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## BRIEFLY

### Terrorist Killed In Ongoing Anti-Infiltration Operation In Uri: Army

BARAMULLA, Jun 23 (Agencies): Army on Sunday said that a terrorist was killed in the ongoing anti-infiltration operation in Uri along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. In a post on X, Army's Chinara Corps said: "One terrorist has been killed in the ongoing anti-infiltration Operation that was launched on 22 Jun in the Uri Sector; Operations are continuing."

The encounter broke out yesterday evening after the army foiled an infiltration bid along the LoC in the Gohallan area of Uri. "A group of terrorists was noticed by the security forces trying to sneak into this side of the LoC in the Gohallan area of Uri. The group was challenged by the security forces. The infiltration bid was foiled."

### UP govt targets to planting 35 cr saplings by 2027

Lucknow, Jun 23 (Agencies): The Yogi Adityanath government plans to plant 350 million saplings this year to expand Uttar Pradesh's green areas with the collective support of all departments and divisions, and targets have been set for the same. The goal is to increase the state's green cover from 9 to 15 per cent by 2026-27 with public cooperation.

Specific targets have been set for all departments and divisions in the state-wide campaign. The state government has also directed proper preparations to ensure the availability of high-quality saplings for all stakeholders, officials here said on Sunday.

The goal is to plant 350 million saplings, with specific targets assigned to various departments: 140 million for Forest, Environment, and Climate Change, 125.9 million for Rural Development, 25 million for Agriculture, 15.5 million for Horticulture, 12.8 million for Panchayati Raj, 10.6 million for Revenue, 3.5 million for Urban Development, 1.8 million for Higher Education, 1.4 million for Silk, 1.3 million each for Public Works, Railways, and Water Power department.

The target is 1.2 million saplings for Basic Education, 1.1 million for Health, 9 lakh for Industry, 8 lakh each for Industrial Development and Secondary Education, 7 lakhs each for

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## Lok Sabha session from Monday, row over appointment of Mahtab as pro-tem speaker set to cast its shadow

NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha beginning Monday will see oath-taking by newly elected members followed by election of the Lok Sabha Speaker on June 26 and President Droupadi Murmu's address to joint sitting of both the Houses on June 27.

The row over appointment of BJP leader and seven-term member Bhartruhari Mahtab as the pro-tem speaker is likely to cast shadow over



the session. The move has drawn flak from the opposition, which alleged that the claim of Congress member K Suresh to the post was overlooked by the government. Parliamentary Affairs

Minister Kiren Rijiju asserted that Mahtab has had seven uninterrupted terms as Lok Sabha member, making him eligible for the post, while Suresh lost elections in 1998 and 2004

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## Police apprehend 13-yr-old boy for sending bomb scare email 'just for fun' to Delhi Airport

NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): A 13-year-old boy was apprehended for allegedly sending an email to the Delhi Airport falsely claiming that a bomb had been planted in the Dubai-bound flight, police said on Sunday.

The boy had sent the mail "just for fun" after being influenced by the news of another teenager who made a hoax bomb threat call a few days ago, Deputy Commissioner of Police (IGI Airport) Usha Rangnani said.

The incident occurred on Monday when a com-

plaint was registered regarding a bomb threat on a Dubai-bound flight on June 18, DCP said. "Based on the complaint, an FIR was lodged, and an investigation was launched. All the guidelines, protocols and SOPs were followed to ensure the safety and security of the passengers," DCP said. "Airport was put on high alert, and an emergency was declared," she said.

However, during the investigation, the email was found to be a hoax, she said. "During

the investigation, it was revealed that the email ID was deleted just after sending the email. The email was traced at Pithoragarh in Uttranchal," Rangnani said.

A team was sent, and the boy was apprehended for sending the hoax email, she said. "The boy told the police team that his parents had given a mobile to him for study purposes through which he sent the email and later deleted his ID."

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## Six arrested for duping Delhi man of Rs 2.50 lakh in courier fraud

NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): Six people were arrested for allegedly duping a man from the national capital of around Rs 2.50 lakh by claiming an international courier that was being probed by Mumbai Police was booked in his name, officials said on Sunday.

The fraudsters asked him to make the payment

to avoid legal hassle, Delhi Police officials said. The accused were identified as Vishal Joshi (24), an engineer from Delhi, and five other graduates - Ansh (24) and Samararth (23) from Haryana, Pranjal Kumar Sahni (24), from UP, Satender Dhaka (29) from MP, and Vedant Prabhkar Nagarkar (26) from Maharashtra.

## Terrorism breathing its last breath in J&K: LG Sinha

JAMMU, Jun 23 (Agencies): Terrorism is breathing its last breath in Jammu and Kashmir and the recent acts of terror are signs of enemy's desperation, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday.

"We must hunt down the terrorists and their aides, who are harboring them,"



said Sinha addressing the passing out parade

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## NEET-UG 2024 row: CBI registers FIR over alleged irregularities

NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed its first information report (FIR) regarding irregularities in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (undergraduate) or NEET-UG exam on Sunday, following a complaint from education ministry.

CBI teams will head

to Bihar and Gujarat to investigate a "larger conspiracy" surrounding the 2024 NEET-UG exam, as earlier reported by agency.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the NEET(UG) exam on May 5, in OMR (pen and paper) mode.

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## Quake jolts parts of HP

SHIMLA, Jun 23 (Agencies): A light magnitude earthquake jolted parts of tribal Lahaul Spiti district in north west Himachal Pradesh on Sunday. No loss of life or property was reported, according to district administration. Indian Meteorological Department said the quake measuring 3.4 on Richter scale hit parts of

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## Social justice, inclusive growth remains core of BJP philosophy: Rana

JAMMU, Jun 23 (Agencies): Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today called for collective efforts to realise the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission "Antyodaya" to ensure the upliftment of the last person in the societal pyramid.

"Social justice and inclu-

sive growth remains core of the BJP philosophy with thrust on Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, Sabka Vishwas." Rana said while addressing a big congratulation at Shri Sant Kabir Vandana Ashram Katalbattal, here, held on the auspicious occasion of Shri Kabir Jayanti.

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## 'Modi completely helpless in front of education mafia': Rahul Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): Hours after the Ministry of Health postponed the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test postgraduate (NEET PG) 2024 a night before the scheduled date for the examination, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, while reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

silence on the issue, said that the PM had become "completely helpless in front of the paper leak racket and education mafia."

The postponing of the exam came at a time when the country's eyes are already on the ongoing NEET UG exam which has been marred

with allegations of paper leaks and other discrepancies.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Rahul wrote, "Now NEET PG is also postponed! This is another unfortunate example of the ruined education system under the rule of Narendra Modi."

