not only enhances the precision of the surgery but also minimizes the physical and emotional burden on patients and their families.

"Robotic and minimally invasive cardiac surgeries represent a significant leap forward in cardiac care," stated Dr. Varun Bansal, consultant heart specialists in Robotics

and Minimally Invasive Heart Surgery at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi.

"By integrating advanced technology with surgical expertise, we are able to offer our patients fewer complications, faster recoveries, and a better overall quality of life. This approach not only enhances the precision and safety of the procedures but also significantly reduces the physical, emotional, and financial burden on patients and their families. Many of our patients can start walking within a day of surgery and are often discharged within 48-72 hours, which speaks volumes about the effectiveness and patient satisfaction of these techniques. We are seeing an increasing

number of patients from various age groups and backgrounds opting for these advanced surgical options. We firmly believe that robotic cardiac surgery will continue to grow and evolve, setting new standards in heart surgery and providing the best possible care for our patients."

During the conference, Dr. Yusuf and Dr. Bansal presented detailed case studies showcasing Indraprastha Apollo Hospital's expertise in managing complex conditions with robotic assistance. They shared patient stories, including those who were high-risk for open-heart surgery, those wanting a quick return to work and active life, and those preferring minimal scarring. These patients recovered swiftly and resumed their lives quickly, underscoring the effectiveness of robotic cardiac surgeries.

Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals remains at the forefront of cardiac care, continuously leveraging advanced robotic technologies to improve patient outcomes. As the field of robotic cardiac surgery continues to grow, the hospital is committed to setting new standards and ensuring the best possible care for its patients.

DDC Suresh holds public darbar, listens to grievances

Top News Report

AKHNOOR, June 22: BJP senior leader and member of District Development Council, Pandit Suresh Sharma, held public darbar and listened to the problems of people in Panchayat Ghar, Majoor, Kaneri, Chowki and Choura of Block Chowki Choura of Chhamb assembly constituency related to electricity, water etc. and asked the department officials to solve these problems soon.

Apart from this, Pandit Suresh Sharma also kick started the construction work of a new filtration plant and laying of new pipeline in Sandal of Panchayat Majur. An amount of Rs 2 crore 54 lakh is being spent on the new water project in Sandal, the work of which is going on at a fast pace.

While addressing the people in Panchayat Ghar, Suresh Sharma said that there was problem of water in the Panchayat and an amount of Rs 2 crore 80 lakh has been spent on the new project, the work is going to be completed soon and people will get its benefits. Apart from this, Pandit Suresh Sharma said that the long pending demand

was for Ghar Sidhra-Kanaah road which has been approved under NABARD. An amount of 4 crore 20 lakh rupees will be spent on this. Its work will be started soon. Along with this, Ghar Sanodi road has also been approved. Pandit Suresh Sharma said that the biggest water crisis was in Budh Charayi. The work of the new water project which has been started at a cost of 2 crore 18 lakh rupees is not yet complete but today people are getting water in sufficient quantity from this project. Suresh Sharma said that Rameen Makhyan Road has also been approved in Panchayat Keneri. Suresh Sharma also met the people in Chowki Choura and heard their problems. Suresh Sharma said that since the Thorni-Jhothal water project has started, the water crisis in Chowki Choura has ended to a great extent. Water is not reaching some places, the department officials have been asked to resolve it. Suresh Sharma said that the Modi government of the country has pledged to provide tap water to every house under the Jal Jeevan Mission, in which today we have

been successful to a great extent. New pipeline water projects, filtration plants are being set up in Hargaon locality, which will benefit people in the coming time. Apart from this, tar will be laid on many link roads in the coming days in the Chowki Choura area.

People welcomed Suresh Sharma enthusiastically in all the panchayats and said that the speed with which you are fulfilling our demands by giving attention is very commendable. Suresh Sharma said that he is always there for them and that his only aim is to serve the people, for which he is working day and night.

On the occasion AEE Water Power Department Rakesh Gupta, AEE PWD Department Angrez Singh, BJP Mandal President Captain BD Sharma, former Sarpanch Chunnail, former Sarpanch Chaman Lal, former Sarpanch Ramesh Lal, Parshottam Lal, Satpal, Baba Kali, Kamal Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Captain Jagdish Lal, Sanjay Kumar, Suraj Prakash, Engineers of Electricity Department, officers of Rural Development Department and other dignitaries were present.

NEET Scam, UGC - NET Exam cancellation stark reminders of systemic failures plaguing education sector: Gaurav Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, has expressed profound anger and frustration over the recent revelations of the NEET scam and the abrupt cancellation of the UGC - NET exam.

In a scathing statement issued here today, Gaurav Gupta condemned the blatant disregard for the future of India's youth and the gross mismanagement of critical academic processes.

"The NEET scam is an outright betrayal of our nation's students and their families. This scandal not only undermines the integrity of our education system but also shatters the dreams of countless aspiring doctors who have worked tirelessly to secure their futures. It is appalling to witness such corruption and manipulation at the highest levels, where merit is sidelined

for deceit and dishonesty," he said.

Gaurav described the cancellation of the UGC - NET exam as a "colossal failure" on the part of the authorities. "The sudden cancellation of the UGC - NET exam is nothing short of a disaster. It reflects gross incompetence and a lack of foresight by those in charge. This decision has left thousands of students in limbo, causing unnecessary stress and anxiety. The authorities must be held accountable for this egregious lapse."

He further added, "The youth of this country deserve transparency, fairness, and stability in their educational pursuits. These incidents have severely dented the trust in our educational institutions and governing bodies. Immediate and stringent action must be taken against those responsible to restore faith in our system."

Gaurav Gupta sought intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to this significant issue

for an urgent overhaul of the examination and admission processes to ensure such debacles do not recur. He demands that the government take decisive steps to safeguard the interests of students and uphold the sanctity of the educational system.

Gaurav sought action against the agency involved in conducting the NEET examination across the country by blacklisting it. "This serious issue is against the country's dream of Viksit Bharat," he stated, emphasizing the need for accountability and reform.

"The NEET scam and the UGC - NET exam cancellation are stark reminders of the systemic failures that plague our education sector. It is high time for a thorough and uncompromising reform. Our students' future should never be gambled with; they are the backbone of our nation's progress and development," he concluded.

Mula Ram greets peoples on Kabir Jayanti

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: Former Minister and senior vice president J&K Congress Committee Mula Ram has extended his greetings to the people of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of Kabir Jayanti.

In a largely attended function at Kabir Mandir Jhiri Marh, former Minister said it will be his pleasure that he can contribute to the Development of Kabir Mandir, s in j&k through some means. Mula ram also said that Saint Kabir, a poet, social reformer and an exponent of Bhakti Movement, through his writings, has an indelible impact on the culture and philosophy in India that would continue to inspire generations.

Mula Ram observed that Saint Kabir's philosophy and ideas are more

relevant in today's society. He urged the people to follow his teachings and spread the message of oneness, peace and universal brotherhood for building a harmonious society based on equality and social justice.

Mula Ram said sant Kabir was 1st Indian saint who coordinated between different religions and gave a universal path which could followed by all of us.

He prayed for peace, progress and prosperity in the UT. Mula ram, said Teachings of saint Kabir Dass remain an Eternal source of Guidance of Humanity.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Kunti Devi, Ram Ditta, Dr Rattan Lal, Madan Lal, Suraj Prakash, Kamal Kumar, Vishwanath Bhagat, Sansar Chand, Pardeep Salaria, Adv. Kamal Kishore Bhagat, Ram Krishan, Master Tara Chand and others.

Army organised Tree Plantation Drive at Chassana, Reasi



Top News Report

REASI, June 22: Indian Army conducted a 'Tree Plantation Drive' at Chassana, Reasi district with an aim to spread awareness on tree plantation, pres-

ervation of forest area and protection of natural wildlife habitat. The school children, are the future of the society and they are being made the stake holders in its preservation. 75 students and residents

planted approximately 200 trees and were resolute to carry the message of Afforestation to their respective communities, while continuously striving to maintain the region clean and green.

Bharat Bhushan kick-starts Water Supply Scheme Kala Kaam worth Rs 16.35 Crore under JJM

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: In a significant stride towards improving rural water supply infrastructure, District Development Council (DDC), Jammu, Chairman, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, today inaugurated the digging work of Water Supply Scheme Kala Kaam in village of Kala Kaam. This ambitious project, valued at Rs 16.35 crore, is a vital component of the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' initiative aimed at ensuring sustainable and reliable water supply to rural households.

The Water Supply Scheme Kala Kaam includes the construction of two tube-wells, one borewell, six overhead tanks, and two ground service reservoirs (GSRs). These facilities are expected to dramatically improve the water supply situation in Kala Kaam and surrounding areas, providing clean and safe drinking water to thousands of



residents.

In a remarkable gesture, Sushma Devi and Kaushalya Devi generously donated their land to the government for the construction of this water supply scheme, exemplifying community spirit and cooperation.

Addressing the gathering, DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan Bodhi expressed his gratitude to the local community and land donors for their support. He emphasized the government's commitment

to providing essential services and improving the quality of life for rural residents under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He stated, "The Water Supply Scheme Kala Kaam is a significant step towards fulfilling our promise of providing clean drinking water to every household. This project will not only meet the current water needs but also support the future growth and development of the area."

The DDC Chairman said that under the Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi led Union Govt's Jal Jeevan Mission every household across the nation will get tap water. He said that it is the exceptional visionary qualities of PM Modi that this government is primarily focussed on providing basic amenities to the common people who have suffered a lot due to the wrong policies of the regimes that ruled the roost for decades. He said that clean drinking water is the first and foremost basic necessity after air

IDA conducts workshop for dental students

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JAMMU, June 22: Indian Dental Association (IDA) Jammu, today conducted a workshop and hands-on session for the dental students at Ivy Clinic, Gandhi Nagar. This workshop was free of cost for the students who are the members of IDA Jammu.

Dr. Parul Verma, a qualified cosmetologist and endodontist, conducted this workshop. Dr. Verma is an executive member of the Indian Dental Association (IDA).

Dr. Verma's expertise in both dentistry and facial aesthetics allows her to understand the intricate connection between the head, neck, and facial features. This in-depth knowledge translates into a more personalized and effective treatment plan for each visitor. During the workshop, Dr. Verma



demonstrated facial aesthetic procedures in detail to the participants.

Dr. Vibha Raina, Secretary IDA Jammu, said that this hands-on workshop will equip the dentists to provide the latest advancements in cosmetic dentistry to the patients. The various procedures demonstrated in the workshop included chemical peels, medifacials, PRP (Platelet-Rich

Plasma) therapy, botox injections and dermal fillers.

Dr Himja Mengi, Vice-President of IDA Jammu, said that such workshops shall be conducted in future so as to equip the new dentists with the facial aesthetics procedures. This will not only broaden the scope of their work but also let them enter in the new field with lot of opportunities.

Yograj Singh has reason to celebrate. His Punjabi film Teriya Meriya Hera Pheriyan hits the screens today and a Hollywood project is already in his kitty

Punjabi film Teriya Meriya Hera Pheriyan brings us a love story between a baniya boy (played by Pukhraj Bhalla) and a jatt girl (essayed by Aditi Ayra). An ensemble cast, comprising Rana Jung Bahadar, Jaswinder Bhalla, Yograj Singh, Anita Devgan and Harby Sangha, spices it up.

Ricky MK, director of the film, shares, "It has been an exhilarating experience shooting for my debut project. The diverse talent in our star cast brought the script to life in ways I couldn't have imagined. We hope that as much as we enjoyed making this film, the audience also enjoys it with friends and family."

Comedy maestro Jaswinder Bhalla's son Pukhraj Bhalla, who plays the lead character, shares his happiness at sharing screen space with his father in another project. Bhalla says, "I have never been hard on myself or taken pressure of being stereotyped. Knowing that my father is hailed as one of the great comic actors of Punjab, it's natural for people to expect comedy from me, but it doesn't mean that I have to do it too. I am more inclined towards thriller genre."

Mincing no words
In the mood to spit fire, Yograj



Singh doesn't think twice when he says Amitabh Bachchan and Ammy Virk are the same! "There's no A or B category in

anything, be it media channels or actors. Everybody is here to work and should be treated equally," he says. Yograj, while

criticising the jealousy factor in many directors, hailed the South Indian film industry for staying humble. Apparently, the actor who did Darbar with Rajinikanth, says he would forever remember the latter's humble nature. "It's something that cannot be taught and can only be acquired if one is willing. In Punjabi cinema, good films like Maurh and Rode College did not work because many directors and distributors could not see someone else climbing the stairs of success. It's worrisome and it moves me to tears sometimes."

