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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 a killed in the ongoing anti-infiltration operation in Uri along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kash-

mir's Baramulla district. In a post on X, Army's Chinar 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

### **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

(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

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



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

term as the fourth straight one in the lower house. Earlier, he was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1989, 1991, 1996 and 1999.

On Monday, President Droupadi Murmu will administer the oath to Mahtab as the protem Speaker of the Lok Sabha at the Rashtrapati

Mahtab will then reach Parliament House and call the Lok Sabha to order at 11 am.

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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-yearold 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 complaint 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 emer-

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

said.

gency was declared," she

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 Samarth (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 of Jammu and Kashmir Police's 16th Basic Recruit Training Course (BRTC) batch at Subsidiary Police Training Centre in Reasi district.

"Terrorism is breathing its last breath and this has made our neighbour, exporter of terror, desper-

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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

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 core of BJP philosophy: Rana

SHIMLA, Jun 23 (Agenearthquake 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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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 inclusive 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,

He referred to various path breaking initiatives taken during the past over a decade by PM Modi led NDA government for upliftment of all segments of the society, especially weaker and marginalised sections. This is imperaheld on the auspicious tive for promoting harmooccasion of Shri Kabir ny and strengthening the

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### Social justice, inclusive growth remains '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 discrep-

ancies. 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

NADA suspends

Bajrang again,

of charge

wrestler.

serves him notice

New Delhi, Jun 23

(Agencies): The Nation-

al Anti-Doping Agency

on Sunday suspend-

ed Bajrang Punia for

a second time, three

weeks after ADDP had

revoked his suspen-

sion on the grounds that

NADA had not issued a

'notice of charge' to the

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 Sonepat on

March 10. World Govern-

ing body UWW had also

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

Swinging to action.

NADA on Sunday served

the notice to the wrestler.

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suspended him.

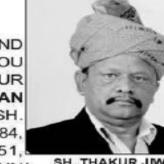
of charge.

Narendra Modi. Turn to page 9



### **10TH DAY OM SHANTI OM**

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM YOU OF THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SH. THAKUR JIWAN SINGH CHARAK, S/O LT. SH. CHAJJU RAM, R/O H.NO. 84, SECTOR 2, WARD NO. 51, MOHALLA PAROLI, CHANNI



SH. THAKUR JIWAN SINGH CHARAK (1961-2024)

Shri Chaman Lal Koul

(Waffa)

TENTH DAY SHALL BE PERFORMED AT HOME (WEDNESDAY) ON JUNE 26, 2024, AT 11:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN CHARAK FAMILY

CHANNI HIMMAT

HIMMAT, JAMMU.

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### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

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. 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 & Anjana Koul Shri and Smt Sameer & Rozey 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 Javaharlal Koul and Shama Koul- Brother and Bhabhi

Shri and Smt. Chunilai Koul & Nirmala Koul- Brother and Bhabhi GRAND CHILDREN: Hiti Bhan, Ansh Bhan, Aryan, 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

### SATSANG & ARDAS

ਤੁਝ ਹੀ ਕੀਆ ਜੰਮਣ ਮਰਣਾ॥ ਗੁਰ ਤੇ ਸਮਝ ਕਿਆ ਡਰਣਾ ॥

O God, it is You who has created the process of birth and death. One, who comes to know the truth from the Guru there remains nothing for that one to be afraid of.

You are requested to join us in SATSANG and ARDAS congregation to be held as per the programme given below in remembrance of Late. S. BRIJN ANDAN SINGH BALI Sio Late S. MUTWAL SINGH BALI R/O Ushkara Baramulia # H. No. 18, Sector B, Sainik Colony, Jammu, who left to heavenly a bode on 26-05-2024.

24-06-2024 (Monday) 1630 hrs to 1800 hrs (4:30 PM to 6 PM) at Gurdwara Singh Sabha Sainik Colony, Jammu.

IN PROFOUND GRIEF

Sdn. Nameder Kour (Wife) S. Rajinderjit Singh Ball & Schil. Pujinder Kour (Se nand Daughter-In-law) Manmeet Singh Bai & Sahi. Sanjeet Kour (Sen and Daughter in law)

Beant Singh Ball (Brother)

Or. Feja Singh Ball & Sdni. Fushpinder Kour (Brother and Sister-in-Law)

Sdn. Mahinder Kour Wie Late S. Janek Singh Ball (Sister-in-law) S. Harkessel Singh, S. Neel Karsval Singh, S. Gurdeep Singh. Sons of Late S. Ancop Singh & Late Sdni. Jeet Kour (Sister)

S. Kamaljit Singh: & Mrs. Manneet Kour (Children of Late S. Hodhar Singh: (Brother): & Late Soni Upkar Kour)

Bhai, Critar Singh & Sdni Aagya Kour (Brethe r-in-law and Sister-in-law) Tanika Bali, Gautavdeep Singh Bali, Prathmeel Singh Bali, (Grand Children)

### **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.



LATE. S. BRUNANDAN SINGH

Smt. Sheela Bhat

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 26th June 2024 at Lakhmipur, Kurali-

Ropar Road at 8:30 am. Assembly will be held at our residence

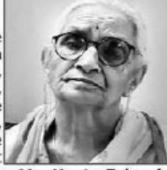
House No. 102, Sector 45A, Chandigarh.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Bhat Parivar # 9888369961

# **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 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 Mrs Kanta Zalpuri Flats, Ludhiana.

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.

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) Sapra and Vijay Upadhaya- (Sister and Brother-in-Law) (M) 9906500511 and 9419151194



ANOOP KUMAR PADHA (Retd. Accounts Officer)

### TENTH DAY AND KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Shri Sudars han Kumar Narula S/o Late Shri Ramdas 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 perormed on 24th of June 2024 (Monday) at Ram Mandir Shastrinagar Jammu from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt Kanchan Narula -Wife

Smt Priyanka and Sh. Anii Narula -Daughter in law and Son

Smt Reena and Sh. Rajneesh Khorana -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: 9469099222, 9419140408, 7889580644

### 10TH DAY/ KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Raj Dularie Suri W/o Late Sh. Janki Nath Suri, Resident of 827, Pamposh Colony, Natipora, Srinagar, Kashmir, A/P House No: 338, Lane No: 4, Lakkar Mandi, Old Janipur, Jammu,

TENTH DAY will be performed on 25th June 2024 (Tuesday) at Muthi Smt. Raj Dularie Suri Ghat near Directorate of School

Education, Muthi, Jammu at 8.30 am.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Subash Chander Suri & Princy Suri (Son & Daughter-in-Law) Sahil Suri (Grandson)

Samast Suri & Mantoo Parivar

Mob: 9419240407, 9697140407, 7006872727

### 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.

GRIEF STRICKEN Husband : Sh. Rattan Lal Bhat Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law Sh. Hiralal & Sushmaii Son & Daughter in law Ashok & Sarla

Daughter & Son in law Nancy & Shibanji Razdan Aparna & Kuldeep Koul Aruna & Paras Madan

Ajay & Poonam



Shri Sudarshan

Kumar Narula

Smt Veena ji Bhat

**Grand Children** 

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

### **OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief & so now we regret to inform the sad demise of our mother Smt. Prabha Raina W/o late Shri Radha Kirahn Raine of Jawahar nagar, Srinegar and presently at 16-A, Bhawani Nagar, Janipur Jammu has left for her heavenly abode on 16th June 2024 at Jammu.

OTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 25th Jun (Tuesday) at Muthi Ghat at 8:00 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Daughter & Son-in-law Shashi & Late Sh. Kavi Rattan Daughter-in-law & Son Suneeta & Virender Raina Grand Daughter & Son-in-law

Jharna & Himanshoo Marsi Rattan - Grand Daughter

Dheeraj & Dr. Suhasini- Grand Son-in-law & Grand Daughter Great Grand Children: Ishita, Aryaman, Manya, Ashmit, Shivaansh 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.

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 Dati Palace, Muthi Morh Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt.Ram Payari (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, Suvida, Akshat, Rijul, Shuban, Manya.



Smt. Prabha Raina

Sh. Jagdev Raj Sharma

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

### OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that sad demise of our beloved Mother Karmyogi Smt Piyari Bhat Wo Lt Shr Mohan Lai Bhat Rio Katroosa Kulgam at present C-501, Poinee Park, Sector 61, Gurugtam, who left her eternal journey o

TENTH DAY shall be performed on June 27 at Ganga Ghat o Chotta Hardwar Mused Nagar, Gaziabad at 8:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN

(Son in law & Daughter in law) Sh Dieep Kumar Bhat & Sheetu Bhat (Son in law & Daughter in law) Sh Raj Kumar Bhat& Sheetal Bhat Daughter and Son in law Smt Baby ji & Sh M, K. Bhan Smt Princy j & Sh Sanjay Koul Smt Dazy ji & Sh Swran Razdan

Smt Chand Rani Wio Lt Sh Kashi Nath Pandita Smt Shanta ji Wo Lt Brij Nath Pandita Smt. Kishni ji Wo Bansi Lai Pandita



Smt Shama il Wo Lt Jagar Nath Youl (Sister 9891538832, 9419206680, 9086563249, 8847053952

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER LATE OMKAR NATH RAINA (BOBA JI) S/O LATE DEV LAL RAINA OF WALARHAMA PAHALGAM. A/P H. NO 25 SEC6, JAWALAJI COLONY GANGYAL, JAMMU ON 17TH

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

BROTHERS & BHABIS:-SHIBAN KRISHAN RAINA & SANTOSH RAINA RAVI JI RAINA & PRIMLA RAINA SHRAWAN KUMAR RAINA & LALITA RAINA

PHOOLA PANDITA W/O LATE P N PANDITA

CONTACT NO: 9086563249, 9419143154, 9419121841, 9419173752

LATE OMKAR NATH RAINA

### 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, origi-

Dhar S/o Late Sh. Sarwanand Dhar, originally R/o Yorekhosipora Qazigund, Kashmir, left for heavenly abode at Ahmedabad Gujarat on 17.06.2024.

Mourning will be observed at B-32(A) Bharat Nagar, Bantalab 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 GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Ranjni Dhar (Wife)
Kapil Dhar (Son)
(Daughter and Son-in law)
Smt. Meanskhi and Sh. Inder Kumar Kandroo
Smt. Roopa Ji Koul (Sister)
Sh. Omkar 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)
Grandson: Master Hilesh Kandroo.
Contact numbers: 9622342383, 9589102801, 8454044604 and 9665525744.

### **ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Shri Vijay Ahuja S/o Late Sh. M.L. Ahuja R/o H.No. 20, Sector-7, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu-Tawi, J&K.

Nagar, Jammu-Tawi, J&K.
Programme: Antim Ardas on 24-0
(Monday) from 5.00 PM to 6.00 PM at Gur
Bala Pritam, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Seema Ahuja - Wife
Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Rajat & Charlotte Ahuja
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Rinky & Sanjay Shan
Brothers & Sisters-in-law
Sh. Anil & Meena Ahuja Brothers & Sisters-in-law Sh. Anil & Meena Ahuja Sh. Ashok & Neelam Ahuja Sister & Brother-in-law Smt. Sushma & Amar Gulati Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law

Smt. Deepali & Anil Khullar

Smt. Hemu & Ashish Jaggi



Grand Children: Tara & Ryan Contact No: 9419186311, 9419107663, 9419187509

### 10TH DAY/KRIYA

Vith profound grief and sorrow, we regret inform the sad and untimely demise of ou beloved Sh. Prithvi Raj Vaid (Retired from Jammu University) S/o Late Sh. Devi Saran Vaid R/o 681-A, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode

15th June, 2024 (Saturday).

