# TOP NEWS OF J&K

JAMMU, SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Daily Evening Newspaper

**ENTERTAINMENT** 

|6

**Zareen Khan calls out fake** freckles reel Instagram has turned us into monkeys



**NATIONAL** 

| 7

Nadda likely to get threeto-six-month extension as **BJP President** 

**INTERNATIONAL** 

|8

**North Korean Officials Wear Pins With "Friendly Father" Kim Jong Un's Face** 



e-paper: www.topnewsjk.in

RNI No. JKENG/2010/39369

Regd. No. JK-435

Vol.-15 Issue-179 Pages-12 Rs.-2/-

#### BRIEFLY

#### J&K | Temporary charge assigned to 16 JEs of Jal **Shakti Deptt**

JAMMU, Jun 30 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government has sanctioned the temporary placement of 16 Junior Engineers (Diploma Holders) as in-charge Assistant Engineers in the Jal Shakti Department.

#### Light to moderate rains. thundershowers at isolated places of J&K till July 3: MeT

SRINAGAR, Jun 30 (Agencies): Meteorological Centre Srinagar Sunday predicted light to moderate rainfall in isolated places of Jammu and Kashmir till July 3.

It also said that there is a possibility of intermittent light to moderate rains at most places of Jammu & Kashmir with heavy showers from July 4 to 7.

"From June 30th to July 3rd, there is a possibility of light to moderate rain, thundershower at many places of Jammu division towards late night/early morning; and spell of rain/ thundershower at few places of Kashmir division towards afternoon & evening," MeT official

He continued that from July 4th to 7th, there is a possibility of light to moderate rainfall at most places of Jammu & Kashmir with heavy showers and rainfall at few places.

While issuing advisory, the official said that flash floods, landslides/mudslides and shooting stones at few vulnerable places may occur. He also said that few places may experience of moderate thunderstorm and lightning.

#### On way to treat their child, four of Katra family die in Punjab road accident

Srinagar, Jun 30 (Agencies): Four family members including a six-year-old child from Kakryal area of Katra were killed while one woman was injured after a vehicle they were in was hit by a truck along the Hoshiarpur-Tanda road in Punjab on Sunday morning, reports said.

The accident took place around 7:00am near Addan Saran area under the jurisdiction of Police Station Tanda in Hoshiarpur district when a vehicle with five passengers in it was hit **Turn to page 9** 

# **Gen Upendra Dwivedi takes charge** as New Army Chief

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Sunday took charge as the 30th Chief of the Army Staff after incumbent Gen Manoj Pande retired from service.

Gen Dwivedi, who has vast operational experience along the frontiers with China and Pakistan, was serving as the Vice Chief of the Army.

Before taking charge as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff on February 19, Gen Dwivedi was



serving as the General

Officer Commanding-in-

Chief of Northern Command from 2022-2024.

Gen Dwivedi took charge of the 1.3 million-strong Army at a time India is facing various security challenges including along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China

As the Chief of Army Staff, he will also have to coordinate with the Navy and the Indian Air Force on the government's ambitious plan to roll out theatre commands.

■Turn to page 9

# Curtain falls on British-Era Laws, New Criminal Laws Come into effect on July 1

NEW DELHI. June 30: Three new criminal laws will come into effect across the country from Monday, bringing widespread changes in India's criminal justice system and ending colonial-era laws.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam will replace the British-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

The new laws will bring



in a modern justice system, incorporating provisions such as Zero FIR, online registration of police complaints, summonses through electronic modes such as SMS and mandatory videography of crime scenes for all heinous crimes. They have tried to address some of the current social realities and crimes and provide a mechanism to effectively deal with these, keeping

in view the ideals

■Turn to page 9

### **CISF's 9-Month-Old Security Units** in 2 J&K Jails await formal sanction

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): The CISF's security units deployed at two highly sensitive prisons in Jammu and Kashmir are yet to receive formal sanction even after nine months of their deployment, leading to a number of logistical and administrative issues for the paramilitary force, official sourc-

The force had taken over the security of the Srinagar central jail in Kashmir and the Kot Bhalwal jail in Jammu in October, 2023 with a combined manpower of about 500 personnel on an "internal security duty" pattern by replacing the CRPF.

Turn to page 9

### Parliament should pass law on reservations to exceed 50-pc Cap: Congress

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): The Congress on Sunday said Parliament should pass a law to enable reservations to exceed the 50-per cent cap, a day after NDA constituent JD(U) demanded that the quota increase in Bihar be included in the 9th schedule of the Con-



At a meeting of the Janata

national executive here on Saturday, the party expressed concern over a recent Patna High Court verdict striking down the Bihar government's decision to increase the quota for the Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) to

Turn to page 9

#### Mehbooba Mufti chairs PDP's PAC meet, discusses overall political situation of J&K

SRINAGAR, Jun 30 (Agencies): Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday chaired party's Political Affairs Committee meeting in Srinagar.

Besides party affairs, the meeting was aimed to review the overall political situation of Jammu & Kashmir post Lok Sabha elections 2024.

Senior party leaders attended the meeting who discussed key issues and strategies to address the current political climate in Jammu and Kashmir.

The participants of the meeting also deliberated upon measures to strengthen party at grassroots level.

■Turn to page 9

#### Five arrested for armed robbery at **Babarpur eatery**

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): Five gangsters have been arrested for allegedly robbing a restaurant worker of Rs 65,000 at gunpoint in the Welcome area in the city, police said on Sunday.

They said all five have criminal history and have previously been involved

Turn to page 9

Two Amarnath pilgrims injured after van meets with accident near Chandanwari SRINAGAR, Jun 30 The pilgrims sustained number of people injured

(Agencies): A van carrying Amarnath pilgrims met with an accident near Chandanwari in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, leaving at least two persons injured, officials said on Sunday.

"Today, a van carrying Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris met with an accident near Chandanwari.

serious head injuries & were promptly evacuated by the #BSF QRT (Quick Response Team) to a nearby hospital," the Border Security Force (BSF) said in a post on X.

"The quick response of BSF saved the precious lives of the pilgrims," the BSF added. Though BSF did not mentioned the in the accident, visuals showed two of the pilgrims, including a woman could be seen admitted in the hospital. Their identities were not confirmed.

Earlier in the day, another batch of pilgrims left from the Pantha Chowk base camp for the Amarnath yatra amid tightened Turn to page 9

### Amarnath Yatra | Third batch of over 6,600 pilgrims leaves Jammu Base Camp For Kashmir

JAMMU, Jun 30 (Agencies): A third batch of 6,619 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu in two separate convoys to join the annual Amarnath pilgrimage in the Kashmir Himalayas, officials said on Sunday.

About 14,000 pilgrims paid obeisance at the holy cave shrine locat-



ed at a height of 3,880 metres on the first day of

the 52-day annual vatra. which commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on Saturday, the officials said.

The third batch, including 1,141 women, left in 319 vehicles between 3:50 am and 4:45 am

**Reasi Terror Attack** 

Case | NIA Conducts

searches in multiple

**locations in Raiouri** 

JAMMU, Jun 30 (Agen-

cies): The National Inves-

tigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday searched multiple

locations in Rajouri district

of Jammu & Kashmir in connection with the Reasi

Terrorists had opened

fire at a bus carrying yatris from Shiv Khori to

Katra on the evening of 9th June in Pouni area of

Reasi district, causing the bus to fall into a nearby

gorge, killing nine people,

NIA, which took over

the investigation on 15th

June on orders from the Ministry of Home Affairs,

Govt of India, searched

five locations linked with

hybrid terrorists and

Overground Workers

The locations were

pointed out by the arrest-

ed accused, Hakam Khan

@ Hakin din. Hakam had

provided them with safe

shelter, logistics and food,

as per NIA investigations.

■Turn to page 9

including a child.

(OGWs).

terrorist attack.

amid tight security. **Turn to page 9** 

# MERCEDES - BMW - AU DEALS IN SALE, PURCHASE, REPAIRING AND SERVICING OF USED CARS AND ORIGINAL SPARE PARTS NAGROTA, JAMMU (J&K) **+91-9086207123**

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

OUR FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF OUR MOST RESPECTED AND BELOVED SH. S.K. RAINA JAWAHIR (KING JI) SIO LATE SH. J.L. RAINA ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF VILLAGE AVIL, KULGAM AND PRESENTLY AT G-70A SHANTI NAGAR TOPH SHERKHANIA, BEHIND ASHA GAS AGENCY JAMMU, WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 22.062024.
TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 01.07.2024

(MONDAY) AT MUTH GHAT AT 8:30 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN:-SMT. GEETANJLI RAINA (WIFE) VARDAN RAINA (SON)

SHIVAM RAINA (SON) [DAUGHTERS AND SONS-IN-LAW] SMT, SHIKSHA & SH, ABHINAV DHAR -8850121536 SMT, DIKSHA & SH, SUNIL BHAT -8178781649

DR. SHAGUN RAINA (DAUGHTER)

SMT CHUNI RAINA & SMT. SHEELA RAINA (AUNTIES) SH. VIJAY KUMAR KOUL (BROTHER IN LAW) (SISTER & BROTHER IN LAW) SMT. SEEMA GANJOO & SH. SUNIL GANJOO 600 57 53 528

(SISTERS IN LAW & BROTHERS) SMT. RAINU RAINA & SH. SANJAY RAINA (9419117919)

SMT. & SHA.K. RAINA SMT. & SH. KULDEEP RAINA (9419000782)

SMT, & SH. RAVINDER RAINA

SMT, & SH, ASHWANI RAINA SMT. & SH. AJAY RAINA

SMT, & SH, DILEEP RAINA



SH. S.K. RAINA JAWAHIR (KING JI)

(NEPHEWS) DR. SUHAAS GANJOO SANYAM GANJOO (GRANDCHILDREN) ADVAIT, DRISHTI & AVIKA AND

SAMAST AVIL BARADARI

#### 10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we Inform the unfortunate demise of our beloved father Sh. Roshan Lal Pandita S/o Lt. Tara Chand Pandita R/o H.No 267 Lane J Sector 2, Durga Nagar Roopnagar Jammu on June 25, 2024.

10th Day will be performed on July 4 2024 at Muthi Ghat, near Directorate of Education at 0900 Hrs. GRIEF STRICKEN

(Son and Daughter in law) Smt/ Sh. Sushma and Sunil Pandita (Daughter and Son in law)

Smt/ Sh. Renu and Sunil Misri Dulari Bhat W/o Lt N N Bhat (Sister)

(Brother and Babhi)

Sh/ Smt. Chuni Lal Pandita and Usha Pandita Sh / Smt BN Tikoo and Bimla Tikoo (Brother and Sister in law)

Sh / Smt Vimal and Neena Pandita (Son and Daughter in law)

Sh / Smt. Vicky ji and Meenu Bhat (Daughter and Son in law)

Grand Children: Mehak Pandita, Ananya Pandita, Ayush Misri, Anush and Plyush Ph no .70064 66855, 7006420823 and 8899983005

# TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

beloved Sh. Yash Pal (Master) Sic Late Sh. Chajlu Ram Rio H.No. 13, Sec. 4, Upper Roop Nager, Jammu (Opp. Dr. Thappa Clinic) who left for heavenly abode on 18.06.2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 27.06.2024 (Thursday) at 11 AM at our residence.

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 5 PM at AAP SHAMBU MANDIR, Upper Roop Nagar Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN:-

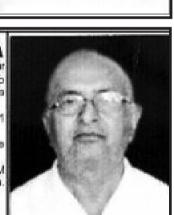
Son & Daughter-in-Law Sh. Virinder Kumar & Smt. Suman Sharma

Daughters & Sons-in-Law Smt. Kran Bala & Sh. Mahesh Chander Sharma Smt. Neele m & Sh. Bharet Shushan Sharma Smt. Madhu & Sh. Vijay Bhushan Dubey

Brother & Sister-in-Law Sh. Bai Krishan & Smt. Makhnu Devi Sister & Brother-in-Law

Smt. Rano Devi & Late Sh. Om Prakash

Grand Children: Sanat Magotra, Apurva Magotra, Akshita



Sh. Roshan Lal

Pandita

SH. YASH PAL (MASTER)

# TENTH DAY, KRIYA & UTHALA

We deeply mourn the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Shankuntala Devi W/o Late Sh. Jagdish Chander who left for heavenly abode on 21-06-2024. Tenth Day will be performed on 30-06- 24 (Sunday) at 10.00 am to 11.00 am at Rani Park Mandir, Jammu. Kriya will be performed on 03-07-2024 (Wednesday) 12 Noon at our residence, H.No. 219 Chowk Chubtra

Uthala will be held on 03/07/2024 (Wednesday) at Brahman Shabha Prade from 5 pm to 6 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN: Sons & Daughter-In-Law

Sh. Kuldeep Singh Bandral & Smt. Jyoti Bandral

Sh. Dalip Singh Bandral & Smt. Anu Bandral Devar and Devrani Late. Sh. Balbir Singh & Late. Smt. Lalita Devi

Sh. Surinder Singh & Late. Smt. Anita Bandral Daughters & Son-In-Law Smt. Savita Devi & Sh. Ashok Abro I Smt. Chiterlekha & Sh. Rames h Kapoor

Smt. Indu Kapahi & Sh. Rakesh Kapahi Nephew and Daughter-In-Law Mr. Jaipal Singh Bandral & Mrs. Suman Bandral

Grand Children: Pranav, Manik, Danish, Kanish, Mannat & Aadriti.



Smt. Shankuntala Devi

Bandral Family Mubarak Mandi Bazar J Ph. 9419198733, 9419192751, 7006580550.

Smt. Sudesh Khajuria

Lt Sh Arun Misri

(Pintoo Jee)

#### UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Smt. Sudesh Khajuria W/o Sh. D.P. Khajuria (Retd. Director Agriculture) R/o 22 B/B Extension Gandhi Nagar Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 16-06-2024.

UTHALA will be performed on 1/7/24 on Monday at Panch Mandir Channi Himmat Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Husband Sh. D.P. Khajuria (Retd. Director Agriculture) Son & Daughter-in-law

Dr. Arvind Khajuria & Dr. Rashmi Sharma Daughters & Sons-in-law Anuradha & Dr. Vimal Sharma

Anuraag & Late Sh. Nippun Gupta Grand Children - Tanya, Aishwarya, Milli, Shyamal & Amartya

Magotra Family & Khajuria Family

JAMMU DIAGNOSTICS LAB

9419143010, 9419152233

#### SHADMOS/MAASWAR

Six months have passed since you left for heavenly abode but your memories are always fresh in our heart and minds, we feel your absence every where and every moment with tearful eyes. It has been tragic and unexplainful six months for us and we all know you are bestowing your love and ashirvaad on us from Vaikunthdam.

The Shadmos/Maaswar of Karamyogi Lt Sh Arun Misri (Pintoo Jee) S/o Lt Sh Jawahar Lal Misri at present H No. 27, 1/B East Extension Trikuta Nagar, Jammu on 30th June & 1st July 2024.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY: Smt Sushma Misri - (Wife)

Daughter & Son in law Smt Arunita Koul & Sh Akshay Koul Miss Archita Misri (Daughter)

Sister & Brother in law Smt Punipriya Misri & Bala Gopala Krishnan

AND SMAST PARIVAR OF

MISRI'S, KOUL'S, BAKSHI'S, RAZDAN'S, KUCHROO'S, & GANJOOS Phone: 6005998798, 7717519767, 7006476499

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow that we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Hriday Nath Raina S/o Late Shri Ram Chand Raina, on 22nd June 2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 01 July 2024 (Monday) at 8 AM at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate Of School Education), Jammu.

#### GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Raj Rani Raina, W/O Late Sh. S.N. Raina (Sister-in-Law) Shri P.L. Raina & Smt. Krishna Raina (Brother and Sister-in-Law) Smt. Krishna & Shri M K Dhar (Sister and Brother-in-Law) Sunil & Sunita Raina (Son and Daughter-in-Law): 7006109558 Nimmi & Rabinder N Kaul (Daughter and Son-in-law): 9810618706 Anjali & Vinay Nehru (Daughter and Son-in-law): 9818662347 Sunita & Late Sh. Virod Wali (Daughter and Son-in-law): 7678599654 Rainas, Kauls, Dhars, Nehrus, Walis, Qazis, Mattoos and Bhats

F-36/54 Ashok Nagar, Opposite Canal Power House, Canal Road, Jammu

#### 10TH DAY / KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad 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.

Kriya will be performed on 28th 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) **GRIEF STRICKEN** Mr. Ajay & Mrs. Monika Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Mr. Rajinder & Mrs. Swama Shama (Son & Daughter-in-law) Mrs. Renu (Priya) & Mr. Vivek Magetra (Daughter & Son-in-law) (Pujari Bawe Wali Mata)

Mrs. Anu & Mr. Sunii Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-law) (Property Dealer) Mrs. Prakriti (Tannu) & Mr. Anil gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law) (BA Enterprises)

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

Smt. Padma & Sh. Manchar Lal Sharma (Daughter-in-law & Nephew) Grand Children: Paavani, Dhairya, Shriyan, Vasu, Nandit, Damini, Anmol, Aagman, Eklavya M/s Kathua Medical Store (9419150827)

M/s Prakriti Option Works (9419151698)

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

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.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 5th July, 2024 at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education's office at 8 a.m.

Grief Stricken:

KHAR, DHAR, RAINA, BHAT, KOUL PARIVAR'S 8493885464, 9469460071, 9419148486, 9810294696 9149835632, 9419121979, 9469233566, 7889362046

#### ISAD DEMISE/TENTH DAY

It is informed that Smt Rani Ji (Uma Shori) W/o Late Makhan Lal Handoo originally resident of Kani Kadal Chota Bazar Srinagar at present H No. 110, Sect 2, Govind Nagar Revenue Complex Road, Camp Gole Gujral Talab Tiloo Jammu breathed her last on 25.06.2024.

Tenth Day will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education on 4.07.2024 (Thursday) at 8:30 am.

Grief Stricken:

Son and Daughter in law Ravinder Handoo & Smt Rekha Handoo

M. No. 7006964298

Kiran Handoo (Daughter)



Smt Chuni Ji Khar

Sh. Hriday Nath Raina

Smt. Chander Lata

Smt Rani Ji (Uma Shori)

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

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.

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

GRIEF STRICKEN

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



ADV. KAMALJIT SINGH JASROTIA

#### 10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA

Nith profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Shakunta Devi Wio Lt. 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.

