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#### BRIEFLY

#### **Arms. ammunition** recovered during search operation in Kupwara

SRINAGAR, Jul 2 (Agencies): Security forces on Tuesday recovered arms and ammunition during a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, police

Based on specific inputs from Kupwara Police, the search operation was launched by security forces in general area of Nangari Forest, Dardpora Kralpora, in the north Kashmir district, a police spokesman said.

He said a cache of arms, ammunition and explosives were recovered which included eight AK magazines, 445 live AK rounds, a pistol, three pistol magazines, 13 live pistol rounds and a hand gre-

#### **Govt forms** committee to promote Srinagar as 'Global Craft **Destination**'

SRINAGAR, Jul 2 (Agencies): In an effort to position Srinagar City as a premier global craft destination, the Industries & Commerce Department has constituted a dedicated committee that is tasked with partnering with renowned magazines like Conde Nast. Outlook Traveler, and Travel and Leisure to elevate the city's visibility as a craft hub.

The Committee will be chaired by Director Handicraft & Handloom Kashmir; while Director, Industries & Commerce, Kashmir; MD Handicrafts & Handloom Corporation; Deputy Secretary (N); Representative of DC Handicraft/Handloom will be its members.

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#### No revision: scrape Agniveer scheme: SSP

JAMMU, July 2: Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP) urged Union Government to scrape Agniveer Scheme at the earliest, as the scheme is not in interest of nation as well the youth

of country. There were violent reaction across the country, when scheme was rolled out in 2022 but government did not take any consideration and continue with the

Absorption of only 25 percent agniveer after 4 years of service, which includes 6 months of training, and no pension, medical facilities,

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# Amarnath yatra crosses 50k mark in 3 days, fresh batch of 6500 pilgrims left from Jammu

cies): Over 50,000 pilgrims from different parts of the country paid obeisance at holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji in first three days of the pilgrimage, which started from twin tracks of Baltal and Nunwan- Pahalgam on June 29.

Officials said that 23,437 pilgrims paid obeisance at holy cave by till evening. With this, the total

number of pilgrims visiting the 3888 metre high cave shrine in deep Himalayas during the last three days



since the yatra started on June 29 has reached

Meanwhile, a fresh batch of 6537 pilgrims left Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas base camp in Jammu to perform the pilgrimage of Barfani Baba. The pilgrims left the

cade of 261 early this morning. These included 5091 Men, 1102 Women, 19 Children, 301 Sadhus & 24 Sadhvies. Of these 2106 pilgrims left for Baltal at 3:05 AM and 4431 pilgrims for Pahalgam base camp at 3:50 AM. All these pilgrims have reached their respective base camps by this evening from where they will leave towards the holy cave early tomorrow morning under tight secu-

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## FIRs registered in five Districts of Jammu region under New Criminal Law BNS

JAMMU, Jul 2 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Police registered FIRs in five districts of the Jammu division under the new criminal law Bharativa Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) that came into force across the country on Monday, officials said.

Jammu Zone Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Anand Jain said the registration of the first FIRs under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) is a historic moment for the region.

"In a significant development, the first FIRs under the Bharativa Nyaya Sanhita has been successfully registered at the Model Police Stations in Doda and Reasi districts, besides Udhampur, Ramban, and Jammu districts in the Jammu division," a police spokesman

The first FIR, bearing number 170/2024, was registered at the police station in Doda. "The accident case has been registered under sections 281 (exhibiting fake mark) and 125 (wrongful confinement) of the BNS, marking a notable milestone in the

region's legal enforcement framework," he said.

An FIR has also been registered at Police Station Pouni in Reasi district for an accident case under sections 281 and 125(a) of the BNS, 2023, and an investigation has been initiated

Similarly, a case of assault was registered under section 115 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt) and 125 of the BNS. marking the first FIR registered in Police Station Udhampur under the new criminal law.

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#### Farmers successfully implement lift irrigation system in Kishtwar

JAMMU, Jul 2 (Agencies): Farmers from Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar have successfully commissioned a lift irrigation system on Sigdi-Chatroo river, in collaboration with district administration, that now supports their horticultural setups and hybrid walnut nurseries.

Farmers and orchard-

ists, led by Suneel Singh, a progressive orchardist from Gunderna-Tagood in Mughal Maidan tehsil, approached the district administration Kishtwar and sought technical and financial assistance to lift water from the Sigdi-Chatroo river to irrigate their orchards and hybrid walnut nurseries, an official said.

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## Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu gets J&K's first 'Milk Bank' worth Rs 47.20 lakh

JAMMU, Jul 2 (Agencies): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India has approved the setting up of J&K's first 'Milk Bank' i.e., Comprehensive Lactation Management Centre (CLMC) in the Maternity Hospital (MCH), Gandhi Nagar, Jammu at a cost of Rs 47.20 lakh under



National Health Mission (NHM).

As per a communiqué of Mission Director, Nation-

al Health Mission to the Government Medical College (GMC) Principal, the sanctioned amount of Rs 47.20 lakh comprises Rs 16.61 lakh for infrastructure creation and Rs 30. 59 lakh for equipment, furniture, supplies, consumables and maintenance cost for establish-

ment of 'Milk Bank." Turn to page 9

## 11 houses, 7 shops gutted in Anantnag Fire

SRINAGAR. Jul 2 (Agencies): At least 11 residential buildings and seven shops were gutted in a devastating fire that broke out at Mehman Mohalla in south Kashmir's Anantnag district overnight.

Fire and Emergency officials said that fire broke out during the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday around 2.50 am in a house at the congested residential cum commercial area of Mehman Mohalla and engulfed other nearby houses.

Eleven residential houses cum godowns and seven shops were gutted in the inferno, they

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#### **Motorcyclist dies** in Achabal road accident

ACHABAL, Jul 2 (Agencies): A motorcyclist lost his life on Tuesday morning after colliding with a boundary wall at Jogigund area of Achabal in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, an official

An official said that the motorcyclist lost control Turn to page 9

## Won't accept Delhi-like Statehood for JK, Cong Demands Judicial probe into It Must Mirror Pre-2019 Status: Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Jul 2 (Agencies): Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari urged the central government to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir before holding assembly elections here.

He emphasized that the statehood must be the same as it was before August 5, 2019. He stated



that Delhi-like statehood

will not be acceptable to

Apni Party. He reiterated his demand for the release of detainees and revocation of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the J&K. Mr Bukhari also called for reinstating the gazetted holiday on July 13, commemorating

the martyrs of 1931. Turn to page 9

# Vandalism at religious place in Reasi

JAMMU, Jul 2 (Agencies): The Congress' Jammu and Kashmir unit on Tuesday demanded a time-bound judicial inquiry to identify the culprits and expose their motive behind the recent incident of desecration at a religious place in Reasi district.

The religious place was found vandalised



by a visitor at a village in Dharmari area on Saturday evening, sparking

tension and protests. Over 15 suspected persons were detained by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of police as part of its investigation into the case.

Strongly condemning the incident, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) working president Raman Turn to page 9

**Monsoon covers** 

entire India 6

days ahead of

schedule: IMD

NEW DELHI, Jul 2

(Agencies): The southwest monsoon has cov-

ered the entire country six days ahead of the normal

date, the India Meteorological Department said

"The southwest mon-

soon has further advanced

into the remaining parts of

Rajasthan, Haryana and

Punjab today. Thus, it

covered the entire coun-

try on 2nd July 2024,

against the normal date

of July 8 (six days before

the normal date of cover-

ing the entire India)," the

IMD said in a statement.

The monsoon arrived in

Kerala and the northeast-

ern region on May 30, two

and six days earlier than

It progressed normally up to Maharashtra but

lost momentum, extend-

ing the wait for rains in

West Bengal, Odisha,

Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhat-

tisgarh, Madhya Pradesh,

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and Uttar Pradesh, and

usual.

on Tuesday.

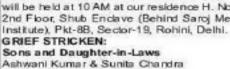


#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father, Shri Omkar Nath Chandra (Supdt. of Police, Retd.) S/O Late Pt. Damodar, originally from Habba Kadal, Srinagar, at present 50, New Mohinder Nagar, Indira Theatre Lane, Canal Road, Jammu on June 27, 2024 in Delhi.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held on July 6, 2024 at 9 am at Ghat Samaypur Badli Bridge (near Temple), Bawana Road, Sector -16 Rohini, De hi.

ASSEMBLY OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS will be held at 10 AM at our residence H. No: 16, 2nd Floor, Shub Enclave (Behind Saroj Medical Institute), Pkt-8B, Sector-19, Rohini, Delhi.





Shri Omkar Nath Chandra

Sh. Roshan Lal

Pandita

Dr Shiv Kumar & Veena Chandra Daughters and Son-in Laws

Vijay & Er SK Zadoo Dr Girja & Dr Sunil Sharma Sushma & Er Mukul Handoo

Grand children: Tania, Tanisha, Pranav, Palak, Mayank, Sheerin, Rishab, Nishad, Dr Shimul, Dr Vijul

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 Wo Lt N N Bhat (Sister) (Brother and Babhi)

Sh/ Smt. Chuni Lai 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 Piyush Ph no .70064 66855, 7006420823 and 8899983005

#### SHADMOS AND MASWAR

Six months have passed since you left us for your journey to heavenly abode. Our hearts still cannot accept that you are not with us anymore. Your memories are still fresh and we feel your presence everywhere.

You lived a noble, honest and graceful life and will always be remembered for your love, compassion, care and kindness for all. The void you left can never be filled. We know that your love and blessings will always shower on us. We pray to God to grant eternal peace to your noble soul.

Shadmos and Maswar of our beloved Makhan Lal Raina Karamyogi father Makhan Lal Raina of

Nowgam Anantnag will be performed on 02-07-2024 and 03-07-2024 at our residence H.No. 119 Near Amreshwar

Temple Govind Nagar Talab Tillo. Deeply Missed & Remembered By:

Raina Parivar, Daughters, Son-in-laws & All near and Dear Ones. Contact Nos: 9149484372, 9149850268, 9814621400, 9697794019, 9419253069

### 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 Mubarak Mandi Bazar Jammu.

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. Lalta Devi Sh. Surinder Singh & Late. Smt. Anita Bandral Daughters & Son-In-Law Smt. Savita Devi & Sh. Ashok Abrol

Smt. Chiteriekha & Sh. Ramesh 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 Jammu Ph. 9419198733, 9419192751, 7006580550.

#### 10TH DAY

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Smt. Ratno Devi Wd/o Lt. Sh. Tillo Ram R/o H.No. 2, New Basti, Bahu Fort, Jammu who left us on 24/06/2024. Tenth Day will be held on 03/07/2024 at Shri Guru Ravi Dass Mandir Shiekh Nagar, Bahu Fort, Jammu (NearPolice Station Bagh E Bahu). Satsang from 12.00 to 1.00 p.m

Langer Prasad from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m GRIEF STRIKEN

(Sons & Daughter in Laws) Sh. Rajinder Kumar & Smt. Shallu Gupta Sh. Rajesh Kumar & Sh. Rekha Devi

Sh. Manohar Lal & Smt. Rekha Rani Sh. Krishan Dutt & Smt. Asha Devi

Son-in-Laws & Daughters



Lt. Smt. Ratno Devi

(M) 9419139297, 7006909380

#### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Dr. Tej Kumar Bhat S/o Lt. Prem Nath Bhat and Kamlawati Bhat, original resident of 137 Narsingh Garh, Kashmir, at present F7/702, Supertech Ecovillage 1, Noida Ext.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 03rd of July 2024 at Chota Haridwar, Muradhagar, U.P at 9:30 AM.

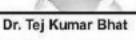
Grief Stricken:

Mrs. Sumitra Muju Bhat - Ph. 7780982208

Son and Daughter-in-law

Mr. Arun Bhat and Mrs. Preeti Trakroo- Ph. 9599040114 & 8491876003

Mr. Rohit (Son) - 9697301041 Muju's and Trakroo's



#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Tara Devi W/o Sh. Keshov Parkash R/o House No. 32, Sector-1, Channi Himmat on 23rd June, 2024.

The Tenth Day ceremony will be held on 2nd July from 10.00 AM onwards (Tuesday) at our residence. The Kriya will take place on 3rd July (Wednesday) at 12.00 Noon at our residence.

#### TARA HRIDYAM

A prayer meeting (Uthala)/Rasam Pagri will be conducted on 3rd July (Wednesday) from 5.00-6.00 PM at Panch Mandir, Sector-2, Channi Himmat.

IN MOURNING: Sh. Koshov Parkash (Husband) Rotd IAS (Son & Daughter-in-law)

Dr. Rahul Malpotra & Er. Rita Rehan Daughters & Sons-in-law Asha & Shakti Parkash Raji Malpotra & Jagjit Raj Aniu Sumbria & Er. Rajesh Sumbria Pammi Bhatti & Jyoti Bhatti

Grand Daughters & Grand Sons-in-law Naiya & Anuj Shetadri & Rajesh Lagshya & Rishabh Paras & Surbhi Abrol



SMT. TARA DEVI

Sh. Rup Kishen Bhan

Grand Children: Danish, Shardul, Dinkar, Adhyan, Medhavi, Aamyaa, Aayraa Great Grand Children: Atseysha & Devaj

#### OBITUARY AND TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and deep sorrow we inform the sad demise of Sh. Rup Kishen Bhan S/o Lt. Sh. Prem Nath Bhan of Bagh Jogi Lankar, Rainawari, Srinagar presently residing at 201, Ambica Vihar, Talab Tillo, Camp Road, Jammu on 29-06-2024.

The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 08/07/2024 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu at 8:30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Girja Bhan (Wife)

Daughter-in -law and Son Smt. Shivani Bhat W/o Sh. Ravi Bhan

Neha Bhan - Daughter

Bhabhi and Brother Smt. Kishni Bhan W/o Lt. Sh. C.L Bhan.

Smt. Sheela Bhan W/o Lt. Sh. R.N Bhan.

Smt. Nancy Bhan W/o Lt. Sh. K.L Bhan

Smt. Vijay Pandit W/o Sh. Yoj Raj Pandit- Sister and Brother in Law Contact Details: 9650796732, 9419792428, 7383954183, 9899032412

### 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

#### SAD 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 Guiral Talab Tiloo Jammu breathed her last on

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

Smt Rani Ji (Uma Shori)

#### TENTH DAY

untimely demise of our beloved father Sh. Romesh. Kuma (Meshi Shah) R.S. Pura Wale Slo Late Sh. Des Raj Rio H. No. 71, Sector-7, Trikuto Nagar, Jammu left us on 24th June 202 breternal journey to heavenly abode.

Tenth Day will be performed on 3rd July 2024 at Shiv Mandir Sec 5-7. Trikuta Nagar, Jammu from 11 am to 12 Noon. Deeply Remembered By : Smt. Shashi Vakii (Wife) Brothers & Bhabble Prof Jagdish Raj & Smt Kanchan Gupta Late Sh Kewal Krishan & Late Smt Nirmia Gupta

Late Sh Manchar Lal Gupta & Smt. Kanta Gupta Sister's & Brother's in law Late Smt Pushpa Devi & Late Sh Narsingh Dayal Smt Chanchia Gupta & Sh Virender Gupta

Son's & Daughter's in law Sh Ankush Gupta & Smt Rachiyta Gupta Sh Viktam Gupta & Smt Richa Gupta Daughter's & Son's in law

10th Day Kriya will be held on 4-07 2024 at Muthi Ghat from 8.30 am.

13th Day Kriya will be performed on 7-07-2024 at our residence Butta Nagar Paloura from 9 am onwards.

Vikas Rana and Nisha Rakwal

Vaidika Rana, Mimamsa Rana, Viaan Rana, Anaisha Rana Mob Nos: 9419257929, 9797664100, 7889839363



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





Raina

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

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Des Raj Anand (Retd ZEPO) R/o Bani (Kathua). TENTH DAY will be performed at our residence ward No 06 Near Bus Stand Bani on 3rd of July 2024 (Wednesday) at

10.00 AM. KRIYA will also be performed at our residence at Bani on 06th of July 2024 (Saturday) from 9.00 AM onwards. GRIEF STRICKEN

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Chander Kanta (Wife)
Daughters in Law and Sons
Smt Omesh & Sh. Manoj Anand
Smt Sand haye & Sh. Visha I Anand
Smt Roshi & Sh. Vinay Anand Daughters & Sons in Law Dr. Vipan & Sh. Ajay Gandotra Dr. Rekha & Sh. Preetam Rakwal



Sister in Law Smt Kamlesh Khanna

Brother in Law Sh. Subash Khanna Grand Daughters & Sons Samyla, Manya, Sumit and Navyukt MOBILE NO: 9906280808, 9906192469

TENTH DAY KRIYA WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW
WE REGRET TO INFORM THE DEMISE OF
OUR BELOVED MOTHER SMT
INDRAWATI KOUL WIFE OF LATE SH
MADHUSUDAN KOUL OF KHAH BAZAR
ANANTNAG/94 JAWAHIR NAGAR SRINAGAR AT PRESENT QTR NO. 6 ROLLER SHED OPPOSITE ST. PETER SCHOOL, B.
C. ROAD JAMMU, ON 25-06-2024.
TENTH DAY KRYA WILL BE PERFORMED
AT MUTHI GHAT, NEAR DIRECTORATE OF
SCHOOL EDUCATION, ON 4TH OF JULY
2024 THURSDAY AT 8.30 A.M...
GRIEF STRICKEN.

SRIEF STRICKEN : DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW MRS SANTOSH RAINA & SURESH RAINA- 6005747063

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 Ran Devi Pandita W/o Late Shridhar Joo Pandita originally resident of Hackcherpora Nagri Malpora Kupwara (Kashmir) at pres-ent HNo 33C Laxmi Vihar Lane 9 Tomal Bohri Jammu has left for heavenly abode on June 25 2024.