Tenth Day will be performed on 24th June, 2024 (Monday) at 11.00 AM at Shree Lakshmi Narayan Mandir (Back Side)
Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Kriya will be performed on 25th June, 2024

SH. PRITHVI RAJ VAID

(Perford from Jammu)

(Tuesday) at our resience at 12 Noon. GRIEF STRICKEN Kiran Vaid - **Wife** Rashmi and Pankul Vaid **- Daughter-in-law & Son** 

### aitee Vaid - Daughter

Jagriti, Gauri & Shranaya - Grand Daughters Vaid Family, Bakshi Family, Mangotra Family Mobile: 9796025462, 7006152475, 7006148496 OBITUARY AND TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND DEEP SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMIT, PHOOLA RAINA, OF KHAYAR NANTHANG PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 82/A BUTA NACAR ENCLAVE (SHIV TEMPLE LANE) JAMMU

IZZIA BUTA NACAR ENCLAVE (SHIV TEMPLE LANE) JAMMU ON 16TH JUNE 2024
THE TENTH DAY KRIVA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 25/002/2024 AT MUTH GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMUAT 8:30 AM GRIEF STRICKEN
SH. CHAMAN LAL RAINA (HUSBAND)
SISTERS IN LAW
SMT SHAYMA JI PANDITA
SMT. CHOON GANICO
BROTHERS IN LAW & SISTERS IN LAW
SH. MOTI LAL RAINA AND SMT. GEETA RAINA
SH. SHAOL LAL RAINA AND SMT. BITA RAINA
DAUGHTERS AND SONS IN LAW
SMT. DOLLY KOUL & SH. RAIMESH JI KOUL SMT. DOLLY KOUL & SH. RAMESHJI KOUL SMT ANJLEE KOUL AND SH. SANJAY KOUL

SMT BABITA & SH SHAILESH JI SMT HMANSHI RAINA & SHAKHIL BHAT



GRAND CHILDREN NIKHLI KOUL, HARDIK KOUL, AASHRAY KOUL, KIAAN RAINA, KAASHNI RAINA CONTACT DETAILS: 9796483263.

### SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN LAW SH. NITISH RAINA & SMT, RASHI RAINA SH. HITESH RAINA & SMT, PREETI PANDITI TENTH DAY With profound grief & sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt**

Swarn Kanta Win Lt Sh. Om Parksh Gupta R/o Ram Vihar Opp Vishal Mega Mart Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 15-06-2024. Tenth Day shall be performed on 24-06-2024 at Mahajan Hall Shalamar

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# **BJP pays glowing tributes to Dr Shyama Prasad Mookherjee**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: Jammu & Kashmir, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) paid glowing tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee by organizing various programmes across Jammu & Kashmir to commemorate the Balidan Diwas of Dr Shyama Prasad Mookherjee.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by party general secretaries Adv Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal paid tributes to the great ideologue on his statue and then portrait at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar,

Former MLC Ashok Khajuria, BJP secretary Ayodhya Gupta, Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta, Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra,



Library Incharge Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra, District President Rekha Mahajan, All Cell Co-Incharge Ved Sharma, Shailja Gupta, Subhash Gupta, Dil Bahadur Jamwal, Ajay Gupta and other party leaders also paid tributes on occasion. Ravinder Raina, 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 sacrifices 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.

Vibodh Gupta 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.

Dr. Devinder Manyal, who conducted the proceedings of the programme recalled 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.

Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra narrated the important events of life and laid thrust on various ideological insights put forth by Dr Mookherjee.

Rekha Mahajan thanked all, who participated in the tribute programme.

## KDPW of DPAP appeals Govt. of India to avoid human violence with Kashmiri Displaced people

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: In a joint statement issued by the Kashmiri Displaced People Wing of Democratic Progressive Azad Party through it's President Shri Sanjay Dhar has appealed the Govt.of India to treat the Kashmiri Displaced Hindus as A class citizens of India in general and of J&K U.T.especially hailing to Kashmir but have been ignored of the Constitutional rights especially since 2014 uptodate, which is attributed to Human Rights Violations with it's most patriot citizens having an thousands years history of being original Hindus

The Leaders have expressed grave concern regarding two visits of Prime Minister to J&K before elections and recently after elections, whose goodself has ignored the sufferings of Kashmiri Displaced Hindus, as no any mention regarding our displaced Community has touched his tounge except all other Communities The Leaders have

of Kashmir.

expressed their dismay not to announce any employment for our displaced people Youth

announced 2000 jobs .The Leaders have seriously expressed that the Supereme Govt. Head of India remained forgotten our displaced Community since 2014 as instead of providing healing touch-

es to our sufferings, only feeling touches remained created since 2014 by adding usual miseries through it's Beraucracy on our Community, as a soul for survival in exile is being paid Rs.108/- per

appealed the Govt.of India now to shun all practised step-motherly behaviour with displaced Community by working out a concrete resettlement, Rehabilitation Policy for Rehabilitation our displaced Community back in Valley Birth Places, with providing of all Constitutional employment, providing of schemes, compensation of lost/gutted properties, removal of illegal encroachments of land, land ofTe mple s, Shrines, Creamation grounds but all in consultation with stake Holders

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The Leaders have appealed for restoration of STATEHOOD.

of exodus sufferers post

with reservation of five Assembly seats in State Assembly on Election basis, with reservation of reasonable percentage of Employment, Local Body, Panchayat and

Municipalities of Valley. The Leaders have requested the Kashmiri Displaced People especially languishing in Camps to unite for fighting to restore our Constitutional Rights and to save our Community from further Human Rights Violation.

The Leaders have requested the All Political Parties of India, J&K Civil Society of Kashmir to lodge a rescue policy for Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Displaced Hindus living in exile since last thirty four vears at the mercy of AllMIGHTY, as the Govt. of India has to be awakened from a 34 years slumber to deshoulder the sufferings of genocidal exodus being TRUE Patriots of India.

The Leaders have appealed the President of India as well as to the Supreme Court of India to intervene into the matter of resettlement of exiled kashmiri Hindu Community back in Valley as the 34 years exilement has now became intolerant leading to total Human Rights Violation.

# **Modi Govt to fulfill** guarantees of popular Govt, statehood soon: Dr. Parneesh

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convenor Department of Training, BJP J&K, said that restoration of normalcy, popular government and statehood to J&K are the part and parcel of guarantees given by the central dispensation led by PM Narendra Modi and no power on earth can stop these guarantees from becoming a reality.

In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP leader said that assurance by the Prime Minister Modi from the bank of Dal Lake in Srinagar, on the occasion of International Yoga Day about holding Assembly polls in J&K and restoring statehood sooner than later is the testimony to the fact that every promise made by him in context with J&K will become true very soon.

Dr Parneesh said that it was PM Modi's resolve and strong will power that peace is now prevailing in Kashmir and the people in record numbers have participated in the Lok Sabha polls, considered to be the biggest festival of democracy. He said that the only thing which the

BJP government under the realms of PM Modi expects from the people is their trust and confidence because the rest of the job is the responsibility of those sitting at

The senior BJP leader said people should repose faith in PM Modi and wait for some more time to change the course of life in J&K with people getting offers and opportunities to thrive and have a good fortune unlike the earlier dispensations' regimes which gave only despair and desolation.

"People by now have gauged the proficiency of Modi Government as peace has returned in Valley and development is of highest class with unprecedented avenues calling one and all to move out for exciting prospects and prosperity", he said, asking the residents of the UT to avail all bounties with pride and dignity as the Modi Government is their own government and shall leave no stone unturned to ensure that every resident gets his or her due rights and opportunities to live a dignified life with pride and delight.

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**Assembly elections': Abrol** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: The educated vouth of J&K is frustrated and hopeless as majority of them are getting overaged; and special employment packages should be extended to them by central govt, said Provincial Joint Secretary Ankush Abrol.

He added that the business community of J&K has also suffered adversely and it has pinned high hopes on J&K National Conference for mitigation of their sufferings.

Ankush Abrol was addressing a meeting organized by Dr Vikas Sharma, Zonal Secretary & Co-ordinator Jammu District (Urban), JKNC. Abrol was the chief guest on the occasion.

While speaking on the occasion, Ankush Abrol urged upon the youth to get ready for playing a vital role to bring change. He said that the present scenario of J&K

has pushed the youth towards depression and anxiety as they are worried about their future presently looming in darkness

"The people of J&K were promised that they will get jobs, development, peace, prosperity and many other things after the abrogation of J&K's special status, but nothing happened on the ground and people are running from pillars to post to get their things done", Ankush lamented.

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- 1. Only female candidates can apply.
- The candidate must be the domicile of the village where approved school is located.
- Candidate must belong to BPL category.
- Candidate must be physically and mentally fit to carryout job. Minimum qualification of candidate is 8th class Passes and in case no candidate is available in
- village the candidate with lesser qualification will be considered. 6. Preference shall be given to the candidate from BPL category in the below mentioned order of Priority.
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  - b. Divorced
  - c. Orphan d. Any candidate among the poorest of poor in the village.
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- 10. Medical/Fitness Certificate
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## Why India slow to host Pope; Jairam-Khera feud to the fore

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

rime Minister Narendra Modi's recent meet-▲ ing 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 centrestage 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

¬he problem of unemployment is becoming a big L 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 nontechnical 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

**Top News Report** 

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 Mukher-

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, Paramjeet, 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.

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



Top News Report

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

Top News Report

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 step-motherly 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.

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

Top News Report

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 Chinar 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 Chinar Corps, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, AVSM, SM\*\*\* & GOC Dagger Division, Maj Gen Raiesh 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 Avantiwarman 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 dif-

ferent 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

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.

# 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 Udhampuri 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

by 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

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 Udhampuri, recited Dogri Poems to entertain the inmates, which was appreciated by one and all.

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

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



Top News Report

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 consequenc-

es 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.

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.

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

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 23: Superintendent of Tirupati Balaji temple Subramanyam informed that on June 25, on the auspicious occasion of Shravan 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 Kalashbhishek 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 Sahastra Kalashbhishek 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

# 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 Dosanjhwho is taking Punjab and Punjabiyat 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

sab bachon, Punjab pehlan 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

promised to do one Punjabi film

and an album each year. Baaki



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 Jihne 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

# 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

Riteish Actor 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 'whistleblower'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 protago-

nist 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? Sundar 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

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.

# **Amit Shah chairs high-level meeting to review** flood preparedness

NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday reviewed the preparedness to deal with floods that affect various parts of the country during the mon-

Every year, large areas of Bihar, Assam and other eastern states are inundated due to a rise in the water level of various rivers due to monsoon

"The home minister chaired a high-level meeting here and reviewed overall preparedness for flood management in the country," a home ministry official said.

Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and a few other states also encounter landslides and other rain-related issues



Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Jammu and Kashmir have also seen floods in recent years.

Union Minister of Jal Shakti C R Paatil, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, Secretaries of Ministries and Departments of Home, Water Resources, River Development, Earth Sciences, Environment, Road Transport, Chairman,

Railway Board, officials of the NDMA among others attended the meeting.

Currently, several districts of Assam are facing floods with over 1.17 lakh people in 10 districts hit by the deluge.

The flood waters have inundated 968 villages in 27 revenue circles in these districts, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said in a post on X.

The authorities are presently running 134 relief camps and 94 relief distribution centres, where a total of 17,661 people are taking shelter, he said.

The death toll in this year's flood, landslides and storm in the state has reached 37, while one person is missing, officials said.

### Would call it murder': BJP slams DMK, Congress over Kallakurichi hooch tragedy



NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): The BJP on Sunday launched a scathing on strongly condemned the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) government over the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy that claimed the life of over 53 people.

Speaking to the media, party MP Sambit Patra said, "Today we are here to discuss news from Tamil Nadu, it is about a hooch tragedy, illicit liquor from Kallakurchi, a district of Tamil Nadu...When I came to

hold this press confer-

ence and was checking the figures, the number of dead was 56. More than 56 people

have died and many of them are critical, still about 200 people are admitted to the hospital. This is such an important issue and I am surprised that Mallikarjun Kharge, Privanka Gandhi Vadra, Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi, DMK and all the people of the INDIA alliance are silent on this issue. If more than 32 Dalits are killed in this country, I would call it a murder, this is not death."

