TOP NEWS OF J&K

JAMMU, FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024

Daily Evening Newspaper

ENTERTAINMENT

|6

Hina Khan diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer: 1 am strong, determined and...'



NATIONAL

|7

Parliament should give message that government. Opposition together in raising students' issue: Rahul on NEET

INTERNATIONAL

18

China's Xi Jinping Urges Global Unity Amid Economic And Security Disputes



e-paper: www.topnewsjk.in

RNI No. JKENG/2010/39369

Regd. No. JK-435

Vol.-15 Issue-177 Pages-12 Rs.-2/-

J&K Govt reshuffles sheep husbandry department officers

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 28: The Agriculture Production Department of Jammu and Kashmir has ordered reassignment of key personnel within the Sheep Husbandry Department.

As per an order, Dr Javed Igbal is now the Sheep and Wool Development Officer in Kalakote, replacing Dr Deepanjali Verma. Dr Basharat Ahmad has been transferred from Marwah to Banihal, while Dr Zahoor Ahmad Khanday moves from Banihal to Shopian. Dr Qausar Ahmad is assigned to SBF. Daksum Kewa, and Dr Firdous Ahmad Bhat to Khimbher, Dachigam. Dr Asif Ali Ganai is now posted in Marwah, taking over from Dr Basharat Ahmad. Dr Umar Majeed, a Lab Officer at SBF, will temporarily manage the duties of SDO Hajin, and Dr Farooq Ahmad will serve as a Geneticist in Kashmir. Additionally, Dr Ishfag Ahmad, currently at VAS, SBF Balnoi, will now handle the responsibilities of a Sheep and Wool Development Officer in Kalakote.

MeT says possibility of rain, thundershowers in J&K

SRINAGAR, Jun 28

(Agencies): Weather-

man has forecast the

possibility rain and thundershower towards late night and early morning in Jammu and Kashmir till June 30. A meteorological department said that while there is likelihood of light to moderate rain and thundershower at many places of Jammu Division towards late night and early

morning, light rain is

expected at few places

of Kashmir Division. Regarding the forecast from July 1-5, he said, there is likelihood of gradual rise in rainfall intensity from July 2 onwards with possibility of intermittent light to moderate rainfall at many places. Heavy showers at a few places for a brief period can't be ruled

he said. "Few places may experience moderate thunderstorm/lightning,' he said, adding, "There is possibility of landslides and mudslides at few vulnerable places."

out during the period,

■Turn to page 9

Lok Sabha adjourns for day amid oppn uproar over NEET

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): The proceedings of the Lok Sabha were adjourned for the day on Friday as the opposition demanded a discussion on the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the medical entrance exam

When the House reassembled at 12 noon, opposition members continued with their demand for a discussion on matters related to the



National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). Speaker Om Birla and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told opposition members that they can discuss the matter during the

Thanks on the President's address.

course of the Motion of

Birla said there are certain norms of Parliament that have to be followed and committees have to be formed to which Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi said students are not aware of it. They are only demanding justice. As members from the Congress, TMC and DMK parties stormed the Well, Rijiju said it is Turn to page 9 Manoj Sinha flags off first batch of pilgrims from Jammu

Amarnath Yatra 2024 | LG



JAMMU, Jun 28 (Agencies): Amid chants of "Bum Bum Bhole" and "Har Har Mahadev", Jammu and Kashmir

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of 4,603 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims from the Yatri Niwas base camp in Bhagwati Nagar here on Friday.

The pilgrims left for the twin base camps in Kashmir — north Kashmir's Baltal and south Kashmir's Anantnag from Jammu amid tight security.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha wished the pilgrims a safe journey.

"May the blessings of Baba Amarnath ji bring peace, happiness and prosperity to everyone's

Turn to page 9

Flash floods

DG BSF visits border area of Jammu to access the security situation

JAMMU, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Director General Border Security Force (BSF), Nitin Agrawal, on Friday reviewed the operational readiness of the troops deployed along the International Border in the Jammu Frontier.

As per the official spokesman, DG Agar-



wal reviewed the

Jharkhand HC grants bail to Ex-CM Hemant Soren in money laundering case

RANCHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Jharkhand High Court on Friday granted ball to former Chief Minister Hemant Soren in a money laundering case linked to a land scam.

The high court had on June 13 reserved its order on Soren's bail plea.

"Bail has been granted to Soren. The court has held that prima facie

he is not guilty of the offence and there is no likelihood of the petitioner committing an offence when on bail," Soren's senior counsel Arunabh Chowdhury told agency.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee welcomed the court's order granting bail to Soren.

Soren, the executive president of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha

(JMM), was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on January 31 in connection with its investigation into the money laundering case. The 48-year-old politi-

cian has been lodged in Birsa Munda jail. During the hearing, ED's counsel SV Raju arqued that if Soren is released on bail, he may

commit a similar Turn to page 9

Chamliyal Mela celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir

JAMMU. Jun 28 (Agencies): Thousand of devotees on Thursday thronged the Chamliyal border shrine along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district for an annual fair but there was no traditional exchange of 'shakkar and sharbat' with Pakistan yet again. Devotees to offer a chaadar at Baba Cham-

The shrine of Baba Dalip Singh Manhas, popularly known as Baba Chamliyal and considered a symbol of India-Pakistan bonhomie in the past, in the Ramgarh sector attracts thousands of devotees every year.

Since June 2018, the shrine has not hosted any delegation from Pakistan after four Border Security Force personnel, including an assistant commandant,



were killed in an unprovoked cross-border firing.

Pakistan Rangers personnel used to take 'Shakkar' (clay) and 'Sharbat' (water) believed to have healing powers against various skin ailments — from the

"Earlier, we used to go to the Zero Line and exchanges were held between our civil administration and their civil administration and officials from the BSF and the Pakistan Rangers,"

Temple Management Committee president Billu Chaudhary told reporters.

"However, since 2018, due to the shameful activities that the Pakistanis did wherein four of our officers were martyred, the central government decided that we will celebrate this mela in our area and they will celebrate it in theirs," he added.

The annual fair was celebrated with great religious zeal with thousands of devotees from Turn to page 9

hit Thathri Town, **Disrupt** vehicular traffic

BHADARWAH, Jun 28 (AAgencies): Flash floods triggered by a cloudburst wreaked havoc in the Thathri market of Doda district, early this morning, inundating vast areas along the Batote-Kishtwar National Highway. Fortunately, no injuries or loss of life have been reported so far.

cloudburst The occurred at 3 Am, resulting in massive mudslides market area of Thathri town, several residential houses on Batote-Kishtwar NH 244, and some parked vehicles which got trapped in the debris. SDM Thathri Masood

Ahmed Bichoo stated. "Although the mudslide caused by the sudden cloudburst was significant, the flash floods struck near the Army gate, a less populated area. While heaps of mud and debris covered the entire market area. there was no major loss, and restoration work began at 4 Am."

"As of now, traffic has been partially restored on the highway, and by this afternoon, all debris will be cleared from the market area," he added. Notably, on July 20, 2017, a similar cloudburst wreaked havoc in Thathri town, washing away a dozen structures near Jamia Masjid and causing several injuries.

J&K Agriculture department suspends officer, orders inquiry

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jun 28: The Agriculture Production Department of Jammu and Kashmir has suspended Dr Vikas Gupta, In-Charge Assistant Project Officer overseeing the Joint Director
Turn to page 9



Sh. Baskar Nath

Raina

Mr. Jagdev Singh Chib

Smt. Chander Lata

TENTH DAY, KRIYA & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad ternise of our beloved father Late Shri Bodh Raj angeh (Retd. SSSO BSNL) S/o Late Sh Chatru Ram Langeh & Late Smt. Kako Devi Wife - Smt. Santosh Kumari Langeh R/o Village Patti, Rahya,

10TH DAY will be performed on Saturday 29 June, 2024 from 12 Noon onwards at our residence. GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law Sanjay Langeh and Razani Langeh Sunil langeh and Rajni Langeh Daughter & Son-in-law Pooja Langeh and Rohit Gorka Brothers & Sisters-in-law Smt Rani & Sh Ganesh Langeh Smt Geeta & Sh Tarsem Langeh Smt Kamlesh & Sh Raj Langeh

Sisters & Brothers-in-law Smt. Darshan & Nanak Thapa. Smt. Kanta & Jagdev Mandotra. Smt. Sista & Raghvir singh.

Smt. Sapna & Harbans Rana. Contact: 9796882849, 7006801696, 9622233311 FONDLY REMEMBERED BY : LANGEH FAMILY

10TH DAY KRIYA

With Profound grief and sorrow,

we regret to inform the sad and

untimely demise of our beloved

Shri. Rakesh Zutshi (Director-

Youngmen Tours Pvt. Ltd and

Hotel Surya, Bhaderwah- J&K),

presently at: H.No 1B, Block AD,

TENTH DAY will be performed

at Garh Ganga (UP) on 30th

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

beloved Sh. Yash Pal (Master) Sio Late Sh. Chajlu Ram Rio

H.No. 13, Sec. 4, Upper Roop Nagar, Jammu (Opp. Dr. Thappa

TENTH DAY will be performed on 27,05,2024 (Thursday) at 11

KRIYA will be performed on 28.06,2024 (Friday) at our residence

UTHALA will be performed on 01.07.2024 (Monday) from 5 PM

to 6 PM at AAP SHAMBU MANDIR, Upper Roop Nagar Jammu.

Clinic) who left for heavenly abode on 18.06.2024.

Sh. Virinder Kumar & Smt. Suman Sharma

Smt. Neele m & Sh. Bharet Bhushan Sharma

Smr. Madhu & Sh. Vijay Bhushan Dubey

Smt. Rano Devi & Late Sh. Om Piakash

Sh. Bai Krishan & Smit Makhnu Devi

Smt. Kiran Bala & Sh. Mahesh Chander Sharma

AM atour residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Son & Daughter-in-Law

Brother & Sister-in-Law

Sister & Brother-in-Law

Daughters & Sons-in-Law

Zutshi, Mattoo, Kaul, Dhar, Kher, and Razdan

+91-9810189448, +91-9810354745, +91-9810378807

Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088.

June, 2024 at 0800 HRS.

GRIEF STRICKEN:



Late Shri Bodh Rai Langeh

Shri. Rakesh

Zutshi

10TH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow we regret to nform the sad demise of Smt. Sangeeta Devi W/o Sh. Bodh Raj R/o H.No. 105, Old Rehari, Jammu.

Tenth Day will be performed on 29th June 2024, Saturday, at Sadguru Kabir Dham, Old Rehari, Jammu, near Ashok Sodhi Chowk at 11 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Bodh Raj - Husband - 7006431485 Gourav & Aditi - Son & Daughter 9858232275



Smt. Sangeeta Devi

Smt. Chander Lata

Grand Children: Aradi, Ayush, Arah, Sarnarth & Dew SAMAST PARIVAR: RAINAS, BHATS & GANJOOS 10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to

inform about the sad demise of our beloved

father, Sh. Baskar Nath Raina, S/o Lt. Sh.

Shiv Ji Raina, R/o Meemander, Shopian and

at present at R4 E 106, Life Republic, Kolte

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on

03/07/24 at Indrayani River Ghat, Alandi,

GRIEF STRUCKEN
Smt. Arrit Rains(Mari (Wife)
Smt. Sunita & Sh. Achok Kumar Raina (Daughter-in-Law & Son)
Smt. Shiwan & Sh. Armardeep Raina (Daughter-in-Law & Son)
Smt. Shiwan & Sh. Jyotimory Raina (Daughter-in-Law & Son)
Contact No: 9887178665/ 9643459089/9818166694

Patil, Marunji, Pune-411057.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Pune at 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM.

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Mr. Jagdev Singh Chib S/o Late Puran Singh R/o H.No. 62, Sainik Colony, Sector-D, Jammu near Tiny Tots School Jammu who left for heavenly a bode on 19-06-2024. 10th Day shall be performed on 28-06-2024 (Friday at H.No. 62, Sainik Colony, Sector-D, Jammu, nea Tiny Tots School Jammu from 10 AM to 11 AM. Kriya/Uthala will be performed on 01-07-2024

(Monday) at 12 Noon at our residence. GRIEF STRICKEN Vaishno Devi - Wife Son & Daughter-in-law Chander Dev Singh & Isha

Kulbir Singh Chib & Deepali Vandana & Ashok Singh Manhas - Daughter & Son-in-law Mobile No.: 7051111615, 9596363449



With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother Smt. Chander Lata Wo Late Dr Jiwa Nand Sharma Rio Ward No. 5, College Road, Kathua on 18th June, 2024. 1**0th Day** will be performed on 27th June, 2024, Thursday at 11.00 am at our residence. Krilya will be performed on 28th June, 2024, Friday at our re-

oence. Uthala wil be performed on 1st July 2024, Monday from 4-5 P.M. (Venue Arya Sama) Mandir Kathua) GRIEF STRICKEN GRIEF STRICKEN

Mr. Alay & Mrs. Monika Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Mr. Rajinder & Mrs. Swarma Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Mm. Renu (Priya) & Mr. Vinek Magotra (Doughter & Son-in-law)

(Pujuri Bawe Wali Mata)

Mrs. Anu & Mr. Sunii Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-law) (Property Dealer)

Mrs. Praktil (Tannu) & Mr. Antil gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law) (BA Enterprises)

TENTH DAY KRIYA We inform you with heavy heart and teary

eyes that our beloved mother Smt Rani Devi Pandita W/o Late Shridhar Joo Pandita originally resident of Hackcherpora Nagri Malpora Kupwara (Kashmir) at pres-

ent HNo 33C Laxmi Vihar Lane 9 Toma

Bohri Jammu has left for heavenly abode

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 3rd

Revinder Kumar Pandita and Sunita Pandita

Suresh Kumar Pandita and Pushpa Pandita

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we

inform the sad demise of our mother

Smt. Roopawati/Laxmishori Pandit

resident of Siver Lolab Kupwara &

presently at Block No. 158, Flat No. 2

Lane No. 25 Jagti Township Nagrota

Tenth Day shall be performed on 01-07-2024 Monday at Muthi Ghat near

Deeply Missed By Thusoo Parivar

Sh. P.L. Thusoo & Smt. Gopi Shori Thusoo

Tel.: 9911306230, 9149781874, 9796052035

TENTH DAY /KRIYA

Sh. A.K. Bhat & Smt. Reeta- Son & Daughter-in-Law

Smt. Bimla Bhat & Sh. G.L. Bhat- Daughter & Son-in-Law Smt. Anju & Sh. Sunil Dhar- Daughter & Son-in-Law

W/o Lt. Keshev Nath Pandit originally

Sanjay Kumar Pandita and Sangeeta Pandita

Sapna, Ruby, Sujal, Harsh, Danish, Naira and Ridhi Contact: 9906979250, 7006864269, 9149611707

on June 25 2024

GRIEF STRICKEN

Grand Children

Son & Daughter In Law

Nephews Smt. Pushpa Devi WoLate Sh. Om Parkash (Daughter-in-law & Nephew)

Smt. Suesha & Sh. Sainider Kumar (Daughter-in-law & Neghew)
Smt. Suesha & Sh. Sainider Kumar (Daughter-in-law & Neghew)
Smt. Padma & Sh. Manohar Lai Sharma (Daughter-in-law & Neghew)
Grand Children: Panwani, Dhaiya, Shiyan, Vasu, Nandit, Damini, Anmol, Aagman, Eklavya
Mis Kathua Medical Store (94 1915) (9827)
Mis Prakriti Option Works (94 1915) (898)

July (Wednesday) 2024 at 8:00 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate Education Office Muthi Jammu

Director School Education at 8.30 am. Laxmishori Pandit

Sh. M.L. Pandit & Smt. Sudesh- Son & Daughter-in-Law Smt. Veena Peshin W/o Late B.L. Peshin- Daughter & Son-in-Law

10TH DAY / KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and somow, we regret to inform the sax demise of our beloved Mother Smt. Chander Lata W/o Late Dr. Jiwa Nand Sharma R/o Ward No. 5, College Road, Kathua on 18th June, 2024.

10th Day will be performed on 27th June, 2024, Thursday at 11.00 am at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN Mr. Ajay & Mrs. Monika Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law) Mr. Rajinder & Mrs. Swama Shama (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Mrs. Anu & Mr. Sunii Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-law) (Property Dealer)

Smt. Pushpa Devi Wo Late Sh. Om Parkash (Daughter-in-law & Nephew)

Smt. Suresha & Sh. Surinder Kumar (Daughter-in-law & Nephew)

M/s Kathua Medical Store (9419150827) M/s Prakriti Option Works (94 19 15 1698)

With profound grief and sorrow we inform about the sad demise of our beloved Smt Chuni Ji Khar W/o Late Prithvi Nath Kher R/o Achan Pulwama Kashmir at present H No. 426/2 Vinayak Nagar Upper Muthi Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 26th June at 6 a.m.

Grief Stricken:

Smt Chuni Ji Khar

9149835632, 9419121979, 9469233566, 7889362046

Grand Children: Sanat Magotra, Apurva Magotra, Akshita-

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW,WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER SHRI ROSHAN LAL BHAN S/O LATE DINA NATH BHAN R/O SAFAKADAL. CHANAPORA (SRINAGAR) AT PRESENT HINO 114, SECTOR 3. DURGA NAGAR, ROOP NAGAR WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 21ST JUNE.

TENTH DAY SHALL BE HELD ON 30TH JUNE AT MUTHIGHAT 9.30 AM NEAR DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION JAMMU.

> **GRIEF STRICKEN** VEENA BHAN -WIFE SONS AND DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW ASHTOSH BHAN& SONIA BHAN RAHUL BHAN & HARSHA BHAN DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW ANURADHA& PRANEET

MOB.NO: 7006893328, 7506444216

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad

demise of our beloved mother Smt. Nirmala

Razdan (Jigee) W/o Sh. Radha Krishen of Baghi

Sunder Chattabal presently at 21 Toph Sher Khania

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 30-06-

2024 at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School

Sh. Ashok Kumar Razdan & Smt. Reeta Razdan

Contact Nos: 0191-2531692, 9682342841, 9419307228

near furniture Shop Jammu on 21st June, 2024.

Sh. Radha Krishen Razdan - Husband

Smt. Rimjim Razdan & Sh. Mithun Koul

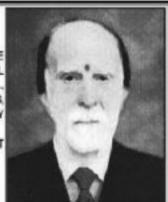
Education at 8.30 AM.

Son & Daughter-in-law

Grand Daughter & Son-in-law

Mr. Sumit Razdan - Grand Son

GRIEF STRICKEN



SH. YASH PAL

(MASTER)

SHRI ROSHAN LAL BHAN

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Jyoti Gupta on Tuesday, 18th. June 2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on Wednesday, 26th. June 2024 at 11.00 a.m. at our residence 238-A, Shastri Nagar, Jammu.