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

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 CHOUBARSI

Four years' have passed since you left us but your memories

are still with us forever. CHOUBARSI of our beloved Late Sh. Mahatam Singh

Manhas S/o Late Sh. Gulhear Singh Manhas will be per-LATE SH. MAHATAM

formed at our residence Shiv SINGH MANHAS

Vihar lower Muthi Lale-Da-Bagh at 12.00 Noon

Wednesday 3rd July 2024. Deeply Missed and Remembered by: All family members, relatives and friends

#### Contact No: 8054437500, 7006052993 **OBITUARY**

ed Mother, Mrs. Uma Raina, W/o ate Sh. Gopi Nath Raina left for her hear enly abode on 27th June, 2024. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Gaur Shankar Wandir, New Palam Vihar Gurgaon on 6th July 2024, at 8.00 am. Mourning at: Tower 9, 1801 Vipu 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, Shivani & Ishet, Rahul & Alka, Shikha & Rishi, Priyanka & Gunjan, Ankush, Shubdha & Abhishek, Kanika & Saurer Adhir & Rajshri, Shailja & Ashish, Ashim, Niyati, Drishti & Taaruk

#### FIFTH DAY

heart & Soul" With Profound grief & sorrow we regre to inform the sad and untimely demisof our beloved Smt. Sushma Gupta W/o Dr. Satpal Gupta who left for heav enly abode on 30/06/2024

Chandigarh FIFTH DAY will be observed at Shiv Mandir, Housing Colony, Udhampur or 03/07/24 at 11:00 am.

GRIFF STRICKEN: (Sister-in-law and Brother) Smt. Renu and Sh. Pawan Kumar Gupta - M:9419162004 (Sister) 6mt Vijay Gupta W/o Late Sh Bharat Bhushan Gupta - M: 9419162051

(Sister and Brother-in-law) Smt Karuna Kirti and Sh. Kaviraj Sharma - M:9419160565 lephews: Deepankar Gupta, Dr. Satyanker Gupta, Parush Gupta, Pratul Gupta, Priyanker Gupta, Kavya Sharma, Kavish Sharma

#### MASWAR & VAHARVAR

One year has passed since you attained Nirvana and your noble soul departed for heavenly abode.

Although you're no longer physically here with us, your love and memories still surround us and we hold you close in our thoughts and prayers.

MASWAR and VAHARVAR of our beloved mother Smt Uma Kaul W/o Late Shri Shyan Sunder Kaul (Warikoo) will be performed on 3rd & 4th, July 2024 respectively at our residence House No 1806, Sector-8 Faridabad-

121 006. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY KAUL PARIVAR. +91 9891302778 +91 9891961806



SMT. SUSHMA GUPTA

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Grief Stricken: Hans Raj Rana (Husband) Sons & Daughters in law Pankaj Rana and Vidya Devi

Grand Children



Sh Romesh Kumar

(Meshi Shah)

Chander Kanta

# **ICAI-J&K Branch celebrates CA Day**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: J&K Branch (NIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) celebrated the 75th CA Day.

The celebrations began with the members and students coming in huge number for the blood donation campaign, planting 75 trees at 75 locations to commemorate the 75 years of their Alma Mater and a free medical checkup was also organized by Narayana Hospital.

CA Sat Sharma, former Minister, also graced the event. JKICAI also visited Govt. Girls Higher Sec School, Bhagwati Nagar in association with Guru Nanak Langar Mission Trust to plant fruit trees. Further, the members and students participated in Run for Viksit Bharat to highlight the importance of good health.

In the evening, the branch held a seminar on Capital Markets at Royal Park, By Pass, Greater-Kailash, Jammu.

CA Vineet Kohli, Chairman of the J&K Branch, delivered a compelling welcome address at the event celebrating the 75th anniversary of ICAI's foundation.

His speech highlighted the Institute's remarkable journey, acknowledged the contributions of its members, and set a vision for the future

In his address, CA Vineet Kohli underscored the significant achievements of ICAI over the past 75 years.

"The ICAI has grown from a modest beginning to become the world's largest accounting body, with over 4 lakh members and a thriving student community of 9 lakh future chartered accountants. This

success story is a testament to our commitment to excellence, integrity, and professional standards," he stated.

He expressed particular pride in welcoming the newly qualified Chartered Accountants, encouraging them to continue upholding the legacy of professionalism and ethical practice that ICAI is known for.

A special note of gratitude was directed towards the past Chairmen of the J&K Branch.

"We stand on the strong foundation you have built, and we are deeply grateful for your contributions." said CA Kohli.In line with ICAI's "WE CARE" initiative, all past Chairmen were felicitated by the branch, recognizing their unwavering dedication and service.

CA Bharat Makkar, the guest speaker, enlightened the members with his insights on how an understanding of capital markets can transform our financial lives

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner of Jammu, as the Chief Guest.

In his address, Ramesh Kumar highlighted the pivotal role of Chartered Accountants in the financial sector and nationbuilding.

He emphasized the trust and legacy that the government places in ICAI and the significant responsibilities that rest on the shoulders of Chartered Accountants.

"Chartered Accountants play a crucial role in shaping the financial landscape and driving economic growth. The trust and expectations from the government towards ICAI are immense, and it is imperative that Chartered Accountants continue to uphold their professional integrity and contribute to nation-building," stated Ramesh Kumar.

In a gesture of recognition and encouragement, Ramesh Kumar, felicitated the newly qualified Chartered Accountantswhile some were given cash awards for their exceptional academic performance.

The event was also

graced by Dr. M Muthu Mathavan, Facility Director of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspecialist Hospital, Katra. Adding to the significance of the event, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ICAI and Narayana Hospital. This collaboration aims to provide enhanced healthcare benefits and support to ICAI members and their families, reflecting ICAI's commitment to the wellbeing of its community.

Dr Alka Sharma, was the anchor for the evening and engaged the CA members, CA students and their families with lots of fun activities. CA Sourav Pargal, Vice Chairman, presented the formal vote of thanks. CA Priya Seht, Secretary, CA Vikas Purdhani, Immediate Past President and CA Ayush Sawhney, Executive Member graced the event with their benign presence.

release of wages **Top News Report** 

UDHAMPUR, July 2: Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees and Workers Association convened a meeting at the PHE Complex in Udhampur, chaired by Vijay Kumar, Gen-

The meeting addressed several critical issues faced by the workers, highlighting grievances and urging action from

eral Secretary of District

Udhampur.

higher authorities: The association strongly criticized the prolonged delay in wages, with some workers not receiving payment for up to 60 months. They emphasized the severe hardship this has caused, pushing workers to the brink of starvation.

They demanded the immediate regularization of CP/ITI/Land Case Workers who have completed 7 years of service. They called for the completion of all pending formalities to ensure timely payment of wages and stability in livelihoods.

The association urged adherence to the Minimum Wages Act, advocating for a daily wage of

Rs. 311 for all workers, including regular and daily wage employees.

PHE workers demand

Highlighting critical shortages, they stressed the need to fill vacant positions promptly to ensure the smooth functioning of operations. They cited instances where inadequate staffing has led to the nonfunctional state of water supply schemes.

They criticized the current DPC process and called for it to be conducted at the divisional and provincial levels. They emphasized the need for more frequent DPC sessions to facilitate promotions within the Mechanical Division in Udhampur.

They demanded the expedited clearance of pending SRO 43 cases within the Chief Office.

They urged for the immediate release of pending wages owed to retired daily wage workers, as well as timely payment for current workers facing personal hardships such as illness or family events like weddings.

Vijay Kumar appealed to the UT Government to address these pressing issues promptly, warning of potential protests if grievances are not resolved.

Senior leaders including Suraj Parkash, Dinesh Kesar, Krishan Chand, Karan Singh, Shambu Nath, and Makhan Chand also voiced their support for the demands during the meeting.

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

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

For Divisional Railway Manager (P) Northern Railway/Firozpur SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

# NC shall bring special schemes and plans for weaker sections: Abdul Gani

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: The present government has completely failed to protect the rights of people as well as weaker sections of the society in the J&K.

This was stated by Abdul Gani Telli, Chairman JKNC OBC Cell, while addressing a day long workers meeting at Azad Nagar (Upper Gardigard) Jammu.

At the beginning of the meeting Ashraf Ali District Vice-president OBC Jammu who organised today's meeting, apprised senior party functionaries of the problems faced by people of areas which include non-availability of basic amenities like people of the areas are not able to pay high rise electricity bills, shortage of drinking water, and wants right to land law

for these poor peoples. Addressing workers meeting, Abdul Gani Telli said that the entire regions is facing great

challenges due to misgorance and anti people polices of the present administration.He expressed great disappointment against the J&K administration for its negative attitude towards the people and alleged that the present administration is not showing the least concern to address the pressing burning issues of this section of the society.

He observed that the poverty rate is increasing day by day in the J&K. He said that justice has denied to Backward classes in the state. The poor and Dalit people have been crunched socially and economically under the BJP regime due to which the future of backward communities are dark in Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

He stressed upon the need for stepping up efforts to ensure economic empowerment, besides emancipation of the weaker sections so that they can play their

useful role in the society. Ab Gani Telli asserted that the National Conference has always remained committed to protect the rights of OBC and weaker sections of the society in the past and shall continue to do

the same in future too. He asked the party workers to gear up for the upcoming Assembly elections as these could be announced any time

He urged the party cadre to conduct an outreach programmes in their respective areas and make them aware about how BJP has cheated them on the promises made by it in 2014 before going to elections. He asked them to reiterate to the community people the commitment of National Conference to protect the rights

of the people. He said that BJP's hollow slogans and promises made to people of weaker sections of the society have not been

fulfilled as the Saffron Party continues to remain busy in other Self centric

issues. They asked party cadre to work relentlessly as party's foot soldiers in their respective areas to strengthen National Conference at all levels.

In his address, they said that the tall claims made by the government with regard to unprecedented development in Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A has proved to be hoax but the reality is that the situation has gone from bad to worst.

They said general public is suffering on account of wrong policies of the gov-

Among those who were present include,DD Mehra, Sardar Aya Sungh, Sarpanch Davinder Singh, Gurdeep Singh, Jogindar Singh, Manohar Singh, Retd AEE Shashi Kumar, Kamal Kishore, Gandra Singh, Muzamil Malik and

#### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, REASI FOREST DIVISION, REASI

#### E-TENDERING

Short Term Tender Notice: e-NIT No. 08 of 2024-25 dated 28-06-2024

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (two cover system) are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. /Central Govt. Organizations for the following work:

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NOTE:- Plants/Sapling will be provided departmentally.

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities,(B.O.Q), Set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in

Position of funds: Budgeted

Bid (online)	(in the Office of Divisional Forest Officer, REASI).
Date of opening of Financial	08.07.2024 at 11.30 PM
Bid	(in the Office of Divisional Forest Officer, REASI).
Date of opening of Technical	08.07.2024 at 11.00 AM
Bid submission End Date	07.06.2024 (6.00 PM)
Bid Submission Start Date	28.06-2024 from 05.00 P.M
Download Start Date	28.06.2024 from 05.00 P.M
Publishing Date	28-06.2024

The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened on 08-07-2024 at 11:30 A.M in the Office of Divisional Forest office Reasi. In case of date of opening of the bid being public holiday, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. No. DFO/RFD/1607-11

Dated: 28-06-2024 DIP/J-2154/24 **Divisional Forest Officer** REASI Forest Division REASI

# LG Leh inaugurates poster exhibition, rollout of New Criminal Laws in UT Ladakh

**Top News Report** 

LEH, July 2: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) inaugurated the poster exhibition along with the rollout of three New Criminal Laws in UT of Ladakh organised by Ladakh Police. at the Eco-Park in Leh market.

Three new criminal laws came into effect on July 1, 2024: the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), which will replace the British-era Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 respectively.

Commending personnel of Ladakh Police led by ADGP Ladakh Dr SD Singh Jamwal for organising the event, the LG stated that these three new criminal laws have been introduced for the

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU. July 2: In an event orga-

nized by Maa Bawe Wali Records,

MD Sahil Mahajan, on Tuesday,

singer and composer Happy Rahi

was honored and awarded in the

Happy Rahi expressed gratitude

to everyone present for acknowl-

edging his contributions and efforts,

Singer/Composer category.

zens of India

He stated that new leadership and resolve were needed to replace the criminal laws introduced by the British colonial rulers. He also stated that this was only possible under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Nar-

tion is one of the ways to ensure the success of these three new criminal laws, the HLG highlighted the need to avoid people operating these technologies to ensure that the citizens of India have access to the benefits of

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Seeking cooperation from the people of Ladakh to make Ladakh a Corruption and Delay-Free region, the LG stated that the Ladakhi people should become more alert and aware while the government officials should clear the files at the earli-

He also stated that the

three new criminal laws have been introduced to reduce the gap between the establishment and the people on the other side

of the establishment. The LG unveiled books on the three criminal laws and also distributed tablets among the Investigating Officers from Ladakh

Police.

Advisor to the LG, Dr Pawan Kotwal, highlighted the advantages of three criminal laws. including Zero FIR, registration of police complaints online, summons through electronic modes and mandatory videography of crime scenes of all heinous crimes, etc. He also highlighted about the engagement of Forensic Science students who underwent training in Delhi to tackle forensicsrelated exercises for strengthening Forensics along with the Prosecution wings in UT Ladakh.

Law Officer at PHQ Leh, Saira Parveen, spoke about the major changes introduced in the three new criminal laws.

ADGP Ladakh, Dr SD Singh Jamwal, welcomed the guests to the event.

Earlier, the LG along with the guests visited the stalls where he was informed about the implementation of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS) and also informed about the Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) and FSL Ladakh- technology for Forensic Science, etc.

Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chosphel; former Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; elected members; administrative secretaries; representatives from religious, political institutions; officials from Law Department, Police Department; head of departments (HODs); government officials and students were present during the event.

Team Maa Bawe Wali Records felicitates singer Happy Rahi

through his work with Maa Bawe Wali Records. Happy Rahi emphasized the significance of recognizing talent, stating that such recognition serves as motivation to continue striving for excellence and making meaningful contributions to society. He expressed heartfelt thanks to all

particularly in representing Jammu and bringing pride to the region those who have supported him in his journey.

The event was a celebration of Happy Rahi's achievements in the music industry, highlighting his dedication and impact on the local community. It underscored the importance of fostering talent and providing platforms for artists to showcase their abilities and inspire others

# **EDITORIAL**

# **GLOBAL RELEVANCE**

nity in diversity is a concept that emphasizes the existence of unity even amidst the presence of diversity in society. It is a term that underscores the coexistence of different cultures, religions, ethnicities, and beliefs within a single political entity, community, or organization. This concept is particularly relevant in the context of nations like India, which are characterized by a rich tapestry of cultural, linguistic, and religious diversity.

The idea of unity in diversity has deep historical roots and has been celebrated in various cultures throughout history. In ancient India, for example, the concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family) encapsulates the spirit of universal brotherhood and unity across diversity. This ethos is echoed in other civilizations as well, where diverse communities have coexisted and contributed to the cultural mosaic of societies.

India serves as a prime example of unity in diversity. It is home to a myriad of languages, religions (including Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism, Jainism, and others), cultures, traditions, and beliefs. Despite this diversity. India maintains a strong sense of national unity, bolstered by shared values, democratic ideals, and a common identity as Indians.

Unity in diversity promotes pluralism, which acknowledges and respects differences while fostering a sense of belonging and inclusivity. Pluralistic societies recognize the inherent dignity and rights of every individual and encourage mutual understanding and cooperation among diverse groups. This approach not only strengthens social cohesion but also enhances resilience against conflicts arising from ethnic or cultural differences.

Diversity enriches societies in numerous ways. It stimulates creativity and innovation by bringing together different perspectives and ideas. Cultural diversity also enhances the richness of art, music, literature, cuisine, and other cultural expressions. Moreover, diverse communities contribute to economic vitality through their unique skills, knowledge, and entrepreneurial endeavors.

Despite its advantages, achieving unity in diversity requires addressing challenges such as prejudice, discrimination, and inequalities. These issues can undermine social harmony and inhibit the full realization of individual potential within diverse societies. Therefore, efforts to promote tolerance, respect for human rights, and equal opportunities for all are essential in fostering harmonious coexis-

Education plays a crucial role in promoting unity in diversity by fostering understanding, empathy, and appreciation for different cultures and perspectives. Schools, universities, and community organizations can promote intercultural dialogue, cultural exchanges, and initiatives that celebrate diversity. By equipping individuals with knowledge and skills to navigate diverse environments, education helps build bridges across cultural divides.

Government policies and initiatives also play a pivotal role in fostering unity in diversity. Policies that promote social inclusion, protect minority rights, and address socio-economic disparities contribute to creating equitable and cohesive societies. Political leaders and institutions have a responsibility to uphold democratic principles, promote social justice, and ensure that all citizens have a voice in shaping their communities.

The concept of unity in diversity is not limited to specific regions or countries but resonates globally. In an increasingly interconnected world, diversity is celebrated as a source of strength and resilience. International organizations and initiatives promote intercultural dialogue, global citizenship, and cooperation among nations to address common challenges such as climate change, poverty, and global health crises.

Unity in diversity is a powerful ideal that celebrates the richness of human experience and the collective strength derived from embracing differences. It underscores the importance of respecting and valuing diversity as a cornerstone of peaceful coexistence and sustainable development. By nurturing inclusive societies that uphold human dignity and equality, we can harness the full potential of diversity to build a more just, compassionate, and prosperous world for future generations.

#### If India claims US report is 'biased', why not counter it, not just criticise?

By: Aakar Patel

n Friday, June 28, India's external affairs ministry put out a strong statement against a report from the United States state department on religious freedom in India. Our statement said that "as in the past, the report is deeply biased, lacks understanding of India's social fabric and is visibly driven by vote bank considerations and a prescriptive outlook. We therefore reject it".

Our statement further went on to attack the primary report on which the US state department was basing its observations. We said that this primary report was "a mix of imputations, misrepresentations, selective usage of facts, reliance on biased sources and a one-sided projection of issues".

There are a couple of hundred words added to this which talk about our laws and our sovereignty, but sadly do not address the specific accusations that the US state department has made. What were these?

America's secretary of state Antony Blinken said these two things: "In India, for example, Christian communities reported that the local police aided mobs that disrupted worship services over accusations of conversion activities or stood by while mobs attacked them and then arrested the victims on conversion charges." He added: "In India, we see a concerning increase in anti-conversion laws, hate speech, demolitions of homes and places of worship for

members of minority faith communities."

