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BRIEFLY

Anti-**Corruption** Bureau raid on BDO

JAMMU, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday conducted raid at the Greater Kailash house of BDO Dachchan Parveen Sharma. More details awaited.

Earthquake Of Magnitude 4.4 Hits Leh In Ladakh

LEH, Jul 3 (Agencies): An earthquake of magnitude 4.4 on the richer scale hit Leh in Ladakh on Wednesday, said the National Center for Seismology (NCS).

According to the NCS, the epicentre of the earthquake was located at Latitude 36.10 North, Longitude 74.81 East, at a depth of 150 kilometres.

The earthquake hit Leh on Wednesday at 8:12 a.m. EQ of M: 4.4, On: 03/07/2024 08:12:59 IST, Lat: 36.10 N, Long: 74.81 E, Depth: 150 Km, Location: Leh,

Ladakh.

Masjid, several houses damaged in massive fire in Srinagar's Eidgah

SRINAGAR, Jul 3 (Agencies): A masjid and several houses were damaged in a massive fire that broke out in the Umer Colony area of Srinagar's Eidgah, officials said.

An official said that fire broke out in Umer Colony area today morning and soon after fire tenders reached to the spot.

He said by the time fire tenders reached. a local Masjid and several houses were damaged, while efforts are on to douse off the flames.

Further details area awaited.

CUK students hold protest over fee hike

SRINAGAR, Jul 3 (Agencies): Amidst scorching heat, students at Central University of Kashmir staged a protest on Tuesday against the recent hike in semester fees. The protesting students blocked all access points to the main campus, halting academic and administrative activities. The protest rocked

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Hathras stampede: Death toll rises to 121, number of injured at 28



HATHRAS (Uttar Pradesh), Jul 3 (Agencies): The death toll in the stampede incident which occurred in the Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday has gone up to 121. Around 28 people have

sustained injuries in the incident, the Office of Relief Commissioner said on Wednesday.

According to officials, Of the 28 injured, six people are undergoing treatment at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College in Aligarh; six people are admitted at Deen Dayal Hospital in Aligarh; nine people are under treatment at Bagla Hospital in Hathras; one at Agra SN Medical College while six are undergoing treatment at Etah Medi-

cal College in Hathras. Uttar Pradesh police have launched a search operation at Ram Kutir Charitable Trust in Mainpuri district in search of Narayan Saakar Hari also known as Bhole Baba, the preacher of the 'Satsang' in Hathras, where the stampede incident occurred on Tuesday claiming lives of over hundred people and leaving dozens of others injured.

The preacher however remains untraceable. "We did not find Baba ji inside the campus. He is not here," Deputy SP Sunil Kumar said earlier. Uttar Pradesh Police have filed an FIR against

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Army chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi on maiden visit to J&K



JAMMU, Jul 3 (Agencies): Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi arrived here on Wednesday on his maiden visit to J&K after taking over as the country's COAS.

After arriving here General Dwivedi immediately flew to Poonch district.

"The COAS visited the Brigade headquarters in

Poonch where he interacted with the field commanders about the latest situation on the Line of Control (LoC) and the hinterland with emphasis on the continuing anti-militancy operations in Poonch and Rajouri district in light of the terror incidents in Poonch, Rajouri and adjacent district," said

officials here.

"After interacting with the field commanders, General Dwivedi will visit the forward posts to take first-hand stock of the security situation. The COAS will fly back to Jammu and leave for Delhi later today," officials said.

For General Upendra Dwivedi coming to J&K is like

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IG BSF reviews operational readiness of force for Amarnath Yatra

SRINAGAR, Jul 3 (Agencies): Inspector General, Kashmir Frontier, Border Security Force (BSF) Ashok Yadav reviewed on Wednesday the operational readiness of the Force, deployed along the Pahalgam axis in south Kashmir for the Amarnath Yatra.

The 52-day Amarnath Yatra began on Saturday on the twin tracks of the Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the Baltal route in Ganderbal district. Officials said in the first four days, over 74,000 pilgrims paid obeisance

at the cave shrine, which houses the naturally formed ice-lingam. A thick security blanket

has been thrown across Kashmir to secure pilgrims during the Amarnath Yatra. Besides thousands of police and central armed police force (CAPF) men, the Army has been deployed on the outer parameters and higher reaches along the Yatra route for the safety of pilgrims.

A BSF spokesman said IG BSF inspected the security and surveillance grid to

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Amarnath Yatra 2024 | Over 5,700 | Kashmir sizzles, pilgrims leaves for Amarnath Shrine



JAMMU, Jul 3 (Agencies): A fresh batch of more than 5,700 pilgrims left for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas from here on Wednesday, officials

More than 74,000 pil-

grims have paid obeisance at the 3,880metre high cave shrine till Tuesday evening and over 2,500 on-the-spot registrations of devotees were done on Tuesday, they said.

The sixth batch of

5,725 pilgrims left in 256 vehicles for the twin basecamps of Baltal and Pahalgam at 3.05 am and were escorted by security vehicles, they said.

While 3,211 pilgrims **Turn to page 9**

Srinagar sees 2nd hottest July day in decade SRINAGAR, Jul 3

(Agencies): Sweltering weather conditions showed no signs of abating in Jammu and Kashmir as Srinagar recorded the 2nd warmest day in July at 34.6°C on Tuesday, officials said.

meteorological department official said that it was on July 18, 2021 (35.0°C) when mercury surpassed today's temperature in Srinagar. The highest ever hottest July day has been recorded on 15th of the month in 1973, he added.

Meanwhile, he said,

Qazigund recorded a maximum temperature of 34.0°C, Pahalgam 29.1°C, Kokernag 33.4°C, Kupwara 34.6°C, Gulmarq 33.4°C and Jammu 37.2°C.

He said "hot and Humid" was likely to continue till July 3 ever as there is possibility of spell of rain and thundershower at scattered places of Jammu Division towards late night or early morning and spell of rain/thundershower at few places of Kashmir Valley.

On July 4, he said, Turn to page 9



Jammu **Kashmir Shia Body Boycotts Administration Meetings on** Muharram

SRINAGAR, Jul 3 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Shia Association, led by Molvi Imran Reza Ansari, to Boycott Government Meetings for Muharram

All Jammu and Kashmir Shia Association, led by Molvi Imran Reza Ansari, has announced its decision to boycott all government meetings related to the upcoming month of Muharram.

"With six days left for Muharram to start, the Lieutenant Governor wakes up and holds a high-level meeting to facilitate. God, it seems he has a magic trick to make arrangements. Janab LG Sb please take care of SANJY, we can take care of Muharram 2024

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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 or 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), Bawara 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

Gupta

GRIEF STRICKEN: Sons and Daughter-in-Laws

Ashwani Kumar & Sunita Chandra 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, ane J Sector 2, Durga Nagar Roopnagar Jammu on June 25, 2024.

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

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

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

(Brother and Babhi)

Sh/ Smt. Chuni Lal Pandita and Usha Pandita Sh / Smt B N Tikoo and Birnla Tikoo (Brother and Sister in law)

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

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

BARKHI

One year has passed since you left us for your heavenly abode, though you are not with us yet your loving memories are still fresh in our hearts. Your blessings, simplicity and guidance will always remain source of inspiration for all of us. We pray to God to keep your noble soul in heaven with peace.

Barkhi of our revered Late Sh Ashok Kumar Gupta will be performed on Thursday, 4th July 2024 from 12.00 Noon at Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple, Peer Mitha, Late Sh Ashok Kumar Jammu, 180001



Smt. Manju Gupta (Wife)

Smt. Chanchal Gupta W/o Late Sh. Kuldeep Gupta (Bhabhi and Brother) Smt. Kanchan Gupta W/o Sh. Kewal Gupta (Bhabhi and Brother) Smt Deepika Mahajan and Sh. Pawan Gupta (Daughter and Son in law) Er Sahil Mahajan (Son)

Er Rahil Gupta (Son) Mob: - +919149458134

CHOUBARSI

FOUR YEARS HAVE BEEN PASSED WHEN YOU LEFT US FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 19-6-2020, WE ALL MISS YOU AND FEEL YOUR PRESENCE AT EVERYWHERE AND ON EVERY MOMENT, YOUR LOVE AND MEMORIES SHALL REMAIN ALIVE WITH US TILL OUR LAST BREATHE.WE PRAY TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR YOUR ETERNAL PEACE

CHOURARS! OF OUR RELOVED SON LATE GAJENDER SINGH (DEEPU) (SPM DEPTT. OF POSTS INDIA) SHALL BE PERFORMED ON 04.07.2024 (THURSDAY) AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 386 NAI BASTI, SATWARI JAMMU. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

MOTHER & FATHER VEENA RANI & VARINDER SINGH (RETD. MANAGER, THE CITIZENS CO-OP BANK LTD.

SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW SAKSHI & SHALINDER SINGH BALORIA MAMIES & MAMAS NIVEDITA JAMWAL & BIR SINGH JAMWAL

ANITA NARAINIA & DR. SUPREME SINGH JAMWAL FUFI & FUFA SANTOSH DEVLA SHAMSHER SINGH LANGEH

MASI & MOSA NEENA & DIWAKAR CHOUHAN

LATE GAJENDER

SINGH (DEEPU)

ALL RELATIVES & FRIENDS MOBILE 9419103361, SATYA DEVLA SOHAN SINGH JAMWAL 7006565165 ASHA RANI & RACHUBIR SINCH LANCEH

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Savitri Devi W/o Lt. Sh B.S. Manhas R/o Sainik Colony who left for her heavenly abode on 25th of June 2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 4th of July 2024 (Thursday) at Ram Mandir, Sector D, Sainik Colony, Jammu at 11am.

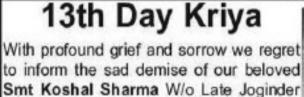
GRIEFSTRICKEN

Sons and Daughters-in-law

Sh. Randhir Singh Manhas & Lt. Smt. Urmil Manhas Lt. Sh. Ravinder Singh Manhas & Smt. Anuradha Manhas Sh. Rana Randeep Singh & Smt. Pankaj Manhas

Daughter and Son-in-law Smt. Manorma Katyal & Sh.Subash Katyal

9419123023,9419155955 Manhas', Katyal's & Sambyal's

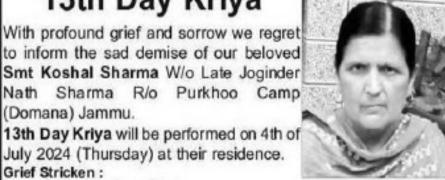


(Domana) Jammu. 13th Day Kriya will be performed on 4th of July 2024 (Thursday) at their residence.

Grief Stricken: Shavali Sharma (Daughter) Sh Kuldeep Chander Sharma (Son)

Mr Robin Sharma (Son) Sharma Family (Surankot Wala)

P No. 9596802971



SMT SAVITRI DEVI

Smt Koshal Sharma

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Omkar Nath Turki S/o Late Sh. Shankar Nath Turki originally resident of Rainawari/ 473, Karan Nagar, Srinagar and presently residing at 7/4, Hazuri Bagh, Talab Tillo, Jammu on 2nd July, 2024.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on Thursday 11th July, 2024 (8.30 AM) at Muthi Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN Shanta Turki - Wife

Sons & Daughters-in-law Surinder & Saroj Turki Daleep & Sangeeta Turki

Sanjay & Rajni Turki Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law

Sakshi & Saurav Jamwal (Gaurika)

Sanchit, Saahil, Saksham, Saarthak & Saanvi - Grand Children

SH. OMKAR NATH

TURKI

Sh. Rup Kishen Bhan

Contact Nos: 6005167807, 6005787407, 9469571203

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 Gujral Talab Tiloo Jammu breathed her last on 25.06.2024.

Tenth Day will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education on

4.07.2024 (Thursday) at 8:30 am. Grief Stricken: Son and Daughter in law

Ravinder Handoo & Smt Rekha Handoo M. No. 7006964298

Kiran Handoo (Daughter)



Smt Chuni Ji Khar

Smt Rani Ji (Uma Shori)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother Smt Vijay Lakshmi W/o Sh Vijay Kumar Sharma R/o W.No. 10 near BDO Office RS Pura.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 03 July 2024 on Wednesday at 10 am.

KRIYA will be performed on 4 July 2024, Thursday at our Residence.

Grief Stricken:

Son & Daughter in Law Sachin Sharma & Nisha Sharma **Brothers & Bhabhis**

Ashok Kumar & Vijay Kumari Romesh Kumar & Suman Devi

Cont No.: 7889488986, 9622219127

10TH DAY/13TH DAY

With grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of Smt Chander Kanta (Retd Tr) W/o Sh Hans Raj Rana R/o Janwas (Shrawal) Sarthal Kishtwar A/P H No. 96/6 Butta Nagar Paloura Jammu on 25-06-2024.

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

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



Smt Vijay Lakshmi

Late Smt Chander Kanta

10TH DAY KRIYA

TUTH DAY KRIYA
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND A VERY
HEAVY HEART, THIS IS TO INFORM
ABOUT THE SAD AND UNTIMLEY DEMISE
OF OUR DEAREST MRS USHA JI RAINA,
W/O MR. MOHAN JEE RAINA & D/O LATE
SMT SHANTA DEVI LABROO AND SH.
SRIJ LAL LABROO) ATTHEIR RESIDENCE
F-64 MOHALLA DALPATIAN, RESIDENCY
ROAD (JAMMU) ON TUESDAY, JUNE
25TH, 2024.

25TH, 2024. 10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, 2024 AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR O/O DIRECTOR EDUCATION



GHAT NEAR O/O LINES
AT 08:30 AM.
AT 08:30 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
MR. MOHAN JEE RAINA (HUSBAND)
MRS. RITIKA RAINA & MR. ROHIT BHAT (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
MRS. MALVIKA RAINA & MR. ROHIT BHAT (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
MRS. WILAY & MR. ASHOK LABROO (SISTER-IN-LAW & BROTHER)
MRS. RAKA LABROO & LATE SH. SATISH LABROO (SISTER-IN-LAW & BROTHER)
& ENTIRE RAINA, JALALI, MATHU, KAUL & LABROO PARIVAAR
CONTACT NUMBERS: 8803689723, 9797851086, 9711475660,
7006595252, 9818774493, 9797425525

10TH DAY /KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we Sh. Des Raj Anand (Retd ZEPO) R/d Bani (Kathua). **TENTH DAY** will be performed at our esidence ward No 06 Near Bus Stand ani on 3rd of July 2024 (Wednesday) a

KRIYA will also be performed at ou esidence 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 Sandhaya & Sh. Vishal Anand
Smt Roshi & Sh. Vinay Anand
Daughters & Sons in Law Vipan & Sh. Ajay Gandotra Rekha & Sh. Preetam Rakwal Smt Pankaj & Sh. Pawan Babbar



(RETD ZEPO)

Sister in Law Smt Kantlesh Khanna Brother in Law Sh. Subash Khanna Grand Daughters & Sons Sa myla, Manya, Sumit and Navyukt MOBILE NO: 9906280808, 9906192469

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE DEMISE OF BELOVED MOTHER OUR BELOVED MOTHER SMT INDRAWATI KOUL WIFE OF LATE SH MADHUSUDAN KOUL OF KHAH BAZAR ANANTNAG/94 JAWAHIR NAGAR SRINA-GAR AT PRESENT OTR NO. 6 ROLLER SHED OPPOSITE ST. PETER SCHOOL, B. ROAD JAMMU, ON 25-06-2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORME

TENTIH DAY KINYA WILL BE PERFORMED
AT MUTHI GHAT, NEAR DIRECTORATE OF
SCHOOL EDUCATION, ON 4TH OF JULY
2024 THURSDAY AT 8.30 A.M.,
SMT INDRAW
GRIEF STRICKEN:
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
MRS SANTOSH RAINA & SURESH RAINA- 6005747063 GRAND SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW GRAND SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
MRS & MR VISHAL BAKSHI - 9986075505
SMT & SH MOHAN LAL KOUL (DEVAR & DEVRANI)- 9419131438
SONS & DAUGHTERS IN-LAW
MR VEERENDER KOUL & MRS NIRMALA KOUL- 9149639050
MR CHAND KOUL & MRS RAJNI KOUL - 9906730747
SAMAST KOUL AND WALL PARIVAR

10TH DAY/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Late Sh. Chaman Lal R/o Malhotra Mohalla Bantalab Jammu.