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## NADA suspends Bajrang again, serves him notice of charge

New Delhi, Jun 23 (Agencies): The National Anti-Doping Agency on Sunday suspended Bajrang Punia for a second time, three weeks after ADDP had revoked his suspension on the grounds that NADA had not issued a 'notice of charge' to the wrestler.

NADA had on April 23 suspended Tokyo Games bronze medallist wrestler for refusal to give his urine sample for dope test during the selection trials held in Sonapat on March 10. World Governing body UWW had also suspended him.

Bajrang had appealed against the provisional suspension and NADA's Anti-Disciplinary Doping panel (ADDP) had revoked it on May 31 till NADA issues the notice of charge.

Swinging to action, NADA on Sunday served the notice to the wrestler.

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## EDITORIAL

## Enhancing Food Safety

Food safety is a fundamental aspect of public health and well-being, impacting individuals, communities, and nations on a global scale. Ensuring the safety of our food supply chain is essential to prevent food borne illnesses, protect consumers from harm, and promote overall health and quality of life. However, despite advancements in food production, distribution, and regulation, challenges persist, necessitating continuous efforts to enhance food safety practices and protocols. One of the primary objectives in improving food safety is to prevent contamination at every stage of the food production and distribution process. From farm to fork, each step must adhere to rigorous standards and guidelines to minimize the risk of microbial, chemical, and physical hazards. This requires comprehensive measures such as implementing Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) on farms, maintaining stringent hygiene and sanitation protocols in food processing facilities, and ensuring proper storage and transportation conditions to prevent cross-contamination. Another crucial aspect of food safety is regulatory oversight and enforcement. Governments and regulatory agencies play a pivotal role in establishing and enforcing food safety standards, conducting inspections, and monitoring compliance across the food industry. Robust regulatory frameworks, coupled with effective enforcement mechanisms, are essential to hold food producers and suppliers accountable for maintaining high levels of safety and quality in their products. Furthermore, raising awareness and educating consumers about food safety practices is paramount in preventing foodborne illnesses. Empowering individuals with knowledge about safe food handling, storage, and preparation can significantly reduce the risk of contamination and foodborne diseases in households and communities. Educational initiatives, public campaigns, and outreach programs can serve as valuable tools in promoting a culture of food safety and fostering informed consumer choices. In addition to preventive measures, swift and effective response mechanisms are critical in addressing food safety incidents and outbreaks. Early detection, prompt investigation, and coordinated efforts among stakeholders are essential to mitigate the impact of foodborne illnesses and prevent their spread. Timely communication and transparent reporting of food safety issues are vital to maintaining public trust and confidence in the food supply chain. Moreover, advancements in technology and innovation offer promising avenues for enhancing food safety practices. From blockchain technology for traceability and transparency in supply chains to rapid diagnostic tools for detecting foodborne pathogens, technological solutions can revolutionize food safety management and risk assessment. Embracing innovation and leveraging digital tools can strengthen food safety systems, improve traceability, and enable swift response to emerging threats. Collaboration and partnership among stakeholders are key to addressing the multifaceted challenges of food safety. Governments, industry players, academia, healthcare professionals, and consumer advocacy groups must work together to develop holistic strategies, share best practices, and exchange information to strengthen food safety systems globally. By fostering collaboration and collective action, we can build resilient and sustainable food systems that prioritize safety, health, and well-being for all. In conclusion, enhancing food safety is a shared responsibility that requires concerted efforts from all stakeholders. By implementing preventive measures, strengthening regulatory oversight, raising awareness among consumers, fostering innovation, and promoting collaboration, we can mitigate the risks associated with foodborne illnesses and safeguard public health. Together, let us commit to building a future where safe and nutritious food is accessible to all, ensuring a healthier and more resilient world for generations to come.

## Why India slow to host Pope; Jairam-Khera feud to the fore

By: Anita Katyal  
(The writer is a Delhi-based journalist)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent meeting with Pope Francis in Italy has given fresh hope to the Christian community here that the Roman Catholic Church leader's long-awaited visit to India will finally fructify. This optimism is based on official reports that Mr Modi invited the Pope to visit India even as a photograph of the two exchanging a warm hug went viral. However, sceptics in the Christian community are convinced there will be no forward movement on the papal visit, for this is not the first time that Mr Modi has invited him. A similar invitation was extended to Pope Francis when Mr Modi called on him at the Vatican in 2021. But nothing came of it even though the Pope has visited countries in the Indian neighborhood twice over the past few years. Insiders in the Christian community maintain the Vatican is keen on a papal visit to India but the Modi government has not evinced much interest in following up on the Prime Minister's invitation. The Modi government apparently is ambivalent on this issue as it is not sure about the reaction of the Bharatiya Janata Party's ideological mentor, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, and its other affiliate organisations which had objected to the

visit of Pope John Paul II in 1999 when Atal Behari Vajpayee was Prime Minister.

It is an acknowledged fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi prefers not to share the stage with anyone else. He also likes to be centre stage at all public functions, big or small. But the situation has changed after the 2024 election results. Now that he is heading a coalition government, the Prime Minister has to be more accommodative towards his own colleagues and his alliance partners. Consequently, Mr Modi has been seen in the same photo frame with Telugu Desam Party chief N. Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar of the Janata Dal (United) on several occasions. On his first visit to Varanasi last week, Mr Modi was seated on the dais with the new agriculture minister Shivraj Chouhan, the Uttar Pradesh chief minister and a host of BJP leaders. Though it was Mr Modi who announced the new package for farmers at that meeting, his speech was preceded by Mr Chouhan's lengthy welcome address when he gave details of the various initiatives being undertaken by the Modi government for the welfare of farmers. Clearly, Mr Chouhan is back in favour after his spectacular win in the Lok Sabha elections.

Media-persons on the Congress beat are well aware of the "not so warm" relations between the senior members of the party's communications department.

This was evident at a dinner hosted for journalists recently by the media department head Jairam Ramesh. During the course of a conversation, there was a disagreement between Mr Ramesh and his colleague Pawan Khera, regarding the rules on moving a no-confidence motion against the newly-sworn in National Democratic Alliance government. Mr Ramesh maintained that it could not be moved while Mr Khera insisted rules allowed for it. "You people never let me go to Parliament but I know the rules," he remarked. Though he laughed this off, it is well known that Mr Khera has been eyeing a Rajya Sabha berth but without success.

There was a time when former Punjab chief minister and Congress leader Amarinder Singh strode across the state like the proverbial Colossus. But he lost his cachet after he walked out of the Congress and joined the Bharatiya Janata Party on being removed as chief minister. The former Maharaja of Patiala has been virtually underground for nearly two years now. He did not campaign during the recent Lok Sabha elections and was not present when Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in Patiala for an election rally. Mr Singh is said to be sulking as the BJP has not taken note of his seniority and accommodated him suitably. The Lok Sabha election result proved to be another setback as Mr Singh's wife Preneet Singh

lost the Patiala seat, considered a family bastion. To make matters worse, Ravneet Singh Bittu, another Congress turncoat, has been appointed junior minister at the Centre even though he failed to win the Ludhiana seat. The rivalry between Mr Bittu's family and Amarinder Singh is no secret in Punjab.