This is a fact. We cannot both be proud of the BJP's bulldozer culture and disown it. It would have been appropriate for us to have addressed these things specifically, but we chose not to. Instead, we ended our statement with the words that "in 2023, India has officially taken up numerous cases in the US of hate crimes, racial attacks on Indian nationals and other minorities, vandalisation and targeting of places of worship, violence and mistreatment by law enforcement authorities". We will come to this later, but first let us understand what this US report is that has India upset.

It is an annual report put out by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF). It claims to be an independent and bipartisan (meaning comprising both Democratic and Republican members) US federal (or central) government entity.

For the last five years, every year, it has been recommending sanctions against Indian leaders and institutions. Each year, the US federal government, first under Donald Trump and then under Joe Biden, has been avoiding imposing sanctions.

If readers remember the US visa ban on Narendra Modi (then chief minister of Gujarat) 20 years ago, it was because he was put on the USCIRF sanctions list and the then President (George W. Bush) had enforced the sanctions against Mr Modi for the Gujarat pogrom.

Their 2020 report says: "India

took a sharp downward turn in 2019. The national government used its strengthened parliamentary majority to institute nationallevel policies violating religious freedom across India, especially for Muslims." Our external affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar's response was to say that the USCIRF was "biased and its tendentious comments against India are not new".

Last year, after India for the fourth year running made it to the list of nations persecuting minorities, our foreign ministry said the report was "biased and inaccurate" and reflected a "severe lack of understanding of India and its constitutional framework, its plurality and its democratic ethos".

This is inaccurate. I have engaged with the USCIRF and find them to be extremely knowledgeable about

See this note by one of the USCIRF commissioners, Johnnie Moore, in the 2021 report. He writes: "I love India. I have floated early in the morning down the Ganges in Varanasi, walked every alley in Old Delhi, stood in awe of the architecture in Agra, sipped tea next to the Dalai Lama's temple in Dharamsala, circled the shrine in Ajmer, and looked in awe at the Golden Temple. All along the way, I have met Christian brothers and sisters who serve the poor selflessly, often in difficult circumstances. Of all the countries in the world, India should not be a country of particular concern. It is the world's largest democracy and it is governed by a pristine Constitution. It is diversity personified and its religious life has been its greatest historic blessing. Yet, India does seem to be at a crossroads. Its democracy -- still young and freewheeling -- is creating through the ballot box difficult challenges for itself. The answer, of course, is for India's institutions to draw upon their rich history to protect their values. India must always resist allowing political and inter-communal conflict to exacerbated by religious tensions. India's government and people have everything to gain and absolutely nothing to lose from preserving social harmony and protecting the rights of everyone. India can. India must."

These are the people whose views we are dismissing and calling biased. Even if we are to assume that the USCIRF is biased as Mr Jaishankar and the external affairs ministry claim, this is not relevant. What they say is relevant. Is it true that Indian minorities are being persecuted by law and policy under the BJP? The answer is obvious to anyone who opens a newspaper and switches on their television set.

Our response threatening to take up violations in the United States against their minorities is welcome. As a democracy which says it respects human rights, it is our obligation to point out flaws in other nations, especially in our friends. However, this should be a deep exercise, such as the one the USCIRF conducts, and not as a throwaway statement in angry response to well-founded and accurate accusations against us.

### The churn in the global liberal order

By: KC Singh (Former Ambassador and Ex-Secretary, MEA)

HE Lok Sabha elections have set the stage for a series of critical elections globally. The Iranian presidential election was held on June 24 to find a successor to President Ebrahim Raisi, who was killed in a helicopter crash in May. With none of the candidates getting at least 50 per cent of the votes, there will be a run-off between the top two contenders.

In France, after his party's rout in the European parliamentary elections, President Emmanuel Macron ordered a domestic parliamentary election. Huge gains by the far-right National Rally party of Marine Le Pen are being projected. The two-phase polls will end on July 7.

The UK is also poll-bound after Indian-origin Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak ordered early parliamentary elections. A massive win for the Labour Party after 14-year Tory rule is foreseen, with Keir Starmer tipped to be the PM.

The most significant election is of the US President in November. The opening debate between President Joe Biden and his predecessor Donald Trump was held by CNN on June 27. An incoherent and defensive Biden faced a glib and dissimulating Trump. They sparred over the economy, immigration, abortion and the Ukraine and Gaza wars.

This churn in established democracies, the ascendancy of far-right parties in Europe, the possibility of Trump's reelection and Iran throwing up another conservative President raise questions about the state of the liberal democratic order. In 1989, Francis Fukuyama wrote in The National Interest that the world faced the 'end of history'.

He later explained that with the Berlin Wall's fall in November 9, 1989, change appeared inevitable in the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact nations. The Western model of a liberal democratic state tied to the market economy appeared universally acceptable.

However, liberal democracies across all continents appear challenged today. Public disillusionment is being shaped by globalisation's inequitable benefits and immigration-induced xenophobia, feeding the rise of far-right parties. In India, populist and majoritarian politics has been moulded by bigotry and jingoism.

The scenario is complicated by the wars in Ukraine and Gaza. The Indian poll results brought relief to the G7 nations. The democratic recession in India and the repressive use of agencies against the Opposition have elicited criticism from the Western media and even by parliamentarians. But the lure of Indian markets and the Indian role as a counterweight to China compelled foreign leaders to hold their noses and engage India transactionally. The BJP's loss of parliamentary majority and dependence on allies, at least theoretically, is expected to restore constitutionalism. But the ruling party's initial moves, like the renomination of Om Birla as the Speaker despite his poor record, has dampened hopes.

President Biden is in the damage-control mode after his disastrous performance in the debate with Trump. The Iran-China-Russia axis would have observed this as well as the increased possibility of Trump's return. Russian President Vladimir Putin would take solace in Trump reiterating his ability to end the Ukraine war quickly. That implies acceptance of the status quo by Ukraine. European Union (EU) states would also brace for turbulent trade and strategic ties with a Trump-led

There is speculation that if French President Macron's gamble goes awry, he may resign. Le Pen has moderated her party's stand on some issues, compared to her more radically right-wing father's views. She is even endorsing military support to Ukraine. However, her party remains sceptical about the benefits of the EU. After the Brexit blow by Britain in February 2020, another exit or even a debate about it would weaken

the group. The Conservative Party is projected to lose the July 4 British parliamentary elections. If elected, the Labour Party will inherit a weak economy and post-Brexit disillusionment. But its leader Keir Starmer has moved the party to the political centre, like Tony Blair in the 1990s. Labour has announced a 'free to go' for a Free Trade Agreement with India. It advocates 'progressive realism' in foreign policy. It seeks a new geopolitical partnership with the EU and an increase of the defence budget by 2.5 per cent, besides strengthened nuclear deterrence. It recalls that it was Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin in the post-World War II Labour government of Clement Attlee who helped create NATO and Britain's nuclear deterrence. In the Iranian presidential election, the sole reformist candidate, approved by the Guardian's Council, is Masoud Pezeshparliament.

Pezeshkian's candidature is being attributed to Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei's worry over mere 48 per cent voting in 2021, when late President Raisi had won the election. The Iranian voters may be denied a real choice with politically vetted candidates, but they can express their disapproval of the Islamic regime by avoiding voting. The elected President's legitimacy is more crucial than ever before due to the economic stress faced by the people due to Western sanctions. Huge crowds at polling booths late in the evening indicated revived public interest in the political contest.

Pezeshkian led in the first round, with Jalili second. In the runoff, the third candidate's votes will shift to Jalili because both are supported by conservatives. The same happened in the 2005 presidential election when Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was trailing in the first round and then won in the second one as the conservative votes consolidated. Iranian people can sometimes surprise the Islamic regime by voting for reform.

Even Fukuyama would concede that three-and-a-half decades after his 'end of history' pronouncement, the global liberal order is challenged by a realignment of some of the old players. Instead of the Soviet Union, it is the China-Russia-Iran axis and North Korea now. India is still doing a balancing act between the two sides in a neo-Cold War, as demonstrated by PM Modi's upcoming visit to Russia. The difference is that maintaining equidistance is more difficult as China, which is inimical to India's rise, is coleading one side. The BJP must register the June 4 message of the people. India's enemies are abroad, not at home.

kian. He was the health minister in the government of reformist President Mohammad Khatami (1997-2005). Opposing him are conservative politicians Saeed Jalili, a former nuclear negotiator, and Mohammad Bagher

Ghalibaf, Speaker of the Iranian

# Police organises awareness programme on new criminal laws in Bhaderwah

**Top News Report** 

BHADERWAH, July 2: Jammu and Kashmir Police Department organised awareness programme in the premises of Community Hall Bhaderwah on three new criminal laws Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam which will replace the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence

Additional Supdtt of Police Vinod Sharma was Chief Guest where as SDPO Bhaderwah Dr Waseem, Station House Officer Sandeep Parihar, Advocate Mohd Majid Malik and PSI Rahul was resource persons on the occasion where educationist Arif Rana Bhaderwah was stage secretary.

Advocate Mohd Majid Malik, Panel Lawyer District Legal Services Authority said the new laws will allow any person to file a Zero FIR at any police station, regardless of jurisdiction; it will permit online registration of police complaints and

mons.

He said that it's a historic Day in the Indian Criminal Justice System as new Criminal Laws came into force today and expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister

electronic serving of sum-

Amit Shah for bringing the much-needed reforms in the Criminal Justice System of the country.

Panel Lawyer DLSA said the commencement of 3 new laws- 'Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita', 'Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita' and 'Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam'-breaks the centuries-old shackles of colonial legacy.

Advocate Mohd Majid Malik said new laws make videography of crime scenes mandatory for all heinous crimes. Summonses can be served electronically, expediting the legal processes and said the change was made to ensure "speedy justice and justice to all ".

Proper implementation of these laws will require training and forensic teams, whose visits have been made mandatory for offences carrying a sentence of seven years or more, he said.

"The new laws will

ensure justice and equality for all, moving away from the repressive colonial framework. The reforms, rooted in the principles of liberty and fraternity, are a testament to our commitment to protect the vulnerable and ensure justice for all," Advocate Mohd Majid

Malik said.

He also informed that new provisions have been made in view of emerging crimes like gang rapes, killing by mobs, false promise of marriage and others.

"This will increase the demand for forensic experts across the country, which the NFSU (National Forensic Science University) will cater to, he informed and added that swift Judicial Processes: Strict timelines for delivering trial judgments within 45 days and framing charges within 60 days emphasize timely justice delivery, Adv Majid Malik informed

## Inner Wheel Club New Gen Jammu celebrates Doctor's Day



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: President Manpreet Gandhi, Secretary Ritu Sharma, and the lady members of Inner Wheel Club New Gen Jammu, hosted an event at Amar Singh Club, Jammu, to celebrate Doctor's Day and recognize the invaluable contributions of medical professionals.

The event honored several distinguished doctors including gynecologists Dr. Amandeep Anand, Dr. Manjushah Bajaj, Dr.

Arunima, Dr. Poonam, as well as registrars Dr. Nasreen and Dr. Taranjot, and physiotherapist Dr. Nidhi.

The evening began with the recitation of the IWC prayer, setting a respectful tone for the proceedings. Each doctor presented insightful lectures focusing on everyday lifestyle and fitness, highlighting their dedication to enhancing public health.

Acknowledging the pivotal role of doctors in healing and maintaining physical well-being, the event

featured a ceremony where doctors were honored and presented with trophies adorned with the Inner Wheel Club logo.

A heartfelt vote of thanks concluded the formalities, expressing gratitude to all participants and organizers for their efforts.

The event concluded with a convivial atmosphere as refreshments were served, fostering camaraderie and appreciation among all attendees for the selfless service of doctors in our society.

## NGO Anti Crime Bureau felicitates BMO Bishnah, doctors on Doctor's Day



**Top News Report** 

BISHNAH, July 2: NGO, Anti Crime Bureau on Tuesday under the supervision of its Chairman Sham Lal Gupta honoured Block Medical Officer (BMO) Bishnah and their Doctors on a Special Ceremony today to Mark Doctor's Day.

Sham Lal Gupta along with DDC Member Bishnah Dharminder Kumar, BDC Chairman Surjeet Kumar, ASI Naresh Digra, BJP Sr Leader Prem Pal Sharma and Corporator Sahil Gupta honoured the doctors by

presenting them Mata ki Chunri and memento as a mark of respect.

Gupta appreciated the role of doctors in hospital and told that they are serving their best in Bishnah Hospital.

DDC Member Dharminder Kumar hailed step of NGO Anti Crime Bureau for appreciating the good works of doctors.

Gupta said, BMO Dr. Shameem, is a dedicated and exemplary officer, has been serving the community with distinction and commitment.

Dr. Shameem

expressed his gratitude for the recognition and reiterated his commitment to continue serving the community with the same passion and dedication and appreciation.

Many doctors including Dr Rajeev, Dr Sattaf, Surjeet Kumar and others were honoured in the program. Gupta along with Principal Prem Nath, Panch Sidhu NGO Members Rakesh Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Abishek Sharma, Rohit Kumar, Tushar Digra, Ayan, Akshay Rajput and others were present in the program.

## Dr Pawan Kotwal chairs 4th Union Territory Level Security Committee Meeting

**Top News Report** 

LEH, July 2: The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal chaired the 4th meeting of the Union Territory Level Security Committee (UTLSC) for the UT of Ladakh and under the aegis of Regional Director of the Reserve Bank of India, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh Chandrashekhar Azad, at Leh.

Dr Pawan Kotwal impressed upon the safety of treasure, and security of bank branches, and ATMs and ensured full support from the government/police

authorities in the matter.
Regional Director of
RBI Chandrashekhar
Azad highlighted that
within the overarching
objectives of the Clean
Note Policy, it is obligatory on the part of RBI to
ensure the adequate and
timely supply of clean
notes even to the remot-

est parts of Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by ADGP, Ladakh, Dr S.D. Singh Jamwal; Security Advisor, RBI, Prabhat Ranjan, IPS (Retd); General Manager, DCM, RBI, G.J. Raju, along with the senior officials of Government departments, banks, and Reserve Bank of India, Jammu.

### GHRT India NGO celebrates three years of impactful service in Pan India

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 2: GHRT India, a prominent non-governmental organization dedicated to electronic waste management, health, education and promoting education among underprivileged children, announced its three-year anniversary.

Since its inception in 2021, GHRT India has been steadfast in its commitment to Different sectors like providing quality education, environmental issues, healthcare, and empowerment programs.

In the past three years, GHRT India has successfully make a milestone achievement. These efforts have positively impacted downtrodden section and thousands of families, children, women

across India.

To commemorate this milestone, GHRT India will be hosting a celebratory event on 1st July 2024 at Aurangabad Maharashtra, Jaipur Rajasthan, Jammu India.

"Our journey has been marked by determination, compassion, and the unwavering support of our volunteers, donors, and community partners," said by Dr HR Rehman chairman GHRT, India.

"We are immensely proud of what GHRT India has achieved in these three years," said by Parmjeet Singh Secretary GHRT India.

GHRT India extended heartfelt gratitude to all supporters who have contributed to its success and invites the community to join in celebrating this significant milestone.

# AAP seeks ban on ED or CBI intervention six months before elections

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: The AAP expressed concern over what they perceive as unfair targeting of opposition leaders through the use of investigative agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) close to elections. This was stated by AAP Senior leaders Deep Singh, Founder & National Council Member, Maj General Retd, R.S. Jamwal,. Farooq Ahmed Banday, R.S. Chauhan, Sakinder Azam, Retd Session Judge, Nirmal Mahna, Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Amit Langer, S.S. Jamwal, Agya Kour, Ram Pal Khajuria, Romesh Lal Bhagat, Adv. Arvind Bhandral, Adv. Dalvinder Kumar Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, Ashni Matoo, S.Ranjodh Singh, G.N. Khan, Sandeep Parihar

and Sham Lal Thakur.
They alleged that these interventions amount to character assassination and are politically motivated.

AAP proposed a ban on ED or CBI interventions at least six months prior to elections. They argued that such interventions are used by the ruling party to divert attention from crucial socio-economic issues affecting the masses, such as price rise, unemployment, and economic devaluation.

By proposing this ban, AAP aims to ensure free, fair, and fearless elections in India, emphasizing transparency in the electoral process.

The party criticized the BJP-led government for allegedly misusing democratic institutions for political gains.

They highlighted instances where opposition leaders, including Arvind Kejriwal (CM of Delhi), Hemant Soren (Acting CM of Jharkhand), and Manish Sisodia (Deputy CM of Delhi), have faced allegations and investigations during election periods.

AAP claimed these actions tarnish the democratic values and integrity of elections in India.

AAP accused the BJP government of centralizing power under Prime Minister Modi, consolidating multiple ministerial roles into one individual's control.

They argued that this concentration of power undermines democratic principles and account-

The party criticized

the BJP for failing to fulfill electoral promises, including the promise of economic prosperity, job creation, corruption eradication, and agricultural reforms. They pointed out economic setbacks, agrarian distress, and failures in delivering on promises like doubling farmers' income and creating jobs.

AAP accused the BJP of hypocrisy, alleging misuse of public funds for political purposes while shielding their own leaders from corruption allegations

gations.

They criticized the BJP's anti-corruption rhetoric, claiming that leaders under scrutiny for corruption are shielded by the government.

The press statement concluded with an appeal to the Chief Justice of India to take suo moto action to ensure cleanliness, transparency, and fearlessness in Indian elections.

AAP believes that judicial intervention is necessary to safeguard democratic processes and prevent the misuse of investigative agencies for political gains.

# NueGo strengthens eco-friendly travel, launches new routes in Tamil Nadu

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 2: Green-Cell Mobility's NueGo, a pioneer in sustainable mass mobility solutions, continues to revolutionise India's transportation landscape. The brand is delighted to announce a significant expansion of its electric intercity bus operations.

The newly launched

routes across Tamil
Nadu includes Pondicherry <-> Trichy,
Chennai <-> Trichy, and
Coimbatore <-> Trichy.
In response to increasing demand for ecofriendly and comfortable
travel options. Nue Go

in response to increasing demand for ecofriendly and comfortable travel options, NueGo now serves over 100 cities and multiple routes across India, reaffirming its leadership in intercity travel.