# Haryana govt has closed all gates of barrage that releases water to Delhi: Atishi

NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): Delhi Water Minister Atishi on Sunday said the Haryana government had closed all gates of Hathnikund Barrage that is used to release water for Delhi, and added that she would continue her indefinite hunger strike over it.

Atishi's indefinite hunger strike to demand water for Delhi, which is under the grip of a severe water crisis and scorching heat, entered the third day.

In a video message on X, she said, "I have been on a hunger strike to get Delhi's share of water. The Haryana government is releasing 100 MGD water less which is depriving nearly 28 lakh people of Delhi of water. Some journalists have said that the Hathnikund



Barrage is full of water but the Haryana government has shut all gates to stop that water from reaching the national capital.'

The minister urged the Haryana government to release water for Delhi.

"My hunger strike will continue till Delhi gets its rightful share of water," she added.

Delhi is dependent

on Uttar Pradesh and Haryana for the supply of drinking water.

The Aam Aadmi Party has claimed that of the 1,005 MGD of water supplied to Delhi daily, the city should get 613 MGD from Haryana. But the national capital is getting less than 513 MGD water from Haryana, the party has

# ISRO completes its Reusable Launch Vehicle technology demonstrations through LEX trio

BENGALURU, Jun 23 (Agencies): Space agency ISRO on Sunday said it had achieved a third consecutive success in the Reusable Launch Vehicle Landing Experiment by demonstrating the autonomous landing capability of the launch vehicle under more challenging conditions.

This mission simulated the approach and landing interface and high-speed landing conditions for a vehicle returning from space, reaffirming the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) expertise in acquiring the most critical technologies required for the development of a Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV), the space agency said.

The third and final test in the series of Landing Experiment (LEX-03)



was conducted at 7.10 am at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) in Chitradurga, Karnataka.

Following the success of the RLV LEX-01 and LEX-02 missions. ISRO in a release said RLV LEX-03 re-demonstrated the autonomous landing capability of the RLV under more chal-

lenging release conditions (cross range of 500 m against 150 m for LEX-02) and more

severe wind conditions. The winged vehicle, named 'Pushpak', was released from an Indian Air Force Chinook Helicopter at an altitude of 4.5 km "from a release point 4.5 km away from the runway. Pushpak autonomously executed cross-range correction manoeuvres, approached the runway and performed a precise horizontal landing at the runway centreline," it said.

Due to this vehicle's low lift-to-drag ratio aerodynamic configuration, the landing velocity exceeded 320 kmph, compared to 260 kmph for a commercial aircraft and 280 kmph for a typical fighter aircraft, it added.

ISRO said that after touchdown, the vehicle velocity was reduced to nearly 100 kmph using its brake parachute, after which the landing gear brakes were employed for deceleration and stop on the runway.

During this ground roll phase, Pushpak utilises its rudder and nose wheel steering system to autonomously maintain a stable and precise ground roll along the runway, it said.

According to the space agency, this mission simulated the approach and landing interface and high-speed landing conditions for a vehicle returning from space, reaffirming ISRO's expertise in acquiring the most critical technologies required for the development of a Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV).

Through this mission, the advanced guidance algorithm catering to longitudinal and lateral plane error corrections, which is essential for the future Orbital Re-entry Mission, has been validated, the space agency

### JD(S) MLC Suraj Revanna arrested for alleged sexual abuse of party worker; case handed over to CID

claimed.

HASSAN (KARNATAKA), Jun 23 (Agencies): JD(S) MLC Surai Revanna -- the brother of former MP Prajwal Revanna who is facing allegations of sexually abusing several women -- was arrested on Sunday on charges of "unnatural offences", police sources said.

He was booked on Saturday for allegedly sexually abusing a party worker a few days ago and has been booked under different sections of the IPC, including "unnatural offences".

Suraj was questioned at CEN police station here overnight, before he was arrested, sources said.

A 27-year-old man had complained to the police that Surai Revanna, the eldest son of Holenarasipura MLA HD Revanna, sexually abused him at his farmhouse in Ghannikada on June 16.

Based on the complaint, the Holenarasipura police registered a case against the JD(S) MLC under IPC sections 377

(unnatural offences), 342 (wrongful confinement) and 506 (criminal intimidation) on Saturday evening.

However, Suraj Revanna (37), the grandson of former prime minister HD Deve Gowda and the nephew of Union minister HD Kumaraswamy, has categorically refuted the charge. Suraj has also alleged that the man had filed a false complaint against him in a bid to extort Rs 5 crore from him.

On Friday, police registered a case of extortion against the JD(S) worker on a complaint by Suraj Revanna's close aide Shivakumar.

Shivakumar had alleged that the party worker was trying to extort money from Suraj Revanna by threatening to lodge a false case of sexual assault against him.

It has been alleged that while the man demanded Rs 5 crore from Suraj Revanna, later it was reduced to Rs 2 crore.

Suraj's brother and former



Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna is in police custody for allegedly sexually assaulting several women and was arrested upon his return from Germany last month.

Prajwal, who lost from Hassan Lok Sabha seat, was arrested on May 31 soon after returning from Germany where he was holed up after rape and intimidation cases were registered against him.

Their father HD Revanna and mother Bhavani are out on bail. They have been accused of kidnapping and keeping an alleged victim of their son Prajwal's sexual assaults.

The case against Suraj Revanna has been handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for probe, Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara said on Sunday.

"The case registered in Hassan district's Holenarasipura Rural Police Station under sections 377, 342, 506, 34 IPC is transferred to CID for further investigation with immediate effect. The case file should be handed over to CID for further investigation, forthwith," a message from the office of the Director General and Inspector General of Police to Director General of Police CID and Superintendent

of Police, Hassan, said. The Superintendent of Police, Hassan district is directed to send the case file with concerned IO (Investigation Officer) to hand over personally to the Investigation Officer in CID, it

## **Under-Construction Bridge** Collapses In Bihar, Third **One This Week**

MOTIHARI, Jun 23 (Agencies): An underconstruction small bridge collapsed in East Champaran district on Sunday in third such incident in Bihar in less than a week, officials said.

No casualty was reported in the incident that happened in Ghorasahan block in Motihari, they said.

The 16-metre-long bridge was being built over a canal by the state's Rural Works Department (RWD) to connect Amwa village to other areas of the block. It was being built at a cost of 1.5 crore, they added.

"The exact cause of the incident is not yet

Madhya Pradesh Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya's aide shot

known. It is a serious matter and a departmental inquiry has been ordered. Strict action will be taken against those found guilty," Additional Chief Secretary of RWD Dipak Kumar Singh told agency.

"Senior officers of the district administration have reached the spot. A detailed report is awaited," he said.

District Magistrate Saurabh Jorwal said the exact cause of the incident was being ascertained.

"There are reports that a section of locals initially objected to the construction of certain pillars of the bridge. Police are also looking into this matter," he told

On Saturday, a small bridge collapsed in Siwan district. It was built over a canal, connecting the villages of Daraunda and Maharajganj blocks.

Prior to that, on Tuesday, a newly constructed bridge, about 180 metres long, had collapsed in the Araria district.

The state has been witness to several mishaps involving bridges, large and small, constructed over rivers and other water bodies. Though such incidents have not resulted in casualties, these have led to questions being raised on the quality of public works.

### Tamil Nadu man arrested for making hoax bomb threat to Mumbai-bound **Indigo Airlines flight**

CHENNAI, Jun 23 (Agencies): A 27-year-old man hailing from Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur district has been arrested for making a hoax bomb threat to a Mumbai-bound Indigo Airlines flight recently, the police said.

V Prasanna of Thiruvaiyaru was picked by a team of officials from the Cyber Crime Police Station of Central Crime Branch, an official release said. He had made the hoax threat to the Customer Service Centre of the airline here through a chat on June 18,



claiming a bomb had been placed in a Chennai-Mumbai flight.

A complaint was later registered with the cyber-crime wing.

The man was later remanded to judicial custody, the release added.

### dead in Indore BHOPAL, Jun 23 (Agencies): Monu Kalyane, a local BJP

leader and aide to Madhya Pradesh Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya, was shot dead in the early hours of Sunday in Indore, police said.

Kalyane, who served as the city vice president of BJP's Yuva Morcha, was known for his close ties to Vijayvargiya and his son, former MLA Akash Vijayvargiya.

According to preliminary investigation, he was shot by



two individuals, Piyush and Arjun, who were reportedly motivated by an old enmity. Both lived in Kalyane's neighbourhood, police said. The accused are currently absconding, and a search operation is

Speaking to reporters, Kailash Vijayvargiya expressed his grief at Kalyane's death and said strict action will be taken against the culprits.

Eyewitnesses reported that Kalyane was approached by the two men on a bike while he was putting up banners and posters for a saffron vehicle rally in the city's Chimanbagh area.

The duo asked for his phone number, and as Kalyane took out his mobile, one of them pulled out a pistol and shot him in the chest before fleeing the scene. Kalyane was rushed to the hospital by his friends, where he was declared dead by the doctors. The area where the murder took place has been cordoned off, with a heavy police presence deployed outside Kalyane's residence.

Kalyane was known for organising grand programmes in his area, which were often attended by senior BJP leaders and other prominent figures.

# Marcos says Philippines won't be intimidated amid China row

In previous confrontations Chinese forces have used water cannon and military-grade lasers and collided with Filipino resupply vessels and their escorts.

MANILA, Jun 23 (Agencies): President Ferdinand Marcos said Sunday the Philippines "will not be intimidated" by anyone after a violent clash between the Filipino navy and the Chinese coast guard in the South China Sea.

The confrontation took place Monday off Second Thomas Shoal as the Chinese sailors foiled an attempt by Philippine forces to resupply marines stationed on a derelict warship that was deliberately grounded atop the disputed shoal in 1999 to assert Manila's territorial claims.

It was the latest and most serious incident in a series of escalating confrontations between Chinese and Philippine ships in recent months as Beijing steps up efforts to push its claims to nearly all of the strategically located waterway.

"We will never be intimidated or oppressed by anyone," Marcos said in a speech during a visit to the headquarters of the Philippines' South China Sea forces on Palawan island,



accusing the Chinese coast

guard sailors of wielding

knives, sticks and an axe and

stealing or damaging their

equipment, including guns and

Beijing insisted its coast

guard behaved in a "profes-

sional and restrained" way and

In previous confrontations

Chinese forces have used

water cannon and military-

grade lasers and collided with

Filipino resupply vessels and

blamed Manila for the clash.

inflatable boats.

the closest major landmass to the shoal.

Marcos awarded medals to 80 sailors who took part in the resupply mission, urging them to "continue to fulfil your duty of defending the nation" even as he said the situation has become "dangerous".

Second Thomas Shoal lies about 200 kilometres (120 miles) from Palawan and more than 1,000 kilometres from China's nearest major landmass, Hainan island.

A Filipino sailor lost a thumb

their escorts.

"We have never, never in the history of the Philippines, yielded to any foreign power," Marcos said to applause, while pledging to "continue to exercise our freedoms and rights in support of our national interest, in accordance with international law".

"Our calm and peaceful disposition should not be mistaken for acquiescence."

The confrontation is fuelling growing concern that the dispute could drag in the United States, which has a mutual defence pact with Manila.

The Philippine government said this week that it does not consider Monday's clash as an "armed attack" that would trigger a provision in the treaty for Washington to come to Manila's aid.

However, Manila says it was also concerned Chinese forces would launch a similar attempt to dislodge a small Filipino military garrison on Second Thomas Shoal.

### Aerial drone likely launched by Yemen's Houthi rebels hits ship in the Red Sea

DUBAI, Jun 23 (Agencies): An aerial drone likely launched by Yemen's Houthi rebels struck and damaged a vessel in the Red Sea on Sunday, officials said, the latest attack by the group targeting the vital maritime corridor.