Yograj thanks the Almighty for getting everything that he has ever wished for. Soon to essay a role in a Hollywood film wherein Yograj will play an officer who had served in the Army deployed in Afghanistan and lives in Canada, he recalls, "I wanted to work in Bollywood and it came true with films like Bhaag Milkha Bhaag, Singh Is Bliing and Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui. I have worked in Darbar with Rajinikanth sir. Now, with a Hollywood project offered to me when I was shooting for a web series, Outlaw, as the director liked my personality, I believe it would be the stepping stone towards my dream of winning an Oscar."

Actor Pavithra Gowda had beaten up Renukaswamy with slippers, police say in remand note



Actor Pavithra Gowda, a prime accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, had beaten up the victim with her slippers, according to a recent remand note presented by the police in court. The actress has been named as accused number one in the case,

allegedly for being the instigator, while Darshan is accused number two, who allegedly executed the murder.

It has now emerged from the information on the police remand note that Pavithra was herself present at the site of the murder of Renu-

kaswamy. Police have seized the slipper, clothes, materials and other documents connected to actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, also accused in the murder, from Pavithra's house.

Darshan's gang member Dhanaraj alias Raja, who is accused number nine in the case, had allegedly given Renukaswamy electric shocks. Police seized an 'Electric Shock Torch' from his house.

Police have arrested Darshan along with Gowda and 15 others in connection with the Renukaswamy murder case.

Renukaswamy, who was a fan of Darshan, was abducted from Chitradurga on June 8 and was tortured to death allegedly by the actor and his aides.

As part of the investigation, police sources said, they are contemplating on approaching social media giant Meta to retrieve data related to messages shared by Renukaswamy on his Instagram post, which has been deleted.

Asif on his documentary Federer: 12 Final Days

Academy Award-winning director Asif Kapadia, known for his gripping documentaries on the lives of Ayrton Senna and Amy Winehouse, takes a unique approach to the world of tennis in his latest project, Federer: Twelve Final Days, now streaming on Prime Video. What's surprising, however, is Kapadia's initial hesitation to helm the documentary. "I'd never been to a tennis match in my life. Never watched it," he admits. But a chance encounter with unseen footage of Roger Federer's final days, as a professional athlete, sparked an unexpected connection.

Asif Kapadia shares, "I was contacted by one of my representatives in America who said, 'There's a project about Federer, would you be interested?' I said, 'I'm not sure'. They said that there was some material. Honestly, I went into it thinking it wasn't for me. But as I'm watching it, I realise that I am actually watching it. I found myself being quite moved. I don't know tennis, I'm not a Roger Federer fan, but something in this is affecting me and I think this is actually just about getting old. It's not really about tennis. I'm middle-aged now, right? I was once the youngest person on a film crew, and now I'm in my fifties and I've got teenage kids."

This shift in perspective is what makes Federer: Twelve Final Days so compelling. It transcends the realm of sports fandom, offering a poignant reflection on mortality and the bitter-sweet passage of time. "I've done lots



of life stories," he explains, referencing his past works. But here, the focus is condensed, capturing the essence of a legend's farewell within a tightly woven narrative. "The idea of keeping the framing short — to 12 days — was what I found interesting," Kapadia says. "Everyone would expect the 'life story' but I've done that, and everyone's copying that now."

Federer: Twelve Final Days promises a riveting glimpse into the human side of Roger Federer, a man grappling with the end of an era, not just for himself, but for an entire generation that grew up idolising his grace and artistry on the court.

Grateful to judiciary for allowing release of 'Maharaj': Yash Raj Films after Gujarat High Court lifts stay order

Yash Raj Films (YRF), the banner behind 'Maharaj' that marks the debut of Bollywood star Aamir Khan's son Junaid, has expressed gratitude to the judiciary after the Gujarat High Court lifted an interim stay on the film's release.

The period drama, set in pre-independent India, is based on the Maharaj Libel Case of 1862.

The Gujarat High Court, on Friday, observed that 'Maharaj' did not target the Vaishnav Pushtimarg sect as alleged by its members, who had filed a petition against the release of the film, claiming that it hurts religious sentiments.

The film has nothing objectionable or derogatory, the court said after watching it, and allowed its release on streaming platform Netflix.

In a statement posted on its official social media handles, YRF said the movie is a tribute to Karsandas Mulji, one of the greatest social reformers of India.

"We are grateful to our judiciary for allowing the release of 'Maharaj', a film that celebrates one of the most important social reformers of our country, Karsandas Mulji," the production banner said.

"Karsandas, a hero and a



devout Vaishnav, stood for righteousness, protected women and safeguarded his community and faith. 'Maharaj' is a tribute to his indomitable fighting spirit and his courage to be on the right side of history," it added.

The studio, known for producing renowned films such as 'Veer Zaara', 'Fighter', 'Pathaan', 'Ek Tha Tiger', 'Chak De India', 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge', 'Silsila' and 'Kabhi Kabhie', said it has never made a movie that

would "tarnish" the country's reputation.

"Yash Raj Films has a 50-year-old legacy of championing India, its stories, people, culture and heritage. We have never produced a film that has tarnished the reputation of our country or countrymen. Hope you watch 'Maharaj' and join us in saluting Karsandas," the production banner said.

'Maharaj' is produced by Aditya Chopra under YRF Entertainment and is directed by Siddharth P Malhotra of 'Hichki' fame.

Malhotra also shared an emotional note on social media, saying the film has a story that needs to be told against all odds.

"A film release is almost like the arrival of a child for a filmmaker. The labour of love would like to be celebrated and announced with elan. But when you choose to tell a story that must be told against all odds then the battle will be uphill but hopefully worth the pain and obstacles as we as a team are super proud of the film 'Maharaj' that we have made," he wrote.

'Maharaj' also stars Jaideep Ahlawat, Shalini Pandey and Sharvari Wagh in a special appearance.

Happy birthday Thalapathy Vijay: Kamal Haasan, Prabhu Deva, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar wish actor as he turns 50

Many celebrities wished actor Vijay, who clocked his 50th birthday on Saturday. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), celebrities including Kamal Haasan, Prabhu Deva, Sibi Sathyaraj, Ciby Bhuvana Chandran, and Varalaxmi Sarathkumar wished Vijay on his special day. Prabhu Deva, Kamal Haasan wish Vijay

Prabhu Deva posted a selfie on X, also featuring Vijay. In the photo, Vijay had his arm around Prabhu Deva, who clicked the picture. The duo smiled for the photo. He cap-

tioned the post, "Happy Birthday to My Dear Dearest VIJAY (red heart emojis) @actorvijay Super Hero."

In the picture, Prabhu Deva wore a printed green shirt, while Vijay was seen in a grey shirt.

Kamal Haasan tweeted in Tamil, "Happy birthday to my dear brother... @actorvijay." Ciby Bhuvana Chandran shared pictures with Vijay.

He wrote, "Happy Birthday to #ThalapathyVijay sir! Wishing you a fantastic day filled with love and happiness.

It was truly an honour to work with you in



#Master, and those days will always be cherished as the best in my career. #Thalapathy50Birthday #TheGOATBday. More celebs wish Vijay on his special day More celebs wish Vijay

on his special day Varalaxmi Sarathkumar so shared pictures with Vijay. She wrote, "Happyyyyyyyyy birthdayyyyyy to our one n only #thalapathy @actorvijay saaaaarrrrrrrrr... we lov-

vvvveeeee youuuuu... #thalapathy50 #hdbirthdayvijay #hdbdthalapathyvijay." Sibi Sathyaraj posted a photo of Vijay on X. He captioned it, "Happy Birthday to my one and

only #TheGreatestOfAllTime #Thalapathy #Vijay Anna. Your journey from the topmost actor to a future leader is truly inspiring. Here's to many more years of greatness in

politics! #Thalapathy50 #HBDThalapathyVIJAY."

Vijay's upcoming film

Fans will see Vijay in his upcoming film The Greatest of All Time, which will release in theatres worldwide on September 5.

The sci-fi action movie is directed by Venkat Prabhu and produced by Archana Kalpathi of AGS Entertainment.

Vijay plays a double role in the movie.

The Greatest of All Time will also feature actors Prashanth, Prabhu Deva, Sneha, Laila, Meenakshi Chaudhary, Mohan,

Jayaram, Ajmal Ameer and Yogi Babu in pivotal roles.

Yuvan Shankar Raja will score the music for the movie, and Siddhartha Nuni the cinematographer.

Vijay is known for films such as Leo, Mersal, Master and Bigil. He is set to make a full-time political entry after the release of The Greatest of All Time.

In February, the actor launched his political party, Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) and announced plans to contest the 2026 Tamil Nadu assembly polls.

E-medical visas for Bangladeshis, new embassy: PM after talks with Sheikh Hasina

After talks with Sheikh Hasina, PM Modi announced e-medical visas for Bangladeshis. Additionally, a new embassy will be set up in Rangpur.

NEW DELHI, Jun 22 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a joint press briefing with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina on Saturday, announced that India will commence an e-medical visa facility to facilitate Bangladeshis seeking medical treatment to come to India. He further said that both countries have agreed to open a new Assistant High Commission in Rangpur for the "convenience of the people of the North West region of Bangladesh."

PM Modi also extended his wishes to both India and Bangladesh's cricket teams for the World Cup match that is scheduled to be played today evening.

"Bangladesh is India's largest development partner, and we give utmost priority to our relations with Bangladesh," he added.

PM Modi held a bilateral discussion with his counterpart



Sheikh Hasina on a wider range of subjects at Hyderabad house in Delhi.

Sheikh Hasina was accorded a ceremonial welcome at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Saturday. After the ceremony, she also met PM Modi.

Sources told agency that the meeting between the two lead-

ers is expected to focus on pushing bilateral ties to new heights.

After arriving in New Delhi on Friday, PM Hasina met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and had a discussion on several bilateral issues. Posting about the meeting on X, Jaishankar said, "I am delighted to call on

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh this evening. Her state visit to India underlines our close and abiding ties. I appreciate her guidance on the further development of our special partnership."

The overall strategic relationship between India and Bangladesh has been on the rise for the last few years.

Under India's "Neighborhood First" policy, Bangladesh has been an important ally of the nation, and the cooperation between the two countries extends to several important areas, including security, trade, commerce, energy, connectivity, science and technology, and defense, among others.

The achievements in the connectivity sector include Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating the Maitri Setu bridge over the Feni River in Tripura and thus launching the Chilahati-Haldibari rail link.

Priest Who Led Ram Temple's Pran Pratistha Ceremony Dies At 86



AYODHYA, Jun 22 (Agencies): Acharya Laxmikant Dixit, the chief priest who had performed the consecration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, died Saturday morning.

Family members said Mr Dixit, 86, was not well for the last few days. His last rites will

be conducted at Manikarnika Ghat.

Lord Ram's idol was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple on January 22 in an event led by Prime Minister Modi.

Counted among the senior scholars of Varanasi, Mr Dixit was a native of Solapur district

of Maharashtra but his family has been living in Varanasi for several generations.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief over the death of Dixit.

In a post on 'X', he said, "The departure of Acharya Shri Laxmikant Dixit, a great scholar of Kashi and the chief priest of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Prana Pratistha, is an irreparable loss to the spiritual and literary world." "He will always be remembered for his service to Sanskrit language and Indian culture," Adityanath said.

"I pray to Lord Shri Ram to give a place to the departed soul in his feet and give strength to his disciples and followers to bear this sorrow," he added.

Violence breaks out in Jodhpur over construction of shops in Idgah; 40 detained

JAIPUR, Jun 22 (Agencies): Rajasthan Police have detained around 40 people in Jodhpur for allegedly pelting stones and engaging in arson during a clash, said officials on Saturday, adding that drones were keeping an eye in the affected area, which was currently calm.

The violence took place late Friday night in Jodhpur's Sursagar area, said officials, adding that around 200 accused have been booked in the violence-related cases.

A huge police force was deployed on Saturday to avert any untoward incident in Sursagar.

The clash started on a trivial issue which later took a serious turn. Stones were pelted, and a shop and tractor were set on fire.