Devndra Chawla, MD & CEO of GreenCell Mobility, said, "We are thrilled to introduce these new routes in Tamil Nadu, connecting key cities such as Pondicherry, Chennai, and Coimbatore with Trichy. Our new routes in Tamil Nadu represent a strategic milestone for NueGo, aligning with our commitment to sustain-



NueGo, which was founded in 2022, has rapidly grown its network across India, providing eco-friendly intercity travel via its all-electric bus fleet. The brand is synonymous with accessibility, customer happiness, and a commitment to sustainable mobility

solutions.

NueGo is known for its emphasis on accessibility and customer satisfaction. Positioned as the preferred choice for safe and sustain-

able travel, NueGo sets high standards with an array of safety features. These include robust measures such as CCTV surveillance, driver breath analysers, driver monitoring systems, and speed limit checks. NueGo's coaches undergo 25 meticulous safety checks covering both mechanical and electrical inspections, ensuring utmost safety, especially for female passengers seeking a secure journey. With the launch of these new routes, NueGo continues to lead the way in sustainable transportation, offering more options for ecoconscious travellers and contributing to a greener

future for India.

# ABVP CUJ submits memorandum to CoE, demands to declare End Semester exam results

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Central University of Jammu (CUJ) unit on Tuesday submited memorandum to Controller of Examinations Prof Suram Singh regarding delay in End-Semester

ABVP CUJ unit President Manoj Verma said that endsemester exams in the university are conducted in the month of May and the deadline fixed for declaration of results by university is 03 June. But more than one month has passed and still results have not been declared.

ABVP CUJ unit Secretary Abhishek Choudhary said students are facing difficulties in their admission process of PG & PhD courses as it is a requirement of many universities to submit the final semester results before admission.

# DIG DKR appeals people to participate in awareness programs to make implementation of new laws



**Top News Report** 

RAMBAN, July 2: On the date of commencement of the three new criminal laws, i.e 1st July 2024, a programme was organized at DPO Ramban which was for virtually addressed by LG JKUT Manoj Sinha on implementation of the New Laws from PHQ Auditorium, Srinagar.

while addressing to the people through media, Dy. Inspector General of Police, DKR Range Shridhar Patil highlighted the importance of understanding the three new criminal laws, the Bharatiya Nyaya San-

On this occasion

ya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita - BNSS and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam - BSA which will replace the IPC-1860, Cr.PC-1898 and IEA-1872 respectively.

hita - BNS, the Bharati-

DIG said that due to complex procedures, large pendency of cases in courts, low conviction rate, insufficient use of technology in legal system, delays in investigation system were the biggest hurdles in speedy delivery of justice.

The new laws are a paradigm shift in criminal justice system by including gender inclusivity, protection for victims,

expediting the justice system, use of technology, timelines for multiple aspects and speedy trials for petty crimes.

DIG said that special teams were made to train the staff with new laws, number of training programmes were conducted with study and reference materials shared with all the officers at the field. Besides this, some software applications have also been made for easy understanding of IOs as well as general public.

He requested people to gain knowledge of these laws through awareness programs to reap its benefits

# Guneet Monga's cinematic union with Karan Johar may not be a match made in heaven, but the byproduct, Kill, gets us excited, especially after meeting its cast — Lakshya Lalwani, Raghav Juyal and Tanya Maniktala — at the Chandigarh premiere

Ever since the announcement of the strategic marriage of Karan Johar's Dharma Productions and Guneet Monga's Sikhya Entertainment to dish out entertaining content, people have been excited. While very few had the opportunity to view their first film in partnership, Kill, during its premier at Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in September, 2023, it's now releasing in theatres in India on July 5.

Hailed at TIFF, it went on to win first runner-up for People's Choice Award: Midnight Madness, which only added to the buzz surrounding the film. It's also the first Hindi film for which Hollywood studio purchased the distribution rights in US and United Kingdom. As the lead star-cast of Kill — Lakshya Lalwani, Raghav Juyal and Tanya Maniktala — landed in Chandigarh for the film's premiere ahead of theatrical release, they called working in the film as a golden opportunity, especially when three big names — Dharma, Sikhya and Lionsgate Studios — were associated with it.

Young guns

Dressed in black, the three young and dashing actors were in sync, wearing matching t-shirts with the word kill inscribed on them in Hindi. Lalwani and Tanya play the love birds, Amrit and Tulika, respectively. While travelling in train, an unfortunate run-in with bandits, led by Fani (played by Raghav Juyal), and threat to Tulika's life, makes Amrit unleash havoc! Lalwani has transformed physically and trained in martial arts for nine months to essay a NSG officer. He shared, "I have done six years of television and consciously took a sabbatical to do films. In between I got an opportunity to do Dostana 2, but it didn't go well and then another film that I had signed got shelved. So, when I got Kill, there was no option but to work hard. The reaction of the crowd in Chandigarh has been amazing."

Apart from Hollywood-level stunt choreography, the angry face of



Lalwani in the film has been greatly appreciated. He said, "I have been working for the past 10 years in Mumbai. Life has not been entirely fair to me, but that's the case with every other person. So the anger keeps on increasing and when you get the chance to let out through a right medium, you do it."

The way up
About the three big collaborators, Raghav added, "It's a huge

thing for me. I had travelled in a train from a village in Uttarakhand to work in Mumbai with very little money. I worked really hard, did many odd jobs to survive. I came to here to become a dancer, but everything that I am getting is a bonus for me."

As for Tanya, she shared, "Our writer-director, Nikhil Nagesh Bhat, faced a similar incident in his life and the story is based on it."

For Raghav, the transformation for his character, Fani, was challenging in a different way. "More than physical transformation that many have witnessed in the trailer, it's the psychological journey to become an unpredictable bandit like Fani that was challenging. It took me around two months to catch the rhythm of my character."

Raghav had no qualms about playing a negative character at such an initial stage of his career. Answering in Punjabi, he said, "Mainu bahut changa lagda haiga negative character karna (I really love to do grey shade characters). It's because you get a lot of things. It's not a straight line, there's a lot of space to work around."

Word of advice

From a reality show participant to the host of a dance reality show to an actor, Raghav's journey has been phenomenal. As for budding artistes, his advice is, "Please learn and enrol in a course. If you think you have many follow-

ers, it won't suddenly make you an actor or earn you roles in films. To become an actor, you have to watch plays, act in them, and do things that enhance your skills in the craft. Also travel in local and public transport, as you will meet many people and you can learn a lot by observing them."

Raghav Juyal, while summing up the fun they had during shooting, remarked, "Majedaar tha... meine jo isko (Tanya Maniktala) train se fenka ..." To which Lakshya Lalwani added, "Aur fir jo mein isko (Raghav) peeta..." Raghav also mouthed his dialogue from the trailer — abe aise kaun marta hai be — and the audience went gaga over his lingual skills.

To pull off authentic scenes of pure action and violence, Lalwani got bouts of anger recalling all those faces who were unfair to him. "Un sab chehron ko yaad kiya jinhone mere sath anyay kiya tha," he laughed.

### Sharmita Bhinder will be representing India at the World Island Cultural and Tourism Ambassador Pageant in Mauritius

Chandigarh-based Sharmita Bhinder will be representing India at the World Island Cultural and Tourism Ambassador Pageant in Mauritius. From running an NGO to overcoming personal adversities, 51-year-old Bhinder's story is one of resilience and determination. Bhinder recently won the prestigious title of Fierce and Fearless at the unique competition 'Nari First', an event that took place on a cruise between Mumbai and Goa.

The competition embraced women of all age-groups, beyond height, weight, and looks. "Ditching the coloured hair and embracing those beautiful greys, I chose to be myself," says Bhinder.

Bhinder's life has been marked by major challenges. She is the mother of a special child and lost lost her husband to Covid-19. How-



ever, Bhinder worked tirelessly with her son, who is now pursuing a BSc in Physics.

As for the city, she says, "I love Chandigarh because there's peace.

Wherever I go in the world, vaapis toh Chandigarh hi aungi," she shares. "The more you explore, the more you realise there's so much to learn," she signs off.

# 'I refuse to bow down': Hina Khan diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, shares emotional video from her 1st chemo

Diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, actor Hina Khan got emotional as she shared a video from her first chemotherapy session.

Hina spoke on how she came to know about breast cancer.

Sharing a video on Instagram

Sharing a video on Instagram, Hina says "All glam is gone and I'm ready for my first chemo in the hospital. Let's get better."

Sharing the video, she wrote, "This award night, I knew about my cancer diagnosis, but I made a conscious choice to normalise it - not just for myself, but for all of us. This was the day that changed everything, it marked the beginning of one of the most challenging phases of my life. So Let's do some affirmations." She continued, "We become what we believe in and I have decided to take this challenge as an opportunity to reinvent myself, again. I have decided to keep the spirit of positivity as the first tool in my toolkit. I choose to Normalise this experience for me and I have consciously decided to manifest the outcome I desire. For me, my work commitments matter. For me my motivation, passion and art matters. I refuse to bow down. This award that I received right before my first chemo was not my motivation alone, in fact I attended this event to reassure my self that I



am living up to the benchmark, I have set up for myself. Mind over matter." Encouraging fans with her never-give-up attitude, Hina continued, "I attended the event and went straight up to the hospital for my first chemo. I humbly urge everyone out there too to first Normalise the challenges of your lives then set goals for yourself and try to live up to them all along the way. No matter how hard. Never back down. Never give up." As soon as the video was shared, fans and industry members chimed in the comment section.

Dalljiet Kaur wrote, "Inspired by your spirit Hina. Suddenly everything I am going through seems so stupidly small. Yes normalising the journey is very important. You have and always will be inspiring in so many ways. You will get perfectly fine and will be back to an award show accepting more such awards very soon."

Ektaa Kapoor commented, "Ur a star beyond stars! U shine d brightest." Mouni Roy posted, "In awe of your strength and courage." Hina's boyfriend Rocky Jaiswal wrote, "My fighter." Hina, on June 28, confirmed that she has been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer.

The 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai' actor shared that she has started treatment and is "doing well" and "fully committed" to overcoming the disease.

Hina posted on her Instagram, "Hello Everyone, to address the recent rumour, I want to share some important news with all the Hinaholics and everyone who loves and cares for me. I

have been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. Despite this challenging diagnosis, I wish to reassure everyone that I am doing well. I am strong, determined and fully committed to overcoming this disease. My treatment has already begun and I am ready to do everything necessary to emerge from this even stronger." "I kindly ask for your respect and privacy during this time. I deeply appreciate your love, strength and blessings. Your personal experiences, anecdotes and supportive suggestions would mean the world to me as I navigate this journey. I, along with my family and loved ones, remain focused, determined and positive. With the grace of the almighty, we believe I will overcome this challenge and will be completely healthy. Please send your prayers blessings and love," she added.

Meanwhile, on work front, the actor gained a lot of recognition for her role 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai'. She is also known for her negative character Komolika in 'Kasautii Zindagii Kay'.

She was recently seen in Shinda Shinda No Papa and Ritam Shrivastava's directorial comedy-drama series 'Namacool'.

## Kartik Aaryan back to 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' mode after 'Chandu Champion' release



Kartik Aaryan, who is currently basking in the success of his recent release 'Chandu Cham-

pion', is back to 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' mode. Taking to Instagram on Monday, Kartik shared

a throwback video from 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2'.

The clip features his dance on the title track of 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2'.
Sharing the video, he wrote, 'Back to Bhool Bhulaiyaa Mode #BhoolBhulaiyaa3.'

As soon as the video was shared, fans chimed in the comment section. One of the users wrote, 'Finally after 33 days 15 hours 24 mins ... Rooh Baba is back....' Another user commented, 'Rooh baba is coming to rule once again!'

On Monday, Kartik and Triptii Dimri were snapped at Mumbai airport as they headed for the next schedule of 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3'.

Helmed by Anees Bazmee, the third part of the hit franchise also stars Vidya Balan in the lead role and is all set to hit the theatres on the occasion of Diwali 2024.

#### 'Kalki 2898 AD' set to become 1st blockbuster of 2024, collects Rs 625 crore globally



The recently released dystopian sci-fi epic film 'Kalki 2898 AD' is moving on the box office like a raging bull. The film features an illustrious star cast, including Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Prabhas and Deepika Padukone.

It crossed Rs 600 crore at the worldwide box office on Monday, having collected around Rs 625 crore globally, according to film trade analyst Ramesh Bala. The film's India net collections stand at Rs 343.6

crore, with Telugu-speaking regions contributing a major chunk of the collections. The film has collected Rs 182 crore in the Telugu states. The Hindi circuit is the second-largest market, with collections amounting to Rs 128 crore, according to industry tracker Sacnilk. Night show occupancy of the film has seen a slight decline across Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam and Kannada regions. While the occupancy for 3D night shows in the Telugu territory stood at 55.43 per cent on day 5, the Tamil circuit recorded 28.14 per cent occupancy for night shows, and Hindi saw 47.28 per

'Kalki 2898 AD' has brought much-needed respite to the ticket windows in terms of big collections after a lull period of six months.

cent occupancy in theatres.

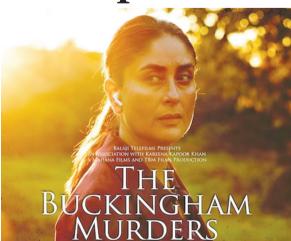
The film is set to become the year's first blockbuster once it reaches Rs 800 crore.

# Kareena Kapoor's 'The Buckingham Murders' to release in September

Kareena Kapoor's 'The Buckingham Murders' is all set to release in theatres. The film directed by Hansal Mehta will hit the big screens on September 13. The film will also introduce Kareena as a co-producer.

'The Buckingham

Murders' has indeed created a stir with the release of its intriguing poster, offering a glimpse into its intense, thrilling world. The film started making noise long before its release, screening at the BFI London Film Festival 2023 and being the first film to open at the Jio MAMI Film Festival 2023. The film is going to be an intense thriller film, anticipating agendas & relations that unravels the thrills about a hidden Murder that unleashes a whodunit.



The makers announced the good news with an intriguing poster. "We're thrilled to announce that #The-BuckinghamMurders is coming to theatres on 13th September 2024. Directed by @ hansalmehta and starring @kareenakapoorkhanv (sic)," they wrote.

Starring an excellent ensemble cast including Kareena Kapoor Khan, Ash Tandon,

Ranveer Brar, and Keith Allen, 'The Buckingham Murders' is directed by Hansal Mehta, written by Aseem Arrora, Kashyap Kapoor, and Raghav Raj Kakker. Produced by Balaji Telefilms and TBM Films alongside Shobha Kapoor, Ektaa R Kapoor, and Kareena Kapoor Khan. 'The Buckingham Murders' will be released in cinemas on 13th September 2024

# 'Follow parliamentary rules and conduct': PM Modi's advice to NDA MPs after ruckus over Rahul Gandhi's Lok Sabha speech

Modi says opposition upset as first time a non-Congress leader became PM for third term

NEW DELHI, Jul 2 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked NDA MPs to follow parliamentary rules and conduct, and learn from senior members about the best practices, comments that came a day after the ruling alliance accused Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi of making a "most irresponsible" speech. Addressing a meeting of NDA MPs. Modi said the opposition

MPs, Modi said the opposition is upset as for the first time a non-Congress leader has become prime minister for a third straight term, sources said.

Briefing reporters, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said Modi asked MPs to study parliamentary issues, attend Parliament regularly and raise



the matters related to their con-

stituency effectively.
Asked if Modi referred to Gandhi's Monday speech in Lok Sabha, Rijiju said he made no such mention but added that when the country's prime min-

ister speaks, the message is for everyone.

Gandhi had launched a noholds-barred attack on the BJP in the Lok Sabha on Monday, accusing the leaders of the ruling party of dividing people on communal lines, drawing massive protests from the treasury benches, with Prime Minister Modi slamming the Congress leader for calling the entire Hindu community violent.

At the alliance meeting, Modi was felicitated by NDA leaders for his "historic" third term, Rijiju

Sources said the prime minister asked MPs to study any issue before making comments on it before media, and said they should stay in touch with constituencies and thank voters for their support.

Modi also asked MPs to visit the Prime Ministers Museum, noting that it documents the life journey of all prime ministers, something which was not done by earlier governments.

# Congress questions Modi government over 'handing Sainik Schools to RSS'



NEW DELHI, Jul 2 (Agencies): Congress president and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday expressed concern about the 'handing over of Sainik Schools to people subscribing to the RSS ideology' by the Narendra Modi-led Central government.

"Sainik schools were built in the government sector. In the name of giving them to the private sector, they are being given to RSS people. Many schools like Vrindavan (UP), Solan (Himachal), Rohtak (Haryana) and Tawang (Arunachal) have been handed over to BJP-RSS people. This is not right", Kharge wrote on X.

The Congress leader said if everything was

handed over to the private sector, then where would the children coming from poor, deprived, Dalit, tribal and backward classes study?

"Let the army remain army. There are many other areas for politics",

Kharge wrote.

Kharge said the Modi government had broken the morale of the youth by bringing the "unplanned Tughlaqi schemes like Agniveer".

There was a big movement of youth across the country against the Agniveer scheme but the government did not listen to anyone, Kharge said, adding that the Agniveer Yojana must be abolished.

Modi promised One Rank, One Pension in Haryana in 2014, but the promise had not been fulfilled, Kharge noted.

## Bihar man refuses marriage proposal, lover cuts off his private parts

PATNA, Jul 2 (Agencies): A woman working in a nursing home was arrested after she cut off the private parts of her lover and flushed them in a toilet when he refused to marry her in Bihar's Saran district, police said today.

The woman, Abhilasha, ran a nursing home in Madhaura and had been in an affair with Vedprakash, a ward councillor of the same facility, for the past several years.

During this period, Abhilasha said she and Vedprakash maintained a physical relationship and that she got pregnant. She alleged that Vedprakash deceived her in the name of mar-

Abhilasha said she had applied mehendi on her hands and claimed Vedprakash asked her to do a court marriage. When he refused to marry again, the woman cut off the man's private parts with a knife and



disposed them off in a toilet.

Following that, police arrested the woman and recovered the knife that was used in the crime. She said she had no regrets about the gruesome attack on her lover, who is admitted to Patna Medical College in a serious condition.

Saran Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kumar Ashish said the woman was upset by her man's repeated refusal to marry her and that the wedding date was fixed seven to eight times.

"A woman runs a private medical centre

and had an affair with this boy for many years. The wedding date was also fixed seven to eight times, but the marriage could not happen. Upset by this, the woman called the young man and cut off his private parts," he said.