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

9419155854, 9419303251

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 (Daughtert Wio Late Sh. Naveen Chadha Smt. Saniocita Gupta (Daughter) W/o Late Sh Vilay Gupta Smt. Sulbha and Sh. Suresh Gupta (Daughter & Son in law) Scianaya , Anvesha & Jivyansh (Grand Children)



Smt. Shakuntla Devi

#### 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 Patil, Marunji, Pune-411057.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 03/07/24 at Indrayani River Ghat, Alandi, Pune at 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Arrik Rainst (Rail (Wife)
Smt. Smt. R Arrik Rainst (Rail (Wife)
Smt. Smt. B Sh. Arbok Kumar Rains (Daughter-in-Law & Son)
Smt. Shina ni & Sh. Armordeep Rains (Daughter-in-Law & Son)
Smt. Saith a Sh. Jyotimory Rains (Daughter-in-Law & Son)
Contact No: 9887178665/ 9643459089/9818166694 Grand Children: Aradi, Ayush, Arah, Samarth & Dev SAMAST PARIVAR: RAINAS, BHATS & GANJOOS



Raina

#### 10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA 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 whi left for heavenly abode on 19-06-2024. 10th Day shall be performed on 28-06-2024 (Friday at H.No. 62, Sainik Cobny, 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. Vaishno Devi - Wife Son & Daughter-in-law Chander Dev Singh & Isha

Mr. Jagdev Singh Chib

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

TENTH DAY KRIYA WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER SMIT WE REGRET TO INFORM THE DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER SMT INDRAWATI KOUL WIFE OF LATE SH MADHUSUDAN KOUL. OF KHAH BAZAR ANANTNAGAPA JAWAHIR NAGAR SRINA-GAR AT PRESENT QTR NO. 6 ROLLER SHED OPPOSITE ST. PETER SCHOOL, B. C. ROAD JAMMU, ON 25-06-2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT MITTHE GRAT NEAD DIRECTOR ATE OF AT MUTHI GHAT, NEAR DIRECTORATE O SCHOOL EDUCATION, ON 4TH OF JUL 2024 THURSDAY AT 8.30 A.M.

2024 THURSDAY AT 8.30 A.M... SMT INDRAW
GRIEF STRICKEN:
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
MRS SANTOSH RAINA & SURESH RAINA 6005747063
GRAND SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
MRS & MR VISHAL BAKSHI - 9986075505 SMT & SH MOHAN LAL KOUL (DEVAR & DEVRANI)- 9419131438 SONS & DAUGHTERS IN-LAW MR VEERENDER KOUL & MRS NIRMALA KOUL- 9149639050 MR CHAND KOUL & MRS RAJNI KOUL- 9906730747 SAMAST KOUL AND WALLPARIVAR

#### 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 present HNo 33C Laxmi Vihar Lane 9 Tomal Bohri Jammu has left for heavenly abode on June 25 2024

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 3rd July (Wednesday) 2024 at 8:00 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate Education Office Muthi Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN Son & Daughter In Law Revinder Kumar Pandita and Sunita Pandita Sanjay Kumar Pandita and Sangeeta Pandita Suresh Kumar Pandita and Pushpa Pandita

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

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, we nform the sad demise of our mother Smt. Roopawati/Laxmishori Pandit W/o Lt. Keshev Nath Pandit originally resident of Siver Lolab Kupwara & resently at Block No. 158, Flat No. 2 ane No. 25 Jagti Township Nagrota

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

Director School Education at 8.30 am. Laxmishori Pandit h. A.K. Bhat & Smt. Reeta- Son & Daughter-in-Law Sh. M.L. Pandit & Smt. Sudesh- Son & Daughter-in-Law Smt. Veena Peshin Wo Late B.L. Peshin- Daughter & Son-in-Law mt. Bimla Bhat & Sh. G.L. Bhat- Daughter & Son-in-Law imt. Anju & Sh. Sunil Dhar- Daughter & Son-in-Law

Deeply Missed By Thusoo Pariyar Sh. P.L. Thusoo & Smt. Gopi Shori Thusoo Tel.: 9911306230, 9149781874, 9796052035

### OBITUARY

Late Sh. Gooi Nath Raina left for her heavenly abode on 27th June, 2024. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Gauri Shankar Wandir, New Palam Vihar, Gurgaon on 6th July 2024, at 8.00 am. Mourning at: Tower 9, 1801 Vipul Belmonte, Golf course Rd, Gurgaon.

9811051615, 9419160115

IN GRIEF



Bansi & Nancy Raina, Subash Raina, Urmila Salaria, Promila Kaul, Avtar & Shobha Bhat, Rakesh & Jyoti Kaul, Sanjay Raina, Ritu Raina Aarti & Marz, Shiyani & Ishet, Rahul & Alka, Shikha & Rishi,

riyanka & Gunian, Ankush, Shubdha & Abhishek, Kanika & Saurer

dhir & Raishri, Shailia & Ashish, Ashim, Nivati, Drishti & Taaruk

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh Bansi Lal 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

(Wednesday) 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/UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved SMT. PREM LATA W/o Lt. Sh ASHOK MAGOTRA R/o LANE NO 2, RAM JANKI ENCLAVE, UDHEYWALA.

10TH DAY will be performed on 30th June, 2024, Sunday at 11.00 AM at our residence. Sunday at 11.00 AM at our residence.

KRIYA will be performed on 1st July, 2024,
Monday at 12:00 Noon on at our residence,
UTHALA will be performed on 1st July 2024,
Monday from 5-6 PM, (At our residence, LANENO
2, RAM JANKI ENCLAVE Besides Grand Reves

anquet Hall, Udheywala). GRIEF STRICKEN

SRILEF SI RICKEN

Smt Vaishno Devi (Mother)
Mr. Vismit Magotra & Mm. Anu (Son & Daughte-In-law)
Mr. Ankush Sharma & Mrs. Shurthi (Son-in-law & Daughter)
Mr. Parin Sarhi Khajuria & Mrs. Simita (Son-in-law & Daughter)
Li Chani Shigam and Mrs. Nirmala (Brother-in-law & Daughter)
Li Chani Shigam and Mrs. Nirmala (Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law)
Sh Romesh Magotra & Smt Kanchan (Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law)
Shi. Sarviti Kesari & Sh. Indepted Kesar (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Smt. Kanta Sharma & Sh. Tilak Raji (Sister & Brother-in-law)

om. Ania onama a sin mak kaj pawa a bromerinaw) Smt. Snido A Sh. Cim Parkasi (Sister & Brother-in-law) Smt. Raj Kumari (Shoetal) & Sn. Marmohan Kishan (Sister & Brother-in-law) Sn. Kuideep Khajuria & Li. Smt. Suman (Brother & Sistar-in-law) D. Rajnder Khajuria & Padma Jyot (Brother & Sistar-in-law)

Grand Children: Kushagra Saanvi, Vivensh, Mechan 8

SMT. PREM LATA

# DISCLAIMER

"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."

# PDP earned faith and trust of people by its convictions and commitments: Narinder

RS PURA, June 30: Senior People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Narinder Sharma Sunday organized joining programme wherein several prominent persons joined PDP leaving other political parties as their leaders are not in a mood to serve the people and give their intention towards the development of RS Pura constituency. Sharma welcome their decision of joining PDP and assured them to come up with them at every movement and struggle with them for their rights, development and basic needs.

"The people have made up their mind to teach anti-people political parties a lesson in the forthcoming Assembly elec-



tions as a result of which repeated attempts have been made to linger on the elections," Sharma expressed satisfaction that PDP's agenda of development was now seen positively not just in Kashmir Valley but in Jammu and Ladakh regions also. But "It is really a matter of satisfaction for our party that

people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh regions have connecting themselves with PDP and this party has earned credibility and faith of the people of all regions and sub-regions of the state", he said and added that people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh were also treating PDP as their real voice because leadership

of this party has earned faith and trust of the people by its convictions and commitments.

Sharma said the PDP emerged as a process and platform in times of uncertainty and hopelessness. "The party created space for dignity in democracy when people won't relate to democratic process," he

for hope in despairing times and that's what Mehbooba Mufti is trying to ignite." He said women have always held a special place in the PDP and Mehbooba is a symbol of public confidence in the women in particular to lead the society to new lights. Sharma appreciated the initiatives of Mehbooba Mufti led Government which went long way to land the State in peace and prosperity. The people friendly measures taken now speak of Mehbooba's commitment of compassion and popular leader.He urged the party cadre to reach out to people and expand party base. He assured party functionaries of full support and cooperation to make PDP as premier party in the State.

## Centre To Launch Special Campaign For Redressal Of Family Pensioners' Grievances On Monday

NEW DELHI, June 30 (Agencies): Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh will launch a special campaign for the effective redressal of family pensioners' grievances here on Monday.

Presently, around 90,000 cases are being registered on an online Centralised Pension Grievance and Redress System (CPENGRAMS) in a year, a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said on Sunday.

Of the total grievances, family pension grievance cases account for about 20-25 per cent, it said. A major segment of family pensioners' grievances is constituted by women pensioners, the statement said.

The majority of the grievances pertain to defence pensioners, railway pensioners and CAPFs pensioners under the Union home ministry, it said, adding that

"Bank-related issues also constitute a sizeable number"

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DOPPW), as part of its 100 days action plan will be undertaking a month-long special campaign for effective redressal of family pensioners' grievances during the period July 1-31, 2024 in which 46 ministries/departments will be participating, the statement said.

This special campaign seeks a substantial reduction in the pendency of family pension grievances.

Secretaries of Departments of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Ex-Servicemen's Welfare, Director General, Border Security Force, Controller General of Accounts, Deputy Managing Director of State Bank of India along with nodal public grievance officers of 46 ministries/departments, representatives from all pension disbursing banks and representatives of pensioners' welfare associations will participate in this event, it said.

The grievances can be registered either directly or on the portal — www. pgportal.gov.in/PEN-SION/ by the applicant or by DOPPW on receipt of details through e-mail, post or toll-free number 1800-11-1960.

The family pensionrelated grievances to be redressed in the special campaign have been shortlisted from the grievances registered on the CPENGRAMS portal.

A total of 1,891 (as of June 15, 2024) family pension-related grievances pertaining to 46 ministries/departments/ organisations have been identified for redressal during the campaign period, the statement said.

# Natrang staged Hindi play 'Koi Aur Raasta'

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30: Natrang staged a Hindi play 'Koi Aur Raasta' written by Pratap Sehgal and directed by Neeraj Kant here today at Natrang Studio Theatre, Jammu under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'.

The play 'Koi Aur Raasta' very sensitively touches the topic of manwoman relationship in context of marriage and very brilliantly presents different shades of it with such vivid detailing that the audience could relate to it instantly. Mahesh and Indu liked each other and decided to go for love marriage, which was pleasant initially but soon lost its sheen. A number of domestic issues troubled



them and they lost faith in the institution of marriage. Moreover, Mahesh started to baselessly suspect that Indu is in an extramarital relation with one of their common friend which shatters her. Even after certain half-hearted attempts to save their marriage from breaking, they failed as

to realize his mistake as Indu had married again. This play carries some influences of Ibsen's Doll's House.

This intense presentation was followed by an interaction on the play which was conducted by Balwant Thakur.

suaded her to return to

him but he was too late

Natrang actors who acted in the play included Brijesh Avtar Sharma, Palshin Dutta, Kushal Bhat, Payal Khanna, Priya Kumari, Lalita Sharma, Priyal Ashok Gupta, Vandana Thakur and Mehak Chib. Lights were designed and executed by Neeraj Kant whereas music was scored by Aadesh Dhar. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Vrinda Gujral.

# PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' elevates J&K to national & international prominence: Kavinder

Initiates plantation drive under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign at Ward 43



**Top News Report** 

Jammu: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta has expressed his admiration for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ongoing efforts to highlight lesser-known regions of India through his popular radio program, 'Mann Ki Baat'. He emphasized the significance of the Prime Minister's discussions on Jammu and Kashmir, noting the positive impact on the region's products and people.

In a statement issued here today, Kavinder Gupta said that PM Modi, in his recent episodes of 'Mann Ki Baat', has consistently brought attention to various regions whose names were previously unheard of by many, shedding light on their unique products and the people behind them. This practice has significantly contributed to the promotion and recognition of these areas on a national and even international level.

"Discussing Jammu and Kashmir in 'Mann Ki Baat' is particularly significant There are many unique products from Jammu and Kashmir that gain automatic promotion when the Prime Minister mentions them. This not only boosts the local economy but also instills a sense of pride among the people of Jammu and Kashmir regions," he added. The senior BJP leader

further elaborated on how the Prime Minister's acknowledgment has led to increased visibility and appreciation for the diverse cultural and traditional offerings of Jammu and Kashmir. From exquisite handicrafts and handlooms to world-renowned agricultural products, the spotlight provided by 'Mann Ki Baat' has opened new avenues for economic growth and cultural exchange.

"Prime Minister Modi's initiative is a testament to his commitment to inclusive development and bringing every corner of the country into the limelight. By highlighting Jammu and Kashmir, he is ensuring that the region receives the recognition it rightfully deserves," he added.

life partners and attained

mutual divorce. After

some years, both decide

to move on but could not

forget each other in the

heart of their hearts. One

day, Mahesh finds Indu

at Railway Station and

they both initiate into a

very casual conversa-

tion. Recalling only good

memories, Mahesh per-

Kavinder Gupta appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to recognize the transformative impact of PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat', which has elevated the region's visibility both nationally and internationally.

\*Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta has initiated a plantation drive under the inspiring 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, spearheaded by Prime Minister Modi. This initiative was launched in Ward 43, in the vicinity of the revered Ram Mandir, Gandhi Nagar constituency. Senior BJP leaders Rajeev Charak, Paapu Surject Chowdhary, former corporator, Sardar Varinder Jeet Singh, and Kamal Batra accompanied the former deputy

Chief Minister.\* In his address. Kavinder extended a heartfelt appeal to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, urging them to embrace the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign by growing at least one plant in honor of their mothers. He emphasized that this simple yet profound act could significantly contribute to a greener, healthier environment.

The senior BJP leader highlighted that the

campaign was not just about planting trees but also about nurturing a deep connection with nature, instilling a sense of responsibility towards environmental conservation. He encouraged everyone to view this as a legacy they could pass on to future generations, a living testament to their love for the planet and their mothers.

#### **JKBS** members **congrat TeamIndia** on winning T20 **Cricket World Cup**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha's executive members who joined their General Secretary R.L.Kaith here today congratulated TeamIndia on emerging victorious in the T20 Cricket World Cup 2024, defeating South Africa by 7 runs in a thrilling final.

The members said, "Our players especially Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Axar Patel, Surya Kumar and Arshdeep Singh put up a stellar performance throughout the T20 World Cup with unmatched team spirit and sportsmanship. The nation swells with pride at their historic achievement."

We look forward to continuing to support and cheer for you in future matches, said the members.

Research Forest Division, Jammu. SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER e-NIT No. 01 of 2024-25 Dated 27.06.2024. For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K, DFO Research Forest

Division, Jammu invites e-tenders from Contractors registered with J&K Government/ Central Government Organizations for execution of nursery maintenance works as per details given in the table below. E-Tenders shall be submitted online on J&K e-procurement portal

J&K FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

S. No.	Item	Particulars  Maintenance of poly raised saplings of size 9"x6" at Hariyachak nursery of Research Forest Division, Jammu during 1st year.  One year		
1	Name of work			
2	Time period			
3	Estimated value of work	Rs. 15.43 lakhs		
4	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) @ 02% on Est. value	Rs. 30860/-		
5	Cost of tender document	Rs. 600/-		
6	Start date of bid submission	27.06.2024 05.00 pm		
7	Last date and time of bid submission	10.07.2024 06.00 pm		
8	Date and time of bid opening	11.07.2024 at 11.00 am (Opening of Technical bid, followed immediately by opening of Financial bid) in the office of DFO, Research Forest Division, Jammu.		
9	Status of Technical sanction and Administrative approval	Accorded		
10	Position of funds	Approved and allotted		

Detail of works: Maintenance includes all operations necessary for keeping the seed germination unit, nursery stocks, paths, roads and surroundings weed-free and clean. Handweeding of unwanted species is to be carried out as per demand of the site on regular basis as per requirement. Mechanical and chemical methods of weeding are not allowed. De-weeded material shall be dumped at a lead of 50-100 m in available composite pits. In case of any break out of any disease, emergency spraying of fungicide/ pesticide is to be carried out under the supervision of the concerned technical staff.

The e-NIT consisting of Detailed Tender Document with qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, BOQ, terms and conditions and other details can be seen / downloaded from the e-procurement website of J&K, www.jktenders.gov.in.

Sd/-

Divisional Forest Officer, Research Forest Division, Jammu.

DIP/J-2094/24

No. JKFRI/Res/J/F-148/2024-25/405-10

Date 27.06.2024.

#### ENIT NO. 02 OF 2024-25 DATED 25-06-2024

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION UDHAMPUR NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT JSPHEM/UDHR/ 02 OF 2024-25 DATED25-06-2024

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur, on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered firms who have sufficient experience in the relevant field of electro-

SI.	Name of the work	Qty	Name of Division	Cost of Tender Document / Tender Fee (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Bid validity
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Providing and laying of 400mm <sup>2</sup> aluminium cable and 6" dia sluice valve at pumping station Salmay stage-2"d (Old).	01 job	Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	Rs. 200.00 (Non- refundable in shape of treasury challan in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur	(Rs. 3600.00) 2% (in case of non- registered firms)Or (Rs. 1800.00) 1% (in case of firms registered with DIC / SSI / MSME)	90 days

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> from 26-06-2024 (18:00 Hrs)
  The Bids shall be deposited on the website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> from 26-06-2024 (18:30Hrs) to05-07-2024 (3:00 PM).
  After opening tender only successful bidder shall be asked for submitting the hard copies of documents with CDR and
- The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.
- The technical bid will be opened on line on 06-07-2024 at 11.00 A.M or any other subsequent date in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur.
- The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur after evaluation of technical bids. The date shall be communicated separately.

  Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 5 & 6 of the table (and for DIC/SSI/MSME registered firms as per Industrial Policy of J&K govt.) payable at Udhampur pledged in favour of Executive
- Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur.

  Bid security will have to be in form of CDR / FDR / BG of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for one year or more after last date of receipt of Bid. The cost of downloaded tender documents shall be in form of Treasury Challan / e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur payable at Udhampur. Firms who will fulfill the following parameters are eligible to participate.
  - Average Annual financial turnover during the last 3 years, ending 31 March of the previous financial year, should be at least 30% of this estimated cost. Experience of having successfully completed similar works during last 07 years ending last day of month previous
    - to the one in which applications are invited should be either of the following:a. Three similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated cost
    - Two similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimate cost. One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost. Definition of "similar work" should be clearly defined.
- 10. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening 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 earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited. 11. The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact

 Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <a href="http://iktenders.gov.in">http://iktenders.gov.in</a> NO. JSPHEMUDHR/2024-25/1055-58

Dated:-25-06-2024 DIP/J-2106/24

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division Udhampur

# **EDITORIAL**

# **Crisis of Drug Abuse**

rug abuse has emerged as a formidable global crisis, affecting millions of individuals and communities across socioeconomic and cultural spectra. This complex issue encompasses the misuse of illegal substances, prescription medications, and even over-the-counter drugs, leading to severe health, social, and economic consequences. Addressing drug abuse requires a multifaceted approach that includes prevention, treatment, and policy reform.

Drug abuse refers to the harmful or hazardous use of psychoactive substances, including alcohol and illicit drugs. The World Health Organization (WHO) highlights that substance abuse can lead to dependence syndrome, characterized by a strong desire to take the drug, difficulties in controlling its use, and persisting in its use despite harmful consequences. This condition often results in physical and psychological dependence, manifesting in withdrawal symptoms and cravings.