Senior police officer Nishant Bharadwaj said that the dispute originated two days ago over the issue of constructing shops in Idgah. A few people were against



building these shops and this issue brought two communities face to face. However, the police intervened and placated the issue.

On Friday, one of the two communities started protesting when they saw a gate being constructed at the site. They wanted the construction to be stopped which was not accepted by the other community members. Soon arguments erupted which then led to a clash.

The clash continued for three hours and the police had to resort to lathicharge at 1 a.m.

Later, the police identified those engaged in the violence and detained them.

The administration deputed an ambulance, fire brigade and more police force at the location soon after. Police patrolling continued even on Saturday morning.

Jodhpur Police Commissioner Rajendra Singh said that the situation in Sursagar is now under control.

"Police teams are continuously patrolling the area. DCP Alok Srivastava and Sharad Chaudhary are keeping an eye on every situation. Police are also keeping an eye on Sursagar through drones. Police teams have been marching in different areas since night," he said.

Government trying to do 'damage control': Congress on implementation of law to curb exam irregularities

NEW DELHI, Jun 22 (Agencies): The Centre's decision now to implement a law to prevent the use of unfair means in competitive examinations after several "scams" have taken place, including in the NEET-UG and the UGC-NET tests, is "damage control", Congress leader Jairam Ramesh claimed on Saturday.

This law was needed but it deals with question paper leaks and other irregularities after they have occurred, he claimed in a post on X.

Several opposition political parties and student associations, including the Congress, have held protests



across the country over alleged irregularities in medical entrance exam NEET-UG and the UGC-NET.

Amid the raging row over the issue, the Centre on Friday operationalised the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, that aims to curb malpractices and irregularities in competi-

tive examinations and entails provisions for a maximum jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to Rs 1 crore for offenders.

The Bill received the President's assent on February 13, but was enforced only on Friday, Ramesh, the Congress' general secretary communications, said.

"On February 13, 2024, the President of

India gave her assent to the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means), Bill, 2024. Finally, just this morning the nation has been told that this Act has come into force from yesterday, that is June 21, 2024," he said.

"Clearly this is damage control to deal with the NEET, UGC-NET, CSIR-UGC-NET and other scams," the Congress leader said and added that "This law was needed. But it deals with leaks after they have occurred."

"More important are laws, systems, processes, and procedures to ensure that leaks don't happen in the first place," he said.

The National Testing Agency, which conducts the competitive exams, on Friday announced the postponement of the June edition of the Joint Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and University Grants Commission National Eligibility Test, citing unavoidable circumstances and logistic issues.

It came two days after the agency cancelled the UGC-NET examination within 24 hours of its conduct saying the integrity of the exam had been compromised, and a massive row on NEET over alleged irregularities, with the issue now before the Supreme Court.

Cousins commit suicide in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur after families oppose their 'relationship'

SHAHJAHANPUR, Jun 22 (Agencies): Man and his cousin committed suicide allegedly after their families opposed their 'relationship', police here said on Saturday.

The incident occurred on Friday in the Astoli village.

Kuldeep (20) was allegedly in a relationship with his 18-year-old cousin.

When their families

found out, they opposed their affair.

Following this, Kuldeep got married a few months ago and the girl was supposed to get married on July 9. Additional Superintendent

of Police Manoj Kumar Awasthi said.

When the girl's family member went to collect hay for their cattle in a hut built near their house, they found her

and Kuldeep hanging and informed the police, Awasthi said.

The bodies were sent for post-mortem and further investigation is underway, he added.

Porn-addict alcoholic father kills minor daughter for resisting rape, then files missing complaint, caught on CCTV



TELANGANA, Jun 22 (Agencies): A 12-year-old girl was allegedly killed by her porn-addict alcoholic father for resisting rape in Telangana, police said today. He then went on to file a missing complaint against her to mislead the police.

The family had moved to Miyapur in Hyderabad from the Mahubabad district of Telangana sometime back, reports

news agency. The girl wanted to return to Mahubabad on June 7. Her father picked her up from a local grocery store at around 10 am saying he would take her to her mother, said police. The accused was caught on CCTV camera parking his vehicle in an isolated area and taking his daughter inside a forest where he allegedly tried to rape her.

As per a report in news agency, police said that the accused, reportedly a porn addict, allegedly wanted to enact a scene with his daughter.

The girl, however, screamed and threatened to tell her mother.

According to Miyapur police, the man pushed her and she suffered injuries. He then hit her with a stone and left her to die.

After sometime, he came back to check if the girl was dead.

He then went home and changed cloths and told his wife that their daughter was missing.

On June 13, a decomposed body was found in the forest in Miyapur. Police began a probe into the case and scoured the CCTV after which the man confessed to killing his daughter.

Maharashtra Man Marries 17-Year-Old Niece, Rapes Her; Case Filed

THANE, Jun 22 (Agencies): Police in Maharashtra's Thane have registered a case against a 23-year-old man from Jalna district in the state for marrying his minor niece two years back, an official said on Saturday.

The police also registered the case against his brother and the victim's father, he said.

"Based on a complaint lodged by the girl, who is 17 years old and pregnant now, an FIR was registered on Thursday under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act against the trio," the official at the Wagle Estate police station told agency.

The case has been transferred to Mantha

police station in Jalna district, as the crime took place in its limits, he said.

The official said the accused are the girl's husband (23), who is her maternal uncle, his brother and the victim's father (43).

Quoting the complaint, the official said the marriage was conducted on July 13, 2022 when the victim was only 15 years and five months old.

Her father got her married to her maternal uncle.

The marriage was solemnised at Mantha in Jalna, the complaint said.

As per the FIR, the victim was subjected to repeated rape by her husband, following which she became pregnant, the official said.

Woman beaten with stick in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar, onlookers shoot video



DHAR, Jun 22 (Agencies): A video of a woman being beaten up publicly by a man with a stick in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district has surfaced on social media.

The now viral video shows a group of four men holding a saree-clad woman as another man continuously hits her with a stick. A crowd is seen filming the assault instead of trying to help the victim.

As soon as the video went viral, senior police official, Manoj Kumar Singh and his team identified the people and the village in the video.

The police investigation led to the prompt identification of the primary suspect involved in the assault. Subsequently, the man, identified as Noor Singh, was arrested by police.

A case has been registered based on the woman's complaint, and police are searching for other suspects involved.

Meanwhile, state Congress chief Jitu Patwari tweeted, "This incident in Dhar district has once again raised serious questions about women's safety under BJP regime. Madhya Pradesh ranks first in atrocities against women!"

Tagging Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, he asked, "Can these sisters from Dhar expect from your government that this incident will be investigated fairly and promptly and that they will get justice on priority? This question also arises that why are women the most victims of harassment in Madhya Pradesh? Why is your government repeatedly failing to stop crimes against women?"

Britain's wealthiest family Hinduja 'appalled' by Swiss court's jail term order; file appeal

In a statement issued on behalf of the family, lawyers from Switzerland stressed their clients had been acquitted of all human trafficking charges

LONDON, Jun 22 (Agencies): Britain's wealthiest family, the Hinduja, have said they were "appalled" by a Swiss court's ruling of jail terms for some members and have filed an appeal in a higher court challenging the verdict finding them guilty of exploiting vulnerable domestic workers from India at their villa in Geneva.

In a statement issued on behalf of the family, lawyers from Switzerland stressed their clients — Prakash and Kamal Hinduja, both in their 70s and their son Ajay and his wife Namrata — had been acquitted of all human trafficking charges.

They also dismissed media reports that any members of the family faced detention after court reports from Geneva said the four were sentenced to between four and four-and-a-half years in prison.

"Our clients have been acquitted of all human trafficking charges. We are appalled and disappointed by the rest of the decision made in this court of first instance, and we have, of course, filed an appeal to the higher court, thereby making this part of the judgement not effective," reads the statement signed by lawyers Yael Hayat and Robert Assael and Roman Jordan.

"Under Swiss law, the presumption of innocence is paramount till a final judgement by the highest adjudicating authority is enforced. Contrary to some media reports, there is no effective detention for any members of the family," they said.

The lawyers also pointed out that "it should also be recalled that the plaintiffs in this case had withdrawn their respective complaints after declaring to the court that they had never



intended to be involved in such proceedings".

"The family has full faith in the judicial process and remains confident that the truth will prevail," they conclude.

The statement followed a hearing in the Swiss city of Geneva after prosecutors opened the case for alleged illegal activity, including exploitation, human trafficking and violation of Switzerland's labour laws.

The family members were accused of seizing

the workers' passports, barring them from leaving the villa and forcing them to work very long hours for a pittance in Switzerland, among other things.

Some workers allegedly spoke only Hindi and were paid their wages in rupees in banks back in India that they could not access.

During the trial, prosecutors alleged the family spent more on their dog than on their servants.

The family's legal

team had countered the allegations and told the court the staff were treated respectfully and provided with accommodation.

According to 'The Sunday Times Rich List' released last month, the UK-based Hinduja family once again emerged as the country's richest, with wealth estimated at around GBP 37.196 billion.

They saw this tally increase over the previous year in the wake of the opening of the brand-new luxury OWO Raffles Hotel in the heart of London.

The UK-based family's group of companies, headed by chairman G P Hinduja, operates in 48 countries and across several sectors — automotive, oil and specialty chemicals, banking and finance, IT, cyber security, healthcare, trading, infrastructure project development, media and entertainment, power, and real estate.

Russia launches 'massive' attack on Ukraine power infrastructure



KYIV, Jun 22 (Agencies): Ukraine on Saturday said Russia had launched a "massive" overnight attack on energy infrastructure in the country's west and south.

"Equipment at (operator) Ukrenergo facilities in Zaporizhzhia and Lviv regions was damaged," the energy ministry said, adding that two employees were wounded and hospitalized in Zaporizhzhia.

It said this was "the eighth massive, combined attack on energy infrastructure facilities" in the past three months.

More than two years into the Russian invasion, targeted missile and drone attacks have crippled Ukraine's electricity generation

capacity and forced Kyiv to impose blackouts and import supplies from the European Union.

Ukrainian authorities on Thursday said energy infrastructure, including a power station, had been damaged in a major overnight attack which left seven employees wounded.

DTEK, the largest private energy company in Ukraine, said the strikes caused "serious damage" at one of its plants.

Russian attacks have destroyed half of Ukraine's energy capacity, according to President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Zelensky said this week that all hospitals and schools in Ukraine

must be equipped with solar panels "as soon as possible".

"We are doing everything to ensure that Russian attempts to blackmail us on heat and electricity fail," he said Thursday.

DTEK chief executive Maxim Timchenko warned that Ukraine "faces a serious crisis this winter" if the country's Western allies do not provide military aid to defend the energy network.

Zelensky has repeatedly urged Ukraine's allies to send more air-defence systems to protect the country's vital infrastructure.

US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Thursday that Washington would prioritise deliveries of anti-air missiles to Kyiv, ahead of other countries that have placed orders.

Zelensky said in a message on X he was "deeply grateful" for the US move.

"These additional air defence capabilities will protect Ukrainian cities and civilians," he wrote.

Israeli national found dead after being shot in West Bank Palestinian town

RAMALLAH, Jun 22 (Agencies): An Israeli national was found shot dead in a Palestinian town in the northern West Bank Saturday morning, Israel's army said, as violence surges in the occupied territory.

The army said the man was pronounced dead after being fatally shot in the town of Qalqilya, and that Israeli troops were currently operating in the area. Saturday's announcement came a day after Israeli forces shot dead two militants in the same West Bank town.

No further details were made public.

Violence has flared in the West Bank since the Israel-Hamas war erupted last October. Since then, at least 549 Palestinians in the territory have been killed by Israeli fire say the Palestinian Health Ministry, which tracks the killings. Over that same time, Palestinians in the West Bank have killed at least nine Israelis, including five soldiers, according to U.N. data.

Israeli nationals are prohibited from entering Qalqilya and other areas of the West Bank that fall under the control of the Palestinian Authority.

In April, the death of a 14-year-old Israeli settler sparked a series of set-

tle attacks on Palestinian towns in the territory. The army said the boy was murdered, and later arrested a Palestinian in connection with the killing.

In 2014, the abduction and killing of three Israeli teens in the West Bank escalated tensions and eventually ignited a 50-day Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, at the time the deadliest round of fighting between the two sides.