Kiran Chaudhary, the former five-time Congress MLA from Haryana, who joined the Bharatiya Janata Party along with her daughter Shruti, is learnt to have been promised a Rajya Sabha berth. Her daughter, it is said, has been assured a ticket in the next Haryana Assembly polls. A Rajya Sabha seat from the state quota has fallen vacant as Deependra Hooda, son of former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, will now move to the Lok Sabha. However, the numbers game in this election will be interesting as several BJP MLAs left the party shortly before the Lok Sabha polls while its alliance partner, the Jannayak Janata Party, has severed ties with it though some MLAs are supporting the ruling party. The presence of Independent members will further complicate matters. The senior Hooda, whose bitter relations with Kiran Chaudhary are well known, can be expected to do his best to deny her a win. If Ms Chaudhary is fielded by the BJP as speculated, the election will set the stage for a bitter battle between the two arch-enemies.

## Recession Hits Technical Skills

By: Vijay Garg

The problem of unemployment is becoming a big challenge in the country. Due to global circumstances, the condition of India's job market is also bad, the effect of which is visible on the 'placement' or employment of students. Indian Institute of Technology i.e. IIT is considered one of the most prestigious institutes of India, where it is very difficult to get admission. Studying here means guarantee of a bright future. But in recent years, many students passing out from IIT have also found jobs. Can't find it. This year this figure has reached 38 percent. This is definitely a matter of concern. In fact, the ongoing recession in the economy, lack of skills among the students, high expectations of the students studying in big institutes like IITs, increasing number of engineering graduates and lack of non-technical skills among the IIT students etc. are some of the major reasons which are hindering the students. are becoming a hindrance in getting a job. In the year 2022, a total of 17,900 students from all twenty-three IITs across the country will appear for 'placement' or employment. A were registered, but only 14.2 of these 14,490 students were selected on campus or 'campus placement'. That means 19 percent of IIT engineers could not get jobs. Twenty-one percent of the total IIT students who registered for jobs in 2023 could not get jobs. This year 38 percent of IIT engineers could not get jobs. However, many students graduating from IITs do not register themselves for jobs as they pursue further education, research or entrepreneurship after gradua-

tion. Therefore 'Placement' rates represent only those students who registered for 'Campus Placement'. The whole world is facing recession since 2020. This recession has come due to many reasons. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused widespread disruption to the global economy, affecting trade and tourism, and disrupting supply chains. The Russia-Ukraine war has caused fuel prices, inflation surges and instability in global financial markets. This increases the prices of goods and There has been a shortage of products. Inflation is increasing in many countries, due to which the purchasing power of the people is decreasing. To combat inflation, many central banks have increased interest rates, making loans more expensive. Due to this recession, economic growth has slowed down in countries around the world, unemployment and poverty have increased. However, not all countries have been equally affected by the recession. Some countries, such as China, are performing relatively strongly, while some countries in Europe have been more severely affected. recession is not always continues, eventually economies will recover and growth will resume. But it is still difficult to say when the global economy will completely recover from the recession. Experts believe that this may happen by 2024 or 2025. The global recession is also affecting India, due to which many companies are stopping recruitment, especially in the engineering field. This is having a direct impact on the students coming out of institutes like IITs. Capital is also coming into new enterprises or 'startups', due to which the number of

jobs is decreasing. I am getting it. As interest rates are rising, it is becoming more expensive for 'startups' to get loans, making it difficult for them to raise capital. Many new enterprises have had to lay off employees due to lack of capital. Due to lack of capital in this, development of new products and services is being hindered. Some students studying in Indian Institutes of Technology have higher expectations of getting salary and title commensurate with their qualifications and skills. Therefore they are not ready to do low paying jobs. Its Even after moving, they face delay in getting job. Also, engineering in India. There has been an increase in the number of colleges, as a result of which the number of engineering graduates has also increased, but the jobs are not increasing at the same pace. Many students of Indian Institutes of Technology often lack essential and non-technical skills such as communication, group work and problem solving, which may prevent them from getting jobs. Over the years, students have taken up engineering and other fields such as art, design etc. Nor has he shown interest in entrepreneurship. This could impact jobs in IIT departments like computer science and engineering, which traditionally have strong 'placement'. However, it is not that all students are not able to get jobs. Many students are getting good jobs, especially in high demand fields like computer science and electrical engineering, but for those students who are unable to find a job, it is definitely a challenging situation. There may be some solutions to face these challenges Are IIT institutes should build better relationships with companies, so that

students can get more employment opportunities. IITs should also include entrepreneurship education in their curriculum. This will give students knowledge about the fundamentals of starting a business, market research, financial management and legal aspects. IITs should create 'networking' to connect students with industrialists, entrepreneurs and successful startup founders. To enable students to get involved in research and development should be encouraged. This can help them develop new ideas and innovations, which can be the key to success for their businesses. By encouraging entrepreneurship, 'large institutions like IITs can not only help students find jobs, but they can also contribute to making India an innovative and entrepreneurial economy. Some students prefer to work, but for students who want to start their own business, IITs can provide them with the necessary support and resources. Can. IITs can play an important role in empowering students and providing them with the necessary tools to succeed. It is also important to keep in mind that the engineering job market in India is constantly changing. As new technologies emerge, demand for some skills is increasing, while other skills may become less relevant. Therefore, it is important for IIT engineers to stay updated with the latest trends and keep developing their skills, so that they can remain competitive in the job market.

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## BJP Talab Tillo Mandal pays Tribute To Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

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JAMMU, Jun 23: To Pay Tribute to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee on his Balidan Diwas BJP Talab Tillo Mandal Under the Presidentship of Keshav Chopra Organized Shradhanjali Programme at Talab Tillo in Which Former Minister Sat Sharma CA, District President BJP Parmod Kapahi, BJP JKUT Secretary Ayodhya Gupta, Former Chairman JMC Jeet Angral, Former Councillors Sardar Sucha Singh, Neelam Nargotra, BJP Senior Leader Veena Gupta and other Leaders paid tribute to Dr Mukherjee.

Speaking on the occasion Sat Sharma said that



Dr. Mukherjee devoted his whole life for India's unity and integrity his sacrifice will never go in vain and J&K will never forget the contribution of Dr. Mukherjee as he was the person who laid down

his life-fighting permit system to enter into this Indian state.

Speaking on the occasion Parmod Kapahi said that Dr. Mukherjee was a patriot who has dedicated his whole life for the

country, he was a truly hardcore worker and due to his hard work, BJP has today blossomed to the extent.