2024 at 12.00 Noon at our residence 238-A, Shastri Nagar, Jammu.

Nand Kumar Gupta - Husband Dr. Geeta & Dr. Arun Gupta - Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law Srishti & Abhinandan - Daughter-In-Law & Son Henna & Nishant - Daughter & Son-in-Law

Vivek Gupta - Brother Lata & Sanjay Gupta - Sister & Bother-in-Law Swati & Hitesh - Niece & Son-in-Law

Aahaan - Grandson



94191 - 13007

70062 - 14173

98992 - 21435

ROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED FATHER SH. OM PRAKASH SHARMA S/O HARI RAM SHARMA ON 19TH OF JUNE 2024. TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON FRIDAY 28TH OF JUNE 2024 AT 11:00 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE H NO. 52 SECTOR - G SAINIK COLONY

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY 29TH OF JUNE 2024 AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 12:30 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN DAUGHTER- IN-LAW & SON

ABBU AND RAKESH SHARMA

POOJA AND VISHAL SHARMA (DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW) ANAISHA AND INESH SHARMA (DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW) MAIYRA AND ROYAL SHARMA (GRAND DAUGHTERS)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sa

demise of our beloved father Sh Bansi La Khanna S/oLate Sh Charan Dass Khanna R/o H.No. 739, Lane No. 2 Near Ram Leela Ground Janipur Colony Jammu who left for heavenly

abode on 17-06-2024. 10th Day shall be performed on 26-06-2024 (Wech esday) at 10 AM to 11 AM at Tri Murti Mandir Janipur Colony.

Kriya will be performed on 29-06-2024 (Saturday) at our residence at 12 Noon. Uthala will be performed on 01-07-2024 (Monday)

rom 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM at Arya Samaj Mandir Near Ram Sharanam Ashram Janipur Colony, Jammu.

Grief Stricken Sudha Khanna -Wife

Nitin Khanna & Preeti Khanna -Son & Daughter-in-law Nikhil Khanna -Son Mobile: 6005682146, 7006143382

10TH DAY KRIYA

The 10TH DAY KRIYA of our beloved brother Sh Vinod Khachroo (Littu Ji) S/o Late Bushan Lal Khachroo R/o Kartik Kunj Appartments, Shalimar Garden, Shiv Chowk who left for heavenly abode on 20th June 2024 will be performed on 29th June 2024 (Saturday) at Gang Nehar Muradnagar Ghat - Uttar Pradesh.

GRIEF STRICKEN: SAMAST KHACHROO PARIVAAR MOBILE NO: 9818703262 7900226226, 9810574480



Sh Vinod Khachroo (Littu Ji)

"Top News of J&K" does not take responsibility for the contents of the advertisements (Display/ Classified) carried in this newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own before acting there upon."

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SOR-ROW. WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF ADV. KAMALJIT SINGH JASROTIA S/O DEWAN SINGH JASROTIA.

28 JUNE 2024 AND KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 1ST JULY 2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN

MRS. PUNAM JAMWAL-WIFE MR. PARDEEP SINGH -BROTHER SHIVAM JASROTIA -SON SHAMBHAVI JASROTIA -DAUGHTER



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Shakuntla Devi Wio Li. Sh. Bodh Raj Gupta, Rio 656, Darugiran Mchalla, Kanak Mandi, Jammu on 19th of June, 2024. 10th Day will be performed on 28/05/2024 (Friday) from 10.00 am to 11.00 AM and Rasam Pagri, Uthala will be performed on 01/07/2024 (Monday) from 4 pm to 5 pm at Laxmi Narayan, Mandir, Dakki Sarajjan, Jammu,

ORIFE STRICKEN Sh. Krishan Gopal and Smt Shakuntala Rani (Devar and Devrant) Sh. Sanjay Gupta & Smt. Arti (Son and Daughter in law) Sh. Surinder Gupta & Smt. Pooja Gupta (Son and Daughter in law)

Smt. Saloni Gupta (Daughter in law) Wo Lt Sh. Guishan Gupta Smt. Ramni (Daughter) Wio Late Sh. Naveen Chadha Smt. Sanjogita Gupta (Daughter) Wo Late Sh Vijay Gupta Smt. Subha and Sh. Suresh Gupta (Daughter & Son in law) Scianaya , Anvesha & Jivyansh (Grand Children)

9419155854, 9419303251



Smt. Shakuntla Devi

TENTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, it is inform

the sad demise of Sh Dina Nath Pandita (Nath Jee) S/o Late Isher Dass R/o Chandian Pajan, Vessu Kashmir, at present H No. 130/E, Sec 2, Near M Dass School, Durga Nagar Jammu on 21.06.2024 (Friday).

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 30, Jun-2024 (Sunday) at 8:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN Ashok Kumar Pandita (Son)

Veerji Pandita (Son) Daughters & Son in law Smt Jaya Raina W/o Late O N Raina (Vessu) Smt Babli Koul W/o A K Koul (Ponzwa Verinag) Smt Sweety Raina W/o Chuni Lal Raina (Mughimarg)

Bhabis & Brothers Smt Sham Rani & Late Prithavi Nath Bhat Smt Mohani Ji & Soom Nath Bhat Smt Soni Ji & Chuni Lal Kandroo

Sisters & Jija Ji's Smt Chun i Ji & J N Pandita (Batpura) Smt Shanta Gagri & Late P N Bhat (Zangulpura) Smt Mohani Ji & Late D N Bhat (Devsar)



SMT. NIRMALA

RAZDAN (JIGEE)

Sh Dina Nath Pandita (Nath Jee)

Grand Children & Great Grand Children

Mob: 7006961273, 7889875989, 9419216006

Kriya will be performed on 29th June, 2024, Friday at our resi

Uthala will be performed on 1st July 2024, Monday from 4-5 P.M. (Venue Arya Samaj Mandir Kathua)

Mrs. Renu (Priya) & Mr. Vive k Magotra (Daughter & Son-in-law) (Pujari Bawe Wali Mata)

Mrs. Prakrit (Tannu) & Mr. Anligupta (Daughter & Son-in-law) (BA Enterprises)

Smt. Padma & Sh. Manchar Lal Sharma (Daughter-in-law & Nephew) Grand Children: Paavani, Dhairya, Shriyan, Vasu, Nandit, Damini, Anmol, Aagman, Eklavya

TENTH DAY KRIYA

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 5th July, 2024 at Muthi Ghat near Director

School Education's office at 8 a.m.

KHAR, DHAR, RAINA, BHAT, KOUL PARIVAR'S 8493885464, 9469460071, 9419148486, 9810294696

performed on Saturday, 29th

GRIEF STRICKEN

Neelam & Vijay Nagpal - Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law Monika & Harish Gupta - Sister-in-Law & Brother

Aditya, Sheena & Anshul - Nephews & Niece

& SAMAST PARIVAAR

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

TENTH DAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON

SMT. RADHA JASROTIA -MOTHER



Kriya shall be performed at 12.00 Noon on 1.07/2024 Monday at our

DISCLAIMER

Chuchot Primary Health Centre introduces Health ATM for Quick Testing of 46+ Health Parameters

Top News Report

LEH, June 28: The Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited and Manav Vikas Sanstha have inaugurated the installation of advanced health machines in government medical facilities at the Primary Health Centre in Chuchot, Leh.

The Chuchot Primary Health Centre has made a significant advancement in healthcare by installing a state-of-the-art Health ATM machine. This cutting-edge device can diagnose over 46+ health parameters, providing

the residents of the constituency with quick and comprehensive health screenings.

Incharge CMO/DTO Leh, Dolma Choskit, emphasized the convenience and efficiency of the Health ATM. She also inquired about the machine's durability during winter, noting that it is crucial for the machine to function properly during the harsh winter months when technical issues are

more likely to arise. Amit Kumar, Deputy General Manager and Regional Manager (Northern Region) of ECGC Limited, expressed his

enthusiasm for this new addition, highlighting its benefits for the community. "This initiative demonstrates that the central and state governments are actively working towards providing quality and advanced healthcare to people in rural areas,"

Earlier, Kartikeya Tewari, Assistant VP of Manav Vikas Sanstha, provided an extensive overview of the Health ATM. The machine offers a wide range of screenings, including measurements of height, weight, body temperature, blood glucose, haemoglobin

levels. ECG. and blood pressure. It also performs both invasive and non-invasive blood tests, heart checkups, and tests for dengue, malaria, and typhoid, among others.

With the introduction of the Health ATM, the Chuchot Primary Health Centre is set to enhance the accessibility and quality of healthcare services, ensuring that residents receive timely and accurate medical information. This initiative is a testament to the government's ongoing efforts to improve healthcare infrastructure in rural areas.

The event was attend-

ed by Dolma Choskit, Incharge CMO, Leh; the Councillor, Chuchot Constituency, Mirza Hussain; Councillor, Phyang Constituency Tundup Nurboo; BMO Chuchot, Dr. Nurboo Angchuk; as well as other doctors, nurses, and staff of PHC Chuchot. Representatives from Manav Vikas Sanstha, including Secretary (MVS), Tarun Diwan; Assistant VP (MVS), Kartikeya Tewari; AGM (MVS), Amit Kumar; and Senior Manager (MVS), Madan Bairwa, along with concerned officials and officers, were also present.

DFSS praises Jammu police for taking action against DySP Chanchal Singh



Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Jammu conducted a secret verification into allegations against Deputy Superintendent of Police Chanchal Singh, revealing that he had acquired significant assets disproportionate to his known income. These assets include various properties like residential houses, plots, shops, and businesses in different districts of Jammu province, as well as two hotels in Kullu (Manali), Himachal Pradesh. Additionally, he amassed substantial bank balances and valuables, both in his own name and through benami transactions involving family members and relatives.

In response to these findings, workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS), led by president Ashok Gupta, organized a rally in Jammu city to support the actions taken by Jammu

They praised the ACB Jammu, particularly its director Shakti Pathak, for conducting such an investigation, emphasizing it as a significant step towards ensuring honesty and integrity within the Jammu & Kashmir Police.

The party president highlighted the importance of these actions in establishing a new, honest administration in Jammu and Kashmir, aligning with the vision of Prime Minister

He commended the efforts of top police officials, including DGP RS Swain, IGP Jammu Anand Jain, and ACB Director Shakti Pathak, in cleansing the department of cor-

> ruption. Furthermore, it was noted that investigations are ongoing against 30 more officials within the police department suspected of similar corrupt practices, indicating further actions to come.

> During the rally, notable party members such as Raju, Ganesh, Kalu, Bikram, Kewal, Bantu, Prem, Naresh, Rampal, and others were present to support these efforts towards accountability and transparency in gov-

All Teachers' Association J&K welcomes grant of **In-Situ promotion scheme**

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: The All Teachers' Association Jammu and Kashmir (ATA J&K) expressed its sincere gratitude to the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, and the Director of School Education Jammu (DSEJ), Ashok Kumar Sharma, for the approval of the In-Situ Promotion Scheme for Masters to the Higher Standard Pay Scale Scheme. "This long-awaited

decision brings muchdeserved recognition to our dedicated Masters and Lecturers and acknowledges their valuable contributions to the education system. This decision brings immense relief and acknowledges the dedication of our deserving colleagues. We particularly appreciate the swift resolution of the time-bound case of promotions dating back to February 11th, 2014, for promoted Masters. Furthermore, the ATA J&K appreciates the recent detachment of teachers from nonteaching assignments. This allows educators responsibility of impart-

Top News Report

REASI, June 28: In

continuing its endeavour

to reach every farmer.

Animal Husbandry

Department organized

an awareness camp in a

farflung area of District

Reasi at Judda of Block

The awareness camp

was organised on the

Directions of worthy

Director AHD, Jammu

Dr Waheeda Parveen.

Chief Animal Husbandry

Officer Reasi Dr Abdul

Majid and under the

supervision of Livestock

Development Officer

Dharmari Dr Azaz Asgar

Bichoo wherein Dr Sushil

Kumar Sharma, Block

Arnas gave aware-

ness regarding various

schemes of Animal Hus-

He made the gathering

aware that every farmer

can avail the benefit of

different schemes under

HADP by applying via

online mode and in case

of any difficulty they can

contact of our field func-

Farmers can also setup

new dairy/Poultry units

by applying under IDDS

and IPDP and avail sub-

tionaries at any time.

bandry Department.

Arnas.

Animal Husbandry

Department organizes



ing quality education to students," said Mrignayani Slathia, president of the All Teachers' Association Jammu and Kash-

However, the association wished to highlight a few remaining concerns. We urge the administration to expedite the clearance of time-bound promotions for all eligible cases within the next two months. Additionally, we request the initiation of the annual transfer drive to facilitate the movement of Masters and Teachers during the current session.

The ATA J&K believes that these steps will further improve teacher morale and ultimately benefit the educational experience for students across Jammu and Kashmir. We remain committed to working collaboratively with the administration for the betterment of the education sector.

Truecaller partners with HDFC ERGO to launch Fraud Insurance

Top News Report

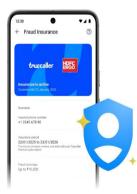
JAMMU, June 28: Truecaller, the world's leading global communications platform, in collaboration with HDFC ERGO, India's leading general insurance Company, announced the launch of Fraud Insurance, an initiative aimed at providing enhanced protection to consumers against digital communication frauds in India.

A recent report by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre revealed that digital financial frauds accounted for a staggering Rs 1.25 lakh crore over the last three years.

With the rising cases of cyber fraud, this innovative insurance offering underscores Truecaller's unwavering commitment to combating fraud and ensuring user protection through advanced app features - before, during and after mobile communication.

The Fraud Insurance product will provide coverage up to Rs 10,000 to Android and iOS users across India. The product is available to yearly premium subscribers of Truecaller and all existing customers can avail this protection for free under their existing plan.

To ensure a smooth and hassle-free experience for all users, the fraud coverage is seamlessly integrated into the True-



caller app, and is activated once the user opts in for the insurance option. The insurance plan

requires no additional paperwork and one can enable it instantly through the Truecaller app. The new offering will enhance user experience by providing all round protection from the time of receiving a call, during and after communication with the help of AI spam blocking, AI Assistant and call scanner and Fraud Insurance to complete the loop.

Speaking on the launch of Truecaller's Fraud Insurance, Rishit Jhunjhunwala, Chief Product Officer and MD, India, Truecaller stated, "We're thrilled to launch this innovative insurance offering as part of our ongoing commitment to providing comprehensive solutions that prioritize user security and trust. With the launch of Fraud Insurance, we're not just introducing a feature: we're reinforcing our dedication to safeguarding our community against the ever-evolving threats of digital fraud, and empowering them with the peace of mind they deserve in today's complex digital landscape. As we continue to innovate and adapt to the changing landscape of digital communication, Truecaller remains steadfast in our promise to empower users with the tools they need to stay safe online."

Vishal Sikand, Joint President, Commercial Lines, HDFC ERGO General Insurance. said, "The pandemic has accelerated the use of digital mobile payment in the country. While it brings convenience, it also leads to an increase in digital frauds in the country. We are delighted to partner with Truecaller as it underscores our commitment to leverage cutting-edge technology while offering customercentric innovations. Our comprehensive insurance offering, coupled with Truecaller's extensive user base will propel financial inclusion along with protection from digital communications fraud

in the country." The launch of Fraud Insurance further solidifies Truecaller's commitment to introducing products that offer comprehensive fraud protection solutions, thereby safeguarding digital experiences effectively.

awareness camp sidy upto 50% for each unit. To meet up the short term working capital requirement for rearing of animals, farmers can avail the benefit of kisan Credit Card (KCC) under Animal Husbandry component for which credit limits are fixed against

> milch Animals. In the camp more than 50 number of farmers including ex. Sarpanchs/ panches participated and get acquainted about the

> different category of

different schemes. Livestock Development Officer, Dharmari Dr Azzaz Asgar Bichoo in his address appealed to the farmers to come forward and take benefits of different AHD Schemes and emphasized to register maximum number of farmers for different schemes

He signifies the importance of such programs to uplift the farmer community.

The ex-Sarpanch Panchayat Judda, Amin Sheikh extended his gratitude to the Husbandry Department for organizing such awareness program in a remotest area of Distt Reasi.

PM Modi-led governance model an example for the world: Rohiin Chandan

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: The last decade of the Modiled government saw institutional and economic development and a culture of inclusive governance— Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas.

This was stated by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Secretary and Media Prabhari Jammu South Rohiin Chandan. He said the PM Modi-led government focuses on GYAN (Garib, Yuva, Annadata, and Nari Shakti)

PM Modi showed that he is the flag bearer of growth, youth development, gender equality, and nation-building.

The Weberian concept of "charismatic authority" is particularly apt in PM Modi's context.

Rohiin Chandan elaborates that under his leadership, the BJP fostered the idea of one nation and strengthened nationalism by imbibing a deep sense of patriotism in citizens, and his focus on stability,

development, and progress-the "Modi Guarantee"-acquired people's

Rohiin Chandan highlighted that the BJP fought the election with its track record in infrastructure building, investment, innovation, and inclusiveness.

From the country becoming a major exporter of toys to being on the cusp of developing indigenous semiconductor chips, the Make in India initiative under the vibrant leadership of PM Modi is ushering Bharat towards a new level of Atmanirbharta (self-reliance) by making the country a global manufacturing hub.

He emphasized that the manufacturing boom is likely to pave the way for uplifting millions of backward classes into a new middle class under PM Modi's successful leadership. He asserted that 'Viksit Bharat 2047', PM Modi has aimed for India to transform into a developed country by the 100th year of its independence.

Rohiin Chandan said that

through exemplary initiatives like the Panchteerth of Babasaheb, our PM has honored the legacy of B. R. Ambedkar.

This is not a mere opinion; the support for the BJP among the Dalit communities in our country has seen a massive rise, from 24 percent of votes in 2014 to 36 percent of votes in 2019. Under Modi, social harmony and unity, ideology over identity, and conviction over hollow promises have taken precedence.

This marks a historic shift in Dalit politics.Rohiin educates that PM Modiled government has done magnificent work for all segments of society.

He asserted that India's governance model of the last decade has become an example for several countries in the world as the nation managed to lift 25 crore people from poverty, saw the adoption of innovative practices of good governance, and worked for the welfare of the poorest people without any discrimination.

Army sponsors Electrical and Welding Course at Banihal

Top News Report

RAMBAN, Jun 28: Indian Army has sponsored the Electrical and Welding Course at the HIIT vocational training center in Banihal for the youth of the region as part of its ongoing initiatives to empower young minds.