The attack comes as the U.S. has sent the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower back home after an eight-month deployment that saw it lead the American response to the Houthi assaults. Those attacks have seen shipping drastically drop through the route crucial to Asian, Middle East and European markets in a campaign the Houthis say will continue as long as the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip rages

The drone attack happened around dawn off the coast of the rebel-held port city of Hodeida, the British military's United King-

dom Maritime Trade Operations center said. It said the vessel sustained damage but its mariners on board "were reported safe." It did not elaborate on the extent of the damage, but said an investigation was ongoing.

The private security firm Ambrey identified the ship involved as a Liberia-flagged container ship bound for Qingdao, China.

The Houthis did not immediately claim the attack. However, it can take the rebels hours or even days to acknowledge their assaults.

The Houthis have launched more than 60 attacks targeting specific vessels and fired off other missiles and drones in their campaign that has killed a total of four sailors. They have seized one vessel and sunk two since November. A U.S.-led airstrike campaign has targeted the

Houthis since January, with a series of strikes May 30 killing at least 16 people and wounding 42 others, the rebels say.

The Houthis have maintained that their attacks target ships linked to Israel, the United States or Britain. However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the Israel-Hamas war — including those bound for the Houthis' main benefactor, Iran.

The Eisenhower, based in Norfolk, Virginia, is returning home after an over eightmonth deployment in combat that the Navy says is its most intense since World War II. The San Diego-based USS Theodore Roosevelt will take the Eisenhower's place after a scheduled exercise in the Indo-Pacific, said Pentagon press secretary Mai. Gen. Pat Ryder.

### Imran Khan's party reiterates demand for CEC's resignation over alleged poll rigging in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Jun 23 (Agencies): Jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan's party on Sunday reiterated its demand for Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja's immediate resignation for failing to hold "free and fair" elections and protested against the "injustices" being committed against the party, according to media reports.

Leaders of 71-year-old Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, along with other National Assembly members, led a protest rally from the Parliament to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on the Constitution Avenue here.

Led by Leader of Opposition and party leader Omar Ayub, the protesters demanded the resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Raja and election commission members for alleged poll rigging.

The controversial February 8 general elections in Pakistan were marred with massive rigging allegations.

During the rally, Ayub called for the immediate resignation of CEC Raja and other members of the ECP, alleging that the only job of the election commission was to conduct clean and transparent polls, but it failed to fulfil its constitutional duty, The News International newspaper reported.

The protesters were stopped from reaching the electoral body's central office, as large contingents of security personnel were deployed outside the ECP building, the report said.

Slogans were also chanted for the release of party founder and cricketer-turned-politician Khan.

Khan has been incarcerated in the high-security Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi since September last year. He was shifted to this prison from the District Jail Attock, where he had been lodged after his arrest on August 5, 2023, following his conviction in the Toshakhana case. Addressing the rally, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Khan said, "The doors of courts have been closed on opposition leaders; our women are in jail, and history will remember them." He said that it was a matter of regret that all the parliamentarians were coming out on the streets and protesting for the release of PTI founder Khan, the report said.

"Today, we have come out against this injustice. Our voice is not being heard in this House (Parliament). Whatever we said in the House, our voice was silenced. We want the women's release. This is a clear violation of human rights," he said.

Addressing the protesters, the party's central leader, Asad Qaiser, said, "On May 9, we were targeted on the pretext that we are not negotiating with anyone. Our voice is not heard in parliament, which amounts to our gross abuse."

After the controversial general elections, the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and Pakistan Peoples Party formed a coalition government after intense negotiations following a fractured poll verdict.

# Over 1,000 pilgrims died during this year's Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia, officials say

CAIRO, Jun 23 (Agencies): More than 1,000 people died during this year's Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia as the faithful faced extreme high temperatures at Islamic holy sites in the desert kingdom, officials said Sunday.

More than half of the fatalities were people from Egypt, according to two officials in Cairo, where authorities said they had revoked the licenses of 16 travel agencies that helped unauthorized pilgrims travel to Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia has not commented on the deaths during the pilgrimage, which is required of every able Muslim once in their life.

The Egyptian government announced the death of 31 authorized pilgrims due to chronic diseases during this year's Hajj, but didn't offer an official tally for other pilgrims.

However, a Cabinet official said that at least 630 other pilgrims

who traveled to Saudi Arabia on visit visas, with most of the dead at the morgue of the Emergency Complex in Mecca's Al-Muaisem neighborhood. Confirming the tally, an Egyptian diplomat said most of the dead have been buried in Saudi Arabia.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief journalists.

In its statement, the government said the 16 travel agencies failed to provide adequate services for pilgrims. It said these agencies illegally facilitated the travel of pilgrims to Saudi Arabia using visas that don't allow holders to travel to Mecca.

The government also said officials from the companies have been referred to the public prosecutor for investigations.

The fatalities also included 165 pilgrims from Indonesia, 98 from India and dozens more

from Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Malaysia, according to an Associated Press tally. Two U.S. pilgrims were also reported dead.

The agency could not independently confirm the causes of death. However, some countries like Jordan and Tunisia blamed the soaring heat.

Deaths are not uncommon at the Hajj, which has seen at times over 2 million people travel to Saudi Arabia for a five-day pilgrimage. The pilgrimage's history has also seen deadly stampedes and epidemics.

But this year's tally

was unusually high, suggesting exceptional circumstances.
A 2015 stampede in Mina during the hajj killed over 2,400 pilgrims, the deadliest incident ever to strike the pilgrimage, accord-

ing to an agency count.

Saudi Arabia has never

acknowledged the full

toll of the stampede.

lapse at Mecca's Grand Mosque, which preceded the Mina disaster that same year, killed 111 people. The second-deadliest

A separate crane col-

incident at the hajj was a 1990 stampede that killed 1,426 people.

During this year's

Hajj period, daily high temperatures ranged between 46 degrees Celsius (117 degrees Fahrenheit) and 49 degrees Celsius (120 degrees Fahrenheit) in Mecca and sacred sites in and around the city, according to the Saudi National Center for Meteorology. Some people fainted while trying to perform the symbolic stoning of the devil. The Hajj, one of the five pillars of Islam, is one of the world's largest religious gatherings. More than 1.83 million Muslims performed the Hajj in 2024, including more than 1.6 million from 22 countries, and around 222,000 Saudi citizens and residents,

according to the Saudi Hajj authorities.

Saudi Arabia has spent billions of dollars on crowd control and safety measures for those attending the annual five-day pilgrimage, but the sheer number of participants makes ensuring their safety difficult.

Climate change could make the risk even greater. A 2019 study by experts at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found that even if the world succeeds in mitigating the worst effects of climate change, the Hajj would be held in temperatures exceeding an "extreme danger threshold" from 2047 to 2052, and from 2079 to 2086.

Islam follows a lunar calendar, so the Hajj falls around 11 days earlier each year. By 2029, the Hajj will occur in April, and in the next several years after that it will fall in the winter, when temperatures are milder.

# Thousands of Iran-backed fighters offer to join Hezbollah in its fight against Israel BEIRUT, Jun 23 (Agencies): conflict, helping tip the balance in Iran-backed fighters from around Forces, Afghanistan's Fatimiyoun, stan, Pakistan" into Lebanon and U.N. peacekeeping force

BEIRUT, Jun 23 (Agencies): Thousands of fighters from Iranbacked groups in the Middle East are ready to come to Lebanon to join with the militant Hezbollah group in its battle with Israel if the simmering conflict escalates into a full-blown war, officials with Iranbacked factions and analysts say.

Almost daily exchanges of fire have occurred along Lebanon's frontier with northern Israel since fighters from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip staged a bloody assault on southern Israel in early October that set off a war in Gaza.

The situation to the north worsened this month after an Israeli airstrike killed a senior Hezbollah military commander in southern Lebanon. Hezbollah retaliated by firing hundreds of rockets and explosive drones into northern

Israeli officials have threatened a military offensive in Lebanon if there is no negotiated end to push Hezbollah away from the border.

Over the past decade, Iranbacked fighters from Lebanon, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan fought together in Syria's 13-year favor of Syrian President Bashar Assad. Officials from Iran-backed groups say they could also join together again against Israel.

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said in a speech Wednesday that militant leaders from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and other countries have previously offered to send tens of thousands of fighters to help Hezbollah, but he said the group already has more than 100,000 fighters.

"We told them, thank you, but we are overwhelmed by the numbers we have," Nasrallah said.

Nasrallah said the battle in its current form is using only a portion of Hezbollah's manpower, an apparent reference to the specialized fighters who fire missiles and dropes

But that could change in the event of an all-out war. Nasrallah hinted at that possibility in a speech in 2017 in which he said fighters from Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan and Pakistan "will be partners" of such a war

partners" of such a war.

Officials from Lebanese and Iraqi groups backed by Iran say

Iran-backed fighters from around the region will join in if war erupts on the the Lebanon-Israel border. Thousands of such fighters are already deployed in Syria and could easily slip through the porous and unmarked border.

Some of the groups have already staged attacks on Israel and its allies since the Israel-Hamas war started Oct. 7. The groups from the so-called "axis of resistance" say they are using a "unity of arenas strategy" and they will only stop fighting when Israel ends its offensive in Gaza against their ally, Hamas.

"We will be (fighting) shoulder to shoulder with Hezbollah" if an all-out war breaks out, one official with an Iran-backed group in Iraq told news agency in Baghdad, insisting on speaking anonymously to discuss military matters. He refused to give further details.

The official, along with another from Iraq, said some advisers from Iraq are already in Lebanon.

An official with a Lebanese Iran-backed group, also insisting on anonymity, said fighters from Iraq's Popular Mobilization Forces, Afghanistan's Fatimiyoun, Pakistan Zeinabiyoun and the Iran-backed rebel group in Yemen known as Houthis could come to Lebanon to take part in a war.

Qassim Qassir, an expert on Hezbollah, agreed the current fighting is mostly based on high technology such as firing missiles and does not need a large number of fighters. But if a war broke out and lasted for a long period, Hezbollah might need support from outside Lebanon, he said.

"Hinting to this matter could be (a message) that these are cards that could be used," he said.

Israel is also aware of the possible influx of foreign fighters.

Eran Etzion, former head of policy planning for the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said at a panel discussion hosted by the Washington-based Middle East Institute on Thursday that he sees "a high probability" of a "multi-front war"

He said there could be intervention by the Houthis and Iraqi militias and a "massive flow of jihadists from (places) including Afghani-

into Syrian areas bordering Israel. Daniel Hagari, Israel's military spokesman, said in a televised statement this past week that since Hezbollah started its attacks on Israel on Oct. 8, it has fired more than 5,000 rockets, anti-tank missiles and drones toward Israel.

"Hezbollah's increasing aggression is bringing us to the brink of what could be a wider escalation, one that could have devastating consequences for Lebanon and the entire region," Hagari said. "Israel will continue fighting against Iran's axis of evil on all fronts."

Hezbollah officials have said they don't want an all-out war with Israel but if it happens they are ready.

"We have taken a decision that any expansion, no matter how limited it is, will be faced with an expansion that deters such a move and inflicts heavy Israeli losses," Hezbollah's deputy leader, Naim Kassem, said in a speech this past

The U.N. special coordinator for Lebanon, Jeanine Hennis-Plass-chaert, and the commander of the

U.N. peacekeeping force deployed along Lebanon's southern border, Lt. Gen. Aroldo Lázaro, said in a joint statement that "the danger of miscalculation leading to a sudden and wider conflict is very real."

The last large-scale conflict between Israel and Hezbollah occurred in the summer of 2006, when the two fought a 34-day war that killed about 1,200 people in Lebanon and 140 in Israel.

Since the latest run of clashes began, more than 400 people have been killed in Lebanon, the vast majority of them fighters but including 70 civilians and noncombatants. On the Israeli side, 16 soldiers and 11 civilians have been killed. Tens of thousands have been displaced on both sides

of the border.

Qassir, the analyst, said that if foreign fighters did join in, it would help them that they fought together in Syria in the past.

"There is a common military language between the forces of axis of resistance and this is very important in fighting a joint battle," he said.