Keshav Chopra and Ayodhya Gupta while speaking a reminded the

sacrifice of Dr Mukherjee and said that Person Like Mukherjee are very rare and their life serves a source of inspiration for generations to come, Dr Mukherjee never compromised on principles and questioned the provisions of separate state for which he opposed article 370 Article 35A and laid down his life for the integrity of the country.

Munish Gupta, Parmajeet, Gurcharan Singh, Deepak Kumar, Kusum Gupta, Bablu Chand, Vikas Gupta, Sanjeev Gupta, Rakesh Sharma, Ghansham Sharma, Ritesh Peer, Sonali Gupta, Sahil Gupta, Shanti Swaroop Gupta, Ashish, Jagdish Gupta, and others were also Present.

## International Yoga Day celebrations in Home for The Aged and Infrims



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 23: A system of exercises for the body that involves breath control and helps relax both your body and mind, to unite the self with the spirit of the universe. It was said by Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State yoga Commissioner, Chairman Indian yoga Association and President Vichar Kranti Manch International in Celebrations of International Yoga Day at Home for Aged & Infrims Ambphalla ( Properly known as Vridhashram). Dr Jitendra Udhamपुरi Padam Shri, a poet, Writer & an asset to Dogri language, was Chief Guest on the occasion, Sh I D Soni, President Home, presided over and Sri Vijay Bhagotra, Retired Superintending Engineer and General Secretary Vriddh Ashram, organised the event. Function started with easy and very effective Yogic kriyas, special-

ly designed for inmates of the home, which included the moments of Legs, Arms Neck and all Vital organs of the body. Some simple breathing techniques were also exercised. Shri Angrej Singh a Advanced Yoga teacher and former officer of Bhartiya Yog Sansthan and Smt Renu Thapar, having experience in yoga for the last 25 years, Life Member of Indian Yoga Association and University trained yoga teacher, demonstrated the kriyas on the stage. Smt Anju Bansal, Social activist, Educationist and trained yoga teacher, made the wonderful and entertaining bhajans to entertain the home inmates.

Dr Jain expressed that yoga is a type of exercise in which you move your body into various positions in order to become more fit and flexible to improve your breathing and to relax your mind. Mr Ashok Gupta founder Chairman Trustee, Sarv

Uthan trust, State Vice President, Bharat Vikas Parishad, explained about the precautions to be taken in daily routine and also explained about the yoga philosophy, which first developed in India in which physical exercises and Meditations are believed to help people to become calmer and United in spirit with God. He also presented and exercised some special techniques of laughing exercises.

Chief Guest Dr Udhamपुरi, recited Dogri Poems to entertain the inmates, which was appreciated by one and all.

S/Shri ksamyal, Advisor Confederation of Voluntary, Social and Charitable Organisations, Giat Nandan Jain, General Secretary J and K Gau Raksha Samiti, Pramod Jain, Devraj ji, Narendra Wadhwa, Rajesh Vaid, Mrs Renu Thapar and Anju Bansal decorated the event by their gracious presence.

## Indian Army Organised Drawing Competition At Pir Topa, Poonch



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POONCH, Jun 23: 'Drawing Competition under Kargil Vijay Diwas theme' was organised at PirTopa by Indian Army. The event was organised for students of Govt Middle School, Pir Topa. The Competition was organized for the age group between 06 to 15 years. The event highlighted the commitment and valour of the Indian Army for main-

taining peace. The aim was also to motivate the younger generation of this region to foster the spirit of nationalism. A total of twenty five students participated in the drawing competition. The event even encouraged students to strive for excellence, push their boundaries and continuously improve their creativity and passion for art. The event assisted the children to think out of the box,

explore respective creative potential and come up with unique ideas and concepts. This gesture and effort by the Indian Army was highly appreciated by the AWAM. This endeavour by the Army to reach out to the students residing in remote areas, where civil administration has limited accessibility, will go a long way in developing and strengthening trust between 'Jawan and AWAM'.

## BJP's Wanchoo criticizes Altaf Bukhari's Defense of Jailed Separatist: Calls Out Misguided Defense of Jailed Separatist Leader Engineer Rashid

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JAMMU, Jun 23: In a searing critique, Vice President of BJP Kashmir Displaced District, Chetan Wanchoo, lambasted Apni Party Chief Syed Altaf Bukhari for downplaying the gravity of the case against the incarcerated separatist leader, Engineer Rashid. Wanchoo asserted that Bukhari's comments lack substantive understanding and could mislead the public.

Wanchoo underscored that Engineer Rashid's arrest by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) stemmed from his direct involvement in receiving terror funds. He revealed that these funds were channeled from Pakistan, with its diplomatic missions aiding these malevolent activities. International terrorists, including Hafiz Saeed, were implicated in this funding, which Engineer Rashid received.

Highlighting Engineer Rashid's criminal history, Wanchoo recalled his 2005 arrest by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police under the Public Safety Act (PSA) for allegedly supporting militants, long before his political career began.

Wanchoo also reminded the public of the 2015 incident where Engineer Rashid was beaten inside the Assembly of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state by lawmakers after hosting a provocative beef party at Srinagar's MLA hostel. He emphasized that this act was not only offensive to a community's sentiments but also a deliberate attempt to intimidate the minority community in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a pointed rebuttal to Syed Altaf Bukhari's recent tweet (now referred to as a post on X) about the alleged stepmotherly treatment of Kashmir, Wanchoo highlighted the transformative developments under Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. He noted significant declines in terrorism and a substantial boost in tourism since the abrogation of Article 370. Wanchoo lamented that despite these positive changes, some leaders in Kashmir remain entrenched in outdated mindsets.

## Delegation of Krishna Nagar Mohalla Meets MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana to Address Critical Safety Concerns



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JAMMU, Jun 23: A delegation from Krishna Nagar Mohalla today met with Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, at his official residence to discuss an urgent issue impacting the safety and well-being of the residents of Krishna Nagar, Jammu. The delegation brought to his attention the deteriorating condition of a very old Sanitary Drainage Nullah, whose side walls are severely damaged and washed away. This critical infrastructure issue poses a significant threat to the lives and properties of the residents living nearby, especially with the impending monsoon season.

The members of the delegation highlighted that the compromised state of the Nullah's walls has created a perilous situation where the residential houses situated around it are at risk of sinking. The upcoming monsoon season could exacerbate this danger, potentially leading to disastrous consequences for the community.

Er. Gulam Ali Khatana gave a patient hearing to the concerns raised by the delegation, which included Advocate Pushvinder Singh, Dev Raj Verma, Surjeet Singh Chib, Tilak Raj Verma, Ajeet Kumar, Er. Vinod Saini, Balbir Kumar, Jang Kumar Chadda, Bhisham Singh, Jatinder Kour, Sheetal Takur, G S Thakur, Mahinder Kumar, Rakshit Kumar, Shiv Kumar, and several other notable residents of Krishna Nagar.