10th Day will be performed on 3-7-2024 (Wednesday) at Govt School Peer Baba Bantalab at 10.00 am

Rasam Pagri will be performed on 06-07-2024 at Malhotra Mohalla Bantalab Jammu

from 3pm to 4pm. Raman Malhotra- Son 9596839965 Aman Malhotra- Son 8492041050

Late Sh. Chaman

DR. VED VYAS

(Malhotra Family) OBITUARY AND 10TH DAY KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of Dr. Ved Vyas Kuchroo S/o Late Sh. Moti Lal Kuchroo R/o Raj Ghat Baramulla, Kashmir presently residing at 702-8, Tower-7,

Trishla City, Zirakhpur, Punjab on 28th June The 10th Day Kriya will be performed on 7th July 2024 (Sunday) at Ghaghar Ghat, Panchkula at 08:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Shalini Kuchroo (Wife) (Brother & Bhabhi) Lalit Mohan Kuchroo & Sarojini Kuchroo (Sister & Brother-In-law)
Vimla & Ashwani Kumar Cirrungoo
Valshali Kaul W/o Lt. Sh. Anii Kaul (Sister)
Sanket Kaul S/o Lt. Sh Anii Kaul (Nephew)
Phoola Kuchroo W/O Lt. Sh. K.L.Kuchroo (Aunty)

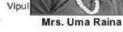
Neetu & Sanjay Mahaldar (Sister & Brother-in-Law) r Virender Sharma (Father-In-law) mita Sharma & Anil Sharma (Sister-In-law & Brother-In-law)

& vinder Sharma & Kusum Sharma (Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law) anjay Sharma & Renu Sharma (Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law) hone Numbers: 7506660441/9820287669

OBITUARY Late Sh. Gopi Nath Raina left for her heav

enly abode on 27th June, 2024. Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Gauri Shankar Wandir, New Palam Vihar Gurgaon on 6th July 2024, at 8.00 am. Mourning at: Tower 9, 1801 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 & Sauren

Adhir & Rajshri, Shailja & Ashish, Ashim, Niyati, Drishti & Taaruk 10TH DAY

We deeply mourn the sad demise of our below KaramnyogiSmt Rani Koul (Mohini) Wo Late Sh T

Karamyogi Smt Rani Koul (Mohini) W/o Late Sh T N Koul originally restdent of Drabyar Habba Kadal Srinagar at present H.No. 37, Sara avait Vihar, Dhaboti, Zirakpur, Mohali. She left for heavenly abode on 25-06-2024. Thenth Day Kriya will be performed on 04-07-2024 (Thursday) at 9.00 am at Chatth Pooja Ghat, near Ghagar Bridge, Sector 21, Panchkula. Grief Stricken Indira Kaul W/o Late Sh G L Kaul -Bhabi Bhabi & Brother Smt Roopa & Late Sh B N Misri Smt Pyari & Late Sh B L Misri Daughters-in-law & Sons Smt Kiran & Sh Kuddeep Koul Smt Archara & Sh Barat Koul Grand Chill Smt Princy & Sh Vinayak Koul Shityani & A Sh Kanti Koul Shityani & A Shivani & A nt Anita & Sh Rohit Koul Sh Kartik Koul aughters & Sons-in-law at Nalini & Sh R L Pandita

mt Meena & Late Sh Satish Razdan

Smt Vandana & Suneel Koul

Smt Rajni Kau



Karamyogi Smt Rani Koul (Mohini)

Grand Children Shilpa & Kartik/ Sukeshi & Sumit/ Shivani & Arpan / Anirudh & Shikaha Bhavishya/Rakshanda Great Grand Children Aadvik/Sartit/Yashvil/arvi Aadvik/Sarth/Yashvi/Aarvi Kaul's/Misri's/Kaloo's Contact: 7696068292, 7006456601

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 Shyam 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

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Youth have high hopes from National **Conference: Tejinder Pal Singh**

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 3: In a vibrant and enthusiastic joining program held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, scores of youth today ioined the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) under the leadership of Teiinder Pal Singh, District President Jammu Urban JKNC. This significant event marks yet another step towards strengthening the party's grassroots presence and engaging with the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Tejinder Pal Singh warmly welcomed the new members into the party fold, expressing his delight at the increasing interest and support from the younger generation. "The youth are the backbone of our society, and their involvement is crucial for shaping a progressive future. I am thrilled to see so many young individuals joining our movement," he stated.

In his address, Singh highlighted the surge in youth participation over examination process across India. "The BJP the past month, noting that hundreds of young people has consistently failed to have joined the JKNC

mitment to addressing the concerns and aspirations of the youth. Criticizing the ruling BJP, Tejinder Pal Singh accused the Party of betraying the youth of the country, citing various recruitment scams in

through nearly 15 joining

programs under his lead-

ership. This growing trend

reflects the party's com-

deliver on its promises to the youth. The recruitment scams in J&K and the NEET irregularities are just a few examples of their betrayal," he asserted.

Tejinder emphasized that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir have high hopes from the National Conference, trusting the party to bring about meaningful change. "Our youth are looking towards us with great expectations,

hope and confidence in the party's vision and leadership.

Munzamil Malik Provincial Secretary Jammu YNC said that leadership continues to inspire and mobilize the youth, setting a strong foundation for the National Conference as it prepares for the forthcoming elections. The party remains dedicated to empowering the youth and addressing their issues with sincerity and determination.

On this Occasion Prominent Youth workers joined National Conference. The Prominent names are Nikil Bharti, Boby Kumar, Aditya Bhagat, Sadhansu and others.

Those who were present on the occasion Yasir Ahsan, Mudi Seth District Vice Presidents Jammu Urban YNC, Amit Sharma District Joint Secretary Jammu Urban YNC, Rajesh Sharma, Gorav Bhagat Ward President 33 YNC, Tejpal Singh Ward President 58 YNC, Bunty and others.

JKHCBA Jammu condemns vandalism of temple, urges for perpetrators and preventive measures

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JAMMU, July 3: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ) strongly condemns the recent vandalism of the Shiy Temple in Dharmari area of Reasi district. This heinous act is not only a blatant attack on a place of worship but also an assault on the communal harmony that binds our society togeth-

General Secretary Parvesh Singh Salaria urge the administration to act swiftly and act against those who

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Are responsible for this blasphemous act. The perpetrators must be dealt with an iron hand, and their plans to disrupt communal harmony must be exposed and foiled. It is imperative that such deliberate attacks on the Hindu religion are not tolerated under any circumstances.

While we acknowledge that several arrests have already been made, we demand a speedy and thorough investigation to ensure that all involved are brought to justice promptly. Speedy Investigation is required. Swift justice will deter future

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W) Fireapur acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for

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Manual offers are not allowed against these tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are

allowed to make online payments against these tender. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment

modes available on **www.ireps.gov.in** portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand

Tender Type Bidding System Date of uploading tenders Bid closing Date/Time Date and Time of opening E-Tender

Details of Tender

Design, supply, installation and commissioning of Automatic Coach Washing Plant with Effuent

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acts of vandalism and maintain public confidence in the rule of law.

Tolerance should serve the constitutional secular fabric of our nation and should never be misconstrued as a sign of weakness or surrender. The JKHCBAJ stands firm in its resolve to ensure that justice is served and communal harmony is preserved.

We call upon the administration to take stringent action against those who seek to create discord and ensure that peace and unity prevail in Reasi and across Jammu and Kashmir.

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Period of completion

180 days

'Her Dream Her Code' book by Alhana Babar released

Jammu and Kashmir and

issues with the NEET

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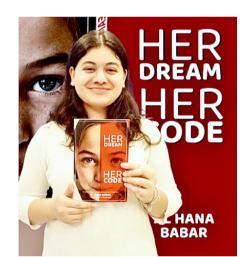
JAMMU, July 3: Al Hana Babar, a Grade 12 student from Jodhamal Public School in Jammu and Kashmir, proudly released her book. "Her Dream Her Code." She explained that this book delves into the vital role of women in society, particularly in the field of technology and social impact, and underscores the transformative contributions women and girls have made throughout history. Her book highlights trailblazers such as Katherine Johnson, Ada Lovelace, Manjula Lee, Sudha Murthy, Malala Yousafzai, Kerry Bannigan and many others who have profoundly influenced society and shaped it's prog-

Al Hana's own achievements include securing two patents in the field of technology

Her innovations encompass a wave energy harvesting device and a sophisticated handcrafts and textile logistics management system.

This system integrates advanced technologies such as Blockchain, IoT, and AI, significantly enhancing transparency, efficiency, and counterfeiting prevention within the textile supply chain. Renowned as both a TEDx Speaker and Organizer, Al Hana is also celebrated for her impactful talk, "Donate a Dream" where she builds a strong case for donations of unfulfilled dreams. From the past few years she has been running a campaign "Her Dream Her Code," which is dedicated to teaching young girls science experiments and

drumming. A champion drummer herself, Al Hana's dedication to her cause has also earned her the prestigious Karmaveer Chakra award, instituted in part-



nership with the United Nations, for her

During the press conference, attendees praised Al Hana for her thoughts and visionary ambition to build her own

In her address, Al Hana expressed heartfelt gratitude to her school for nurturing her talents, and to her parents and friends for fostering an environment that encouraged exploration and innovation.

The launch of "Her Dream Her Code" marks a significant milestone in Al Hana Babar's journey, setting a standard for her peers. Her school continues to support and celebrate her endeavors, eagerly anticipating the many more accolades she is destined to achieve.

Trustee of Jodhamal Public School, Nandan Kuthiala, the principal, Girish Kumar, and esteemed teachers, also lauded this remarkable achievement by their student

Dr. Pawan Kotwal review progress of DILRMP Project in the UT Ladakh

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and we are committed to

standing by them. If voted

to power in the upcom-

ing Assembly polls, the

National Conference will

make every effort to fulfill

their aspirations and work

towards a brighter future

The joining programme

concluded on a posi-

tive note, with the newly

inducted members

expressing their enthu-

siasm and readiness to

contribute to the party's

mission. The growing

youth support for the

JKNC signifies a renewed

for all," he pledged

LEH, July 3: The Advisor to Lieutenant Governor. UT of Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal assembled a meeting to review the progress of DILRMP Project in the Union territory of Ladakh at VC hall Secretariat, leh.

During the meeting a detailed discussion was held on the current status of services since last review meeting, the number of completed survey modes has increased from 10-12, with two additional modes from leh district.

Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) were assigned responsibilities, with tehsildars overseeing specific tasks, and servers were inducted at 50% capacity.The Modern Record Rooms at Saspol, Nubra and Khalsti were completed by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD).

Advisor Dr. Kotwal emphasized the using of local bricks, plastered with sundry local bricks, incorporating local architectural designs and engravings

He directed the officials submit furnishing requirements and requisitions by July 5th, with the estimation for allotment and procurement of all the hardware and software to be prepared by 1st August,2024.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC, Kargil; Chief Engineer, PWD, UT of Ladakh; Chief Engineer, CPWD,UT of Ladakh; Technical Director, NIC. Ladakh: Asisstant Commissioner Revenve, Leh/Kargil; Chief Accounts officer (D), Revenue Department. UT Secretariat; Chief Planning Officer, Leh; Chief Planning Officer, Kargil; Deputy Director(K), Planning Development and Monitoring Department Ladakh; Vikram Jeet Singh Jasrotia, Project Director, Monarch Consol-Geotech; Manooj, Ramtech Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd; Atal Suyash, Consultant, UT Secretariat, the officials who stationed outside attended the meeting

Earnest Money

237300/-

JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION JMC DIVISION - II E-NIT No. 03 of 2024-25 dt. 29-06-2024 (Short Term Tender)

For and on behalf of The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, the Executive

Engineer, JMC Division - II, invites online tenders on Percentage basis from registered class of Contractors/Firms as per the prescribed format for the works shown here under:

S.No	Name of work	Advertise d Amount	Tender Fee In Rs.	EMD In Rs	Class	Time for completion	Major Head
1	Imp. / Upgradation of lane No. 27 from Ravi Kiryana Store to H/o Satpaul to H/o Samesh Bhat & H/o Aditi Gupta nr. Rajpura Park in W No. 33 (under Internal Resources 2024-25)	7.77	600/-	2% of Advt. Cost	"A" "B" "C" & D	40	Internal Resources 2024-25

1. The Complete bidding process will be online

S.No	SequenceofActivities	DateandTime
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2	Bidsubmissionstartdate	29-06-2024from1700Hrs
3	Bidsubmission Enddate	15-07-2024 upto1800Hrs
4	DateandtimeofopeningofTechnicalBid(Online)	16-07-2024 at1400Hrs in the O/o XEN JMC Division – II
5	DateandtimeofopeningofFinancialBid(Online)	TobenotifiedafterTechnicalEvaluationiscomplet ed.

Scanned Copy of Farnest Money Deposit (EMD) in shape CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, Division – II, JMC (with e-NIT No., Date & S. No. of Work marked on it by the concerned Bank). Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challansingle window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, JMC Division - II, tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link http://www.jmcjammu.org/online

DIP/J-858-P/24

Er. Nawaz Ahmed Executive Engineer JMC Div. - II

No.: JMC/Div-II/891-95 Dt: 29/06/2024

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL DIVISION RTIC KATHUA NOTICE INVITING TENDER e- NIT MDK/ RTIC/09 of 2024-25 Dated: 01-07-2024

For and on behalf of the "Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir", The Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua, invites online bids by e tendering mode from eligible bidders/ tenderers /firms dealing with electromechanical /electrical works/mechanical works.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Earnest Money	Validity of Rates
Repairing of 01 no. 450 H.P; 6.6 KV; 3-phase; Slip ring type (BHEL-Make) H.T. Motor unit No 11 installed at lift irrigation station, Lakhanpur	Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua	500.00 (Rs. 250/- for DIC/ SSI Registered Firms) (Non-Refundable) In the shape of treasury Challan only in favour of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua.	Rs.3400/= (Rs 1700 for DIC/SSI Registered Firms) In the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

Position of Funds:

Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 01-07-2024 (5:00 P.M) and uploaded upto 15-07-2024 (01:00 P.M). The tender shall be opened on 18-07-2024 (11:00 A.M). The complete bidding process will be online http://iktenders.gov.in.

Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and bid security/ earnest money as specified in column 3 & 4

of the table. The cost of tender documents should be in the form of Treasury Challan only in favour of Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua. Furnishing of Hard copies of documents pertaining to e bids immediately after submission of e tenders has been

dispensed with as per Govt Order No. O.M. no. A/24(2017-651) dated 07-06-2018. The same shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L-1 after opening of Financial Bids.

The hard copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan and Earnest Money including other relevant documents must be delivered by L-1 to the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua within

The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/

tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited. The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer

Mechanical Division, RTIC, Kathua on 18-07-2023 at 11:00 A.M The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the

Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, RTIC, Kathua during office hours on a convenient day.

Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document. No: MDK/RTIC/477-81

Dated:- 01.07.2024 DIP/J-2198/24

Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC, Kathua

Highest cycling expedition ice & steel flagged off by Army from Daulat Beg Oldie



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JAMMU, July 3: The vear 2024 will mark the completion of 25 years of the spectacular victory of the Indian Army in the Kargil War. To commemorate the Rajat Jayanti of Kargil Vijay Diwas and pay rich tribute to the Heroes of Kargil War, Indian Army is conducting the World's Highest Cycling Expedition, aptly named as 'ICE & STEEL CYCLING EXPEDITION'. The expedition will cover a distance of approx 753 kilometres and also cross the World's Highest Motorable Pass at 19.024 feet

Prior to flag-off, the Expedition Team paid homage at the DBO War Memorial, honouring the memory of the brave soldiers of the 1962 Sino-India War. The expedition was flagged off on 01 Jul 2024 by Brig Vishal Ranjan, SM, Cdr 33 Mtn Bde from Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO). Over the next 15 days, a team of 15 Indian Army personnel will cycle through the challenging and unforgiving terrain of Ladakh to conquer some of the world's toughest mountain passes. The team will also brave few of the cold-

est places in Ladakh and

champion Indian Army's values of selfless service. devotion to duty, sacrifice and courage. The cyclists will also pay homage at Galwan and Rezang La War Memorials and carry out interaction with locals and school children in several villages enroute.

This expedition attempts to establish a World Record by being the Highest Cycling Expedition at an average altitude of approx 15000 feet. The expedition intends to spread the message of grit, sacrifice and the ethos of 'Nation First', which is the hallmark of

the Indian Army

Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024: Cleanliness drive takes center stage at Ganta Ghar Lal Chowk **Top News Report** ment has mobilized a

SRINAGAR, July 3: The second day of the cleanliness awareness campaign for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Ganta Ghar (Clock Tower) Lal Chowk, here.

Pilgrims were welcomed with a grand reception marked by cultural performances and a strong commitment to cleanliness.

The event was graced by the chief guest Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur,

Among others present were Keshav Verma, Advisor to J&K Government on Smart Cities besides senior officials from SMC, LCMA, ULB, CTP and line departments.

The celebration beautifully blended tradition and modernity to promote a clean pilgrimage experi-

The Housing and Urban

Development Depart-

Education, and Communication (IEC) team in collaboration with 'Swaaha,' an IIT Indore startup, and the artists' group Hanuman Dhvaj Pathk. Their one-hour performance, "Swachhta ka Shiv Naad," used drums, cymbals and tambourines to convey a message of environmental responsibility to thousands of pilgrims. Mandeep Kaur high-

dedicated Information,

lighted the significance of the awareness campaign, aiming to encourage pilgrims to minimize plastic usage and maintain cleanliness. The efforts of Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in SANJY-2024 have been pivotal in achieving this goal.