# Purnima pays floral tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee on his death anniversary

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir and former Deputy Mayor of Jammu, today paid floral tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee on his death anniversary The event was marked with solemn respect as she highlighted the significant contributions of Dr. Mukherjee towards the Party, the country, and particularly Jammu & Kashmir.

In her address, the senior BJP leader spoke about Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's enduring

legacy, emphasizing his dedication and unwavering commitment to national integrity and unity. She remarked, "Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee was a visionary leader whose tireless efforts have significantly shaped the political and social fabric of our nation. His relentless fight for the full integration of Jammu & Kashmir into the Indian Union stands as a cornerstone of our history. It is our duty to remember and honor his immense sacrifices and to continue his mission for a united and strong India."

The senior BJP leader further highlighted how Dr. Mukherjee's principles and actions laid the

nation, inspiring generations to come. She urged everyone to draw inspiration from his life, ensuring that his vision of a cohesive and powerful India is realized. This, she concluded, is the true tribute to his unparalleled contributions.

The event also featured a special initiative in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's #Ek\_Ped\_ Maa Ke Naam campaign. Under the guidance of BJP National President Dr. J.P. Nadda, Advocate Purnima Sharma along with party workers today distributed saplings among the people in the

to promote environmental conservation, which is a fundamental aspect of Indian culture.

Purnima

Sharma

expressed her gratitude for being part of this noble cause, stating, "It was a privilege to distribute saplings in the Jammu East constituency under the #Ek\_Ped\_Maa\_Ke\_ Naam campaign initiated by our esteemed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. By planting trees, we are not only paying tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee but also contributing to the preservation of our envi-

She appealed to the

constituency to make this campaign a great success by plant more and more trees. "Protecting nature is an integral part of our culture, and together, we can make our planet greener and healthier,' she added.

The programme concluded with a collective pledge by the participants to uphold Dr. Mukherjee's ideals and continue working towards the betterment of society.

Among those who were present include Ward President Chaman Lal, Ram Lubhaya ji, Hari Om Sharma ji, Anil Dutta ji, Sunil Prajapati ji and Brij Gupta ji.

### **Music World Celebrates 1st World Santoor Day**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: The music world came together to celebrate the inaugural World Santoor Day in New Delhi on Saturday evening. The Sopori Academy of Music and Performing Arts (SaMaPa), founded by the late Santoor legend Pandit Bhajan Sopori, chose June 22 for this celebration, collaborating with artists, music lovers, and various cultural organizations worldwide.

SaMaPa organized a musical evening at Triveni Kala Sangam, featuring performances by prominent Santoor player Pandit Abhay Rustum Sopori and Padmashri Pandit Satish Vyas. The event included a diverse line-up of Indian classical, Kashmiri Sufiana, Iranian, Chinese, and Argentinian artists. June 22 also marks the birth anniversary of late Pandit Bhajan Sopori (1948-2022), known as the 'Saint of Santoor' and the 'King of Strings. The 'World Santoor Day' pays tribute to his lifelong contributions.

The evening began with an introduction to the program and tributes to Pandit Bhajan Sopori. The performances started with Ustad Shabir Saaznawaz's Kashmiri Sufiyana Mausiki, followed by Maestro Siamak Aghaei's classical Santur rendition from Iran. Next, disciples of Pandit Bhajan Sopori performed on the occasion. Dr. Mi Xuanye from China presented Raga Kirwani, accompanied by Dr. Zhuang Jing on Tabla, while Guido Estrada from Argentina playing Raga Charukeshi, accompanied by Demian Acierno on Tabla. These performances were showcased via online projector.

Live performances for the evening began with Divyansh Srivastava, a

Sopori and Pandit Abhay Sopori. He presented Raga Kaushik Dhwani. Divyansh presented Alaap, Jod and Gats in 8 ½ beats and Teentaal in the style of Sopori Baaj of Pandit Bhajan Sopori and Dhrupad Ang in Jugalbandi with Pakhawaj. He was accompanied by Uiit Uday on Tabla and Rishi Shankar Upadhyay on Pakhawaj.

Pandit Abhay Rustum Sopori presented the nuances of Tantra and Gayaki in the style of Sopori Baaj. He presented traditional Bandish and Tarana in Raag Jog in his well-known style and singing together with the instrumental rendition including Alaap, Vilambit Gat in Jhaptaal, Madhyalaya Bandish, and concluded his performance with an Ati Drut Gat in Teentaal. Ustad Akram Khan accompanied him on Tabla.

The first World Santoor Day program concluded with country's renowned and senior Santoor maestro Padmashri Satish Vyas, who was accompanied on Tabla by Pandit Ram Kumar Mishra. He presented Raag Rageshwari. He presented Alaan followed by three compositions in Vilambit, Madhyalaya and Drut Teen-

taal. Pandit Abhay Rustum Sopori, remarked, "There couldn't be a better event than 'World Santoor Day to pay tribute to a legend like Pandit Bhajan Sopori. This day will promote greater appreciation and understanding of the Santoor and its cultural philosophy. Papa's contribution to the Santoor is immense, and this day will honour his legacy. This day shall not only honour Indian Santoor. but also the resembling instruments in various music cultures around the world like Santur in Iran, Santouri in Greece, Yanggin in China, Hammered Dulcimer in America. Cimbalom or Hackbrett in Europe, etc."

Prof. Aparna Sopori, Chairperson SaMaPa, highlighted the day's significance, stating, "World Santoor Day will spotlight the rich heritage and historical significance and legacy of the Santoor, the Shatatantri Veena. on global stage, which is more than 5000 years old, emphasizing its deep roots in the Kashmir Shaivism culture.'

"Pandit Bhajan Sopori ji was a complete institution in himself. He used his Santoor and music to highlight the concept of oneness and foster unity enshrining the idea of national integration, humanism and peace amongst the common man and the youth in particular for which he was hailed as a 'Saint Musician', the 'Saint of Santoor' and the 'King of Strings', said eminent musicologist Pt. Ravindra Misra

Celebrating the first edition, some of the greats and of the music world along with writers and historians shared their tributes and wishes through video messages like legendary composer AR Rahman, eminent musicians like Kailash Kher, Anup Jalota, Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Vidushi Sumitra Guha, Ustad Akram Khan and Ustad Rafiuddin Sabri, and eminent TV personality and director-Producer Siddharth Kak, Writer Dr. Agni Shekhar, Historian Utpal Kaul and others. Many well-known musicians graced with occasion of the 1st World Santoor Day like Pt. Rajinder Prasanna, Pt. Chetan Joshi, Pt. Bholanath Mishra, Ustad Asghar Hussain, Ustad Saeed Zafar Khan, Pt. Ajay P Jha, Pt. Ajay Prasanna, and others.

# Ensure every facility to Amarnath yatries: Bhalla to admn

Jammu East constitu-

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: Former Minister and JKPCC Working President, Raman Bhalla today urged the administration to ensure smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Yatra Bhalla stressed the need for all concerned agencies to enforce sustained close watch and maintain effective co-ordination to ensure the smooth conduct of the forthcoming Yatra. This was stated by former Minister while interacting with Amarnath yatries to review facilities for them. Bhalla said that Government must ensure all possible facilities to Shri Amarnath yatris arriving J&K from various states and abroad. He emphasized on all the involved agencies and departments to maintain very close co-ordination to ensure an incident free Yatra.

The former Minister demanded all the line departments to work in tandem to ensure that the visiting Amarnath pilgrims get all basic facilities. He also demanded that the PHE Department should make available drinking water facilities in sufficient quantity to the yatries at Yatri Niwas besides installing water supply posts from Canal head to Yatri Niwas for the convenience of the pilgrims. Bhalla urged for

regular market inspections to keep a check on overcharging by traders, transporters, besides quality of food and eatables at hotels, restaurants and roadside vendors.

The Congress leader asked Power Development Department (PDD) to gear up men and machinery for providing regular power supply at Yatri Niwas and other city areas. He stressed for adequate arrangements for medicare facilities at Yatri Niwas. He also made a strong appeal to Govt of India as well as Govt of J&K not to impose any type of tax on Amarnath Yatris. He said that Shri Amarnath Shrine Board must cancel any tax on the Yatris travelling to holy cave via Helicopter and toll tax on vehicles entering the State via Lakhanpur border Bhalla reviewed the essential services delivery scenario in Jammu and its peripheries, besides the arrangements made by the administration to ensure smooth conduct of ensuing Amarnath Yatra. Hitting out at the Centre and UT administration for failure to control, Bhalla expressed grave concern over the sudden spurt in terror activities engulfing the entire Jammu province, during the past three weeks and blamed Modi govt of playing politics by misleading the entire nation regarding the ground situa-

tion falsely claiming total normalcy. He asked the Govt to ensure an atmosphere of safety and security and create conducive situations for holding assembly elections as per

ronment."

schedule fixed by Supreme Court. Bhalla today said that tourism has been well recognized as an industry and as such it will have to be managed accordingly. If it is properly managed, it has vast potential of employment both directly and indirectly. It is not only the valley of Kashmir alone, which fascinates the tourists/visitors, but the whole of Jammu region, has a tremendous scope of religious tourism provided greater attention is given to it. There is lot of scope of religious tourism in Jammu region and greater attention should be given to it. Development of Parks, picnic spots, creation of wayside facilities and landscaping also require to be taken up on a large scale by the development authorities wherever it becomes necessary

Bhalla said all religions and religious preachers stand for love, amity and selfless service but their teachings are alarmingly falling silent in the din of hate and greed To eschew these tendencies, there is immense need of generating awareness about the unity and diversity as professed by religious

scholars and sages from time to time, he maintained. He said that best way of celebrating the occasion is to take a pledge to follow teachings of Great saints in letter and spirit and work for building a society based on the natural principles of social justice, equality, com-

passion, love and togetherness. Former Minister while pointing to the lack of proper development of Jammu said that the BJP Govt failed to expedite the developmental issues of the pilgrim places and time bound completion of various infrastructural works so that the devotees coming to pay their obeisance get the requisite facilities.He regretted that the major development projects of Jammu including Artificial Tawi Lake and Barrage Project, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Project, Jumboo Zoo Project, Cable Car Project, Jammu Smart City Project, Development of Tawi Banks on Sabarmati pattern, New Medical Colleges, AIIMS Project etc. had failed to make any headway. Reminding further the BJP leaders of its tall sloganeering of development of Tawi River on Sabarmati pattern, he regretted the deplorable plight of 'Suryaputri' which had been converted into a garbage bin causing water pollution of serious magnitude.

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

In BJP rule, students are not forced to 'study' to make their career but are forced to 'fight' with the government to save their "Now it is clear — Modi, who used to silently watch the spectacle every time, is completely helpless in front of the paper leak racket and education mafia. Narendra Modi's incompetent government is the biggest threat to the future of students — we must save the

The Ministry of Health, as per a release, decided to undertake a thorough assessment of the robustness of processes of the NEET-PG examination, conducted by National Board of Examination every year. "Fresh date of this examination will be noti-

While the decision, affecting approximately 2 lakh students, is being heavily criticised by NEET PG aspirants, the Opposition INDIA bloc leaders have too begun to target the

'Education mafia has infiltrated our educa-

"For students to get Justice, Modi Govt must be held accountable. Now, NEET-PG Exam has been postponed. 4 examinations have been either cancelled/postponed in the past 10 days. Paper Leaks, Corruption, Irregularities and Education Mafia has infiltrated our Education system. This belated whitewashing exercise is of NO consequence as countless youth continue to suffer!" he wrote

He also came down heavily on the Union government after it removed Subodh Kumar Singh as NTA chief and put him on "compulsory wait" in the Department of Personnel and Training amid cancellation of NEET

"In the NEET Scam, the buck stops at the doorstep of the top echelons of the Modi Govt. Shuffling the bureaucrats is no solution to the endemic problem in the Education system rotted by the BJP. NTA was projected to be an autonomous body, but in reality was made to serve the devious interests of the

The Union government also announced that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) will also investigate the irregularities alleged in the conduct of NEET-UG. This decision came after the Centre received a report from the Bihar government's Economic Offences Unit (EOU) Saturday stating that its probe "clearly suggests a paper leak" for NEET-UG.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), underlining that the NEET-UG question paper was "leaked" while the NEET-PG, UGC-NET and CSIR-NET exams were "cancelled," she wrote, "The political stubbornness and arrogance of handing over the country's education and the future of the children to greedy and sycophantic incompetent people has made paper leaks, cancellation of exams, disappearance of education from campuses and political hooliganism the identity of our

"The situation has become such that the BJP government cannot conduct even an examination in a fair manner. Today, the BJP government has become the single biggest hurdle in front of the future of the youth. The capable youth of the country are wasting their precious time and energy in fighting the corruption of the BJP and the helpless Modi ji is just watching the spectacle," she continued

education system.