The project is aligned with 'Indian government's skill India and Digital India initiatives'. It is a three month program that will include theory and practical classes on a wide range of skills and fundamentals, such as wiring, installation of transformers, metal joining methods, first aid and its safety norms.

A total of ten youth are undertaking the course and will graduate with a grasp of electrical basics

and its applications. Each graduate will receive an official 'Electrical and Welding Course Completion' Diploma Certificate.

The culmination of this course will give way to employment opportu-nities for newly skilled manpower. Indian Armv's effort to support deprived youth and provide them with vocational training

will lead to skill enhancement, self-reliance, and financial independence to local youth.

The event was unfolded by Indian Army in the presence of government officials, opinion makers, and media personnel at HIIT info Tech & Research Center in the Banihal Market, Ramban district

NORTHERN RAILWAY

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

FOR MEDICAL PRACTIONERS ON CONTRACT BASIS Walk-in-Interview for the engagement of 06 Medical Practitioners on contract basis over Firozpur Division will be held on 04.04.2024 at Railway Officers Rest House, Pathankot Station, on 05.04.2024 at VIP Room/SS room, Railway Station, Amritsar and on 08.04.2024 at the committee hall, DRM Office, Firozpur. Candidates can download detailed Notification and Walk-in-interview form from the website https://nr.indianrailways.gov.in/> News& recruitment info>Recruitment info>. For any query contact on 9779232631, 9540096053 or can email on srdpofzr@gmail.com. For Divisional Railway Manager (P)

Northern Railway/Firozpur

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION BASOHLI

CORRIGENDUM

Subject:- Cancellation of works:-

1- Construction of Elementary Boys Toilet at NPS Nagana PAB 2023-24 Under

2- Construction of Secondary Girls Toilet at GMS Ghodal PAB 2023-24 Under

3- Construction of Elementary Girls Toilet at GMS Ghodal PAB 2023-24 Under Samagra Shiksha

e-NIT No. 06 of 2024-25 Dated 20-06-2024.

Due to typical mistakes in the nomenclatures / BOQs, the above noted ve referred NIT are hereby cancelled.

The fresh tender shall be invited shortly

DIP/J-1996/24 No.1126-28

Dated:-26-06-2023

Sd/-Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Basohli

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI(PHE) MECH. DIVISION KATHUA NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT No. 13/JSPHEMK of 2023-24 dated: 25-06-2024

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua, on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered/ reputed firms.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee (In Rs)	Earnest Money	Estimated Cost	Bid Validity
1	2	3	4	5	6
Providing,installatio n, testing & comm. of 5000 GPHx 150m head SPS and allied works at T/W Gurha Mundianin Hiranagar.	Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Kathua	Rs. 200.00 (Non-Refundable) In the shape of Treasury Challan in favour of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua & also mentioned the e-NT	2% (pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Kathua)	2.15 lac	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

- 1) Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 25-06-2024 (06:50PM) and uploaded from 25-06-2024(6:50 PM) to 03-07-2024 (04:00 PM). The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.
- 2) Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table.
- 3) The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the tenderer shall be debarred from participating in tendering process for a period of 1 year. 4) The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of
- Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division Kathua on 04-07-2024 at 01:00 P.Mor any other day convenient to the Ex. Engineer in the Office chambers of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division Kathua. 5) The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online
- in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department PHE Mechanical Division Kathua during office hours and shall be communicated separately. 6) Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

No: JSPHEMK/516-19 Dated: 25-06-2024

DIP/J-1998/24

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Division, Kathua

DDITORIAL

WELCOME TO PILGRIMS

ammu, nestled in the northernmost state of Jammu and Kashmir, is not just a geographical region but a cultural and spiritual haven for pilgrims from around the world. Known for its breathtaking landscapes, rich heritage, and diverse religious sites, Jammu offers a unique blend of tranquility and spiritual vibrancy that attracts pilgrims seeking solace and divine blessings.

At the heart of Jammu's spiritual allure lies its revered temples and shrines. Among the most prominent is the Vaishno Devi Temple, nestled in the Trikuta Mountains. This sacred abode of Goddess Vaishno Devi draws millions of devotees annually who undertake the arduous trek to seek her blessings. The journey, often beginning at Katra, is more than a physical pilgrimage; it is a profound spiritual odyssey marked by unwavering faith and devotion.

Another significant pilgrimage site is the Raghunath Temple, dedicated to Lord Rama. This temple complex, with its stunning architecture and serene ambiance, stands as a testament to the region's deep-rooted religious heritage. Pilgrims flock here to pay homage and participate in religious ceremonies that celebrate the divine.

Beyond its religious significance, Jammu boasts a rich cultural tapestry woven from centuries of diverse influences. The annual Mela Kheer Bhawani, held at the Kheer Bhawani Temple near Srinagar, exemplifies this cultural richness. Devotees gather to offer prayers to the Goddess Ragnya Devi, highlighting the harmony between different communities and their shared reverence for the divine.

Jammu's cultural vibrancy extends to its festivals, where traditions come alive in colorful celebrations. The Jammu Mahotsav, an annual extravaganza showcasing the region's art, music, and cuisine, invites visitors to immerse themselves in the local culture. From traditional folk dances like Rouf and Bhand Pather to sumptuous dishes such as Rogan Josh and Dum Aloo, every aspect of Jammu's cultural heritage is on display during this vibrant festival.

Jammu's allure is not confined to its spiritual and cultural facets; it is also blessed with breathtaking natural beauty. The picturesque landscapes of Patnitop, with its lush meadows and panoramic views of the Himalayas, offer a perfect retreat for pilgrims seeking moments of serenity amidst nature's grandeur. The shimmering waters of Mansar Lake, considered sacred by Hindus, provide a tranquil setting for reflection and rejuvenation.

For adventure enthusiasts, Jammu offers thrilling opportunities such as trekking in the Pir Panjal Range or exploring the rugged terrain of Bhaderwah Valley. These experiences not only exhilarate the senses but also deepen the connection between pilgrims and the pristine environment that surrounds them.

Jammu's hospitality is as warm as its climate, welcoming pilgrims with open arms and ensuring their comfort throughout their stay. From budget-friendly accommodations in Katra to luxurious resorts overlooking the Tawi River, there is a range of options to suit every pilgrim's needs and preferences.

Accessibility to Jammu has been greatly enhanced with improved transportation infrastructure. The Jammu Tawi Railway Station connects the region to major cities across India, facilitating seamless travel for pilgrims. The expansion of the Jammu Airport has further boosted connectivity, making it easier for international pilgrims to embark on their spiritual journey to this sacred land.

As Jammu continues to evolve, it remains steadfast in preserving its cultural and religious heritage while embracing modernity. Efforts to conserve ancient temples and historical sites ensure that future generations can continue to experience the spiritual legacy of this timeless region. At the same time, initiatives promoting sustainable tourism aim to protect Jammu's natural environment and promote responsible travel practices among pilgrims and visitors alike.

In essence, Jammu stands as a testament to India's rich tapestry of spirituality, culture, and natural beauty. Whether embarking on a pilgrimage to seek divine blessings or exploring its vibrant cultural mosaic, every visitor to Jammu is greeted with a sense of awe and reverence. As pilgrims traverse its sacred sites and immerse themselves in its cultural traditions, they discover not only the serenity of spiritual enlightenment but also the warmth of its people and the timeless allure.

Women rise in IFS, but gender parity is still distant

By: Dilip Cherian

The presence of women in the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) increased by 6.6 per cent to the current 37.8 per cent in the period 2014-2022. Remarkably, between 2018 and 2020, the percentage of female recruits in the IFS surpassed 40 per cent. Observers note that the IFS generally has a higher percentage of women compared to other services like the IAS and IPS.

While this is undeniable progress, a lot more needs to be done to attain gender parity in the diplomatic corps. Historically, women in the IFS faced numerous challenges, such as being excluded from challenging postings and needing government approval to marry, unlike their male counterparts. Pioneers like C.B. Muthamma fought against these discriminatory practices in 1979, leading to improvements by the 1980s.

Despite these advancements, the IFS remains a relatively small service, an anomaly in the context of India's self-image as a rising force. Over the years, foreign affairs mavens have called for tripling the number of recruits to address the gender gap and strengthen India's global presence. Historically, increasing the number of recruits has led to a higher proportion of women joining the service, as seen in 2015, when 17 women were inducted.

Currently, women head only eight Indian diplomatic missions and none in major capitals. This is a notable decline from 2008, when women led over 25 missions, including key locations. Today, only one of the seven top-level positions in the ministry of external affairs (MEA) is held by a woman.

To achieve true gender parity in the IFS, external affairs minister S. Jaishankar will have to address the structural and cultural barriers to ensure equal opportunities for women's advancement and leadership. A more inclusive and representative diplomatic corps will better reflect the values and strengths of a modern India on the world stage.

Rapid-fire appointments, private secretaries named for Union ministers

The NDA government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi isn't wasting any time. With the new Union Ministers settling into their roles, the Centre is quickly appointing private secretaries to assist them. In the first wave of appointments, private secretaries for Union ministers like Nitin Gadkari, Manohar Lal Khattar, Giriraj Singh and Hardeep Singh Puri were announced. The private secretaries are Shinde Deepak Arjun, Rassal Dwivedi, Raman Kumar, and B. Vijay Datta, drawn from the 2010, 2011 and 2012 batches of the IAS. Interestingly, these appointments happened without much input from the ministers themselves, particularly in Mr Gadkari's case.

Subsequently, in the second round, six officers were named as private secretaries to Union ministers. They include Anirudha Sravan Pulipaka of Karnataka cadre as private secretary to finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

What's driving this hurry? The urgency is due to the 100day action plan for ministries and departments crafted by bureaucrats and Niti Aayog officials at Mr Modi's directive, even before the elections were announced. Plans needing legislative approval or funding will be spotlighted in the upcoming Budget, set to be presented next month. The government is clearly on a mission to hit the ground running, and these swift appointments are just the beginning.

Gujarat babus show the way: Bribe now, pay later

In a generous and touching nod to "ease of doing business", Gujarat officials are now accepting bribes on an EMI basis to reduce the burden on their victims. Yes, you read that right. These considerate babus have probably taken a leaf from the banking systems, allowing citizens to pay bribes in easy instalments.

Gone are the days of scraping together lump sums for bribes. Need to pay a bribe but can't afford it all at once? No problem! Now, you can spread the cost over several

months. For example, earlier this year, someone involved in a state GST bogus billing scam faced a Rs 21 lakh bribery demand. Thankfully, an EMI plan was available — Rs 2 lakh per month for nine months. Similarly, a cybercrime unit officer reportedly demanded Rs 10 lakh but accepted four instalments instead.

The trend is spreading, sources have informed DKB. In Surat, a deputy sarpanch and a taluka panchayat member demanded Rs 85,000 from a villager to level his farm. But considering the villager's financial state, they kindly offered an EMI option — Rs 35,000 down payment and the rest in three instalments.

In a more dramatic episode, two cops fled with Rs 4 lakh, the first instalment of a Rs 10 lakh bribe they demanded from a resident of Sabarkantha district. They couldn't wait for the rest!

Senior police officials admit that this practice is gaining popularity, with at least 10 such cases reported this year alone. But now the rest of the nation is getting to learn about the hitherto hidden aspects of the fabled Gujarat model. Other states may even be inspired to adopt it! But don't forget to tip your hat to Gujarat where it began and thank your stars that you need not empty your pockets all at once; just be prepared for a monthly deduction instead.

How Parental Support Matters In Cracking Toughest Examinations, JEE, NEET

By: Vijay GarG

racking entrance exams like the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) poses a formidable challenge for lakhs of aspirants striving to realise their educational ambitions. These exams serve as gateways to premier engineering and medical colleges across India.

Achieving success in these examinations necessitates thorough preparation, expert guidance, and robust familial and peer support. An optimal study environment, supplemented by top-tier tutoring and coaching from experienced educators, is indispensable.

Above all, parental involvement plays a pivotal role in ensuring success. Without their unwavering support, conquering these rigorous exams becomes an uphill task. Parental encouragement significantly impacts a student's overall performance and wellbeing, shielding them from undue stress and enabling them to pursue their aspirations with confidence.

Preparation for exams like JEE and NEET often induces considerable stress. Students

must grasp intricate concepts, solve complex problems, and consistently excel in mock exams. This pressure can lead to anxiety and burnout, underscoring the critical role parents play beyond financial support.

Emotional Support: A Foundation For Success

Encouragement and motivation:

Parents play a pivotal role in maintaining their children's motivation. Regular words of encouragement, celebrating small achievements, and valuing effort over outcomes can significantly boost morale.

Creating a supportive environment:

A nurturing home environment devoid of undue pressure or unrealistic expectations enables students to concentrate effectively. Open communication channels allow children to discuss their concerns and challenges freely.

Stress management:

Encouraging healthy habits such as regular breaks, physical activity, and sufficient sleep is essential. Introducing stress-relief techniques like mindfulness, meditation, or engaging hobbies helps in maintaining balance and reducing anxiety.

Practical Support: Facilitating Journey

Resource Provision:

In addition to emotional backing, practical assistance such as access to quality study materials and enrollment in reputable coaching institutes is indispensable.

Time Management:

Parents can aid in crafting a balanced schedule including study sessions, leisure activities, and adequate rest periods. Maintaining this equilibrium is crucial for preventing burnout and sustaining consistent performance.

Regular conversation:

Periodic discussions about progress, challenges, and adjustments to study plans are vital. These conversations should foster understanding and support rather than scrutiny.

Building resilience and coping mechanisms

Handling setbacks:

Encouraging children to see failures as opportunities for growth fosters resilience essential for long-term suc-

Emphasising effort and improvement:

By highlighting effort and progress rather than fixating solely on results, parents help alleviate the fear of failure, promoting a positive and productive study environment.
Seeking professional guidance:

Recognising signs of severe stress or depression prompts parents to seek professional counselling. Prioritising mental health ensures students can navigate challenges effectively.

"The journey toward cracking JEE and NEET is as much about mental strength as it is about intellectual capability. Parental support, encompassing emotional encouragement, practical assistance, and resilience-building, forms the bedrock of a student's success. By being a pillar of strength and a source of unwavering support, parents can significantly alleviate the burdens of this demanding journey, helping their children not just succeed in exams but also emerge as well-rounded individuals ready to tackle future challenges,"

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

Er. Sajad Reshi welcomes Amarnath Yatra Pilgrims to Kashmir

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 28: Er. Sajad Reshi, the IT Head of the J&K BJP Minority Morcha, extended a heartfelt welcome to all the pilgrims participating in this year's Amarnath Yatra.

As the sacred pilgrimage commences, Er Reshi emphasized the importance of this annual event in fostering unity, spirituality, and cultural harmony.

"We are honored to welcome the Amarnath Yatra pilgrims to the beautiful valley of Kashmir," said Er. Reshi.

"This pilgrimage is not only a testament to faith but also a celebration of the rich cultural heritage and diversity that Kashmir embodies. We are committed to ensuring a safe and enriching experience for all pilgrims," he added.

The J&K BJP Minority Morcha, under the lead-

ership of Er. Reshi, has been actively involved in coordinating with local authorities to provide necessary support and facilities for the pilgrims. Measures have been taken to ensure smooth logistics, security, and healthcare services along the pilgrimage

route.
Er. Reshi also highlighted the collaborative efforts of the local community in extending their hospitality to the pilgrims. "The people of Kashmir have always shown warmth and generosity towards visitors. This year, as we continue to recover from the global pandemic, the spirit of brotherhood and mutual respect remains stronger than ever," he stated.

The Amarnath Yatra holds significant religious importance for Hindu devotees, attracting thousands of pilgrims each year. The journey to the Amarnath Cave, which

houses the sacred ice Shivlinga, is considered one of the most revered pilgrimages in Hinduism. Er. Sajad Reshi encourages all pilgrims to follow the quidelines and safety

Er. Sajad Reshi encourages all pilgrims to follow the guidelines and safety protocols issued by the authorities to ensure a peaceful and safe pilgrimage. "Let us all come together in the spirit of devotion and unity, making this year's Amarnath Yatra a memorable and fulfilling experience," he added.

Army holds drug awareness lecture at Patnazi



Top News Report

DODA, June 28: Indian Army in its continuous efforts to motivate the youth of the Nation has undertaken a variety of programmes for the youth. In continuing with the same spirit, a lecture on 'Drug Awareness' was organised to commemorate 'International Day

against Drug Abuse' at Patnazi, Shalimar, Gahan

& Kishtwar.

The aim of the lecture was to spread awareness of the ill effects of drug abuse among the locals and especially youth and also to educate them on the various remedial measures to fight this menace.

The drive included a

series of lectures by the representative of Indian Army, who focused on the health related aspects. During the lecture, locals were sensitised about various aspect of drug abuse which included

type of drugs and their adverse effects on the

health, family and society.

The symptoms, treatment and rehabilitation were given due emphasis during the lecture. A total of 125 locals attended the awareness drive. This initiative by Indian Army was highly appreciated by the locals who thanked Indian Army for conducting such lectures which will go a long way in helping to understand the young generation about the ill effects of drug abuse and will avoid them to fall prey

Army holds Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at Dara Dullian



Top News Report

POONCH, Jun 28: Indian Army organised cleanliness drive in Dara Dullian under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on Friday.

The main aim of the event was to generate awareness and bring about a behavioural change regarding hygiene and sanitation practices, improve the

management of solid and liquid waste and educate the local populace about benefits of cleanliness and hygiene.

Villagers of Dara Dullian in Poonch district participated in the event to take a pledge on cleanliness and spread awareness in the society.

The efforts of Army in spreading healthy living practices were appreciated by the people.

GGM Sc College NCC Boys organise awareness campaign on International Day against Drug Abuse

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: The NCC boys cadets and NSS Volunteers of GGM Science College, Jammu successfully conducted a three-day awareness campaign to mark the 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking." The campaign held from 26th of June to 28th of June, aimed to educate the community on the dangers of drug abuse and promote a drug-free lifestyle

The event was inaugurated by the honourable principal Dr Romesh Kumar Gupta, who lauded the efforts

of NCC cadets and NSS
Volunteers in spearheading this critical initiative.
"The Fight Against Drug
Abuse required collective efforts and awareness. The Dedication and enthusiasm shown by the NCC Cadets and NSS
Volunteers in organizing this compagain is commendable and crucial in our battle to create a drug free society" he remarked.