Over recent years, the PA's influence in the northern West Bank has waned as militant groups have grown increasingly powerful.

The Israel-Hamas war erupted on Oct. 7, when Hamas militants stormed southern Israel and killed around 1,200 people and took hostage some 250 others.

Israel has responded by bombarding and invading the enclave, killing over 37, 400 Palestinians there according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians in its count.

Israel captured the West Bank, along with the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians seek those territories as part of their hoped-for independent state.

US aircraft carrier arrives in South Korea as a show of force against nuclear-armed North Korea

SEOUL, Jun 22 (Agencies): A nuclear-powered United States aircraft carrier arrived Saturday in South Korea for a three-way exercise stepping up their military training to cope with North Korean threats that escalated with its alignment with Russia.

The arrival of the USS Theodore Roosevelt strike group in Busan came a day after South Korea summoned the Russian ambassador to protest a pact reached between Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un this week that pledges mutual defense assistance in the event of war. South Korea says the deal poses a threat to its security and warned that it could consider sending arms to Ukraine to help fight off the Russian invasion as a response — a move that would surely ruin its relations with Moscow.

Following a meeting between their defense chiefs in Singapore earlier in June, the United



States, South Korea and Japan announced Freedom Edge. The new multidomain exercise is aimed at sharpening the countries' combined response in various areas of operation, including air, sea and cyberspace.

The Theodore Roosevelt strike group will participate in the exercise that is expected to start within June. South Korea's

military didn't immediately confirm specific details of the training.

South Korea's navy said in a statement that the arrival of the Theodore Roosevelt demonstrates the strong defense posture of the allies and "stern willingness to respond to advancing North Korean threats." The carrier's visit comes seven months after

another U.S. aircraft carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, came to South Korea in a show of strength against the North.

The Theodore Roosevelt strike group also participated in a three-way exercise with South Korean and Japanese naval forces in April in the disputed East China Sea, where worries about China's territorial claims are rising.

In the face of growing North Korean threats, the United States, South Korea and Japan have expanded their combined training and boosted the visibility of strategic U.S. military assets in the region, seeking to intimidate the North. The United States and South Korea have also been updating their nuclear deterrence strategies, with Seoul seeking stronger assurances that Washington would swiftly and decisively use its nuclear capabilities to defend its ally from a North Korean nuclear attack.

"Genocide Outweighs Domestic Policy": Democrat Mayor Slams Biden Over Gaza

Hammoud's profile surged in January after he declined an invitation to meet with Biden campaign officials seeking to shore up the Muslim vote.

DEARBORN (US), Jun 22 (Agencies): Abdullah Hammoud's election two years ago as the first Muslim mayor of Dearborn was a watershed moment for this city, an automaking hub home to the highest concentration of Arab-Americans in the United States.

But while his early focus was on upgrading sewer infrastructure and investing in parks, he has now been thrust into the national spotlight for his outspoken criticism of fellow Democrat President Joe Biden's support for Israel's military offensive in Gaza.

"I'll be the first to say that we don't want to see (Donald) Trump reelected to the White House," Hammoud told agency in an interview. "But people want to be inspired to come out."

Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit famous as the

birthplace of Henry Ford and home of the Ford Motor Company's headquarters, has a population of around 110,000 residents, of whom 55 per cent claim Middle Eastern or North African heritage.

In 2020, Dearborn voters overwhelmingly supported Biden and their ballots could tip the scales in Michigan — a crucial swing state that may ultimately decide the White House winner in November's election. Hammoud's profile surged in January after he declined an invitation to meet with Biden campaign officials seeking to shore up the Muslim vote.

Since then, he helped galvanize a movement that saw over 100,000 voters mark "uncommitted" in Michigan's Democratic primary in protest against Biden's policy on Israel and was asked by

Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein if he would be her running mate.

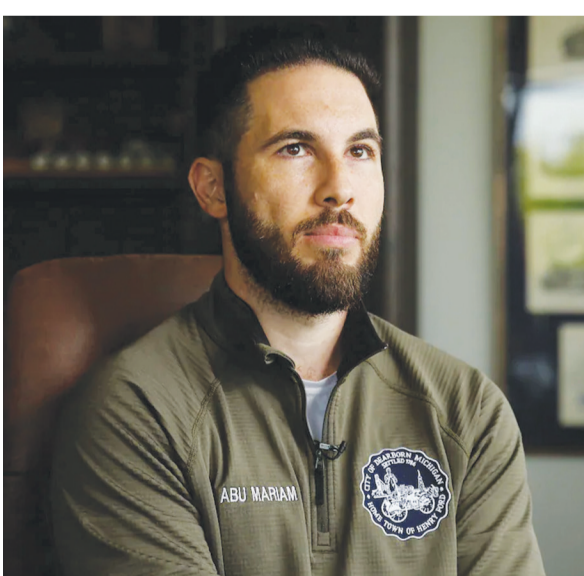
Humble roots Hammoud, who won't meet the Constitutional requirement of being 35 until next March, was too young to accept the role, though he said the offer was "very humbling."

Besides, he remains unsure about how he'll cast his ballot.

"I would say that no presidential candidate has earned my vote," said the father-of-two, urging both parties to pay attention to increasing public disapproval of Israel's actions.

"If you look at all the polling data that's emerging across the country, from coast to coast, the issues that we have been advocating for... are issues that have popular support."

These demands



include a permanent ceasefire as the pathway to provide safe harbour for all hostages and prisoners, unfettered access to humanitarian aid, and ending the supply of weapons to Israel.

The son of Lebanese immigrants, Hammoud grew up in a "working poor" blue-collar family. His father drove a truck

while his mother's father worked on an auto factory assembly line.

He was drawn towards the Democratic Party for its support of the labor movement, and equally repelled by Republicans, whom he says have a history of "demonizing Arab-Americans, Muslim Americans and other people of color."

Hammoud's first

dream was to become a physician but wasn't able to get the grades. He instead trained as an epidemiologist and began climbing the corporate ladder as a healthcare executive.

But the sudden death of his beloved elder brother — Hammoud was the second of five children — made him reevaluate his priorities, and in 2016 he won election to the state legislature.

"What will Biden do?" Then in 2022, he became the second in a trio of new Muslim mayors in the southeast Michigan cities of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Hamtramck.

Hammoud immediately set to work righting historical wrongs.

For decades, the city had been marred by a reputation for racism, exemplified by the openly segregationist

policies of former mayor Orville Hubbard.

Hammoud appointed the city's first Arab-American police chief, which led to a drastic drop in tickets issued to Black drivers within a year, according to his spokesman.

Until the war in Gaza, triggered by Hamas's attacks and hostage-taking on October 7, 2023, Hammoud considered Biden a "transformative" president, but now believes "the genocide outweighs the impact of that domestic policy."

Hammoud sidesteps the question of whether he could ultimately endorse Biden under the right circumstances, emphasizing that whatever he might say, it's too late for some of his constituents who have lost dozens of relatives to Israeli bombs.

He has no doubt that Trump, who imposed a

Muslim travel ban during his tenure, would be an utter disaster — citing the Republican's arming of Saudi Arabia against Yemen, the backing of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and shifting the US embassy to Jerusalem.

But Hammoud rails against fellow Democrats who have directed frustration at members of his community for potentially paving the way for Trump's return by withholding their support for Biden.

Asked how he would respond to this criticism, Hammoud said: "The question should be asked of President Joe Biden — what will he do to prevent Trump being reelected come this November? What will he do to help prevent the unravelling of American democracy and the fabric of our society?"

Congress only viable option for people of J&K: Uday, Hari Singh

Urge people to support Congress Party in upcoming Assembly elections

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: Uday Bhanu Chib, former Youth Congress President J&K and currently the National General Secretary of Indian Youth Congress (IYC) and Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) on Saturday highlighted the problems being faced by the general public under the present administration. They emphasized the urgent need for a change in governance to alleviate the manifold miseries that have plagued the nation. The senior Congress leaders were speaking while addressing a significant meeting of Congress workers at Barnai Ward No 65. The meeting was organized by Sh Ganesh Ji and Ram Pal Ji under the leadership of Uday Bhanu Chib and Hari Singh Chib.

In the meeting, both leaders highlighted the failures of the present administration in provid-



ing basic amenities to the people of Jammu region. The leaders pointed out the severe issues faced by the people, including the lack of regular power and water supply during the peak summer months. Despite the installation of Smart Meters and the payment of substantial electricity bills, people have been compelled to live a miserable life, frequently protesting on the roads for the regular supply of power and drinking water.

Uday Bhanu Chib and Hari Singh Chib addressed the gathering, emphasizing the ongoing struggles faced by

the people. They pointed out that the public has been compelled to take to the streets in protest, demanding regular supplies of power and drinking water. The leaders urged the citizens to bolster the efforts of Rahul Gandhi by supporting the Congress Party in the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Uday Bhanu Chib said that the present administration has repeatedly failed to meet the basic needs of people. It is time for a change, and the Congress Party is the only viable option to bring about the neces-

sary improvements and ensure a better quality of life for the residents of Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

Uday called for unity and collective action to bring about change. "We must come together to challenge this administration's incompetence and work towards a government that prioritizes the well-being of its people. The Congress party stands ready to lead this charge for a better, more just India."

Hari Singh Chib stated that today every section of society are decrying for basic amenities due to the callous attitude adopted

by the present dispensation. The authorities sitting at the helm of affairs are not showing their serious concern towards the general issues faced by the general public, employees, daily wagers, youths, etc.

"We stand with the people in their demand for reliable access to basic amenities. The Congress Party is committed to addressing these issues and providing the essential services that every citizen deserves."

Prominent among those who attended the meeting were Ganesh Raj Bangotra, Sewa Dass Digra, Hans Raj Hans, Mohan Lal Hans, Bhan Singh Manhas, Somnath, Parshotam Singh, Rampal, Capt Khushi Ram, Laxman Singh, Shyam Panch, Parshotam Kumar, Rasal Singh, Bhan Singh Manhas, Om Parkash, Romesh Singh, Raj Kumar Bhagat, Neeta Chib, Kaka Ram, Surinder Kumar, Virender Mehta, Vijay, Madan Singh Chib, and Tarun Vaid.

International Yoga Day celebrated at IGNOU Bantalab



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: Vichar Kranti Manch International and Indian Yoga Association, celebrated 10th International Yoga Day at headquarter of IGNOU, Bantalab.

Yoga brings the body and mind together and is built on three main elements- Moments, Breathing and Meditation. Yoga has many physical and mental health benefits including improved postures, flexibility, strength, balance and body awareness.

Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner and President VKMI, while speaking on health benefits of yoga, said that yoga is an ancient practice that incorporates gentle exercise, breath control and Meditation. Regular yoga

practice includes lowering blood pressure, improved postures/ circulation, and a sense of well-being, he said.

Asans, Pranayam, and Meditation were practiced as per protocol of the Ministry of Ayush New Delhi.

"Yoga is an ancient Indian philosophy that dates back thousands of years. It was designed as a path to spiritual enlightenment but in Modern Times, the physical aspect of yoga, and have found huge popularity as a gentle form of exercise and stress management. There are many different varieties of yoga, but each one essentially relies on structured poses (Asans) practices with awareness. Regular practice of yoga may produce many health benefits, including cardiovascular fitness, muscular

strength, and management of blood pressure. It is also an antidote to stress and promotes sleep patterns. Decreasing stress and the increase in feeling of happiness are basic benefits," Dr Jain said.

Yeshpaul Sharma Director Skill Development and Financial Solution & Life Member VKMI also gave some advisory on health and yoga.

Dr Jaiprakash Verma, Regional Director IGNOU, felicitated Dr. Jain with a shawl and bouquet. Vikram, Assistant Regional Director, welcomed Dr Asha Upadhyay, ARD organised function, Tejendra Pal Singh Deputy Registrar presented vote of Thanks. Rajesh Mohan Assistant Registrar, Dara Singh, Section Officer, also associated with the function.

DPC of Teacher's to Master's held after 10 years

ABRSM expresses gratitude to Commissioner Secretary Education, Director SEJ

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JAMMU, June 22: Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM) State President Rattan Sharma expresses gratitude to LG Administration specially worthy Commissioner Secretary Education and Director School Education Jammu for conduct of DPC of 1029 Teacher's to Master's.

DSEJ issued a Promotion list of 1029 trained graduate and post-graduate Teachers to Masters vide order No:-199 DSEJ OF 2024, Dated:- 21-06-2024.