'Govt playing with the lives and future of children': NCP (SP)

The Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-SP) claimed that postponement of the NEET-PG entrance exam is a "failure" of the Centre, accusing the government of playing with the lives and the future of aspirants, news agency.

"Due to the inability to do their job, the government is playing with the lives and future of children," NCP (SP) national spokesperson Clyde Crasto stated in a release on Saturday. Stating that the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan cannot absolve himself from the failure in doing his duty, the party demanded his resignation over the "mess and malpractices" in the examination process, according to the PTI report.

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

"This serves as a formal notice that you are being charged with the violation of Article 2.3 of the National Anti-Doping Rules, 2021 and now you are provisionally suspended," said NADA's communication to Bajrang.

Bajrang has time till July 11 to request for a hearing or accept the charge

The elite wrestler has maintained that he never refused to give sample but only demanded to know NADA's response to his email where he sought answer why expired kits were sent to take his samples in Decem-

NADA also explained the reason for its action.

"Chaperone/DCO had duly approached you and informed you that you were required to provide a urine sample for dope analysis pur-

poses. "Even after several requests made by the DCO, you had refused to provide your urine

sample on the ground that you would not provide the sample unless NADA replies to your email regarding the issue of expired kits, which were used by the concerned DCO who had come to collect the sample of the athlete for the dope test about two months ago. Following your refusal to submit to sample collection, the DCO of NADA had also explained to you in detail, about its consequences and outcomes under the NADR, 2021.

"Despite all the efforts made by the DCO. you had refused to submit for the sample collection.

NADA made it clear that of Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) is upheld. It will seek "disqualification of results in the event during which the ADRV occurred, commission of the ADRV with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

The NADA may, at their discretion, also elect to recover from Bajrang the financial costs associated with the ADRV and or impose a fine as provided in the NADR, 2021.

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

Home-Animal Husbandry, 6 lakh each for Energy and Cooperation, 5 lakhs each for Housing Development, Defence, and Technical Education, and 3 lakhs each for Labour and Transport departments.

Under the campaign, saplings will be planted in all 18 state divisions and targets have been fixed for the same. Lucknow division has been given the target of planting the maximum number of saplings. Four crore saplings will be planted in the Lucknow division. 3.13 crores in Kanpur division. 2.76 crores in Chitrakoot, 2.58 crores in Jhansi, 2.27 crores in Mirzapur, 2.20 crores in Ayodhya, 1.95 crores in Devipatan, 1.89 crores in Prayagraj, 1.87 crores in Bareilly, 1.78 crores in Varanasi, 1.76 crores in Moradabad, 1.74 crores in Agra, 1.43 crores in Gorakhpur, 1.34 crores in Azamgarh, 1.20 crores in Aligarh, 1.14 crores in Meerut division, 1.08 crores in Basti and 88 lakh in Saharanpur division.

There will also be geo-tagging of plantation sites. The Forest Department will plant 12.60 crore saplings in the divisions, and other departments will plant around 22.40 crore saplings.

The Yogi government has directed officials to plant trees statewide to turn Uttar Pradesh green. Trees will planted on forest land, village panchayat and community land, around expressways and canals, on land owned by development authorities and industrial complexes, on defence and railway land, on medical and educational institution grounds, on other government properties, on private farmland with farmers' cooperation, and by citizens, on their private premises.

### row over appointment of Mahtab as pro-tem speaker set to cast its shadow The proceedings will begin with members observing a moment of silence on the occasion of the first sitting of the 18th Lok Sabha.

**Lok Sabha session from Monday.** 

This will be followed by Lok Sabha Secretary General Utpal Kumar Singh placing on the table of the House the list of the members elected to the lower house

Mahtab will then call upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Leader of the Lok Sabha, to take oath as member of the House.

The pro-tem speaker will then administer oath to the panel of chairpersons appointed by the President to assist him in carrying out the proceedings of the House till the election of the Speaker on June 26.

After the panel of chairpersons, the protem speaker will administer the oath/affirmation as Lok Sabha members to the Council of Ministers. The members from states, in alphabetical order, will take oath or make affirmation over the next two days.

The election to the post of Lok Sabha Speaker will take place on Wednesday and the prime minister will introduce his council of ministers to the House soon after.

The President is scheduled to address the joint sitting of both houses of Parliament on June 27. The debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address will begin on June 28. The prime minister is expected to respond to the debate on July 2 or 3.

Both the Houses are expected to go into a brief recess and re-assemble on July 22 for the presentation of the Union Budget

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

He did not share any information with his parents as he was scared. He was apprehended and handed over to his parents,"

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

The recent terror acts are a sign of our enemy's desperation," he added in an apparent reference to Pakistan.

The Lieutenant Governor said the aim of his administration is complete elimination of terrorism from the soil of Jammu and Kashmir. Lauding the role of police, Sinha said it has always shown a high level of professional excellence under extremely challenging circumstances

"Since several decades, this elite police force has been working with dedication to preserve the integrity and security of our country and kept the wheels of J&K's progress moving," he said.

The subsidiary police training centre in Reasi is an esteemed institution dedicated to training and imparting policing values and professional skills among the new recruits to meet the challenges of terrorism and law

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

Reports of alleged irregularities, including cheating, impersonation, and other malpractices, have surfaced. The opposition parties and student groups have demanded a

On Saturday, the Centre decided to hand over the probe to the CBI. "For transparency in the examination process, the ministry of education, after a review, has decided to entrust the matter to the CBI for a compre-

hensive investigation," it said in a statement. Alongside NEET-UG, three other exams-UGC NET, CSIR-UGC NET, and NEET-PG—have also faced controversy. The UGC NET was cancelled by the Centre a day after the exam, while the CSIR-UGC NET and

NEET-PG exams have been postponed. To combat exam malpractice, the central government has notfied the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024. This act aims to prevent unfair practices in public examinations and address related

Additionally, the Ministry of Education has constituted a High-Level Committee of Experts chaired by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, former chairman of ISRO, to ensure transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations. The committee will recommend reforms in the examination process. improvements in data security protocols, and the structure and functioning of the NTA. The committee is expected to submit its report within two months.

### **Quake jolts parts of HP**

the state along the Indio-Tibetan border at 10.56 am. The epicenter of the quake was at Latitude of 32.63 and Longitude 77.52 and at a depth of 10

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

brotherhood, he added. Greeting the people on Kabir Jayanti, Rana highlighted the great Saint's love for humanity, saying his philosophy in verse will continue to guide society to overcome hate, animosity and bitterness.

future of the country from it," he added.

fied at the earliest," the Ministry stated.

Centre over the move.

tion system': Mallikarjun Kharge

examination

BJP/RSS." he said.

on Sunday attacked the Modi government, alleging that it has handed over the entire education system to the "mafia" and the "cor-

# Gautam Adani drew Rs 9.26 crore salary in FY24, lower than his executives, industry peers

Adani, 61, drew salary from only two out of the 10 companies in his ports-to-energy conglomerate, annual reports of the 10 listed entities of the group showed

NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): India's second richest person Gautam Adani received a total remuneration of Rs 9.26 crore in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, lower than most industry peers as well as his own key executives.

Adani, 61, drew salary from only two out of the 10 companies in his ports-to-energy conglomerate, annual reports of the 10 listed entities of the group showed

His remuneration for 2023-24 from the group's flagship firm Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) included Rs 2.19 crore salary and perquisites, allowances and other benefits worth Rs 27 lakh. The total remuneration of Rs 2.46 crore was 3 per cent more than the previous financial year, according to AEL's 2023-24 annual report.

Besides, he drew Rs 6.8 crore from Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd (APSEZ).

Adani's salary is lower than heads of almost all large familyowned conglomerates in India.

While the richest Indian, Mukesh Ambani, has been foregoing his entire salary since Covid-19 broke out prior to which he had capped his



remuneration at Rs 15 crore, Adani's remuneration is much lower than telecom czar Sunil Bharti Mittal (Rs 16.7 crore in 2022-23), Rajiv Bajaj (Rs 53.7 crore), Pawan Munjal (Rs 80 crore), L&T Chairman SN Subrahmanyan and Infosys CEO Salil S Parekh.

Adani, who is worth USD 106 billion according to the Bloomberg Billionaire Index, has been jostling with Ambani for the spot of the richest person in Asia. He became the richest Asian in 2022 but lost that position after a damning report by US short-seller Hindenburg Research wiped out almost USD 150 billion of market value of his group stock

at its lowest point last year. He regained the top spot on two occasions this year but again ceded the position to

Ambani. Ambani is ranked 12th on the world's richest list with a net worth of USD 111 billion. Adani is ranked 14th.

Adani's younger brother Rajesh got Rs 8.37 crore, including Rs 4.71 crore commission on profit from AEL, while his nephew Pranav Adani drew Rs 6.46 crore, including Rs 4.5 crore commission, the annual report showed.

Gautam Adani did not draw any commission from AEL but got Rs 5 crore from APSEZ.

The remuneration from APSEZ included Rs 1.8 crore salary and Rs 5 crore commission that will be payable in 2024-25 fiscal, the company's annual report said. His son, Karan, earned Rs 3.9 crore from APSEZ.

Gautam Adani's brother, nephew and son did not draw salaries from more than one company.

Vinay Prakash, key executive and director on AEL board, received a total remuneration of Rs 89.37 crore. Group CFO Jugeshinder Singh got Rs 9.45 crore salary.

The group's renewable energy firm, Adani Green Energy Ltd CEO Vneet S Jaain was paid Rs 15.25 crore while Adani Total Gas Ltd (ATGL) CEO Suresh P Manglani earned Rs 6.88 crore. Adani Wilmar CEO Angshu Mallick got Rs 5.15 crore.

"We reported an average remuneration increase of 12 per cent for employees, excluding key managerial personnel (KMPs), with a slightly higher increase of 5.37 per cent for KMPs," the AEL annual report said.

SB Khyalia, CEO of Adani Power, got Rs 5.63 crore.

### Hilton named India's no. 1 'Great Place to Work' second year in a row



NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): Hilton India has been named the top company to work for in India by Great Place to Work for the second consecutive year.

This recognition is based on a comprehensive survey conducted by the global research and consulting firm, which assessed over 5 million employees from more than 1,750 organisations.

Hilton is the only hospitality brand in India to hold this top spot for both 2023 and 2024. The award ceremony, attended by leading industry executives, took place in Mumbai.

The recognition reflects Hilton's dedication to creating a workplace that promotes pride, meaningful connections, and flexibility. Key factors that contributed to Hilton's ranking include its commitment to diversity and equity, a positive work environment, and a strong sense of pride in the company's values and

Every year, Great Place to Work identifies India's top '100 Best Companies to Work For' through a rigorous assessment process.

This process evaluates key aspects of a company's culture, such as credibility, pride, respect, camaraderie, and fairness.

In November 2023, Hilton was also recognised as the World's Best Workplace, marking the first time a hospitality company has achieved this top honour. This accolade follows eight consecutive appearances on the "World's Best" list.

"It's a great honour to be named India's #1

Best Company to Work for 2024 for the second consecutive year. It embodies our dedication to fostering a work environment that instills pride and fosters meaningful connections for our team members. We are deeply grateful to all members of the Hilton India team, who bring their passion each day to work and deliver outstanding hospitality experiences for our guests," said Zubin Saxena, senior vice president and country head of Hilton India.