"The police, on getting immediate information, sent the man for treatment.

The woman was arrested with a knife. Further action is being taken. It will also be investigated whether her nursing home is registered or not," the SSP added.

# 'It was good standup comedy act': Kangana Ranaut attacks Rahul Gandhi for 'insulting' Hindu religion

NEW DELHI, Jul 2 (Agencies): BJP MP Kangana Ranaut lashed out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his remarks in the Parliament and asked him to apologise for "insulting" the Hindu religion.

This comes after a row erupted over the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi's remarks, wherein he accused the BJP of spreading "violence" and "hatred". Following this, both and BJP and Congress have sparred over his remarks.

Speaking to reporters

outside the Parliament, Ranaut said, "I have said, Rahul Gandhi did a good standup comedian act because he made all our gods and goddesses, brand ambassador of Congress. He said that the hand raised by Lord Shiva in blessing is the 'hand' of Congress, these are his statements, this was his speech, so we were already laughing...He said those who raise their hands for Allah are also the hands of Con-



gress.

Taking a jibe at Rahul, she said, "His main complaint was that when Raja Beta (Rahul Gandhi) comes, PM Modi doesn't greet him... so you can understand what sort of a standup comedy act it was." The actor-turned-politician demanded the Congress leader to apologise for his remarks.

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"He (Rahul Gandhi)
even brought the pictures of God and placed
it on the desk, while we
know it should always be
kept inside the temple.
He insulted Hindu
gods...he even said that
the Hindu religion and
those who follow it are
violent in nature...I think
he should apologize for

his statements," Ranaut added.

Earlier in the day, during the motion of thanks of the President's address, Rahul Gandhi targeted the BJP-led government and alleged there has been "a systematic attack" on the idea of India.

"There has been a systematic and full-scale assault on the idea of India, the Constitution and on the people who resisted the attack on the Constitution. Many of us were personally attacked. Some of the leaders are still in jail. Anyone who resisted the idea of concentration of power and wealth, aggression on poor and Dalits and minori-

attacked by the order of the Government of India, by the order of the Prime Minister of India... The most enjoyable part of it was the 55 hours of interrogation by ED...," he alleged.

ties was crushed...I was

He also called the Hindu symbol 'Abhay-amudra' which gestures fearlessness, reassurance and safety, as the symbol of the Congress party.

"Abhayamudra is the

symbol of Congress... The Abhayamudra is the gesture of fearlessness, is the gesture of reassurance and safety, which dispels fear and accords divine protection and bliss in Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism and other Indian religions...All our great men have spoken about non-violence and finishing fear...But, those who call themselves Hindu only talk about violence, hatred, untruth...Aap Hindu ho hi nahi," the Congress leader said.

BJP members took strong objection to

Rahul Gandhi's remark and accused Rahul of insulting Hindu religion by connecting it with violence.

Home Minister Amit Shah targeted Rahul Gandhi and said connecting violence with any religion is wrong.

"The Leader of Opposition has categorically said that those who call themselves Hindu talk of violence and do violence. He doesn't know that crores of people proudly call themselves Hindu. Connecting violence with any religion is wrong. He should apologise," Amit Shah said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hit out at Rahul Gandhi over his remarks and said calling "the entire Hindu community violent is a very serious matter".

In response, Rahul Gandhi hi back stating BJP is "not the entire Hindu society." "Narendra Modi is not entire Hindu society. BJP is not the entire Hindu society, RSS is not the entire society, this is not BJP's contract," he said.

# Accused planned to attack Salman Khan at film shoot, say Panvel Police; file chargesheet

MUMBAI, Jul 2 (Agencies): Accused involved in the alleged conspiracy to kill Bollywood actor Salman Khan had planned to attack him during a movie shoot, a police official on Tuesday said citing a chargesheet filed in the case.

During an investigation into the case, it came to light that Rs 25 lakh "supari" (contract) was given by jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi to his gang members to attack the actor, he said.

The gang planned to use sophisticated weapons, including AK-47, from Pakistan for the attack, the official said.

The Panvel Town police in Navi Mumbai submitted the 350-page chargesheet before a magistrate court on June 21 against five arrested accused -Dhananjay Tapsing alias Ajay Kashyap (28), Gautam Bhatia (29), Vaspi Mehmood Khan alias China (36) , Rizwan Hussain alias Javed Khan (25) and Deepak Hawasing alias John (30), he said.

Jailed gangster Law-

rence Bishnoi, his brother Anmol Bishnoi, Sampat Nehra and Goldy Brar have been shown as wanted accused in the case, the official said.

The attack was allegedly planned to be carried out during a movie shoot or while the actor was leaving his Panvel farmhouse, the official said.

The chargesheet

mentions the detailed plot, attack and escape route. It contains an analysis of the intelligence gathered, mobile phone records of the accused, their WhatsApp chats, audio and video calls and tower locations, he said.

In April, the Panvel Town police unearthed an alleged plot of the Bishnoi gang members to kill the actor, he said.

The plot was uncovered during their investigation disclosing a video call conversation between Lawrence Bishnoi gang member Ajay Kashyap and another accused.

As per the conversation, sharpshooters,

trained in modern weapons, were stationed across Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Pune, Raigad, and Gujarat under the orders of Goldy Brar.

Accordingly, sharpshooters Anmol Bishnoi and Rohit Godara were said to have been instructed by Brar to carry out the attack, utilising minors under 18 years old for the task, officials said last month quoting the First Information Report (FIR).

A man named John was allegedly tasked with providing the vehicle for the operation, as per the FIR.

After the attack, gang members were to regroup at Kanyakumari and then proceed to Sri Lanka via sea route. From there, arrangements were made to send them to other countries, with gangster Anmol Bishnoi, based in Canada, arranging their travel, officials added.

According to police, Lawrence Bishnoi and Sampat Nehra gangs had deployed 60 to 70 members to monitor Salman Khan's movements as part of efforts to conduct recce at his Bandra residence, Panvel farmhouse, and film shooting locations. Following specific

Following specific information about the plot to kill Khan, a case was registered against 17 identified accused and others at Panvel Town police station on April 24.

Police discovered a video call between accused Ajay Kashyap and a Pakistan-based individual named Dogar. The call was initiated by Kashyap in the presence of a member, who later become an informer to police, as per the FIR.

Kashyap allegedly

discussed procuring weapons, including AK-47s, from Pakistan after depositing a 50 per cent amount in gangster Goldie Brar's account. The remaining amount can be paid after the weapons are delivered. During the video call, Dogar showed 4 to 5 weapons, including AK-47s and others, to

Kahsyap, it added.

# Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav says 'people of Ayodhya have given a strong message to PM Modi'

NEW DELHI, Jul 2 (Agencies): Samajwadi Party chief and Kannauj MP Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, while addressing during the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.

Yadav labelled the Modi-Yogi administration as a "double engine failure" in delivering on promises made to the people of Uttar Pradesh. Highlighting the dire

Highlighting the dire state of infrastructure, Yadav remarked, "Boats are plying on the streets of Uttar Pradesh, which showcases the reality of the 'smart city' slogans. I remember the Prime Minister's promises about addressing the issue of stray cattle and clearing pending payments for sugarcane farmers. None of these commitments have been fulfilled."

Yadav pointed out the rampant issue of



paper leaks, which has plagued job seekers in the state. "The youth of Uttar Pradesh are suffering due to repeated exam paper leaks. This problem isn't confined to UP alone; even the NEET exam has been compromised. The truth is, this government doesn't want to provide jobs. What hope can we have from a government that kills the aspirations of its people?"

He also addressed the electorate's growing disillusionment with the current administration. "The people are no longer swayed by empty promises. From now on, only genuine conversations will matter. The victory of 'INDIA' signifies the triumph of the Indian voter."

Referring to victory of SP's Awadesh Pratap in Faizabad (which has the temple town of Ayodhya), who was sitting next to him, Yadav said, "We have brought a message of love from Ayodhya".

He alleged that during the Model Code of Conduct, the government and Election Commission favoured certain individuals.

Yadav also expressed his distrust in Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). "I did not trust EVMs yesterday, I don't trust them today. And even if we win 80 seats,

I will not trust EVMs. However, we will use our victory to reform the EVM system," he said.

The SP chief criticised the government's failure to develop rural areas. He said the PM's adopted village remains unchanged.

On the issue of caste census, he said "it is crucial, and we are in favour of it."

Condemning the Agniveer scheme, he said, "Every senior military officer opposes it. We will never accept it, and when we return to power, we will abolish it."

Yadav also touched on agricultural issues. He said, "The government cannot establish markets; what support can they provide for farmers?"

Minimum Support Price (MSP) should also be extended to horticultural crops. This government has taken away numerous jobs, he added.

# **8 Killed As Israel Attacks Gaza After Evacuation Order**

Witnesses reported intense bombing and shelling around Khan Yunis, southern Gaza's main city from which Israeli forces withdrew in early April after a devastating months-long battle.

PALESTINIAN TERRITO-RIES, Jul 2 (Agencies): Israeli forces carried out deadly strikes Tuesday on southern Gaza after the army again ordered Palestinians to leave areas near the besieged territory's border with Israel and Egypt.

Witnesses reported intense bombing and shelling around Khan Yunis, southern Gaza's main city from which Israeli forces withdrew in early April after a devastating monthslong battle.

A hospital source in the city said shelling killed eight people and wounded more than 30

The bombardment came after a rocket barrage at southern Israel claimed by the group Islamic Jihad, which has fought alongside Hamas.

This was followed by an order to evacuate most areas east of the cities of Khan Yunis and Rafah, including the towns of Al-Qarara and Bani Suhaila.

Bani Suhaila resident Ahmad Najjar said the Israeli order has spurred "fear and extreme anxiety", and "there is a large displacement of residents".

Six consecutive days of intense battles followed a similar evacuation order issued last week for the Gaza City district of Shujaiya.

An agency correspondent reported artillery shelling in the northern area on Tuesday, and witnesses said gun battles

The military said its forces were operating in Shujaiya, central Gaza and Rafah, where aircraft carried out strikes and troops "ambushed an armed terrorist squad" in a car and killed

Over the past day, the Israeli air force "struck approximately 30 terror targets" across Gaza, said a military statement.



In Shujaiya, Palestinian militants "were eliminated and dozens of terrorist infrastructure sites above and below ground were dismantled, including tunnel shafts", it added.

'Downshift'

In central Gaza, witnesses said strikes hit the Nuseirat refugee camp where the Palestinian Red Crescent reported at least one dead, a child.

Other parts of the Gaza Strip were reeling from continued fighting nearly nine months into the war, sparked by Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel.

Months of on-and-off talks towards a truce and hostage release deal have meanwhile made little progress, even after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently declared that the "intense phase" of the war was winding down.

"We've heard the Israelis talk about a significant downshift in their operations in Gaza," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Monday.

"It remains to be seen."

The latest order to leave parts of southern Gaza follows an evacuation of Rafah nearly two months ago which had signalled the start of a long-feared Israeli ground offensive.

The fighting since then has again uprooted many Palestinians and led to the closure of a key aid crossing. The United Nations and relief agencies have voiced alarm over the dire humanitarian crisis and the threat of starvation the war and Israeli siege have brought for Gaza's 2.4 million people.

Hamas's October 7 attack on southern Israel that triggered the war resulted in the deaths of 1,195 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli figures.

The operatives also seized 251 hostages, 116 of whom remain in Gaza including 42 the army says are dead.

Israel's retaliatory offensive aimed at eradicating the Palestinian militants in Gaza has killed at least 37,900 people, also mostly civilians, according to data from the health ministry in the Hamas-run territory.

Israeli authorities on Monday released Mohammed Abu Salmiya, director of Gaza City's Al-Shifa hospital -- the territory's largest medical complex -- along with dozens of other detainees returned to Gaza for treatment.

Speaking after his release, Abu Salmiya said he had suffered "severe torture" during his detention.

"Several inmates died in interrogation centres and were deprived of food and medicine."

'Try peace'

Israel has accused Hamas of using Al-Shifa and other hospitals as a cover for military operations, claims Gaza militants have rejected.

Netanyahu, who has faced growing anger from protesters over his handling of the conflict as well as pressure from hardline coalition partners, criticised the release which he said had been made without his knowl-

The Israeli premier said Abu Salmiya belongs "in prison" because Israeli hostages were "murdered and held" in the now ravaged hospital he runs.

Successive Israeli raids have reduced large parts of Al-Shifa to rubble.

The director's return to Gaza was "a serious mistake and a moral failure", Netanyahu said.

According to Abu Salmiya, Israel brought no charges against him during his sevenmonth detention.

Shin Bet domestic security agency said the release was "to free up places in detention centres".

Those freed "represent a lesser danger" and were not directly involved in attacks on Israeli civilians, it said.

In the Israeli city of Tel Aviv on Monday, thousands attended an event calling for an end to the war and "a better reality" for Israelis and Palestinians, according to activist Ibrahim Abu Ahmad.

"At any moment, we can start making peace," said Israeli historian and author Yuval Noah Harari.

"We have already tried to make peace, and we weren't good at it. So what? We aren't that successful at making war either, and that doesn't stop us from trying... It's time to try peace again."

# Won't quit, would rather face confidence vote: Nepal PM Prachanda

Prachanda, 69, has won three votes of confidence in Parliament during his one-and-a-half-year term.



KATHMANDU, Jul 2 (Agencies): Embattled Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' has decided not to resign from the post despite an agreement reached between the country's largest parties - Nepali Congress and CPN-UML - to form a new coalition government.

In a meeting of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) office-bearers held in Baluwatar on Tuesday, Prime Minister Prachanda said he would rather face a vote of confidence in Parliament than resign from the post, the party Secretary Ganesh Shah told agency.

"The Prime Minister has decided to seek a vote of confidence." said Shah.

Prachanda, 69, has won three votes of confidence in Parliament during his one-and-ahalf-year term.

The development came after Nepali Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba and the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) inked a midnight power-sharing deal to form a new 'national consensus govern-

Australian police arrest 14-year-old boy suspected

ment' to replace the Prachanda-led coalition government.

Nepali Congress, the largest party in the House of Representatives (HoR) has 89 seats at present, while CPN-UML has 78 seats.

The combined strength of the two large parties is 167, which is sufficient for a majority of 138 seats in the 275-member HoR.

Deuba, 78 and Oli, 72, agreed to share the Prime Ministerial position on a rotation basis for the rest of the term of the Parliament.

Meanwhile, the talks between Prime Minister Prachanda and CPN-UML chief Oli to save the current coalition also failed, according to Maoist sources. Quoting Prachan-

da, Shah said that a conspiracy has been hatched to topple the coalition government and create instability in the country.

"The conspiracy came at a time when the government focused on ending corruption and introducing good governance," he said.

As per the constitutional provision, the prime minister will have 30 days to seek a vote of confidence in the House of Representatives, which would give Prachanda some time for political manoeuvring.

We will engage in discussions with various parties, including the Rashtriya Swatantra Party (RSP), Nepali Congress, and CPN-UML, so as to save the coalition," Prachanda was quoted as saying.

Nepali Congress President Deuba briefed party officials about the agreement with the CPN-UML during a meeting of office bearers at his residence in Budhanilkantha on Tuesday morning, according to party sources.

Deuba discussed the initial power-sharing deal reached with CPN-UML, explaining that the leadership of the government formed under this agreement would alternate between the two parties.

In the meantime, the RSP, one of the key ruling coalition partners, has decided not to participate in the new alliance between the Nepali Congress and the CPN-UML.

During a secretariat meeting on Tuesday, the party also decided to withdraw from the current government, party sources said.

The party currently enjoys 21 seats in the House of Representatives. Nepal has had 13 governments in the last 16 years, indicating the fragile nature of the Himalayan nation's political system.

#### Pakistan sees 380 deaths in 3 months due to terror incidents: Report

ISLAMABAD, Jul 2 (Agencies): Pakistan registered 380 violence-linked deaths and 220 injuries among civilians, security personnel, and outlaws, resulting from 240 terror incidents and counter-terror operations, according

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces were the epicentres of violence, accounting for nearly 92 per cent of all fatalities and 87 per cent of attacks (including incidents of terrorism and operations) during this period, the report released by the Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS)

The report said the violence and casualty rates across Pakistan saw a significant reduction in the second quarter and the country experienced a 12 per cent reduction in overall violence, with 380 fatalities recorded compared to 432 in the first quarter.

The most notable improvement was seen in Balochistan, where violence decreased by 46 per cent, with fatalities falling from 178 in the first quarter to 96

in the second quarter of this year. However, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa experienced a surge in violence, with an increase of 13 and 31 fatalities, respectively, compared to the previous quarter.

The report said that civilians, government officials, and security personnel suffered 62 per cent of all fatalities, significantly higher than the 38 per cent fatal losses among outlaws. Among the civilian fatalities, 24 work-

ers were targeted in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa due to their ethnic identities in addition to four coal miners and two polio workers. As many as 11 people lost their lives due to sectarian violence. Police and army personnel became frequent targets of terrorist attacks. There were two DSPs among the police officials who lost their lives while 31 police personnel were also victims of violence

Nearly 65 soldiers including an army captain lost their lives while a former brigadier, Ameer Hamza, also got fatally ambushed by unidentified attackers.

# of stabbing student at University of Sydney SYDNEY, Jul 2 (Agen-

cies): A 14-year-old boy dressed in military clothing was arrested after police alleged he stabbed a 22-year-old student in the neck on Tuesday at the University of Sydney.

The student was taken to a hospital in a stable condition. The suspect was treated in hospital for cuts and was kept for a mental health assessment, said Mark Walton, acting assistant commissioner for the New South Wales Police.

"A motive or ideology importantly has not been determined at this time," Walton told reporters. The New South Wales Joint Counterterrorism



Committee was investigating the matter, but there was no ongoing threat to the community, Walton said.

"The ideology that may be related to this young person's activity is unknown, but I would

say it's likely to be categorised as mixed and unclear ideology. It's certainly not a religiously related ideology," Walton

Walton said the boy had worn a "camouflage defence force uniform"

and left a kitchen knife at the scene.

The boy caught a bus from the university to a nearby hospital for treatment before he was arrested, police said.