During the meeting, the delegation provided a detailed representation of the issue, including the potential hazards and the urgent need for remedial action. They emphasized the critical nature of the situation, given the upcoming monsoon season, which could further deteriorate the Nullah and endanger the lives of those residing in its vicinity.

In response, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana assured the delegation of his full support in addressing this pressing issue. He expressed his deep concern for the safety of the residents and acknowledged the urgency of the matter. Er. Khatana immediately forwarded the representation of the delegation to the Commissioner of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), requesting swift and decisive action to mitigate the risks posed by the dilapidated Nullah. "I understand the gravity of the situation and the potential danger it poses to the residents of Krishna Nagar," said Er. Khatana. "Ensuring the safety and well-being of the citizens is of utmost priority. I have forwarded the representation to the Commissioner, JMC, and will personally follow up to ensure that the necessary repairs and reinforcements are carried out promptly."

The delegation expressed their gratitude to Er. Gulam Ali Khatana for his prompt attention and assurance of support. They remain hopeful that with the intervention of the MP and the proactive measures from the JMC, the issue will be resolved at the earliest, thereby safeguarding the lives and properties of the residents of Krishna Nagar.

The community members have been advised to stay vigilant and report any further deterioration of the Nullah to the authorities immediately. The collaboration between the residents, the MP, and the JMC is expected to result in a timely and effective resolution to this critical issue.

## "Dagger Heritage Complex" show-cases Kashmir first "Laser, Light & Sound Show" with a mesmerizing narration of kashmir's rich history

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BARAMULLA, Jun 23 : To illustrate Kashmir's historical & cultural heritage along with the military valour that has ensured that J&K always remains the pride of India, a mesmerising Laser, Light and Sound Show has been conceived by the Indian Army's Chinari Corps, Dagger Division & it's Pir Panjal Brigade and supported by Punit Balan Group at Boniyar. This visually appealing and meticulously researched show, was inaugurated as part of the 'Dagger Heritage Complex' at Boniyar on 21 June 2024, by the Hon'ble Lt Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha, in the presence of GOC Chinari Corps, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, AVSM, SM\*\*\* & GOC Dagger Division, Maj Gen Rajesh Sethi, SM, VSM and Mr Punit Balan, Cmd Punit Balan group. This "first of its kind", Laser, Light & Sound Show is a treat to the visiting tourists & locals. The show



takes the audience on a nostalgic ride through centuries of documented history of Kashmir Valley, up to the present day's "Progressive Kashmir". This history is narrated by the ancient "Boniyar Temple", (constructed by the ancient Avantivarman rulers of Kashmir in the 12TH century AD), through the mesmerising voice of legendary Radio Kashmir broadcaster, Talha Jehangir.

The twenty-eight minutes of Laser, Light show features the Geological

as well as the mystic evolution of the Kashmir Valley, the "Heaven on Earth". The Valley of Kashmir, nestled between different ranges of the mighty Himalayas and drained by the River Jhelum, has attracted people of different ethnicities during the course of history, many of whom left an indelible imprint on its present-day image, in terms of a rich historical and cultural landscape. The audience is made aware about the different dynasties which

ruled Kashmir & played a role in the cultural & religious evolutions over the ages. The show also show-cases the valour & sacrifices of the Indian Army in ensuring that the constant evil designs of India's western adversary in fomenting trouble & unrest in Kashmir are always defeated. The show ends on an optimistic note, with hopes of a future filled with peace, harmonious co-existence and development, while retaining the rich cultural heritage.

A very well designed "Dagger Museum", showcasing the valour, sacrifices & social welfare initiatives of Indian Army in Kashmir, helps the visitors to grasp the efforts undertaken by Indian's Security Forces in ensuring the safety & freedom of Kashmir, as well as India.

The Laser, Light and Sound show has been possible with the support of Punit Balan Group. The concept and design was formulated by the Pir Panjal Brigade and given a shape in the form of the show by Creative Laser Systems, Bangalore. The popularity of the show promises an increasing footfall of local population and tourists in times to come. Widening of the Baramulla - Uri highway and construction of a railway line till Uri will facilitate better access to Boniyar, making it a sought-after destination and placing the town firmly on the Tourist Map of the Union Territory.

## Ashtothra Satha Kalashabhisekham and homam organized on Foundation Day of Tirupati Balaji temple on June 2

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JAMMU, Jun 23: Superintendent of Tirupati Balaji temple Subramanyam informed that on June 25, on the auspicious occasion of Shraavan Nakshatra, a Annual Festival program of Lord Venkatesh

will be organized. He said that he is very happy to inform that on this day a grand Ashtothra Satha Kalashabhisekham and homam will be organized in the temple premises. Also, after the Havan Yagna, langar will be distributed among the devotees. He said that Sahas-

tra Kalashbhisekham and Havan Yagna will start at 8.30 in the morning and will conclude at 12.30 in the afternoon. He said that through this temple we are able to see the culture of South India and this feeling is heavenly. He appealed to the people to participate



enthusiastically in the Sahasra Kalashbhisekham and Havan Yagna to be held in the temple and asked them to take the blessings of Lord Venkatesh.

Temple inspector Sai Krishna ji on this occasion also appealed to the administration to start a bus service for

the temple so that devotees can easily come to the temple and witness such a grand ceremony. He also stressed on starting Bharat Darshan bus service here so that tourists can also know about the temple.

## Diljit Dosanjh talks about how his hard work has finally paid off, as he and female lead Neeru Bajwa make a guest appearance to promote their upcoming film Jatt & Juliet 3

Jatt and Juliet were in town. Yes, you heard it right, actors Diljit Dosanjh and Neeru Bajwa for the promotions of their film Jatt & Juliet 3 held a press conference and we obliged. The busy schedule of actors didn't allow them to find time for a one-on-one interaction and we understood. In an event, attended by the star cast, involving Diljit Dosanjh, Neeru Bajwa, and Jasmine Bajwa and BN Sharma, everything just happened in a scripted manner.

It opens with veteran actor BN Sharma heaping praise on Diljit for staying connected to Waheguru and Punjab even when he has achieved worldwide acclaim. "There are very few actors who have maintained the 'pride' of turban while entering Bollywood. After Jaspal Bhatti, we have Diljit Dosanjh who is taking Punjab and Punjabiya wherever he travels."

More than the actors speaking for themselves, it was the host-cum-journalist of a Chandigarh-based electronic media who spoke for them. In half-an-hour stretched and scripted event, the actors collectively spoke for just 10 minutes!