ANO Lt. Dr. Devinder

this compagain is commendable and crucial in our battle to create a drug free society" he remarked. ANO Lt Dr Devinder Kumar Sharma, emphasized the importance of youth involvement in combating drug abuse. "Our youth is the future of the nation. By engaging them in such campaigns,

to be agents of change in their community," he

remarked. The three-day campaign featured a series of events, including: Workshops an Seminars, Interactive Sessions and Awareness Rallies. The campaign received widespread support and participation from college students and NSS Program Officers, Dr Rahul Kait and Dr Neha Sharma, played a pivotal role in the successful execution of the workshop. The NCC aims to continue its efforts in drug abuse preventions and plans to organize more such initiatives in the future.

Musical evening organised by Ekam Satt Foundation

we not only educate them

but also empower them

Top News Report

NAGROTA. June 28: A musical evening was organised by the renowned 'Ekam Satt Foundation', by Mr Ameya Dabli & group at Headquarter 16 Corps, Nagrota to commemorate India's victory in 'Operation Vijay - Kargil War', as a part of 'Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav' celebrations of Kargil Vijay Diwas. The musical concert was filled with melodies based on the theme of 'Patriotism' and 'Unity in Diversity'.

Ekam Satt Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to the mental wellness of 'Armed Forces Personnel', Youth, and Indian Citizens. The mission of the Ekam Satt Foundation is to foster 'Nation-Building' by celebrating the bravery of the Indian Armed Forces and promoting mental wellness and emotional well-being.

Ekam Satt Foundation has launched a 25th



Diwas initiative, aimed at impacting over 100 million people. Mr Ameya Dabli (Celebrity Singer & Entertainer), has embarked on a journey of serenading the Armed Forces of our Nation, to provide them with a much-needed relief from their gruelling lives through his 'Ekam Satt' 'One Truth, One Humanity, World Music' under the 'Mission for Nation' initiative based on the premise of Vasudhaiva

Anniversary Kargil Vijay

He has conducted 155 concerts in last five years for Indian Armed Forces

Kutumbakam.

out of which 67 were done in FY 2022-23 to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav'.

The event in Nagrota was attended by all Ranks along with their families of Nagrota Military Station and Veterans of Nagrota town. GOC, 16 Corps along with Mrs Reena Sachdev graced the occasion and felicitated Mr Ameya Dabli and his team for their outstanding performance. The musical event paid a rich tribute to the brave soldiers and reaffirmed the Nation's gratitude for their unparalleled service and sacrifice.

Army conducts Medical Patrol for Gujjar, Bakarwal at Hari Marhote



Top News Report

POONCH, June 28: Army organised a medical patrol in a remote village of Hari-Marhote.

The patrol navigated through numerous mohallas and Panchayats providing crucial medical assistance to vulnerable demographics including elderly individuals, women and children who lack adequate access to healthcare facilities.

During the patrol the Indian Army medical team administered basic treatment and conducted health check-ups and distributed essential medications to address the pressing health needs of the villagers.

the villagers.

This initiative underscores the Army's communities residing in challenging and underserved regions. A total of 55 villagers were benefited from the medical patrol.

Ganesh confers "Lifetime Achievement Award" by "GMIAAL Hungary

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: Ganesh Kumar Sharma two times Gold Medalist from USA, International Awardee eminent senior contemporary Sculptor, son of the soil has been Conferred "Lifetime Achievement Award" by Gold Master International Academy of Art and Literature, Hungary in recognition of his art works and knowledge at International level.

The International Award presented virtually by Maria Lipták, President of the Academy. She also congratulated and conveyed warm wishes for future endeavors.

Ganesh Kumar Sharma belongs to border village Sanoora of Samba district is working in promotion of art and culture of Jammu and Kashmir UT from more than forty five years. He is participating regularly in International platforms of art throughout the world.

Till now he has participated in thousands of art exhibitions/art events across the world and he has organized 25 solo shows of his art works in different parts of the country and abroad.

Ganesh Sharma's art works are in permanent collections of different government art galleries as well as in private galleries in India and abroad.

His biography is published in so many International Who's Who Books, International Art Directories, Contemporary art Books and Art Magazines across the globe.

Flowers Kids Public School organizes 'Discover Your Path' event



Top News Report

BUDGAM, June 28: Flowers Kids Public School hosted an inspiring event titled 'Discover Your Path' at its premises in Gariend Kalan, Budgam. The event aimed at empowering students to explore and identify their future paths and potential.

The event was graced by several prominent figures. Dr. Touseef Bhat, a well-known social activist, honored the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Sheikh Firdous, Chairman of the NGO Rehm-

atanlil Almeen, attended as the Guest of Honour, and the renowned social worker, Syed Aijaz Kashani, was present as the Special Guest.

Sajad Shola and Masrat from the Smile NGO also participated, adding to the event's significance.

The program featured a series of motivational talks and interactive sessions, providing students with valuable insights into various career opportunities and the importance of self-discovery.

Each speaker shared their experiences and

offered guidance to the students, encouraging them to pursue their dreams with determination and confidence.

In his closing remarks, Syed Zahoor, Chairman of Flowers Kids Public School, extended his heartfelt gratitude to all the esteemed guests for their valuable contributions and for taking the time to inspire and guide the students.

He emphasized the school's commitment to providing quality education and holistic development to its students

SLCA J&K organizes Poster-Making Competition

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: JKSPYM State Level Coordinating Agency J&K in continuing series of events to observe "International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking" organized Poster-Making Competition for college students at JKSPYM Centre, Jammu in collaboration with NISD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India under the

banner of Nasha Mukt

Bharat Abhiyaan. Theme for 2024 is "Evi-

dence is Clear: Invest in Prevention".

Program initiated with the welcome note by Kimi Padhiar, SLCA official.

Rakesh Kumar, President JKSPYM was the chief guest on the occasion. Around 50 students from Cluster University, MAM College participat-

ed in the competition.

Event was organized to promote drug free life for the welfare of the society and aims to empower the

youth to make informed decisions and resist the

influence of drugs.
Poster-making competition concluded with the prize distribution by President, JKSPYM.

Netasha Bhagat bagged first prize, Anamika Devi bagged second prize and Rita Sharma bagged third prize and certificates were distributed to all the participants.

Program ended with the group photograph and vote of thanks by SLCA team

Amarnath Yatra: First batch of 4603 pilgrims reaches Qazigund, gets warm welcome from locals, administration

Top News Report

QAZIGUND, June 28: The First batch of pilgrims for Amaranth Yatra reached at Navyug tunnel in Qazigund on Friday morning.

An official said told Voice of India that first batch of 4603 pilgrims were welcomed by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam Athar Amir Khan along with Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kulgam, Sahil Sarangal and other officials from civil and police.

"They are travelling in small and big vehicles comprising 231 vehicles escorted by heavy security", he said.

Deputy commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Amir Khan talking to media persons said "today we welcomed pilgrims in Qazigund who are with a convoy. The pilgrims have now moved towards their destination. Our security arrangements are in place. As per need, extra deployment has been made at places", he said. The Yatra began ear-

lier today from Jammu where Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha flagged them from the Amarnath Yatra base camp amid tight security arrangements made by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) along with the

On this occasion, DC along with SSP and locals flagged them off towards Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

army and the local police.

The 62-day Amarnath Yatra is scheduled to start from 29th June and continue till August 19.

SILB signs MoU with HERI for advanced research and skill development

Top News Report
SOLAN/JAMMU, June

28: Shoolini Institute of Life Sciences & Business Management (SILB), Solan, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla under the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE). This collaboration underscores a mutual dedication to environmental conservation. biotechnology, and health and wellness, aiming to create a sustainable and prosperous future for the region.

The MoU was signed by HFRI Director in-charge, Dr Sandeep Sharma and Dr Shalini Sharma, Director of SILB. Others present at the ceremony included Dr Ashwani Tapwal, Scientist, Dr Bal Krishan Tiwari, Scientist from HFRI, and Dr Shalini Sharma, Director of SILB. The event also saw the presence of special invitees Professor PK Khosla, Prof Sunil Puri, from Shoolini University and Mrs. Saroj Khosla,

Chairperson SILB, and Heads of Departments from various disciplines at SILB.

The MoU establishes a robust framework for collaboration between HFRI and SILB, focusing on the following key areas:

Joint research projects, the exchange of scientific knowledge, and collaborative research initiatives to address critical environmental and scientific challenges. Development of innovative solutions for environmental and climate challenges, pioneering sustainable practices and technologies to mitigate the impact of climate

change. Skill Development Programmes are also included in the MoU, comprehensive training programmes to prepare a highly skilled workforce for the industries in the region. Promotion of Biotechnology and Life Sciences Industries, enhancing the growth of biotechnology and life sciences sectors through academic and practical advancements

By combining their

expertise, HFRI and SILB are committed to overcoming procedural and bureaucratic hurdles to achieve their shared goals efficiently. This partnership promises to make significant contributions to societal progress and economic development in the Northwest Himalayan Region

The HFRI, a premier forestry research institute under the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), specialises in biodiversity assessment, insect-pest management, agroforestry practices, and ecorestoration across Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. SILB, affiliated with Him-

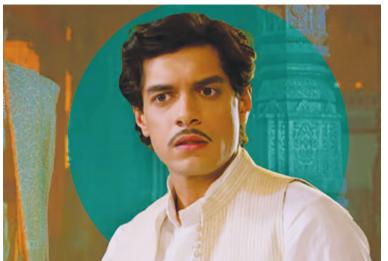
SILB, affiliated with Himachal Pradesh University and recognised by the Ministry of Science and Technology, excels in life sciences and business management education. The institute offers a diverse range of courses, including M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Sc. Botany, M.Sc. Chemistry, B.Sc. Biotechnology, B.Sc. Microbiology, B.Sc. Microbiology, B.Sc. Microbiology, B.Sc. Microbiology, B.Sc. Microbiology, B.Sc. Alicrobiology, B.Sc. Microbiology, B.Sc. Microbiology, B.Sc. Alicrobiology, B.Sc. Microbiology, B.Sc.

As Maharaj garners a mixed response, debutant Junaid Khan feels the entire point of cinema is all views are valid

Papa kehte hai bada naam karega... today the lilting song picturised on Aamir Khan in his iconic film Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak turns prophetic, and the superstar has all the reasons to be a proud father himself. The response to Netflix film Maharaj may have been mixed, but feedback to Aamir's son Junaid Khan, who made his debut with the film, has been largely positive. Sure, he may not have won over all critics. But then as the actor wiser beyond years understands, "You can't please them all. The entire point of cinema is all views are valid and we try our best every time.

Basking in the glory, with social media going gaga over like father like son, it may have taken a while for Junaid to follow in Mr Perfectionist's footsteps. But it's an assured debut. If he studied theatre in the US, he has been on stage since 2017 and will go on it again in September. For the fact that this must have been one of the most underwhelming debuts of a starkid with limited publicity prior to release, his response is telling. even a wee bit modest, "I leave such things like publicity and distribution to people who know better than me.'

Whether he should have opted for a more conventional loverboy film (like his dad's) and in theatres, once again he feels, "It's the producers' prerogative." For him, an actor's job 'is



to choose the right scripts, the ones which excite me'.

Director's cut Maharai, both Junaid and director of his film Siddharth P Malhotra feel, is certainly that one rich story. It may have ruffled a few feathers of the easily offended tribe initially, but hiccup for the Hichki-maker was temporary. Religious subjects, Siddharth agrees, are a tough nut to crack. But he qualifies, "We all were cognisant of the fact that it should not hurt anvone. We went through loads of edits, even before the film was ready." But at the end of the day, he quips, "I can't make a film for critics." Whether he had on his mind films like Sirf Ek Banda Kaafi Hai and the series Aashram, also on unscrupulous religious gurus, well, he can't comprehend any ground for

comparisons. He reasons, "Sirf Ek Banda...was heavy duty and Aashram had violence, sex...

both highly rated content, of

course. Maharaj is quintessen-

tially Karsandas Mulji's journey." So why name it after the negative character of the movie? Siddharth answers, "We did toy with other names but since the book by Saurabh Shah and the play are so titled, we decided to simply go along with it."

Different take

While viewers might see the titular character Maharaj, played by Jaideep Ahlawat, as downright repugnant, the actor, who never fails to nail it, certainly does not consider him as the vilest character he has essayed in his vast and impressive filmography. Rather, he feels, "His thought-process is very different yet he believes in what he does,

and is never apologetic. You play the mindset of the character and have to find belief in his

The calmness and equanimity with which he essays the part of this lustful dharam guru, he shares, is as ingrained in the script as his understanding of the character of 'how the really powerful never get angry easily'.

Jaideep's deep character study is something even Junaid stands inspired by. Whether after rubbing shoulders with this gifted actor, Junaid's role model, which we assume is Aamir, might have changed, the diplomatic answer is, "But then I have never worked with my dad except maybe in a family play."

While he has wrapped up one film and is busy shooting for a Phantom production in Delhi, both theatre and cinema will remain his forever love. Late start, if you think 31 is by Bollywood standards, but by no means is he in the slow lane.

It's a weighty issue...

For Jaideep Ahlawat from 'doodh dahi ka desh Haryana', losing weight for Maharaj wasn't easy. But man, he shed no less than 26 kg under the watchful supervision of his trainer Prajwal Shetty. Will he regain some pounds for Hathi Ram Chaudhry in the sequel of his breakout series Paatal Lok? Well, since the series has already been shot, he can afford to remain fit!

Adah Sharma to play 'badass, witty' lead role in new show 'Rapchick Reeta'



Actress Adah Sharma is all set to play a "badass, witty" titular character in the upcoming show titled 'Rapchick Reeta'.

A source close to the development shared, "Many actresses were considered, but the team unanimously zeroed in on Adah. She has excellent comic timing and a huge youth fan following. She is also very versatile, so she's perfect for the part of Reeta. Reeta is badass, witty, kind, and a lot of fun. After 'Sunflower', 'The Kerala Story', and 'Bastar: The Naxal Story', she has proved that she is one of the best among the young actresses."

When contacted, Adah was tight-lipped and said: "Yes, I'm doing something exciting, but the team will make an announcement soon."

The show will air on Disney+ Hotstar. Adah will also be making her singing debut next month with her first single, which is a rendition of the Shiv Tandav Stotram. The actress made her acting debut as the lead in the 2009 Hindi horror film '1920' opposite Rajniesh Duggal, directed by Vikram Bhatt. In 2011, she featured in another horror film titled 'Phhir'.

Adah has been a part of films like 'Hasee Toh Phasee', 'Commando 2', and 'Commando 3'. The actress has also starred in South Indian films. including the Telugu movies 'Heart Attack', 'S/O Satyamurthy', 'Kshanam', 'Subramanyam for Sale', 'Kalki', and 'Question Mark'. Adah has also appeared in the Kannada movie 'Rana Vikrama', Tamil films like 'Idhu Namma Aalu' and 'Charlie Chaplin 2', and had a special appearance in the song 'Maaman Waiting' from the movie 'Idhu Namma Aalu'. The diva has also been part of web series like 'Pukaar', 'The Holiday', 'Aisa Waisa Pyaar', and 'Meet Cute'. The actress next has 'The Game of Girgit' in the pipeline.

Prince Narula, Yuvika Chaudhary expecting first child

Reality TV personalities Prince Narula and Yuvika Chaudhary of 'Bigg Boss 9' fame are set to welcome their first child.

The couple, who tied the knot in 2018, shared the news on Instagram.

'I don't know how to express my feelings right now because I am very happy and at the same time, I am nervous and thankful to God and am super excited for my parents. Because Privika baby is going to come very soon,' wrote Narula, also known for reality shows such as 'MTV Roadies 12' and 'MTV Splitsvilla 8', in a lengthy post.

In the announcement, Narula, 33, and Chaudhary, 40, shared a picture of a red car and its toy replica next to it.

He also thanked his



wife for giving him the 'best gift of my life' Chaudhary has made

appearances in films such as Shah Rukh Khan's 'Om Shanti Om',

'Summer 2007' and 'Toh Baat Pakki!'

She appeared with Narula in 'Bigg Boss 9' and then in 'Nach Baliye

Nana Patekar on death of 2-year-old son, and thinking 'what would people say'

Actor Nana Patekar lost his elder son, Durvasa, when he was just two-and-a-half years old. In an interview recently, he opened up on his son's death and how the loss left him tormented. Nana revealed Durvasa had been suffering from an eye issue since birth, which made things worse for him and the family.

The 73-year-old spoke to agency in an interview about his loss. He said, "My eldest son was sick since birth. He had some health complications. He had trouble in one eye, it wasn't visible." Nana said he was more concerned about 'what people would say' about his son's appearance than how he would deal with it. "I felt so disgusted that when I saw him, I thought about what people would think, what kind of son Nana has. I didn't think about what he felt or how he felt. I only thought about what people would think about my son," he added.



A heartbroken Nana expressed his grief and concluded, "His name was Durvasa. He spent two and a half years with us. But what can you do? Some things happen in life."

He also opened about many other things in the same interview, including the sexual harassment allegations made by actor Tanushree Dutta during the MeToo movement, and his absence from 'Welcome 3', the

third installment in the franchise in which he starred alongside Anil Kapoor. The actor, who has received three national awards in a career spanning 46 years, made a snarky comment when asked about his absence from 'Welcome to The Jungle'. He said, "I am not a part of it, maybe they think hum bahut puraane ho gaye hai [maybe they think I am not relevant today]."

Nana spoke at length about not

feeling angry over Tanushree's allegations. He once again claimed that it was a 'lie' and he never took it seriously. "Nahin, mujhe maaloom tha jab aisa kuch hai hi nahin [No. I always knew nothing like that ever existed]," he said, adding, "Mujhe nahin gussa aaya [I never got angry]. I am not bothered by it. Kuch hua hi nahi tha [nothing happened], I don't know what it was about. Kuch hua hota toh hum batate. All of a sudden koi kehta hai aapne aisa kiya, hum kya kehte, humne nahi kiya? Iske alawa kya kehte [I would have talked if something had actually happened. What am I supposed to say when someone starts accusing me one day? I haven't done it. What is there to say except for this?]."

After Tanushree's allegations in 2018, the Mumbai police gave a clean chit to Nana Patekar in 2019, mentioning that there is not enough evidence to support her claims.

Bigg Boss OTT 3: Sana Makbul tears up while talking about battle with non-alcoholic hepatitis

Bigg Boss OTT 3 is proving to be a roller coaster ride for the contestants. From rivalries and friendships to name-calling and emotional outbursts, audiences are seeing every side of the housemates. Sana Makbul recently broke down on the show while speaking about her health condition. Despite being consoled by the housemates, she couldn't hold back her emotions.

Sana Makbul reveals dealing with non- alcoholic Hepatitis

While recalling her diagnosis of liver disease, Sana told, "I've non- alcoholic Hepatitis- a liver disease. I'm one of those people who have never tasted alcohol in my life but has yet been diagnosed with it. People get to know about their liver disease

mostly when they are in the last stage of it. I've been lucky in that case as I got to know about it pretty early.'