The causes of drug abuse are multifaceted and can be broadly categorized into biological, psychological, and social factors

Genetic predisposition plays a significant role in an individual's likelihood to develop a substance use disorder. Neurobiological changes in the brain, particularly in the reward and pleasure centers, contribute to the cycle of addiction.

Mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, and trauma are closely linked with substance abuse. Individuals may use drugs as a coping mechanism to alleviate psychological distress.

Environmental influences, including peer pressure, family dynamics, and socioeconomic status, significantly impact drug use. Exposure to drug use in the community or family can normalize the behavior, increasing the risk of abuse.

The repercussions of drug abuse are farreaching, affecting not only the individual but also their families and society at large.

Chronic drug abuse leads to a plethora of health issues, including cardiovascular diseases, respiratory problems, liver damage, and neurological impairments. Infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and hepatitis are prevalent among intravenous drug users.

Substance abuse exacerbates mental health disorders, leading to a vicious cycle of addiction and mental illness. Cognitive impairments, mood disorders, and increased risk of suicide are common among drug users.

Drug abuse imposes a substantial burden on society through healthcare costs, lost productivity, and criminal justice expenses. Families of drug users often experience emotional and financial strain, contributing to social insta-

Effective strategies to combat drug abuse must encompass prevention, treatment, and policy measures.

Education and awareness campaigns targeting youth and vulnerable populations are crucial in preventing drug initiation. Schools, community organizations, and media play pivotal roles in disseminating information about the risks of drug abuse.

Comprehensive treatment programs that include medical, psychological, and social support are essential for recovery. Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) combined with counseling and behavioral therapies has shown efficacy in treating opioid addiction.

Governments must implement robust policies to control the availability of drugs, including stringent regulations on prescription medications and efforts to dismantle drug trafficking networks. Decriminalization and harm reduction strategies, such as needle exchange programs and supervised injection sites, can reduce the adverse health effects associated with drug use.

Engaging communities in the fight against drug abuse fosters a supportive environment for prevention and recovery. Communitybased initiatives can provide resources and support systems for individuals and families affected by substance abuse.

The fight against drug abuse is a continuous and evolving challenge that requires a comprehensive approach. By understanding the causes, consequences, and effective strategies to address drug abuse, society can mitigate its impact and support individuals in achieving recovery. Collaboration among governments, healthcare providers, community organizations, and individuals is crucial to developing sustainable solutions to this pervasive problem. Only through concerted efforts can we hope to curb the tide of drug abuse and build healthier, more resilient communities.

# Balance of power key to leashing China, Russia, Israel

By: Manish Tewari

istory tells us that geostrategic transitions **▲**are never easy. They are always accompanied by uncertainty, fear, insecurity and bloodshed - not necessarily in that order. However, what every transition brings with itself are certain conceptual constructs that then underpin the strategic landscape over the next decade or even centuries that usher in an era of sustainable tranquility that is usually accompanied by prosperity, the forward march of the human race and above all stability and a modicum of happiness.

If one takes a deep dive into history, the Thirty Year War that commenced in 1618 between the Roman Catholics and Protestants devastated much of Central Europe. Out of the ashes of that destruction that attained quietus with the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, a new principle emerged that underpinned European statecraft for a century or more. It is called called raison d'état. Coined by a prince of the church Armand Jean du Plessis, Cardinal de Richelieu, First Minister of France from 1624-1642, it was practised by most European powers for an epoch thereafter.

Raison d'etat was premised on the fact that security and primacy of a nation state warranted the deployment of all means essential to preserve, protect and promote it. It envisaged that supreme national interest must eschew all archaic notions of universal morality.

Raison d'etat, therefore, was predicated on a convoluted hypothesis that every nation state while pursuing its own selfish and narrow interests would in some manner underwrite the collective safety and progress of all the

others.

However, by the 18th century, Great Britan had articulated the concept of balance of power that then dominated European diplomacy for the next two hundred years. It had its genesis in the British desire to prevent any one single European power from dominating the European continent. In pursuit of maintaining an equilibrium it required Great Britan to throw its weight behind the vulnerable or the more feebler side in any conflict.

The concept of balance of power was utilised by Prince Von Metternich of Austria and other European statespersons to construct the concert of Europe at the Congress of Vienna in September 1814. It ensured that no war at all took place among the Great Powers for 40 years and after the Crimean War of 1854 there was no general war for another 60, thereby ensuring a century of relative peace that helped Europe to materially, culturally and imperially flourish. Unfortunately, a subsequent German Chancellor Otto Von Bismarck disassembled the Concert of Europe and recast European high statecraft into a ruthless pursuit of power politics a-la "realpolitik".

The reason I have chosen to enunciate these three principles, namely, raison d'etat, balance of power and realpolitik, is because many centuries after they were conceptualised and applied by statespersons of that era, they still continue to operate, albeit under different nomenclatures, as the world faces perhaps its biggest challenge to collective peace after the Second World War in the form of active conflicts across three con-

In the case of the Russia-Ukraine conflict or the Russian aggression on Ukraine, both the classical con-

cepts of raison d'etat and balance of power are at play. A concerned or even overly distrustful Russia at the ostensibly eastward expansion of Nato decided to put its narrow national interest above everything else, thereby violating the sovergnity of Ukraine. While that fulfills the first part of the the raison d'etat postulate, as far as the second leg of that hypothesis is concerned, i.e., it should underwrite the collective safety of others, if it would lead to the reordering of the security architecture of Europe, thereby bringing back sustainable peace in Europe, remains to be seen. The jury would be out on that for quite

Conversely, in this very conflict, you also have the template of the balance of power at play. Nato has weighed in squarely on Ukraine's side as have other democratic nations around the world. Given that Ukraine is the weaker power, the balance of power in Europe has to be maintained. The desire to maintain this European equilibrium has in fact impelled both Finland and Sweden to become members of Nato. Something both refrained from doing after the devastating Second World War.

In the Israel-Hamas conflict, you see the first postulate of the raison d'etat squarely at play with Israel deploying elevated levels of violence to neutralise the Hamas threat even if it involves the bombing of hospitals and the wanton killing of innocent men, women and children.

This, by no means, should be construed as any justification of the horrific terror attack by Hamas on innocent Israeli civilians or the taking of hostages, the argument simply being that the Israeli response, disproportionate in every sense of the word, is predicated upon the fact that security

and primacy of the nation state justifies the employment of every imperative howsoever iniquitous considered essential to defend it.

Paradoxically, you do not have the balance of power paradigm at play in the Israel-Hamas conflict for no nation state of any consequence in the greater Middle East has even attempted to weigh in on the side of Hamas, leaving aside Iran and Syria that both support the Hamas and Hezbollah. However, that hardly qualifies as any substantive balancing of power in the purely classical sense of the

Coming to the Chinese power play on the Line of Actual Control qua India and its belligerence in the larger Indo-Pacific region, both ruthless realpolitik and raison d'etat are at play insofar as China is concerned. Fuelled by three-and-a-half decades of unprecedented economic growth, China has established a power differential across the board qua its neighbors.

Even though its economy is slowing down now the legacy buoyancy that translated into hefty military spending is now being leveraged by China to reclaim its mythical status as the Middle Kingdom that, in its estimation, was disrupted by the century of humiliation in 1839-1949.

Apposite to that, the principle of balance of power is also operating in the Indo-Pacific, with the QUAD, AUKUS, ASEAN Regional Forum and various other groupings and quasi-alliances being energised to ensure that the Chinese influence, malefic that it is, does not become toxic to the extent that it leads to an eminently avoidable conflict.

As the adage goes, the more things change the more they remain the same. Situations may change, times may move on, but grundnorm concepts endure.

# **Beyond Common Admission Test**

#### By: Vijay GarG

**r**f you're aspiring to pursue an MBA in India and **L**are looking for entrance exams beyond the well-known CAT (Common Admission Test), There are a variety of exams that can open doors to top business schools across the country.

Here's a look at different MBA entrance exams, each with its own unique approach, timelines, and benefits. These alternatives can help you find the right fit for your strengths and career goals.

1. CAT (Common Admission

Conducted by: IIMs (Indian Institutes of Management)

Key Features: Widely recognized for admission into IIMs and other top B-schools.

Exam Timeline: Usually held in November/December.

Test) Conducted by: AIMA (All India Management Association)

2. MAT (Management Aptitude

Key Features: Flexible test dates and accepted by a wide range of B-schools across India.

Exam Timeline: Conducted four times a year (February, May, September, and December).

3. XAT (Xavier Aptitude Test) Conducted by: XLRI, Jamshed-

Key Features: Known for its challenging essay writing section and recognised by top B-schools nationwide.

Exam Timeline: Usually held in January.

4. SNAP (Symbiosis National Aptitude Test)

Conducted by: Symbiosis International University

Key Features: Unique marking scheme and accepted by all Symbiosis institutes offering MBA programs.

Exam Timeline: Usually conducted in December.

5. GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)

Conducted by: GMAC (Graduate Management Admission Council)

Key Features: Internationally recognized for admissions to MBA programs worldwide, including in India.

Exam Timeline: Offered throughout the year, candidates can choose their test date as per their convenience.

6. NMAT by GMAC (Narsee Monjee Management Aptitude

Conducted by: GMAC

Key Features: Flexible scheduling and multiple attempts to improve scores.

Exam Timeline: Conducted over a three-month window from October to December.

7. CMAT (Common Management Admission Test)

Conducted by: NTA (National Testing Agency)

Key Features: Tests on quantitative techniques, logical reasoning, language comprehension, and general awareness.

Exam Timeline: Typically conducted in January.

8. IIFT Entrance Exam (Indian Institute of Foreign Trade) Conducted by: NTA (National

Testing Agency) Key Features: Focuses on international business and trade,

ideal for candidates aspiring for

global careers. Exam Timeline: Generally con-

ducted in December. 9. Maharashtra Common Entrance Test (MAH MBA CET) Conducted by: DTE Maharash-

Key Features: Key exam for MBA/MMS programs in Maharashtra, including government and private institutions.

Exam Timeline: Typically conducted in March.

10. TISSNET (Tata Institute of Social Sciences National Entrance Test)

Conducted by: TISS (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)

Key Features: Assesses social awareness, analytical ability, and logical reasoning skills.

Exam Timeline: Usually held in January.

11. TANCET (Tamil Nadu Common Entrance Test) Conducted by: Anna Univer-

sity Key Features: Admission criteria for MBA programs across

colleges in Tamil Nadu. Exam Timeline: Generally con-

ducted in May. 12. IBSAT (ICFAI Business Studies Aptitude Test)

Conducted by: ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education

Key Features: Tests on quantitative techniques, data interpretation, vocabulary, analytical reasoning, and reading comprehension.

Exam Timeline: Usually conducted in December.

13. KMAT (Karnataka Management Aptitude Test)

Conducted by: KPPGCA (Karnataka Private Post Graduate Colleges Association)

Key Features: Widely accepted by AICTE- approved B-schools in Karnataka, offering regional advantages.

Exam Timeline: Generally conducted twice a year in May and

14. PGCET (Post Graduate Common Entrance Test)

Conducted by: Various universities in Karnataka

Key Features: Gateway to MBA programs at state universities and affiliated colleges in Karnataka.

Exam Timeline: Conducted once a year, usually in July. 15. ATMA (AIMS Test for Man-

agement Admissions) Conducted by: AIMS (Asso-

ciation of Indian Management Schools) Key Features: Assesses verbal reasoning, numerical reasoning,

analytical and synthesising ability, and general knowledge. Exam Timeline: Conducted five

times a year (February, May, June, July, and August).

Explore these diverse MBA entrance exams to discover the perfect fit for your career aspirations and academic strengths. Each exam presents unique advantages, ensuring that you can navigate confidently towards your desired MBA programme and future professional success.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

# **JU Team Visits GDC Thannamandi for Inspection to introduce New Subjects**



**Top News Report** 

THANNAMANDI, June 30: A team of Professors and officials from University of Jammu led by Prof. Rajiv Ratan, Director Colleges Development Council (CDC) visited Government Degree College (GDC) Thannamandi for inspection to introduce Environmental Sciences, Biotechnology and Agriculture Technology as new subjects from academic session 2024 - 25 here on Saturday.

The team of experts

led by Prof. Rajiv Ratan, Director CDC including Prof. Sushil Verma, Head Department of Botany, Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, head Department of Biotechnology and Ramesh Chandra, Assistant Registrar CDC who visited the College in connection with inspection (affiliation) to start new subjects received a rousing welcome by Principal of College Prof. (Dr.) Faroog Ahmed and other faculty members.

Upon arrival, each team member planted a plant sapling as part of ongoing summer plantation drive in the college campus. While speaking on the occasion Prof. Farooq explained the need of introducing these subjects which will not only improve socioeconomic conditions of the area by opening new vistas of employment for youth and students, but equip them with modern skills in the fields of Biotechnology, Agriculture and Environmental Sci-

ences. He expressed his

deep appreciation and gratitude towards the team to visit this far-flung college. Dr. Ashaq Malik, Co-ordinator IQAC of College made a presentation detailing the importance as well as facilities and infrastructure available in college to introduce newly proposed subjects viz. Environmental Sciences, Biotechnology and Agriculture Technology.

Later the team along with Prof. Farooq Ahmed and other faculty members went around the college Campus. They visited

designated for proposed subjects and took stock of facilities and infrastructure available to start new subjects. The head Departments of Chemistry (Dr. Naseem Ahmed), Botany (Dr. Ashaq Malik), Zoology (Dr. Shiraz Ahmed) and Environmental Sciences (Dr. Junaid Ahmed) answered the queries raised by expert members from University of Jammu. The team appreciated the college administration for proactive approach and readiness as well as facilities and infrastructure available, however, recommended to procure some more materials to start these courses from current session.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Prof. Asif Ajaz Lone, Rakesh Puri, Prof. Fatima Parveen, Anuj Bali, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Rumy Dar, Dr. Nagina Kouser and Prof. Rizwana Kouser

# Dr. Suhail along with his Dozen of Supporters joins Awami Ittehad Party



**Top News Report** 

KULGAM, June 30: Prominent social activist, Dr. Suhail along with his Dozen of supporters joined the Awami ittehad party (AIP) in a formal event held in Chowgam Devsar on Sunday.

The induction ceremony was attended by Zameer ahmad Dukroo incharge south Kashmir, Advocate Majid Banday incharge Handwara constituency, Muzafar Ahmad Dar DDC Tujar Sharif Sopore, and incharge North Kashmir, ishteyaq Qadri Chairman

political Affairs J&k, Hilal ahmad Malik incharge Dooru constituency and **Towseef Nisar Secretary** Anantnag.

On the occasion the new entrants were welcomed by AIP Family & they expressed their full support to the movement led by Er. Rashid.

While addressing the Meeting Awami ittehad party leaders exhorted upon the Awami ittehad party workers to work hard for strengthening the party at grass root level.

On this occasion, the

workers and party functionaries raised and discussed some vital party issues and the present political scenario in the district, and it was decided that the leaders and workers will gear up their activities and public outreach to strengthen the party on the grass root level.In view of the forthcoming assembly elections elections, the party decided to connect with the people of different walks of life to make them aware of the people-friendly policies and agenda of the party.

# **ABDPSS Jammu organized** bhandara at Railway Station



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30: Vishal bhandara organized by Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti, Jammu was inaugurated by Narinder Dass ji Maharaj of Panchramanandi Akhara in the Presence of Sunil Sharma National Co-Ordinator of Akhil Bhartiva Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti in an impressive and well attended cernath ji Pilgrims at Railway Station, Jammu. Bhandara started with Ganesh Poojan, Vedic Mantrocharan and jaighosh of Bam Bam Bhole. Like last year, this year also Bhandara is being organized by the Akhil Bhartiya Dhyaram Prachar Sewa Samiti. Jammu and Kashmir and this Bhandara is 8th Bhandara of the Samiti and will continue till the end of Amarnath Yatra.

Speaking on the occasion National Co-ordinator of the Samiti Sunil Sharma said that the pilgrims shall be served hygienic, delicious, energetic and digestive "sattvic" bhojan for all days; besides there shall be special and exclusive arrangement for pilgrims

observing "fast" on Ekadashi and other important festival dates, such arrangement is available nowhere in Jammu Transit Camps.

The spokesman of the Samiti Mr. Raman informed Sharma. that there is adequate arrangement of food for all pilgrims visiting from various states.

Others who attended the function namely, Vishal Sharma, Vikram Sharma, Ajay Kumar, Satpal Sing Rahore, Dayaram Sharma, Jagdish Dogra, Madan Mohan Gupta, and others etc.

# Airtel set to sustain its lead on delivering the best experience

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30: Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier telecommunications services provider, today announced purchase of spectrum in key circles. The telecom company said that it has acquired 97 MHz spectrum by winning back spectrum that was expiring in the current year and additionally purchased spectrum to enhance its mid-band spectrum holding across the select circles. With this purchase, Bharti Airtel will continue to enjoy the largest midband spectrum pool in the country. The company has spent total consideration of Rs 6,857 cr to secure the said quantum of spectrum.

Out of the above, Bharti Hexacom Ltd has acquired 15 MHz with an outlay of Rs.1,001 cr.

The spectrum purchase is in line with company's stated strategy to build large pool of mid-band holding to deliver seamless 4G and 5G services across the country. Airtel has consistently been at the forefront of introducing disruptive technologies to India. As a result of the use of the midband spectrum, customers can enjoy enhanced browsing speeds in addition to improved indoor coverage

Gopal Vittal - MD & CEO, Bharti Airtel said, "Airtel continues to judiciously acquire the right amount of spectrum to deliver the best possible experience to our customers. In this auction, we have bolstered our sub-giga hertz and mid-band holding which will significantly improve our coverage especially indoor.'

# JKBS members grieve unfortunate demise of Gidhawari Devi

She hailed from Village Chohala and was the

everyone always to progress on the right path and achieve success in life.

Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give immense strength to the bereaved family to bear this imeasurable loss boldly.

# **BVPS Channi Himmant was organize** one day programme under the mission "Womem Empowerment"



**Top News Report** 

Bharat vikas parshid Shivalik branch channi Himmant ,jammu has organized one day programme under the mission "Womem Empowerment" at Silai prshikshan Kendra of shivalik branch channi Himmant ,jammu . It refers to making women powerful for taking their all decisions from their economic development. In this Kendra students were trained for cutting and tailoring. This programme was held to award the certificates to the qualified students for the session 2023-24. Bharat vikas parshid Shivalik branch channi Himmant ,jammu is also celebrating Sewa Pakhwara from 27th june to 10th july 2024 on the eve of Birth anniversary of Dr. Suraj Parkash Gupta founder of the Bharat vikas parshid. This training will surely help the pass out students to earn their livelihood and make them self dependent. The Programme was started with the lightening of Lamp and the tune of Bandy Matram.