True Punjabi

Diljit, who took time out from his on-going Dil-Luminati tour, says he keeps coming back to Punjab to re-energise. "I have promised to do one Punjabi film and an album each year. Baaki sab bachon, Punjab pehla e."

On the secret behind his success, Diljit says, "It's not overnight fame. You can never make it happen in one day. I have been in the industry for almost



22 years and have worked day and night to stand where I am today. This cost me a lot of things, I couldn't give my family much time. All those years of

hard work have now paid rich dividends, but I have more things planned. Just wait and watch!"  
Leading lady

In the film, Neeru plays a cop who is senior to Diljit in rank, but in real life she too is smitten by Diljit's international fame. After all, the singer-actor, during his Dil-Luminati tour recently, addressed Neeru Bajwa from stage during an ongoing concert at Vancouver, Canada, calling her, 'The Queen of Punjabi industry'. Apparently, the actress was moved to tears and so was her family! She shared, "My husband, Harry Jawandha, often shares his father's story, a first generation NRI of his family who faced a lot of racism. But then, when I went to Diljit's concert in Vancouver and saw foreigners grooving on his tunes, it moved me to tears. I had never expected such grandeur and that makes me proud."

Notably, Diljit started his acting career opposite Neeru Bajwa in 2011 with Jhne Mera Dil Luteya. Neeru added, "I remember my six-year-old girl waiting for Diljit to appear at The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon and later going to school and claiming, 'Punjabi aa gaye oye'. The impact that his success has on kids is huge. We never had such representation to look up to in Bollywood or worldwide, but a turbaned Sikh being hailed on foreign shores is a confidence that Punjabis need."

First steps

Jasmine Bajwa, who made her big screen debut against Diljit in Soorma, will also be seen in the film. "In such an initial stage of my career, if I am getting to be on the same shot as these legends, it's great going," Jasmine quipped.

## Helly Shah admits to taking a three-year acting break: I needed a breather



Helly Shah made her OTT debut recently with Gullak season 4. However, prior to that, the actor had been missing from the screens for three years with her last show being Ishq Mein Marjawan 2. Shah started acting in her teenage years and this has been the longest she has stayed away from screens. Ask her why, and she shares, "I had taken a conscious decision of not taking up a show as I had been working for so many years and I really needed that breather."

Taking this break wasn't easy for the 28-year-old as she says, "Mentally I was very strong and I had

convinced myself, but it was tough. You wonder if you are doing the right thing, you start questioning yourself. My mom would tell me why I don't pick up a show. Logon ko laga tha main kya bewakoofi kar rahi hun, and even you think what to do with this free time as there is a certain void you feel. But I needed to learn a lot and unlearn even more things. In these three years, I have explored most as a human being."

Ask her if this break caused any financial strain on her, Shah denies it, yet she adds, "When you do a show, you know a certain good amount of money

will come to you while doing it. Not having that security is difficult when you have worked for so many years without a break."

While she wasn't seen on screen, the actor admits that she was working through this time. She is now awaiting releases of all those projects, which also includes her film Kaya Palat that she had announced at Cannes Film Festival in 2022. Ask her about the delay in the film's release as the announcement was made two years ago and she says, "It was always an independent film made for festival rounds. The makers did take it to other festivals after Cannes, and hopefully, it should release this year."

This year, a huge debate arose around influencers making appearances at Cannes. Shah was one of the first TV actors from India to go to Cannes after Hina Khan. When asked about this change, she says, "Influencers do get a lot of engagement, but at some point, I also feel that the exclusivity of the festival has reduced a bit. Everybody is talented and deserves to go there, but somewhere a lot of people are going there now," she ends.

## Riteish Deshmukh's web series Pill announced

Actor Riteish Deshmukh will soon be seen headlining a new web series titled Pill. On Saturday, the makers unveiled the show's motion poster which gives the audience a glimpse of a 'whistle-blower's earnest fight against the dark and corrupt world of the pharmaceutical industry through a riveting tale of good versus evil'.

Pill is produced by Ronnie Screwvala's RSVP Movies and created by Raj Kumar Gupta. It will be out on JioCinema on July 12. In the coming months, Riteish will also be seen sharing screen space with Sonakshi Sinha and Saqib Saleem in Kakuda.



## With excellent cinematography and stunning visual effects, this seven-episode series is an impressive watch

Myths, fables, phantasmagoria, surrealism, sci-fi; all come together in this fablesque series as a fascinating whole, which is as much a sum of its parts as individually distinct in each story. Set in Jakarta in different time periods from 1985 to 2024, the seven-episode Netflix drama is an anthology of seven different stories bound together by a common thread.

The first two episodes delve into social inequality, which is a recurring leitmotif. The very first story, Old House, about ageing parents and their abandonment by the children, sets the tone of what to expect. The poignant tale of children leaving (or dumping) their old parents has an eerie stillness about it. The second episode is about a mythical child, possessing miraculous powers to make those who adopt him rich, overnight. He also has the demonic potential to usher in their doom.



Each episode takes you into a different world, which is as real as bizarre, as ordinary as extraordinary. A man, who can only see in black and white, has the power of hypnosis and will to control one's mind. The theme for another episode is domestic abuse. Poems and Pain, title of another episode, has a protagon-

ist who is a bestselling author fallen prey to her own passion to write about victim of domestic abuse. Yet another story relives the nostalgia of a man who works in a good old fashioned movie theatre, the kind that have become obsolete.

Indeed, everything about the series is rooted in the Indo-

nesian reality spread over 40 years. In Encounter, we have a fishing village of 1985 where fishermen face threat of eviction. There is a universal ring to what each story conveys. Angels, devils, monsters and the notion of good prevailing over evil. In that sense, you could call the series a tad simple. But there is nothing simple in its execution or treatment.

Storyteller Joko Anwar, who has written all the episodes, is an acclaimed auteur, who excels in the horror genre. Though being tipped as horror series, the goriness is reserved only for the last episode. Other episodes have a magical, supernatural quality to it. With excellent cinematography by Jaisal Tanjung and stunning visual effects by Abby Eldipie, it creates an unfamiliar realm but with emotions and characters that seem so authentic. Watch worthy for sure!

## 'I am responsible for what I speak': Annu Kapoor issues apology following Kangana Ranaut's response

In a recent development that has sparked considerable controversy, veteran actor Annu Kapoor found himself issuing an apology after remarks made during a press conference stirred a response from Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut.

Kapoor took to his social media platform X to extend an apology addressed directly to Ranaut, stating, 'Dear Sister Kangana, I am extracting some meaning from the answers to the questions posed by the media, so I thought I should clarify some facts.'