She further said, "In 2021 I didn't understand what I was going through. There were days where I couldn't even get up from the bed."

Sana Makbul's acting journey Sana, also known as

Sana Makbul Khan, is a model and actress who has appeared in Hindi daily soaps and Telugu movies. She made her television debut on the reality show MTV Scooty Teen Diva as a contestant. Her first acting role was in the Hindi TV series Ishaan: Sapno Ko Awaaz De (2010). She has also appeared in shows such as Kitani Mohabbat Hai 2 (2011), Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam



Doon? (2011-12), Arjun (2012), Aadat Se Majboor (2017-18), and Vish (2019). Prior to appearing on Bigg Boss 13, she participated in the reality series Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 11 hosted by Rohit Shetty, where she reached the semifinals and finished in 7th place.

Sana Makbul's fight in Bigg Boss OTT 3 Sana joined Bigg Boss OTT 3 as a contestant and has been making

headlines for her friendships and conflicts within the house. She has had arguments with fellow contestants Sai Ketan Rao and Ranvir Shorey due to differences.

Hina Khan diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer: 'I am strong, determined and...'

Prominent television and movie actress Hina Khan, who was also part of Salman Khan's controversial reality show Bigg Boss, revealed that she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. The strong lady has urged her fans to give her privacy and assured that she will overcome this disease with family by her side.

She shared the news on Instagram account with a statement, which reads, "Hello Everyone, To address the recent rumour, I want to share some important news with all the Hinaholics and everyone who loves and cares for me. I have been diagnosed with Stage Three Breast Cancer. Despite this challenging diagnosis, I

want to reassure every-



one that I am doing well. I am strong, determined, and fully committed to overcoming this disease. My treatment has already begun, and I am ready to do everything necessary to emerge from this even stronger

She added, "I kindly ask for your respect and privacy during this time. I deeply appreciate your love, strength, and blessings. Your personal experiences, anecdotes, and supportive suggestions would mean the world to me as I navigate this journey. I, along with my family and loved ones, remain focused, determined, and positive. With the grace of the Almighty, we believe I will overcome this challenge and be completely healthy. Please send your prayers, blessings. and love. Love, Hina (sic)."

Many celebs wished Hina Khan for speedy recovery. While Ankita Lokhande commented, 'Hina u r stronger than this that's it girl!!! This shall too pass !! Sending love and lots of strength to you right away God bless you,' Rashami Desai wrote, 'U have always been very strong and sending you prayer

and lots of healing'. Actor Aamir Ali shared, 'ur my strong girl.. n I'm just a call away if anything anytime'.

PM Modi pays tributes to Narasimha Rao

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid tributes to former prime minister P V Narasimha Rao, widely hailed for introducing various economic reforms, on his birth anniversary.

Paying homage to Rao, Modi said in a post on X, "He is remembered for his leadership and wisdom. It is our Government's honour that we conferred the Bharat Ratna on him earlier this year, recognising his rich contribution to our nation."



Born in 1921, Rao was a veteran Congress leader who became prime minister in 1991 after the assassination of former prime minister and party leader Rajiv Gandhi during the Lok Sabha election campaign.

The dismantling of what was known as the "license-permit raj" built around the state's rigid control of the economy and encouragement of private enterprise through numerous reforms are considered Rao's enduring legacy as prime minister.

Interstate Drug Smuggling Racket Busted In Jharkhand, 2 Arrested: Punjab Police

CHANDIGARH, Jun 28 (Agencies): Punjab Police on Friday said they have busted one of the biggest interstate drug smuggling syndicates operating from Jharkhand and arrested two men besides seizing 66 kg of opium.

The opium was concealed in a specially designed and fabricated compartment fitted underneath a Maruti Swift car, said Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav.

Those arrested have been identified as Sukhyad Singh and Jagraj Singh. Apart from recovering the big haul of opium, police teams have

also recovered 40,000 in drug money, and 400 grams of gold from their possession.

DGP Yadav said further financial investigation has resulted in unearthing 42 bank accounts, which were being used for financial transactions by the organised opium syndicate. "Following a financial trail in less than 24 hours, the Fazilka Police has frozen all the 42 bank accounts with 1.86 crore of drug proceeds." he said.

The DGP said the Fazilka Police has also initiated the process of property forfeiture under 68F of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances



(NDPS) Act.
Sharing operation details,
Senior Superintendent of Police
(Fazilka) Pragya Jain said they
had received inputs about the

accused transporting opium from Jharkhand and then returning to Dalmir Khera in Punjab via Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar in the swift car.

Parliament should give message that government, Opposition together in raising students' issue: Rahul on NEET



NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to hold a "respectful" and good discussion in Parliament on the issue of alleged irregularities in the conduct of the NEET exam as it concerns the country's youth and their future.

Addressing reporters in Parliament complex, Gandhi said the NEET issue should be discussed before the Motion of Thanks on the President's address is taken up.

The NEET issue is the most important issue of the day, and the opposition parties have agreed that it should be taken up for discussion before anything else, the Congress leader

told reporters.

"The youth are worried and they do not know what is going to happen. A message and assurance should go to the youth from Parliament that India's government and the opposition are together in raising the concerns of students," he said.

Gandhi said the INDIA bloc thinks this is the most important matter.

"I request the prime minister that since this is an issue concerning the youth, there should be a good and respectful discussion on the issue concerning the youth," he said, urging them to join the discussion.

He said the opposition members will hold the discussion respectfully. The former Congress chief said during their

meeting on Thursday, all opposition floor leaders unanimously felt that there should be a discussion on the NEET issue in Parlia-

ment.
"I want to tell the students of the country that this is their issue and we all in the INDIA bloc feel that your issue is the most important as you are India's future"

Gandhi said.
The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Undergraduate) or NEET-UG was conducted by the NTA on May 5 with around 24 lakh candidates taking part in it.

The results were announced on June 4, but they were followed by allegations of question paper leaks in states such as Bihar, besides other irregularities.

The Education Ministry also cancelled the University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) and NEET (postgraduate) examinations after receiving inputs that the exams' "integrity may have been compromised.

13 killed as van collides with lorry in Karnataka

HAVERI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Thirteen people died and four were injured as the van they were travelling in collided with a lorry at Gundenahalli cross in Byadagi taluk early on Friday, police said.

According to police, the accident occurred around 3.45 am when the van collided with a lorry which was parked on the roadside on National Highway 48 in Byadagi in Haveri district.

Seventeen people were travelling in the van. Of them, eleven died on the spot while two others were declared dead at hospital, a senior police offi-



cial said.

Among the four injured, two are admitted to the ICU of the hospital, he

said.

"The victims were coming from Chincholi Mayamma Devasthana and heading to their native Yemehatti village in Shivamogga district. The lorry was parked on the roadside of the

highway.

The tempo traveller hit the lorry from behind," Anshu Kumar Srivastava, Superintendent of Police (Haveri) told

agency.
The bodies have been shifted to the mortuary and the injured have been admitted to Haveri government hospital, he said.

1 dead, 5 injured as portion of roof collapses at Delhi airport's Terminal 1; flight departures suspended till further notice

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Flight departures at the Delhi airport's Terminal 1 were suspended till further notice on Friday after a portion of its roof collapsed due to heavy rains, killing one person, according to sources.

Five people were injured in the incident that occurred around

Sources said flight departures at T1, which has only domestic flight operations, have been suspended till further notice and the airport operator is looking to temporarily shift operations from T1 to T2 and T3.

The flight departures were suspended soon after the roof collapse incident. Passengers who were already inside the terminal boarded their flights.

The departures were completely suspended around 7:30 am. Flight arrivals have not been impacted, sources said.

"Due to heavy rain since early this morning, a portion of the canopy at the old departure forecourt of the Delhi airport's Terminal-1 collapsed around 5 am. There are injuries reported and emergency personnel are working to provide all necessary assistance and medical aid to those affected," a Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) spokesperson said in a statement

As a result, the spokesperson said, all departures from Terminal 1 are temporarily suspended and check-in counters have been closed as a safety measure.

"We sincerely regret this disruption and apologise for any inconvenience caused." the spokesperson said.

In a post on X, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said that he was monitoring the situation and the injured have been shifted to hospital.

"Personally monitoring the roof collapse incident at T1 Delhi Airport

First responders are working at site. Also advised the airlines to assist all affected passengers

"The injured have been evacuated to hospital. Rescue operations are still ongoing," he said. In a statement, an IndiGo spokesperson said flight operations are impacted due to structural damage at T1 due to

adverse weather conditions.

"This has led to flight cancellations in Delhi as passengers are not able to enter the terminal. Passengers already inside the terminal will be able to board their planned flights, but those with flights later in the day will be offered alternatives," the airline said in a statement.

The airline also said the unplanned situation has led to operations across the network being impacted.

"Customers are advised to keep a track of and confirm their flight status before leaving for the airport," it said.

SpiceJet said in a post on X that flights have been cancelled as T1 will remain partially closed for operations until further notice.

Thousands participate in rally for territorial, administrative integrity of Manipur

IMPHAL, Jun 28 (Agencies): Thousands of people in Manipur participated in a rally organised here by an umbrella body of several Imphal-based civil society organisations on Friday, demanding territorial and administrative integrity of the state.

The rally under the aegis of the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) began at Thau ground in Imphal West district and was scheduled to cover a distance of four km before culminating at Khuman Lampak stadium.

School and college students, women, youths and village volunteers took part in the procession and shouted slogans against illegal immigrants from neighbouring Myanmar.

Slogans such as 'save indige-



nous and rightful citizens of India', 'no separate administration' and 'save territorial integrity of Manipur' reverberated through the air.

The ethnic conflict between

Imphal valley-based Meiteis and hills-based Kukis has led to the deaths of over 200 people in the northeastern state and rendered thousands of people homeless.

Delhi Lieutenant Governor convenes emergency meeting after rainfall, directs to establish 24/7 control room

NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): The Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena on Friday convened an emergency meeting to review the situation after rain lashed the national capital in the early morning hours and directed agencies to establish an emergency control room to be manned 24 hours.

All the concerned

departments of Delhi government were called for the emergency meeting including Delhi Jal Board, Public Works Department (PWD), Irrigation and Flood Control (I & FC), Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC), Delhi Police, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and National Disaster Response Force. Raj Niwas officials said the meeting reflected on issues arising out of severe waterlogging, overflow of unsilted

drains and backflow of



clogged sewer lines in the wake of pre-monsoon rains in the city.

Senior officials from all the concerned departments will be deputed in the emergency room. "Wide publicity of control room number be given for common citizens to make telephonic calls to report incidents of waterlogging." Saxena said

Saxena also reviewed the preparedness and emergency response of various departments to deal with the situation, as indeed the monsoon season is yet to fully set in, officials added.

The LG taking note of the preparedness expressed the lack of preparedness for the emergency response system in the eventuality of excessive rainfall and resultant waterlogging across the city

ging across the city.

The desilting works had yet not been completed and the Flood Control Order had yet not been issued was discussed during the meeting, the official

added.
The LG has also directed that all static pumps of PWD, I & FC,

MCD, DDA and NDMC be tested and made functional with a matrix of field staff deployed for energising pumps on a 24x7 basis.

"Mobile pumps must be utilised as and when required. Additional pumps should be procured and deployed in low lying areas, particularly the unauthorised colonies historically prone to waterlogging and underpasses and tunnels.

Remaining desilting works of all drains to be undertaken by all concerned agencies on an emergency basis over the next one week. Debris along the drains to be removed immediately.

All kinds of obstructions in free flow of water in open drains to be removed," officials pointed out the LG's directions.

Saxena has directed the traffic police to issue regular advisories in case of water logging at critical locations.

Andhra trader stabbed to death by daughter's lover, onlookers record act

VIJAYAWADA, Jun 28 (Agencies): A trader was stabbed to death by his daughter's lover in Andhra Pradesh's Vijayawada late on Thursday night. The distressing incident was captured on camera by onlookers.

The video shows the accused, Manikantha, repeatedly stabbing the trader with a sickle. The trad-



er's daughter, screaming, tries to stop the accused but fails.

According to the police, Manikantha was in love with the trader's daughter. Manikantha was warned by the woman's father, after which he attacked the victim near a showroom on Bandar Road, Vijayawada.

Manikantha fled the scene after

the attack.
Police are trying to trace him.

Joe Biden, Donald Trump call each other liar, worst president, during presidential debate

They spar over the state of the economy, border, foreign policy, abortion and national security

ATLANTA, Jun 28 (Agencies): President Joe Biden and his Republican rival Donald Trump sparred over the state of the economy, border, foreign policy, abortion and national security during the first of presidential debates as they called each other a liar and the worst president in the history of the US.

During their roughly 90-minute debate defined by personal attacks on Thursday night, Biden called Trump a sucker and loser. "I was recently in France for D-Day. I spoke to all about those heroes that died. I went to the World War II cemetery — the World War I cemetery he refused to go to," Biden, the presumptive candidate of the Democratic Party, said, referring to Trump, who declined to visit the cemetery in 2018.

"He was standing with his fourstar general, and said, 'I don't want to go in there, because they're a bunch of losers and suckers. My son was not a loser. He's not a sucker. You're the sucker. You're the loser," Biden said.

Trump said that the quotes were made up in a third-rate magazine and he later fired the general.

On the age factor, 81-year-old Biden reminded that 78-year-old Trump is just three years younger than him.

Trump called Biden a criminal after the latter called him a "convicted felon," referring to his conviction in a New York hushmoney case.

"Joe could be a convicted felon with all of the things that he's done, he's done horrible things. This man is a criminal. You're lucky, I did nothing wrong. We have a system that was rigged and disgusting," Trump said.

"When he talks about a convicted felon, his son (Hunter Biden) is a convicted felon, at a very high level," he alleged.

As the two leaders sparred over various issues, Biden accused Trump that he does not know what he is talking about.

"He has no idea what the hell he's talking about. I've never heard so much foolishness. This is the guy who wants to get out of NATO. You're going to stay in NATO? He's going to pull out of NATO," Biden said.

Biden alleged that Trump has the morals of an alley cat. "How many billions of dollars do you owe in civil penalties for, for molesting a woman in public, doing a whole range of things,



for having sex with a porn star on the night — while your wife was pregnant? What are you talking about? You have the morals of an alley cat," he said.

"Could you ever think you heard any president say that 'I'm going to seek retribution?' This guy has no sense of American democracy," Biden said.

Trump slammed his successor Biden on his immigration policies, alleging that it made the country insecure.

"We're literally, an uncivilised country now. He doesn't want it to be. He just doesn't know. He opened the borders. Nobody's ever seen anything like, and we have to get a lot of these people out and we have to get them out fast because they're going to destroy our country," Trump said

"They (illegal immigrants) are living in luxury hotels in New York City and other places. Our veterans are on the street. They're dying because he doesn't care about our veterans. He doesn't like the military at all," he asserted.

Biden responded strongly against Trump. "Every single thing he said is a lie. For example, veterans are a lot better off since I passed the PACT Act. One million of them now have insurance and their families too," he said.

"And his group opposed that. We're also in a situation where we have great respect for veterans. My son spent a year in Iraq, living next to one of those burn pits, came back with stage four glioblastoma. I was recently in France for D-Day, and I spoke about those heroes that died," he said.

Trump said that during his presidency they killed terrorists overseas. "The people we killed are al-Baghdadi and Soleimani. The two greatest terrorists... And it had a huge impact on everything, not just border..."

he said.

"They're killing our people in New York, California, every state in the union because we don't have borders anymore. Every state is now a border. And because of his ridiculous, insane and very stupid policies, people are coming in and they're killing our citizens at a level that we've never seen. We call it migrant crime," Trump said.

"I call it Biden migrant crime. They're killing our citizens, and you're reading it like these three incredible young girls over the last few days. I just spoke to the mother. They just had the funeral for this 12-year-old girl. It is horrible, what's taken place, in our country," said the former president.

Trump also slammed Biden on his foreign policy that could not stop the war in Ukraine and the Middle East.

"This is a war (Ukraine) that never should have started. If we had a leader in this war—he led everybody along. He's given \$200 billion now or more to Ukraine. That's a lot of money. I don't think there's ever been anything like it. Every time that Zelenskyy comes to this country, he walks away with \$60 billion," Trump said.

"He's the greatest salesman ever. And I'm not knocking him, I'm not knocking anything. I'm only saying, the money that we're spending on this war, and we shouldn't be spending. I will have that war settled between Putin and Zelenskyy as president-elect before I take office on January 20." he said.

Biden in response called Russian President Vladimir Putin a war criminal.

"He's killed thousands of people. He has made one thing clear; he wants to reestablish what was part of the Soviet empire, not just a piece, he wants all of Ukraine. And then, you think he'll stop there?" he said.

"What do you think happens to Poland, Belarus and those NATO countries?... And by the way, all that money we give Ukraine from weapons, we make here in the United States. We give them the weapons, not the money at this point," Biden said.

Responding to a question on the war in the Middle East, Biden said everyone from the UN Security Council, straight through to the G7, Israelis and Benjamin Netanyahu himself have endorsed his peace plan put forward by him.

"It has three stages to it. The first stage is to trade the hostages for a ceasefire. The second phase is a ceasefire with additional conditions. The third phase is, no, the end of the war. The only one who wants the war to continue is Hamas," he said, adding the US was pushing hard to get them to accept it.

"We're providing Israel with all the weapons they need and when they need them. And by the way, I'm the guy that organised the world against Iran when they had a full-blown intercontinental ballistic missile attack on Israel," he said.

"We saved Israel...We continue to send our experts and our intelligence people as to how they can get Hamas like we did bin Laden," Biden said.

Trump said he would let Israel finish its job against Hamas.

"As far as Russia and Ukraine, if we had a real president that was respected by Putin, he would have never invaded Ukraine," he said.

"...I will tell you what happened. He was so bad with Afghanistan. It was such a horrible embarrassment in the history of our country that when Putin watched that. He saw the incompetence that he should have fired those generals like I fired," Trump said.

"So, he's got no love lost, but he should have fired those generals. No general got fired for the most embarrassing moment in the history of our country, Afghanistan, where we left billions of dollars of equipment behind. We lost 13 beautiful soldiers and 38 soldiers were obliterated," he said.

In the end, Trump was asked if he would accept the results of the 2024 election. The former president said he'll accept the election result if he thinks it's fair. However, Biden said, "I doubt whether you'll accept it."

7.2 Magnitude Earthquake Hits Central Peru Coast, Tsunami Alert Lifted

LIMA, Jun 28 (Agencies): A magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck off the coast of central Peru on Friday, the United States Geological Survey said, but a tsunami threat from the tremor has passed.