"This acknowledgment truly reflects the exceptional culture we've fostered for our team members at Hilton. People have always been the bedrock of our success, spreading the light and warmth of hospitality. I am incredibly grateful to have such an amazing team by my side, and this award reflects our commitment to building an equitable and fully human experience at work for our people to help them thrive every day," said Sabu Raghavan, vice president of human resources for Hilton India.

# **Depression around** childbirth linked to future heart risk: Study

LONDON, Jun 23 (Agencies): Women who are diagnosed with depression around the time they give birth appear to have a higher risk of heart problems in later life, according to a new study.

Those diagnosed with perinatal depression which includes postnatal depression and depression during pregnancy-may be at a higher risk of heart problems including high blood pressure; heart disease and heart failure for up to 20 years afterwards.

Swedish researchers said that the links between depression around childbirth and the long-term risk of cardiovascular disease are "largely unknown" as they published a study tracking women for more than a decade.

The study, published in the European Heart Journal, examined data on almost 56,000 women diagnosed with perinatal depression between 2001 and



Their information was matched to almost babies during the same time period who were not diagnosed with perinatal depression.

The women were tracked on an average of 10 years, with some monitored for up to 20 years after diagnosis.

Some 6.4 per cent of women with perinatal depression were diagnosed with cardiovascular disease during the follow-up, compared to 3.7 per cent of those who were not diagnosed with depression.

Researchers found that those diagnosed with perinatal depression had a 36 per cent increased risk of cardiovascular disease during the follow-up period.

Women diagnosed with depression before childbirth had a 29 per cent increased risk, while those diagnosed with postnatal depression had a 42 per cent higher odds of developing heart disease, they

The results were "most pronounced" in women who had not suffered depression before pregnancy, the authors said.

# Study finds how blood tests predict Parkinson's seven years before symptoms

LONDON, Jun 23 (Agencies): A group of scientists from University College London (UCL) and University Medical Center Gottingen have created a straightforward blood test that employs Artificial Intelligence (AI) to forecast Parkinson's disease up to seven years before symptoms appear.

Parkinson's disease, which presently affects about 10 million people worldwide, is the neurological ailment with the greatest rate of growth in the

The illness progresses over time and is brought on by the death of nerve cells in the substantia nigra, a region of the brain that regulates movement. Because of the accumulation of the protein alpha-synuclein, these nerve cells degenerate or malfunction, losing their capacity to generate the vital neurotransmitter dopamine.

Currently, people with Parkinson's are treated with dopamine replacement therapy after they have already developed symptoms, such as tremor, slowness of movement and gait, and memory problems. But researchers believe that early prediction and diagnosis would be valuable for finding treatments that could slow or stop



Parkinson's by protecting the dopamine producing brain cells. Senior author and Professor Kevin Mills (UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health) said, "As new therapies become available to treat Parkinson's, we need to diagnose patients before they have developed the

symptoms. We cannot regrow our brain cells and therefore we need to protect those that we

"At present we are shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted. We need to start experimental treatments before patients develop symptoms. Therefore, we set out to use state-of-the-art technology to

find new and better biomarkers for Parkinson's disease and develop them into a test that we can translate into any large NHS laboratory. With sufficient funding, we hope that this may be possible within two years."

The research, published in Nature Communications, found that when a branch of AI called machine learning, analysed a panel of eight blood based biomarkers whose concentrations are altered in patients with Parkinson's, it could provide a diagnosis with 100 per cent accuracy.

The team then experimented to see whether the test could predict the likelihood that a person would go on to develop

They did this by analysing blood from 72 patients with Rapid Eye Movement Behaviour Disorder (iRBD). This disorder results in patients physically acting out their dreams without knowing it (having vivid or violent dreams). It is now known that about 75-80 per cent of these people with iRBD will go on to develop a synucleinopathy (a type of brain disorder caused by the abnormal buildup of a protein called alpha-synuclein in brain cells) - including Parkinson's.

When the machine learning tool analysed the blood of these patients it identified that 79 per cent of the iRBD patients had the same profile as someone with Parkinson's.

The patients were followed up over the course of 10 years and the AI predictions have so far matched the clinical conversion rate - with the team correctly predicting 16 patients as going on to develop Parkinson's and being able to do this up to seven years before the onset of any symptoms. The team are now continuing to follow up on those predicted to develop Parkinson's, to further verify the accuracy of the test.

# Air pollution claimed 8.1 million lives in 2021 globally, 2.1 million in India: Report

It was the second leading risk factor for death among children under five in 2021, after malnutrition

NEW DELHI, Jun 23 (Agencies): Air pollution contributed to 8.1 million deaths worldwide in 2021, with India and China recording 2.1 million and 2.3 million fatalities, respectively, according to a

Published by Health Effects Institute (HEI), an independent US-based research organisation, in partnership with UNICEF, the report also highlighted that air pollution claimed lives of 1,69,400 children in India under the age of five in 2021.

Nigeria followed with 1,14,100 child deaths, Pakistan with 68,100, Ethiopia with 31,100, and Bangladesh with 19,100, it said.

The report said nearly 50 per cent of all ozone-related chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD) deaths in 2021 were recorded in India (2,37,000 deaths), followed by China (1,25,600) and Bangladesh (15,000). The report also said that

air pollution was the leading risk factor for deaths in South Asia, followed by high blood pressure, diet, and tobacco. It was the second leading risk factor for death among children under five in 2021, after malnutrition.

The report noted, "The year 2021 saw more deaths linked to air pollution than were estimated for any previous year. With populations over 1 billion each, India (2.1 million deaths) and China (2.3 million deaths) together account for 54 per cent of the total



global disease burden." Other countries with high impacts included Pakistan (2,56,000 deaths), Bangladesh (2,36,300) and

Myanmar (1,01,600 deaths)

in South Asia; Indonesia

(2,21,600 deaths), Viet-

nam (99,700 deaths), and the Philippines (98,209) in Southeast Asia; and Nigeria (2,06,700 deaths) and Egypt (1,16,500 deaths) in Africa.

Taken together, air pollution from PM2.5 and ozone was estimated to contribute to 8.1

million deaths — about 12 per cent of the total global deaths — in 2021.

More than 90 per cent of these global air pollution deaths — 7.8 million people — are attributed to PM 2.5 pollution, including from

ambient PM 2.5 and household air pollution.

These tiny particles, measuring less than 2.5 micrometres in diameter, are so small they remain in the lungs and can enter the bloodstream, affecting many organ systems and increasing the risks for non-communicable diseases in adults such as heart ailment, stroke, diabetes, lung cancer, and COPD.

According to the report, PM 2.5 has been found to be the most consistent and accurate predictor of poor health outcomes around the world.

"We hope our State of Global Air report provides both the information and the inspiration for change," said HEI president Elena Craft.

"Air pollution has enormous

opportunity for cities and countries to consider air quality and air pollution as high-risk factors when developing health policies and other non-communicable disease prevention and control programs," Pant said.

"This points sharply to an

implications for health. We

know that improving air qual-

ity and global public health

is practical and achievable,"

"This new report offers a

stark reminder of the signifi-

cant impacts air pollution has

on human health, with far too

much of the burden borne by

young children, older popu-

lations, and low- and mid-

dle-income countries," said

Pallavi Pant, HEI's head of

Craft said.

Global Health.

# Afghanistan shock Australia by 21 runs in Super 8s match of T20 World Cup

Using the slower balls smartly on a difficult batting wicket, Afghanistan defend their total of 148 for six for their first-ever win over Australia in international cricket

KINGSTON, Jun 23 (Agencies): Afghanistan pulled off an upset of epic proportions with a shock 21-run win over mighty Australia in T20 World Cup with Gulbadin Naik's fourwicket haul upending Pat Cummins' hat-trick to produce one of most memorable days in Afghan cricket.

Using the slower balls smartly on a difficult batting wicket, Afghanistan defended their total of 148 for six for their first-ever win over Australia in international cricket.

Australia were all out for 127 in 19.2 overs and they are now staring at early elimination from the World Cup. Australia now must win their match against India on Monday and also hope that Afghanistan lose to Bangladesh in their next match.

Afghanistan openers Rahmanullah Gurbaz (60) and Ibrahim Zadran (51) forged a 118-run partnership setting up base for a challenging total but Pat Cummins registered his second successive hat-trick spread across two overs to restrict Afghanistan to a manageable total.

Australia were reduced to 32 for 3 in the powerplay but Glenn Maxwell slammed a 41-ball 59 to somewhat resurrect the chase. However, Naib's timely strikes proved crucial in toppling the 2021 champions.

Afghanistan exacted revenge



to Nabi.

the skipper Mitch Marsh with a

slower delivery as he holed out

Maxwell eased the pressure

with two fours off Azmatullah but

Nabi removed David Warner (3),

who went for a slog sweep only

to find Noor Ahmad as Australia

scored the lowest Powerplay

score of 33 for 3 this World Cup.

Afghanistan during the ODI

World Cup last year, continued

to find the boundaries as he clat-

tered spinner Nangeyalia Kha-

Naib then struck twice to give

Afghanistan hope as he sur-

prised Marcus Stoinis with a

bouncer. The batter top-edged it

to find Gurbaz. He next trapped

Tim David as Australia slipped

Maxwell slammed a six off

Rashid Khan and Naib in 12th

and 13th overs to keep Austra-

to 85 for 5 in the 13th over.

rote for a four and a six.

Maxwell, who had tormented

for their defeat in Mumbai during the ODI World Cup. Maxwell had snatched victory from Aghans at that time and on Saturday, too, he threatened to deny them but Naib's brilliance ensured them

Afghanistan players jumped in joy and were joined by their support staff members to celebrate the win.

The result has opened up the Group 1 as both Australia and Afghanistan now have one win each with one match to go, while India sit atop the table with two wins from as many games.

Defending 149 on a spinfriendly wicket, Afghanistan had the perfect start as Naveen-ul-Hag picked up two early wickets with the new ball to peg Australia back.

First Naveen cleaned up Travis Head for a duck with a fuller delivery and then he deceived

lia's chase on track.

Naib returned to pick his most prized cap, dismissing the dangerous Maxwell in the 15th over and then Rashid removed Matthew Wade as their chase fell apart.

Naib next knocked off the stumps of Cummins, while Naveen claimed his third victim by removing Ashton Agar. Azmatullah ended the proceedings by dismissing Josh Hazlewood.

Earlier, Gurbaz and Ibrahim notched up their third century stand of this T20 World Cup with a 118-run partnership.

The duo capitalised on their chances as Australia had to wait till the 16th over for their first breakthrough

Gurbaz slammed four maximums and as many fours in his 49-ball stay, while Zadran hit six boundaries during his 48-ball

Stoinis got rid of Gurbaz with an off-cutter, while in the next over. Adam Zampa cleaned up Azmatullah Omarzai with a

Looking for big hits, Afghanistan lost wickets thereafter with Cummins dismissing Rashid Khan, Karim Janat and Gulbadin Naib to became the first player to pick up two hat-tricks in T20 World Cups.

# Women's team completes golden hat-trick



ANTALYA, Jun 23 (Agencies): The Indian compound women's archery team of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur continued its imperious form this season, securing a hat-trick of World Cup gold medals with a win over Estonia.

Priyansh, though, settled for a silver after narrowly losing the men's final to world No. 1 Mike

Schloesser. Entering the final as the top-seeded team, the women's trio displayed its prowess by defeating Estonia's Lisell Jaatma, Meeri-Marita Paas and Maris Tetsmann 232-229 in a one-sided final of the Stage 3 event. The women's compound team has been invincible this season, winning all three World Cup stages. They had

secured gold at Stage 1 in Shanghai and Stage 2 in Yecheon, South Korea

Later in the day, rising compound archer Priyansh failed to defeat Dutch heavyweight Schloesser for a second time this season and settled for a runner-up finish.