Speaking on behalf of Swaha, Shri Sameer Sharma highlighted the comprehensive cleanliness campaign led by the Housing and Urban Development Department, Jammu and Kash-

EDITORIAL

Centralized Registration System portal

he Centralized Registration System (CRS) portal is a pivotal platform established by the Indian government to streamline and simplify the process of registration for companies under various labor laws. This initiative aims to enhance transparency, efficiency, and compliance in the realm of business operations across the country.

The CRS portal serves as a unified platform where employers can register their establishments under multiple labor laws simultaneously. It was launched to replace the earlier system where businesses had to register separately under different acts like the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Professional Tax, and more.

Single Window Registration: One of the primary features of the CRS portal is its capability to facilitate single window registration. Businesses can register once and comply with various labor laws without the need for separate registrations under different authorities.

The portal is designed to be user-friendly, with intuitive navigation and comprehensive guidance to assist employers through the registration process. It minimizes the complexity associated with multiple registrations and reduces bureaucratic hurdles.

CRS integrates registrations under key labor laws such as EPFO, ESIC, Professional Tax, and others mandated by respective state governments. This integration simplifies compliance for businesses operating in multiple states.

Employers can submit their registration applications online through the CRS portal. The system facilitates quick processing of applications, reducing the time taken for registration approval compared to traditional methods.

Businesses are required to upload necessary documents such as PAN card, Aadhaar card, address proof, and other relevant documents during the registration process. The portal verifies these documents electronically, ensuring accuracy and authenticity.

The portal provides real-time tracking of application status. Employers can monitor the progress of their registration applications and receive updates on approvals or any additional requirements.

CRS offers a compliance dashboard where registered entities can view and manage their compliance status under various labor laws. This feature helps in maintaining adherence to regulatory requirements and avoiding penalties.

By eliminating the need for multiple registrations, CRS saves time and reduces administrative costs for businesses.

The centralized system promotes better compliance with labor laws, fostering a business environment based on transparency and accountability.

CRS supports government initiatives aimed at promoting ease of doing business and formalization of the economy.

The portal is accessible online, allowing businesses to register and comply with labor laws from anywhere, promoting digital inclusion and ease of access.

The CRS portal represents a significant step towards digital transformation and regulatory reform in India's business landscape. Moving forward, continuous updates and enhancements to the portal are expected to further streamline registration processes and enhance user experience. The integration of additional labor laws and functionalities may expand the scope and utility of CRS, benefiting a broader spectrum of businesses across the country.

In conclusion, the CRS portal stands as a cornerstone of the government's efforts to simplify regulatory compliance and promote a conducive environment for business growth. Its role in facilitating unified registration under multiple labor laws underscores its importance in fostering economic development and regulatory efficiency in India.

Yogi picks a new chief secy: Is it show of defiance against Centre?

By: Dilip Cherian

Putting speculations to rest, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath appointed Manoj Kumar Singh as the new chief secretary of the state. He took over from Durga Shanker Mishra, who was not granted a fourth extension beyond June 30.

For a while, there was widespread speculation in Lucknow about the possibility of another extension for Mr Mishra. Sources told DKB that the state government had sent a proposal to the Centre seeking an extension for Mr Mishra beyond June 30. However, the Centre indicated that no such proposal had reached Raisina Hill, effectively ruling out any further extension for Mr Mishra.

Notably, when Mr Mishra met with Union home minister Amit Shah in mid-June, a former Union secretary from Uttar Pradesh suggested it marked the end of Mr Mishra's tenure as Uttar Pradesh's chief secretary. Certainly, the political landscape in Uttar Pradesh has become increasingly fluid following poor results for the ruling party in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Mr Mishra's unex-

pected meeting with Amit Shah had fuelled rumours that he might stay on, by securing another extension as chief secretary. That was not to be. But with Manoj Singh's appointment, Yogi has signalled to the Centre that he will continue to run the state government in his own chosen way.

Extended tenures of key babus signal stability

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to keep some of his old team while bringing in fresh faces into his Cabinet is all about continuity and stability. This can be seen in the makeup of his Cabinet and the choices his government has been making lately. One big move was extending Tapan Kumar Deka's time as director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) for another year beyond June 30, 2024. This shows that the NDA administration really trusts Mr Modi's leadership and experience. To make this happen, the government even relaxed some rules, which may raise concerns in some quarters. But when national security is such a high priority, it won't be questioned much.

Another similar move was extending Bharat Lal's tenure as secretary general of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). Serving in the rank and pay of secretary to the Government of India on a contract basis, Lal's extension beyond June 30, 2024, ensures the NHRC continues to benefit from his extensive experience and dedication.

These extensions are part of a bigger strategy to value seasoned babus who have proven their capabilities and earned Modi's trust. The NDA government seems to be all about stability and sticking with policies that work. Keeping experienced leaders in critical roles aims to ensure a smooth transition and continued progress.

Lucky Ali alleges land grab by Rohini Sindhuri

Popular singer Lucky Ali's recent allegations against IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri and her family have kicked up a storm. Ali claims that Ms Sindhuri and her family have misused government resources and snatched his farmland in Yelahanka's Kanchenahalli area. This is a big deal and has got everyone talking.

Ali hasn't kept these claims to himself. He's gone public, filing a complaint with the Karnataka Lokayukta Police. He says that Ms Sindhuri, her husband Sudhir Reddy, and her brother-in-law Madhusudan Reddy, have illegally grabbed his land, using their clout to escape it.

Sources say that this isn't the first time Ali has brought this issue up. A few years ago, he accused the local police of taking Ms Sindhuri's side and asked higher-ups to step in, claiming there was a 'land mafia' conspiracy. These recurring accusations point to a long-standing and troubling dispute.

At its core, this is about more than just land. It's about the misuse of power and the integrity of public officials. If Ali's allegations are true, a senior IAS officer used her position for personal gain, which is a major breach of trust. The alleged involvement of the local police makes things even messier

Rohini Sindhuri's past controversies add another twist to this saga. She was previously involved in a public spat with IPS officer D. Roopa, which led to both officers being removed from their posts. The episode was covered extensively in this column. This history makes the current allegations even more concerning and highlights the need to look closely at her actions.

Biggest challenges for colleges in the Age of Generative Artificial intelligence

By: Vijay GarG

ne of the biggest challenges for colleges in the age of Generative AI (GenAI) is maintaining academic integrity. Concerns have spiralled since ChatGPT exploded, particularly around assessing students and verifying learning. Indian students have embraced GenAI. In a new survey by Deloitte, an overwhelming 93% said they actively use GenAI tools to save time and develop new skills. The GenAI revolution has come at a time of broader transformation in Indian higher education. Classrooms across India are turning hybrid. The University Grants Commission's provision of 40% of credits, which institutions can offer through appropriate online courses in any cate- gory, has opened up new possibilities.

By integrating for-credit online content from global experts, colleges are dynamically upgrading curricula with the latest skills. As students learn online and increasingly engage with AI, maintaining academic integrity will be critical to steer authentic learning and ensure the credibility of online credentials.

Rethink assessments

Several Indian colleges have discouraged or banned the use of ChatGPT. The worry is that, if GenAI can complete their work, students will spend less time learning course content, both online and in

physical classrooms. Educators are already struggling to evaluate whether a student's deliverable was crafted from their own thought process, or generated through AI. The challenge in this era will be to ensure authentic assessment of learning. Do grades represent a student's skills? Do student outcomes reflect effort and mastery of course material?

That Assessments gauge a student's thought process would be one way to check this. Traditionally this has been challenging, since live viva exams require significant educator re-sources. GenAI offers a scalable Socratic approach to detect authenticity through GenAI-powered viva-style exams. Just as an examiner poses questions to a student in the classroom, GenAI can conduct comprehensive verbal exams and generate custom follow-up questions to evaluate comprehension and reasoning.

Al solutions can also strengthen academic integrity across other dimensions. One area is ascertaining if learners are putting in the effort to master course content. By locking grade-bearing activities, institutions can ensure students don't skip ahead, but progress as they master every one of the modules in the class. Al can enable such self-paced learning that promotes authentic learning habits, with assessments that support mastery goals. Aids

like proctoring and lockdown browsers can help maintain exam integrity by blocking un- authorised resources and detecting unauthorised assistance during high-stakes exams. Set- ting time and attempt limits can be utilised to control exam attempts, to ensure fairness, dis-courage trial and error, and limit access to out- side resources. GenAI also gives faculty new tools to scale assessment creation and grading. Al-assisted assessments save time. Think of a customised multiple-choice test created in minutes and integrated into assignments. GenAI can be used create question banks for robust testing. Al-assisted grading will give teachers the cues they need to make in-formed decisions, with scores suggestions and feedback based on assignment analysis.

Evolving pedagogy

The implications of GenAI go far beyond plagiarism or students cheat-ing. In the future, GenAI will be central to job skills, given the technology's capability to augment human work. Educators will need to include effective teaching and assessment methods to encourage skills for an AI future. When the World Economic Forum asked companies what skills they would need in the next five years, "teaching workers to exploit AI and big data" came out on top. Institutions will need to consider how students can be supported for the AI age,

while committing to ethical. practices and fostering a culture of academic integrity. GenAI can be used to practice future skills like critical thinking, problem solving and communication. As a learning aid, tools like ChatGPT can tutor students, enabling interactive, tailored learning. With responsible use, the benefits can be enor- UNESCO's guidance suggests an approach mous. where the use of GenAI tools should make learning or research more effective than a no-tech or other alternative approach. It cautions, "If not used purposefully to facilitate higher-order thinking or creativity, GenAI tools tend to encourage plagiarism or shallow 'stochastic parroting' outputs." Evolving pedagogy will need to focus on the development of new assessment methods and strategies that serve a higher purpose, deter misconduct, and verify learning. By fostering an academic environment underpinned by honesty, trust, fairness, and responsibility, colleges can ensure academic integrity runs throughout the learning process. The healthy learning habits developed on cam- pus will continue to serve graduates in the workplace as well.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

YSCC Doda to organize All India five days **Gufran Global Cricket Coaching Camp**

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DODA, July 3: Taking forward its legacy in promotion of sports activities in the region after 15 successful Gufran National Level Cricket Championships, the District Doda's premier Sports Club i.e Young Star Cricket Club (YSCC) Doda is holding 05 days All India Gufran Global Coaching Camp at Doda from August 25,

First of its kind in Chenab region, the five days coaching camp will be held exclusively for different age groups viz U-12, U-14, U-16, U-19 and U-22 age group.

Speaking to the media persons on the occasion, earlier the Patron YSCC



Doda Manzoor Ahmed Batt along with other officials, officially declared and nominated Prof Zaheer Abass Hashmi as Chief Executive Officer of this 05 days All India Coaching Camp which shall commence in Doda- J&K from August 2024 onwards

While giving more detail about this new initiative, Patron YSCC

Doda Batt informed that the camp shall be conducted at Doda's Sports Stadium where certified coaches and reputed International Cricketer & Fitness Trainers will provide comprehensive cricket training to students & young cricketers of different age groups with the aim to inculcate budding cricketers with

nuances of the game

The main purpose of starting 05 days coaching camp is to nurture young cricketers of this region, UT and different parts of the country at the grass root level and intends to be nursery for producing cricketers for bigger stage," said Patron YSCC.

YSCC Chairman Naseer Khora has appealed all the young cricketers and Head of Institutions to encourage their students to participate in this transformative event, which will not only enhance their cricketing skills but also instill discipline, teamwork and passion towards sports activities

The CEO of the camp,

Prof Zaheer Abass Hashmi said that the 05 days coaching camp which is first of its kind in Doda's Chenab region will help us in streamlining cricket activities and providing opportunity to talented young cricketers across the region, to showcase their hidden talent.

However, the registration process in this regard has started, which last upto 25th July 2024, wherein the interested person can contact on 9906139425 or 9906800535 for any queries and registration forms.

General Secretary of the Club, Faizan A Tramboo was also present on

Khurshid ahmad elected president **Gazi Trade Union Check Post Chowgam**



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KULGAM, July 3: The Elections for the post of president of Gazi Trade Union Check Post Chowgam Kulgam were held on Wednesday.

On the occasion, Khurshid Ahmad Dar has been elected as president as he secured 75 votes. while as Mohd Haseeb Hajam who has been elected as Vice President

claimed 54 votes out of 107 votes.

The election was held on Wednesday under the supervision of Quazigund Trade Association President Ghulam Jeelani Bhat and General Secretary Manzoor Ahmad Mir with affiliation of Kashmir Trade Manufacture Federation and all the shopkeepers have cast their votes in favour of their candidates.

The results declared at 11:00 am in which Khurshid Ahmad Dar was declared winner by a margin of 75 votes.

Meanwhile, Shopkeepers of Chowgam area congratulated Khurshid Ahmad Shah for being elected as President Gazi Trade Union Checkpost Chowgam Kulgam. They said that Hope he will work for the betterment of shopkeepers.

DC Kulgam presides Pani Samiti **Convention held in Devsar**

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KULGAM, July 3: Jal Shakti department (PHE) division Qazigund organised Pani Samiti Convention at Devsar, Kulgam on Wednesday

The convention was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam Athar Amir khan.

The convention commenced with a comprehensive Presentation highlighting the proposed plan and achievements of ongoing Jal Jeevan Mission works in Qazigund

AEE PHE Division, Qazigund said that a 6139 number of households have been provided with potable water connections to date, working towards the set target of 7717 households in Devsar block

It was also disclosed that under JJM. Devsar block has a total of 11 schemes with 3



already completed and 3 schemes nearing completion and 5 would be completed within two months. It was emphasized that access to clean water is a fundamental right and a top priority under the JJM.

The convention witnessed the active participation of multilevel Pani Samiti members and key officials including Viqar Ahmad Giri, Additional Deputy commissioner (ADC), Des Raj Sharma Executive Engineer PHE Qazigund, Nawaz Ahmad Exen PHE Kulgam, Mehraj din Rather Exen Irrigation Kulgam, Ragib Ahmad Ganie Tehsildar, Devsar, Mohd Rafiq AEE Jal Shakti Qazigund, Zahid Sajad CPO Kulgam, among others.

DC Kulgam In his address said that under JJM every household is being provided with FHTCs ensuring quality of potable water besides imparting training to the members of paani samitis to play guardian role in maintaining JJM assets and their upkeep.

First-Aid Training organized at Red Cross Bhawan

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JAMMU, July 3: Eight days First-Aid training was organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, J&K UT under the leadership of Lt. Governor, Manoj Sinha (President, IRCS) and quidance of Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary, IRCS, J&K-UT with effect from June 25 to July 3, 2024 at Red Cross Bhawan Kachi Chawni Jammu for the Commercial Vehicle Drivers, Red Cross Volunteers and others

The lecture was delivered/ demonstrated by Dr. Kavita Nijhon, Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Medical officers along with Ravi Kant Magotra, Supervisor Pharmacist & Joginder Kumar, Pharmacist

The participants were trained about the ABC

of First-Aid, Traumas, Bleeding and types of bandages, practical demonstration on Cardio **Pulmonary Resuscitation** (CPR), Transportation of injured person etc.

The trainees were also apprised of the various techniques of Disaster Management during Earthquakes, Floods, famine etc.

Apart from this, all the queries made by the students regarding the healthy lifestyle and other health issues were cleared by the Doctors and they also provided some tips regarding the healthy lifestyle.

Along with that a special lecture on Drug De-addiction was also organized and free eye check-up of the participants was also done The training ended with a certificate distribution ceremony

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MUMBAI/JAMMU July 3: Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, visited the revered Siddhi Vinayak Temple and Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple in Mumbai today to offer prayers for the peace and prosperity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kavinder performed special Pujas at both temples, seeking blessings for the progress and well-being of his home state. The Siddhi Vinavak Temple, dedicated to Lord Ganesha, and the Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Goddess Laxmi, are among the most prominent and sacred temples in India, attracting devotees from across the country and beyond.

During his visit, Kavinder Gupta expressed his heartfelt wishes for



saying, "I have prayed to Lord Ganesha and Lord Vishnu along with Goddess Laxmi for the peace, prosperity, and happiness of all the people in Jammu and Kashmir. May the divine blessings of Siddhi Vinayak and Shri Laxmi Narayan bring harmony and progress to our state.

The visit was marked by a traditional welcome from the temple priests and a ceremonial offering of flowers and sweets. Kavinder participated in the rituals with utmost devotion, emphasizing the importance of spiritual and cultural values in fostering unity and development.

International conference on Artificial Intelligence starts at Shoolini University

Top News Report

SOLAN/JAMMU, July 3: The Yogananda School of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Computers, and Data Sciences at Shoolini University is hosting an International Conference on Applied Artificial Intelligence (AAI).

The three-day conference aims to stimulate global collaboration in computer science, data science, artificial intelligence, security, and information technology, as well as promote the exchange of ideas among researchers, students, and industry experts.

The conference's opening session featured addresses from university management such as Chancellor Prof. PK Khosla, Pro Chancellor Mr. Vishal Anand, Vice Chancellor Prof. Atul Khosla and Prof. Ashish Khosla, Director of Innovation and Marketing.