The USGS said the tremor hit 8.8 kilometers (5.5 miles) from Atiquipa district, raising an initial magnitude

rating soon after the quake was reported.

The USGS said that strong shaking from the quake would have been felt in areas near the epicenter.

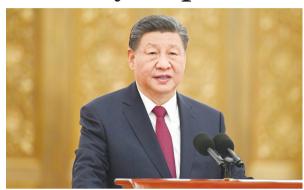
The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre had earlier said "hazardous tsunami waves are forecast for some coasts" but later said the threat had passed.

"There is no longer a tsunami threat from this earthquake," it said.

Peru, with some 33 million inhabitants, lies on the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, a vast area of intense seismic activity that runs along the west coast of the Americas.

Peru is hit by hundreds of detectable quakes every year.

China's Xi Jinping Urges Global Unity Amid Economic And Security Disputes



BEIJING, Jun 28 (Agencies): Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday called for the building of "bridges" in the global economy, as Beijing grapples with economic and security disputes with its neighbours and trading partners around the world.

China will never leave the road of peaceful development, Xi said at a conference commemorating China's guiding principles for foreign affairs first formulated 70 years ago.

China will also not become a "strong" state that would try to dominate others, Xi told conference attendees that included former Myanmar President Thein Sein and former General Secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party Nong Duc Manh.

"Facing the history of peace or war, prosperity or unity or confrontation, more than ever before, we need to carry forward the spirit and connotation of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence," Xi said.

The Five Principles first appeared in a 1952 pact reached with regional rival India over their Himalayan border. Even so, Indian officials were absent from the front row of the audience reserved for guests of honour.

Since the 1950s, China's ruling Communist Party has gone from not being recognised by the United Nations to boasting the biggest diplomatic footprint in the world and presiding over the second-biggest economy.

Beijing now signals a desire that other countries see it as a diplomatic heavyweight, even as other countries accuse it of economic coercion and unfair competition.

After China brokered an unexpected detente between Iran and Saudi Arabia last year, Wang Yi, China's top diplomat, said the country would continue to play a constructive role in handling global hotspot issues.

But Beijing's unwillingness to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and pursuit of a "no-limits partnership" with Moscow present hurdles to that ambition and saw China skip a summit on a peace conference in Switzerland earlier this month.

Rising tensions between China and the Philippines in the South China Sea, where Vietnam also has claims, have also led U.S. officials to remind Beijing that the mutual defence treaty obligations it has with the Philippines are ironclad.

China's trade ties with the European Union have also come under strain as the 27-state bloc plans to impose additional tariffs on Chinese-made electric vehicles, potentially opening up a new front in the West's tariff war with Beijing which began with Washington's initial import duties in 2018.

The EU accuses China of flooding its market with cheap EVs produced by Chinese automakers that have benefited from heavy state subsidies.

"In the era of economic globalisation, what we need is not to create chasms of division, but to build bridges of communication, and not raise the iron curtain of confrontation but to pave the way of cooperation," Xi said.

Iranians vote to replace president killed in a helicopter crash, but apathy remains high

While Iran's 85-year-old Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the final say on all matters of state, presidents can bend the country's policies toward confrontation or negotiation with the West.

DUBAI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Iranians were voting Friday in a snap election to replace the late President Ebrahim Raisi, killed in a helicopter crash last month, as public apathy has become pervasive in the Islamic Republic after years of economic woes, mass protests and tensions in the Middle East.

Voters face a choice between hard-line candidates and a littleknown politician who belongs to Iran's reformist movement that seeks to change its Shiite theocracy from within. As has been the case since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, women and those calling for radical change have been barred from the ballot while the vote itself will have no oversight from internationally recognized monitors.

The voting comes as wider tensions have gripped the Middle East over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. In April, Iran launched its first-ever direct attack on Israel over the war in Gaza, while militia groups that Tehran arms in the region — such as the Lebanese Hezbollah and Yemen's Houthi rebels — are engaged in the fighting and have escalated their attacks.

Meanwhile, Iran continues to enrich uranium at near weapons-grade levels and maintains a stockpile large enough to build — should it choose to do so — several nuclear weapons.

While Iran's 85-yearold Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the final say on all matters of state, presidents can bend the country's policies toward confrontation or negotiation with the West.

However, given the

record-low turnout

in recent elections, it remains unclear just how many Iranians will take part in Friday's poll. Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi, who is in charge of overseeing the election, announced all the polls had opened just at 8 a.m. local time. Khamenei cast one of

"People's turnout with enthusiasm, and higher number of voters — this is a definite need for the Islamic Republic," Khamenei said.

the election's first votes,

urging the public to turn

State television later broadcast images of polling places across the country with modest lines.



Analysts broadly describe the race as a three-way contest. There are two hard-liners, former nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili and the parliament speaker, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf. A Shiite cleric, Mostafa Pourmohammadi, also has remained in the race despite polling poorly.

Then there's the reformist candidate Masoud Pezeshkian,

who has aligned himself with figures such as former President Hassan Rouhani under whose administration Tehran struck the landmark 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

The nuclear deal eventually collapsed and hard-liners were back firmly at the helm.

A higher turnout could boost the chances of Pezeshkian, a 69-yearold heart surgeon who seeks a return to the atomic accord and better relations with the West.

But it remains unclear if Pezeshkian could gain the momentum needed to draw voters to the ballot.

There have been calls

for a boycott, including from imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi. Meanwhile, Khamenei already issued a thinly veiled warning to Pezeshkian and his allies over their desire to reach out to America.

The voting began just after President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump concluded their first televised debate for the U.S. presidential election, during which Iran

came up.
Trump described

his administration and highlighted his decision to launch a 2020 drone strike that killed Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani. That attack was part of a spiral of escalating tensions between America and Iran since Trump unilaterally withdrew the U.S. in 2018 from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Iran as "broke" under

More than 61 million Iranians over the age of 18 are eligible to vote, with about 18 million of them between 18 to 30. Iranian law requires that a winner gets more than 50% of all votes cast.

If that doesn't happen, the race's top two candidates will advance to a runoff a week later. There's been only one runoff presidential election in Iran's history, in 2005, when hard-liner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad bested former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

The 63-year-old Raisi died in the May 19 helicopter crash that also killed the country's foreign minister and others. He was seen as a

protégé of Khamenei and a potential successor as supreme leader. Still, many knew him for his involvement in the mass executions that Iran conducted in 1988, and for his role in the bloody crackdowns on dissent that followed protests over the 2022 death of Mahsa Amini, a young woman detained by police over allegedly improperly wearing the mandatory headscarf, or hijab.

IIT Jammu's Startup SAP Aerospace wins DRDO's Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: IIT Jammu's deep-tech startup, SAP Aerospace, led by Dr. Shanmugadas K.P., and graduates, Ayush Divyansh, and Preetam Jamod has emerged victorious in the open category of DRDO's TDF Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest. This prestigious win marks a significant milestone for SAP Aerospace and their groundbreaking work in the field of combat drone technology.

The DRDO's Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest is designed to support promising ventures



with innovative solutions, providing them with the crucial resources needed to advance their technolonies

SAP Aerospace's win is a testament to its cuttingedge aero-engine technology, specifically engineered for Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs). Dr. Shanmugadas K.P. and his team at SAP Aerospace are at the forefront of developing next-generation aero engines, with the potential to revolutionize the capabilities and functionalities of combat drones. Their innovative engine solu-

tions promise to enhance

the performance, efficiency, and operational capabilities of UCAVs, paving the way for a new era in

unmanned aerial combat. "We are honored and thrilled to have won the DRDO's Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest," said Dr. Shanmugadas K.P., Founder of SAP Aerospace.

He added, "This achievement is a validation of our team's hard work and dedication to developing stateof-the-art aero engines for combat drones. The support and resources from DRDO will be instrumental in bringing our revolutionary engine technology to fruition.'

The victory in the Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest propels SAP Aerospace into the spotlight as a leading innovator in aero-engine technology. With this win, the company is well-positioned to accelerate the development of their next-generation engine solutions, bringing their vision of advanced combat drones closer to reality.

Recently, the team had the honor to demonstrate the technology to the Prime minster, Narendra Modi, during an event organized by JKEDI at Srinagar.

Several houses, vehicles damaged by flash floods in Thathri

Top News Report

BHADERWAH, June 28: Several houses and vehicles got damaged after a massive Mudslide triggered by flash flood due to Cloudburst entered residential area in Thathri Town of Doda on Friday early morning.

Batote-Doda-Kishtwar National Highway 244 also got also blocked due to Mudslide and slush on the highway. However men and machinery has been deployed to restore the highway.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, a team of officers comprising ADC Doda, SDM Thathri along with Tehsildar Thathri immediately reached to the spot to take stock of the situation.

Locals alleged that it's second incident in last 2 years and despite repeated pleas to Administration, nothing has been done so far.

DC Doda Harvinder Singh said that highway has been restored for single lane and administration is trying to get it fully restored at the earliest.

DC Doda said, "Fortunately there is no loss of life in this incident but the houses of some people have been partially damaged and whatever loss is caused will be compensated and a team has been sent to the spot.

"PMGSY and R&B Department has also pressed their men and machinery to restore other link roads as well," DC added, saying that reportedly 2 houses are damaged in the incident, however water and mud has entered other houses as well and some vehicles also came under the debris.

"Every possible help will be provided to the people as teams are there to access the loss" DC informed.

P. Sudhakar visits Tirupati Balaji temple, participates in Abhishek ceremony

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: Several dignitaries from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and other officials visited the Tirupati Balaji temple in Jammu to participate in the special abhishek ceremony dedicated to Lord Venkateswara.

Among them were P. Sudhakar, Executive Engineer of TTD, and Deputy Executive Engineer Anandaram. Also present were RC Subramanyam, who serves as the Superintendent of the temple, and Sailaja.

The occasion was marked by a ritualistic abhishek, a ceremonial bathing of the deity, which is performed every Friday in reverence to Lord Venkateswara.

P. Sudhakar conveyed his happiness and pride at the establishment of the Tirupati Balaji temple in Jammu. He emphasized that the presence of the temple allows people in Jammu to experience the rich cultural heritage of South India, describing the experience as spiritually uplifting and heavenly.

Sudhakar took the opportunity to encourage more devotees and visitors to frequent the temple and participate in its rituals.

During the visit, RC Subramanyam, the temple's Superintendent, addressed the need for enhanced accessibility to the temple. He appealed to the transport commissioner to consider initiating a dedicated bus service to facilitate easier travel for devotees.

Additionally, Subra-

manyam proposed the introduction of a Bharat Darshan bus service, aimed at promoting the temple among tourists and showcasing its cul-

tural significance.
The event was attended by other notable dignitaries, including Sai Krishna, who serves as the Temple Inspector, Ramesh Babu, Pandit Amit Shukla (a Veda Pandit), and Ravi Teja, alongside several other pandits and community members.

Their presence underscored the communal importance and spiritual significance of the Tirupati Balaji temple in Jammu, highlighting its role as a center for cultural exchange and spiri-

tual devotion.

The visit concluded with prayers for the well-being and prosperity of the country, reflecting the temple's broader impact on the community and its dedication to fostering spiritual tourism in the region.

Bukhari extends condolences to party colleague

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, June 28: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Friday, extended condolences to his party colleague from Chanapora constituency, Mohammad Ashraf Dar, over the death of his paternal uncle, Ghulam Ahmad Bhat.

Bhat, a resident of Rawalpora Srinagar, passed away today after a brief illness. In his condolence message, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "My deepest condolences to my colleague Mohammad Ashraf Dar on the passing of his paternal uncle, Ghulam Ahmad Bhat Sahib. May the Almighty Allah rest the departed soul in eternal peace."

"In this time of grief, I stand in solidarity with the bereaved. May Allah give them strength to endure this profound loss," he added.

Army conducts medical patrol at Sabji Upper

Top News Report

RAJOURI, June 28: Medical patrol plays a crucial role in remote inaccessible areas of south of Pir Panjal region by providing essential health care service to underserved communities particularly those residing in far-flung areas. Indian Army at Sabji (Upper) conducted patrols in conjunction with area domination patrols especially for Gujjar and

Bakarwal communities.
These patrols aim to

provide essential medical assistance and health-care services to remote areas where access is limited.

The initiative under-

The initiative underscores the army's commitment to the welfare of Gujjar and Bakarwal communities, ensuring that no one is left behind in receiving crucial medical attention while migrations.

Army conducts summer classes, distributes stationery to children at Suinar



Top News Report

POONCH, June 28: Indian Army conducted summer classes and distributed 'Books and Stationery' to the under privileged students, primarily hailing from Gujjar & Bakkarwal Community.

The assistance was also extended to chil-

dren of those families who migrate with Deras to higher reaches of Pir Panjal and also to those even it was distributed to the children of villages with bare minimum educational facilities. The aim of the initiative was to spread awareness towards compulsory education for all children in the society, which will lead to overall development of the community.

The project also enabled the Indian Army reach out to the remote area residents and provide them with basic educational amenities to the under privileged children. A total of 22 students & locals benefitted with the said initiative.

NOTICE

I, Arnav Seth S/o Devinder Seth R/o H no. 8A, Sec-7, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu am transferee of Plot No. 455B, Sec-7, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu and I have applied for conversion of lease hold right to freehold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

Lok Sabha adjourns for day amid oppn uproar over NEET

the first time that the opposition is seen demanding a discussion on an issue before the House takes up the Motion of Thanks on the President's address.

"I assure the opposition we will answer any issue that you raise during the Motion of Thanks discussion," Rijiju said.

As members continued with sloganeering, Birla said the people have elected members to this House so that they can raise and discuss issues, and not disrupt the proceedings.

"There is a difference between protest on the road and protest inside the House... You (Opposition) don't want House to run? You don't want to discuss NEET during Motion of Thanks discussion?" Birla said. As the House continued to see uproar, Birla adjourned the proceedings till Monday.

took oath as a Lok Sabha member When the House met in morning, opposition members were on their feet seeking the acceptance of an adjournment motion to suspend all business and discuss mat-

Amid din, TMC member S K Nurul Islam

ters related to NEET.

However, the Speaker said he would first take up the obituary references to 13 former members, including ex-Lok Sabha speaker and ex-Maharashtra chief minister Manohar Joshi.

When the obituary references were over, the opposition members were on their feet again.

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi said the NEET issue is a very important issue for the whole country and they want a dedicated discussion in the House on the matter. Hence, the adjournment motion should be accepted, he said.

However, Birla said he could not allow it as the House was about to take up the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address to the joint sitting of

both Houses of Parliament on Thursday.
"You can raise all matters in the debate
on the Motion of Thanks on the President's

address. You will get enough time. But I can't allow you to raise any other issue during the debate on the Motion of Thanks. It was already decided and mentioned in the bulletin too," he said.

Amarnath Yatra 2024 | LG Manoj Sinha flags off first batch of pilgrims from Jammu

life," he said

The 52-day pilgrimage will begin from the twin tracks — the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal — on Saturday and conclude on August 19.

The pilgrims left in a cavalcade of 231 vehicles. They were escorted by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel.

From the twin basecamps in Kashmir, they will undertake an arduous journey to the 3,880-metre-high Amarnath cave shrine of Lord Shiva in the south Kashmir Himalayas, a senior official said.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims undertake the pilgrimage every year to one of the most revered Hindu shrines. Comprehensive arrangements, including three-tier security, area dominations, elaborate route deployment and checkpoints, have been made to ensure a smooth yatra.

"Traffic restrictions will be imposed on various routes from June 28 to August 19, with daily advisories issued to minimise inconvenience," the official said.

According to reports, more than 3.50 lakh people have registered for this year's yatra. As many as 125 community kitchens (langars) have been set up along the two routes to the cave shrine and are supported by over 6,000 volunteers.

DG BSF visits border area of Jammu to access the security situation

operational readiness of the BSF troops deployed at Samba border area. He received detailed briefing from the Sector Commander and Battalion Commandants. The DG BSF, who arrived here Thursday on a two-day, interacted with the jawans, commending their dedication and professionalism.

FROM PAGE 1

The IG BSF Jammu, DK Boora, gave a comprehensive presentation to the DG covering crucial aspects of border security and BSF's strategies for maintaining domination along the Jammu IB, said the spokesman.

Jharkhand HC grants bail to Ex-CM Hemant Soren in money laundering case

offence, referring to cases against ED officers in the SC/ST police station.

The order was passed by the single bench of Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay.
Arguments from both Soren's defence team and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had concluded, following which the

court had reserved its order.

Soren had sought an expedited hearing from the high court.

His legal representative senior advocate Meenakshi Arora had earlier argued that Soren had been unfairly targeted in what she described as a politically motivated and fabricated again.

and fabricated case.
Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, also representing Soren, had argued strongly for the former chief minister's bail, contending that he was falsely implicated in a criminal case by the ED.

The ED, opposing Soren's bail plea, alleged that he misused his position as the chief minister to unlawfully acquire 8.86 acres in Bargain anchal in the state capital.

The ED counsel, while opposing the bail application of Soren, had earlier said the witnesses, who were examined by the federal agency, had confirmed the ex-CM's

involvement in the illegal land deal.

The agency had claimed that during the probe, Soren's media consultant Abhishek Prasad admitted that the former CM instructed him to manipulate official records to change the ownership details of the plot.

The ED also claimed that the original owner of the land, Raj Kumar Pahan, had

tried to lodge a complaint when his land was being usurped, but it was never acted

On the contrary, a boundary wall was

constructed around the plot and a care-

taker was appointed to stay on the land, the agency said.

The central agency said it conducted an independent survey of the land parcel and questioned caretaker Santosh Munda,

who allegedly said that the plot belonged to Hemant Soren.

The ED also quizzed architect Vinod Kumar and claimed that the proposed plan for construction of a banquet hall was recovered from his mobile phone and the location and dimension of the land matched

with the Bargain plot, Raju had said.
Soren had been summoned multiple times by the ED before being questioned at his residence and subsequently arrested on January 31

Chamliyal Mela celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir

within the Union Territory and outside seeking the blessings of Baba Chamliyal, a shrine official said.

The festivities began early morning with devotees arriving at the shrine to pay their respects and receive blessings. The fair, held in Chamliyal village has long been a significant religious and cultural event in the region.

According to Chaudhary, the fair is also held in Pakistan.

Chetan Kumar, a priest at the shrine, said, "Baba ji was bathed and clothed. We did puja, archana, and arti, following which, Prasad bhog was offered. Around 3,000 people who have come from outside stayed here overnight".

In anticipation of the large turnout, the district administration, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Samba Abhishek Sharma, made extensive preparations to ensure the smooth conduct of the mela, officials said.