Sh. H.S Vaid President Welcomed the audience for participating this programmes and thanked

for attending this programme by sparing your valuable time. Moreover, he congratulated and appreciated the rent less efforts made by the project Incharge Smt. Sunita Mahjan and every member of of this branch to make this a successful event. He dwelled that our mission is to make the girls/ladies self dependent and Atam Nirbhar. . The basic idea of this organization is to develop and inculcate the Sewa Bhab as well as moral values among the masses and students so that they can help the society in a better way and make everybody a good citizen of Bharat. .He expressed his sincere gratitude and praised the team for their remarkable efforts being rendered towards the society and expressed that all of us should follow this path for the development and betterment the society. Sh. B. B Sharma President Prant while speaking on the occasion highlighted the basic objective of Bharat vikas parshid and explained that this organization is a social organization. In his address he appreciated and congratulated the students and team of Shivalik Branch for their

best and sincere efforts to promote such noble cause which is helpful for the society and assured full support to this branch. The three pedestal machines donated by UPL Ltd. Samba and the unit head Sh. Ponnu Samy along withSh. Amit choudhary with H.R were honored with Angbastar by Sh. H.S Vaid President The certificates were distributed among the guali fied students by Sh. B. B Sharma President Prant, Sh Ashok gupta vice president prant and other dignitaries. Sh.Ashok khajuria Secretary conducted the proceedings of the programme nicely. Smt Anju Bansal Mahila parmukh branch presented the vote of thanks. The dignitaries who

attended the programme are Sh. Arun Sharma Centre committee NGSC, Sh. Shiv Sharma Secretary prant,S. Jagjit singh ishar, Environment parmukh,Sh .Raksh Sharma (Treasurer), Dr. Vijay Sharma Coconvener( Media ) prant, Smt. Arti Sharma Mahila parmukh prant, Prof. Virinder Gupta, Smt. Shashi Gupta, Smt. Vandna mani and others members of the branch channi Himmant,jammu who attended the programme.

# Max Hospital Mohali celebrates **National Cancer Survivors' Day**



**Top News Report** 

MOHALI/JAMMU, June 30: As many as 180 cancer survivors along with their doctors celebrated National Cancer Survivors' Day here on Sunday. The survivors and doctors from Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mohali including Dr Sachin Gupta, Dr Sunanadan Sharma, Dr Shaveta Gupta, Dr Gautam Goel, Dr Ritesh Pruthi, Dr Pankaj Kumar and Dr Sajal Kakkar walked the ramp and performed bhangra.

Dr Pinak Moudgil, Executive Vice Presi-Max Hospital, dent. Mohali said that on National Cancer Survivors Day we have gathered here to honor

cancer survivors and to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be fruitful, rewarding, and even inspiring.

Addressing survivors, Dr Sachin Gupta, Director -Medical and Hemato oncology said that it is a day for everyone, whether you're a cancer survivor, a family member, friend, or medical professional. This day provides an opportunity for all people living with a history of cancer including India's more than 14 million cancer survivors – to connect with each other, celebrate milestones, and recognize those who have supported them

along the way. Nisha (name changed), one of the jubilant survivors said that today is a

celebration for those who have survived like me. The event is an inspiration for those recently diagnosed with disease to overcome it with grit.

Another cancer survivor, Pooja said that the human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it, she has learnt that when you feed your faith, your fears will starve to death. She is hugely indebted to the doctors and my family who stood by me through this tough time.

vivors shared that the important thing is not how many years there are in your life but how much life in your years. As they say, once you choose hope, anything's possible.

One of the other sur-

#### **Top News Report** wife of Shri Baldev Raj Tugga. JAMMU, June 30: To JKBS member Dhian mourn the unfortunate Chand Lakhotra said, demise of Batwal Com-Gidhawari Devi was the munity's most respected guiding soul who helped

woman Smt. Gidhawari Devi, who left for her heavenly abode early in the morning today, the Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha's members held a condolence meeting here today.

All present prayed to

# **ABVP Unit Kishtwar Conducts First Aid and CPR Awareness Sessions in Schools**

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, June 30: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Unit Kishtwar conducted a series of awareness sessions on First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in various schools across District Kishtwar from June 27 to June 29. The initiative aimed to equip students with essential knowledge and skills to handle emergency medical situations. Dr. Nazir Hussain, Medical Officer, led the



demonstrations on First Aid and CPR techniques. The sessions were held at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Kishtwar, ABN High School Kishtwar, and BVM Higher Secondary School Kisht-

During these sessions,

students understood the importance of first aid and the correct methods of CPR. They learned how to stay calm and

take appropriate steps in

an emergency situation, potentially saving a life. This initiative by ABVP is a significant step not only for students but also for the entire community, helping people be better prepared for emergency situations

The ABVP team, including Mr. Vassu Sharma (Kishtwar City Unit Joint Secretary), Vinay Aryan (District Convenor, Khelo Bharat), and Kartik Aryan (District Convenor, Social Media), played a pivotal role in organizing and facilitating these sessions.

# From Patiala to Pathankot, upcoming Netflix film Wild Wild Punjab guarantees a trip of a lifetime as the cast and crew hit the ground running in Chandigarh

What happens when your friend goes through an ugly break-up and doesn't quit drinking? Getting him back on Bumble is secondary, but in search of closure an 'all friends' road trip is a must! Upcoming Netflix film Wild Wild Punjab, from the house of Luv Ranjan, our very own relationship expert, explores the same theme on the roads of Punjab.

There's also a motive, Varun Sharma, as a love-sick Rajesh Khanna, wants to go his exgirlfriend's marriage to say four words of closure — 'I am over you'. "On July 10, when it releases, it would be interesting to witness the lanes of Punjab all the way from Patiala to Pathankot, as detours are guaranteed in this break-up trip," informed director Simarpreet Singh. More than that, when the cast and director arrived in Chandigarh via road, memories came flashing of their shooting days in Punjab during the winter.

Friends in action Quite a unique cast, Wild Wild Punjab features Varun Sharma, Manjot Singh, Sunny Singh, Ishita Raj, Patralekhaa and Jassie Gill. "There was no ice to break between us all. We were friends before signing the film. For the rest of us, who didn't work with each other, the joint reading session and preproduction prep work helped us bond," said Varun. His and Manjot's friendship goes back to 14 years, even before they became part of the hit franchise Fukrey.

Manjot, who has done many versatile projects, shared, "I am playing the character of Honey Singh, whose first love is his car. He lovingly calls it Paaro."

Pyaar Ka Punchnama and Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety costars, Sunny Singh and Ishita Raj, are not far behind. They have been friends since long too, but it's the first time they would be seen opposite each other. "I think we have this really interesting bond off screen, which reflects onscreen too.



We can catch each other's expression and know immediately what we have to change or do on camera for the scene to work. It's something that comes naturally," shared Ishita. On the other hand, Patralekhaa explained how she really had to work through to get to know Jassie better, as the latter is very shy in real life.

Matter of looks

Since the trailer's release, Sunny Singh's character Maan Arora's look has created quite a stir among female fans. Sunny has done romantic roles until now, but will be seen in a different avatar in this Netflix film. Sunny shared, "My look is Simar's creation and exactly how he had imagined. For me to get into the skin of the character, the change in my look worked. As they were chopping my hair and changing my beard style, it felt like I was becoming more of my character. It was definitely someone new and unrecognisable when I saw myself in the

mirror." Seen as a casanova,

Sunny called his character

naughty but also loyal to his

friends.

Jassie Gill plays a Jain character named Gaurav, an odd one out in this Wild Punjabi mix. But in his defense, Simar explained, "We often remark that Jatt-dominant stories come from the hinterlands of Punjab, but there's so much more to the narrative. Ours is a very refreshing and inclusive take on Punjab. We specifically chose Patiala for their background, as we didn't want really modern boys but also not village lads - some-

where in between." Jassie, as Gaurav Jain, who doesn't drink alcohol or consumes non-vegetarian food, felt he didn't have to do much homework for the role. "In every friend's group there's one person who would always be afraid of doing something adventurous or rebellious.

There is always one who is afraid that parents would find out; he ruins the whole vibe of the group. I am that guy." Love for khets

Patralekhaa, who always aspired to explore the khets of Punjab, like many Bollywood actors, felt happy with the overall outcome of the film. "Before landing in Punjab for the shoot, I was reading The Last Queen by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni to understand Punjab better. I was impressed by Punjab's rich history, especially the brave Maharaja Ranjit Singh and his wife Jind Kaur. I really loved shooting here and getting to know people of Punjab. They are warm and welcoming. Also, the food is amazing." On her character Radha, Patralekhaa drew from Jind Kaur's deep belief in God. "In the film you will often see her thanking God like we many Hindus do by touching their hand on the forehead."

Song to cherish Husn Irani, which is a poster song of the film, is a rendition of Dhol Jageero Da, and director Simar believed that there was no other song that would have justified the feelings of these friends better. "It's one song that every Punjabi would relate to and must have heard in weddings on repeat mode. It's our way to bring back the old song, which we all have grooved upon while growing up. I think, being

Punjabis, Varun, Manjot and

Sunny would especially agree

with me." No crossing the line

The director explained how Willd Wild Punjab was an OTT film about four male friends who happen to use gaalis in regular conversation, yet it does not cross the line. Varun shared, "We have not diluted some scenes for the sake of doing so. We have used swear words only where necessary. My character is drunk and out of wits throughout the film as he is a heart-broken man in rage, so there have to be a few expletives for the authentic feel."

# **Triptii Dimri reacts to** being called 'national crush' after Animal: 'I would like to thank God...'



Triptii Dimri, who has become a national sensation ever since the release of Ranbir Kapoor-starrer Animal (2023), opened up about being labelled as India's 'crush'. The actor is gearing up for the release of Bad Newz, co-starring Vicky Kaushal and Ammy Virk. On Friday, she attended the trailer launch event in Mumbai and was asked about her 'national crush' tag. 'People have liked my

work' The actor was asked if it bothered her. She said, "In my experience, luckily, I would like to thank God, because in my experience, it has been the other way around, as many films I have done in my career, whether they are the older films that I did earlier, or the ones that have released recently, I have received a lot of love from my audience. People have liked my work and have spoken about it."

Triptii added, "Initially, when I came into the industry, I always wanted people should talk about my work and nothing else. Luckily, when my films have released, they have spoken about my work. I think these things motivate us actors to do better in life and to keep working on our craft and I think, that way I have been very fortunate." Latest projects

Triptii, who has been a part of films like Laila Majnu, Bulbbul and Qala, recently skyrocketed to fame with her role in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's directorial Animal. She played Ranbir's love interest, Zoya, in the action film that also featured Rashmika Mandanna, Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol and Shakti Kapoor, among

She will be next seen in Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 opposite Kartik Aaryan. Helmed by Anees Bazmee, the third part of the hit franchise also stars Vidya Balan and is all set to be released in theatres on Diwali 2024.

### **World Social Media Day | Parul** Gulati: I call myself social media ki den



Parul Gulati is an actor and entrepreneur by profession, and she credits it all to social media. "I call myself social media ki den, be it my acting career or business. I got selected for my first acting gig through Facebook at the age of 17, and my whole business is on social media," she says, adding that the virtual world has helped in the growth of her hair care business and get recog-

nition for her work.

However, she does insist that the "addiction of social media is real". "I am facing the addiction now as earlier, the algorithm didn't know what you wanted to watch, now it does. Algorithm aapki neend chura raha hai. I open my Instagram and do mindless scrolling for hours and it's out of my control," she says, pointing out that as an entrepreneur, she can't even stay away from it: "The young audience is there on social media and it's imperative we get their attention. You get to know so much through social media, including new promotional techniques. It gives me ideas too."

Ask the 29-year-old how she manages acting with her business at such a young age, and she says, "It does get difficult and there are days when I want to pull my own hair as I love both of them a lot. I don't have a personal life because you must sacrifice something."

Gulati recently faced backlash on social media when a video of her talking about purchasing an investment property in Goa surfaced. She had said that she plans to put it up as an Air bnb, and that was criticised by Goans who called her out for commercialising the state. Mention it to her and she says, "Main to bol rahi hun, puri duniya to kar rahi hai. And I haven't even done it yet, my property will be complete by December. That is a business and Goa has become a business. I have taken that property as an investment as I don't see myself living in Goa ever. But it was the only place I could buy a villa as doing that in Mumbai is impossible. You'd have to spend 100 crores to buy a villa here," she ends.

#### We won't shy away from announcing news when time comes: Vicky Kaushal on rumours about Katrina Kaif's pregnancy



Reacting to rumours that he is expecting his first child with wife Katrina Kaif, actor Vicky Kaushal has said that he will share the good news with the world at an appropriate time.

There has been speculation in the film industry that Kaushal and Kaif, who tied the knot in December 2021, will be welcoming their first child soon.

Kaushal, 36, was asked about the rumours at the trailer launch of his upcoming movie, 'Bad Newz'.

"Main jab good news hogi tabhi jarur aapko bataunga. Jabhi time aayega we won't shy about announcing the

news," the actor said. Also starring Triptii Dimri and Ammy Virk, 'Bad Newz' is described as a 'rare comedy film inspired by true events' about heteropaternal superfecundation, a reproductive process in which twin children have the same mother, but different biological fathers.

The film is directed by Anand Tiwari, who earlier worked with Kaushal on his 2018 directorial debut movie 'Love Per Square Foot'.

'Bad Newz' is produced by Amazon Prime in association with Dharma Productions and Leo Media Collective.

# **Zareen Khan calls out fake** freckles reel: Instagram has turned us into monkeys

In a recent Instagram post, actor Zareen Khan called out a Reel where the social media user was seen making fake freckles using a brocolli. The actor shares her disappointment with current beauty trends on social media. "I'm not against freckles... I'm just against these nonsensical trends," the actor, known for her outspokenness, wrote in the caption, expressing her disbelief.

Talking to us, the 37-year-old says, "There are some weird trends that have come now. I don't know what people are up to! It's beyond my understanding. I see this trend where people are trying to put fake freckles, it's shocking. Why would you do that? I don't understand the idea behind it."

Reflecting on her own

childhood struggles with freckles, and the societal pressure to conform to unrealistic beauty standards, Khan shared a personal revelation. "I have nothing against freckles. I had it as a kid. If it was right now, I wouldn't have cared to remove it from my face. I didn't have a say during childhood, so my parents were in a rut of 'Oh my she is a girl child, daag nahi hone chahiye'. That was hurtful, you know. They

didn't understand freck-



les, they used to think ki pata nahi kya hogaya hain chehre par," she says continuing, "My mom used to take me to homeopathic doctors to get them removed."

Khan, who was last seen in Hum Bhi Akele Tum Bhi Akele (2021), emphasised the importance of embracing natural beauty, urging sensitivity towards those with genuine childhood insecurities. "For the new generation, everything they see on social media, is validation. If you naturally have freckles, it's beautiful but aise

reels mein banaake uska mazaak mat banaao. Many people actually have childhood trauma because of these things," she says.

Lamenting the the lack of depth in content and superficiality of today's social media culture, Khan observes, "No one is putting the reel to normalise freckles." "Everything has its pros and cons. Social media can be a really great way to spread messages to impact the society in a good manner. But I hardly see anybody doing that," she ends.

# Congratulate people for reposing faith in Constitution, democratic system: PM Modi on 'Mann ki Baat'

#### The radio broadcast had taken a break in February ahead of 2024 General Election

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): In his first 'Mann ki Baat' radio broadcast after assuming office for a third term. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that people expressed their unwavering faith in the country's Constitution and democratic process in the "world's biggest" polls in which over 65 crore of them voted.

He thanked people and congratulated the Election Commission and every person associated with the process as he touched on a host of issues in the nearly 30-minute radio address, which was suspended in February due to the approaching elections.

The Prime Minister also cheered Indian athletes who will be competing at the Paris Olympics starting next month, and urged people to use "cheer4Bharat" hashtag to motivate

He said the performance of Indian players in the previous Olympics in Tokyo had won the hearts of every citizen, and the participating athletes have been since whole-heartedly engaged in the preparations for the Paris Olympics.

"If we take all the players together, then all of them have participated in nearly 900 international competitions. This is a very big number," he said, adding that Indians will get to



games and also the hearts of

the countrymen. In the coming

days, I will also get an oppor-

tunity to meet the Indian team.

I will encourage them on your

During the radio address,

the Prime Minister spoke of

the afforestation initiative

named 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'

launched on the World Environ-

Noting that he also planted a

tree in memory of his mother,

Modi said, "I am immensely

happy to see that the cam-

paign to plant trees in memory

of the mother or in her honour

is progressing rapidly. On social

media, people are sharing pic-

tures of planting trees with their

mothers or with their photo-

This campaign will also help

ment Day.

graphs.'

witness certain things for the

"In shooting, the talent of our players is coming to the fore. Both men's and women's teams have qualified in table tennis. Our shooter daughters are also part of the Indian shotgun team. This time, members of our team will compete in wrestling and horse riding in those categories

participated before," he said. One can make out that this time they will see a different level of excitement in sports, he said, noting that Indian contingent had shown its best performance in the World Para

as well, in which they had never

Athletics Championship as well. "Our players have also won glorious laurels in chess and badminton. Now the whole country is hoping that our players perform well in the Olympics

protect the 'Mother Earth', he added.

The Prime Minister paid rich tributes to tribal freedom fighters Veer Sidhu and Kanhu, who led the Santhal uprising against the British rule in 1855, much before the first war of independence in 1857.

Tribal population observe June 30 as 'Hool Diwas'. This day is associated with the indomitable courage of Veer Sidhu-Kanhu, who strongly opposed the atrocities of the foreign rulers, Modi

With the monsoon season picking pace, he spoke of the 'Karthumbhi' umbrellas crafted in Attappady, Kerala, by tribal women.

He said, "Karthumbi umbrellas have completed their journey from a small village in Kerala to multinational companies. What could be a better example than this of being vocal for local?"

In his broadcast, Modi congratulated the All India Radio on its Sanskrit bulletin completing 50 years and said the ancient language has played a big role in the progress of Indian knowledge and science.

"The demand of today's times is that we should respect Sanskrit and also connect it with our daily life," he said, noting that locals at a Bengaluru park meet every Sunday to converse in the language.

Nadda likely to

get three-to-six-month

extension as BJP President

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): BJP National President JP Nadda, who has been inducted into the Union cabinet, is likely to get a second extension of his tenure, possibly spanning three to six months, party sources said.

A possibility is that a working-party president can be appointed, the sources said.

"The extension of Nadda's tenure aims to ensure continuity in leadership until the conclusion of the upcoming assembly elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand and the Union Territory of J&K are completed by November," a party leader said.

"The decision to extend Nadda's term reportedly hinges on two factors. Firstly, with state elections on the horizon, the party leadership seeks to maintain stability and cohesion under Nadda's guidance. Secondly, the BJP's ongoing organisational elections across various states remain incomplete," the

Nadda, who became BJP national president in 2020, succeeding Amit Shah, has steered the party through electoral challenges, notably making significant inroads in south India during the recent Lok Sabha elections, party sources said.

leader said.

"Despite falling short of a majority in the parliamentary elections, Nadda's strategies for securing key seats in the southern region as well as the northern region have garnered recognition within the party ranks," a party leader said.