The conference also

featured Dr. KC Santosh from the University of South Dakota, Dr. Ravindra Hegadi from the Central University of Karnataka, Dr. Balamurugan Balusamy from Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence and Taylor University, Dr. Manju Khari from Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Dr. Sakir Khan from Imam Mohammed Ibn

Saud Islamic University. Prof. Manju Khari, the first keynote speaker, delivered an informative session titled "Sensitisation towards cyber safety and security," He highlighted the significance of protecting digital surroundings.

Prof. Balamurugan Balusamy delivered a keynote lecture titled "Urban Al and Informatics for Sustainable Cities, Villages, and Society," highlighted the pivotal role of Al in enhancing urban sustainability

Prof. Rahul Katarya led a session titled "Unlocking the Power of AI for Autism Spectrum Disorder," which explored novel Al applications for individuals with autism. The day continued with a series of technical sessions, which enhanced the knowledge exchange among participants.

Mr. Pradeep Chintale received special recognition for inaugurating the book exhibition in Yogananda Library, which marked yet another milestone in AI innovation.

Prof. Ashish Khosla Director of Innovation and Marketing said, AAI 2024 offered a wide range of activities, including plenary presentations, workshops, and technical sessions. These presentations highlighted the most recent advances in data science, machine learning, and real-time computing, with an emphasis on using these technologies to address difficult societal and economic

DDC Kishtwar reviews launch of Sampoorna Abhiyan in district



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, July 3: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav, IAS today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the launch of Sampoorna Abhiyan in Aspirational Block (AB) Marwah and at District headquarter Kishtwar and formulate the Action Plan for saturation of 06 identified Key

Performance Indicators. It was informed in the meeting that NITI Aayog has launched the Sampoorna Abhivan to achieve saturation of 6

identified Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) at District level and Aspiration Block level under the thematic areas of Health, Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Social Development.

It was also given out that the aim of Sampoorna Abhivan is to saturate these identified KPIs within a span of three months starting from 4th July to 30th September 2024 through an Action Plan working towards saturation for fulfilling the benign principle of Sampoornata.

On the occasion, the DDC stressed upon the concerned officers to work with coordination and added dedication and ensure that all the identified key performance indicators are achieved within the stipulated time frame.

The meeting was attended by PO ICDS Kishtwar Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma, CPO Kishtwar Shahnawaz Bali, SDM Marwah Mohd Ashraf, ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh, AD Food/DIO Kishtwar Shafqat Keen, DSWO Kishtwar Zubair Ahmed, CEO Kishtwar, CMO Kishtwar, XEN's, DYSSO Kishtwar and other concerned offi-

Kavinder pays obeisance at Siddhi Vinayak, Shri Laxmi Narayan Temples in Mumbai

Jammu and Kashmir,



SCS GDC Mendhar organizes plantation drive

Top News Report MENDHAR, July 3: In

a bid to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability, the NSS Unit of SCS Government Degree College Mendhar, in collaboration with Civil Society Dhargloon, organized a tree plantation drive in the college campus. The event was held under the guidance of Principal Dr. Mohammad Azam and was inspired by the 'Ek Ped Maa K Naam' program launched by the Honorable Prime Minister of India on World Environment Day.

The drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers, faculty members, and local fund employees. Prominent faculty members, including Dr. Sarshad



Hussain, Dr. Rehfit Naz Kosar, Dr. Mohd Rayaz, and Dr. Ligat Ali, joined forces with Hafiz Tazeem from Civil Society Dhargloon to plant saplings and promote environmental awareness.

The event aimed to sensitize the community about the importance of preserving natural resources and contributing to a greener, healthier campus. Principal

Dr. Mohammad Azam applauded the efforts of the NSS Unit and Civil Society Dhargloon, emphasizing the need for collaborative initiatives to foster a sustainable future

This tree plantation drive marks a significant step towards creating a environmentally conscious campus and inspiring responsible citizenship among the youth.

Block Diwas Programs held across Ramban

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RAMBAN, July 3: The District Administration. Ramban, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Hag Chaudhary organized the Block Diwas programs at various locations across the district today. The programs aimed to provide a platform for the public to raise their grievances and demands, and

to ensure on-the-spot redressal of their issues. The programs were held

Block Rajgarh, Block Ramban, Block Batote, Block Gool-Sangaldan, and in Block Ukhral-Banihal. At Rajgarh the Block Diwas was presided over by ADDC Ramban, Roshan Lal along with ACD Srinath Suman and other officers, at Ramban headquarter the program was headed by ADC Ramban Varunjeet Singh Charak, while at other locations the public interaction/ grievances redressal camps were

dars and BDOs. The programs were attended by public representatives, PRIs, and a large number of people from the respective areas. Issues related to water supply, road macadam-

chaired by SDMs, Tehsil-

ization, upgradation of schools, better health services, and other related issues were raised by the public. Concerned officers assured quick action on the issues raised. "The Block Diwas pro-

gram is an easy and accessible platform for the public to raise their grievances and demands. We are committed to ensuring on-the-spot redressal of their issues," said Roshan

Lal, Additional District Development Commissioner, Ramban.

The Block Diwas program has been instrumental in providing a platform for the public to raise their grievances and demands, and ensuring on-the-spot redressal of their issues. The program has been successful in resolving several local issues, and has been appreciated by the public at large.

NAAM Foundation & Army initiative towards education and self-employment in Boniyar mote women empower-

Top News Report

BARAMULLA, July 3: In a philanthropic partnership, Indian Army and NAAM Foundation are making a significant impact for the youth of Boniyar through infrastructure development and distributing essential items to students of various schools and Chinar Nau Jawan Club, Boniyar. Gaggar Hill Primary School, nestled in the far-flung area near Line of Control has undergone a transformative renova-

tion aimed to enhance

educational facilities and

secure learning environ-

ment to the students. This initiative, conceived by Indian Army & funded by NAAM Foundation aims at empowering the students and their families in remote villages of Gaggar Hill, Chotali and Kurali by providing essential items like uniform, school bags and stationery.

Similarly, in facilitating self-employment, sewing machines, embroidery machines and other tailoring related materials have been distributed by NAAM Foundation to sewing centres of Salasan and Boniyar . It is an endeavour to proamong the local women. Furthermore, to support the positive youth engagement, skill development and women empowerment, NAAM Foundation has distributed range of essential items related to Hospitality, Bakery, IT and Tailoring classes to Chinar Nau Jawan Club, Boniyar. Chinar Nau Jawan Club, Boniyar is a Vocational trg centre where youths from in and around Bonivar learns practical skills in various fields which ultimately enhances their employability potential.

ment and sense of pride

Actor Abhay Verma talks about how shooting for his latest movie, Munjya, was an experience worth cherishing

In the world of Indian cinema, where dreams meet celluloid and talent is a rare gem, Abhay Verma emerges as a promising new face. From his humble beginnings to his recent stint in the much-talkedabout movie Munjya, Abhay's journey reflects passion, perseverance and a pursuit of artistic excellence.

"Everything for me has started with the first beautiful process called auditioning. There are some films where once you audition for them, you feel there is something special. And I felt this will be a film where experiments were going to happen," Abhay talks about his entry into Munjya. It's a film that marked several firsts, including his debut as the lead in a theatrical film. "In the Hindi film industry, this was the

first time we got a character straight out of CGI. So, this was a trendsetter film from where I have started my theatrical journey, and it was one-of-a-kind."

Artistic passion Playing the lead role in

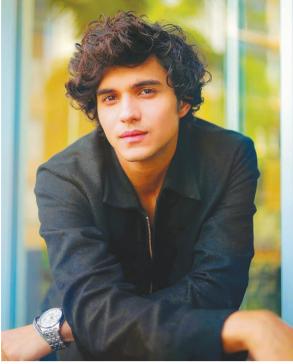
Munjya was a milestone for Abhay, who reflects on the support and validation he received from Maddock Films, the production house behind the project. Navigating the uncertainties of the film industry, Abhay shares his philosophy on focusing more on the process than the outcome. "If you think of the result, you divert from the purest intent of just entertaining people," he observes, highlighting the delicate balance between artistic passion and commercial success.

Reflecting on his costars in Munjya, Abhay

camaraderie and support he received on the sets. "I had a great time working with Mona (Singh) ma'am, Sharvari (Wagh), Suhas Joshi ji and Ajay Purkar. Working together, we created a family-like atmosphere on the sets," he recalls fondly.

Abhay's journey into acting began with humble aspirations in his hometown of Panipat, Haryana. "I dreamt of becoming an actor 13 years ago, it all started with watching the annual Ram Leela performances," he recalls. Despite pursuing a degree in BBA as per societal expectations, his heart was always set on the silver screen.

Challenges in Mumbai Moving to Mumbai in 2018 wasn't so rosy. "At the initial stage, this city



can really scare you. It doesn't accept everyone and you are kind of living in a matchbox." But, thankfully, Abhay's transition was supported by his elder brother,

who had already paved his way in the television industry. "If you have a roof over your head in Mumbai on the first day, it's a luxury," he acknowledges, reflect-

faced by newcomers in the city of dreams. "When an actor gives his best to a project and that's not received well, it can be quite crushing. The highs in this city are very high and the lows very low. The love and validation constitute those special moments, but it's a very expensive city to live in for any newcomer. Also, uncertainty is a constant companion, it must be so for every artiste, big and small, because the search begins after every project."

From playing a transgender in Safed to a terrorist in Family Man and a patriotic character in Ae Watan Mere Watan, Abhay's choices showcase his willingness to push boundaries and explore varied characters. "My mother and brother told me not to

do Safed so early in my career. They were really concerned but I told myself if I could represent a sidelined community through my work, then I will not step back from doing my bit in uplifting them."

And that movie took him to a platform like the Cannes Film Festival, which didn't mean glitz and glamour for this young actor, but a responsibility. "When I went to Cannes, it was about representing my country and that was a big thing for me," he says, cherishing the global recognition his work has garnered.

Organic approach

There has been no formal training, Abhay's approach to acting is organic and life is the teacher. "I couldn't have afforded those acting schools; I don't come from a background

where I could pay in lakhs to take classes. Whatever acting I know, it is the result of observing and learning from people and life."

Now, his dream is to work with, "Filmmakers like Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Imtiaz Ali, Sujoy Gosh, Anurag Basu...I am really inspired by these visionaries and can't wait to get a chance to be a part of their projects."

Looking ahead, Abhay remains grounded, driven by a genuine love for his craft rather than the lure of fame or fortune. "While there's inspiration in the story of every big star, I want to remain true to myself. My journey is mine, and I love my success and failures. The motivation is not money or fame, but to entertain," he signs off.

Nawazuddin Siddiqui says he is the 'ugliest actor' in Bollywood

Nawazuddin Siddigui is considered one of the best actors in the industry working today, having acted in films like The Lunchbox, Gangs of Wasseypur, Kahaani and Sacred Games. However, the actor also faced a lot of discrimination in the industry based on his looks. In a new interview with News18, Nawazuddin shared that he considers himself to be the 'ugliest actor - physically – in the film industry' today and

What Nawazuddin said

In the interview, Nawaz said, "Pata nahi shakalo se humari nafrat kyun hai kuch logon ko. Kyunki shakal hee aisi hai - itne badsurat hai humlog. Humein bhi lagta hai jab apne aap ko aaine mein dekhte hai. Hum bhi bolte hai apne aap ko 'kyun aa gaye film industry mein itne gande shakal leke?' (I don't know why some people hate the way we look. Maybe it's because we're just that ugly. Even I feel it when I look at myself in the mirror. I question why I came into the film industry with such a bad appearance).

'Kyun ki main shuru se yeh sab sunte

aa raha hoon' He went on to say, "I'm the ugliest

actor - physically - in the film industry. Main toh yeh maanta hoon. Kyun ki



main shuru se yeh sab sunte aa raha hoon aur abhi maanne bhi laga hoon (I have been hearing it for so long that I've started to believe it. I have no complaints about the film industry). Nawazuddin also added that he is grateful for the opportunities that he has received for playing a variety of characters in his career

Nawazuddin was last seen in Haddi, which was released on OTT platform Zee5. His most recent release is Rautu Ka Raaz, which also released on Zee5 on June 28. Directed by Anand Surapur, the mystery drama also stars Atul Tiwari, Rajesh Kumar, and Narayani Shastri.

Rashmika Mandanna explains her mother tongue: 'How beautiful it sounds'

Actor Rashmika Mandanna shared her roots with her fans in a recent video. She took to Instagram to share a reel, speaking in her mother tongue, kodava takk from Karnataka. "To all the kodavas out there.. this is for you! Always grateful," she wrote, sharing the video.

'Kodagu is where I was brought up'

While some fans could recognise what language she was speaking in, some also sharing their love for the Coorgi language, most couldn't understand what she was saying.

Sharing the reel on her Instagram stories. Rashmika explained further and wrote, "For all those who are asking what I am saying here or what language am I speaking..this is my mother tongue - it's



called Kodava Takk.. Kodagu is where I was born and brought up in. I've been speaking kodava takk all my life... and this is how beautiful it sounds..And so as to what I am saying..you'll only know if you know the language or if you have a Kodava friend."

A week ago Rashmika attended a childhood friend's wedding and shared pictures of her dressed in traditional Kogadu style. She wrote, "Kodagu is where my heart and my history is at...Me and my girls who I grew up with. @ yathra dechamma .. it's your wedding and we didn't get a picture with you as you were busy but here's me wishing you a lifetime of happiness and good health with your partner..God!! How I miss home!"

has 6 announced projects that are yet to be released

Rashmika currently

She will reprise her role as Srivalli in Sukumar's Pushpa 2: The Rule with Allu Arjun playing Pushpa Raj and Fahadh Faasil playing Bhanwar Singh Shekawat. She is also starring in Sekhar Kammula's bi-lingual film Kubera with Dhanush and Nagarjuna.

Apart from that, Rashmika will also star in projects titled Rainbow and The Girlfriend.

In Hindi, Rashmika will star with Vicky Kaushal in Chaava and Salman Khan in Sikandar.

She debuted in Hindi with the 2022 film Goodbye with Amitabh Bachchan and was last seen in the 2023 Sandeep Reddy Vanga-directorial Animal with Ranbir Kapoor.

Tabu: Ajay Devgn always wanted to be a director, not an actor

Actor Tabu, who will soon be seen in 'Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha' with Ajay Devgn, spoke to news agency about her bond with Devgn, her experience of working on the film and more in this exclusive conversation.

Actors Tabu and Ajay Devan is an onscreen pair that has an instant appeal. With their upcoming release Auron Mein Kaha Dum Tha, the two have clocked a total of ten films together. In an exclusive chat with agency, Tabu opened up about her chemistry with the actor-director, how Devgn wanted to be a filmmaker and not an actor and her experience of shooting for the

Tabu and Ajay Devgn have known each other since they were teenagers. Tabu spoke about their relationship and said, "He was like this only. He has not changed a lot except that he got married and he has children now. He was always very passionate about cinema. He wanted to be a director. He never wanted to be an actor. He used to make these short films. So I remember him like that. So I think the ease



and the comfort I have with him is because I've known him much before we both got into acting. That is the basis of our relationship.

Tabu narrated how she met Ajay and became

friends in the first place, "I have known Ajay since we were like 12 or 13. He is my brother's childhood friend. So we kind of grew up together. I don't know him through films. I think that's why

the equation is different. I don't have this equation with most of the male co-stars that I've worked with except him. Because I know him from a different time, it's a different relationship."

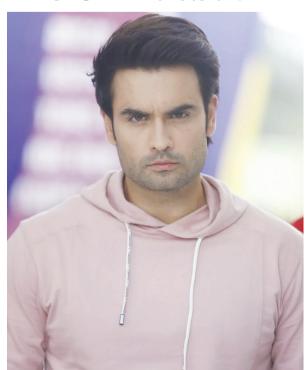
The actor also stated that she respects Ajay a lot: "I think because of his personality, he does not demand you to be somebody else. So that's a very good quality that he has. In particular, I think, with me, he is completely unconditional. He is completely indulgent and he never stops working with me. Like, I know that many times it happens that whenever I have issues with a producer or a filmmaker or whatever, they will call Ajay and say, 'You talk to her. She is not shooting or promoting the film."

"But the one thing I must acknowledge about him is that he never ever tries to come in the way of my decisions or tries to influence me. He respects my space," Tabu signed off.

Earlier slated for a July 5 release. Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha will now release at a later date.

Vivian Dsena set to make his OTT debut

Upcoming work



It's been over a year since Vivian Dsena was seen on screen, but the actor informs that soon he will be making his OTT debut. "There are talks going on for a web show, I have done mock shoot for it. It's going to be my debut for OTT. We still have to start shooting, and we will do that post monsoons," he shares.