'Every woman is respectable and worthy to me, so I can never disrespect any woman,' he wrote adding, 'Not



knowing the system or laws of any country can lead to mistakes and punishment, but not knowing a particular person, place, or thing is not an error or a crime.' The apology came in the wake of Ranaut's reaction to Kapoor's earlier comments regard-

ing societal attitudes towards successful women.

The controversy began when Kapoor, during a press conference for his film 'Hamare Baarah,' initially expressed unfamiliarity with Kangana Ranaut's identity.

He was quoted saying,

'Yeh Kangana ji kaun hain? Please batao na kaun hain? Zaahir hai aap pooch rahe hain toh koi bahut badi heroine hongi? Sunder hain kya?' Later in the conference, Kapoor commented on perceptions towards successful women in society.

Kangana Ranaut, an actor-turned-politician, responded swiftly through her Instagram stories, sharing a clip of Kapoor's press conference.

She questioned, "Do you agree with Annu Kapoor ji that we tend to hate a successful woman, hate her more if she is beautiful and hate her even more passionately if she is powerful? Is it true?"

The backdrop to this controversy involves an alleged incident at Chandigarh airport on June 6, where Kangana Ranaut was reportedly slapped by a CISF woman constable while preparing to board a flight to Delhi for a meeting of the National Democratic Alliance.

## Rapper Honey Singh gives glimpse of salt, pepper look from upcoming 'Glory' album



Rapper Honey Singh, who is currently busy working on his album 'Glory' in London, surprised his fans on Saturday with a sneak peek of his salt and pepper look from one of his songs in the upcoming album.

Honey dropped a video of him enjoying a scenic view from a yacht.

'You guys are always excited about the leaked footage of my new videos. I thought this time I'll share a little glimpse of what I shot in London with bholenath's blessings. Hope u will like my salt n pepper look in first song of #glory #yoyohoneysingh @itsrdm @dopeboyleo @itejisandhu,' he captioned the Instagram post.

The short clip has left his fans extremely excited.

'Looks incredible! Keep up the good work,' a social media user commented. 'Wow...looks amazing,' another user wrote.

On May 31, the 'Love Dose' hit maker shared an update about his new album by unveiling a poster.

'They loved me They hated me but I never answered!! Now GLORY will answer everybody, here I present u my anticipated album full of my beats, my classic style, my nuskool style n everything I learned in these 20yrs amazingly written by my blood brother @dopeboyleo LEO GREWAL !! keep blessing Album coming very soon!! HAR HAR MAHADEV !! @rdmmedia @itsrdm,' he wrote.













## Shiv Sena raised the demand for renovation of ancient Hindu temples associated with Amarnath Yatra

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JAMMU, Jun 23: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has expressed deep concern over the pathetic condition of the ancient Mamlleshwar and Ganeshbal temples located near the main base camp of the grand Shri Amarnath Yatra in Pahalgam and has demanded immediate renovation of these Hindu revered places. A team of party leaders led by party state chief Manish Sahni recently visited Pahalgam and took stock of the Yatra arrangements on the ground. While addressing the media persons here today, Manish Sahni said that the condition of the famous ancient Hindu



temples associated with the grand annual Shri Amarnath Yatra remains pathetic. The 'Pehla darshan' of the Shri Amarnath Yatra, Shri Ganesh Temple of Ganeshbal has been reduced to just

a signboard and some Holy red stones. This temple was damaged by the floods in Kashmir in 2014. Despite the passage of a long period of ten years, its not being rebuilt is hurting the

religious sentiments of Hindus.

He said that according to mythology, Goddess Maa Parvati had bathed at the waterfall in the courtyard of the ancient Mamlleshwar temple and

asked Lord Ganesh to guard the entrance.

Angry at the fact that little Ganesh did not allow him entry, Lord Shiva beheaded Ganesh and later revived him at the request of Parvati. It is believed that there are traces of Shri Ganesh's blood on the revered stones.

For Hindus and tourists, this temple holds great importance as a symbol of faith. Sahni called for the immediate reconstruction of these revered places associated with the Amarnath Yatra and having religious significance for Hindus. On this occasion women's wing president Meenakshi Chhibber and general secretary Vikas Bakshi were also present.

## Natrang presents a Hindi play 'Lipstick Ki Muskaan'



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JAMMU, Jun 23: Natrang presented a new Hindi play 'Lipstick Ki Muskaan' written by Vishnu Prabhakar and directed by Neeraj Kant here today at Natrang Studio Theatre, Jammu under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'. Rita, a proponent of Western civilization—a mother of a young child is totally detached from this, she did all this. Depressed over the developments, Rakesh (Husband) falls ill. Rita instead of helping and supporting him, approaches the health service providers to take him from there terming that he is suffering from a contagious disease which requires complete isolation. On the other hand when Aya (Maid) comes to know that the poor child has been sent to an orphanage, she complains the same to the Police. The play

being brought up by their maid (Aaya) which is not acceptable to Rita. Rita intends to send her son to an orphanage and for that she looks for occasions to oust Aaya. Following this, Arya is thrown out and the child finds a place in an orphanage. Rita never wanted to shoulder any responsibility and to seek freedom from this, she did all this. Depressed over the developments, Rakesh (Husband) falls ill. Rita instead of helping and supporting him, approaches the health service providers to take him from there terming that he is suffering from a contagious disease which requires complete isolation. On the other hand when Aya (Maid) comes to know that the poor child has been sent to an orphanage, she complains the same to the Police. The play

beautifully portrays the decaying human values and relationships in the name of Westernisation and modernity. Rita is a very ambitious girl and like the western world she thinks that it is the responsibility of the state to bring up the child. But when life takes a turn, she realises that it's the mother who is responsible to bring up the child. The emotional vacuum forces her to realise the value and importance of the relationships. The artists who performed in the play included: Vrinda Gujral, Kushal Bhat, Payal Khanna, Sanna Devi, Lalita Sharma and Mehak Chib. Lights were designed and operated by Neeraj Kant. Priya Kashyap scored the music of the play and also did presentations and the show was coordinated by Brijesh Avtar Sharma.

## Skilling is only tool which can pull you up from poverty and give better opportunities: Er. Kuldeep S Bhatia



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JAMMU, Jun 23: Er. Kuldeep S Bhatia, Registrar of the JK Board of Technical Education, was invited as a special guest & resource person at the International Widows Day event held at Kallipoosh Foundation, GHARAPANA, Senior Citizen Care Home, Nardhani, Raipur, Bantalab-Kot Bhalwal Road, Near B-R Farms, Jammu, 181123 Jammu. The event aimed to address challenges faced & promote the prosperity and dignity of widows worldwide.

In his address, Er. K.S. Bhatia emphasized the significance of vocational and technical education in empowering widows with skills and enabling them to access better job opportunities.