It is pertinent to mention here that 4098 posts of Master's were lying vacant as per DSEJ website including General, SSA and RMSA and DPC of only 1029 Teacher's were conducted as per above mentioned order.

The number is meager as compared to posts still lying vacant. The number of posts still lying vacant is three times more than posts filled up. Total number of posts still lying vacant is 3069. Although all these posts needs to be filled up to meet the challenges and shortage of trained teaching staff in schools. The reason of keeping more than 3000 posts still vacant is best known to DSEJ.

However, Rattan Sharma (State President ABRSM J&K) in his statement extends his good wishes to all the newly promoted Teacher's as Master's. He said that worthy Director School Education Jammu must consider the long pending demand to conduct DPC of other Cadre in a time bound manner for maintaining the health of the system and career growth leading to prosper-

ity. He urges Worthy Director School Education to conduct DPC on regular basis to put an end to stagnation caused in one's career due to delay. ABRSM hopes that DPC of left out Teacher's will be conducted soon in near future to fill the posts lying vacant.

ABRSM expresses gratitude to whole Education Department for conduct of DPC and hope next time it will not be after 10 years.

India today excelling in global benchmarks: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, June 22 : "India today excels in most of the global benchmarks. In some areas it is at par with other big nations, whereas in some other areas it's even ahead of them," said Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh who was the chief guest at the "ET Government PSU awards" function organised here by the "Economic Times".

Dr. Jitendra praised the PSUs for their grand contribution to the Indian economy and its development. He described the Public Sector Units (PSUs) as the torch bearers of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Vision 2047 "The rise of the Indian economy, ranked number 10 to number 5, in the present times has been possible due to the con-

tribution of PSUs." - the Minister said.

The PSUs have lived up to the global benchmarks and standards today. It is due to their unparalleled efforts that India has risen in the global innovation index. Today, it is ranked 40 worldwide, ahead of many economies of comparable size, whereas it was at rank 81 in 2014.

The Minister also mentioned India being the pioneer of Quantum mission in the world, being one of the five or six nations of the world to be in that elite group. The National Quantum mission is one of the major priority initiatives of the government which has multiple applications varying from space to cryptography.

"The reason why Indian PSUs have excelled in present times is because they have given up the

hesitation to incorporate private players," the Minister said.

Recognising their efforts, Dr Jitendra also awarded various PSUs in different categories. In the category of Skill development, Hindustan aeronautics limited (HAL) received the gold award while BHASHINI was awarded gold in the adoption of AI and predictive technology category. Other categories were Employee self service where HPCL was the recipient of gold award, Indigenous technology adoption where BHEL was given gold award.

Other winners were CDAC, EESL and so forth. As the event came to an end, the Minister was felicitated by the Economic Times before concluding with a vote of thanks for his guidance and mentorship.

J&K Fencer Ajay wins bronze in BRICS Games

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: Yet another milestone by J&K Fencer in BRICS Games. Ace Epee Fencer of Jammu and Kashmir, Ajay Kumar brought laurels to the Country by winning Bronze medal in Epee Team Event in BRICS Games at

Kazan Russia.

Pertinently Ajay Kumar has won medals in both the last edition of Senior and Junior National Fencing Championships while representing J&K. Besides, he also represented the Country in many International events like Asian Championship, Senior and Junior world cups.

Ajay Kumar presently training at NCOE Patiala and a khelo India Athlete belongs to Reasi district of J&K. Nuzat Gul Secretary, J&K Sports Council applauded the efforts of the fencer by winning medal in the prestigious event. i.e BRICS Games and assured the JK Sports Council has left no stone

turned in promoting sports in the UT. She also congratulated Parents and coaches of Ajay Kumar for his excellent performance. Sports lovers and all fencing Fraternity congratulated Ajay kumar for his marvellous performances in the BRICS Games at Kazan Russia.

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Lt Governor performs Pratham Puja of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra

and hassle-free," the Lt Governor said. He urged all the enlightened citizens to come together to welcome and serve the pilgrims coming from different parts of the country and abroad.

"It has been ancient tradition of J&K that people from all communities participate in this Yatra irrespective of their religion," the Lt Governor said.

This year, the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra will start from 29th June, simultaneously from both the routes - the Pahalgam track in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district.

Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; senior officials of SASB, Army and Lt Governor's Secretariat also attended the Pratham Puja.

Lt Governor launches Rural Sanitation Director-ate's Swachh initiatives for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024

efficient sanitation system and complete protection to natural resources and environment.

"J&K is at the forefront of promoting sustainable tourism. For this holy Yatra, we have worked a solution through fusion of technology and human resource," the Lt Governor said.

Speaking on the new endeavours, the Lt Governor said the logo symbolises the resolve to make Yatra memorable. A dedi-

cated website shivamsankalpamastu.in and Nandi- the Yatra Saarthi App will be accurate info source related to Yatra and sanitation, he added.

He also lauded the initiatives aimed at creating awareness among the pilgrims and all the stakeholders. He said the anthem 'Chal Amarnath' symbolises the convergence of spirituality, natural heritage and ecology.

The Lt Governor called upon the officials and all stakeholders to make dedicated efforts for installation of all the requisite facilities in view of the annual Yatra, on priority.

He emphasized on sensitization of sanitation workers on cleanliness and hygiene. We need to pay special attention towards environment-friendly disposal of solid waste and piped water and power connection, lighting, and availability of necessary facilities at all toilets, he said.

Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department; Ms. Anoo Malhotra, Director General, Rural Sanitation, and other senior officials attended the launch ceremony.

US: 3 dead, 10 wounded in mass shooting in Arkansas

enforcement and first responders for their quick and heroic action to save lives," Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders said on social media.

As of Friday, there have been 234 tragic incidents of mass shootings in the US this year, resulting in at least four casualties each, according to the US-based "Gun Violence Archive."

Security measures tight-

ened ahead of Amarnath Yatra

(BRO) this year. "I think the yatris will be able to undertake a smoother pilgrimage this time," he told reporters at Raj Bhavan after the puja.

The LG said people from all religions have always supported the yatra.

"I appeal to the people of J-K, especially those in the areas from where the yatra passes through, to keep alive the tradition of supporting the yatra and taking care of the pilgrims this year also. Peaceful and smooth pilgrimage helps create a good image of J-K across the world," he added.

The 52-day pilgrimage will begin from the two tracks - the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal - on June 29, a day after the first batch of pilgrims will leave Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu for the valley. Over 4.5 lakh pilgrims performed the pilgrimage last year and offered their prayers at the naturally formed ice-shivlingam inside the cave shrine.

ADGP, Jammu on Friday conducted an extensive review of the security arrangements on the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway for the upcoming yatra, a police spokesperson said.

He was accompanied by Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range, Shridhar Patil, Jammu DIG (Traffic) Dr Haseeb Mughal, Ramban Senior Superintendent of Police Anuj Kumar, SSP (Traffic National Highway) Rohit Baskotra.

ADGP Jain inspected the security measures implemented on the highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, especially at community kitchens, lodgement centres and checking spots at key locations. Highlighting the potential threats from anti-national elements aiming to disrupt the yatra, Jain

underscored the necessity of foolproof security and emphasised the need for the highest level of alertness.

He urged the officers to keep a close watch on any suspicious activity and maintain round-the-clock vigilance, the spokesman said.

Jain also stressed the importance of a coordinated and people-friendly approach to ensure the comfort and security of pilgrims.

The ADGP also gave instructions to the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel to remain extra vigilant and responsive to any emergencies, ensuring prompt rescue operations in case of any unexpected mishaps due to natural or man-made calamities.

During the inspection, Jain checked the functioning of CCTV cameras, the communication network, and transport arrangements of security forces, the spokesperson said.

MeT predicts generally dry weather in J&K from tomorrow, fresh rain spell from June 29

above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 12.6°C against 15.1°C and it was 1.6°C below normal, the official said.

Kupwara town recorded a low of 13.7°C against 12.2°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 0.7°C for the place, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 5.6°C against 8.0°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 4.5°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu, he said, recorded a low of 24.9°C

and it was below normal by 1.4°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 17.0°C, Batote 16.6°C and Baderwah 15.2°C, he said.

Properties of three drug peddlers attached in Rajouri

residents of Sehar Makri, Bhawani, they said.

The properties have been attached under the NDPS Act.

The alleged drug peddlers were arrested after a massive recovery of narcotics that were made by police with the help of locals near LoC in Sehar Makri area of Nowshera and a cross-LoC smuggling racket was busted, they said.

Delhi Court postpones interim bail plea hearing of Engineer Rashid

It learnt that the Court deferred the hearing after National Investigation Agency (NIA) sought more time to tender its response. Earlier also the Court deferred the final verdict on the plea of Rashid for granting interim bail for taking oath as Member of Parliament on multiple occasions and the latest one was on June 19, 2014.

Rashid recently emerged victorious over former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in the Baramulla constituency during the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, running as an Independent.

Rashid, imprisoned since 2019, faces charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) related to alleged terror funding. He is currently detained in Tihar Jail.

Security of Amarnath Yatra Top Priority: J&K Chief Secretary Dulloo

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 22: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo said Saturday the security of the Amarnath Yatra is a top priority of the administration, as he chaired a meeting to review arrangements at the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here.

Accompanied by the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu zone, Anand Jain, Dulloo went around the heavily guarded base camp to inspect the arrangements ahead of the annual pilgrimage.

The 52-day pilgrimage will commence via the traditional 48-kilometre Nun-

wan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the 14-kilometre shorter but steep Baital route in Ganderbal on June 29.

"The first batch of pilgrims will be flagged off from here (Bhagwati Nagar) on June 28 and the yatra will start (in Kashmir) the next day. We have come to oversee the

arrangements and had a meeting with officers of various departments concerned," the chief secretary told reporters at the base camp.

"Almost all arrangements are in place and we are working to ensure better facilities for pilgrims to make their stay comfortable," he added.

Dulloo said there has been a manifold increase in the capacity of lodgment centres and other facilities for pilgrims and the pilgrimage will be monitored.

"Adequate security measures are being put in place. Whatever has to be done will be done as yatra security is our top priority," he said.

Mahant Rajesh announces arrangements for Shri Amarnath pilgrims



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: The Jammu Kashmir Sant Samaj Nayas held a press conference chaired by their Organizational General Secretary, Mahant Rajesh Bittu.

Mahant Rajesh Bittu addressed the media, highlighting the collaborative efforts of various Sadhu Samitis and Sadhu Samaj Nayas Committees across Jammu and Kashmir.

He emphasized that the Jammu Kashmir Sant Samaj Nayas will work closely with these committees to support their initiatives.

Mahant Rajesh Bittu announced specific arrangements for the Shri Amarnath pilgrims.

He said Langar will be organized at Lakhapur for the pilgrims. Additionally, a langar offering milk and tea will be available in a sieve.

Pilgrims will be accommodated at the ashram of Sant Shri Subhash Shastri ji, he added.

He stressed that the responsibility of providing security, protection, and transport facilities to the pilgrims lies with the government. He extended his wishes for the blessings of Bhole Baba on everyone.

During the press conference, it was announced that the organizational structure of NYAAS would be strengthened with the appointment of key officials namely Mahant Shanti Giri ji president, Mohan Giri senior vice president, Mohan Bharti general secretary, Mahant Rajesh Bittu organization general secretary and Mahant Jasmeer secretary.

Furthermore, one chairman, four vice presidents, one secretary, and four advisors will be appointed soon to further support the organization's activities.

Lalit elected president, Viraj Gen Secy BBIA



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: As per the Election notification of Bari Brahma Industries Association dated June 8, 2024 for BBIA Election for the Term 2024-26, ten nomination paper were received against the available post of six office bearers of the Association for which the Scrutiny was done on June 21, 2024 and all the Nomination Papers were found in order as per the Constitution.

After withdrawal process completed on Saturday as per Election Notification, Election Commissioners Ajay Bansal, Yogesh Badyal & Yogesh Aggarwal declared that Lalit Mahajan has been elected unopposed as President of BBIA and Viraj Malhotra has been elected unopposed as General Secretary of BBIA.

The Election for the other four posts of BBIA Office Bearers for the Term 2024-26 shall be held on June 29, 2024.