Dsena's last show was Udaariyaan in 2023, and ever since his marriage in 2022, he has been traveling back and forth between Mumbai and Bahrain for work as his wife and daughter stay there. Ask him how he manages it, and he says, "Who am I working for? Once you have a family, you do all that you can for them. I have this special connection with (comedian-actor) Zakir Khan and he

once said, 'never blame

your parents for what they did, because they must have done their best'. And I love that. My family can of course travel to Mumbai when they want and even my father travel to Bahrain sometimes. With so much technology around, it isn't difficult. And it's just 3.5-4 hours flight to Bahrain from Mumbai.' The 36-year-old has

been a part of the industry since 2008 and feels happy that in a time when "shows are going off air in two to three months, my shortest show has run for 10-11 months." Ask the actor if he ever fell attracted to the land of Bollywood in these 16 years in the industry and he says, "I never had a Bollywood dream, I am sorry. At the beginning of my career, even before people knew who I am, my mother told me that if God gives you a position at a certain place, give your best every time at the same position. Don't try to wander around into a position where you have to start from scratch."

PM Modi vows tough action in NEET row, slams **Opposition for politicising issue**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised stringent action against those involved in the NEET paper leak and those who play with the future of the country's youth.

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, assured strict action in the NEET paper leak incident, stating that those responsible will not be spared by the government. He accused opposition parties of playing politics with the future of the country's youth.

"The President mentioned the paper leak in her speech. I expect the entire house to rise above politics and discuss the issue. Unfortunately, it's being politicised, which is concerning for the country's future," PM Modi remarked while responding to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address in the Upper House.

He asserted, "I assure the youth of our country, this gov-



ernment will not spare those who cheat and scam you".

"Action is being taken to hold accountable those who jeopardise the future of our youth," he added, emphasising, "We have enacted strict laws and are strengthening the entire system".

He assured that the government is committed to creating an environment where students can focus on their studies without worrying about examinations.

The Opposition has been

demanding a detailed discussion on the NEET issue in Parliament. Both houses witnessed multiple disruptions as the INDIA bloc pressed for an immediate discussion. On Monday, the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha urged the Speaker to allocate a day after the Motion of Thanks debate to discuss

The NEET-UG examination for medical courses has been marred by allegations of irregularities, including paper leaks, prompting protests and a CBI investigation. The head of the National Testing Agency has been removed. An expert panel is currently reviewing the agency and seeking reform suggestions. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear several pleas on July 8.

India's Solar Observatory Aditya-L1 Completes Halo Orbit: ISRO

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): Aditya-L1 spacecraft, known as India's solar observatory, has completed its first halo orbit around the Sun-Earth Lagrange Point 1 (L1), announced mission officials at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

The Aditya-L1 was launched to low earth orbit (LEO) on September 2, last year by the Indian rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle -XL (PSLV-XL) variant.

Sun-Earth L1 is the point where the gravitational pull of two large bodies -- Sun and Earth -- will be equal and hence the spacecraft will not gravitate towards any one of them.

The spacecraft was

inserted in its targeted halo orbit on January 6, early this year.

To complete a revolution around the L1 point, "Aditya-L1 spacecraft took 178 days", the ISRO said.

During its travel in the halo orbit, the spacecraft underwent various perturbing forces that worked to depart from the targeted orbit.

To maintain the orbit, the spacecraft had to undergo two stationkeeping maneuvers on February 22 and June 7.

On Tuesday, the spacecraft conducted its third station-keeping maneuver. And now it has "continued into the second halo orbit path around L1", the space agency said.

"This journey of Aditya L1 around Sun-Earth

L1 Lagrangian point involves modeling of complex dynamics.

The understanding of various perturbing forces acting on the spacecraft helped in determining the trajectory accurately and planning precise orbit maneuvers," the ISRO said.

The third maneuver also validates the stateof-the-art flight dynamics software developed in-house at URSC-ISRO for the Aditya-L1 missions.

Aditya-L1, dedicated to the study of the Sun, carries seven payloads. It will observe the photosphere, chromosphere, and the Sun's outermost layers (the corona) using electromagnetic, particle, and magnetic field detectors.

Excise 'scam': Delhi High Court agrees to hear Arvind Kejriwal's bail plea on Friday

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Wednesday said it would hear on July 5 Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's plea seeking bail in the corruption case registered by the CBI in connection with the alleged excise policy scam.

The counsel for Kejriwal mentioned the matter for urgent listing before a bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela which said it would be heard on Friday.

Advocate Rajat Bhardwaj, appearing for Kejriwal, asserted that the applicant was taken into illegal custody without following the due procedure of law and he has filed a bail plea.

As the counsel insisted on fixing the plea for hearing on Thursday, Justice Manmohan said, "Let the learned judge go through the papers. We will have it day after." The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener was arrested by the CBI on June 26 from Tihar Jail, where he is still lodged in judicial custody in a connected money laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

He has already challenged his arrest in the CBI case and the plea is pending before the high court. The court had



issued notice and asked the CBI to file its reply while listing it for arguments on July 17.

Kejriwal, who was arrested by the ED on March 21, was granted bail by the trial court in the money laundering case on June 20. However, the trial court's order was stayed by the high court.

The excise policy was scrapped in 2022 after the Delhi lieutenant governor ordered a CBI probe into alleged irregularities and corruption involving its formulation and execution.

According to the CBI and ED, irregularities were committed while modifying the excise policy and undue favours extended to the licence holders.

Drugs, Raw Materials Worth 327 Crore Seized In Inter-State Crackdown; 15 Arrested

THANE, Jul 3 (Agencies): Police on Wednesday claimed to have busted a drug racket spread across four states with the arrest of 15 persons and seizure of mephedrone and raw materials valued at 327.69 crore over the last two months.

The mega operation was conducted in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Gujarat since May during which several premises were raided and drug manufacturing units unearthed, Mira Bhayander-Vasai Virar Police Commissioner Madhukar Pandev said at a press conference.

Raw materials of 300 crore were seized from a drug manufacturing unit in UP, he said.

Four firearms and several live cartridges were also seized from an

accused in Maharashtra's Palghar district, the

official said. The arrested include eight from UP, three each from Maharashtra and Telangana and one from Gujarat, as per the police.

Giving details of the operation, Mr Pandey said that on May 15, the crime branch officials arrested two persons during checking at Chena Gaon in Maharashtra's Thane district and seized 1 kg of MD (mephedrone) valued at 2 crore from them.

A case under provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was registered against the two, hailing from Vasai in neighbouring Palghar district.

During interrogation, one of the accused led the police to a factory at Narsapur in Telangana, the official said.

The police raided the

unit and seized 103 gms of MD valued at 20.60 lakh and 25 kg of raw materials worth 25 crore. On May 17, the police arrested from there two persons who were involved in manufactur-

Following their interrogation, the police arrested one person from Varanasi in UP, and another man from Goregaon in Mumbai from whom 71.10 gm of MD valued at 14.38 lakh

ing the drug, the official

was seized, he said. Further interrogation of the accused led the police to catch a person from his house at Padgha in Thane and seizure of accessories of 53,710 used for the manufacture of drugs and chemicals, the offi-

During the probe, the police got a tip that a man from Mumbai, who is yet to be caught, transferred funds required for the manufacture of drugs and sale proceeds through a person from Surat in Gujarat, he said.

The police traced that person to Surat and seized 10.84 lakh cash sent to him, the official said.

They learnt some amount was also sent through angadias (traditional courier service).

The police traced two angadias to Bhendi Bazar in Mumbai and seized from them 6,80,200 sent to them, he said.

Subsequently, the police turned focus towards Jaunpur in UP where some of the accused were running a mephedrone manufacturing factory.

They seized from the unit 300 kg of raw material kept in drums and valued 300 crore and arrested three persons on June 25, the official said.

Three other persons involved in the crime were arrested from Lucknow on June 26, he said.

The accused also informed police about another person who was arrested from Nalla Sopara in Palghar on Monday.

The police seized three pistols, one revolver and 33 live cartridges from his possession, the official said.

A probe was on to find out if more persons were involved in the mega racket, the police said.

Another Bridge Collapses In Bihar, 7th Such Incident In 15 Days

SIWAN, Jul 3 (Agencies): In a troubling trend for Bihar, a portion of a bridge over Gandaki river in Siwan district collapsed on Wednesday morning, marking the seventh such incident in the state within the past 15 days.

The small bridge, situated in the district's Deoria block, connects several villages with Mahrajganj.

No casualties have been reported so far. This is the second incident of bridge collapse in Siwan in the last 11 days

Deputy Development Commissioner Mukesh Kumar said the exact cause is under investigation. Senior officials from the block have already reached the



site, he added

"A portion of a bridge in Deoria block collapsed this morning. The exact cause is not known so far. Senior officials of the block have reached the spot and I am also going there," he added.

"The incident took place around 5 am. As per initial information, the bridge was constructed in 1982-83. Repair work was going on the bridge for the last few days," Kumar

Villagers suggested that heavy rainfall over the preceding days may have contributed to the collapse, with a surge in Gandaki river potentially weakening the bridge's structure.

This incident follows another bridge collapse in Siwan just 11 days ago, underscoring growing concerns over the state of infrastructure in Bihar. On June 22. a portion of a bridge collapsed in Darounda area.

Similar incidents have been reported in districts like Madhubani, Araria, East Champaran, and Kishanganj recently, prompting the Bihar government to set up a high-level committee to investigate these occur-

Elderly man dies after train hits him in Hyderabad, body found hanging on engine



HYDERABAD, Jul 3 (Agencies): An unidentified elderly man died after he was hit by a train on the city outskirts and his body was found hanging on the loco of an empty rake, Government Railway Police (GRP) said on Wednesday.

The incident happened on Tuesday between Bibinagar and

Action, Establishment

of a Joint Command

Ghatkesar and some local TV channels showed a purported video in which the man's body was seen hanging on a moving loco.

The victim was aged about 65-70 years, an Investigation Official of the GRP, who visited the scene, said, adding he was hit by an empty rake while he was "trespassing" railway track and died on the spot.

A case was registered at RPS Secunderabad. Further investigation, including to identify the person, was on.

India-Mongolia joint military exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' begins in Meghalaya

KOLKATA, Jul 3 (Agencies): The 16th edition of Joint Military Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' between the armies of India and Mongolia commenced in Meghalaya's Umroi

today. The exercise, slated to be conducted until July 16, aims to bolster joint military capabilities for counter-urgency operations in semi-urban or

mountainous areas. Represented by 45 personnel from a battalion of 'Sikkim Scouts'

along with personnel from other arms and services, the Indian contingent joins hands with the Mongolian counterpart from the 150 Quick Reaction Force Battal-

The last exercise between the two armies was conducted in July

His Excellency Dambajavyn Ganbold, Ambassador of Mongolia to India, and Major General Prasanna Joshi, the General Officer Commanding 51 Sub

Area of the Indian Army, attended the opening ceremony of the exer-

cise, named 'Nomadic Elephant'.

"The exercise will

focus on operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain.

Tactical drills during the exercise include Response to a Terrorist Post, Establishment of an Intelligence and Surveillance Centre, Securing of a Helipad/Landing Site, Small Team Insertion and Extraction, Special Heliborne Operations, Cordon & Search Operations, besides **Employment of Drones** and Counter Drone Systems, amongst others," reads the official statement issued by the Union Defence Ministry. Major General Gyanbyamba Sunrev, Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces of Mongolia, and Lieutenant General Zubin A Minwalla, General Officer Commanding 33 Corps of the Indian Army, will attend the closing ceremony on July 16, 2024. Exercise Nomadic Ele-

phant will enable both countries to share their best practices in tactics, techniques, and procedures for joint operations.

Who are the main players in the UK's upcoming national election?

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservatives are widely expected to lose to the main opposition party, the left-of-center Labour, after 14 years in power under five different prime ministers.

LONDON, Jul 3 (Agencies): Millions of voters in Britain are going to the polls Thursday to choose a new House of Commons and a new government.

Voters will elect 650 lawmakers representing as many constituencies, or local areas, and the leader of the party that returns the most lawmakers will become prime minister.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservatives are widely expected to lose to the main opposition party, the left-ofcenter Labour, after 14 years in power under five different prime ministers.

The Conservatives and Labour traditionally dominate British politics under the U.K.'s "first past the post" electoral system, which makes it difficult for smaller parties to win representation in Parliament.

But also in the running are the Liberal Democrats, Reform UK, the Scottish National Party and the Greens, among others.

Here's a look at the parties, who's leading them and what they are promising:

CONSERVATIVES Who's their leader? Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

Sunak, 44, came to power in October 2022 when he inherited a Conservative Party and an economy in turmoil after Liz Truss's shortlived premiership. The Oxford graduate and former Goldman Sachs hedge fund manager is Britain's first leader of color and the first Hindu to become prime minister. Sunak has stressed he is the man who steadied the ship, but critics say he lacks political judgement and is out of touch with ordinary voters.

How many seats did they win in the last election? 365

What are they promis-

ing? Delivering a stron-



ger economy and cutting taxes by some 17 billion pounds per year. Increasing public health spending above inflation, and boosting defense spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2030. The party says this will be paid for by savings on tax evasion and slashing welfare spending. The party also pledges to cap immigration numbers and remove some asylum-

LABOUR Who's their leader? Keir Starmer.

seekers to Rwanda.

The 61-year-old lawyer, a former chief prosecutor for England and Wales, is the current favorite to be Britain's next leader. A centrist and pragmatist, Starmer has worked hard to steer his party away from the more overtly socialist policies of former leader Jeremy Corbyn and quelled internal divisions. Critics call him unexciting and unambitious, but Labour has surged in popularity under his leadership.

How many seats did they win in the last election? 202

What are they promis-

ing? Promoting "wealth creation," encouraging investment and improving Britain's infrastructure like railways under a 10-year infrastructure strategy. Setting up a state-owned clean power company to boost energy security, paid for by a windfall tax on oil and gas giants. Taxing private

schools to pay for thousands of new teachers in state schools. Cutting record-high public health waiting times.

LIBERAL DEMO-

Davey, 58, was first

CRATS Who's their leader? Ed Davey.

elected to Parliament in 1997. The former economics researcher served as the government's energy and climate change secretary under an uneasy Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition from 2012 to 2015. Davey became leader of the left-of-center Lib Dems in 2019 and was not a household name until this election, when he made headlines with

jumping to urge voters to take "a leap of faith." How many seats did they win in the last election? 11

multiple zany stunts

including bungee-

What are they promising? Improving Britain's overstretched health and social care systems, including introducing free nursing care at home. Investing in renewable energy and home insulation. Clamping down on sewage-dumping water companies. Lowering the voting age to 16. Rejoining the European Union's single market.

REFORM UK Who's their leader?

Nigel Farage. Farage, a political firebrand who takes pride in being the disruptor in British politics. has posed a serious

paign finance investigation that eventually led to criminal charges against her husband. Swinney has long served the party: he joined its ranks at 15 years old, and previously led the party from 2000 to 2004. How many seats did tion? 48 headache to the Conservatives since he

announced he is run-

ning in the election. The

60-year-old populist

has long divided opin-

ion with his anti-migrant

rhetoric and Euroskep-

tic stance. A key propo-

nent of Brexit, Farage

is capturing many disil-

lusioned Conservative

voters with his promises

to cut immigration and

focus on "British values."

Farage previously ran

for Parliament seven

How many seats did

they win in the last elec-

tion? None — though

the party gained its

first lawmaker this year

when ex-Conservative

Party deputy chair Lee

Anderson defected to

What are they promis-

ing? Freezing all "non-

essential immigration"

and barring internation-

al students from bring-

ing their dependents

with them. Leaving the

European Convention

on Human Rights so

that asylum-seekers

can be deported without

interventions from rights

courts. Scrapping "net

zero" goals to reduce

greenhouse gas emis-

sions in order to bring

SCOTTISH NATIONAL

Who's their leader?

Swinney, 60, became

the SNP's third leader in

just over a year in May.

The politician has sought

to bring stability to the

party, which has been in

turmoil since Scotland's

down energy bills.

PARTY (SNP)

John Swinney.

Reform.

times but never won.

they win in the last elec-

long-serving First Min-

ister Nicola Sturgeon

abruptly stepped down

last year during a cam-

What are they promising? Swinney has said that if his party wins a majority of seats in Scotland he will try to open Scottish independence negotiations with the London-based U.K. government. He wants to rejoin the European Union and the European single market. He also called for boosting public health funding, scrapping the U.K.'s Scotland-based nuclear deterrent, and an immediate cease-fire in Gaza. **GREEN PARTY**

Who's their leader? Carla Denyer and Adrian Ramsay.

Denyer, a mechanical engineer, worked in wind energy before she joined the Greens in 2011. The 38-yearold served as a local politician for the southwestern English city of Bristol for nine years. In 2021 she was elected co-leader of the Greens along with Ramsay, also a local government politician who has experience working with environmental charities.

How many seats did they win in the last election? 1

What are they prom-

ising? Phasing out nuclear power and getting the U.K. to net zero by 2040. The Greens have pledged 24 billion pounds a year to insulate homes and 40 billion pounds a year invested in the green economy, to be paid for by a carbon tax, a new wealth tax on the very rich and an income tax hike for millions of higher earners.