Investigators found no link between the university attack and a 16-year-old boy charged with performing a terrorist act in the stabbing of a Sydney bishop on April 15 while a church service was being streamed online. Several of his teen associates have been charged with various offences including conspiring to engage in or planning as terrorist act.

Police shot dead a 16-year-old boy who had stabbed a stranger in a parking lot in the Australian city of Perth on May 4. That boy had been involved in a deradicalisation programme for two years before his death, but authorities did not classify the knifing as a terrorist attack, partly because there was no continuing threat that required an elevated law enforcement response.

Walton said the boy accused of the university attack had previously come to the attention of police and other government agencies, but would not elaborate.

No decision had yet been made on what charges would be laid.

# New Zealand To Bring Law That May Get Media Firms Revenue From Facebook, Google

One of the governing coalition's partners, the right-wing ACT New Zealand party, will not support the bill, said Communications Minister Paul Goldsmith.

WELLINGTON, Jul 2 (Agencies): New Zealand's conservative coalition government will proceed with a bill that would make it compulsory for digital technology platforms to pay media companies for news, it said on Tues-

day. The bill is being introduced as New Zealand media companies struggle against technology firms for advertising dollars, leading them to find new ways to provide news programming.

The Fair Digital News Bargaining Bill, introduced last year by the previous Labour government, will be presented in Parliament with amendments to support "our local media companies to earn revenue for the news they produce", Communications Minis-

ter Paul Goldsmith said. The proposed changes would align it more closely with Australia's digital bargaining law,

Goldsmith said. That law, which took effect in Australia in March 2021, gives the government power to force internet firms such as Facebook owner Meta Platforms and Alphabet Inc's Google to negotiate content

supply deals with media outlets, if the parties fail to reach an agreement on payments.

Meta said the New Zealand bill ignored the realities of how its platforms work, their voluntary nature, the preferences of users and the free value it provided news outlets.

"We will continue to be open and transparent

with the government and publishers on our business decisions as this bill progresses," a Meta spokesperson said in an

Google did not immediately respond to a request seeking comment.

After Canada introduced a similar law in 2023, Meta blocked news content from

appearing on Facebook. Meta has also said it plans to stop paying Australian media companies for news and the government is still considering whether to intervene.

Goldsmith said the proposed changes would give power to the communications minister to decide which digital platforms would come under

the law. An independent regulator will be appointed as the bill's authority, he said

One of the governing coalition's partners, the right-wing ACT New Zealand party, will not support the bill, Goldsmith said, which means it must have the support of other parties to pass.

The opposition Labour Party said it would check the amendments but supported the intent of the bill.

"I am relieved the government is seeing sense and progressing with legislation to make the media landscape fairer for news companies operating online," Willie Jackson, Labour spokesperson for media and broadcasting, said in a statement.

# Taekwondo player Shahnaz calls on LG Mishra

**Top News Report** 

LEH, July 2: Taekwondo player Shahnaz Parveen called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh. Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at Raj Niwas. Commissioner/Secretary to the LG, L Franklin, and OSD to Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Dr Stanzin Thakchos were present in the meeting.

Shahnaz informed the LG that she is the first female Ladakhi taekwon-

do player to qualify for the Chengdu FISU World University Games and also the first one from Ladakh to secure 8th place in the finals of the Group Women Under 30 category at the 8th Asian Taekwondo Poomsae Championship held in Vietnam.

Shahnaz highlighted the potential of athletes from Kargil and requested the LG to provide a training hall, where she can train for events and also train aspiring taekwondo players from Kargil.

She also requested the LG to relook at the sports quota introduced by Ladakh Police for recruitment for various posts in which sportspersons have to clear the written exam

She also requested the LG to implement the scholarship rule in Ladakh also, frame the Sports Policy at the earliest, etc. Shahnaz, who is also the Sports Secretary of All Ladakh Students Wel-

fare Association Jammu, requested the LG to provide bus service to girl students at Girls Hostel in Jammu for the safety and convenience of the girl

The LG asked Dr Thakchos to provide space in a government facility so that Parveen can train herself along with other aspiring taekwondo players.

He also asked Dr Thakchos to find out the weightage of marks in written exams, physical and practical for sports quota aspirants in various recruitment drives conducted by Ladakh Police.

He also asked Youth Services and Sports Department to put the draft Sports Policy in public domain by mid-July.

The LG also asked Dr Thakchos to take up the matter of providing bus services to the girls students of Girls Hostel at Jammu on an outsourcing basis.

## **Implementation of New Criminal Laws** undemocratic: Tarigami

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, July 2: CPI(M) leader Mohamad Yousuf Tarigami has said that new criminal laws are against the democratic rights of the people.

These laws passed in haste, without debate, in a blatantly autocratic and anti-democratic manner, when a large number of opposition MPs were suspended. These are stringent in nature

There are concerns that the new laws will erode liberties and legal safeguards of citizens by arming the state with more sweeping powers. The new laws need a thorough review. We demand the implementation of the new laws be put in abeyance.

Referring to unnecessary halting of traffic



on National Highway during Yatra, he said that people of Kashmir have always welcomed Yatris and played a crucial role in smooth conduct of the Yatra. But it is very unfortunate that they have to face immense difficulties to cover their commuting distances due to halting of traffic for hours along National Highway.

He urged upon the administration to take all necessary measures to smoothen the flow of traffic during movement of yatra convoys.

# **INSPIRE Science camp** starts at Shoolini University prove to be a transforma-

**Top News Report** 

SOLAN, July 2: A five-day long Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspire Research (INSPIRE) camp, sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, got off to a start on Tuesday.

Organised by the Faculty of Sciences Shoolini University, the camp aims to inspire and nurture scientific curiosity among students in grades 11 and 12. INSPIRE is a flagship scheme of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), designed to attract young talent towards science. The primary objective is to ignite a passion for scientific research among India's youth by providing opportunities to engage with eminent scientists and experience the thrill of scientific discovery. The scheme targets students among the top one percent in their Class X Board Examinations and encourages them to pursue science in Class XI and beyond.

During the inaugural address, Prof. Sunil Puri, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, encouraged students to strive for excellence, stating, "You are the future of the nation. Ask questions and gain as much knowledge as possible." He further stated that the camp at Shoolini University would

tive experience for the participating students, sparking their interest in science and paving the way for future scientific endeavors.

Prof. Amrik Singh

Ahluwalia, Pro Vice Chancellor, Eternal University, Baru Sahib was the camp's Chief Guest, and he emphasised the importance of this opportunity, adding, "This is a rare opportunity not available to everyone. You excelled at school and now have the opportunity to advance in innovation. "Small things in life always provide opportunities for innovation," he added

Prof. Ahluwalia also thanked the organisers and highlighted the value of productivity in innovation and science. He further stated, "We must be more prolific in innovation and science. We are moving up the innovation graph, and this camp is a step in the right way."

Chancellor Prof. PK Khosla inspired students by saying, "Work hard to achieve greatness, and one day, you may become a Nobel laureate. Create your own career path, and do something different in life that brings both money and fame.'

Prof. Rachna Verma, Head of the School of Biological and Environmental Sciences, thanked the guests for their participation in the camp.

She acknowledged the inspiration from Prof. PK Khosla expressed gratitude towards DST for their sponsorship. She also appreciated the outreach team for bringing students to the campus. The introductory session was conducted by Assistant Prof Ruhi Thakur.

Shoolini University has successfully conducted 36 camps so far, involving approximately 7,980 students. The 37th **INSPIRE Science Camp** was limited to 200 students, selected for their exceptional academic performance and interest in science

These camps provided a unique platform for students to interact with renowned scientists and professors from institutions such as IIT Delhi, JNU, Delhi University, Panjab University Chandigarh, Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar, IIT Roorkee, and many more.

The primary goal of the **INSPIRE Science Camp** was to expose students to the excitement and challenges of scientific research. By engaging with top scientists and experiencing hands-on activities, students were encouraged to think creatively and consider a future in scientific research. These camps aimed to build a critical pool of human resources necessary for advancing Science and Technology

## **Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation starts J&K Green Drive in Jammu Division with target** of planting 1000 plants



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: Massive plantation drives were launched under the guidance of SSF Chairpersons Pooia Sharma and Navnidhi Sharma across Jammu Division today to mark Green J&K initiative/ Van Mohotsava- an initiative towards developing the ecology of the state in a

more beneficial way. School children, employees and civil society members participated in the plantation drives held in Upper Meer of Block Panchari.

The celebration kick started with inauguration of the drive by Ex PRI's here at GMS Mir Sarti.

SSF has set a target of planting 1000 plants in Jammu division during

sion, Surat Singh from SSF emphasised on the importance extending green cover on wasteland, community land, institutions and roadside, to beautify as well as enhance tree cover. Equal importance was stressed on survival ofw planted saplings and their adoption by local beneficiaries' and employees of concerned institutions apart from informing the participants about the necessity of harnessing green resources such as solar energy, rain / roof water harvesting for minimizing the carbon footprint and to improve depleting ground water

Speaking on the occa-

Plantation drive attended by Koushal Sharma, Ajay Kumar Ex- Ward member, Arpit P.T. Teach-

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# 11 houses, 7 shops gutted in

the spot from the city and fire headquarters of Anantnag, Mattan, Bijbehara, Achabal, the flames. It took more than five hours to

Fire service mechanical driver identified as Imtiyaz Ahmad suffered injury on his arm when he slipped during the operation, they

The cause of the fire is being ascertained,

vided financial and technical support, the official said, adding the technical resolution involved using 18mm steel wire and 50mm High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipes to cross the rivers, drilling holes, and erecting pillars on both sides. Despite the odds, their persistent efforts

paid off, leading to the successful lifting of water from the Sigdi Chatroo river, the official said, adding that the results of this achievement are manifold, boasting high-value crops

now grown in the area have not only boosted yields but also enhanced the farmers income, improved food security, and stimulated local economies.

farmers to adopt similar practices, leading to overall agricultural development and sustainability in the region, he said.

The official said the endeavour is a testament to the power of determination, hard work, and the collaborative efforts of the administration and farmers in tapping the horticultural potential of the area by utilizing the ongoing HADP and agriculture schemes.

#### **Won't accept Delhi-like Statehood** for JK, It Must Mirror Pre-2019 **Status: Bukhari**

martyrs' day on July 13 should be allowed as it used to be earlier. The Apni Party president urged the government to fill the vacant posts in the government departments.

Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari made these demands today during a crucial party meeting at the Apni Party headquarters in Srinagar. The meeting aimed to discuss party matters, pressing public issues, and outline future strategies.

Altaf Bukhari emphasized that Apni Party is a regional party committed to serving and protecting the rights of the people. He said that Apni Party is focused on a pro-people agenda and has no affiliations or alliances

Regarding the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari stated, "To safeguard the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, it is essential to restore statehood even before conducting assembly elections. Therefore, I urge the central government to fulfill its commitment regarding the restoration of statehood to J&K prior to the elections.

He emphasised that the "statehood for Jammu and Kashmir must be the same as it was before August 5, 2019. Any distortion to that statehood or any attempt to impose a Delhi-like statehood will not be acceptable to the Apni Party, and we will oppose it tooth

Expressing displeasure over halting civil-

long periods to facilitate security forces and pilgrims. This injustice subjects common people to immense suffering during these hot summer days.'

"We welcome the Amarnath Yatra and want the administration to provide all the required facilities for pilgrims to perform their religious pilgrimage. However, facilitating the yatris should not come at the cost of denying civilians their rights or subjecting them to sufferings."

In advocating for the release of detainees, Mr Bukhari urged, "I request the government to release the detainees who have been detained for quite a long time. With the improved situation and efforts towards reunited with their families to resume normal

He continued, "Similarly, police verification for job applicants or passport seekers should not be unduly delayed, causing unnecessary hardships to thousands of youngsters without

Highlighting issues of unemployment and inflation, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari urged the government to promptly fill vacant posts in government departments in accordance with laws and regulations as soon as possible so the up trending unemployment rate is controlled.

Condemning the attempted demolition of a mosque in Kathua, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari demanded that those responsible must face legal consequences. He emphasized, "The revenue records confirm the land belonged to Muslims even in 1930, and they built a mosque on it. Authorities must ensure such incidents do not recur."

Bukhari also called for a reduction in electricity tariffs, noting the burden on lowincome families due to recent increases in fees. He urged the government to provide relief to those affected.

#### **Cong Demands Judicial probe** into Vandalism at religious place in Reasi

Bhalla and party chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said it has hurt the religious sentiments of people and sought an independent judicial inquiry to identify the culprits and expose the conspiracy.

"This is a deliberate attempt to disturb peace and harm communal harmony. The culprits should be identified and handed down exemplary punishment," said the party leaders, including Reasi district Congress president Bhupinder Singh Jamwal and general secretaries Rajesh Sadotra and Rakesh Wazir, in a joint statement.

#### **Motorcyclist dies in Achabal** road accident

of his motorcycle bearing registration number JK03J-6064 and hit the boundary

"He died on the spot", the official said. The deceased has been identified as Rayees-UI-Islam Ganie, son of Ghulam Mohammad Ganie, a resident of Tailwani Achabal.

#### **Monsoon covers entire India 6** days ahead of schedule: IMD

worsening the impact of a scorching heat wave in northwest India.

The country recorded 16 days of below-normal rainfall activity — from June 11 to June 27 — which led to an overall below-normal precipitation in June, 147.2 mm of rainfall against a normal of 165.3 mm for the month, the seventh lowest since 2001.

June rainfall accounts for 15 per cent of the total precipitation of 87 cm recorded during the four-month monsoon season in the country. The IMD on Monday said India could experience above-normal rainfall in July, with heavy rains potentially leading to floods in the western Himalayan states and river basins in the central parts of the country.

#### No revision: scrape Agniveer scheme: SSP

canteen facilities and no status of pensioner are the key areas of concern, he said.

Aim of the scheme basically was to reduce pension bill, which certainly is not desirable as nation is facing a viable twin threats of China and Pakistan, he said adding that China is constantly empowering Pakistan in POJK with technology, funds and weapons, and nation must be ready for any contingency.

Defence Minister Rajnath had made a statement on revision of Agniveer scheme and it is being contemplated to enhance training period, increase in intake upto sixty percent and extended sevice from 4 to 7 years along with increasing of total financial package. These proposed reasons may have some positive impact, but it will overall adversely affect our war waging capabilities, as it takes about seven years of training to make a good soldier, and once it is done, agniveer has to move out. Our socio economical system also does not support this concept as service in armed force is a matter of proud and dignity, which this scheme denies it completely Armed forces too will be divided in two groups ie one of agniveers and other of regular soldier, which will negatively impact the esprit de coup, comradire and concept of Naam, Namak and Nissan, which inspires a soldier to sacrifice his life in defence of his nation. Pathania said that are inherent disadvantages in Agniveer concept and any revision will be counter productive and cosmetic, hence to ensure the security, integrity and sovereignty, scheme needs to be scrapped at the earliest.

#### **Govt forms committee to** promote Srinagar as 'Global **Craft Destination**'

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of following Committee for initiatives like collaborations with reputable magazines such as Conde Nast, Outlook Traveler, and Travel and Leisure in order to significantly enhance the visibility and promotion of Srinagar City as a craft destination and collaborations with renowned curators and event organizers to plan and execute world class craft exhibitions," the order reads.

#### mark in 3 days, fresh batch of 6500 pilgrims left from Jammu Over 125 free Langars have been estabcamps and in the yatra area up to holy cave

**Amarnath yatra crosses 50k** 

lished by philanthropist organizations at base to serve the pilgrims. "As many as 51,981 pilgrims have vis-

ited the holy cave shrine of Shri Amarnath Ji to have darshan of the naturally formed ice lingam since the commencement of the pilgrimage. Stringent security arrangements have been put in place for the smooth conduct of the Yatra," an official said.

Thousands of security personnel from the police, Central Reserve Police Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police and other paramilitary forces have been deployed along the route. Aerial surveillance is also being carried out. The 52-day long Amarnath Ji Yatra will con-

clude on 19th August this year on the auspicious occasion of Shravan Poornima which also coincides with the festival of Raksha

#### FIRs registered in five Districts of Jammu region under New **Criminal Law BNS**

Moreover, a case has been registered at Police Station Bishnah invoking sections 109 (organized crime) and 115 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt) of the BNS and 4/25 A Act.

In a landmark development, Bishnah Police Station in Jammu district has registered the first FIR under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), marking a significant evolution in the region's legal framework.

Meanwhile, the first FIR under sections 125 (a) and 281 of the BNS has been registered at Police Station Banihal in district Ramban.

From now on, all FIRs will be filed under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023. However, cases registered before July 1 will continue to be tried under the IPC (Indian Penal Code), CrPC (Criminal Procedure Code), and Indian Evidence Act until their final disposal.

Jain said, "These new laws will ensure justice and equality for all, moving away from the repressive colonial framework. The Model Police Stations in Doda and Reasi have taken a significant step in the implementation of these three Sanhitas in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

"This will contribute to making our society more peaceful and crime-free, and will enhance the police's accountability, transparency, responsibility, and trustworthiness," the

He further stated that they are confident in working together towards a safer and more

"The registration of this first FIR under the new BNS sections marks the dawn of a new era in legal enforcement in Jammu & Kashmir, setting a precedent for future cases and reinforcing the commitment of the J&K Police to serve and protect the community with the

highest standards of integrity and professionalism," the ADGP said.

# **Anantnag Fire**

About a dozen fire tenders were rushed to Seer Hamdan and Shangus areas to douse control the fire, they said

said and added he has been hospitalised.

#### **Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar** Jammu gets J&K's first 'Milk Bank' worth Rs 47.20 lakh

Amount has been approved under NHM SPIP (State Programme Implementation Plan) for the financial year 2024-25. Accordingly, the same will be allocated to the MCH, Gandhinagar Jammu in the provisional budget sheet of 2024-25, after approval from the chairman Executive Committee, State Health Society, NHM, J&K.

Following authorization, GMC Principal has been asked to initiate the process of establishment of CLMC at MCH, Gandhinagar, Jammu as per the guidelines and approval of the MoHFW, Gol. It will be established at the third floor of MCH, Gandhinagar.