Priyansh, who showed flawless shooting to enter the final, dropped a point in the opening set and could not overcome the deficit as Schloesser shot a series of 10s to clinch the match 149-148. It was in the final set that the Dutch archer dropped a point and Priyansh needed a perfect 30 to clinch the gold, but the Indian missed one point to finish second best.

In the semifinal, the 21-year-old landed all his 15 arrows in the perfect-10 ring to knock out world No. 2 Mathias Fullerton by one point. In Yecheon, the Danish archer had eliminated Priyansh in the prequarters in a tight shootoff finish.

This was Priyansh's second World Cup silver. At the Shanghai event, Priyansh had lost to world No. 8 Nico Wiener of Austria 147-150 in the final.

India will be aiming for three medals in the recurve finals on Sunday. Ankita Bhakat and Dhirai Bommadevara are in the hunt for two medals, having advanced to their respective individual semifinals. The mixed team of Dhiraj and Bhajan Kaur will take on the Mexican team in the bronze medal playoff.

### WI vs SA Predicted XII: Will South Africa tinker with their winning squad?

ANTIGUA, Jun 23 (Agencies): The everconfident West Indies will face of against an unbeaten South Africa in their final Super 8 clash in the 2024 T20 World Cup on June 24 at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua, which also sets up as a knockout ahead of the semi-finals stage of the competition. While Rovman Powell-led West Indies have been marching forward in the tournament with a certain degree of panache, Aiden Markram's South Africa have consistently managed to carve out results by even a very risky margin

However, the Proteas will head into this highly-anticipated fixture with confidence in their favour after winning both of their Group 2 Super 8 clashes against USA and England. Despite showing gritty character throughout the tournament, West Indies were hit with a hefty loss in their Super 8 opener against England on June 20. Although the hosts bounced back in their



second fixture against the USA on June 22, they find themselves in a must-win scenario for their South Africa clash in order to secure qualification on the basis of run rate advantage. Even after winning all their games in the tournament, Markram's South Africa boast 4 points but a very at-par net run rate of +0.625, which is below the West Indies' +1.814 who have 2 points in their bag from their USA triumph.

A win against South Africa will see West Indies break South Africa's unbeaten streak and even secure a spot in the semi-final spot over the Proteas. While both the sides will be expected to remain with the same squad that has brought them success over their recent past in the tournament, a shock flip of things might just

SOUTH AFRICA PRE-DICTED XI SA Predicted XI:

Quinton de Kock (wicketkeeper), Reeza Hendricks, Aiden Markram (captain), Tristan Stubbs, Heinrich Klaasen, David Miller, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, Ottneil Baartman.

WEST INDIES PRE-

DICTED XI WI Predicted XI: Shai Hope, Johnson Charles, Nicholas Pooran (wicketkeeper), Rovman Powell (captain), Andre Russell, Sherfane Rutherford, Roston Chase, Obed McCoy, Akeal Hosein. Alzarri Joseph, Gudakesh Motie.

# Hardik, Kuldeep sparkle as India outclass Bangladesh by 50 runs, move closer to semis

NORTH SOUND (ANTI-GUA), Jun 23 (Agencies): Hardik Pandya produced an all-round show while Kuldeep Yadav foxed Bangladesh batters with his guile as India all but assured themselves of a semifinals berth through a dominant 50-run victory in their second Super 8 game of the T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

Star batter Virat Kohli (37 off 28) found much-needed rhythm before Shivam Dube (34 off 24) and Hardik (50 not out off 27) pushed India to 196 for five, the highest total at this venue so far.

Bangladesh could never really challenge India in the steep runchase and ended up with 146/8 in 20 overs, their second straight loss in the Super 8s.

India will meet their match in Australia, the two unbeaten teams so far, in their final Super 8 fixture in St Lucia on Monday.

Kuldeep (3/19), who got his opportunity in the Caribbean leg of the competition, made the Bangladesh batters look clueless with the effective use of googly and stock ball.

Bumrah (2/13 in four) produced a frugal effort as usual. Bangladesh skipper Najmul Shanto (40 off 32) played some attacking shots including two sixes over fine leg off Hardik but did not get support from others as the batters let the team down



once again.

After Litton Das (13 off 10) crisply pulled Hardik for a six over deep mid-wicket, the allrounder had him caught at deep square leg the very next ball.

It was a premeditated walk across the stumps from Litton that led to his dismissal.

Kuldeep then got into the act and it did not take him long to make an impact.

He got rid of opener Tanzid Hasan (29) with a wrong one that the batter failed to pick, trapping him in front of the stumps.

Bangladesh's stand out batter so far. Towhid Hridoy, went for a sweep against Kuldeep but missed it completely to be adjudged leg before.

After being 76 for three in the 12th over, Bangladesh could only delay the inevitable.

Earlier, struggling for runs since his selection in the India squad, Dube once again was slow off the blocks before smoking three sixes to make an impact towards the end of the

Hardik provided the final flourish to take the team close to 200. The all-rounder completed his 50 off the final ball of the innings.

Skipper Rohit Sharma (23 off 11) was happy to lose the toss at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and alongside Kohli (37 off 28), was able to play his shots from the get go unlike the earlier

Bangladesh started with spinners from both ends, an interesting move against the two right-

After three fours and a six. Rohit made room to deposit Shakib Al Hasan over extra cover but ended up mistiming it to be caught.

Kohli too meant business with the pick of his shots being the 94m six off Mustafizur Rahman to the cow corner region.

He then welcomed leggie Rishad Hossain with a straight six before getting foxed by a slow off-cutter from pacer Tanzim Hasan.

Two balls later, the pacer got a delivery to jump off the length, kissing Suyakumar Yadav's gloves for a double strike in the over, leaving India at 83 for three in 10 overs.

Rishabh Pant (36 off 24) then brought the momentum back in India's favour by collecting two fours and a six over deep midwicket off Mustafizur who had a rare off day.

In the next over, Pant took the attack to Rishad before falling to the reverse sweep for the second consecutive innings. Dube and Hardik then shared a 53-run stand to take the innings forward.

Hardik ended up with four boundaries and three sixes while Dube targeted the deep midwicket boundary against the spinners with success, besides hitting Tanzim down the ground for a maximum.

### T20 World Cup 2024: England eyes massive win over USA to stay alive in semifinal race

BRIDGETOWN, Jun 23 (Agencies): Defending champions England will need their power hitters to do the job against a demoralised yet tricky USA in their final Super 8 match as they eye a huge win to keep themselves in contention for a semifinal spot at the T20 World Cup in Bridgetown on June 23. England batters couldn't produce the big hits while chasing

a target of 164 during

their last Super 8 match

against South Africa,

suffering a narrow sev-

en-run loss on Friday.

West Indies' massive nine-wicket win over the USA has opened up the group, leaving England with the task of notching up a big victory to push their net run-rate up as it might come down to it in the end. While South Africa are currently sitting atop the Group 2 with two wins, both West Indies and England have a win and a loss each with the former having a better NRR than the latter.

However, no team is assured of a semifinal berth and England will need to defeat USA by

either 10 runs or at least an over to spare to stay in contention for the semifinals.

For South Africa, a loss — even in a Super Over - against WI in their final match will knock them out of the race if England can achieve their task.

If SA win and England lose to USA, it will again be a three-way tie between WI, ENG and USA for the second spot and the team with better run-rate will go through to the knockout stage. England batters produced an authoritative performance against the West Indies but they failed to tame the SA bowlers and faltered in their chase of 164 on Friday.

in great form, having blasted two centuries, a fifty, and three thirties in his last 10 T20Is but his early dismissal meant England couldn't get the explosive start as Jos Buttler and Jonny Bairstow couldn't quite bring out the big shots. Harry Brook (53) and

Liam Livingstone (33)

played sensibly to take

the chase deep but Eng-

score 25 runs in the last three overs. However, despite the

loss, England's batting remains a formidable Phil Salt has been force which the likes of Saurabh Netravalkar and Harmeet Singh will find tough to tame. In the bowling unit, Adil

Rashid and Jofra Archer have been their standout bowlers with 13 and 12 wickets each but Mark Wood's form will be a cause of worry as apart from a three-wicket haul, he couldn't get any wicket in his last 5 T20Is. For the co-hosts USA,

land eventually failed to

it has been a reality check after a stunning show in the group stage. They suffered successive losses and their entry into the semifinal will be a miracle as they

are alive in the tourna-

ment only mathemati-

cally. USA will need to beat England by 80 runs in their final game and also hope that South Africa outwits WI by more than 67 runs to make the semifinal on the basis

of NRR. For US, Andries Gous and Aaron Jones have done the heavy lifting in

the batting department and they will need support from the entire team as it will take more than a few individual performances to get it across the defending champions.

Jones has been leading the sides since USA have been without skipper Monank Patel following their game against Pakistan.

Teams (from) England: Jos Buttler (c), Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonathan Bairstow, Harry Brook, Sam

Curran, Ben Duckett,

USA: Monank Patel (c), Aaron Jones, Andries

Tom Hartley, Will Jacks,

Chris Jordan, Liam Liv-

ingstone, Adil Rashid,

Phil Salt, Reece Topley

and Mark Wood.

Gous, Corey Anderson, Ali Khan, Harmeet Singh, Jessy Singh, Milind Kumar, Nisarg Patel, Nitish Kumar, Noshtush Kenjige, Saurabh Nethralvakar, Shadley Van Schalkwyk, Steven Taylor, Shayan Jahangir. Reserve Players: Gajanand Singh, Juanoy Drysdale, Yasir Mohammad.

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

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has expressed deep concern over the pathetic condition of the ancient Mamleshwar 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 courtvard of the ancient Mamleshwar temple and

guard the entrance.

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



**Top News Report** 

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 to him . One day when Aaya was getting ready for a play audition, her baby runs up to her and clings which spoils her dress. Furious over this incident she scolds evervone including her husband and tells him that these days there is no need to have children at all. In modern times there is even no need for marriage either. After Rita leaves, Rakesh

reveals that their son is

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

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

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



ing 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 empha-

sizing the importance of

vocational and techni-

cal education, Er. K.S.

Bhatia reaffirmed the

commitment to empow-

ering widows through

practical and sustainable

**Top News Report** 

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 Kallpoosh Foundation, GHARAP-NAA. Senior Citizen Care Home, Nardhani, Raipur, Bantalab-Kot Bhalwal Road, Near B R Farms, Jammu, 181123 Jammu. The event aimed to address challenges 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-

for widows. He stated Er. K.S. Bhatia acknowlthat skilling is the only edged the support of tool that can bring about the Department of Skill positive changes in their Development and the lives. By acquiring rel-Women's Entrepreneurevant skills, widows can ship Development Institute (EDI) in facilitating enhance their employability and explore varithe prosperity and digous job options. Morenity of widows. These over, skilling opens doors organizations serve as for widows to establish valuable resources for their own ventures or widows, providing them with guidance, training, startups, fostering entreand mentorship in their preneurship and selfpursuit of economic inde-The focus on skill-

pendence 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-suffi-

# **Senior Citizen rejuvenation** centre celebrate their foundation day

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: Senior Citizen Rejuvenation Centre (SCRC) Trikuta Nagar Jammu celebrated its foundation day and Yoga Day cum Gourav 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

ering 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 periodi-

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 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-

lighting 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

to the Police. The play



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Jun 23: Today Jammu East Constituency Citizen Forum organised a Blood Donation Camp under the Presidency and Leadership of Sh Parmod Kapahi 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. Mookheriee and Pt Deen Dayal Upadhayay 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 coun-

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 soverginity to India. and Our Narinder Modi really paid the tributes to Dr Shavma 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, Par-

duman Singh, Ayodhya Gupta, Rajni Sethi, Veenu Khanna, Y.V.Sharma,Surinder Singh Gilly, Somnath Khajuria,

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

# Sant Kabir Jayanti celebrated with religious fervour in Akhnoor

**Top News Report** 

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 Langeh, 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

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

lined 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

Sant Kabir and under-

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