Arrangements included enhanced medical facilities, traffic regulation, drinking

water provisions, additional bus services, and robust security measures to manage the heavy influx of devotees, they said.

J&K Agriculture department suspends officer, orders inquiry

Farms Kashmir. As per an order, Shafqat Iqbal, Special Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Production Department, has been appointed as the Inquiry Officer, and Dr Mohd Amin Dar, Deputy Director (Central) Sheep Husbandry Department,

Kashmir, as the Presenting Officer to conduct an inquiry against the officer. It has been further directed that the inquiry officer shall submit his report, with recommendations, within 15 days.

MeT says possibility of rain, thundershowers in J&K

Regarding the temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 19.6°C against 18.3°C on the previous night and it was 2.5°C above normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 15.4°C against 15.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 11.4°C against 9.7°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.5°C for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 17.8°C against 16.9°C and it was 2.6°C below normal, the official

Kupwara town recorded a low of 15.8°C, same as on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.5°C for the place, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 14.2°C against 12.5°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 0.6°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Jammu, he said, recorded a low of 27.7°C and it was above normal by 1.4°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 19.8°C, Batote 19.5°C and Bhaderwah 17.4°C, he said.

BLSKS concludes 3 days special awareness campaign on drug abuse

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: To continues the Special awareness Campaign on drug abuse, and to promote the traditional culture of J&K, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan concluded 3 days campaign in close coordination with Directorate of Social welfare department Jammu & Kashmir Govt., and Sangam Tru Art Production presented its 438th Friday Series Musical Play "Nashe Kola Bacho" on drug abuse at Janipur, Jammu . The Program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Sh.V.K.Magotra, former Regional Director, Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India .Among the Guest of Honor present were Dr.Anju Kumari Dogra, Govt. Health Department Jammu & Dr. Tara Singh Charak, Former Deputy Director, Health Department J&K Government. Among the Guest of Honors, & Mr. Mukesh Singh Senior Media Person . The 3 days commemorated as well with sole aim of rejuvenating the traditional Primitive Folk, Art, Culture of J&K Region in particular and Indian nation in general awareness items. The Spethe way your brain works,

Kario Munde Kureio ", Bacho Bacho Tobacoo Kola Bacho", "Nai Pee Shraban", "Bari Kharab Chutki", "Dil Layi Gya, Nukkad, Skits, Songs and Dances were presented to aware the masses. The Chief Guest said to raise awareness among people all over the world about how drug abuse can impact an individual's life, and how to get the heal that they need. Drugs and Crime uses the commemorative day to highlight the dangers of drug use and their illegal trade and provides educational material to teachers and public officials all over the world to help spread the message about the extreme cultural and economic harm the trade in drugs is still doing across the globe and lauded the efforts of the organizers in making such awareness programmes color-

ful and effective. During the campaign BLSKS also presented 2 programs in Jammu District Blocks were Kot Bhalwal & Sangrampur Marh which was concluded on today. In addition to the above program the artist of BLSks also presented awareness songs Drug abuse.

The Programe was recorded and uploaded online on Social Media to aware the masses.

Welcome speech was given by Dr.M.L.Dogra, Chairman, Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan said the theme of the importance of understanding that effective drug policies need to be grounded on science, research, compassion, and full respect for human rights. Drugs are substances that change a person's mental or physical state. They can affect

her address stressed for extracting the maximum attention of the masses especially addicted population who suffered from the use of tobacco & tobacco products, alcohol and Liquor and other such habit forming agents i.e. Cocaine, Morphine, Heroin, etc, he also said drug abuse can make you sick cause depression, personality and thought how you feel and behave, disorder. This day is utiyour understanding and lized to instill a feeling of your senses. This makes responsibility in individuthem unpredictable and als all around the world, dangerous, especially for particularly children and young people. The effects teens. It affects almost all of drugs are different for of our member countries, each person and drug. undermining political and Tabacoo use in so intereconomic stability, ruinwoven in our society ing the lives of individuals that untiring efforts are and damaging communirequired to successfully controlled this epidemic. Mr. Dogra also said the NGO's and Media can pledge to no longer depict

The singers, musician ,actors and students of music and computer institute who participated in the musical concert were Usha Raina, Sh.M.C.Kotwal, K K Joshi, Raju Bajgal, Rajni Gupta, Zulekha Bano, Sant Dass, , Naiya Digra, Renu Bala and many others presented enthralled performances. At last of the programe Deepak Kumar Dogra presented vote of thanks for successful conduction of the program.

nation and pledged to put maximum efforts to

make J&K State free from

Menace of Drug addiction.

Dr. Anju Dogra, said in

Record turnout in LS polls result of people's frustration, anger against misrule, miseries: Rattan Lal



Top News Report

HIRANAGAR June 28: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of J&K National Conference Jammu has criticized BJP government's ongoing misgovernance and misrule in Jammu and Kashmir, attributing the record turnout in the Lok Sabha polls to the frustration and disillusionment of the Kashmiri people with the present

administration. The senior NC leader was speaking during a day-long convention of JKNC workers and functionaries of District Kathua (Rural) at Hiranager. The Convention was organized under the Chairmanship of District President Kathua Rural Sham Narian Mehta.

Reacting strongly over the wrong narative run by the BJP leadership with regard to highest turnout in J&K , Rattan Lal Gupta said that there is no region in J&K which is not confronting the effects of misrule of the BJP-led government. He categorically highlighted the number of challenges faced by the people of Kashmir under the

incumbent government. 'The unprecedented turnout in the recent Lok Sabha elections is a clear and unequivocal message from the people of Kashmir," he said, adding that it is a manifestation of their deep-seated frustration with the mismanagement, recruitment scams and relentless neglect by the central dispensation. He particularly highlighted the gap between the local administration and the people alleging that there is no one to listen to their plight as their aspirations have been unheard with those sitting at helm preferring

monologue rather than satiating hopes and demands of the people.

He said that the alarming situation is contributing significantly to the deterioration of educational standards and the future prospects of students. HE said that for the last ten years. J&K's schools have been grappling with a severe shortage of teachers nearly to 30 per cent, and yet, there has been no effort to recruit and fill these crucial positions. The condition of the health department is also appalling as the same is also facing acute staff crunch with people sitting at helm showing extreme level of indifference and apathy in the matter. He said that contrary to BJP leadership's rhetoric, the terrorism has increased manifold

in Jammu regions. Rattan Lal Gupta said that only NC can bail out the people from the current morass created by the present government in power. He said that NC knows the pulse of the people as it has a brilliant track record of providing all the amenities necessary for the public welfare, and therefore people should come forward during the forthcoming polls to once again bring NC to power with thumping majority to ensure J&K regains pris-

ful again. Earlier at the beginning of meeting, Sham Naraian, NC District President Hiranagar highlighted the hardships being faced by people on account of acute shortage of potable water, mismanaged healthcare facilities, and erratic power supply besides government dilly-dallying policy on settlement of compensation cases. He also said that

tine glory and become

prosperous and peace-

there is fear among the people after the frequent terror strikes

Babu Rampal, Cen-

tral Zone President and former Minister, alleged that the BJP government is facing a policy deficit with regard to uplifting the weaker sections of the society. He said that existing policies are inadequate and fail to address the pressing needs of marginalized communities, leaving them without proper support or opportunities for improvement. He emphasized the need for more comprehensive and effective measures to ensure the well-being and development of these vulnerable groups. Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary

JKNC asked party workers to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah to ensure a decisive mandate to NC in the forthcoming Assembly polls as the same was a prerequisite for the welfare of the people of J&K. Addressing the con-

vention Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, and Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone asked the workers to work unitedly to develop a connection with the people as it was paramount to win the polls and ensure that J&K gets the best dispensation under the aegis of NC leadership.

Others who participated include Sager Chand Former M.L.A. Abdul Gani Teli, Sham Lal Mehra, Dharam Pal Kundal, Janak Raj, Prem Verma, Amar Singh, Raj Kumar Sharma, Ashu Rajpur, Sohan Singh, Dwarkanath Khajuria, Jagjeet Singh Adv, Dr. Y.P Singh, Prem nath logi. Master Balbir and others.

Army organizes amity meeting at Kala Bhatt

Top News Report

cially items prepared on

the theme "Nasha Nai

RAJOURI, June 28: Army conducted an Amity Meeting on Friday with Sarpanch, Panch, Nambardar, Chowkidar and other locals of the village Kala Bhatt. The meeting was aimed at engaging various local leaders and villagers with Indian Army towards the spirit of 'Oneness towards National Cause'.

strengthen coordination between Awam and Army were discussed. In addition, the locals were also made aware of the prevailing security situation in the area.

Indian Army enquired about their general well-being and took note of their grievances for further actions.

The meeting was highly appreciated by the local leaders and

further enhanced the nation-building image of Various measures to the Indian Army. build confidence and

Army installs, distributes

Solar Lights to Gujjar &

Bakarwals in Bharak Top News Report

REASI, June 28: Households in remote Bharakh village in Reasi lacks access to electric grid and are deprived of electricity. 'Solar Street Lights' is the ultimate solution for such remote area. Due to the simplicity, these solar lights can be installed even in harsh climatic conditions.

Indian Army with an aim of improving the living conditions of the remote village of Bharakhhas installed 'Solar Lights'.

The locals acknowledged the role of Indian Army in establishing lasting peace in the region besides lauding the efforts made by Indian Army in fulfilling the aspirations of these under developed villages.

BSNL launches Yatra SIM for Amarnath Yatra pilgrims

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched a special Yatra Plan. BSNL offers a free SIM card with a recharge of just Rs.196, exclusively for pilgrims.

This prepaid connection offers a range of benefits, including Unlimited Voice and Data for 10 days. . BSNL ensures highspeed 4G connectivity along the entire route, including the toughest

terrains of the yatra. The Yatra SIM card can be purchased from various tourist reception centers in Jammu and Kashmir, including Lakhanpur ,Base Camp Bhagwati Nagar Jammu, Chanderkot,

Baltal, Pahalgam base Camps and other important locations BSNL has upgraded its network infrastructure to provide seamless 4G connectivity, ensuring uninterrupted communication and high-speed data access throughout the yatra up to the Holy cave.

Tayagi, Saurabh CGMT, BSNL J&K Circle said," We are committed to providing reliable and affordable communication services to the pilgrims during the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. With our 4G network, pilgrims can stay connected with their loved ones, access important information, and share their experiences on social media in real-time, even in the most remote areas.

Large devotees throng at Lakhdata **Peer Ziyarat**

tabacoo or cigarette use. I

have no Doubt in many

mind that together we

can win this battle and

make a historical differ-

ence for this we need to

play our role with highest

sense and call of duty .let

us today resolve to do this

attain the goal of drug free

and health world. He also

appealed to the audience

especially children to be

the eyes and ears of the

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: The Annual Bhandara of Lakhdata Peer was organized in a grand manner at his ziyarat in Krishna Nagar here today, where a large number of devotees hailing from different corners participated and took blessings of the revered

The Bhandara was held under the supervision of Sewadar Pawan Kumar.

R.L.Kaith said, Lakhdata Peer, a 12th-century Sufi saint of the Punjab region, was known for his generosity. When his father-in-law, who was the ruler of Multan, gave his daughter's dowry, Sarwar



distributed it among the needy. Mughal emperors also used to send gifts to him which he used to donate to the poor.

Kaith further said that

Lakhdata Peer protects his devotees from any evil spirit or unfortunate incident and also fulfills any desire that a person may have.



J&K LG Manoj Sinha Flag off the First Batch of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Pilgrims from Base Camp Bhagwati Nagar Pic by AMAN SHARMA Jammu.

Rohit Sharma, spinners guide India to third T20 **World Cup final**

England lost five wickets at the halfway stage and never recovered to be all out for 103 in 16.4 overs

GEORGETOWN (GUYANA), Jun 28 (Agencies): Skipper Rohit Sharma's grace was matched by the might of Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav as India exorcised the ghosts of 2022 by handing defending champions England a 68-run thrashing to enter the final of the T20 World Cup here.

Rohit thus became the first Indian captain to lead the country in three ICC global finals in a space of 12 months -- 2023 World Test Championship, 2023 ODI World Cup and now the T20 World Cup.

The Indian skipper, who has always received flak for not scoring on big days, contributed an invaluable 57 off 39 balls on a track where the ball consistently kept low, as India posted 171 for 7 in 20 overs.

Credit should also be given to Suryakumar Yadav for his 47 off 36 balls and Hardik Pandya for his two mighty sixes in a 13-ball-23. Ravindra Jadeja (17) and



Axar Patel (10) also chipped in with useful contributions.

In reply, England lost five wickets at the halfway stage and never recovered to be all out for 103 in 16.4 overs.

Axar (3/23 in 4 overs) and Kuldeep Yadav (3/19 in 4 overs) shared the spoils with the ball. The redoubtable Jasprit Bumrah (2/12 in 2.4 overs) did his bit with a classic slow off-cutter that saw the back of the dangerous Phil Salt.

The 2007 champions will meet South Africa in the final in Barbados on Saturday.

In 2022, India were pummelled by 10 wickets in the semi-final at Adelaide after England had restricted them to a similar total. But the conditions at Providence Stadium made batting difficult. The master tactician Rohit

read the pitch's riot act even before the start and knew that facing Kuldeep and Axar on this track was going to be a very dif-

On a track where the balls kept low, all one needed was to bowl wicket-to-wicket and Axar did exactly that, forcing Jos Buttler to play an indiscreet reverse sweep while Jonny Bairstow and Moeen Ali were fooled by the pace of the deliveries.

At the other end, Kuldeep also varied his pace with a deceptive loop and deliveries that turned sharply into the batters, making their life difficult. The fielding was also brilliant.

Brief Scores: India 171 for 7 in 20 overs (Rohit Sharma 57, Suryakumar Yadav 47, Hardik Pandya 23, Chris Jordan 3/37, Adil Rashid 1/25, Jofra Archer 1/33, Reece Topley 1/25, Sam Curran 1/25) England 103 in 16.4 overs (Axar Patel 3/23, Kuldeep Yadav 3/19, Jasprit Bumrah 2/12).

Javelin thrower DP Manu caught in dope net?



NEW DELHI, Jun 28 (Agencies): Javelin thrower DP Manu's chances of participating at the Paris Olympics have dimmed after he was served with a provisional suspension. Manu was in the running to be the third Indian javelin thrower, after reigning Olympics champion Neerai Chopra and Kishore Jena, for participation in the Games via the world ranking quota.

Manu, who is currently ranked 15, was a sure shot but the suspension has cast a big doubt on

his participation. A source in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) confirmed that he has been caught up in the dope net. "It is confirmed that he has been served a notice although it is not clear whether it is a notice of charge or over some other violation," the source added.

His name had featured in the initial list for the National Championships in Panchkula but is missing from the updated start list.

Incidentally, Manu holds the meet record with a throw of 84.35 metres in 2022.

Meanwhile, his coach Kashinath had a different take on his ward giving the event a miss, saying Manu is currently nursing an injury.

"Manu has a slight injury in the back which he picked up recently. It is not serious but we did not want to risk it and that is why he is not there in Panchkula for this meet," the Army coach said. "He is currently in ASI (Army Sports Institute) Pune but we never had to rush him back as he is comfortably placed in the race to qualify so the decision to not participate was taken," he added.

Haryana's Kiran Pahal qualifies for Olympics

PANCHKULA, Jun 28 (Agencies): Kiran Pahal choked up mid-sentence as her eyes welled up. Standing near the finish line as the floodlights started to come on, the tall Haryana athlete quickly wiped off the tears.

For a young athlete who had just qualified for the Olympics, Kiran had an understated demeanour. Her lips broke into a gentle smile every time she was reminded of her achievement.

The 23-year-old clocked 50.92 seconds in the semifinals of the National Inter-State Athletics Championships here to qualify for the Paris Olympics in the women's 400 metres, the qualifying mark being 50.95 seconds. She is the first Indian to qualify for the Olympics in the women's 400m since Nirmal Sheoran competed in the 2016 Games. Kiran also became only the second Indian woman to clock sub-51 seconds, finishing just outside Hima Das's national record of 50.79 seconds. Underneath the joy, though, there was a constant reminder of the hardships of an ordinary athlete in India. "The last couple of years have been tough," said Kiran. "I have struggled with numerous injuries. Funding has been a major issue. I have been managing on my own but I am in desperate need of sponsors," added Kiran, who belongs to Gumar village in Sonipat.

What finally broke Kiran's resolve and led to the rare overflow of emotions was the memory of her father, who died two years ago after a prolonged illness. "My father died two years ago... It has been difficult for the family," she said, wiping off the tears.

The death of her father, who was a munshi at a Tehsil court, has added extra burden of supporting her home maker mother and sister. Employed as a clerk in the Railways for the last three years, Kiran has been managing "just



about". "I was not able to compete much in the last two years because of the injuries and fund crunch," said Kiran, who won gold in the National Inter-State Championships in 2022, with her fastest timing of 52.34 seconds coming in the semifinals.

Having returned to serious competition recently, Kiran was notably surprised by what she had achieved. "I am a little surprised but at the same time I know I have worked hard for it," said Kiran, who has been training at a private academy in Rohtak for the last

After being a part of the national camp for six years, Kiran left in 2022 because she felt she wasn't getting the proper attention she needed. Since then, she has been training under former sprinter Ashish Singh Chhikara, who works with "eight serious trainees" at his centre. "I believe in athlete specific training programs. That is how I have trained Kiran, keeping in mind her body type, strengths and weaknesses," he said.

"When she came to me, she was running above 52 seconds. I am happy that she has qualified for the Olympics but she could have done better. My target was 50 seconds flat. Now, we have to plan for the Olympics and hopefully she can do her best in Paris," he added.

Cristiano Ronaldo, Kylian Mbappe And Harry Kane Eye Return To Form In Euro 2024 Round Of 16

The Euro 2024 Round of 16 kicks off with Switzerland vs Italy on June 29. Hosts Germany face Denmark later that day.

BERLIN, Jun 28 (Agencies): With exciting football and vibrant fans lighting up cities across Germany, Euro 2024 has thrilled even though the European game's biggest stars have failed to take the tournament by storm. Between injury struggles, shaky form and bad luck, many of football's leading lights have underwhelmed in the group phase. Portugal striker Cristiano Ronaldo, playing at a record sixth Euros, is yet to strike in three appearances -- if he manages to, the 39-year-old will become the oldest ever goalscorer at the tournament.