GMC Principal Dr Ashutosh Gupta and Dr Arun Sharma have extended gratitude to Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah Administrative Secretary H&ME Department J&K, Nazim Z Khan MD NHM JK for sanctioning 'Milk Bank' - the first of its kind in J&K. "Maternity hospital Gandhinagar is already running state of art 150 bedded NICU and taking load of SMGS Hospital as well as periphery to manage all sick neonates. Besides, the Department of Gynae and Obstetrics are also operating patients, admitting pregnant women along with OPD," Dr Sharma said.

#### **Farmers successfully implement** lift irrigation system in Kishtwar

The official said the total project cost was substantial, with a major portion funded by the district administration, Kishtwar under the convergence of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and other agriculture schemes, and the remaining contribution by the progressive farmer himself.

This successful endeavor exemplifies the achievements possible through the convergence of the HADP and other agricultural schemes, the official said, adding by proactively engaging with these government initiatives, farmers can significantly benefit.

Farmers from Satarwajan in Dadpeth area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar have overcome various challenges to establish a lift irrigation system.

# The farmers approached deputy commissioner, Kishtwar Devansh Yadav, who pro-

The official said the high-value crops

Additionally, this success has inspired other

He said that official commemoration of the

Addressing the occasion, Syed Mohammad

with any other political organizations.

ian traffic on highways to prioritize security forces and Amarnath Yatris, Apni Party president criticised, "Disturbing reports indicate civilians are being stranded on highways for

# A comprehensive overview of Shri **Amarnathji Yatra**

**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, July 2: Traditionally the Holy Cave of Shri Amarnathji has been mobilizing devotees from all the corners of the country as well as from around the world. This annual spiritual journey of believers of Hindu faith to the Holy Cave besides having a religious and historical importance also testifies to the flourishing cultural ecosystem of the country which fosters the relations between people of diverse cultures.

The confluence of people of different regions, languages & cultures during the yatra is enriching social fabric through mutual interaction and exchange of values, ideas and thoughts.

Apart from social impact, this two month-long journey of Shri Amarnathji Yatra has been pivotal in leveraging the economic growth and prosperity of the region and generates income for lakhs of service providers including transporters, poniwalas, pithuwalas, dandiwalas, traders, shopkeepers, hoteliers, artisans, vendors and many other unorganized workers.

Underlining the religious and economic importance of Yatra, the Administration of UT of J&K has orchestrated well knitted and efficient facilities at each station or camp where pilgrims stay put during their journey to the Holy Cave. The Administration con-

sistently upgraded the facilities over the years to ensure comfortable experience and convenience for yatris by manifesting qualitative accommodation, health facilities, deputation of expert medical staff, glitch-less telecommunication service, langar facilities, sanitation services besides trained NDRF & SDRF staff to extend assistance to weak, elderly and female pilgrims while trekking the

mountainous terrain. Starting from the registration, the Administration has created an online facility for advance registration while also establishing registration counters at base camps for those pilgrims who had not previously registered. The pilgrims are being provided RFID cards to keep track of them for their security

and safety besides proper management of the influx of pilgrims from place to

To monitor all the logistics, weather conditions, activities along both axis of Holy Cave, a surveillance system has been set up at ICCC, HMT where over fifty officials from all departments have been deputed for round the clock duty for real time assistance to the yatris and staff on the ground.

Besides, a Hunting Line number 01942740003 has been created at ICCC for help during the exigency of any disaster. In addition to this, two more landlines 01942496240 & 01942496247 are also functional at the centre.

The accommodation

capacity of various transit camps/base camps have also been upgraded to host more visitors thereby raising the cumulative capacity of all camps in view of expectations of influx of huge numbers of pilgrims who would pay obeisance at Cave as the previous year's successful yatra created an overwhelming sentiment across the country and

Augmentation of accommodation also led to the up-gradation of allied infrastructure including toilet complexes, bathing

Like every other important convenience, sanitation plays a vital role in ensuring cleanliness for maintaining a healthy environment at all places of yatra. In five districts which lie along the yatra axis including Anantnag, Ganderbal, Srinagar, Bandipora and Kulgam, this vear more sanitation workers have been detailed with the responsibility of regular cleanliness and

stations, roads, treks etc

sanitation Similarly, services of thousands of Poniwalas, Palkiwalas, Pithuwalas and others have been procured by the Labour department & Animal Husbandry department for smooth conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

To ensure quality health facilities, Health officers and officials including Specialists, Medical Officers and Paramedics have been deployed by the government besides establishing a network of health infrastructure through base hospitals,

MACs, EACs, Oxygen Booths, clinical beds and critical ambulances.

An elderly female pilgrim while comparing the services offered at the camps to the services offered in the private sector expressed her appreciation for the Administration and said that optimum facilities are given to yatries by all departments and agencies.

Shri Amarnathji yatra is one of the largest religious pilgrimages of the country, whose success does not just lie with the government only, but the cooperation and support of local population has been imperative at multiple fronts.

The importance of Yatra has been recognized by everyone particularly by the locals who have been welcoming pilgrims traditionally and this year again the people of J&K have expressed their overwhelming support to yatra.

Welcoming the Amarnath Yatris, the Greater Aishmuqam Sufi Society (GASS) Friday termed it as a divine opportunity to celebrate the syncretic bonhomie rooted deep in the traditions.

## Lt Governor chairs high level meeting to review Muharram arrangements



**Top News Report** 

SRINAGAR, July 2: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level meeting to review arrangements for Muharram, on Tuesday at Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; RR Swain, DGP; Vijay Kumar, ADGP, Law & Order; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Administrative Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners, Heads of Departments and other senior officers of the Civil and Police Administration.

The Lt Governor directed the officials, DCs and SSPs to hold meetings with eminent members of Shia community and religious leaders to address their issues and demands at the earliest to facilitate smooth observance of Muharram.

He instructed the District Administrations and senior officials to take all possible measures to ensure improved road connectivity to Imambaras, uninterrupted power supply and drinking water facilities, proper cleanliness and sanitation measures particularly in and around Imambaras, advance distribution of ration and other amenities as required. All the arrangements must be made well in advance for smooth observance of

Muharram, he said. The Lt Governor laid emphasis on regular market inspections and ensuring the availability of essential commodities.

He also directed for making elaborate arrangements with regard to security, smooth traffic management and medical facilities at the prominent religious places and gatherings.

Deputy Commissioners briefed the chair on the preparedness of their respective district administrations in view of forthcoming Muharram.

# Manjit Singh starts public outreach program in Vijaypur

**Top News Report** 

VIJAYPUR, July 2: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister,. Manjit Singh carried out a public outreach program in Vijaypur and its villages.

During the campaign, the Former Minister S. Manjit Singh led the campaign along with other leaders and met different segments of the society in various areas

He interacted with the people and informed them about the progressive policy and programs of the Apni Party for the welfare and upgradation of the living standard of the people.

He also assured that the Party is committed for the welfare of the people to ensure the protection of land and jobs for the



locals of Jammu and Kashmir

He said that if the Party forms the next Govt in Jammu and Kashmir. they will not allow any kind of benefit to the non-locals in allotment of mining blocks, contracts and other works that are being taken over by the locals by sidelining the

"The unemployment has increased because of the inability of the Govt and the bureaucracy which works against the will of the common masses," ne said, citing examples of anger among the people against the unpopular

## Victory March to celebrate 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas at Lam

**Top News Report** 

RAJOURI, July 2: In a heart-warming display of patriotism and community spirit, Indian Army organised a Victory March' to celebrate '25th Kargil Vijay Diwas', bringing together school children, locals, ex-servicemen and soldiers in the remote border regions of Rajouri exemplifying the unity and sacrifices.

Holding onto the Tiranga flags, school children and local residents joined the 'Victory March' with beaming faces, reflecting their pride in the country and its

This 'Victory March' shared an expression of gratitude, honour and solidarity. The inclusion of school children and the Indian Army's commitment towards fostering bond with the residents they defend.

The event's resonance went beyond its visual spectacle and left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who participated and witnessed it.

The 'Victory March' united generations, transcending backgrounds, beliefs and reinforcing the idea that

together, 'We build a Stronger Nation'. The 'Victory March' marked with enthusiastic participation of school children and locals, exemplified the essence of unity in diversity echoing the spirit of freedom. solidarity and progress, thereby reminding us that the Nation's strength lies in the unity of its people, marked with respect for the freedom fighters and salute to the defenders of the Nation.

A total of 15 males, 20 NCC students, one Panch and 50 Children (47 boys & three girls) were present during

## Rahul Gandhi's LS speech: Congress should apologise for insulting crores of Hindus, says Kavinder

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, today strongly condemned the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his derogatory remarks labeling Hindus as violent. He demanded an immediate and unconditional apology from the entire Congress leadership for disparaging comments made by Leader of the Opposition, in the Lok Sabha

In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader asserted that Rahul Gandhi's statements were not only inaccurate but also deeply offensive to the Hindu community at large. By characterizing Hindus as inherently violent during his parliamentary address, Rahul Gandhi has insulted millions of Hindus across the nation. He emphasized that such irresponsible statements reflect a complete lack of



understanding of Indian traditions and Hindu cul-

Kavinder highlighted that the nation has been deeply hurt by Rahul Gandhi's remarks, and called upon the Congress leader to retract his statements and offer a public apology. He emphasized that perpetuating such negative stereotypes only fuels discord and goes against the principles of harmony and mutual respect that India stands for.

The senior BJP leader also pointed out that since independence, the Congress party has often supported anti-national elements, which has significantly weakened the

country. He cited various instances where the Congress leadership has been accused of appeasing separatist movements and failing to take a firm stand against terrorism. He argued that this history of compromise has undermined India's sovereignty and security, further necessitating an apology from Rahul Gandhi for his latest inflammatory remarks.

"The Congress party's consistent hostility towards Hindus must come to an end. Rahul Gandhi and the Congress leadership must take responsibility for his words and rectify the harm caused by their irresponsible remarks, he added.

The former deputy Chief Minister reiterated his demand for Rahul Gandhi to withdraw his comments and the Congress High Command must issue an unreserved apology to the Hindu community and the nation.

## Only Congress capable of addressing people's issues on priority: Uday, Hari Singh

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: Uday Bhanu Chib. former President of Youth Congress Jammu and Kashmir and currently National General Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) along with Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) today reiterated that the Congress Party stands as the singular force capable of effectively addressing the issues confronting the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior Congress leaders were speaking during a public meeting held at Jammu North Assembly Segment. Rajni former Councillor also presented in the

Addressing a gathering, Uday Bhanu Chib highlighted the problems faced by the general public in the absence of an elected government in Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that officers at the helm of affairs are indifferent to the issues faced by the common people, who are struggling with irregular power and water supply despite the installation of smart meters and the payment of hefty power bills. He said that this situation has significantly impacted the daily lives of citizens, exacerbating their strug-gles and adversely affecting their overall quality of

Uday Bhanu Chib emphasized the urgent need for administrative accountability and responsiveness to alleviate these pressing concerns and improve essential service delivery. He said that people is the better judge and they will give suitable reply to BJP in the ensuing Assembly polls in J&K as like they gave in the recently conducted Lok Sabha polls to BJP.

Hari Singh Chib, in his address, emphasized that the Congress Party, renowned for its inclusive policies and steadfast leadership, remains committed to provide sustainable solutions to these pressing issues.

"In these challenging times, it is abundantly clear that the Congress Party alone possesses the vision and dedication required to understand and tackle the genuine concerns of our people, he said.

Hari Singh Chib called upon people of North Assembly segment to support the Congress in the upcoming Assembly elections, stressing the need for a responsive and accountable government that prioritizes the welfare

of every citizen. The senior Congress leader Rajni Bala also expressed her concern over the plight of women under the current BJP rule at the Centre. She urged

women to come forward and support the Congress party in the upcoming Assembly elections in

Jammu and Kashmir. The senior Congress leaders appealed to the public to support the Congress party in the forthcoming elections, promising a government that would be attentive to the needs and issues of the people.

During the event. Suriit Singh Manhas, a staunch BJP worker, along with his supporters, joined the Congress party, pledging their support on the condition that the Congress fields a local candidate in the upcoming Assembly

Hari Singh Chib said that joining of Surjit Singh Manhas will strengthen the base of Party. He assured Manhas that he would convey his concerns to the party high command. Prominent among those

who were present include Som Nath Sharma Block President Pata Paloura, Dayal Singh All India President Manhas Sabha, Rajinder Singh former President Manhas Sabha Om Parkash President Guru Ravi Dass Sabha. Ch Nazir Ahmad Chaiman Gujjar Community, Haji Sain, Ch Afiz, Shah-Ahmad, Harbans Lal, Veena Devi, Kuldeep Baru, Bishamer Baru, Shyam Mengie, Raghbir Singh Panch, Jaywanti, Vinod Kumar Sharma,

Kaka Ram and others.

### **Include left out sensitive** villages in SPO recruitments: **Ravinder to DGP**

**Top News Report** 

KALAKOTE, July 2: Senior Congress Leader & Former MLC Ravinder Sharma has demanded inclusion of left out sensitive locations and villages of Rajouri - Poonch in the ongoing drive for SPO recruitments, in the terrorism affected areas of twin border districts.

Welcoming the initiation of the process for recruitment of SPOs from terrorism infested villages of Rajouri Poonch, JKPCC Senior Vice President and Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma has said that several sensitive and terrorism affected areas have been left out in the process

He cited that Narla Bambal & Baji Maal areas have been included because terrorist incidents had taken place there but Sajali Gala part of village Treru also witnessed presence & first kidnapping of Prem Lal by terrorists in September last but has been left out in selection of villages for the drive. Even the area of recent terror

attack on bus vatris near Kanda, on the border of Sunderbani- Reasi, has not been included in the list of villages for the SPOs recruitment drive.

Similarly several areas of same belt of Sunderbani, Kalakote has been affected by infiltration & presence of terrorists but were left out in the present drive.

He urged the authorities especially DGP to update the list and add more areas in the pro-

Sharma said that congress has time and again demanded strengthening of VDM (Village defense mechanism) to check rising terrorism but necessary & effective measures were not adopted.

He regretted that licensed weapons are not being renewed nor issued fresh licenses for self defense even to Ex- Armymen not being issued besides VDCs not strengthened, leading to rise in terrorism.

He demanded issuing of fresh licenses and renewal of gun licenses in twin districts, without further delays.

# ADC Jammu, JCMS President, others join Langar Sewa



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: On the fourth day of the ongoing Langar Sewa in the premises of Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS), Ansuya Jamwal, Additional DC Jammu, Romesh Chander Gupta, Sabha President and Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu, served Langar to the people.

This langar is being organised for the entire period of the holy yatra of Amarnath, wherein, the people from across the country and even abroad reach the city of temples for their further journey to the holy cave.

Ansuya Jamwal, while expressing satisfaction over the Langar Sewa being arranged by JCMS, said that Jammu serves as a transit camp for thousands of people who stay

here for two to three days and many religious and social organisations provide various facilities to

JCMS too has provided the required space to the administration to set up registration counter and arranged Langar for almost two months.

Romesh Gupta said that the people visiting the Sabha premises have access to the toilets, bathrooms and drinking water besides hygienic and totally vegetarian meals in Langar Seema Parhiar, SDM R

S Pura, Incharge Mahajan Hall also accompanied. JCCI President, Arun

Gupta, on this occasion, showered praises on the management of JCMS for doing a great service during the yatra period.

Shiv Partap Gupta, (Sr Vice President), Sanjay Mahajan (Gen.Secretary) also appealed its members and Jammuties to let them know if anyone from among them want to arrange the Langar Sewa for the pilgrims, first come first serve will be the motto of Langar

The office bearers of the Sabha namely Shiv Pratap Gupta (Sr. Vice-President), Harinder Gupta, (Sr.Vice Predident), Sanjay Mahajan, (Gen. Secretary), Subash Gupta, Vice-President, Balbir Gupta, (Secretary) both Langer Incharges, Atul Gupta, Surinder Gupta (Vice-Presidents) C P Gupta (Patron), Ram Saroop Gupta, Satish Gupta, Darshan Gupta, Vijay Gupta (Marriage Bureau), Rajan Gupta, Balraj Gupta, Bhuvnashwar Gupta and, others were also present in the Langar

# Lot of time for me to sleep, for now I want to live every second of this win: India skipper Rohit Sharma

Says 'it's been a great moment right from the time the game got over to till now'

BRIDGETOWN (BARBA-DOS), Jul 2 (Agencies): Rohit Sharma held the T20 World Cup trophy like a new-born baby as he walked towards the beach here for the triumphant captain's post-tournament photo shoot, a serene smile refusing to leave his face and the feeling of being a world champion yet to fully sink in.

He couldn't be faulted for being a bit dazed. After all, a jinx that lasted over a decade had been broken.

"It's surreal. It feels like a dream. It feels like it hasn't happened. Although it has happened but it feels like it hasn't happened," Rohit laughed trying to process his thoughts after 24 hours while talking to BCCI.TV.

The coastal city of Bridgetown is battling a hurricane. The same could also be said about the Indian captain, only that his is a battle to control a gamut of emotions threatening to overwhelm him like a huge sea wave every now and then.

"Last night we had a good time, we had a blast with the team-



mates till the early morning," he couldn't stop grinning before becoming a touch emotional. I would say I didn't sleep properly but that's absolutely fine by me. There is a lot of time for me to go back and sleep.

"I want to live this moment, each minute, each second that is passing by and will try to make the most of it," he said describing how it felt to lead an Indian team to its first ICC title

"It's been a great moment right from the time the game got over to till now. That's the emotions and feelings you have," said the skipper.

His marauding run at the top, especially in the knockouts, fetched Rohit a place in the team of the tournament but all he can think about for now is a sense of joyous relief.

"We have dreamt about this for such a long period of time, we worked hard as a unit for such

a long period of time and to see this (the trophy) with us, it feels quite relieved as well.

"When you have worked hard for something and eventually at the end you get it, feels really, really nice," the skipper reiter-

People were amazed and amused to see Rohit walk to the 22-yard strip at Kensington Oval and put a tiny speck of soil in his mouth, just like Novak Djokovic does after winning the Wimble-

The 37-year-old said it was a spur of the moment act. "Nothing was scripted. It was all coming instinctively. I was feeling the moment," Rohit said about his ode to the turf that gave him the best moment of his life.