Husband Found Slipper, Pants

By Python Near Home,

MAKASSAR, Jul 3 (Agencies): A woman was found dead inside the belly of a snake after it swallowed her whole in central Indonesia, police said Wednesday, the second python killing in the province in a month.

Siriati, 36, had gone missing after she left her house Tuesday morning to buy medicine for her sick child, police said, prompting relatives to launch a search.

Her husband Adiansa, 30, found her slippers and pants on the ground about 500 metres (yards) from their house in Siteba village, South Sulawesi province.

Indonesian Woman Swallowed

"Shortly after that, he spotted a snake, about 10 metres from the path. The snake was still alive," local police chief Idul, who like many Indonesians has one name, told agency.

Village secretary lyang told agency that Adiansa became suspicious after he noticed the python's "very large" belly. He called the villagers to ach, where they found

her body. Such incidents are considered extremely rare, but several people

pythons in recent years. A woman was found dead last month inside the belly of a reticulated python in another district of South Sulawesi.

have been swallowed by

Last year residents in the province killed an eight-metre python, which was found strangling and eating one of the farmers in a village.

A 54-year-old woman was found dead in 2018 inside a seven-metre python in Southeast Sulawesi's Muna town.

The year before, a farmer in West Sulawesi went missing before being found being swallowed by a four-metre python at a palm oil plantation.

Vice-President Kamala Harris has a better chance of retaining White House than Biden, says CNN poll

WASHINGTON, Jul 3 (Agencies): US Vice-President Kamala Harris, who is of Indian and African heritage, has a better chance of retaining the White House in the November presidential polls than her boss President Joe Biden has, according to a latest CNN poll.

The approval rating of Biden, 81, has plummeted after his dismal debate performance in Atlanta last week against his predecessor Donald Trump.

Since the debate, there has been increasing voices in the ruling Democratic party for Biden to step down and let someone else run the race for the crucial November 5 presidential elec-

According to the CNN poll conducted by SRS, Trump is ahead of Biden by six points.

The poll also finds Harris within striking distance of Trump in a hypothetical matchup: 47 per cent of registered voters support Trump, 45 per cent Harris, a result within the margin of error that suggests there is no clear leader under such a scenario.

"Harris' slightly stronger showing against Trump rests at least in part on broader support from women (50% of female voters back Harris over Trump vs. 44% for Biden against Trump) and independents (43% Harris vs. 34% Biden)," the polls said.

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre refrained to give a direct comment on the polls.

"I'm constrained to speaking directly to your poll and I get it and I hear the



question. I got to be mindful, that is something for the campaign as you started saying, what the campaign has laid out their argument of the case. That is something for them to take up and that is something for them to answer," she told reporters when asked about it. "What I can speak to is the president's

record. What I can speak to, what he's been able to accomplish and the things that he's been able to do and get done is actually in line with majority of Americans. And I think that's important too, to note. And again, I will say with age comes wisdom and experience and that's certainly something that the president brings," she said.

Former First Lady Michelle Obama leads Trump by a whopping 11 points in an Ipsos poll—50 per cent to 39 per cent — though her office told NBC News in March she would not be running for president this year.

Over 2 lakh to be affected by fresh Israeli evacuation orders in Gaza: Report

GAZA, Jul 3 (Agencies): Israel has issued new evacuation orders in Gaza's Khan Younis area as it carries out its renewed attacks in southern Gaza.

The order comes as fierce fighting has trapped Palestinians in Rafah in the south of the Gaza Strip and in the Shujayea neighborhood in Gaza City in the north.

According to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), as many as 250,000 people are expected to face displacement following the Israeli orders. The UN agency assisting Palestine refugees, UNRWA, has stated that "chaos and panic" are spreading in southern Gaza following the orders.

Displaced families returned to the deserted city of Khan Younis as Israeli attacks moved into Rafah, near Egypt.

In a post on X, UNRWA said, "Just weeks after people were forced to return to a devastated Khan Younis, Israeli authorities have issued new evacuation orders for the area. Yet again, families face forced displacement. We estimate 250,000 people will have to flee.



#Gaza.

Speaking on the issue, a UNRWA officer said that heavy shelling by Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) has continued "in the north, middle and south areas of the Gaza Strip ... no place is safe. Already on the ground, we are seeing families move away from this area. There is more chaos and panic spreading

on the ground." "But it is becoming almost impossible for the UN to provide any kind of response due to the Israeli imposed siege ... and now further displacement orders that once again impact our access to the Kerem Shalom border crossing to receive aid." UNRWA Senior Communications Officer Louise Wateridge said.

Israel launched its offensive operations in Gaza after Hamas' October 7 attack last year which claimed the lives of over 1,200 people, mostly civilians. In the attack, the Israeli terrorists also kidnapped about 250 people.

Since then, Israeli ground offensives and bombardments have killed more than 37,900 people in Gaza, according to the territory's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between combatants and civilians in its count.

Pak court acquits ex-PM Imran Khan in protest case related to Toshakhana scam

ISLAMABAD, Jul 3 (Agencies): A Pakistani court on Wednesday acquitted former prime minister Imran Khan and several senior party colleagues in a case registered against them for protesting against the jailed premier's disqualification by the election commission in the Toshakhana corruption case.

Other leaders who have been exonerated in the case by the district and sessions court here are Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Sheikh Rasheed, Asad Qaiser, Shehryar Afridi, Faisal Javed, Raja Khurram Nawaz and Ali Nawaz Awan.

Judicial Magistrate Yasir Mehmood pronounced the verdict, which was reserved last week on the petitions seeking acquittal, during the hearing on Wednesday, agency reported.

The case was registered against the



71-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Khan and other politicians at Aabpara Police Station for protesting against the Election Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) Toshakhana corruption verdict in 2022, which disqualified him from holding office for a limited time.

The Toshakhana is a department under the administrative control of the Cabinet Division and stores precious gifts given to rulers, parliamentarians, bureaucrats, and officials by heads of other governments and states and

foreign dignitaries. The Toshakhana issue over the sale of state gifts received by the former cricketer-turnedpolitician became a major issue in national politics after the ECP disqualified Khan for making false statements and incorrect declaration.

Khan had earlier contended that recent amendments to the Elections Act 2017 limit the ECP's jurisdiction in deciding the qualification or disqualification of a member based on a court conviction.

He had accused the ECP of acting with unlawful zeal and haste to exclude him from the February 8 general

elections rather than ensuring fair and free elections.

On August 5 last year, Khan was sentenced to three years in imprisonment and fined Rs 100,000 in the Toshakhana corruption case, a conviction later suspended by the Islamabad High Court.

Khan has been facing a slew of charges ranging from corruption to terrorism since his removal as the premier in 2022.

The PTI founder has been in jail since last August and was convicted in some cases ahead of a nationwide election earlier this year. He is also fighting dozens of other cases.

The only hurdle keeping him behind bars is the iddat or the un-Islamic marriage case, whose proceedings are underway, and the judge expects the case to be wrapped up within this month, according to the agency report.

Labour & Employment Deptt, MVD Kishtwar organize Awareness Camp on e-Shram Portal

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KISHTWAR, July 3: In accordance with the directions of the Labour Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir, Charandeep Singh (JKAS) and guidelines from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), the Labour & Employment Department, Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD), Kishtwar,



camp on the registeration and benefits of e-Shram

Portal for Truck drivers, helpers, and co-drivers at Shalimar, Kishtwar

cate participants about the necessary documents required and the benefits of registering on the e-Shram Portal.

The event was attended by the Deputy Labour Commissioner, Jammu, Vinakshi Koul: Assistant Labour Commissioner, Kishtwar, Mamta Sudershan: Inspector, MVD. Kishtwar; staff from both departments, and representatives from the Driver

drivers, helpers, and codrivers.

ALC Kishtwar informed that this initiative aligns with the government's efforts to promote the welfare and well-being of workers in the unorganized sector.

The e-Shram Portal registration aims to provide social security benefits, including insurance and pension schemes, to eligible workers.-She added.

'28 yrs on various agencies fail to complete Hambal to Dedni road projects hanging at Sutla'

'Remote Doda ignored since 1994 to till date'

Top News Report

DODA, July 3: The Road Sensation in the year 2017 Hambal to Dedni about 10 kilometer is still hanging at Sutla Village. The work on Hambal to Dedhni road was started in 2018 and this road will be extended to Sutla village in 2022. For the last 2 years, this road has been built there and there is a forest area 2 kilometers ahead from there. the clearance for which has also been received but Till now the administration has kept this road blocked. There Residents of Hambal and Dedni have alleged that the area has been ignored deliberately by the successive governments and district administrations in the Doda since 1994 to till date as the Hambal to Dedni Road is yet far from reality

The people of Dedhni village had requested to DC Doda Harvinder Singh he had assured that we will make the payment to the Forest Department soon but for the last two months no payment has been made for this work yet and this work is It is hanging in Sutla village and the people there are waiting for this road. It will reach our village and we will take advantage of this road and highlight the beauty of our village

in the whole country The road access from Hambal to Sutla is in such a bad condition that if someone dies on the road then the administration here will be responsible because this road is very bad and people are driving on this road somehow. If any accident happens on this road then huge loss can be seen. Will get it because this road is in very bad condition and till now the work is not starting beyond Sutla.

Highlighting their plight locals also alleged that the village Dedni, of Marmat Block is suffering without road connectivity for the last many decades. Locals alleged that the hollow promises made by the previous government proved utter failure to full fill the promises and it seems that the project of Hambal -Dedni road will be distant dream.

Even the tall claims of union as well as UT government that rural road connectivity is not only key component of rural development also had failed to bring respite to the rural masses of the area despite.

"Inhabitants of village Dedni comprising of more than 650 souls is still deprived of various basic amenities despite the village houses an ancient Durga Mandir and is also a unexplored picturesque tourist spot -a small mini valley which still sans better road connectivity to attract tourists.. Locals have appealed Governor LG. Menoj Sinha to intervene and redress the long pending demands handing at Sutla Village.

Varinderjeet Singh honored for exemplary community service



Top News Report

JAMMU, July 3: In a distinguished ceremony held at Gurdwara Saheed Baba Deep Singh Ji, Akali Kour Singh Nagar, Digiana, Varinderjeet Singh, Chairman National Sikh Front (NSF), was honored for his tireless service to the Sikh community and broader soci-

The ceremony was marked by an address from Gurdwara Committee President S. Kulwant Singh Bhatti, who highlighted Singh's key achievements. Among these, Singh's pivotal role on the Railway Board was emphasized, particularly his success in securing a long-demanded direct train service from Jammu to Hazoor Sahib Nanded. He has been a staunch advocate for the rights of Sikhs in Kashmir, working tirelessly to push for government packages to support their rehabili-

tation and employment opportunities.

Addressing the Sikh Sangat S.Gurdyal Singh Bali said that Under Singh's leadership, the NSF has made significant strides in addressing critical issues faced by the Sikh community. Notable among these are his campaigns for the installation of a statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Kunjwani Chowk, the enforcement of the Anand Marriage Act, and the release of Sikh political prisoners. These efforts have solidified NSF's reputation as a leading voice for Sikh advocacy.

While speaking with a Mamoth Gathering of Sikh sangat S Gurcharan Singh Sudan said that NSF's support for government initiatives aimed at improving the welfare of the Sikh community has also been a hallmark of Singh's tenure. He has championed various programs designed to provide essential support and improve living conditions for Sikhs and other

communities. He further said that Singh's vision of inclusive governance and community welfare is exemplified by projects such as enhanced connectivity through dedicated train services to Hazoor Sahib. His grassroots advocacy, combined with effective political mobilization. continues to shape the future of community welfare and governance.

The National Sikh Front, under Singh's dedicated leadership, remains at the forefront of advocating for Sikh community issues, ensuring their voices are heard at all levels of governance.

On this occasion Gurdwara Committee also honored Ex. Hon. Capt. S. Bachiter Singh for his significant contributions for the country

Public Grievances redressal camp under Block Diwas held in Chowgam

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KULGAM, July 3: Continuing its endeavour to reach out to people and to provide governance at their doorsteps, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today visited Chowgam area of Devsar, where he presided over a grievances redressal camp under Block Diwas, a weekly public outreach programme. The programme witnessed overwhelming response

of people from Chowgam, Khargund who apprised the DC about their issue and grievances for early redressal. All the issues were listened to by the DC patiently, while some of the issues of immediate nature were redressed on the spot. Other issues and demands were noted for further action. Others who were present in the grievance camp included ADC Vigar Ahmed Giri; ACD Kulgam, CMO, DDC Member Devsar Ishtiyaq Ahmad Ganie, Teh-

IGNOU launches BA Programme in MSME; extends last date for admission and re-registration and upskill their experi-

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sildar, CPO, BDO, and other officers.

JAMMU, July 3: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has launched the much awaited new Bachelor Degree Programme in Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (BAMSME) from the current July 2024 admission cycle. The programme will be offered to the candidates who have qualified 10+2 in any discipline from a recognized board. The programme is being offered in ODL mode only. However, the study material will be available in both print as well as digital mode.

The programme will

take up discipline specific core topics like Entrepreneurship and Small Business, Business Communication, Financial Accounting, CSR Projects & Programs, **Business Organization** and Management, IPR for MSMEs & Start-ups, Principles of Marketing, Entrepreneurship, and Institutional Support to MSMEs, HRM and Industrial relation in MSMEs. e-commerce.

The programme will aid in increasing job opportunities among the youth in India. Those who want to make a career as an entrepreneur and would like to update their existing knowledge and skills in the field of micro, small or medium enterprise would find this programme useful.

The BAVMSME programme would help to inculcate knowledge for recognizing business opportunities, market study, innovation and implementation; planning and designing of a new project; exploring investment opportunities; development and maintenance of business, marketing and social networking; taxation and obtaining licenses.

The programme seeks to create opportunities for unskilled workers as well as practicing entrepreneurs to get trained

ence. The programme will enhance skills as per industry needs. Industry experts and successful entrepreneurs will share their experiences to provide practical insights.

Admissions are open twice a year, in the July and January admission cycles, through the official SAMARTH portal of IGNOU https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in the link of which is available on National website of IGNOU www.ignou. ac.in

In a press statement, Regional Director. IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu, Dr. Jai Prakash Verma stated that main gramme are to enhance knowledge, skill and competencies to start one's own business venture: to study the market demand before initiating a business enterprise; to successfully and profitably operate one's own enterprise. He added that for the benefit of the student community the University has extended the last date of admissions till July 15, 2024 and the aspiring students must avail the opportunity of date extension and enroll themselves for this much awaited programme or any other programme of their choice well before the deadline.

objectives of the pro-

Hathras stampede: Death toll rises to 121, number **Of injured at 28** the organisers of

the religious event in Hathras. 2.2

'Mukhya Sewadar' Devprakash Madhukar and other organizers have been named as accused in the case registered at Sikandara Rao police station on Tuesday night.

An eyewitness in the Hathras stampede incident, Shakuntala Devi said, "There was a Satsang of Bhole Baba going on. Right after the Satsang finished, several people started coming out from there. A stampede took place as the road was uneven and people fell on each other..."

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday vowed a thorough investigation into the incident to determine whether it was an "accident or a conspiracy."

CM Yogi affirmed that the state government is committed to uncovering the truth behind the Hathras incident.

"Doing politics instead of expressing condolences on such an incident is extremely unfortunate and condemnable. The government is already sensitive in this matter and the government will get to the bottom of this matter whether this is an accident or a conspiracy, and give appropriate punishment to all those responsible for this incident", he said.

Chief Minister further said that to ensure a thorough investigation, a team has been formed under the chairmanship of Additional DG Agra, tasked with providing a detailed report.

Earlier today, the forensic team along with the dog squad reached the incident site in Hathras to collect the evidence as a part of their investigation.

Army chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi on maiden visit to J&K

homecoming. He has served as the Army commander of the Udhampur headquartered Northern Command that controls all three Army corps in J&K and the

IG BSF reviews operational readiness of force for **Amarnath Yatra**

ensure coordinated alertness of the road opening party (ROP) for smooth and safe pilgrimage.

"Ashok Yadav, IPS, IG, reviewed the operational readiness of the BSF troops deployed along the Pahalgam axis for #AmarnathYatra. The IG interacted with the troops & inspected the security & surveillance grid to ensure coordinated alertness of the ROP for smooth & safe pilgrimage," BSF Kashmir posted on X.

The yatra will end on August 19. Last year, 4.5 lakh pilgrims visited the holy shrine, and this year the authorities are expecting numbers to go up.

Amarnath Yatra 2024 | **Over 5,700 pilgrims** leaves for Amarnath Shrine

took the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route for their yatra, 2,514 pilgrims chose the shorter but steep 14-km Baltal route, they

With this, a total of 31,826 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 28 when Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch.

The 52-day yatra formally began on June 29 and will conclude on August 19. More than 4.5 lakh pilgrims paid obei-

sance at the cave shrine last year. To monitor all the logistics, weather conditions, and activities, a surveillance system has been set up at Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC), where more than 50 officials from various departments have been deputed to provide real-time assistance to the pilgrims, they said.