Nitin Sood and Tarun Singla are contesting for the Post of Sr. Vice President, Ajay Langer and P.L. Raina are contesting for the Post of Vice President, Rajesh Jain and Shiv Kumar Sharma are contesting for the Post of Secretary, Rishi Kant Gupta and Vivek Singhal are contesting for the Post of Treasurer.

Food inflation behind grudgingly slow pace of disinflation: RBI Governor Das

MUMBAI, Jun 22 (Agencies): Slow pace of disinflation is mainly due to the elevated food inflation which has been impacted by recurring supply-side shocks, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held from June 5 to 7.

Of the six-member rate setting panel, four voted to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent and policy stance as withdrawal of accommodation as higher food inflation is affecting disinflation process.

Two external members of the MPC - Ashima Goyal and Jayanth Varma, however, voted for a 25 basis points cut in the repo rate as higher interest rates could hurt growth. They also voted to change the policy stance to neutral from withdrawal of accommodation.

Das said headline consumer price-based inflation is moderating but at a very slow pace. Headline inflation has moderated by around 30 basis points (bps) from 5.1 per cent in February 2024 to 4.8 per cent in April 2024. In May 2024, inflation softened to 4.7 per cent and food inflation remained unchanged at 7.9 per cent.

"Food inflation is the main factor behind the grudgingly slow pace of disinflation. Recurring and overlapping supply-side shocks continue to play an outsized role in food inflation," Das wrote in the minutes.

In the monetary policy, Das voted for keeping the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent and to continue with the stance of withdrawal of accommodation.

"With persistently high food inflation, it would be in order to continue with the disinflationary policy stance that we have adopted. Any hasty action in a different direction will cause more harm than good," he said.

It is important that inflation is durably aligned to the target of 4 per cent, the Governor said, adding that price stability is the bedrock for high and sustainable growth.

Going forward, the baseline projections show inflation moderating to an average 4.5 per cent in



2024-25. In the immediate months, however, the impact of exceptionally warm summer months on output of certain perishables; a likely rabi production shortfall in some pulses and vegetables - particularly potatoes and onions; and the upward revisions in milk prices, warrant close monitoring, Das said.

On economy, the Governor said domestic growth outlook for 2024-25 remains upbeat as economic activity continues to maintain momentum. The RBI has projected real gross domestic product (GDP) at 7.2 per cent in the current financial year.

RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra, who voted for keeping the policy rate and the stance of withdrawal of accommodation unchanged, said the speed of the easing of inflation has been disappointing so far, even from a cross-country perspective.

"The Indian economy remains hostage to intersecting food price shocks. Their repetitive occurrence calls for intensifying monetary policy vigil to ward off spillovers to other components of inflation and to expectations," he said.

MPC member Ashima Goyal said the experience of the past year shows supply shocks no longer have persistent effects on inflation or on inflation expectations.

"We have waited for one year to watch the impact of these shocks, now it is time to move on," Goyal wrote in the minutes.

A durable approach to the inflation target is consistent with a transient rise in inflation, she said. It is necessary to avoid the mistake of 2015 when international crude oil prices fell substantially but the fear that they would rise again prevented an adequate cut in the policy

rate.

"Real interest rates rose substantially and hurt growth," Goyal said. Jayanth Varma said that the maintenance of restrictive policy for unwarrantedly long will lead to a growth sacrifice in 2025-26 as well.

Professional forecasters surveyed by the RBI are projecting growth both in 2025-26 and in 2024-25 to be lower than in 2023-24 by more than 0.75 per cent, and lower than the potential growth rate (of say 8 per cent) by more than 1 per cent.

"This is an unacceptably high growth sacrifice considering that headline inflation is projected to be only about 0.5 per cent above target, and core inflation is extremely benign," Varma said.

MPC member Rajiv Ranjan said headline and core inflation have moderated on anticipated lines. There is, however, little comfort in the near-term with inflation projected to remain sticky at around 4.9 per cent in Q1 of FY2024-25.

"While we can draw some comfort from headline inflation running within the tolerance band successively for eight months in a row, we cannot drop our guard as the headline inflation is still not aligned to the target," Ranjan said. Repeated incidence of food price shocks is delaying the final descent of inflation to the target, he said.

According to Shashanka Bhide, the moderate inflation rate will have to be durable to be an effective condition for sustained growth. In this context, the policy would have to continue its focus on maintaining the inflation rate aligned to the target over the medium term. He also voted for keeping policy rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent and keeping policy stance as withdrawal of accommodation.

AIIMS Jammu launches PG Courses and Full First-Round Enrollment

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 22: AIIMS Jammu is delighted to announce the momentous achievement of AIIMS Jammu with the successful launch of its Post-Graduation (PG) Courses (MD/MS/MDS) in various medical, surgical, and dental disciplines. This is a significant milestone for the Institute, marking its commitment to providing advanced medical education and training in the region.

Highly commendable is the fact that all 45 PG seats offered in the first round have been filled,



showcasing the immense interest and trust placed in AIIMS Jammu by aspiring medical professionals.

This overwhelming response is a testament to the Institute's dedication to building a

world-class academic environment equipped with exceptional faculty, cutting-edge technology, and ultra-modern facilities.

The Executive Director & CEO, Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, needs to

be greatly appreciated for his able guidance, proactive approach, and roadmap to take AIIMS Jammu to new heights with each passing day. His unwavering leadership and vision have been instrumental in achieving this remarkable feat. The faculty and staff of AIIMS Jammu, especially the Dean Academic, Registrar, and their respective teams, need kudos for their commitment and hard work.

The Honourable Director extended a warm welcome to all the students who have chosen AIIMS Jammu for their PG studies.

He said, "The Institute's leadership assures them of a nurturing and stimulating learning environment that fosters their holistic development and equips them with the necessary skills and expertise to excel in their chosen field."

This successful launch of the PG program signifies a new chapter for AIIMS Jammu, solidifying its position as a premier centre for medical education and research in the region. We look forward to witnessing the institute's continued growth and its valuable contributions to healthcare advancement.

The Hinduja Group's fall into disgrace: Inside previous controversies haunting UK's richest family

NEW DELHI, June 22 (Agencies) The Hinduja family, a UK-based business family of Indian origin, have made top headlines for the wrong reasons once again. This time four members of UK's wealthiest family were sentenced to prison by a Swiss court for exploiting Indian staff illegally brought to work at their Geneva villa.

Prakash and Kamal Hinduja, their son Ajay and his wife Namrata were sentenced to four to four-and-a-half years in prison after being convicted of exploitation and illegal employment. The court, however, acquitted them of human trafficking charges.

This is not the first time that the business family has been mired in controversies. Here is a brief history of the family and their business before we dive into the controversies.

A history of Hinduja Group
The patriarch of the



Hinduja family, Parmanand Deepchand Hinduja, began his business journey by trading in Shikarpur, a town in Sindh region during the British era. In 1914, when the First World War broke out, he shifted his banking and trade ventures to Bombay. In 1919, he set up the company's first international operation in Iran.

In 1935, his eldest son, Srichand P. Hinduja aka SP Hinduja, took over the business. The Group continued to be based in Iran until The Islamic Revolution forced them to move the headquarters to London

in 1979. Srichand, the Group Chairman, and his brother, Gopichand, the co-chairman, moved to London the same year. Prakash, the third brother, looked after the Switzerland operations from Geneva and the youngest, Ashok, helmed the India business.

After Srichand's death in May 2023, his brother, Gopichand, took over as the chairman.

Today, Hinduja Group, which employs two lakh people, has presence in at least 11 sectors including automotive, banking, oil and specialty chemicals, IT, cyber security, healthcare, infrastructure

development, media and entertainment, real estate and power.

The companies under the Group includes Ashok Leyland, IndusInd Bank, Hinduja Bank (Switzerland), Hinduja Housing Finance, Hinduja Healthcare, Hinduja Leyland Finance, Hinduja Global Solutions, Hinduja Tech, GCOL Corporation, Gulf Oil International, Gulf Oil Lubricants India Limited, Gulf Oil Middle East, Hinduja National Power Corporation, Hinduja Renewables Energy Pvt Ltd, Hinduja Realty Ventures, Hinduja Group India, NXTDIGITAL Ltd, Cyqurex Systems Pvt Ltd, British Metal Corporation (India) Pvt Ltd and Hinduja Investments and Project Services.

Now let's dive into the controversies that have tarnished the image of the business family in India and abroad.

Bofors scandal and Hinduja family

The three elder Hinduja brothers -- Srichand,

Gopichand and Prakash -- were linked to the probe into a scandal wherein the Swiss firm Bofors allegedly bribed government officials and politicians over a defence deal. In October 2000, the CBI slapped the three brothers with a chargesheet over taking commission from Bofors to seal a deal to procure howitzers for India. However, the Delhi High Court in 2005 quashed the case of insufficient evidence.

UK citizenship row
UK Minister Peter Mandelson was forced to resign over scandal nicknamed "the Hinduja affair" amid rumours that he helped Srichand win British citizenship. Mandelson allegedly helped him obtain a British passport in return for a £1 million donation to London's Millennium Dome in 1998 from Srichand, Gopichand and Prakash. Subsequently, Srichand, Gopichand, Prakash and Ashok became UK citizens.

Tata Steel says no change in plans to shut blast furnaces in Wales

NEW DELHI, Jun 22 (Agencies): Tata Steel will not change its plans to shut down the blast furnaces at Port Talbot in Wales, UK, as these assets are causing "unsustainable losses" of £1 million a day. Furthermore, the company may only speed up those plans should there be any risk to safety of the operations, the Tata Group company has said.

Tata Steel's statement follows a strike call given by a section of workers there.

Around 1,500 Tata Steel workers in Port Talbot and Llanwern have said they will begin an indefinite strike from July 8 in protest against the company's plans to close the blast furnaces and reduce 2,800 jobs.

"Tata's workers are not just fighting for their jobs - they are fighting for the future of their communities and the future of steel in Wales. Our members will not stand by while this immensely wealthy conglomerate tries to throw Port Talbot and Llanwern on the scrapheap so it can boost its operations abroad," said Sharon Graham, the general secretary of Unite, Britain's largest trade union.

Mumbai-headquartered Tata Steel had announced in April this year that following seven months of formal and informal level national level discussions with UK trade unions, it would proceed with its £1.2 billion investment to build a state-of-the-art electric arc furnace in Port Talbot and commence closure of the existing heavy-end assets in the following months.

Tata Steel has said this would be the largest investment in UK's steel industry for decades, safeguard steel sovereignty in Britain and preserve 5,000 jobs.

It had informed unions that Port Talbot's two blast furnaces number 5 and 4 will close by end of June and end of September respectively.

A Tata Steel spokesperson said late on Friday that they were extremely disappointed by Unite's "unilateral decision" to call a strike.

"Our existing steel-making assets are near the end of their life, are operationally unstable and causing unsustainable

losses of £1 million a day. This is why preparations to close the blast furnaces and associated plants in Port Talbot are unchanged. However, if the safety and stability of our operations are put at risk by this action, we will be forced to accelerate those closure plans," the spokesperson stated.

The spokesperson further said after extensive negotiations with unions, the company had substantially improved its support offering for affected employees. It was the "most generous package" in the company's history, the spokesperson claimed.

"Rather than taking strike action, we would have expected Unite to put our improved offer to its members, as previously accepted by all unions, including Unite." According to Unite, UK's Labour Party has called for Tata Steel to halt its plans and wait until the general election to engage in talks with the government.

Labour has pledged £3 billion for UK steel, if elected next month, a commitment secured by Unite, it further said.

'I don't see...': Gautam Gambhir addresses his future as potential India head coach

He talked about his coaching philosophy and emphasised the need to treat everyone equally rather than focus on a couple of individual players

KOLKATA, Jun 22 (Agencies): Former India cricketer Gautam Gambhir addressed his future as the head coach of the men's national team and stated that he isn't "looking far ahead" as he is in a "happy space" at the moment.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is evaluating the next head coach as the stint of Rahul Dravid is about to reach its conclusion following the end of the T20 World Cup 2024 in June.

Gambhir has been heavily linked with the role, with many former cricketers backing the 2011 World Cup winner to thrive as the head coach of the Indian team.

He has already said that he would "love to coach the Indian team" and it will be an honour for him if he gets the opportunity to do so.

As Dravid's time with the Men in Blue is slowly reaching towards its end, Gambhir



remained tight-lipped about the possibility of replacing his former teammate.