When Nadda's initial three-vear term ended in January 2024, an extension was granted until June 30 to facilitate the internal electoral processes across state units. The process of electing a BJP national president involves approvals at multiple levels, including national and state councils.

"The appointment of the BJP national president involves a meticulous electoral process across every state unit, which is currently underway," said a BJP leader.

"Besides this, if Nadda gets an extension and a working president is appointed, the party may explore appointing a woman leader from either the OBC or Dalit community, reflecting broader aspirations for inclusive representation within the BJP," the senior party functionary said.

#### Youths, relying on Google Maps, drive vehicle into river in Kerala; rescued

KASARAGOD. Jun 30 (Agencies): Two youths, who were on their way to a hospital using Google Maps to find their way, drove their car into a swollen river but had a miraculous escape as the vehicle got stuck to a tree in Kerala's northernmost Kasaragod district.

The visuals of Fire Force personnel pulling them to safety from the overflowing river in Pallanchi here the other day went viral on social media platforms on Sunday.

The rescued youths said they were on their way to a hospital in neighbouring Karnataka in the wee hours the other day and were proceeding using Google Maps.

Abdul Rasheed, one of the youths, said Google Maps showed a narrow road and they drove their car through it.

"Using the vehicle's headlight, we felt that there was some water in front of us. But, we didn't see that there was a river on both sides and a bridge in the middle. There was also no sidewall for the bridge," he told a TV channel.

The car suddenly began to get carried away in the water currents but later got stuck in a tree on the shores of the river.

By this time, they managed to open the car door, come out of the vehicle and contacted the Fire Force personnel by sending them the location.

Later, Fire Force personnel rushed to the place and pulled out the two men to safety using

"We never thought that we could come back to life. We truly feel that it is a rebirth," Rasheed added.

Last month, a group of tourists from Hyderabad drove into a swollen stream near Kuruppanthara in Kottayam apparently after using Google Maps.

All four managed to escape unharmed due to the efforts of a nearby police patrol unit and local residents, but their vehicle was completely submerged.

#### Congress, Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP) to jointly contest **Maharashtra Assembly election: Sharad Pawar** The former Maharash-

PUNE, Jun 30 (Agencies): NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Sunday said his party, Congress, and the Shiv Sena (UBT) led by Uddhav Thackeray will jointly contest the Maharashtra Assembly polls, due in October this year.

Addressing a news conference here, Pawar also said it is the moral responsibility of the major opposition parties in Maharashtra to protect in the state assembly polls the interests of smaller allies, which were part of the coalition in the 2024 Lok

Sabha elections. The NCP (SP), Congress and the Shiv Sena (UBT) are constituents of the opposition Maha



Vikas Aghadi (MVA), which was in power in the state from November 2019 till June 2022 before the collapse of the Thackeray-led government.

Pawar said the Opposition will keep a collective face before the people of Maharashtra.

There is need for a change in the state and it is the moral responsibility of the opposition coalition to discharge it, Pawar said.

"As Arjuna's target (in the epic Mahabharata) was an eye (of a fish), our eyes are all set on the elections in Maharashtra. The Congress, NCP (SP) and Uddhav Thackeray's Sena (UBT) will jointly contest the Vidhan Sabha polls," he

tra chief minister said talks on seat-sharing in the state have not begun, but will commence soon.

The people gave a good response to the NCP (SP), Shiv Sena (UBT) and Congress in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, he noted.

"But like these three parties, the Left parties. Peasants and Workers Party (PWP) were also a part of the coalition but we could not give them seats in the Lok Sabha. It is our moral responsibility to protect the interests of these parties," he

"So the efforts will be to go ahead with them (in the state assembly

polls)," Pawar added.

Asked about the state budget presented on Friday by the Eknath Shinde government, the NCP (SP) chief said, "What happens if you go with an empty pocket in a market? It's a matter of a few days, reality will be seen soon."

A monthly allowance of Rs 1,500 to women in the 21 to 60 age group, three free LPG cylinders a year for households, farmer-friendly steps and a stipend of Rs 10,000 per month to youths for skill training were highlights of the Maharashtra government's budget for 2024-25 presented on Friday. four months ahead of the state polls.

# Excise scam: Delhi High Court to pass order on Monday on bail pleas of BRS leader K Kavitha

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court is likely to pronounce on Monday its order on bail pleas of BRS leader K Kavitha in the corruption and money laundering cases linked to the alleged excise policy scam.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma, who had reserved the order on the two bail pleas of Kavitha on May 28, is scheduled to pass the verdict at 2:30 PM on July 1.

Kavitha has challenged the trial court's May 6 order by which her bail applications in the CBI's corruption case as well as the ED's money laundering case were dismissed.

Kavitha's lawyer had submitted that out of the 50 accused in the excise matter, she is the lone woman, and urged the court to consider granting her bail as law keeps women on a different pedestal.

The CBI and ED had opposed the bail pleas

of Kavitha, saying she was highly influential and powerful enough to influence witnesses. Countering the submis-

sion made on behalf of Kavitha that she, being a woman, be released on bail, the probe agencies had contended that it was the woman who was playing the main role in the conspiracy here and she was an active politician and a member of legislative council and cannot seek parity with vulnerable woman.

The CBI's counsel had argued that Kavitha was not just a woman but a very influential woman and was powerful enough to influence witnesses as one of the witnesses has even stated that he was threatened by her.

The ED's counsel had also contended that Kavitha was a coconspirator and a beneficiary of the excise scam and the proceeds of crime were directly going to her.



It had claimed that the politician, who was accused of a white collar crime, was involved in destruction of evidence and coercing people to retract from their statements.

The ED, in its reply to the bail plea, had opposed the bail plea saying that Kavitha's release would adversely affect further investigation to unearth the "deep-rooted, multi-layered conspiracy".

It had contended that the Telangana lawmaker is a "highly influential" individual and stands accused of having committed a grave economic

She has the potential to tamper with evidence and influence witnesses, it had said.

"K Kavitha has con-

spired with other people and actively involved in payment of kickbacks to the tune of Rs 100 crore and then in establishing the money laundering ecosystem, that is, M/s Indo Spirits through her proxy which generated proceeds of crime of Rs 192.8 crore. By such acts, K Kavitha is involved in various processes and activities relating to proceeds of crime (POC) to the tune of Rs 292.8 crore," the probe agency said in its counter affidavit.

The ED had said there is ample evidence to link her to the offence of money laundering.

Kavitha is in judicial custody in the two cases lodged by the ED and the CBI in the alleged scam.

The "scam" pertains to alleged corruption and money laundering in the formulation and implementation of the Delhi government's excise policy for 2021-22 which was later scrapped.

The ED arrested Kavitha (46) from her Banjara Hills residence in Hyderabad on March 15. The CBI arrested her from Tihar jail.

In her bail plea in the ED case, the BRS leader, daughter of former Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, has said she has "nothing to do" with the excise policy and there is a criminal conspiracy against her "orchestrated by the ruling party at the Centre with the active conniv-

ance of the ED"

# Gandhi Sarovar on hills behind Kedarnath Temple



**Avalanche hits** 

UTTARAKHAND, Jun 30 (Agencies): A massive avalanche occurred over Gandhi Sarovar in Kedarnath on Sunday. A video showing the avalanche rushing down the slopes went viral on social media

However, no casualties have been reported so far.

avalanche occurred around 5 a.m. on Sunday morning on the snowy mountain located behind Kedarnath Dham.

"There was an avalanche from above Kedarnath at around 5 am today. There was no loss of life or property," Rudraprayag senior superintendent of police (SSP) Dr Vishakha Ashok Bhadane said, news agency reported. The snow came down

significantly from the mountain, and snow dust started to rise from the mountain. This caused a stir in Kedarnath. The avalanche continued for quite some time. However, it is not uncommon for avalanches to occur on this mountain.

Disaster management officer Nandan Singh Rajwar stated that the sector officer of Kedarnath reported that an avalanche occurred on the hill located above Gandhi Sarovar on Sunday morning. However, there was no damage caused by this avalanche. He mentioned that such avalanches occur from time to time on this mountain. "Such incidents happen when there is a significant snowfall. They do not cause any damage,' he said.

Earlier this month, Kedarnath Dham witnessed a massive influx of pilgrims, the numbers surpassing over 7 lakh till June 6. This year, a hike in the number of devotees has been witnessed across the Char Dham Yatra circuit, which includes Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri.

# US presidential polls: Growing clamour for Joe Biden to step down; he says here to stay to defeat Donald Trump

The 81-year-old president and his campaign have asserted that he is determined to successfully run for the November 5th presidential elections

WASHINGTON, Jun 30 (Agencies): Following a disastrous performance at the debate stage in Atlanta, there is a growing clamour within the ruling Democratic party and the mainstream American media for President Joe Biden to step down from the presidential race.

However, the 81-year-old president and his campaign have asserted that he is not giving up and is determined to successfully run for the November 5th presidential elections.

"Biden is the nominee (of the Democratic party. No switching of the nominee," campaign leadership has asserted.

Biden, the 46th president of the United States, has won the Democratic presidential primary. As of June 29, he had 3,894 delegates as against 1,975 delegates required to win the nomination of the party. These delegates would meet in Chicago from August 19 to 22 to formally nominate the winner of the primaries to run for the November 5 presidential elections.

Biden, seeking a second term in the White House, stumbled



and fumbled during the televised presidential debate with his predecessor Donald Trump on Thursday night in Atlanta, setting off alarm bells among top Democrats about whether he can stay atop the gruelling months ahead of the elections on November 5.

The 78-year-old Trump, who is the presumptive Republican Party candidate for the presidential election, clashed right from the start with Biden and by the end of the 90 minutes debate, gave enough fodder for serious editorials and opinions as well as memes on social media.

Over the last 50 hours after the first presidential debate in Atlanta on Thursday night, wherein his performance was seen



far below par against his rival Trump, multiple media outlets, including The New York Times and his own party supporters and key decision makers, are calling him to step down from the race.

"Dropping out is Biden's most patriotic option," The Atlantic said Saturday.

"To serve his country, President Biden should leave the race," The New York Times editorial board wrote Following the debate.

The New York Times wrote, "That is no longer a sufficient rationale for why Mr. Biden should be the Democratic nominee this year." Similar messages are coming from inside the party as well.

However, his inner circle is

standing by the side of Biden.
A post-debate poll says that
10 per cent of the independent
voters have moved towards
Biden after the debate, a point
that is being made by his team.

"It wasn't my best debate ever as Barack (Obama) pointed out. I understand the concern after the debate," Biden told his fundraisers in New Jersey. "I get it. I didn't have a great night, but I'm going to be fighting harder," he said.

"Research during the debate shows us converting more undecided voters than Trump did, in large part because of his conduct on January 6," Biden said. He argued Trump's lies were the biggest takeaway: "People remember the bad things during his presidency"

"I didn't have a great night but neither did he," he said again of Trump

Several prominent columnists—Paul Krugman, Tom Friedman, Nicholas Kristof, Jonathan Alter, and David Ignatius – argued that the chance of a diminished Biden losing to Trump is too high to risk.

### UK PM Sunak seeks blessings at London's Neasden Temple on campaign trail

Couple greeted with loud cheers



LONDON, Jun 30 (Agencies): British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and wife Akshata Murty on the last weekend of the General Election campaign prayed at London's iconic BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, popularly known as Neasden

Temple.

The couple was greeted with loud cheers as its convoy drove into the grand temple grounds on Saturday evening and went on to perform puja guided by the priests.

After a tour of the grand temple complex

and interaction with volunteers and community leaders, cricket fan Sunak began his address to the congregation with a reference to India's winning the T20 World Cup before speaking about the inspiration he draws from his faith.

"I am Hindu and like all of you, I draw inspiration and comfort from my faith," he said.

"I was proud to be sworn in as a member of Parliament on the 'Bhagavad Gita'. Our faith teaches us to do our duty and not fret about the outcome as long as one does it faithfully.

"That is what I was brought up to believe by my wonderful and loving parents and that is how I live my life; and that is what I want to pass on to my daughters as they grow up. It is dharma which guides me in my approach to public service," Sunak said.

# France votes in historic snap polls, far-right likely to replace Macron

PARIS, Jun 30 (Agencies): French voters cast their ballots on Sunday in the first round of a snap parliamentary election that could usher in the country's first far-right government since World War Two, a potential sea change at the heart of the European Union.

President Emmanuel Macron stunned the country when he called the vote after his centrist alliance was crushed in European elections this month by Marine Le Pen's National Rally (RN). Her eurosceptic, anti-immigrant party was a longtime pariah but is now closer to power than it has ever been.

Polls opened at 0600 GMT (11:30 am IST), closing at 1600 GMT (9:30 pm IST) in small towns and cities, and at 1800 GMT in the bigger cities, when the first exit polls for the night and seat projections for the decisive second round a week later are expected.

However, the electoral system can make it hard to estimate the precise distribution of seats in the 577-seat National Assembly, and the final outcome will not be known until the end of voting on July 7.

"We are going to win an absolute majority," said Le Pen in a newspaper interview, predicting that her protégé, 28-year-old Jordan Bardella would be prime minister. Her party has a high-spending economic programme and seeks to reduce immigration.

If the RN does win an absolute majority, French diplomacy could be headed for an unprecedented period of turbulence: with Macron - who has said he will continue his presidency until the end of his term in 2027 - and Bardella jostling for the right to speak for France.

France has had three periods of "cohabitation" - when the president and government are from opposite political camps - in its post-war history, but none with



such radically divergent world views competing at the top of the state.

Bardella has already indicated he would challenge Macron on global issues. France could lurch from being a pillar of the EU to a thorn in its side, demanding a rebate of the French contribution to the EU budget, clashing with Brussels over European Commission jobs and reversing Macron's calls for greater EU unity and assertiveness on defence.

A clear RN victory would also bring uncertainty as to where France stands on the Russia-Ukraine war. Le Pen has a history of pro-Russian sentiment and while the party now says it would help Ukraine defend itself against Russian invaders, it has also set out red lines, such as refusing to provide long-range missiles.

'SPLIT VOTE FAVOURS RN'

Opinion polls have suggested the RN has a comfortable lead of 33-36% of the popular vote, with a hastily assembled left-wing coalition, the New Popular Front, in second place on 28-31% and Macron's centrist alliance in third on 20-23%.

The New Popular Front includes a wide range of parties, from the moderate centre-left to the hard-left, eurosceptic, anti-NATO party France Unbowed, led by one of Macron's most vitriolic opponents, Jean-Luc Melenchon.

How the poll numbers will translate into seats in the National Assembly is hard to predict because of how the election works, said Vincent Martigny, professor of political science

at the University of Nice and the Ecole Polytechnique.

Candidates can be elected in the first round if they win an absolute majority of votes in their constituency, but that is rare. Most constituencies will need a second round involving all candidates who received votes from at least 12.5% of registered voters in the first round. The top scorer wins.

"If you have a very high level of participation you might have a third or fourth party that is getting into the struggle. So then of course there's a risk of split voting and we know that the split vote favours the National Rally," said Martigny.

For decades, as the far right steadily gained popularity, voters and parties who did not support it would unite against it whenever it edged closer to national power, but that may not hold true this time.

Martigny said no one knew whether candidates from Macron's camp would consider dropping out of the second round to give rivals from the left a chance of beating the RN, or the reverse.

Le Pen and Bardella have sought to make their party's image more acceptable to the mainstream, for example by denouncing antisemitism. Le Pen's father Jean-Marie Le Pen, founder and long-term leader of the RN's forerunner, had a history of overtly antisemitic com-

ments.
But critics say the RN's courting of Jews is just a cover allowing it to deny accusations of racism while constantly stigmatising Muslims and foreigners.

# Video shows New York officer fatally shooting 13-year-old on ground; police say he pointed a replica gun

NEW YORK, Jun 30 (Agencies): Video released late Saturday shows an officer in upstate New York fatally shooting a 13-year-old boy who had been tackled to the ground after he ran from police and pointed a replica handgun at them.

The teen was killed late on Friday in Utica after officers in the city about 240 miles (400 kilometers) northwest of Manhattan stopped two youths a little after 10 pm in connection with an armed robbery investigation, police said today.

The youths, both 13, matched the descriptions of the robbery suspects and were in the same area at around the same time the day after, police said. One was also walking in the road, a violation of state traffic law.

The body camera video released by police captures an officer saying he needs to pat them down to ensure they don't have any weapons in their possession. Immediately one of the two — identified by police as Nyah Mway — runs away.

Authorities froze frames of the video where a running Nyah Mway appears to point



the gun at the pursuing officers. Police also edited the video to insert a red circle around the weapon to show it to viewers.

The officers believed it was a handgun, police said, but it was later determined to be a replica of a Glock 17 Gen 5 handgun with a detachable magazine.

"During a ground struggle" with the teen, one of the officers fired a single shot that struck the boy in the chest, Williams said. The teen was given

"immediate" first aid by the officers and taken to Wynn Hospital, where he died, the chief said.

The replica gun carried by the teen "is in all aspects a realistic appearing firearm with GLOCK markings, signatures, detachable magazine, and serial numbers," Lt. Michael Curley, a police spokesperson, said via email.

"However ultimately it fires only pellets or BB's." A bystander video posted to Facebook shows one of the officers chasing after Nyah Mway and tackling him to the ground. It also shows the officer punching the teen as two other officers arrive. A gunshot rings out as the teen is on the ground and the

officers quickly stand up.
The officer who fired his gun was identified as Patrick Husnay, a six-year veteran of the agency. Husnay and Officers Bryce Patterson and Andrew Citriniti were placed on administrative leave with pay.

The police body camera video shows a chaotic scene.

Nyah Mway points the replica handgun at the officers while he runs from them. The officers scream "gun!" to each other as they run.

Patterson then tackles and punches Nyah are wrestling on the ground, Husnay opens fire.

Officers initially thought

Nyah Mway may have shot himself, and Patterson says, "I don't know if he shot me." It is not clear whether he is referring to Nyah Mway or his fellow officer. Patterson was not struck.

Bystanders scream at the police throughout the recordings, and at one point an officer yells back: "We're trying to save him right now!"

The other youth was detained in the back of a police vehicle and was not involved in the shooting.

The police department released the body camera videos following a public outcry as the shooting roiled Utica, a city of more than 65,000 located some 240 miles (400 kilometers) northwest of Manhattan. It is home to more than 4,200 people from Myanmar, according to The Center, a nonprofit that helps to resettle the refugees.

Nyah Mway, who local media reports said was an 8th grader at Donovan Middle School, has been identified as a refugee born in Myanmar and a member of the Karen ethnic minority.

solidify Kim Jong Un's

Karens are an ethnic minority that are among the groups warring with the military rulers of the Southeast Asian country formerly known as Burma. The army ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021 and suppressed widespread nonviolent protests that sought a return to democratic rule.

During a tense news conference Saturday, Williams would not say what prompted police to stop the two youths or what the investigation concerned. The news conference ended early as Williams, the city's mayor and an interpreter struggled to speak over repeated audience outbursts. Members of the community, including the youth's family, were

The police department is conducting its own internal investigation to see whether officers followed policies and training. The state attorney general will open its own case to determine if the shooting was justified.

in attendance.