Besides, a helpline — 01942740003 —

has been set up for any exigencies. In addition, two more landlines — 01942496240 and 01942496247 — are also functional. **Kashmir sizzles. Srinagar**

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in decade there was possibility of intermittent spell of light to moderate rain and thundershow-

sees 2nd hottest July day

er at many places with isolated heavy rain over Jammu Division

On July 5-6, he said, there is possibility of intermittent moderate rainfall at most places of J&K with heavy showers at a few places.

On July 7-8, he said hot and humid weather was expected with possibility of spell of rain and thundershower at scattered places of Jammu Division towards late night and early morning. Besides, he said, spell of rain/thundershower was also likely at few places of Kashmir Division during the time.

"Thunderstorm, lightning and Flash floods, landslides/mudslides & shooting stones may occur at few vulnerable places during July 4-6," he said, adding, "A few low lying areas may experience temporary

water logging conditions." **Jammu Kashmir Shia Body Boycotts Administration Meetings on Muharram**

ourselves," Imran, a former minister posted on X.

Earlier, Abid Ansari, General Secretary for the All JK Shia Association reaffirmed the association's decision to abstain from participating in any Muharram/Safar meetings with the administration.

Addressing a press conference at Darul Jawad (Qamarwari), Ansari said, "This decision comes after repeated requests and submissions to various government departments have been consistently ignored for many decades, with excuses citing lack of funds, staff and resources."

The association has highlighted several grievances, including inadequate medical support from the health services department, insufficient medicines (especially for children), and a lack of staff for first aid services. Abid added, "There is an insufficient ration

supply from CAPD, particularly rice and sugar, for Nazar O Niyaz during Muharram and Safar. Neglected road maintenance and repair by SMC & R&B have led to injuries and difficulties for mourners. The Police department's inadequate security and traffic management, along with restrictions on peaceful processions on the 10th of Muharram and the 28th of Safar, have further compounded the issues. Frequent power outages during Majlis' by PDD and inadequate support from LAWDA, PHE. and Fire Service departments are also significant concerns.'

Despite repeated pleas, our calls for a Nodal Officer in each district to address Muharram and Safar grievances have been ignored, the association added.

Ansari said the community members have suffered for far too long due to the administration's "negligence". "Since the LG administration took over, the situation has worsened. We have been met with excuses and inaction for far too long. Our concerns and demands have been consistently ignored, and our community members continue to suffer. We will not participate in meetings that fail to address our needs," he said.

The association demands improved services and support from the JK administration, including allocated funds specifically for Muharram and Safar. It urged the administration to address their grievances and ensure the smooth conduct of Muharram and Safar proceedings.

CUK students hold p rotest over fee hike

the university's main campus in Tulmulla

early in the morning as students gathered to voice their displeasure over the increased financial burden.

Students chanted slogans like "Hum Toh Apna Haq Maangtey, Nahi Kisi Se Bheek Maangtey" and held placards, demanding an immediate rollback of the fee hike. The university administration's decision to raise the semester fees is unacceptable, the protestors said.

"We are not against the university, but we oppose the fee hike. Why should students pay double when their seniors pay less? Before making any decision, the university should involve students in discussions to decide the appropriate scale of the hike,' Mubashir, a student from the Physics

department, said. "Despite being centrally funded, the university has inadequate infrastructure. It lacks essential hostel facilities, which are much needed. The claims of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' are falling flat here, with women students being forced to take rented accommodation outside," Wani, a student from the Department of Law, said.

Similarly, Vinod Kumar Pandey, another student, expressed his disappointment, saying that they fail to understand on what basis the university administration is hiking the fees when they have nothing to show for it. "Universities established in late 2009 have much better facilities than this one. This university has inadequate water facilities, no sports infrastructure, no computer lab, and other essential amenities," Kumar

Similar concerns were raised by students from other departments, including IT and Journalism. The protesting students said they have been raising their voices earlier as well, but they went unheard. "We had no choice but to take this drastic step to ensure our voices are heard," they said.

Meanwhile, after visiting the protest site and attempting to pacify the students, Dean of Legal Studies and Chief Proctor Faroog Ahmed Mir said, "The administration is looking into the matter and will soon make a decision. We urge you to call off the protest until a decision is reached."

"We are looking into it, and the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof A Ravinder Nath, is going to chair a meeting in this regard tomorrow," a top administrative official at the university told KNO.

India's Al roadmap: Ashwini Vaishnaw says global effort needed to counter dangers of Al

The minister also

unveiled India's blue-

print for taking AI to the

masses, starting with

investing in an AI comput-

ing infra of at least 10,000

GPU through a public-

private partnership. The

government will also

create an Al Innovation

Centre, which will focus

on getting high quality

datasets which research-

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): The Centre on Wednesday reiterated its commitment to develop artificial intelligence (Al) for all, on the lines of the digital public infrastructure, even as Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw reiterated how the dangers of Al will should be countered globally.

"We in India have understood (how) AI can be a big tool to solve many (of our) problems; simultaneously, we need to contain the risks AI brings," said Vaishnaw, the Minister for Electronics & IT as well as Railways and I&B, while inaugurating the Global India AI Summit at Delhi's Bharat Mandapam on Wednesday morning. "We believe it has to



come through a global thought process, it cannot be done in isolation," he said. The two-day Global India AI Summit being organised by the government is part of the international GPAI network (Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence), the international standards body on the burgeoning

ers and startups will use to develop apps relevant to India's social and economic problems.

The model will be similar to the Digital India infrastructure, where no single company or service provider has a monopoly. "Govt will invest in creating a public platform where computing power is available, high quality data sets are available, a common set of protocols is available (and) a common set of framework (technical as well as legal) is available. (This can be utilised by) startups, entrepreneurs etc who are working on apps for a variety of sectors (like) education, healthcare etc.," said Vaishnaw.

There will also be an

results start showing and private investors start taking interest.

The two-day international event is also being attended by senior officials from the likes of OpenAI as well as Nvidia, the global poster boy

companies of the artificial

intelligence revolution.

emphasis on skill devel-

opment by creating spe-

cialised courses as per

the requirement that AI

throws up, in partner-

ship with academia and

industry, to define what

the course curriculum will

be. The minister said the

government will also look

at how best to provide

funds for the deep tech

players who will evolve

through these efforts, in

the crucial period before

Tariff hike: Should you port to BSNL as Jio, Airtel and Vodafone Idea revise rates?

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): Jio and Bharti Airtel's revised rates became effective on Wednesday while Vodafone Idea's tariffs will increase from Thursday. But BSNL has decided to continue existing prices, which are lower than what private competitors charge.

There are different plans for existing BSNL users and new users porting from other service providers.

Top BSNL plans
Rs 107 plan

BSNL's Rs 107 plan offers 35-day validity with 3GB of 4G data and 200 minutes of voice calls.

First Recharge Coupon Plan 108

BSNL's First Recharge Coupon Plan 108 is applicable for new users, who will get unlimited calls and 1GB of 4G data per day for 28 days at Rs 108. Rs 197 plan

BSNL's Rs 197 plan has 70-day validity. However, the 2GB of 4G data, unlimited calls and 100 SMS per day are valid only for the first 18 days.

Rs 199 plan

User can get unlimited calls for the entire 70 days under the Rs 199 plan instead of the Rs 197 plan.

Rs 397 plan
BSNL's Rs 397 plan
offers a 150-day validity
with unlimited calls and

2GB of 4G data for the

first 30 days.

Rs 797 plan

This plan comes with a total validity of 300 days, unlimited calls and 2GB

Rs 1,999 plan BSNL's annual plan costs Rs 1,999 with 365day validity. It offers 600 GB of 4G data, unlimited

data for the first 60 days.

calls, BSNL tunes and third-party subscriptions.

The above plans are not applicable in Jammu and Kashmir, Assam and rest of the North East

Should you port to BSNL?

If you are looking for an affordable alternative for Jio, Airtel or Vodafone Idea, you can opt for BSNL.

However, you must keep in mind the BSNL coverage is restricted to 4G network and it doesn't offer 5G service unlike other telcos. So if you are looking for efficient network coverage, BSNL might not be a right

BLSKS observes International Plastic Bag Free Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 3: To observed the "International Plastic Bag Free Day", & to promote the Traditional Culture of J&K. Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan mount 3 days special awareness campaign on Pollution in coordination with Sangam Tru Art Production presented its 439th Regular Series Musical Concert "Pardushan Hatao Jan Bachao" on the theme of "To improve pollution awareness and push governments to adjust policies to reduce pollution's impact" at Durga Bhawan, Janipur Jammu. The Program was inaugurated by as Chief Guest Sh.V.K.Magotra, Former Regional Director of Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting ,Government of India and Mukesh Singh, Media Person of the Shadow Newspaper & Former Chief Medical Officer, Jammu and Kashmir Government . Dr. Tara Singh Charak presided over the function. The day commemorated as well with sole aim of rejuvenating the traditional, primitive Region in particular and Indian nation in general. Awareness items Specially prepared on the themes like "Pardushan



Cha Bacho", "Chara Da Bukhar - Roko Roko Pardushan Gi Roko", "Aaj kal di Hawa Badi Kharab ", Skits ,Songs and dances were presented to aware the masses. The Chief Guest said Every year on July 3, individuals and communities around the globe come together to observe International Plastic Bag Free Day. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the detrimental impact of plastic bags on our environment and encourages concerted efforts towards reducing their usage. Communication about air quality has the potential to reduce the adverse effects of air pollution through generating awareness and catalyzing public opinion in support of policies for pollution reduction and through education for individual risk mitigation behaviors: all are components of environmental health . One of

the biggest benefits of a plastic-free lifestyle is the reduction in plastic pollution. As plastic waste breaks down, it releases harmful chemicals into the environment, which can have negative impacts on wildlife and human health. During the 3 days campaign, BLSKS will be presents 2 more shows in Manwal, Arnia Villages & Blocks of Jammu District to aware the masses. The Songs on the said theme was written, produced and Directed by Dr. Dogra which were also presented and uploaded online on Social Media for benefit of the peoples.

Earlier welcoming the audience Dr.M.L.Dogra, chairman said the International Plastic Bag Free Day aims to discourage the use of plastic bags for 'use-and-throw' purposes be it for food packaging or buying groceries. The day is observed around the world on July 3 every

year, the major forms of air pollution reduction pollution include air polluand through education tion, light pollution, litter, for individual risk mitiganoise pollution, plastic poltion behaviors; all are lution, soil contamination, components of environradioactive contamination, mental health. Social thermal pollution, visual awareness, or socialization, is an important skill pollution, and water pollution. Public awareness for kids to develop in plays an important role order to build positive relationships and make in the prevention of environmental degradation. responsible decisions. In Mobilizing the masses addition to improving relationships and communicainto taking action when government and state tion skills, social awarepolicies fail is essential ness is also important for because of the alarmour own emotional wellbeing. Plastic-free July is ing rate at which climate change and pollution are a global commitment to harming the world. There reduce plastic pollution in the month of July. People are many things we can do for creating awareness across the globe commit against environment polto reducing plastic waste in their daily lives, either lution among the public. It includes conducting rallies through a small swap or through a complete plastic to create mass awareness elimination. Sikkim is the of environmental pollution with the participation of plastic free state. people, arranging community meetings with the par-

The singers, musician, actors and students of music and computer institute who performed in the musical play were M.C.kotwal, K.K.joshi, Usha Raina. Chahat Chadha, Kuldeep Raj, Raju Bajgal, Rahul Kumar, Renu Bala, Naiya Digra, Shivam Sharma, Shriya Sharma, Sneha Sharma and many others presented the enthralled performance at last of the programe Deepak Kumar Dogra, Program's Incharge presented vote of thanks for successful

Modi Govt advances criminal justice reforms: Nitish

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 3: The Modi government continues to prioritize the enhancement of India's criminal justice system with the implementation of three crucial laws aimed at ensuring a safer environment for all citizens. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, these legislative reforms signify a significant step towards strengthening law and

order across the nation.
This was stated by Nitish
Mahajan, Co-Incharge of
the Social Media Department, BJP, J&K, in a
statement issued here

today.

The senior BJP leader said that the implementation of these laws marks a pivotal moment in India's legal landscape, addressing critical aspects of criminal justice reform. He said that the first law focuses on enhancing penalties for crimes against women, underscoring the government's

unwavering commitment to safeguarding the rights and dignity of women in society. This legislative measure is set to act as a deterrent against heinous crimes and ensure swift justice for victims.

"In addition, the second law targets the expedited disposal of cases related to crimes against children. Recognizing the vulnerability of children and the need for timely justice, this reform aims to streamline judicial processes and prioritize the well-being and safety of young citizens," he added.

"Furthermore, the third law introduces comprehensive measures to combat financial frauds and economic offenses. By strengthening regulatory frameworks and enforcement mechanisms, this legislation aims to curb fraudulent activities, protect financial institutions, and bolster investor confidence in India's economy," he said. Nitish said that the

implementation of these three critical laws underscores the Modi government's steadfast commitment to reforming the criminal justice system. These legislative measures are designed not only to enhance deterrence against crimes but also to ensure that justice is swift, accessible, and equitable for all sections of society, he added.

The senior BJP leader said that the Modi government's proactive approach towards legislative reforms reflects its dedication to fostering a secure and progressive environment for every citizen. By prioritizing the enactment of these laws, the government aims to instill confidence among the populace and reaffirm its resolve to uphold the rule of law. The Modi government remains committed to furthering these efforts and building a nation where every individual can thrive without fear of injustice or exploitation, he added.

3 Criminal Laws will enhance judicial effectiveness, ensure transparent justice: RR Raina

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 3: Senior BJP leader Raj Rattan Raina today lauded the implementation of new criminal laws in India, calling it a historic step towards creating a more robust and efficient legal system. In his statement, Raina emphasized the transformative potential of these laws in enhancing the effectiveness of the judiciary, protecting individual rights, and ensuring the timely and transparent delivery of justice.

"The implementation of new criminal laws is a historic step towards creating a more robust and efficient legal system in India," said Raina. "These laws are designed to enhance the effectiveness of our judiciary, protect the rights of individuals, and ensure that justice is delivered in a timely and transparent

The three new criminal laws being implemented today include The New Penal Code, The Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Act, and The Evidence Act (Amendment) Act. These laws repre-

sent significant reforms aimed at modernizing India's legal framework and addressing longstanding issues within the criminal justice system.

Raina reiterated the

Raina reiterated the BJP's resolve to continue working towards building a stronger and more just India. He stressed that these legal reforms are in line with the party's commitment to upholding the rule of law and ensuring that every citizen has access to justice.

"The BJP remains dedicated to building a stronger and more just India," Raina added. "We are committed to upholding the rule of law and ensuring that every citizen has access to justice. These new laws are a testament to our ongoing efforts to strengthen our legal system and serve the people of India."

The BJP leader's endorsement of the new criminal laws underscores the party's focus on legal reform as a cornerstone of its governance agenda. As these laws take effect, they are expected to bring about significant improvements in the administration of justice across the country.

Truck Drivers sensitized about e-Shram Portal at Doda

Top News Report

DODA, July 3: The Labour Department Doda in collaboration with the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Doda organized an awareness cum on-spot registration camp on the e-Shram Portal targeting truck drivers, helpers, and co-drivers at various locations in Doda. Participants were

for the beneficiaries.

The event at Doda Bridge was attended by Deputy Labour Commissioner Jammu, Vinakshi Koul; Assistant Labour Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Adnan Tariq; Labour Officer Doda, Inspector MVD Doda, staff from both departments, and representatives from the Driver Union, including truck drivers, helpers, and

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and local administration

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more sustainable world

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on the e-SHRAM portal requires Aadhaar details, a bank account number linked with the Aadhaar card, and that the age limit for registration is 18 to 59. The camp aimed to educate attendees on the benefits of registering on the e-Shram portal, including access to social security benefits such as insurance and pension schemes. On-spot registration counters were set up by the Labour Department Doda to facilitate immediate registration

provided guidance and support throughout the registration process

registration process. Assistant Labour Commissioner Doda emphasized that this initiative aligns with the government's efforts to promote the welfare and well-being of workers in the unorganized sector. By registering on the e-Shram Portal, eligible workers can access essential social security benefits, enhancing their financial stability and security

Tilak Shan hails decision of court

Top News Report

conduction of the program.

JAMMU, July 3: Being aggrieved of the inaction on the part of the respondents, petitioners, four in number approached the Learned Central Administrative Tribunal Jammu and sought the relief of directions to the Director, Rural Development

Department Jammu for their promotion as Panchayat Inspectors.

underscored the critical

role of truck drivers in

the logistics and trans-

portation sector and the

steps to be taken by the

Government for their

overall wellbeing includ-

ing their registration on

The e-Shram portal is

the national database

the e-shram Portal.

The petitioners filed OA No. 674 of 2024 and sought the relief that the respondents should strictly adhere to the seniority position of the VLWs (Village Level Workers) while making promotions as Panchayat Inspectors.