"I don't see that far ahead. You are grilling me, asking me all tough questions. It is difficult to answer right now. All I can say right now is that I am happy being here. Just finished a brilliant journey with Kolkata Knight Riders let's enjoy that. I am in

a very happy space right now," Gambhir said during an event in Kolkata.

The left-handed opener served as Kolkata Knight Riders' team mentor in the Indian Premier League 2024. The return of the franchise's former captain saw the Knights lift their third IPL trophy.

He talked about his coaching

philosophy and emphasised the need to treat everyone equally rather than focus on a couple of individual players.

"In a team sport, it's the team that matters the most. It's the team that is the most important ingredient in that organisation. Individuals do play a role, and individuals do contribute, but ultimately, if 11 people are treated equally, if 11 people have equal respect, if everyone is treated equally, given the same respect, same responsibility, given the same honour, you will achieve an unbelievable amount of success. You cannot have discrimination in a set-up or in an organisation," he added.

The Indian team is currently thriving in the T20 World Cup after they began their Super 8 campaign with a 47-run win over Afghanistan.

The Rohit Sharma-led unbeaten side will face Bangladesh on Saturday at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua.

AFG vs AUS Predicted XI: Will Afghanistan bring changes after India defeat?

KINGSTOWN, Jun 22 (Agencies): Australia and Afghanistan will be up against each other in a Super 8 match of the T20 World Cup 2024 on Saturday, June 22 (Sunday, June 23) in India at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, St Vincent. The Aussies, led by Mitchell Marsh, have won all their 5 matches until now and have put themselves forward as one of the strongest contenders to lift the title. After being unbeaten in the group stage, they got off to a stupendous start in the Super 8 after beating Bangladesh by 28 runs at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

Pat Cummins became the second Australian bowler to pick up a hat-trick in the Men's T20 World Cups. Adam Zampa picked up 2 wickets and helped his team restrict the Tigers to 140 for 8. Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis and Glenn Maxwell accounted for 1 scalp apiece. Later, when Australia were at 100 for 2 in 11.2 overs, rain halted proceedings once and for all. David Warner raced his way to scoring 53 off 35, and he got support from Travis Head and Glenn Maxwell. Afghanistan, on the other hand, would be looking to get back on their feet after losing to India in their first Super 8 clash. They need to beat the Aussies to keep alive their hopes of making their way through to the next round. Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who

was amongst the leading run-scorers in the championship, has looked rusty recently. He got out to Jasprit Bumrah last time around. Rashid Khan picked up 2 wickets against India, one of which was of Virat Kohli, and the spell should give him a lot of confidence. Fazalhaq Farooqi has been the standout bowler of the tournament and his role is going to hold a lot of importance if the Afghans are to beat Australia.

Predicted Playing XI
Australia: Australia are unlikely to change their playing XI after their thumping win over Bangladesh.

Predicted XI: Travis Head, David Warner, Mitchell Marsh (c), Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, Tim David, Matthew Wade (wk), Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Adam Zampa, Josh Hazlewood. Afghanistan: The Afghans may give a chance to Mohammad Ishaq, who has scored 75 runs from 4 T20Is with a top score of 32 against Ireland. They also have the option of left-arm spinner Nangeyala Kharote, who has 5 wickets to his name from 3 games.

Predicted XI: Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Ibrahim Zadran, Hazratullah Zazai/Mohammad Ishaq, Gulbadin Naib, Najibullah Zadran, Azmatullah Omarzai, Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan (c), Noor Ahmad, Naveen-ul-Haq, Fazalhaq Farooqi.

'60 rooms to accommodate other people': Pakistan players face criticism for taking families along in T20 World Cup

LAHORE, Jun 22 (Agencies): Pakistan's disastrous T20 World Cup campaign in the USA has expectedly triggered a backlash against the players, who are being criticised for taking their families along, even as their beleaguered cricket board mulled invoking a new defamation law to tackle "unsubstantiated claims and reports".

According to a local media report, apart from the nearly 34 players, support staff and officials who were part of the national squad in the USA, the team hotel was teeming with around 26 to 28 family members of the players.

These included their wives, children, parents and even siblings in some cases. Pakistan were eliminated after losing to India and debutants USA in their group league stage matches held in New York.

The report said players like Babar Azam, Haris Rauf, Shadab Khan, Fakhar Zaman, and Muhammad Amir were among those who had family members travelling with them.

Babar, who is not married, had his father, mother and brothers staying in the team hotel.

"The extra expenses incurred on having families is obviously paid by players but having

family members around does hit the focus of the players," another report said.

"Some 60 rooms were booked where the team stayed to accommodate the other people travelling with the team. The environment was a family one with take-away dinners and outings being the norm for some players," one report said.

Former Test wicket-keeper, Atiq uz Zaman said he could understand the players' need to have their families with them on low-profile or bilateral tours.

But for a major event like the World Cup, the PCB should not have allowed such a gathering.

"In a World Cup, no families should have been allowed as the players needed to focus on their cricket. When you have families with you then a player's attention and time is diverted from cricket," Zaman said.

Amir had also taken his personal trainer to the World Cup at his own expense despite the team having a foreign trainer, strength conditioning coach, physiotherapist and doctor.

One report said that during training sessions, the left-arm pacer trained away from others, having taken

permission from the board for this.

PCB mulls legal action against unverified reports

The Pakistan Cricket Board will be using a new defamation law by the Punjab government to go after digital or mainstream media who insinuate corruption by Pakistani players during the World Cup or make very personal remarks about them.

A reliable source in the PCB said that the Board's legal department has already started working on possible notices under the new defamation law.

"These people will be asked to prove their allegations or face action under the new defamation law," he said.

The Punjab Assembly recently passed the bill related to digital media and defamation laws under which any digital journalist or media personality making unsubstantiated allegations or personal attacks on a public figure which put him in danger of public backlash can face a heavy fine and also time in jail if found guilty.

The law also states a decision has to come in six months and cases should not linger on.

This is after skipper Babar Azam was accused of accepting an expensive car as gift by youtuber.

T20 World Cup: Hope blasts 82 not out as West Indies crush USA by 9 wickets in Super 8 clash

BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS), Jun 22 (Agencies): Opener Shai Hope blasted an unbeaten 82 as West Indies came back roaring to crush the United States of America by nine wickets in the T20 World Cup Group 2 Super Eight match here.

After bowling out the USA for a mere 128 in 19.5 overs, the West Indies batters went all guns blazing from the word go to knock off the target in 10.5 overs to make 130/1, recording a comfortable win.

The win improved West Indies' standing in the Group 2 points table. The Caribbean side, which had suffered an eight-wicket hammering on England on Wednesday, is now placed second with two points and a Net Run Rate of 1.814.

Johnson Charles fell for a 14-ball 15 with a couple of fours early on but the pair of Hope (82 not out) and Nicholas Pooran did the job for their side, smacking the USA bowlers all around the park here at the Kensington Oval.



Hope made a mincemeat of the USA bowling as the right-handed wicketkeeper-batter clattered eight sixes and four fours to make 82 not out from just 39 balls, with Pooran reaching 27 not out from 13 balls with three sixes and a four.

Hope remained at the forefront of WI's chase as he forged a 67-run stand for the opening partnership with Charles and then added another 63 runs unbeaten for the second wicket with Pooran, which came off

only 23 balls as the Caribbean side ruled the roost.

Earlier after the West Indies put USA in to bat first, Andre Russell (3.5-0-31-3) and Roston Chase (4-0-19-3) made life tough for the opposition batters.

After an early blow in the form of Steven Taylor (2) who was caught at point by chase of Russell, the pair of Andreus Gous and Nitish Kumar (20) forged a strong partnership to revive USA and take them ahead but they both fell after making their

respective starts.

Nitish was trapped leg-before by West Indies spinner Guda-kesh Motie for 20 off 19 balls with two fours and Gous, who hit three fours and a six in his rapid 29 off 16 balls, was caught at deep midwicket by Hope off Alzarri Joseph in the eighth over and that was when USA's decline began.

None of the following USA batters could trouble the West Indies as the tournament co-hosts kept chipping away with regular wickets, denying their opponents any momentum with the bat.

USA skipper Aaron Jones (11) was cleaned up by Chase who looked unplayable. Chase grabbed another wicket when he had the veteran Corey Anderson trapped leg-before for seven.

Harmeet Singh, who had provided fireworks with the bat for the USA against South Africa in the last match, fell for a first-ball duck when Chase had him caught by Charles to ensure West Indies remained on top of the proceedings.

T20 World Cup: Quinton de Kock's innings was the difference, admits England skipper Jos Buttler

GROS ISLET, Jun 22 (Agencies): England batters couldn't match the big-hitting prowess of South African opener Quinton de Kock in the powerplay and his innings was the "difference" between the two teams, said skipper Jos Buttler after a narrow seven-run loss in their T20 World Cup Super Eight match here.

De Kock slammed a 38-ball 65-run knock studded with four sixes and as many fours to help South Africa post 163 for six. In reply, England could manage just 156 for six.

"I think the way Quinny played at the top sort of really put us under a lot of pressure and (he) played some great shots and we weren't able to match that," Buttler said during the post-match press conference.

"I think that was the difference in the game."

With de Kock going strong, South Africa made 63 for no loss in the powerplay.

"The tougher overs in the power play today were from the bottom end which de Kock really



took on and took some risks and played well, so as I've mentioned, I felt like the power play was the difference in the game," he said.

"I think the way Quinny could bat at the rate that none of us could bat at for -- but like I say, yeah, we fought back brilliantly well with the ball and restricted a really strong line-up to what was about a par score probably."

England couldn't push the pace in the powerplay, losing Phil Salt (11) in the second over. None of the top-order batters -- Jonny Bairstow (16), Buttler (17) and Moeen Ali (9) could capitalise on the starts.

It was a spirited fight-back from Harry Brook

(53) and Liam Livingstone (33) which gave England hope but South African bowlers executed their plans to perfection as the defending champions couldn't make 25 runs in the last three overs despite having six wickets in hand.

"The wicket was probably a little bit slower than everyone expected. So, yeah, 160 was about a par score. I thought we bowled really well in the back 10-15 overs there to restrict them."

"Brook and Livingstone had a fantastic partnership, like I say on a slow wicket where other guys struggled and I thought their partnership was brilliant and they've got us to a position where,

you're probably looking like your favourites at one point to go on and win the game.

"But yeah, I thought that was an awesome partnership and just couldn't quite finish it off."

De Kock attributes success to local knowledge gathered during CPL stint

De Kock attributed the swashbuckling display to his knowledge of the local conditions which was possible due to his stint in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL).

"I've played a lot of day T20s in cricket in the West Indies and generally that is the most important time to score runs, it was the easiest time to score runs," said de Kock, who slammed 49 runs off 20 balls in the powerplay.

The match started at 10.30am local time, while the previous four T20 World Cup games at the venue had an 8.30pm start.

"I don't know if the rest of the guys knew, but I had a fair sense. I've played here quite a bit in the Caribbean League.

Same thing, (the) wicket looks beautiful at night, plays most differently, but at the day 160-170 are winning scores here in the day.

"I think generally it goes by like that in the Caribbean. I think the lights and maybe a bit of dew at night help the ball skid on a bit better."

"The easier time to score runs is in the powerplay. When the ball is old and as the wicket deteriorates, it gets harder."

De Kock said powerplay wasn't the only factor and there were other moments which helped them win.

"I think our bowlers also bowled really well, one or two key moments that could have also been a standout over I think KG's (Kagiso Rabada's) final over was also could be potential match winning."

"I think there was (some) other moments but obviously that's probably one of our better powerplays this whole World Cup so (it) could be, you never know."

Mirabai Chanu determined to remain injury-free

NEW DELHI, Jun 22 (Agencies): Olympics silver medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu feels her success at the Paris Games will hinge on her ability to remain injury-free, especially as she strives to breach the elusive 90kg mark in the snatch event of the quadrennial extravaganza.

The focus until her competition on August 7 will be on "managing all the muscles" and "improving technique to lift at least 90kg in snatch", said the Manipuri athlete who



competes in the 49kg weight class. "For me, injury management and staying stress free will be important. I have to do the things that helped me recover," Mirabai said. "Injuries and pain

are companions for us. You never know when they will strike. We have to conquer them and Paris Olympics will tell me how well I have managed these aspects of the sport."