"I want to offer my heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased party during this difficult time," Williams said. "This is a tragic and traumatic incident for all involved."

# North Korean Officials Wear Pins With "Friendly Father" Kim Jong Un's Face

SEOUL, Jun 30 (Agencies): North Korean officials wore pins with a portrait of Kim Jong Un in public for the first time in pictures released by state media on Sunday, the latest step in the development of a cult of personality about the leader.

The officials, speaking at a key meeting chaired by Kim of the reclusive state's ruling party, wore the typical party logo pin on the right lapel and, on the left chest, the pin

with Kim's face against a flag-shaped red background.

The 10th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, which reviews the party's performance for the first half of the year, began on Friday, state news agency KCNA said.

The Kim dynasty that has ruled North Korea since its founding after World War Two has sought to strengthen its grip on power by build-



ing cults of personality around itself.

around itself. status as a leader equal to his father and grand-

media published photographs showing leader his portrait hanging prominently next to those of Kim Jong II and national patriarch Kim II Sung earlier this year. In April, the music video for a propaganda

father, North Korean

video for a propaganda song praising Kim Jong Un as a "friendly father" and a "great leader" was aired on the state-controlled Korean Central Television, which has been banned by South Korea.

# **Mesmerizing performance by 'Aghori Group'** captivates pilgrims and devotees

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30: Jammu witnessed an extraordinary event, 'Amreshwar Mahadev', a spiritual gathering captivated pilgrims and devotees alike. The highlight of the event was the mesmerizing performance by the 'Aghori Group' from West Bengal, showcasing their unique artistry to an enthralled audience. Led by Kiran Watal, President of Amarnath Welfare Society and supported by Chairman Rajesh Gupta Senior Vice President Anil Gupta, and General Secretary Prem Sharma. The event featured spectacular light shows and fire techniques that left everyone awestruck. Amidst chants of "Har Har Mahadev," the atmosphere was

spiritual fervor, creating lasting memories for all who attended from different parts of the country. Prominent Dignitaries present were Raj Nehru Vice Chancellor, Kuldeep Khoda Retired DGP Gulab Singh General Secretary All India VHP, BJP Chief Spokesperson MM J&K Ritika Trehan

Adv. Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed ,Tarun Behl , Editor-in-Chief Shree News. On this occasion, Ritika Trehan along with others honoured for their invaluable contribution for the welfare of society in various sectors

Kiran Watal, President of Amarnath Welfare Society speaking on the occasion extended his warm greetings and best wishes to the pilgrims embarking on the holy pilgrimage this year. He added, "In Jammu and Kashmir, this Hindu pilgrimage has always symbolized the pluralistic ethos of the people, with Muslims playing a vital role in facilitating the safe, smooth, and hassle-free conduct of the Amarnath Yatra. This pilgrimage has become a symbol of the strong composite and inclusive culture in J&K.' "May this holy pilgrimage bring sustained peace and prosperity to the region," he prayed.

Chairman Rajesh Gupta conveyed his greetings to the pilgrims of Amarnath Yatra and said the administration has made all possible arrangements for the convenience of the devotees. "Shri Amarnath ji's pilgrimage is a symbol of unbreakable tradition

mini-India experience and it gives much strength to communal and inter faith harmony and this yatra is famous throughout the world for showcasing communal harmony and amity. Kashmiris of all religious faiths anxiously wait for the year for this Yatra, added Ritika. Amarnath Yatra is not only a spiritual, religious, cultural and inter faith sojourn but it promotes the economy and financial wellbeing of the people associated with the Yatra .Therefore Amarnath Yatra has economic significance as well because the Yatra provides jobs to a very large number of the people in Jammu and Kashmir and thus this Yatra adds to the economy of the Jammu and Kashmir annually,

# Yogini Ekadashi Fast on Tuesday, July 2: Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya

mins and the needy as

per your capability. Due

to the COVID-19 pan-

demic, perform the bath

and donate to the needy

On Ekadashi, one

should chant the mantra

"Om Namo Vasudevaya."

The significance of Eka-

dashi fasts in Hinduism

is not only religious but

also beneficial for mental

and physical health. The

fast is dedicated to the

worship of Lord Vishnu,

near your home.

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30: There are 24 Ekadashis in a year, but when Adhikamas (extra month) occurs, the number increases to 26. Speaking about the Yogini Ekadashi fast, Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic sansthan Trust's president, Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya explained that the Yoqini Ekadashi falls on the Krishna Paksha of Ashadha month. The significance of Yogini Ekadashi is recognized in all three worlds. Observing this fast bestows happiness, prosperity, and good health. This fast can cure diseases like leprosy and grants longevity and salvation. Both men and women can observe this fast. The Ashadha Krishna Paksha Ekadashi date begins on Monday, July 1 at 10:27 AM and ends on Tuesday, July 2 at 8:43 AM. Since the sunrise of Ekadashi is on July 2, the fast will be observed on Tuesday, July 2, and the breaking of the fast will be on Wednesday, July 3, from 5:28 AM to 7:11 AM. Donating on this day

teaching self-control and rejuvenating the body. Maintain physical purity as well as mental sanctity. Both married and unmarried individuals can observe the Ekadashi fast. The rules of the fast start from the Dashami date itself. On Dashami, consume sattvic food and wake up early on Ekadashi to bathe with pure water. Offer water to the Sun god and take the fast pledge. Couples should jointly worship Lakshmi Narayan. Set up an idol or picture of Shri Ganesh and Lakshmi Narayan on a clean platform, purify the room and platform with Ganga water or cow urine, and establish a pot filled with water and a coconut on top for worship. Worship all the gods, Navagrahas, Yoginis, and local deities present in the pot with Vedic mantras and Vishnu Sahasranama. Perform the sixteen-step worship including invocation, offering seat, washing feet, sipping water, bathing, dressing, applying auspicious thread, sandalwood, vermillion, turmeric, sindoor, Durva grass, Bilva leaves, ornaments, flower garlands, aromatic substances, incense, lamps, offering food, fruits, betel leaves, sesame seeds, alms. aarti, circumambulation, and flower offering. Recite or listen to the fasting story, then distribute prasad to complete the worship.

Fasters can eat fruits in the evening after worshiping Lord Vishnu. However, breaking the fast should be done on the Dwadashi date by feeding a needy person or a Brahmin and giving some alms.

On Ekadashi, avoid consuming any tamasic items, observe celibacy, refrain from alcohol and other intoxicants, and do not cut hair or nails. During the fast, do not wear belts, shoes, or leather items, avoid black clothes, and do not hurt anyone's feelings. Misdeeds not only affect your body but also have adverse consequences on your future.

### Security Forces Launch Cordon And Search Operation In J&K's Baramulla

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR. June 30: Security forces on Sunday launched a cordon and search operation following the movement of "suspected people" in the higher reaches of Gulmarg tourist resort in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The anti-terrorist operation was launched after security forces



received reports of two people with guns being spotted in the Affarwat area of Gulmarg, they

As a precautionary measure, the authorities have shut down phase two of the Gondola Cable Car and asked tourists to not venture into that area.

The cable car services up to phase one were operational till the last reports were received.

#### FROM PAGE 1

and effectiveness of legal proceedings.

By conducting all legal proceedings electronically, the new laws offer convenience to victims, witnesses and accused, thereby streamlining and expediting the entire legal

To provide more protection to the victim and enforce transparency in investigation related to an offence of rape, the statement of the victim shall be recorded through audio-

above 60 years and those with disabilities or acute illnesses are exempt from attending police stations and can receive police assistance at their place of residence.

#### Parliament should pass law on reservations to exceed 50-nc **Cap: Congress**

65 per cent from 50 per cent. In a political resolution passed at the meet, the JD(U) urged the BJP-led Centre to put the state's law under the Constitution's 9th Schedule to rule out its judicial review.

tary Jairam Ramesh said throughout the Lok Sabha poll campaign, the opposition party has been saying that all state laws related to reservation for the SCs, STs and all backward classes should be included in the 9th Schedule, as was the case for a Tamil Nadu law in 1994.

same demand in Patna yesterday. But its ally BJP, both in the state and at the Centre, is completely silent on this matter," Ramesh

the 50 per cent limit into the Ninth Schedule is also not a solution, because according to a 2007 Supreme Court decision, such laws are also subject to judicial review," the former Union minister said, adding that a Constitution amendment law is required for the purpose.

for the Parliament to pass a Constitution Amendment Bill which will enable the reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and All Backward Classes to exceed 50 per cent," he said.

Ramesh said the current limit of 50 per cent is not explicitly mandated by the Constitution, but has been decided through various Supreme Court decisions.

"This was and remains one of the main guarantees of the Indian National Congress for the Lok Sabha elections.

his stand? Our demand is that such a bill should be introduced in the next session of Parliament. JD(U) should not be limited to just passing resolutions," he added.

#### CISF's 9-Month-Old Security **Units in 2 J&K Jails await formal sanction**

This change came about after it was felt that a force well versed in campus security and access-control should be entrusted with the security of these two prisons which house a number of terrorists and other hard

year was made on a temporary basis and the two separate Central Industrial Security

Force (CISF) units are waiting for a formal sanction to be categorised as regular units.

destroys all sins and

grants the highest abode.

On this day, donate

sweets and other items

along with alms to Brah-

An "internal security duty" pattern is a temporary arrangement for quick deployment of manpower. Such a deployment of security personnel needs to be regularised by an official sanction by the Union home ministry, they said.

The temporary category of deployment leads to a lot of problems in personnel issues like the troops do not get regular house rent allowance (HRA) and linked benefits as financial sanctions are made on an ad-hoc basis. A regular sanction to a CISF unit leads to better financial planning and personnel management, the officials said.

A senior Union home ministry official said a formal sanction for the two CISF jail units in Jammu amd Kashmir will be issued soon.

The units are functioning with all the required gadgets and security parapherna-

The CISF security unit deployed at the newly inaugurated Ayodhya airport in Uttar Pradesh was also given a formal sanction after about two months of its deployment while the Parliament house complex security wing is also being notified as a regular unit by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, the officer said.

The two jails house an estimated 1,400-1,500 inmates with about 900 lodged in the Kot Bhalwal jail of Jammu.

The Union government is also working on a plan to hand over the security of more such "hyper sensitive" central jails to the CISF as and when the required manpower is available, a senior force officer said.

The 1969 raised force with about 1.7 lakh personnel in its ranks is primarily tasked to guard 68 civil airports in the country at present apart from sensitive installations in the aerospace and nuclear domain. It was recently given the task to guard the Parliament building complex in Delhi by replacing the CRPF and the Delhi Police.

The Union home ministry has recently sanctioned a manpower of 230 personnel to take over security of the Vijaywada airport in Andhra Pradesh next month apart from an additional strength of 222 CISF personnel for the soon-to-be operational new terminal of the Pune airport in Maharashtra.

#### Two Amarnath pilgrims injured after van meets with accident near Chandanwari

security.

Visuals showed queues of cars crossing the Pantha Chowk base camp's police

Rajesh Gupta, a pilgrim from Delhi, said, "This is my second yatra to worship Baba Bholenath. I am very happy and excited about this. All the facilities, including the security provided by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the camps made for the pilgrims, are very good."

Krishna Kumar, who made his 25th journey to Amarnath today, said, "I am very happy. During COVID-19, I traveled via the helicopter route. The transportation and camp facilities are very good. Everyone from the military has cooperated with us properly. It is only because of their cooperation that we can complete our journey properly."

Another pilgrim from Jammu, Ajay Khajuria, said, "We are going to Baltal right now. The security is very good. We are very happy for the journey ahead.'

The annual yatra, which lasts for 45 days, is a major concern for the government amid the recent terrorist attacks in Jammu and

Kashmir

The administration has left no stone unturned to ensure the safety and well-being of the pilgrims amidst the heightening concerns and the challenging terrain of the route.

#### Amarnath Yatra | Third batch of over 6,600 pilgrims leaves Jammu **Base Camp For Kashmir**

It was raining in Jammu when the pilgrims left for Kashmir, the officials said, adding that 3,838 devotees opted for the Pahalgam route while 2,781 were heading for Baltal to perform the yatra.

With this, a total of 13,103 pilgrims left the Jammu base camp for the Valley since June 28 when Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch.

The pilgrimage will conclude on August 19. More than 4.5 lakh pilgrims paid their obeisance at the cave shrine, housing a naturallyformed ice lingam, last year.

#### Reasi Terror Attack Case | NIA **Conducts searches in multiple** locations in Rajouri

The searches, conducted as part of the NIA probe in the case (RC-02/2024/NIA/JMU), led to the seizure of various items showing linkages between the terrorists and OGWs. NIA has started examining the seized material to unravel the terror conspiracy.

#### On way to treat their child, four of Katra family die in Punjab road accident

by a truck, leaving four persons including the driver of the vehicle dead on-spot and a woman injured, said an officer.

The officer identified the deceased as Faroog Ahmed son of Firozuddin Ahmed. his brother Aarif Ahmed, and two children Mobisher (17) and Arshlan (6), all residents of Kakryal, Katra. While the injured has been identified as Sarish Naznin wife of Faroog Ahmed.

The injured woman has been referred to a hospital in Amritsar and the bodies of the deceased have been sent to Civil Hospital Dasuya for post-mortem, he said.

According to the police officer, the family, was on way to Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, to treat Aarif Ahmed, who was not well

They had left Kakryal village around 3 am and their vehicle met with an accident around

He said that police have registered a case under the relevant sections of the law and taken up further investigation.

Meanwhile, Punjab Police have launched a manhunt to arrest the driver of the truck, who has fled the spot after the accident.

#### Five arrested for armed robbery at Babarpur eatery

in robbery, murder, attempt to murder and Arms Act cases. Police identified them as Rinku (39), Sunny (27), Sachin (23), Shivam (25) and Himanshu (24).

Deputy Commissioner of Police (crime) Amit Goel said an incident of armed robbery at the Nazeer Restaurant in Delhi's Babarpur area was reported on June 11.

#### Gen Upendra Dwivedi takes charge as New Army Chief An alumnus of Sainik School, Rewa, Gen

Dwivedi was commissioned into 18 Jammu and Kashmir Rifles of the Indian Army on December 15, 1984. He commanded the unit later.

In his long and distinguished career spanning nearly 40 years, he has served in a variety of command, staff, instructional and foreign appointments.

The command appointments of Gen Dwivedi include command of regiment (18 Jammu and Kashmir Rifles), Brigade (26 Sector Assam Rifles), Inspector General, Assam Rifles (East) and 9 Corps

He has been decorated with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and three GOC-in-C Commendation Cards.

As Northern Army commander, Gen Dwivedi provided strategic guidance and operational oversight for planning and execution of sustained operations along the northern and western borders, besides orchestrating the dynamic counter-terrorism operations in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

During this period, the officer was actively engaged in the ongoing negotiations with China in resolving the vexed border issue, they said.

He was also involved in modernisation and equipping of the largest Army command of the Indian Army, where he steered the induction of indigenous equipment as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India).

#### **Curtain falls on British-Era Laws. New Criminal Laws Come into** effect on July 1

enshrined in the Constitution, official sources said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who piloted the laws, said the new laws would give priority to providing justice, unlike the Britishera laws that gave primacy to penal action.

"These laws are made by Indians, for Indians and by an Indian Parliament and marks the end of colonial criminal justice laws," he

Shah said the laws were not just about changing the nomenclature but bringing

about a complete overhaul. "Soul, body and spirit" of the new laws is Indian, he said.

Justice is an umbrella term that encompasses both the victim and the culprit, the home minister said and added these new laws would ensure political, economic and social justice with an Indian ethos.

According to the new laws, judgment in criminal cases has to come within 45 days of completion of trial and charges must be framed within 60 days of first hearing.

Statement of rape victims will be recorded by a female police officer in presence of her guardian or relative and medical reports have to come within seven days.

Organised crimes and acts of terrorism have been defined, sedition has been replaced with treason and video recording of all search and seizure have been made

A new chapter on crimes against women and children have been added, buying and selling of any child has been made a heinous crime and there is a provision for death sentence or life imprisonment for gang rape of

The offences against women and children,

murder and offences against the State have been given precedence in the new law.

Overlapping sections have been merged and simplified and will consist of only 358 sections against 511 in the Indian Penal Code, the sources said.

For example, definitions scattered from sections 6 to 52 have been brought under one section. Eighteen sections already stand repealed and four relating to weights and measures are covered under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

Instances of false promise of marriage, gang rape of minors, mob lynching, chain snatching, etc are reported but the current Indian Penal Code did not have specific provisions for dealing with such incidents.

These have been addressed in the Bharati-

ya Nyaya Sanhita, the sources said. A new provision has been made for cases such as abandonment of women after making sexual relations on the false promise of marriage.

The three laws were based on justice, transparency and fairness, the sources said. Under the new laws, a person can now report incidents by electronic communication, without the need to physically visit a police station. This allows for easier and

by the police. With the introduction of Zero FIR, a person can file a First Information Report (FIR) at any police station, regardless of jurisdiction.

quicker reporting, facilitating prompt action

This eliminates delays in initiating legal proceedings and ensures immediate reporting

An interesting addition of the law is that in the event of an arrest, the individual has the right to inform a person of his choice about his or her situation

This will ensure immediate support and

assistance to the arrested individual. Besides, arrest details will now be prominently displayed within police stations and district headquarters, allowing families and friends of the arrested person easy access to important information.

To strengthen cases and investigations, it has become mandatory for forensic experts to visit crime scenes for serious offences and collect evidence.

Under the new laws, victims of crime against women are entitled to regular updates on the progress of their case within 90 days. This provision keeps victims informed and

involved in the legal process, enhancing transparency and trust. The new laws guarantee free first-aid or medical treatment to victims of crimes against women and children at all hospitals.

This provision ensures immediate access to essential medical care, prioritising the wellbeing and recovery of victims during challenging times. Summonses can now be served electroni-

cally, expediting legal processes, reducing

paperwork and ensuring efficient communi-

cation among all parties involved. For certain offences against woman, statements of the victim are to be recorded, as far as practicable, by a woman magistrate and, in her absence, by a male magistrate in the presence of a woman to ensure sensitivity and fairness, creating a supportive environ-

Both the accused and the victim are entitled to receive copies of the FIR, police report, charge sheet, statements, confessions, and other documents within 14 days.

Courts grant a maximum of two adjourn-

ments to avoid unnecessary delays in case

hearings, ensuring timely justice delivery. The new laws mandate all state governments to implement witness protection schemes to ensure the safety and coopera-

tion of witnesses, enhancing the credibility

and beliefs of 'Sanatan'

culture. Best wishes to

all the devotees on their

journey. Jai Baba Barfani,'

he said. Amarnath Yatra is

the sangam and mixture of

religious, spiritual, cultural

and above all an example

of communal amity and

religious harmony and

therefore there is much

need of such religious

,spiritual ,cultural and

composite Yatra and thus

Yatras like this should be

BJP Chief Spokesper-

son MM J&K Ritika Trehan

in her address said that

people of Jammu and

Kashmir consider them-

selves fortunate enough

that such a religiously and

spiritually significant and

composite Yatra takes

place annually and pro-

vide grace to valley .The

Kashmir valley shines with

encouraged

The definition of "gender" now includes transgender individuals, promoting inclusiv-

ity and equality.

video means. Women, persons below 15 years, persons

In a post on X, Congress general secre-

"It is a good thing that JD(U) has made the

"However, bringing reservation laws beyond

"In such a situation, the only way out is

"Will the non-biological Prime Minister clear

criminals.