"When I went to the pitch, that pitch gave us this trophy. I will remember that ground forever in my life and that pitch as well. I wanted to have a piece of it with me.

"Those moments are very special, the place where all our dreams came true and I wanted something of it," he concluded.

#### Amoj Jacob backs team to secure medal in Paris



CHANDIGARH, Jul 2 (Agencies): While most athletes were mingling amongst themselves and with friends and families, the members of the Indian men's 4x400m relay team were standing in one corner, busy discussing the previous evening's Subha Venkatesan. mixed relay final in the National Championship

in Panchkula. The India A quartet of Muhammad Anas, Jyothika Sri Dandi, Muhammad Ajmal and Kiran Pahal had won gold while breaking the national record. However, the effort was not enough for India to book a spot at the Paris

"We didn't run well. It was not as expected. Some members of the team had upset stomachs and the race was tiring," said Amoj Jacob, who was part of the India B team alongside T Santhosh Kumar, R Vithya Ramraj and

While the mixed team missed out, the men's relay team will be carrying the hopes of the nation at the Paris Olympics. India, silver medallists at the Asian Games, had obtained the Paris quota at the World Athletics Relays in Bahamas in May.

The quartet Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Muhammed Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv and Jacob had clocked a season's best 3:03.23 to finish behind USA in the Olympics Qualifying Round 2.

"We have a month to prepare for the Paris Olympics," said Jacob. "Being under pressure always pushes us to perform well and win medals. The competition will surely be tough and we are carrying high medal hopes. As a group, we are very well prepared. If we enter the final, we are surely bring an Olympics medal home," he added.

Jacob said that team was a close-knit unit. "Perhaps, we are the only batch of athletes in the athletics contingent who are staying together most of the time. We are very well aware of each other's secrets, shortcomings and positive attributes. On the track, we are a closeknit group. In Paris, it will be all about clicking at pressure moments,

#### Riyan Parag on dealing with hatred and negative energy: Didn't deserve to be trolled

NEW DELHI, Jul 2 (Agencies): Riyan Parag said that he did not deserve to be trolled when he was going through a bad patch in his career. The youngster recently earned his maiden India callup after being picked for the 5-match T20i series against Zimbabwe. Parag burst on to the scene after the U19 World Cup 2018 in New Zealand, which India won after beating Australia in the final. Thereafter, Rajasthan picked him to play in the Indian Premier League

After impressing in his maiden season in 2019, Parag went into a slump and could not perform for the next 4 seasons and his position in the team was questioned. Parag was subjected to hate and criticism during that phase when he was not able to score runs consistently. But the 2024 edition of the IPL turned his fortunes around. He finished amongst the leading run-scorers, after which he got his chance to play for India. "It's not easy. But then again, after last year, I had a chat with myself. And this sort of a comeback is personal, because I had to put up with stuff I didn't really deserve. Maybe I've lacked in preparation, maybe I've lacked in a few things, but then I've always put my best foot forward. I thought I didn't deserve

all the trolling, but what could I do? People are going to say things regardless. Last year they said I wasn't good enough to play in the IPL. Now they want me in the Indian team. So people change, just like a switch," Parag told ESPNcricinfo.

Parag said that constant criticism made life tough for him when he was not able to perform well in the IPL. However, he acknowledged that the difficult phase in his career made him more mature. "Maturity comes with pain. There are millions watching the IPL. When I don't perform, I feel terrible. And people add to it. Opinions from fans add to it. Opinions from great players add to it. So I just had to figure out what really mattered.

"Why was I getting so much hate? Why was I getting negative energy from all the people except those from the Royals set-up? I tried to understand my game. And once I started doing that, I got this sudden love for getting into cricket a lot," Parag added.

Parag finished as the third-highest run-scorer in IPL 2024, having notched 573 runs from 16 matches at an average of 52.09 and a strike-rate of 149.21 with 4 half-centuries and a top score of 84 not out to his name.

# Laxman-coached India team leave for Zimbabwe for T20I series, skipper Shubman Gill to link up from US

The series against Zimbabwe will provide the youngsters with perfect opportunity to cement their places in the team for future series

MUMBAI, Jul 2 (Agencies): A young-Indian cricket team under National Cricket Academy head VVS Laxman left for Zimbabwe to play a five-match T20I series starting in Harare on July 6.

The team will be led by Shubman Gill while the likes of youngsters Riyan Parag and Abhishek Sharma have been rewarded for their exploits in the last IPL with maiden India call-ups.

Skipper Gill, the reserve opener for the T20 World Cup was on a break and will link up with the Zimbabwe-bound squad directly in Harare from the US.

The BCCI took to X to post pictures of those who boarded the flight, which includes Sharma, Parag, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Avesh



Khan, Ravi Bishnoi, Washington Sundar, Tushar Deshpande and NCA head Laxman.

Five members of the squad --

Shivam Dube, Sanju Samson, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rinku Singh and Khaleel Ahmed were either part of the T20 World Cup-

winning team or were travelling reserves are stranded in Barbados due to hurricane Beryl. They will join the squad later.

With Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja retiring from the shortest format of the game, the T20 series against Zimbabwe will provide the youngsters with the perfect opportunity to cement their places in the team for future

India's squad for T20I series against Zimbabwe:

Shubman Gill (Captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Abhishek Sharma, Rinku Singh, Sanju Samson (WK), Dhruv Jurel (WK), Shivam Dube, Riyan Parag, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Avesh Khan, Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar, Tushar Deshpande.

### India overcome resilient South Africa to win one-off women's Test by 10 wickets

CHENNAI, Jul 2 (Agencies): India were made to wait a tad longer for the winning moment by centurion Laura Wolvaardt but crossed the finish line in style as they won by 10 wickets on the fourth and final day of the one-off women's Test against South Africa here

India were required to chase a modest 37 after bowling out South Africa for 373 in their second innings and the hosts accomplished the task in 9.2 overs without losing a wicket. India had declared their first innings at 603/6.

The opening duo of Shubha Satheesh (13 not out) and Shafali Verma (24 not out) steered their side home comfortably.

This is India's second 10-wicket triumph in Tests after a scoring a similar win over the Proteas at Paarl in 2002.

After putting up 266 in their first innings, South Africa fought well through ton-up Wolvaardt (122 off 314 balls) and Sune Luus



their second innings. However, they could only delay the inevitable.

Resuming at the overnight score of 232/2. and trailing India by 105 runs, Wolvaardt and Marizanne Kapp appeared to be in good touch.

The former brought up her maiden Test century, also becoming the first woman batter to score a Test, ODI and T20I tons in the same year.

However, Kapp was soon trapped leg-before by Deepti Sharma for 31, while Sneh Rana ousted Delmi Tucker for a duck as the tourists

slipped to 266/4. With work to be done

for the South Africans to take the lead, Wolvaardt tried to anchor the innings but was dismissed for 122 when Rajeshwari Gayakwad trapped her in front to reduce the visitors to 281/5.

But the Proteas marched on and went past the 300-run mark, their highest team total in Tests against the Indians. The previous best was the 266 that was made in their opening

innings here. South Africa needed less than 50 runs to take the lead at this stage. Nadine de Klerk and Sinalo Jafta stuck together until the lunch break and they were 302/5 then.

However, in the postlunch session, Jafta retired hurt due to cramps as the visitors sent Anne Dercksen to join De Klerk. But Dercksen departed for five, falling to Pooja Vastrakar with SA trailing by 27 runs.

Although South Africa closed in on taking a lead, they struggled to get the partnerships

The next stand was worth 14 runs between De Klerk and Tumi Sekhukhune before the latter was run out for six. Jafta returned to bat but could add just nine more runs and departed for 15 and they went to tea at 336/8.

## Rohit Sharma's mother breaks internet with 'Brother on his side' post, featuring Virat Kohli after T20 World Cup win

#### Duo celebrates the win with heartfelt moments captured on camera

MUMBAI, Jul 2 (Agencies): India won the 2024 T20 World Cup title by defeating South Africa in a thrilling final in Barbados.

The victory was marked by exceptional performances and emotional farewells as Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli announced their retirement from T20 Internationals. The duo celebrated the win with heartfelt moments captured on camera. One memorable photograph featured Rohit with his



daughter Samaira on his shoulders, standing beside Virat draped in the Indian flag.

The image is cap-

tioned, 'Daughter on his Shoulders. Nation on his back. Brother on his side,' referring to Virat as Rohit's brother.

This picture, posted by Rohit's mother Purnima Sharma, gave fans another reason to cherish the deep bond between the two legends despite rumours of a strained relationship over the years.

A social media user commented, 'Without any insecurity she posted Virat pic with Rohit....this show's us real family for them Virat is their family member.' A second user wrote, 'Aunty ji post and her song selection.'

#### **Deflection time: France oust Belgium to march** into last-8

DUESSELDORF, Jul 2 (Agencies): An 85th minute deflected shot by substitute Randal Kolo Muani, listed as a Jan Vertonghen own goal, gave France a nervy but deserved 1-0 Euro 2024 last-16 stage win over a disappointing Belgium.

France made most of the running in a cagey game but were reckless with their finishing, until a nice combination of passes, finished off by N'Golo Kante, finally created space for Kolo Muani to turn and bundle a mishit shot in off the leg of Vertonghen.

Spain roll on

Spain recovered from an early own-goal to beat Georgia 4-1. Goals from midfielders Rodri and Fabian Ruiz brought Spain back into the game after Robin Le Normand's owngoal in the 18th minute had given Georgia a shock lead.

# IIM Jammu inaugurates Fifth Batch of Capacity Building Program

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, in collaboration with the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICCI), commenced the fifth batch of the Capacity Building Program on Small Business Development Units (SBDUs). The inauguration took place at the Patanjali Classroom, IIM Jammu Jagti Campus, heralding a new chapter in entrepreneurial empowerment. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, presided over the event in an online mode. The fourth batch comprised 39 participants from various parts of the country, including individuals from the Union Territory of Jammu and

Among the notable attendees were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu; Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson of the Centre for Small Business Development, IIM Jammu; Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) at the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, IIM Jammu; and Shri Naren Karunakaran, Consultant at the Centre for Diversity and Inclusion, IIM Jammu.The ceremony commenced



with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the enlightenment and empowerment that the program seeks to instill. Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson of the Centre for Small Business Development, IIM Jammu, in his welcome address, provided an overview of the program, setting the stage for an enriching journey of learning and growth.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, joining on online mode emphasized the importance of the five-day program. He remarked, "Big business is always talked about in India, but not small business, and this initiative aims to strengthen the small businesses thriving in the country." He mentioned that today, entrepreneurship has taken center stage. "We are witnessing the rise of unicorns and \$1 million startups. It gives me immense joy to see many women participating in this program." He stressed to the participants to aspire beyond the skies.

"We are in the process of opening 22 SBDUs in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh."

He emphasized the importance of focusing on the program, learning the nuances of developing business plans, and marketing products and businesses, including various online avenues such as the GEM Portal, Amazon, and Flipkart registration.

He urged Dr. Mahesh Gadekar to facilitate networking with past participants of the SBDU program. With 150 participants already trained in the earlier SBDU programs, along with many other participants in other training programs, IIM Jammu is committed to fostering entrepreneurship in the country. He stressed the importance of participants asking questions, engaging in fruitful discussions, and

making the most of this opportunity. He extended his gratitude to the Ministry of Skill Development,

He mentioned that successful startups are key to community, society, and nation-building. He wished all the participants and the program great success.

Govt. of India, for this ini-

tiative.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, reflected on the institution's journey and the inception of the Capacity Building Program, envisioned by Padmashri Dr. Milind P. Kamble in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development,

Govt. of India.

He emphasized the institute's commitment to fostering innovation and inclusivity while highlighting the necessity of establishing a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region. He underscored the importance of creating enterprises that lead to job creation.

He noted that entrepreneurship is built on two factors: identification of an opportunity and utilization of that opportunity, leading to the creation of unicorns. He urged participants to make full use of the five-day module, which would sensitize them to different aspects of entrepreneurship and mark the start of a new journey and relationship, thereby contributing to the nation's development.

The ceremony also included the Campus AV of IIM Jammu followed by brief introductions from the participants, offering insights into their backgrounds and aspirations, further enriching the diverse tapestry of the program.

Dr. Sarabjit Singh, Program Director, SBDU, IIM Jammu, proposed the vote of thanks. The event was coordinated by the Small Business Development Unit Team, IIM Jammu. The event concluded with the rendition of the national anthem, symbolizing unity and collective aspirations.

The Capacity Building Program on Small Business Development Units by IIM Jammu sets the stage for transformative growth, empowering aspiring and existing entrepreneurs to realize their dreams and contribute meaningfully to the socio-economic develop-

# DSS denounces structural alterations at Bahu Fort; condemns vandalization at Shiv Temple in Dharmari



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, July 2: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS), Jammu and Kashmir, has once again raised the issue of continued indifference of the concerned government institutions towards the significance of preserving various heritage sites and historical

monuments of Jammu. President of the Sabha and former Cabinet Minister, Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak, today came down heavily upon the administration for not only permitting the defiling of the face of Bahu Fort Complex at the main entry gate, but also for allowing gross tampering of the antique ammunition store (Barod Khana) situated within the Fort Complex, to construct sheds and wash rooms, toilets, etc respectively without approval from the concerned authorities, in a highly unplanned and unethical manner.

He said that such alterations at the main entry gate of the historical and religiously-culturally important Bahu Fort, in fact amount to an act of sacrilege.

Charak alleged that the work was being executed without any authorization, in violation of the Jammu and Kashmir Ancient Monument Preservation Act, 1920, read with subsequent amendments, including the Jammu and Kashmir Ancient Monument Preservation (Amendment) Act, 2010.

Charak calls for the removal of any unauthorized alterations that have been made to the Bahu Fort. This indicates concern over preserving the historical integrity of the monument.

He requested for proper

cleaning of the Bahu Fort, specifically after garbage removal with focus on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene at the heritage site.

Charak also condemned the vandalism that occurred at the Shiv Temple in Dharmari, located in the Reasi district. He highlighted a specific incident of cultural vandalism that needs to be addressed.

He called for strict action against the culprits responsible for the vandalism at the Shiv Temple.

Charak urged the government, led by the Lieutenant Governor, to form a special team of experts to investigate any violations observed at the historical monument of Bahu Fort, aiming to address and rectify any breaches in heritage preservation laws

# Movement Kalki holds protest in Hari Market



Top News Report

JAMMU, July 2: Members of Movement Kalki gathered and staged a massive protest in Hari Market, Jammu. The protest was held to demand the repair of non-functional fridges and water coolers, and to address the issue of filth in the area, particularly affecting pilgrims and other visitors traveling through this route for the AmarnathYatra.

Previously, a formal

complaint and a list of issues were submitted to Municipal Commissioner Rahul Yadav, urging the immediate repair of these facilities before the Amarnath Yatra. Despite this, no action was taken, forcing the protest.

During the protest, it was highlighted that pilgrims suffer from the lack of water, and shopkeepers in the area are also troubled. The protesters emphasized the need for immediate action to repair the fridges and

water coolers and to clean the blocked drains in the area.

Key leaders of Movement Kalki, including Thakur Arjun Singh, Sunny Kant Chib, Pritam Sharma, SanjeevDubey, Satpal Hindu participated in the protest along with local citizens. They collectively urged the administration to resolve these issues promptly to ensure better facilities for the incoming pilgrims and cleanliness in the

### Rahul Gandhi, who opposes Hinduism, should be banned to enter temples: Chandel

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 2: Raju Chandel, a senior BJP leader, strongly condemnd Rahul Gandhi's remarks opposing Hindu rituals and his actions in the Lok Sabha.

Chandel demanded that all Hindu Acharyas and Shankaracharyas in the country ban Rahul Gandhi from entering Hindu temples and urged priests and pundits to boycott any Hindu rituals conducted at Rahul Gandhi's residence.

Chandel asserted that Rahul Gandhi's statements in the Lok Sabha are disrespectful towards Hinduism and its beliefs, and he called for more than 100 crore Hindus to unite in opposition to such remarks.

remarks.

He accused Rahul
Gandhi of not only disrespecting Hinduism
but also challenging the
existence of God, which,
according to Chandel,
should be condemned in
all Hindu temples.

Looking ahead to the 2025 Kumbh Mela,



Chandel suggested that the issue of disrespect towards Hindu Sanatan Dharma will be raised, and he advocated for boycotting political leaders who continue to criticize Hindu beliefs.

He emphasized that Hinduism is a religion of peace and warns against any tampering with its values.

Chandel concluded by urging a complete ban on such leaders from entering Hindu temples, suggesting that this measure is necessary to uphold the sanctity of Hindu Sanatan Dharma and to teach a lesson to those who criticize it.

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## Dr Kotwal chairs 3rd meeting of Union Territory Level Coordination Committee convened by RBI

**Top News Report** 

LEH, July 2: The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of UT of Ladakh, and the Chairman of the Union Territory level Coordination Committee, Dr. Pawan Kotwal, presided over the 3rd meeting of the Union Territory Level Coordination Committee (UTLCC) at the Civil Secretariat Leh.

The meeting was convened by Chandrashekhar Azad, Regional Director for the UT of J&K and Ladakh, Reserve

Bank of India (RBI). While extending his welcome to Advisor Ladakh, he threw light on the potential fraud risks posed by unauthorized entities. He highlighted the rising frauds through unauthorized digital lending apps.

The Advisor emphasised that effective awareness should be raised to protect the public from such fraudulent activities.

The chairman praised the collaborative endeavours of RBI for creating effective financial awareness and called upon collaboration between the UT Administration and financial sector regulators to raise public awareness to sabotage the ill designs of fraudsters and protect the public from these frauds.

During the meeting, discussions and deliberations were held on growing frauds in the financial sector, and various counter measures to mitigate them. RBI and SEBI presented detailed case studies showcasing prevalent financial frauds

such as digital arrests wherein fraudsters impersonate law enforcement officials, Various Chit Fund Scams after luring the public on the pretext of hefty returns for investing money and gold with them, etc.

The meeting was attended by Dr. S. D Singh, ADGP, UT of Ladakh; Ram Sarup, Deputy General Manager, RBI, Jammu; B.K Gupta Deputy General SEBI, New Delhi; Dr. Safdar Ali, Additional

Secretary, Finance Department among other officials.

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