JK Teachers Forum expresses gratitude to Principal Secretary for promoting 1092 Teachers to Masters

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JAMMU, June 22: The Departmental Promotion Committee, under the distinguished leadership of the Director of School Education Jammu (DSEJ), Dr. Ashok Kumar has sanctioned the promotion of 1092 teachers to the position of Masters. This remarkable achievement marks a significant milestone in the career progression of teachers in the Jammu division.

Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF) and Vice President of All India Secondary Teachers Federation (AISTF), Mohammad Ameen Khan, State President of JKTF / NMOPS J&K Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf, Provincial President Jammu Sarjeet Sharma & other leaders from the Jammu Province, including district and zonal presidents, have expressed their profound gratitude to Principal Secretary SED J&K Alok Kumar (IRS), Additional Secretary Gh

Nabi Bhat (KAS), and Dr. Ashok Kumar (KAS) for their unprecedented efforts in promoting such a large number of teachers in recent years. In his statement, Mohammad Ameen Khan commended Dr. Ashok Kumar's exemplary leadership and dedication. He underscored that under Dr. Kumar's capable guidance, teachers in Jammu have experienced unparalleled career advancement, significantly boosting their morale. Khan highlighted that the

Director has honored his promise to the Forum's leadership, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the welfare and growth of the teaching community. Praising the outstanding leadership of Principal Secretary School Education Department (SED), Alok Kumar (IRS), and Additional Secretary Gh Nabi Bhat (KAS), Mohammad Ameen Khan noted the department's remarkable progress in delivering quality education and facilitating career

advancements through promotions. He expressed optimism that the promotion list for teachers in the Kashmir division will be issued soon, continuing the trend of professional development and excellence. The JKTF leadership extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Ashok Kumar for his steadfast commitment to the educational community and his efforts to enhance the career prospects of teachers across the Jammu region.

Kaith Biradari organises Chabeel at Canal

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JAMMU, June 22: In remembrance and tribute to Ram Lal Kaith who has left for his heavenly abode, a chabeel was organised near Lord Shiva temple at Canal here today by the Kaith Biradari, in which sweet and cool sharbat was distributed to a large number of people. R.L.Kaith shared that the most special thing about chabeel is that it would keep his sweet memory fresh in our mind, and also incul-



cate a sense of oneness among people who serve as well as those who are served.

Saroori urges Govt to clear pending liabilities in Kishtwar

Vice Chairman DPAP highlights delays in PMAY, MGNREGA and IHHL payments



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KISHTWAR, June, 22: Ghulam Mohammad Saroori, Vice Chairman of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party and former minister, toured the Tatani and Bugrana panchayats in Tehsil Drabshalla of district Kishtwar. During his visit, he urged the government to clear the pending financial liabilities under various

schemes, emphasizing the severe impact on local residents. Saroori highlighted the plight of numerous beneficiaries who have completed their houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) but have only received the second installment of the promised funds, despite waiting for three years. This delay has caused significant suffering for the affected families.

Additionally, Saroori brought attention to the unpaid wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for unskilled laborers. He also noted that the liabilities related to Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) under the Swachh Bharat Mission remain unsettled. Despite the Rural Development Department having prepared

and uploaded the necessary documents last year, no payments have been made to the beneficiaries, which Saroori described as a grave concern. The former minister made a fervent appeal to the Lieutenant Governor to personally review the functioning of the Rural Development Department to ensure the immediate settlement of the liabilities owed to the poor beneficiaries. During his tour, Saroori, accompanied by local leaders, also visited several households to offer personal condolences to the families of the recently deceased, including Molvi Liyaqat Ali, Molvi Mohammed Ashraf, Ayaz Hussain Lone, Bahar Din Lone of Tatani area, and Ghulam Mouhiddin Narwani of Bugrana, Drabshalla.

Dogri Bhasha Academy organizes Book release function

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JAMMU, June 22: Dogri Bhasha Academy, Jammu on the directions of Yashpaul Nirml, founder Dogri Bhasha Academy, Jammu organised a Book Release Function at K.L. Saigal Hall, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Jammu in which four Books entitled Sucha Hira, Chabutare Da Sach, Jeende Jamdoot and Neem Hakeem khatra -E-Jaan written by P.L. Parihar released. The function was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra Dogri writer and president Dogri Sanstha, Jammu while Darshan Darshi Dogri writer and ex-Director Education Department Jammu and Kashmir Government

was the chief Guest on the occasion. While Dr. Om Goswami eminent Dogri writer and ex additional Secretary J&K academy of Art, Culture and Language was the special guest on the occasion. Roshan Bhal, President Dogri Bhasha Academy, Rajinder Ranjha General Secretary Dogri Bhasha Academy also shared the dice. Earlier Roshan Bhal formally welcomed the Dignitaries, esteemed guests, paper Readers, media persons. Prof. Lalit Magotra in his address appreciated the efforts of team Dogri Bhasha Academy for organising such a beautiful and great event. He extended his full support and guidance to the team of Dogri Bhasha Academy for working for

the upliftment of Dogri Language. He also congratulated to P.L. parihar for writing on Dogri language. Three research papers were presented by Hina Mahajan, Mamta Sharma and Ajay Singh which were highly appreciated by the audience. Chief guest Darshan Darshi appreciated the program organised by Dogri Bhasha Academy time to time and said that the review program of these books may be organized in near future. He congratulated to P.L. Parihar for serving mother Dogri with his writings. Special Guest Dr. Om Goswami appreciated the efforts of Dogri Bhasha Academy and congratulated to P.L. Parihar for releasing four books in Dogri

language in a single program on different genres. He also throw light on the writings of Parihar. In the mean while Author of the Books P.L. parihar also addressed to the audience and also recited his poetry. The program was conducted by the Rajinder Kumar Ranjha former member Dogri advisory board, sahitya akademi, new Delhi and General Secretary Dogri Bhasha Academy, Jammu while Vote of thanks presented by the Sh. Kewal Kumar Kewal eminent Dogri Poet and Secretary Dogri Bhasha Academy, Jammu. A large number of Dogri and other languages writer, intellectual, media persons and audience attended the book release function.

Madhuparamhans delivers religious sermons

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SAMBA, June 22: On the occasion of Kabir Jayanti, Sadguru of Sahib Bandagi Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while delighting the congregation with the nectar of his discourses in Ranjri, said that the one who sings Kabir's songs gets killed in three worlds and the one who understands Kabir's songs gets to know the inner self. Sahib kept the sheet of the body as it is. He did not make it dirty with worldly desires. Everyone else took many births. Just like you change clothes, but you did not change. In this way, the soul took many bodies, but you did not change. Everyone made



it dirty somewhere or the other. But when the opportunity came, it purified it. Kabir Sahib never allowed it to get stained. Since the creation of the universe, the soul is wandering in this world. It has been millions of years since the earth was created. You are becoming a human again after roaming in 84 lakh species. You have become a human a thousand times. Kabir Sahib was that person who did not take birth from the womb of the mother. It

is mentioned in many of his sayings that I have come from the immortal world for the welfare of the living beings. Sahib came in every era. Sahib took only 42 people to Amar Lok. Later he took many to Amar Lok. Whoever reached there, stays in Amar Lok only. There it happens automatically that whether Param Purush is needed or Guru. Satpurush's attraction is so much that the soul goes towards him. It stays there. Crossed. The goal is accomplished. But the one who is Param Gurumukh, he asks for Guru. Param Purush absorbs him in himself. He then comes back to earth as a saint for the welfare of the living beings. He is a Sadguru.

He is a rare one. If one has not reached there and is doing the work of a Guru, then understand that he is cheating. He cannot do the welfare of the living beings. The one who reached there, he gets Paras Surati. Only he has the essence name of Sat Purush and with the name received from him, the soul can go to Amar Lok. The power of the name takes the soul to Amar Lok. But there are crores of names in the world, there is no salvation from that. There are many people with essence names also by copying. But only the one who reaches there has the true name. This is a big secret.

Moment Kalki opposes reservation policy

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JAMMU, June 22: Moment Kalki, a leading socio-political organization, vehemently opposes the recently announced reservation policy by the Jammu and Kashmir administration. The new policy, which increases the reservation quota to 60%, leaving only 40% for the open market, is both unjust and politically motivated. It blatantly disregards the rights and opportunities of the general category, further marginalizing them in a society already fraught with inequalities. The significant increase in the reservation quota to 60% drastically reduces the available opportunities for the general category to a mere 40% effectively 24% as other Categories also get Selection in above 40% and 6% horizontal reservation is also included in this 40%. This imbalance is unfair and fails to consider the aspirations and potential of individuals outside the reserved categories. Since independence,



the general category has been subjected to a series of politically driven reservation policies that have systematically eroded their rights and opportunities. This continuous exploitation has led to a steady decline in their social and economic conditions, exacerbating inequality and social division. The economic condition of the general category has worsened over the years due to limited access to resources and opportunities. The new reservation policy exacerbates this issue, pushing the general category further into economic hardship and reducing their chances of upward mobility. The decision to increase the reserva-

tion quota appears to be driven by political motives rather than genuine social need. As said reservation is provided on basis of geographical Location which is unconstitutional. Such policies are often designed to secure vote banks rather than address the root causes of social disparity, leading to further polarization and division within society. An overemphasis on reservation undermines the principle of meritocracy. While affirmative action is necessary to level the playing field, it should not come at the cost of merit and excellence. The new policy risks sidelining deserving candidates from the general category who are

equally in need of opportunities and support. Moment Kalki urged the Jammu and Kashmir administration to reconsider and revise this policy to ensure a more balanced and equitable approach. We advocate for policies that promote inclusivity without compromising on fairness and merit. It is essential to strike a balance that provides opportunities for all sections of society while addressing historical injustices. We call upon citizens to voice their concerns and stand in solidarity with the general category besides asked activists and Organizations to join us in advocating for a fair and just reservation policy. Members of Movement Kalki present in press conference were Vinkal Sharma, Arjun Singh, Sanjeev Dubey, Vikram Mahajan, Kushal Sharma, Ashutosh Kumar, Deepak Sharma, Ravinder Khajuria, Pawan Manhas, Satpal Hindu, Deepak Singh, Vikas Sharma, Rajeev Gupta.

RTI activist slams J&K Govt's circular to shield corrupt bureaucrats

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JAMMU, June 22: RTI activist Raman Sharma has strongly criticized a recent circular issued by the Jammu and Kashmir General Administration Department (JKGAD), stating that the government is siding with corrupt officers and discouraging citizens and the press from reporting their misconduct. Sharma, a Jammu-based RTI activist, condemned the LG administration for issuing Circular No. 14-JK(GAD)

of 2024, dated June 20, 2024. The circular directs Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, and Cadre Controlling Authorities of the J&K government to pursue prosecution under Section 182 of the IPC against citizens if their complaints against officers are found meritless, and to initiate prosecution under Section 195(1) of the CrPC. Additionally, the order calls for the cancellation of press accreditation, filing complaints with the Press Council of India,

and halting government advertisements to the media if they are found complicit. "On the grounds of alleged harassment and mental agony caused to officers by false, frivolous, anonymous, or pseudonymous complaints, the Jammu and Kashmir Administration is shielding its corrupt officers and curtailing the fundamental rights of citizens and the press as guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution of India," Sharma stated. Sharma termed the cir-

cular a prime example of how the J&K administration sides with corrupt and tainted officers, even using government advertisement funding as a tool to suppress the press in Jammu and Kashmir. It is pertinent to mention that the circular also calls for providing free legal aid by government law officers to accused officers and lodging complaints with the Crime Branch against citizens, but no such protection or free legal aid is provided to the victims of corrupt bureaucracy.

NMOPS greets people on Guru Hargobind Ji's birthday

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JAMMU, June 22: NMOPS-J&K President and President JKTF Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf has greeted people especially the Sikh brethren on the birth anniversary of Guru Har-

gobind Ji. While paying glorifying tributes to the revered seer in a heartfelt message Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf said that revered Sikh Guru Shri Hargobind Ji's life serves a beacon light for all of us to traverse smoothly on the

path of humanity and selfless service of mankind. Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf added that Shri Hargobind Ji was an epitome of true faith, courage and valour and his teachings inspire millions of people around the globe to work for human

rights, equality, peace and brotherhood. Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf insisted that every one irrespective of race, region or religion should follow the teachings of the revered Guru to make this world truly a great place to live for everyone.