However, officials said, the deployment last

# M-cap of nine of top-10 most valued firms jumps Rs 2.89 lakh crore; Reliance biggest gainer

BSE Sensex records the best monthly gain in June by climbing 7.14 per cent

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): Nine of the top-10 most valued firms together added Rs 2,89,699.42 crore in market valuation last week, with Reliance Industries emerging as the biggest gainer, in line with a rally in equities.

Last week, the BSE benchmark jumped 1,822.83 points or 2.36 per cent.

The BSE Sensex recorded the best monthly gain in June by climbing 7.14 per cent. The Sensex breached the historic 79,000 mark on Thursday.

While Reliance Industries, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Bharti Airtel, State Bank of India, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever and ITC were the gainers, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)



emerged as the laggard.

The market capitalisation (mcap) of Reliance Industries jumped Rs 1,52,264.63 crore to Rs 21,18,951.20 crore.

TCS added Rs 34,733.64 crore taking its valuation to Rs

14,12,845.09 crore.

The mcap of ICICI Bank soared Rs 30,286.99 crore to Rs 8,44,201.88 crore and that of Bharti Airtel surged Rs 18,267.7 crore to Rs 8,22,530.35 crore.

The market valuation of Info-

sys climbed Rs 14,656.3 crore to Rs 6,50,602.10 crore and that of HDFC Bank zoomed Rs 13,808.74 crore to Rs 12,80,865.43 crore.

State Bank of India's valuation rallied Rs 11,111.14 crore to Rs 7,57,565.68 crore.

The mcap of Hindustan Unilever went up by Rs 7,953.37 crore to Rs 5,81,570.83 crore and that of ITC climbed Rs 6,616.91 crore to Rs 5,30,475.82 crore.

However, the valuation of LIC tumbled Rs 22,042.61 crore to Rs 6,25,573.90 crore.

Reliance Industries remained the most valued firm, followed by TCS, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Bharti Airtel, State Bank of India, Infosys, LIC, Hindustan Unilever and ITC.

# TISS terminates over 100 employees citing lack of grant: Reports

MUMBAI, Jun 30 (Agencies): THE TATA Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) has dismissed nearly 100 of its staff as the institute has not received funds from the Tata Trust to support the employees, reports said.

More then 50 faculty and 60 non teaching contractual staff were left unemployed. They were with the institute for over a decade.

Among the teaching staff, 20 of those dismissed were learnt to be from Mumbai campus, 15 from Hyderabad, 14 from Guwahati, and six from Tuljapur. The remaining teaching staff on TISS campuses are permanent faculty members on the University Grants Commission (UGC) payroll, according agency.

These employees had their contract ending in May however they received an email which prompted them to work till the funds are renewed which the staff saw this as their contact inevitably being renewed, the report quoted a dismissed faculty as saying.

"All these positions were created under various schools and centre's run by TISS on the basis of funding from the Tata Education Trust. Most of us have been working for as many as 10-15 years, including in positions of responsibilities such as centre heads. We are unsure how the institute plans to run the courses after this arbitrary dismissal of such a large number of employees without having an alternative ready," a faculty member from the Mumbai campus was quoted as saying by agency report.

"The institution has already written to the Tata Education Trust. A committee has been formed to pursue the matter with the Trust. If the grants are received, this can be reverted. But in case of no change in situation, there is no alternative. The institute will have to find alternative ways to run the courses," said Acting Vice Chancellor Prof Manoj Tiwari.

According to a member of the administration, agency added, there are plans to propose that the same faculty members work on hourly basis to enable teaching to continue, while also preparing a complete roster of required positions to issue advertisements for regular appointments.

# Urja Ganga gas pipeline completion delayed till March 2025: GAIL

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): The construction of the Rs 12,940-crore 'Urja Ganga' gas pipeline, India's most ambitious project taking environment-friendly fuel to eastern parts of the country, has been delayed by nine months and will now be completed by March 2025, state-owned GAIL (India) Ltd said.

The 3,306-kilometre Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra pipeline was originally targeted for completion by lune 2024

But due to "delay in right of use (RoU) availability", the completion schedule has been revised "from June 2024 to March 2025", GAIL said in a stock exchange filing.

The bulk of the pipeline has already been constructed, and gas has started to flow in most cities along the route.

Traditionally, natural gas was available for use as fuel to generate electricity, make fertiliser or turn into CNG and cooking gas only in the western and northern parts of the country, as pipelines taking the fuel from source to users were limited to these parts.

In October 2016, work on laying a pipeline from Jagdishpur in Uttar Pradesh to Haldia in West Bengal, Bokaro in Jharkhand and Dhamra in Odisha began.

The line was extended to Guwahati in Assam from Barauni in Bihar, a length of 726 km, to take the fuel to hereto-unconnected states in the eastern region.

The Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL), popularly called the Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga pipeline, is to supply gas to the eastern states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal.

GAIL, the firm executing the pipeline, said its board of directors in a meeting on June 28 approved the revision of the completion schedule.

The completion schedule for the 240-km Dhamra-Haldia pipeline has also been revised from June 2024 to March 2025, it added.

The company on May 10, 2019, stated that it has completed awards of all



major contracts worth Rs 10,500 crore for pipeline supply and laying of the integrated 3400-km Jagdishpur-Haldia and Bokaro-Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL) and Barauni-Guwahati Pipeline (BGPL) pipeline.

The government provided 40 percent viability gap funding amounting to Rs 5,176 crore for execution of JHBDPL. For the Barauni-Guwahati pipeline, a 60 percent viability gap funding, amounting to Rs 5,559 crore, has been provided by the government.

The Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga pipeline will connect all the geographical areas (more than 90) spread over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and further to the northeastern region of India.

When the project is fully completed, the northeastern/eastern part of India will become an integral part of the gasbased economy, with the twin benefits of the cheapest gas transportation through Urja Ganga and gas pricing reforms.

Under the unified tariff regulations recently notified by sector regulator Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), transportation tariff has been cut by about 50 percent to Rs 99.90 per million British thermal units for the eastern parts, helping make the clean fuel more affordable.

The pipeline has already started feeding seven city gas distribution (CGD) projects in Varanasi, Patna, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, and Cuttack. The pipeline also connects the refineries, located at Barauni, Haldia, and Paradip.

The JHBDPL has a transmission capacity of 16 million cubic metres of natural gas a day.

# Teaching Foxconn the dignity of labour

Though 20 times cheaper than what it would pay for a worker in California, it is still creating thousands of jobs in India.

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): Taiwanese company Foxconn, the world's largest contract electronic maker, is not new to charges of using discriminatory recruitment practices and workplace exploitation. The controversy has erupted again, this time in respect of the company's Tamil Nadu plant, after an exhaustive agency report showed Foxconn had been deliberately excluding married women from its workforce.

The agency investigation, carried out over several months. revealed Foxconn had a deliberate but unwritten code that excluded married women from jobs at the iPhone assembly plant in Sriperumbudur. The company's rationale, revealed by those interviewed, was that married women are less productive because of family responsibilities like "they have babies after marriage"!

High absenteeism, pressing family duties and even jewelry worn by married Hindu women are seen as impediments to higher

production.
Following the story,
Foxconn in a statement, said it "vigorously
refutes allegations of
employment discrimination based on marital status, gender, religion or any other form,"

and insisted about 25 percent of its recruits in India were married

women. The controversy has now sharpened with Union government seeking a report from the Tamil Nadu government. It comes at a time when India is striving to become an alternative hub to China in the supply chain for digital products such as Apple's iPhone. As it is, Apple, through its contractor Foxconn, is producing as much as 9 to 14 percent of its iPhones out of India. But is there a human cost involved?

The China trail

Just a peep into the China's Foxconn trail, where the contractor still produces nearly 90 percent of iPhones, is quite shocking.
China Labour Watch,

which studied the practices of Foxconn's Chengdu iPhone factory in 2020-2023, said workers labour around the clock to meet impossible production targets. Investigators found Foxconn's recruitment discriminating against applicants on the basis of race. Those from ethnic minority groups like the Uighur, Tibetan, Yi, and Hui were routinely weeded out. Pregnant female workers were also rejected during the recruitment process.

The company's credibility first came into question when in 2010 there were a spate of suicides linked to low pay and brutal working conditions at the Foxconn City industrial park in Shenzhen. Mental illness and breakdowns were common, and the answer to the problem was to hang out nets under the ledges of overcrowded dormitories to prevent workers from jumping to the ground!

In a long read, the

magazine Rest of The World has documented the life and working conditions at Foxconn's compound in Zhengzhou through conversations stretching over several months with a worker nick-named 'Hunter'. The 'iPhone City' facility makes about half of the world's iPhones, covers an area of 5.6 KM, and at full capacity employs some 200,000 workers.

'Hunter' describes in detail how in a normal 10-hour shift he had to attach a tiny cable to the back of an iPhone cover, which charges the battery, and then screw it into place with two tiny screws for every iPhone. His target of 600 phones and 1,200 screws per shift can only be done at a relentless pace and without rest or toilet breaks. Falling behind the production

schedule meant abuse by supervisors, and the loss of bonuses and stoppage of overtime.

'Hunter' also talks of the windowless conditions and being forced into compulsory living on campus due to pandemic restrictions. Many workers fled for home after dodging guards and climbing the fences; sometimes there was outbreaks of violence when company executives forced an unbearable pace of work. "iPhones are made in hell", 'Hunter' concludes.

Dignity of labour For India, Apple's diversification strategy away from China is godsent. Not only will Apple's presence work as a cascading effect for new investment in India, but it also means 150,000 new jobs at Foxconn's facilities.

Moreover, there is a pipeline of semiconductor units coming up, including the American chipmaker Micron that has committed US\$825 million to build a facility in Sanad, Gujarat. By 2026, the semiconductor industry in India is expected to generate over 300,000 jobs, encompassing diverse roles such as testing, engineering, software development, system circuits, validation, and operations.

This puts the govern-

ment on the horns of a dilemma. The reason these companies are investing in India is to save on wages for welltrained tech workers. Foxconn pays \$200 or around Rs 17,000 a month to its average assembly worker in Sriperumbudur. Though 20 times cheaper than what it would pay for a worker in California, it is still creating thousands of jobs in India.

On the other hand, can the government, the custodian for protecting its citizens' rights, permit violation of basic labour codes? Poor wages is one thing. But can the government allow downright humiliating and discriminatory workplace practices like exclusion of married women? And then there are the laws of the land that have to be respected. For instance, the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 says there can be no discrimination in wages between men and women. These early signs should be taken seriously. India can't allow itself to be another sweatshop. The primary investors – the Apples and the Amazons - know it all; and they must be asked to commit themselves to a basic code that respects the dignity of labour. Foxconn can't be allowed free passage as it had in China.

# Children get stroke; although curable, lack of awareness endangers their lives: Experts

When people are not made aware of the possibility of stroke in children, time is lost on misdiagnosis

BENGALURU, Jun 30 (Agencies): The lack of awareness when it comes to paediatric stroke is so low and people are often stunned to hear that children can get stroke. Actors like Amitabh Bachchan need to talk about it to create awareness, said Dr Nirmal Surya, president of Indian Stroke Association (ISA).

Speaking at a press conference after the inauguration of the second national paediatric stroke conclave, he said, "Stroke is preventable, but globally paediatric stroke is the sixth leading cause of death

in children."

According to Dr Surya, lack of awareness is the biggest challenge that paediatric neurologists world over have to overcome.

"In India, the situation

is even worse. When people are not made aware of the possibility of stroke in children, time is lost on misdiagnosis. Time is of essence because stroke can often be treated with injection if the patient is brought within four and half hours," he added.

Stroke can occur even on the day one of the birth, reiterated Dr Minal V Kekatpure, paediatric neurologist at Narayana



Health in Bengaluru.

According to her, in fact, paediatric stroke is more common among neonates than older children.

"In one lakh, there are about 25 neonate cases as against 12 involving older children," added Kekatpure.

Dr Pratibha Singhi,

president of International Child Neurology Association, said often parents do not realise that the child is suffering from a stroke.

"We have had instances where parents brought their child seeking remedy for 'not very good at writing' and on checking we found that

the child actually had suffered a stroke and is unable to move the hand properly," added Singhi. Dr Arvind Sharma,

Dr Arvind Sharma, secretary of ISA, said there are about accredited 13 primary centres in India that are equipped to deal with stroke and about 30 stroke ready but not accredited facilities.

"We need about 1,000 accredited hospitals at least to deal with this disorder in India," added Sharma.

"In a year, we should be doing 2.5 lakh thrombosis, but we do only 2,000 to 3,000. That is a huge gap to fill," added Dr Sharma.

# Meaningful social interactions linked to lower loneliness, affective well-being: Study

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): Having meaningful social interactions with peers is associated with lower loneliness and greater affective well-being, a

new study has shown.
To conduct the study, published in the journal Social Psychological and Personality Science, the researchers followed three cohorts of university students over three years, collecting data on their social interactions and momentary well-being.

"Our research indicates that engaging in meaningful social interactions has net positive outcomes for affective well-being, stress, and loneliness," said lead author Mahnaz Roshanaei, of Stanford University.

"Spending more time in substantive and deep conversations with anyone with either strong or weak ties, results in benefits for the average person's well-being outcomes," she added.

The study found greater benefits for well-being when meaningful social interactions happened in person (or face-to-face), compared to other communication channels like direct messaging and texting.

Meaningful social interactions while resting resulted in higher

well-being than those occurring during activities such as studying or dining.

The researchers acknowledged that their study had limitations, including the fact that it focused on university students and may not be generalisable to the general population or outside of the US.

"In the future, the results of this study can be used in designing personalised intervention-oriented strategies for encouraging healthy social lives, such as personalised recommendations for maintaining social support and connections," said Roshanaei.

# PM Modi speaks to Indian cricket team after T20 **World Cup win; thanks Dravid for his** contribution to Indian cricket

Congratulates Rohit Sharma for his splendid captaincy and lauds Virat Kohli for his innings in the final

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the Indian cricket team on the phone on Sunday and congratulated its members on their T20 World Cup win.

Modi congratulated Rohit Sharma for his splendid captaincy and appreciated his T20 career. He also lauded Virat Kohli for his innings in the final, besides his overall contribution to Indian cricket.

Both the greats announced their retirement from T20 internationals following the win.

Modi praised Hardik Pandya for his final over and Suryakumar Yadav



for his splendid catch on the boundary line to dismiss David Miller. He also talked highly of Jaspreet Bumrah's contribution.

The Prime Minister thanked coach Rahul Dravid for his contribution to Indian cricket.

In posts on X, the Prime Minister lauded Sharma, Kohli and

He told Sharma, "You are excellence personified. Your aggressive mindset, batting and captaincy has given a new dimension to the

Dravid.

Indian team. Your T20 career will be remembered fondly. Delighted to have spoken to you earlier today."

he said his incred-Addressing Kohli, he ible coaching journey

said, "Like the innings

in the finals, you have

anchored Indian bat-

ting splendidly. You've

shone in all forms of the

game. T20 cricket will

miss you but I am con-

fident you'll continue to

motivate the new gen-

Praising Dravid,

eration of players."

shaped the success of Indian cricket.

His unwavering dedication, strategic insights and nurturing the right talent have transformed the team, the Prime Minister added.

"India is grateful to him for his contributions and for inspiring generations. We are happy to see him lift the World Cup. Happy to have congratulated him," he said.

The Prime Minister said the team showed excellent skill and spirit throughout the tournament.

Each player's commitment was very motivating, he added.

# Bhangra, fist bumps, and a huddle: Team India revels in World Cup glory

Virat Kohli, Arshdeep, Axar Patel, Mohammed Siraj, Rinku Singh groove to Punjabi song 'Tunak tunak tun'



BRIDGETOWN, Jun 30 (Agencies): The triumphant Indian team's celebrations at the Kensington Oval lasted close to four hours after a roller-coaster T20 World Cup final with players grooving to their favourite dance numbers and the usually reticent outgoing coach Rahul Dravid letting his hair down amid a general sense of relief for ending a lengthy title

drought. The euphoria carried on in the team hotel but before that, at the historic venue, skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, who both retired from the format, and Dravid let their emotions take control after a gruelling month-long campaign in the Carib-

bean and USA. It was the end of a wait that stretched over a decade and had its fair share of tears and frustrations.

Dravid, an undisputed great of the game who could not win a World Cup in his long playing career, usually does well to guard what's going on inside him. Not on Saturday.

In a rather animated display of emotions. Dravid pumped his fists while joining his players on the ground who watched in amusement as a rarely seen side of the Bengaluru-man went on display for the

world. Kohli, an antithesis to Dravid's personality, heaved a massive sigh of relief when India's win was sealed on the penultimate ball of the game with Kagiso Rabada being caught at long-off.

Standing in the deep, he too pumped his fist twice in the air before covering his face with his palms and heaving a massive sigh of relief as South Africa had the game in the bag not too long ago.

Then came the memorable visuals of Rohit and Kohli holding the desperately desired trophy with the Indian Flag around them.

What followed was Bhangra with the boys in the middle with Kohli. Arshdeep, Axar Patel, Mohammed Siraj and Rinku Singh grooving to Daler Mehendi's iconic Punjabi number 'Tunak Tunak Tun'.

There were tears of joy too both from Rohit and Kohli. Loud roars could be heard from inside the dressing room long after the outcome of the game was decided at 2pm local time.

At one point, it seemed the players just wanted to share their joy with anyone who would care to join them.

Rishabh Pant, who was coming back to international cricket after a life-threatening car accident in 2022, gifted his shoes to a fan in the building adjacent to the dressing room.

A sense of satisfaction and relief was clearly visible on Rohit's face when he came to the post match media interaction.

Choosing to play a high risk game since the ODI World Cup, Rohit finally got the much deserved trophy in his hands, seven months after the heartbreak in Ahmedahad.

"This has to be the

greatest time I can say that. It's only because how desperately I wanted to win this. So, all the runs, all the runs that I've scored in all these years, I think it does matter, but I'm not big on stats and all of that," he said in his familiar nonchalant

"I think winning games for India, winning trophies for India, that is what I look forward to all the time. And having this now right beside me probably has to be, I don't know, honestly, I don't know if it's the greatest or what but it is definitely one of the greatest," added Rohit before announcing his T20 retirement minutes later.

Dravid, who usually has long-winded explanations for everything that happens on the cricket field, struggled to explain his emotions for once. It wasn't easy for the man, whose entire reputation is built on being equanimous no matter the situation.

"I am not usually short of words but I have been short of words the last two three hours. I am not of those one those guys who thinks about redemption.

"As a player I was not lucky enough to win a trophy but I tried my best, it was not to be. I was lucky this bunch of players made it possible for me," said the former India captain.