Arguably the best player in the world, Kylian Mbappe is only off the mark for France with a penalty against Poland in a disappointing 1-1 draw that resulted in the favourites finishing second in Group

Mbappe spurned a golden opportunity against Austria, missing a draw against the Netherlands with a broken nose before returning with a mask in Les



Bleus' third outing. "He's hungry to play and the game would

have done him some good," said France coach Didier Deschamps, hopeful the forward will quickly find his devastating best with a last 16 clash against Belgium beckoning

Poland's talisman Robert Lewandowski could not feature in their opening defeat against the Netherlands because of a thigh prob-

The Barcelona striker and his country were eliminated as he was ineffective when he came off the bench against Austria, before he netted a penalty in the France draw.

England duo Jude Bellingham and Harry Kane scored from open play

against Serbia and Denmark respectively but have vastly under-performed after thriving at Real Madrid and Bayern Munich this season.

England coach Gareth Southgate hooked Kane in a drab 1-1 draw against Denmark, but the subsequent 0-0 against Slovenia was even more dour.

"Not every player is going to star in every game," said Southgate afterwards.

France's Antoine Griezmann and England's Phil Foden have also fired blanks after strong seasons for Atletico Madrid and Manchester City.

"Sometimes (Griezmann's) generosity means he doesn't have as clear a head as he should have," said Deschamps, who benched the midfielder in the final group match.

Belgium's all-time top

scorer Romelu Lukaku is also without a goal, albeit not for want of trying, having had three disallowed by VAR as his team slunk through in second from Group E. Veteran Luka Modric, 38, usually a key figure

in Croatia's frequently impressive exploits, did score against Italy but only after missing a penalty and struggling in the first two matches, with his country eventually eliminated.

Own goals galore Remarkably there have been seven own goals, making up 26 percent of the 27 inadvertently netted in the competition's history.

Even the players who have shone thus far have largely been surprises for one reason or another.

N'Golo Kante is proving key for France despite moving a year ago to play in Saudi Arabia, while talented youngster Jamal Musiala has been hosts Germany's leading light ahead of veteran stars Toni Kroos, Ilkay Gundogan and Kai Havertz.

Target man Niclas Fullkrug has scored twice for Germany like Musiala, while Slovakia's Ivan Schranz and Romania's Razvan Marin also have a pair of goals to their name.

Netherlands forward Cody Gakpo finished neatly for his second goal in a 3-2 defeat by Austria, in a performance their coach Ronald Koeman labelled "appalling".

The tournament's current top scorer is debutants Georgia's Georges Mikautadze with three goals, two of those from the penalty spot.

Spain qualified top of Group B with a game to spare and have arguably been the team of the tournament so far, but two of their key players have been unlikely candidates in Fabian Ruiz and Marc Cucurella.

With 15 matches still to play before one of the 16 remaining sides is crowned champions in Berlin on July 14, fans are still waiting for the tournament's star names to join the party.

Marauding India up against resolute South Africa in epic T20 World Cup finale on song. Skipper Aiden Markram could not

BRIDGETOWN, Jun 28 (Agencies): A firm grip on emotions will be crucial when the formidable Indian team, desperate to end its lengthy title drought, makes another attempt at getting the monkey off its back against a South African side, which is unfamiliar with the winning feeling, in the T20 World Cup final here on Saturday.

India's campaign in the tournament has been remarkably similar to the one in the ODI World Cup at home last year where they breezed into the final only to be bettered by Australia on the big stage.

They are unbeaten here too and have been the best of the tournament by far. More importantly, they don't have the battle-hardened Australia in their way of an elusive trophy this time around.

South Africa, whose only triumph in ICC events came way back in the Champions Trophy (then named ICC Knock-Out Trophy) in 1998, head into the final with hopes and dreams of their own.

Labelled chokers for the better of their international cricket journey, the Proteas will be determined to shed that dubious tag for good at the Kensington Oval.

For some of their players, who list IPL titles as their biggest achievement, a World Cup trophy in their hands will be the ultimate prize.

If one went by the mood seen among fans and experts after India's rout of England in the semifinal in Guyana, Rohit Sharma and his men are the overwhelming favourites. It is a fair observation considering the make up of India's squad and the conditions in the Caribbean.

They would be expected to wipe off the heartbreak of November 19, 2023 when over a lakh fans in Ahmedabad were silenced by Pat Cummins' Australia in the all-important final. "I know India have had their issues in the ICC finals for a long time but I just don't see South Africa posing a challenge. India have been the best team of the tournament so far and man to man South Africa are a weaker side," a World Cup winning former captain told PTI on the flight from Guyana to Barbados.

It would also be a perfect send-off for outgoing coach Rahul Dravid, who was crestfallen man in the Caribbean back in the 2007 ODI World Cup as India captain after the team's early exit but is on the cusp

of a remarkable farewell as coach. The way India, who are in their first T20 World Cup final in 10 years, have adapted to conditions in the competition has gone a long way in securing the final berth.



The team management has been crystal clear about its plans for the event. They utilised three specialist pacers on the untested pitches in New York before bringing trump card Kuldeep Yadav into play on the spin friendly surfaces in the Caribbean.

India are certain to stick to the same playing eleven but would be hoping two of its key players to deliver in the winner-takesall contest. Superstar Virat Kohli has had a quiet tournament, something that was not not expected after his prolific season in the preceding IPL. However, on pitches where hitting through the line has been a challenge, the former Indian captain has not been able to dominate the bowlers

despite clear attempts to do so. "He is it saving it for the final," said his opening partner and skipper Rohit Sharma, backing an undisputed great of the game who could be playing his last innings in the T20 showpiece.

Rohit, on the contrary, has shown the way to other batters in the side and his innings will hold massive importance in the final. The captain would also like to see Shivam Dube excel in the high pressure game, having given middling returns in the tournament so far. His battles against spinners Keshav Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi could make a big impact.

On the bowling front, India have nothing to worry about with both pacers and spinners performing their roles to perfection.

Arriving here right after the semi-final against England leaves them with only a day to recover, which has been the case since the start of Super 8s campaign at this very ground.

South Africa, on the other hand, got an extra day between the final and will be training on Friday.

Unlike India, they have nothing to lose as they have never been part of a World Cup final before but after a resounding win over Afghanistan in Trinidad, the Proteas are smelling the taste of victory. They would be expecting runs from the opening pair of Quinton de Kock and Reeza Hendricks, especially the wicket-keeper who can put serious pressure on the opposition when

fire against the bigger teams in the Super 8s and is due for a big one.

Heinrich Klaasen, one of the most destructive hitters in the game, too needs runs and for that, he will have to negotiate the spin threat in the middle overs.

South Africa's pace department has been on fire but it remains to be seen what kind of impact it can have in a day game here. Shamsi and Maharaj are effective but Indian batters will not be wary of them.

There is a high chance of rain on Saturday but the ICC has kept a reserve day for the all-important fixture. Squads:

India: Rohit Sharma (c), Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant (wk), Suryakumar Yadav, Shivam Dube, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Yuzvendra Chahal, Sanju Samson, Mohammed Siraj,

Yashasvi Jaiswal South Africa: Quinton de Kock (wk), Reeza Hendricks, Aiden Markram (c), Heinrich Klaasen, David Miller, Tristan Stubbs, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, Tabraiz Shamsi, Ottneil Baartman, Gerald Coetzee, Bjorn Fortuin, Ryan Rickelton.

JYF questions silence of Vice-Chancellor over prevailing mess in DDE

JYF FLAYS ANTI STUDENTS POLICIES OF JU

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: Jammu Youth Forum (JYF) condemned the policies of the Jammu University saying that professors in the Directorate of Distance and Online Education do not take classes themselves and this work is additionally taken from contractual lecturers.

Addressing the press conference, Rishu Sharma President of the University said that in the Directorate of Distance Education for the last

many years the Professors do not take undergraduate classes except only one PG class. He added that only the names of professors are shown in the time table but classes are taken virtually by the Scholars.

He further said that

instead of professors, entire work of teaching is given to the Contractual teachers and the one who does not agree to the dictates of a Professor is fired for next year Contractual engagement as teacher. A few years ago, a campus dean's

meeting was held in which a decision was taken that there will be a contractual lecture for 1000 students, he revealed, adding that lakhs of rupees are being spent every year on contractual appointments. If PCP is not compulsory, then why are contractual teachers appointed, he pointed out, saying that

Departments. He asked why should the Directorate of Distance and Online Education be favored by the

Contractual teachers are

required in some regular

teaching wing incharge Dr Neeraj Sharma.

He further said that in the Directorate of Distance and Online Education, the Director is appointed from an outside department and all the professors put pressure on the Director to get their wrongdoings done. In order to save his chair, the Director gets influenced by those professors.

He further said that just as there are two permanent Professors in English, one Professor in Hindi, one professor

in Political Science and similarly in other subjects also, there are professors. But in spite of that the contractual appointments are made. He asked why the teaching wing headed by Neeraj Sharma does not streamline the system in terms of requirement of teach-

workload in DDE. The University President has appealed to the Financial Advisor and VC JU to get all this investigated and those misusing money should be punished.

ers Vis a Vis teaching

District Admin Ramban extends warm reception to pilgrims for SANJY-2024

Top News Report

RAMBAN, June 28: The District Administration Ramban welcomed the first batch of Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims ON Friday.

Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, DIG DKR Range, Shridhar Patil, SSP Ramban Anuj Kumar, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACR S. Harpal Singh, and other concerned officers were present at the occasion.

The welcoming ceremony was graced by the presence of notable dignitaries, including DDC Member Renuka Katoch, and activists from various religious and social organizations. Their involvement highlighted the

significance of the event and underscored the collaborative spirit of the community in ensuring the success and safety of the Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Deputy Commissioner, along with other dignitaries, extended a heartfelt welcome to the pilgrims and interacted with them to gather firsthand information about the facilities at the Langars and Yatri Niwas set up at Chanderkote, Lamber in Banihal and other designated locations along side Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in the district of

Ramban. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the district administration has made comprehensive arrangements for the stay and security of the pilgrims. He mentioned that provisions for boarding and lodging have been put in place in case of any halt in the yatra, and round-the-clock emergency medical facilities have been arranged, along with the establishment of helplines.

Meanwhile, DIG Shridhar Patil reviewed the arrangements for the security and other facilities like sanitation, water, electricity, fire safety, and healthcare being provided to the pilgrims. He asked the concerned officers to ensure all basic and essential facilities are available for the convenience and safety of the

Sham Lal appeals for enhanced security measures for Amarnath Yatra Pilgrims

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of the Anti Crime Bureau (NGO), has called on the Jammu and Kashmir Government to implement comprehensive measures to ensure the safety and security of pilgrims participating in the Amarnath Yatra.

In a press statement issued today, Gupta emphasized the significance of the Amarnath Yatra as a major spiritual and cultural event that draws thousands of devotees from across India.

Gupta underscored the critical responsibility of the government to create a secure environment for the pilgrims, enabling them to undertake their journey with peace of

"The Amarnath Yatra is not just a pilgrimage; it is a profound spiritual experience for countless devotees. Ensuring their safety and security should be of paramount importance,' Gupta stated.

He urged the J&K Government to deploy adequate security personnel, enhance surveillance measures, and ensure



the maintenance of all essential facilities along the yatra route.

Highlighting the economic impact of the yatra on the local community, Gupta noted that a safe and successful pilgrimage season supports the livelihoods of many residents in the region.

"The Amarnath Yatra contributes significantly to the local economy, benefiting traders, hoteliers, and transport operators among others. A secure yatra ensures that these economic activities continue without disruption,"

he added. Gupta called for coordinated efforts between various government agencies, including the police, healthcare services, and disaster management teams, to provide comprehensive support to the pilgrims.

He stressed the need for

a multifaceted approach to security and safety, involving all stakeholders to make the pilgrimage a smooth and safe experi-

"The cooperation of all stakeholders is essential to make the Amarnath Yatra a safe and memorable experience for all pilgrims. Let us work together to uphold the sanctity and spirit of this revered pilgrimage,"

Gupta urged. He also appealed to the public to cooperate with security protocols and report any suspicious activities to the authori-

Gupta reiterated the importance of the Amarnath Yatra not only as a spiritual journey but also as a vital component of the local economy.

He emphasized the need for vigilance and proactive measures to ensure the well-being of the pilgrims and the success of the pilgrimage season. His call to action aims to inspire collective efforts to safeguard the spiritual and economic interests tied to the Amarnath Yatra, making it a cherished and secure event for all participants.

Dr. Amir Rashid welcomes commencement of **Amarnath Yatra**

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: Dr. Amir Rashid Wani, a renowned peace sociopolitical activist and the CEO of Mooj Kasheer Welfare Trust, extends a warm welcome to the commencement of the Amarnath Yatra, one of the most significant annual pilgrimages for Hindus.

This sacred journey to the Amarnath cave, dedicated to Lord Shiva and nestled in the Himalayas, holds profound spiritual importance for devotees.

Dr. Wani emphasized the meticulous security arrangements and provisions in place to ensure the safety and comfort of all pilgrims. The collaborative efforts of various agencies underscore the commitment to creating a safe and serene environment for this revered pilgrimage.

In his address, Dr. Wani highlighted the pivotal role of the Amarnath Yatra in promoting spiritual tourism and fostering communal harmony in the region. He stated, "The Amarnath Yatra



is not only a journey of faith but also a symbol of the unity and diversity that defines our nation. It brings together people from different walks of life, reinforcing the spirit of brotherhood and mutual respect."

The Mooj Kasheer Welfare Trust remains dedicated to supporting initiatives that promote peace, cultural exchange, and communal harmony. Dr. Wani's heartfelt welcome to the pilgrims reflects the Trust's ongoing commitment to these values.

Dr. Wani concluded by wishing all the pilgrims a safe and fulfilling journey, filled with spiritual enrichment and memorable experiences. "May this yatra bring peace, blessings, and a sense of togetherness to all," he added.

DGP J&K decorates nine 09 SPOs to rank of constable

Top News Report

KATHUA, June 28: DGP J&K Police, R R Swain on Friday decorated nine SPOs with the rank of Constable in a ceremonial function at DPL Kathua in presence of their family members and prominent citizens of District Kathua.

Recognising their bravery and fearlessness to eliminate the enemy, these SPOs have been converted to Constables on operational grounds during the Saida Sohal, Hiranagar encounter in which two Pakistan based terrorists were successfully eliminated.

The DGP J&K Police said, "The courage

and professionalism exhibited by these police personnel during the encounter was exemplary even when they were temporary members of J&K Police. These promotions are a testament to their valour and dedication. Now as these Police personnel became the permanent members of J&K Police, this will encourage the Kathua Police especially SOG Kathua & SPOs and boost their morale during such operations and encountering ANEs and other hardcore criminals.

Furthermore, he also congratulated the family members of valiant heroes and wished the bright future for the newly inducted constables.

GODOWN FOR RENT

Corner Plot Size 100 ft x150 ft (3 Kanals) at Kirthali, Bari Brahamana Private **Commercial Registered Land** with 40 ft both side lane having 6000 Sq. ft Covered Shed Height 15 ft Opp. ITC Godown.

Rampaul calls for strengthening Party Only NC capable of mitigating public suffering: Former Minister

Top News Report

JAMMU, June 28: Slamming present UT Rule for pushing J&K into dark era, former Minister and Zonal President JKNC, Babu Rampaul said that everybody is unhappy and restless under the present regime and eagerly waiting for conduct of Assembly elections to elect a popular government.

During the meeting Babu Rampaul deliberated in detail the various aspects imperative to strengthen the party at the grass root level.

He said, "National Conference is the only party which believes in secularism and can fight for the rights of the downtrodden class of the society. Party has taken many historic decisions in the past for the welfare of the marginalized sections of the society."

"From Sher-E-Kashmir to Dr. Farooq Abdullah and jenab Omar Abdullah it has served the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir with utmost honesty and dedication" Rampaul added.

Former Minister further



said that the last election was held in 2014 in Jammu and Kashmir and since then no election has been conducted depriving people of their constitutional and democratic rights. He said that India was called as mother of democracy but keeping people without elections for long is the murder of democracy and urged upon the Centre to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir without any delay.

He further said that no democracy can survive without elections as popular government is the soul and people are its body. "The elections in Jammu and Kashmir had been conducted in

the worst situations in the past and one cannot digest the excuse of the Centre that the situation is not conducive for elections", he added.

Also speaking, Ankush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary said that BJP snatched statehood from people of J&K and deprived them of elected government and now we are being subjected to heavy taxation in different forms, he said and added that nobody listens to the people and they are made subservient to bureaucrats.

He also said that the incumbent Govt has proved to be an utter failure on all fronts and people are waiting for the

elections when they will show the incumbent Govt the door.

He urged the youth, retirees and the women to play an active role in the upcoming polls and vote for peace, progress, identity with dignity and to ensure democracy survives at any cost.

Dr Vikas Sharma, Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC, severely criticized the present dispensation and said that BJP robbed everything from people of J&K.

He said that after August 5, 2019, the situation has grown from bad to worse to jeopardize the living of people by first imposing property tax, smart meters installation and prepaid meters with inflated power bills coming in thousands but the administration is not ready to pay heed to the grievances of people.

He further said that when the NC government will come to power, we will reverse all the antipublic steps taken by the present dispensation and work for the convenience of the people.

The others spoke on the occasion include Rahul Mahajan Zonal Vice-President, Arun Paul Singh Working President NCSU, Rajinder Singh, and others.

Contact Us:

PG FOR GIRLS

Secure/ Peaceful/ Comfortable

FACILITIES AVAILABLE

AC & NON-AC ROOMS

R.O. DRINKING WATER

24/7 ELECTRICITY

Wi-Fi AVAILABLE

24/7 WATER SUPPLY

HYGIENIC FOOD

FOR ANY QUERIES CALL US @ 9596236182 LIBRARY FACILITIES ALSO AVAILABLE

CHESS LEARNING CENTRE

Join Our Chess Classes Today! **Three Classes**

Email: learnchess.jammu@gmail.com

a Week Phone/Whatsapp: 9103264178

Location: Canal Road opposite Dr. Rajesh Gupta (Ortho) Clinic

Unlock Your Strategies:

Morning: 11 am to 12 pm Afternoon: 3 pm to 4 pm Evening: 7 pm to 8 pm

TIMINGS



Edited, Printed, Published and Owned by: Rajiv Mahajan, Office: 17- New Rehari Jammu, Published from 17- New Rehari Jammu, and Printed from GK Offset Printing Press situated at Shivalik Puram Janipur, Jammu on behalf of Rajiv Mahajan. Senior Editor: M. K Bangroo, Executive Editor: Anita Gupta, Photo Journalist: Aman Sharma (9906198186), Head Office Jammu. Mobile No: (9906300707, 9086072548), Fax No: 0191-2561688.

e-mail: topnewsjk@gmail.com, editortopnewsjk@gmail.com

(All disputes are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of competent courts and forums in Jammu City).