During his speech, Registrar JKBOTE highlighted the transforma-

tive potential of skilling for widows. He stated that skilling is the only tool that can bring about positive changes in their lives. By acquiring relevant skills, widows can enhance their employability and explore various job options. Moreover, skilling opens doors for widows to establish their own ventures or startups, fostering entrepreneurship and self-reliance.

The focus on skilling widows aligns with the broader objective of International Widows Day, which aims to raise awareness about the challenges faced by widows and advocate for their rights. By emphasizing the importance of vocational and technical education, Er. K.S. Bhatia reaffirmed the commitment to empowering widows through practical and sustainable

means. Er. K.S. Bhatia acknowledged the support of the Department of Skill Development and the Women's Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) in facilitating the prosperity and dignity of widows. These organizations serve as valuable resources for widows, providing them with guidance, training, and mentorship in their pursuit of economic independence.

The event was attended by dignitaries, representatives from various sectors, and widows themselves. The presence of Er. K.S. Bhatia and his insightful remarks contributed to the collective effort to promote the prosperity and dignity of widows, ensuring they have access to meaningful opportunities for growth and self-sufficiency.

## Senior Citizen rejuvenation centre celebrate their foundation day

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JAMMU, Jun 23: Senior Citizen Rejuvenation Centre (SCRC) Trikuta Nagar Jammu celebrated its foundation day and Yoga Day cum Gaurav awards celebrations at the centre. Arun Gupta, President of the Chamber of Commerce Jammu, graced it as the chief guest along with BJP District President Jammu

eroging about the activities being carried out by the centre. They said that at least 20-30 members daily assembled in the centre for recreation, social service and spiritual awakening by way of recitation of Gayatri mantra, chanting of 'Om' and reading of Bhagwat Gita. Yoga sessions are also taken up periodically.

The program contained



South Rekha Mahajan as Guest of Honor, Baldev Raj Gupta, President of the Centre, Krishan Lal Gupta Patron, Tara Chand Taggar Secretary General, Vinod Gupta Cashier, and all other senior members, including M. L. Vaid, who was the stage secretary. The program was organized under the presidency of Baldev Raj Gupta. In front of SCRC members, the honorable guests were presented with a bouquet of flowers and a shawl. The chief guests congratulated the Council for organising this gala event.

SCRC members briefed the guests and the gath-

ing of the lamp by the dignitaries and Esha, Vandana cultural items of Bhajaj, and songs by senior members. The honorable members were Ashok Gupta chief patron, K.L Gupta patron, Narinder Gupta patron, SK Jain, and prominent others who attended the event. Then honoring the meritorious students of the area, including Trophies, followed by a speech by the chief guest and a vote of thanks by Taggar. The celebration concluded by jointly singing the National Anthem, followed by a light refreshment on a high note.

## A blood donation camp organised in Jammu East in memory of Dr Shayma Parshad Mukherjee



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JAMMU, Jun 23: Today Jammu East Constituency Citizen Forum organised a Blood Donation Camp under the Presidency and Leadership of Sh Parmod Khapai on Balidan Diwas of Dr Shayma Parshad Mukherjee at Trikuta Yatri Niwas Amphalla Jammu. The programme starts with paying Floral Tributes to Amar Dr.Shayma Parshad Mukherjee and also paying tributes after which a blood Donation was given in the memory of Dr Mukherjee.

27 number of Blood donors donates blood . The Stage was conducted by kuldeep Kandhari and Karan Singh Ji Sr Leader BJP Davinder Singh Rana, while paying tributes said that Dr Mookherjee sacrificed his life while agitating to end the permit system under which anyone leaving or entering the State had to obtain a permit, a practice which did not exist in any other state of the country. It was through the sacrific-

es of Dr.Mookherjee that Jammu and Kashmir is fully integrated with the rest of the country and it was considered as one of the great steps for the national interest, he said and added that Dr. Mookherjee never compromised on principles and questioned the provision of separate symbols for this state

Parmodh Khapai Distt President Jammu while paying tributes to the great ideologue, said that the foundations of BJP is laid on the vision of Dr. Mookherjee and Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay for the welfare of whole mankind. He said that the person like Mookherjee never think about their personal pleasures and work for a sustainable Universe for their whole lives.

Former Dy Mayor Baldev Singh Baloria Said the sacrifice made by the patriot for the integration of Jammu and Kashmir into the nation. He said that Mookherjee laid down his life opposing the two sets of laws for Jammu and Kashmir

and the rest of the country.

While speaking on the occasion Narayan Singh said we the Dogra will always be indebted to Dr Shayma parshad Mukherjee who gave his life for jammu and kashmir sovereignty to India. and Our Narinder Modi really paid the tributes to Dr Shayma parshad by Abolishing Article 370.

BJYM President Arundev Singh Jamwal said that a person like Mookherjee is scarce and his life serves as a source of inspiration for generations to come as far as the BJP is concerned Dr Mookherjee is a source of inspiration for the entire BJP cadre.

In this Programme Senior BJP Leader Narayan Singh, Parduman Singh, Ayodhya Gupta, Rajni Sethi, Venu Khanna, Y.V.Sharma,Surinder Singh Gilly, Sonnath Khajuria,

The vote of Thanks given by Smt Anu Rajesh Gupta and Sh Brijesh Gupta.

## Sant Kabir Jayanti celebrated with religious fervour in Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR, Jun, 23: Kabir Jayanti was celebrated under the leadership of President Ram Saran Bhagat by organizing a religious function in the Sant Kabir Sabha of the town on the occasion of Prakash Utsav of Sant Kabir. Thousands of people from the Bhagat community participated in the program, including women and children. During this, the congregation sang bhajans and praised the glory of Sant Kabir. SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat, DySP KD Bhagat, former MLA Rajiv Sharma, former MLA Neeraj Langleh, former MLA Dr Krishna, Parshottam Lal, Ashok Kumar, Mangal Das and others were present in



the program.

After the satsang, a grand shobha yatra was organized from Kabir Sabha with band music and drums, which passed through Nirdosh Chowk, Bus Stand, Radha Chowk and concluded

back at Kabir Sabha. In the procession, the tableau of Sant Kabir was the center of attraction for the spectators. Devotees were walking behind the tableau, chanting slogans in praise of Sant Kabir.

Pradhan Ram Saran Bhagat said that Sant Kabir made every person of the society aware of faith and inspired them to follow goodness and help the poor.

SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat threw light on the life of

Sant Kabir and underlined his contribution in eradicating social evils from the society. He said that the biggest contribution of Sant Kabir was in establishing a harmonious society based on social and economic justice. He said that it was Sant Kabir who envisioned a society in which every person and community would be treated equally. He said that the teachings of great saints and gurus like Sant Kabir Ji have played an important role in the development of Indian society, which has the unique feature of composite culture. He called upon the people to imbibe such spiritual teachings to fight the challenges of today's era of confusion and chaos.