A team huddle followed after the compulsory media engagements were out of the way with the squad members reflecting on a memorable month, an indicator of a collective belief that they indeed had done something special.

A category 1 Hurricane is expected to hit the island of Barbados on Sunday, potentially delaying the team's departure plans. If that does happen, the party will go on longer.

#### From MS Dhoni, Sachin Tendulkar to Gavaskar, all hail India's T20 World Cup triumph

NEW DELHI, Jun 30 (Agencies): The who's who of Indian cricket fraternity, including Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Sachin Tendulkar and Sunil Gavaskar, hailed the title triumph in the T20 World Cup, saying it will inspire the country's "starry-eyed children to move one step closer to their dreams".

India's first T20 world champion skipper Dhoni led the chorus of former and current cricketers, hailing Rohit Sharma's men for regaining the trophy after 17 long years after beating South Africa by seven runs in a pulsating final in Barbados on Saturday.

Former skipper Dhoni, who led India to their maiden title win in 2007 in South Africa, praised the team for maintaining their calm during the adverse situations in the game.

"WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS 2024. My heart rate was up, well done on being calm, having the self belief and doing what u guys did," (sic) Dhoni wrote on Instagram.

"From all the Indians back home and everywhere in the world a big thank you for bringing the World Cup Home. CONGRATU-LATIONS.arreeee thanks for the priceless birthday gift," said Dhoni, who will turn 43

early next month. The legendary Tendulkar took to social media to express his delight on India's achievement, saying the country has now got a 'fourth star', following two 50-over World Cup wins in 1983 and 2011 as well as the historic triumph in the inaugural 2007 World T20. "Every star added to the Team India jersey inspires our nation's starry-eyed children to move one step closer to their dreams. India gets the 4th star, our second in T20WC," he wrote on 'X'.

Tendulkar, who was a member of the Indian team which suffered a first-round exit in the 2007 50-overs World Cup, said life has come a full circle.

"Life comes full circle for Indian cricket in the West Indies. From our lows in the 2007 ODI World Cup to becoming a cricketing powerhouse and winning the T20WC in

"Very happy for my friend Rahul Dravid, who missed out on the 2011 World Cup win but his contribution to this T20 World Cup victory has been immense. I am so so happy

Hailing Rohit's captaincy and the contributions of the other squad members, Tendulkar said, "What can one say about Rohit Sharma? Superb captaincy! To put the 2023 ODI World Cup loss behind and to keep all our players motivated towards the T20 World Cup is commendable.'

"Jasprit Bumrah's Player of the Tournament award as well as Virat Kohli's Player of the Match award are both well-deserved. They were just superb when it mattered," he added.

"Along with Rahul, Paras Mhambrey and Vikram Rathour also made their international debuts in 1996. It was wonderful to see Team India excel under the guidance of this class

"A total team effort. Hearty congratulations to all the players, coaches, support staff, and BCCI," Tendulkar continued.

Gavaskar said that winning the trophy is like finally scoring a hundred.

"It is a great win after such a long time. Earlier, I kept saying that India was getting 90s but not getting centuries because they were reaching semi-finals and finals. Now, they have got a century and what a wonderful century this is," the former India captain told agency.

From VVS Laxman to Anil Kumble, Sourav Ganguly to Gautam Gambhir, everyone praised the stupendous achievement in

"Congratulations Team India on becoming the T20 World Champions. Been the best team in the tournament remaining unbeaten throughout," VVS Laxman, current head of the National Cricket Academy wrote on X.

"Great composure and character shown by the team to win this from the situation we were in with 5 overs remaining. Every player deserves credit for giving it their all and rising to the occasion and wonderfully led by Rohit,"

"We are champions!" rejoiced ace spinner and 2011 World Cup winner Ravichandran

Former India captain and head coach Anil Kumble wrote, "Congratulations team India! Wonderful victory.'

"YEH MERA INDIA. WE ARE THE CHAM-PIONS. SO PROUD OF YOU GUYS. (This is my India. We are the champions, so proud of you guys.)," wrote former spinner Harbhajan

An ambassador for the T20 World Cup in the Americas, Yuvraj Singh individually praised all the key members of the side.

"You did it boys! @hardikpandya7 your a hero! @Jaspritbumrah93 what an over to bring India back in the game! Extremely ecstatic for @ImRo45 great captaincy under pressure! @imVkohli #Rahul Dravid and the whole team indiavssa #ICCT20World-Cup2024," he wrote.

"Well played @akshar2026 @lamShivamDube. koi reh to nahi gaya! Oh @ surya\_14kumar what a catch under pressure," Yuvraj added, wondering if he mistakenly did not leave out anyone.

Hero of two T20 World Cup finals and India's would be coach Gautam Gambhir wrote, "CHAMPIONS!" Having earlier explained his standout moments of the game when it was under progress, legendary Sachin Tendulkar wrote, "Chak De India!!!!" Former India captain and BCCI president

Sourav Ganguly also congratulated the side. "Heartiest congratulations to Rohit sharma and his team .. what a game to win .. may be

a World Cup in 11 (13) yrs but the talent the country has ,they will win many more .." (Sic) "Bumrah is absolutely magic .. well done Virat,axar ,Hardik and every one .. rahul Dravid and the support staff .. what a proud moment," (sic) Ganguly added.

#### **Sneh Rana rocks South Africa with second-best** figures for India in Women's Tests

CHENNAI, Jun 30 (Agencies): Sneh Rana, on Sunday, June 30, recorded the secondbest figures by an Indian bowler in Women's Tests. The off-spinner finished with figures of 25.3-4-77-8 against Laura Wolvaardt's South Africa at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. Left-arm spinner Neetu David still holds the record after her stupendous spell of 31.3-12-53-8 against England in Jamshedpur way back in 1995.

The likes of Gargi Banerjee, Diana Edulji and Shubhangi Kulkarni, who has 5 five-wicket hauls to her name, also feature in the elite list. The 30-year-old Rana is also the second Indian bowler in Women's Tests to pick up 8 wickets in an innings. On the back of her spell, India bowled the Proteas out



for 266 in 84.3 overs at the Chepauk. Best figures for India in

Women's Tests Neetu David: 31.3-12-53-8 against England, Jamshedpur, 1995

Sneh Rana: 25.3-4-77-8 against South Africa, Chennai, 2024

Gargi Banerjee: 9.4-6-9-6 against New Zealand, Cuttack, 1985

Diana Edulji: 25.3-5-64-6 against Australia, Delhi, 1984

Shubhangi Kulkarni: 22.2-0-99-6 against Australia, Perth, 1977 Rana runs through

South Africa The pressure was immensely on South Africa after India piled up a mammoth score of 603 for 6 (declared) in

the first innings. Smriti Mandhana laid the platform with a knock of 149, after which Shafali Verma's 205 injected momentum into the innings. Jemimah Rodrigues, Harmanpreet Kaur and Richa Ghosh also scored brisk half-centuries. Ghosh fell agonisingly short of a Test century after Nonkululeko Mlaba dismissed her on 86. After the batters made

hay, it was Rana's turn to shine. The spinner made early inroads by getting the wickets of Laura Wolvaardt and Anneke Bosch. Thereafter, he churned out the prized wicket of Marizanne Kapp, who made 74 runs. Rana got the wicket of Mlaba to pull the curtains down on the South African innings. India also enforced the follow after a lead of 337 in the first innings.

#### Virat will take time, says BCCI president the gap (after retirement of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli from T20Is),"

Transitioning India's T20 team post-Rohit,



BRIDGETOWN, Jun 30 (Agencies): BCCI President Roger Binny says it will take another two-three years for the Indian T20 team to "come into its own" again given the void that Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma's international retirement from the format will create.

Rohit, 37, and Virat, 35, called it quits from T20Is after playing

pivotal roles in India's second world triumph in the format here.

The 2007 champions defeated South Africa by seven runs in a highvoltage summit clash on Saturday to end their painful 13-year wait for an ICC trophy.

"There is so much talent in the IPL. Lot of cricketers are coming through but it is going to take some time to bridge

Binny said in a media interaction after the final.

"They have contributed so much. It's going to take time. We will probably see in the next two to three years, the team coming back into it's own without them," he added.

Rohit leaves T20Is with 4231 runs from 159 matches, having made five hundreds and 32 fifties. In 125 T20I matches, Kohli scored 4188 runs at an average of 48.69 with 122 being his highest.

Both will continue to be active in the IPL and the ODI and Test formats internationally. Binny, who was a part of the 1983 ODI World Cup title win, said that maiden World Cup elevated India from underdogs to contenders and it has not changed thanks to the large talent

"In 1983, we went as underdogs. But after that, that tag was taken off us. Whenever we go into World Cup, people expect India to win.No one is taking us lightly anymore," he said.

The just-concluded mega-event marks the end of head coach Rahul Dravid's tenure. Speculation is rife that former opener Gautam Gambhir will take over from him but Binny chose to keep mum on the matter.

"Nothing concrete has come yet. Gautam Gambhir has a lot of experience. He has worked with teams. He played Test matches, ODIs, T20s.Let's see," he said.

# BJP leaders along with public listens 111 Episode of **Mann Ki Baat Program at Jammu West**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30: Braham Jyot Satti (Senior leader and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) along with BJP leaders and prominent Citizens listened the 111th edition of "Mann Ki Baat" by PM Narendra Modi at Ambphala,

The program was organised by Rakesh Pandey Vicky (Mandal President BJP OBC Morcha)

Ravi Mehra (State v president obc), Perveen badyal (dist v president obc), Aman (general secretary ) , subash (secretary), ramesh (general secretary), ajay (vice President) and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.



After 3 months Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday addressed the nation through the 111 th edition of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'.

During his Addressal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the voters and said thanks the countrymen that they have reiterated their unwavering faith in our Constitution and the democratic

system of the country. The Lok Sabha election 2024 was the biggest election in the world. Such a big election has never been held in any country of the world in

cast their votes. He mentioned 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam ' campaign and said A special campaign has begun on World Environment Day this year named 'Ek

which 65 crore people

appealed to all the countrymen to plant a tree along with their mother or in her name

He appreciated our local products and said there are so many products from India which are in great demand across the world and when we see any local product of India going global, it is natural to feel proud. One such product is Araku coffee .

He also mentioned the upcoming paris Olympics ,special umbrellas made by Attapadi locals in Kerala and Sanskrit bulletin of Akashwani

Braham Jyot Satti explained the summary of the whole episode to the public and said India is growing too fast under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi

He said The program was last broadcast on February 25 but was paused during the Lok Sabha elections. 'Mann Ki Baat' is PM Modi's platform to discuss crucial national issues with Indian citizens, airing on the final Sunday of each month. On June 18, PM Modi announced the resumption of Mann Ki Baat on June 30.

He said India is blessed to have PM like Narendra Modi who works for every segment of society and he is only PM who remembers the valour and martyrdom of our forces

He said Nation First is the ideology of BJP and every BJP worker is working on ground level and serving humanity

# Health Awareness & Respiratory **Session conducted at MIER**



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30 L The respiratory system takes up oxygen from the air, and we breathe and expel the unwanted carbon dioxide. The main organ of the respiratory system is lungs. Other respiratory organs include the nose, the trachea, and the breathing muscles ( the diaphragmic and intercostal muscles). our cells need oxygen to survive. One of the waste products produced by cells is another gas called carbon dioxide.

In the session, it was explained by Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner, President Vichar Kranti Manch international, and Chairman Indian yoga Association, that the base of all the Pranayams is deep and long breathing. It helps in practicing Pranayam, while on one side, Pran circulates

informally from toe to head, with this practice, instability of mind is also removed. It is the easiest way to relax and let your worries go. One can do it pretty much anywhere, and it only takes a few minutes. It is also called belly breathing, abdominal breeding, yogic breathing, and conscious breeding. It helps to ease stress, and it can also lower blood pressure and relax tense muscles. When one learns a healthy way to relax, it can be easier to avoid healthy choices, making his order to make healthy

choices like picking good food or finding the energy to exercise. When you are relaxed, you can be more mindful. Special interest was shown by Dr Renu Gupta Chairperson, Model Institute of Education & Research and did practical too, supported by Dr Aditya Gupta, Director MIER and Mrs Rupa Gupta, Joint Director, they all showed keen interest in health awareness session and proposed to organize a monthly yoga session in the Institute, under the guidance of Yoga Com-

missioner Dr Jain. Incidently, it was the happy birthday of Dr. Aditya Gupta, Director, was celebrated by VKMI Members and of Pader

#### **Keshav Provides Ration Cards to Locals**



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30: Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra today provided Ration cards to the locals at their doorstep.

Speaking on the Occasion Keshav Chopra appreciated the work of Director Food Civil

supplies and consumer Affairs and her team for working tirelessly in providing Ration cards to the common man. It is impor-

sions and other Government Schemes Ration card is mandatory hence it's a very important document. The motive of Samvedna Society is to provide doorstep services to the women's and senior citizens so that they need not to go outside in this scorching heat to prepare their Ration card and other services Keshav further

Speaking on the Occasion Locals appreciated the work of Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra for providing them ration cards at their doorstep, Locals also thanked Director FCS and CA and her team for their work.

Anju, Manoj Tandon, Ritesh Peer, Lucky Sharma, Vikas Kumar, Sahil Verma, Parshotam Gupta and others were also present

### J&K adm responsible for daily accidents traffic police should take a tough stance: Rajesh Gupta

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, June 30: BSP J&K general secretary and media head, Rajesh Gupta has claimed that J&K UT administration was responsible for increasing deaths in road accidents in the UT.

In a handout Gupta stated that despite repeated road accidents in J&K the administration seems least bothered in this regard.

The BSP leader said the poor condition of roads in hilly areas makes them risky," he maintained adding: "Numerous lives have been lost in J&K due to road accidents and many people have suffered severe injuries due to such accidents."

He said recently in Kishtwar an overloaded Eeco Taxi carrying 19 students was found operating in gross violation of traffic rules and regulations.

Ğupta said to ensure

road safety and discipline, traffic police should take a tough stance

against traffic violators. upta added passenger vehicles should be heavily challan for overloading, rash driving, while dumpers/tippers and other vehicles should not be spared for violation.

The BSP leader also said that functioning of traffic authorities and Motor Vehicle Department is also questionable

"J&K witnessed a significant number of fatalities last year due to road accidents marking the highest toll in a decade and it becomes essential to address the issue of road accidents," he con-

Gupta claimed that a road safety awareness tour was flagged off on May 2, 2024 from Raj Bhawan Srinagar and just 2 months after that we lost many precious lives in road accidents.

# **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. 94197-01575

# CMO Doda team drubs SDH Bhaderwah in **Late Manjeet Singh memorial Cricket match**

tant to mention that a

Ration card is necessary

not even to get Ration but

to get Ayushman Bharat

Golden cards also For

that one has to be acti-

vated ration card and to



**Top News Report** 

DODA, June 30: Sr Cricketer Sh Shahnawaz Zargar and Nasir K Shah (Journalist), on Sunday hosted a one-day cricket exhibition match to pay tribute and homage to the late legendary Cricketer and Social Activist, Late Shri Manjeet Singh for his remarkable contribution to the game of sports. In this connection, a

friendly match was played between team from CMO Office Doda and SDH Bhaderwah, played at Govt PG College Ground Bhaderwah.

Earlier, before the start of the match, the event was formally inaugurated by Chief Guest Sh Surinder Singh Thakur (Father of Late Manjeet Singh) along with CMO Dr Om Kumar, BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf, Sh Lavinder Singh, Sh Ravi Thakur and other dignitar-

ies. A two-minute silence was also observed as a mark of respect to the

team was led by Umar Anayat, while the SDH Bhaderwah team was led by Dr Mohammad Ashraf (BMO Bhaderwah).

winning the toss, elected to bat first. Batting first, CMO Doda team set a decent target of 146 runs for losing all their wickets in 19.3 overs. Dr Waseem Natnoo was the top scorer with 40 runs, while Irfan Thukar scored 18 runs for the team. From SDH Bhaderwah, Kalwant Singh scalped 03 wickets, while Dr Subhash Sharma and Mehboob Ahmed

took 2 wickets each. overs, thus lost the match

departed soul.

The CMO Office Doda CMO Office team, after

While chasing the target, SDH Bhaderwah team could not manage to get the target and scored only 137 runs in alloted 20 was the highest scorer who made 24 runs, while Mehboob Ahmed contributed 22 runs to the total. From CMO Doda team, Umar Anayat was the most successful bowler who grabbed 02 wickets.

Dr Waseem Natnoo of CMO office Doda team was declared as Man of the Match for brilliant allround performance.

During the prize distribution ceremony, which was attended by the father of Late Manjeet Singh, distributed winning and runner up trophies to both the teams

The Chief Guest Sh Surinder Singh lauded the efforts of organizers and congratulated both the teams for exhibiting their cricketing skill in the

The match was officiated by Mr Haddi Rishoo, Mr Naveed Khan and Mr Mohd Haris

# HP girl gets new lease of life after complex kidney transplant

**Top News Report** 

MOHALI/JAMMU, June 30: A 22-year-old girl from Palampur in HP got a new lease of life after a complex kidney transplant at Ivy Hospital, Mohali recently.

Giving information during a press conference, Dr Raka Kaushal senior director nephrology at Ivy said that the girl was bed ridden, very weak with recurrent infections, unable to eat and was not doing well on dialysis.

She was a very high risk patient for kidney transplant & her survival chances were very blink. She underwent a successful kidney transplant and post-transplant she made remarkable recovery. She has gained weight and is now leading a normal life.

The girl, Radha (name changed) said," She had lost all hopes after her conditions deteriorated from bad to worse. It was very hard to face such a situation at a very young age. Luckily my family came to know about the treatment available at Ivy. Post transplantation, I am now leading a normal life with my life's dreams and aspirations like any other youngster in this age, which was a distant dream before I underwent kidney transplant."

Dr Avinash Srivastava senior director urology & renal transplant at Ivy said, "2.2 lakh new patients develop chronic kidney failure in our country every year and it is also the 6th fastest growing cause of death, which may change to become the 5th leading cause by 2040.

High blood pressure, diabetes, BPH, untreated kidney stones and UTI are the main reasons of kidney failure in India, he maintained

# **PG FOR GIRLS**

Secure/ Peaceful/ Comfortable

**FACILITIES AVAILABLE** 

AC & NON-AC ROOMS

24/7 ELECTRICITY

R.O. DRINKING WATER

24/7 WATER SUPPLY

Wi-Fi AVAILABLE

HYGIENIC FOOD

FOR ANY QUERIES CALL US @ 9596236182

**LIBRARY FACILITIES ALSO AVAILABLE** 

# CHESS LEARNING CENTRE

Join Our Chess Classes Today! Three Classes TIMINGS

a Week Contact Us:

Morning: 11 am to 12 pm Afternoon: 3 pm to 4 pm Phone/Whatsapp: 9103264178 Evening: 7 pm to 8 pm Email: learnchess.jammu@gmail.com Location: Canal Road opposite Dr. Rajesh Gupta (Ortho) Clinic

**Unlock Your Strategies:** 



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).