Pertinent to mention here that the petitioners who filed their OA before the CAT Jammu were seniors and when the department contemplated to promote the juniors above them, they approached the Tribunal and the Tribunal passed a consideration order on 28.06.2024 directing the respondents therein to

consider the case of the petitioners for their promotion as Panchayat Inspectors.

Z. A. Mughal Advocate appeared for the petitioners whereas Deewaker Sharma Deputy Adv. General appeared for the respondents. The Tribunal directed to comply the directions within four weeks.

Labour Department launches special drive for truck drivers to register on e-Shram Portal

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, July 3: Labour Department, J&K Wednesday launched a special drive across the UT to facilitate the registration of truck drivers on the e-shram Portal.

The initiative was taken on the directions of Labour Commissioner, J&K Charandeep Singh, and aims at safeguarding the rights and promoting welfare of the truck drivers. The registration cum awareness camps were set up along the National Highway, Railway Stations, Transport Yards, Mandies, Union offices and other locations and CSCs across each district.

The truck drivers are of unorganised workers. A unique Twelve an important component (12) digit Universal of the country's labour force. Majority of them, Account Number (UAN) however, do not get is uniquely assigned social security benefits to each unorganized and face many challengworker after registraes. In order to protect tion on e-Shram portal. their rights, the National UAN number is a per-Human Rights Commismanent number i.e. once sion (NHRC) had issued assigned, it will remain an advisory to protect unchanged for the work-Human Rights of Truck er's lifetime. The registration on the drivers. The advisory

e-Shram Portal will facilitate the Government in ensuring that unorganized worker including truck drivers can avail benefits of social security schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PM-JJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojana

(PM-SBY), Old age Protection under Pradhan MantriShram Yogi Mann Dhan (PM-SYM) and other welfare measures meant for the workers including during any emergency or pandemic like situations.

Till date, over 21,000

truck drivers belonging to J&K have registered on the e-shram Portal and the registration cum awareness drive shall continue to facilitate registration of the remaining truck drivers.

Labour Commissioner, J&K has urged the Truck drivers to pro-actively register themselves on the e-shram Portal along with their co-drivers and

'It's coming home': T20 World Cup champions Team India set to land in Delhi on Thursday

Just hours after their T20 WC win, Men in Blue were forced to stay confined inside their hotel rooms as the hurricane made landfall in Barbados on Sunday

BRIDGETOWN, Jul 3 (Agencies): The ICC T20 World Cup winning team, which was stranded in Barbados due to airport shut down in Barbados owing to Hurricane Beryl, is now poised to return to India on Thursday morning.

The Rohit Sharmaled team is expected to
land in Delhi tomorow.
Ahead of their departure, the Board of Control of Cricket in India
(BCCI) posted a video
of the World Cup Trophy
that India bagged with
their win against South
Africa. "It's coming
home", posted BCCI
alongside the video.

The special charted flight arranged by BCCI secretary Jay Shah will also be carrying members of Indian media who went to cover the tournament but got



stranded due to the hurricane.

Just hours after their T20 WC win, Men in Blue were forced to stay confined inside their hotel rooms as the hurricane made landfall in Barbados on Sunday and a curfew was imposed for the safety of people. Electricity and water supply were also

affected.

In the final match of the tournament, India won the toss and opted to bat first. After being reduced to 34/3, a counter-attacking partnership between Virat (76) and Axar Patel (47 in 31 balls, with one four and four sixes) of 72 runs restored India's position in the game. A 57-run stand between Virat and Shivam Dube (27 in 16 balls, with three fours and a six) took India to 176/7 in their 20 overs.

Keshav Maharaj (2/23) and Anrich Nortje (2/26) were the top bowlers for SA. Marco Jansen and Aiden Markram took a wicket each

In the run chase of 177 runs, Proteas was

reduced to 12/2 and then a 58-run partnership between Quinton de Kock (39 in 31 balls, with four boundaries and a six) and Tristan Stubbs (31 in 21 balls, with three fours and a six) brought back SA into the game. A half-century by Heinrich Klaasen (52 in 27 balls, with two fours and five sixes) threatened to take the game away from India. However, Arshdeep Singh (2/18), Jasprit Bumrah (2/20) and Hardik (3/20) made a fine comeback in death overs, keeping SA to 169/8 in their 20

Virat secured the 'Player of the Match' for his performance. Now, by securing their first ICC title since the Champions Trophy in 2013, India has ended their ICC trophy drought.

So much talk of Suryakumar Yadav's final T20 catch, India's Harleen Deol did it first in 2021



CHANDIGARH, Jul 3 (Agencies): Without doubt, Suryakumar Yadav's match-winning catch in the T20 World Cup 2024 final was breathtaking, but Harleen Deol did it better in 2021.

Doel--in a match against England --had left commentators speechless and fans in awe as it wasn't just a catch, but a statement about the evolving standards of women's cricket.

As old footage of Deol's catch resurfaced, cricket enthusiasts celebrating Suryakumar Yadav's match-winning catch were quick to draw comparisons.

Yadav's catch, a key moment in India's nailbiting victory over South Africa, has been hailed as one of the greatest in World Cup history, but if we go back to July 2021, Doel, too, was a stunner and had displayed great fielding that deserves all the limelight.

In 2021, during the T20 international against England, Harleen Deol, caught a catch, which was even more spectacular than Yadav's recent stunner.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar, too, had then congratulated Harleen Deol on the 'phenomenal' catch.

After a powerful hit from England's Nat Sciver, Deol leapt at the long-off boundary, caught the ball mid-air, her perfect presence of mind helped her carry her over the rope and then tossed the ball up, crossed the boundary, and dived back in to take the catch.

"So much talk of Surya Kumar Yadav's catch. Let us see our Harleen Deol in T2O against England!," wrote one user on X.

Neeraj Chopra offers Paris Diamond League snub clarification: Wasn't part of my calendar

NEW DELHI, Jul 3 (Agencies): India's star Javelin thrower Neerai Chopra has opened about his Paris Diamond League snub and said the event wasn't part of his competition calendar this year and he is focusing on getting ready for the upcoming Olympics in Paris. Neeraj will be looking to defend his crown during the Olympics this year and had taken part in the Doha Diamond League, the Federation Cup back home and the Paavo Nurmi Games.

It was reported that Neeraj had withdrawn from the Paris Diamond League as he wanted to focus on his health and now the star javelin thrower has offered clarification. In a tweet he posted on his official X account, Neeraj said that he didn't actually 'withdraw' from the event as it wasn't part of his calendar this season.

"Hello, everyone. Just to clarify: the #ParisDL wasn't part of my com-



petition calendar this season, so I haven't 'withdrawn' from it. I'm focusing on getting ready for the Olympic Games. Thanks for your understanding and support, and wishing all the athletes competing all the best!" said Neeraj in the tweet.

Neeraj to address adductor issue after Olympics

Neeraj had commented on his adductor issues earlier in the year and said he would be looking to address the matter after the Olympics is done. "Every year I have some problems with my adductor, maybe after the Olympics I am going to talk to different doctors." Chopra, however, expressed the desire to compete in more competitions this season.

"Initially I wanted to compete more this season, but it was not possible due to my niggles," he added.

Neeraj had finished 2nd in the Doha Diamond League earlier this year before getting gold in the Federation Cup and Paavo Nurmi

'Thanks Rohit for that call in November': Rahul Dravid reveals how India skipper stopped him from quitting after ODI WC heartbreak

BRIDGETOWN, Jul 3 (Agencies): Had he not received a phone call from India skipper Rohit Sharma, requesting him to continue after the ODI World Cup final defeat, Rahul Dravid wouldn't have been a part of history, the outgoing head coach revealed in his farewell speech to the team after it was crowned T20 world champion here.

Dravid's tenure had ended with the ODI World Cup after India lost to Australia in the final despite a 10-match winning run, but the coaching staff got an extension till the end of the T20 World Cup that concluded on Saturday last.

While Dravid has not reapplied for the role after India's second T20 World Cup win, he mentioned Rohit's role in urging him to continue as the coach during his speech in the Kensington Oval dressing room after the team's seven-run win in the final against South Africa on Saturday.

"Ro, thank you very much for making that call to me November and asking to continue," Dravid said in a video shared by BCCI.

"I think it's been such a privilege and a pleasure to work with



each and everyone of you, but Ro, also thanks for the time... there is a lot of time we have to chat, we have to discuss, we have to agree, we have to disagree at times, but thank you so very much," Dravid said as Rohit laughed.

Dravid praised the players for putting up collectively solid performances through the tournament and urged them to celebrate the achievement as much as they would like.

"All of you will remember these moments. We always say, it is not about the runs, it is not about the wickets, you never remember your career but you remember moments like this, so let's really enjoy," Dravid said.

"I could not be more proud of

you guys, to come back the way you did, the way you fought, the way we worked as a team... the resilience. There has been some disappointment over the years where we have come close, we have never been able to cross the line," he said.

With BCCI secretary Jay Shah in attendance, Dravid also spoke about the sacrifices that people close to each and every player made in order to allow them the spotlight they are now enjoying.

"So many sacrifices that each and everyone of you make, to see your families here today enjoying it, so many of your families back home, just think about all the sacrifices, each and everyone of them has made

since the time you were kids, for you to be here in the dressing room," Dravid said.

"Today, your parents, your wives, your children, your brother, your coaches, so many people have made so many sacrifices and worked so hard with you for you to enjoy this memory in this moment... really, really proud to have being a part of this memory with you guys," he continued.

Usually articulate, Dravid admitted he was falling short of words but praised the team for their respect towards the outgoing coaching staff.

"I'm not usually short of words but on a day like today, for me to be part of this, I could not be more grateful for the respect, for the kindness, for the effort that each and everyone of you are shown to me, to my coaching staff to my support staff," he conceded.

Dravid also praised the BCCI officials and others for their work behind the scenes.

"Behind a great team, there is also a successful organisation and we have to acknowledge the work of BCCI and people behind the scenes for the work they have done," he added.

My name is Khan: Haryana's Parvej, the new sensation in US CHANDIGARH, Jul 3 Track & Field Champi- The National Games improved his persona

CHANDIGARH, Jul 3 (Agencies): The excitement of the evening events had faded into the sultry night and the floodlit stadium had all but emptied out. Standing near the exit, Parvej Khan was getting ready to leave when he was asked for selfies by a few of the remaining spectators. Parvej, having just received his gold medal, agreed hesitantly. The 19-yearold, who won the 1,500 metres final in Panchkula last week for his first National Inter-State Championship title, is still getting used to the extra attention.

Though it was his first competition in India in almost a year, Khan's popularity had preceded him thanks to his exploits in the USA.

Khan, who is studying in Florida on scholarship, had a busy spring season on the collegiate circuit, including a gold at the SEC Outdoor onships in May.
The video of his incred-

ible kick down the final stretch, with his long hair flowing back and his necklace held between his teeth, has only added to his growing legend.

Khan had already

made history in March, becoming the first Indian track athlete to compete in the NCAA Division I Indoor Championships, finishing seventh in the mile short track final.

Khan's journey — from Haryana's hinterland to rubbing shoulders with Olympians in the USA — seems to have come straight out of a storybook.

"Growing up in a village in Haryana, I had never imagined I would one day be studying in America and training with Olympics medallists," said Khan, who belongs to Chahalka in Nuh district.

Khan, whose father is a small-scale farmer,



started running in his preteens mainly to prepare for the army recruitment test. But he took to racing like a fish to water, beating boys five years older than him in village races. In search of better facilities, a 13-year-old Khan

moved to Delhi, where

he lived with his uncle and trained at the JLN Stadium. A year later, he shifted to the SAI centre in Bhopal. After an impressive run on the junior circuit, Khan won his first senior gold in 2021, which helped him get recruited by the Indian Navy.

The National Games gold in 2022 earned him a spot in the national camp. It was during one of the Indian contingent's training stints at the Olympics training centre in Colorado that his career took an unexpected turn.

On the advice of a

On the advice of a social media friend, a foreign athlete studying in the USA, Khan applied and got admission into the University of Florida in Gainesville, also earning a sports scholarship.

scholarship.

"It was difficult in the beginning because of the language barrier. With my training and studies, which I cannot afford to ignore, I have a very busy routine. I got a bit overwhelmed at the start. But things have settled down. I have made friends, I am getting better at my studies and most importantly I am improving on

the track," he said. Last month, Khan improved his personal best to 3 minutes, 36.21 seconds.

Though he comfortably won the final in Panch-kula, his timing (3:42.95) was far from his best.

"I arrived in India just three days before the race. It was nice and cool in America but very humid here, so I couldn't do my best," he said.

But Khan is focussing on his long-term targets. "I will return to the US in August. Till then I will most likely train in Bhopal. My university coach will send me the training programme," he said. "I am targeting next year's Asian Championships, and then obviously bigger events like the Asian Games and the Olympics. But I just want to focus on my training at this point," he said.

Khan also has Jinson Johnson's national record of 3:35.24 in his crosshairs. "My target is 3:30 and I am working hard towards it," he said.

Men's hockey team must avoid PC bug: Viren Rasquinha



MUMBAI, Jul 3 (Agencies): Former captain Viren Rasquinha believes the Indian men's hockey team has to do away with its habit of conceding unnecessary penalty corners if it desires to finish on the podium in the upcoming Paris Olympics.

India, who won a bronze in the Tokyo Olympics, are placed in a tough Pool B alongside defending champions Belgium, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand and Ireland.

"In the Australia series as well as the last few FIH Pro League matches they've just been conceding far too many penalty corners," Rasquinha said during a panel discussion organised by the Sports Journalists

Association of Mumbai here.
Rasquinha said head coach Craig Fulton has got the team he wanted. "I'm happy that he has got the team of his choice. Especially in hockey, where unlike cricket, there are less stats to back you up, it's important to get a team of your choice," he said.

Rahul got 'Gandhi' surname in adoption but he doesn't **know Sacrifices of Hindus for India: Braham Jyot**

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 3: Braham Jyot Satti, Senior leader BJP and Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir, issued a press statement and lashed out at Rahul Gandhi (Opposition leader) for his anti-Hindu statement in Parlia-

He said Rahul Gandhi got 'Gandhi ' surname in adoption because his grandmother and former Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi was daughter of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and she got ' Gandhi' surname in adoption by Mahatma Gandhi. He said in parliament

Rahul Gandhi while leading the opposition said that Hindus are violent, liar etc which is nonacceptable and non-tolerable at all and it is not the first time when Congress Party disrespected Hindus and their always issued unnecessary statements to target Hindus.

They did the same for many times in the past also even 1975 Rahul's grandmother imposed unnecessary emergency throughout nation for the sake of her chair.

He said Hindus are very much tolerant than any other. They were Hindus who sacrificed their lives while fighting against Mughals.

They were Hindus who sacrificed their lands , emotions and made another nation (Pakistan)

They were Hindus who lost their provinces and rights during the emergency in 1975. They were Hindus were forced to migrate from Kashmir overnight 1989.

He said Rahul Gandhi is immature frustrated person because the congress party is being rejected by the public of India for the 3rd consecutive time. Rahul thinks 99 out of 543 is a big number this shows his immaturity.

He said people gave a mandate to the BJP for the 3rd consecutive time because of its successful public schemes and for making our Nation strong. He said PM Narendra Modi led government is

working for segments of society and there is huge number of highly beneficial schemes which are running by Government just for needy people.

He said nation's first ideology of BJP is best and it works in the nation's interest and prominent citizens are joining hands with BJP which is highly appreciable

He said under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi India is achieving new heights at International level.

Amir to address students of Jammu Region in Reasi, Doda, Shopian, Rajouri, Poonch

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 3: A press conference was held by Aryans Group of Colleges, Chandigarh today in Jammu and announced scholarship worth Rs. 18 crore for 18th Batch academic session. A delegation of Aryans Group visited Jammu for awareness sessions led by Dr. Anshu Kataria Chairman, Aryans. The Group is going to organise scholarship mela in Jammu Region in various places including Reyasi, Doda, Rajouri, Shopian, Poonch etc from 4thJuly - 7th July. Amir Hussain Lone, Captain, Para Cricket Team, JK & Brand Ambassador. Aryans will also accompany this tour and will address all students.

While addressing Dr. Kataria said that for benefitting the deserving students various scholarship mela are being organized for the students various state who are seeking admission in Engineering, Law, Management, Pharmacy, Nursing, Paramedical, Polytechnic Diploma etc as well as study abroad programs. The eligible students would get 10%- 100% scholarship on merit cum mean basis, said Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges. Students who are interested in getting scholarship can contact on helpline 80548-99888 (Er. Rayees) & 84270



log on to www.aryans.edu. in for more information.

"I am really happy to be

a part of Aryans Group of

Colleges, Near Chandigarh who is also known as Mini Kashmir of Punjab I am well aware that out of 3500 students, more than 2000 students from Jammu & Kashmir are studying in Aryans. I felt elated when Aryans Group offered me to be a brand ambassador. It is my pleasure now that I will be connected with JK youth outside Jammu & Kashmir, too". This was said by Captain, Para Cricket Team, JK, Amir Husain thanking Aryans Team. Amir is in lime light because of his friendship with God of Cricket Sachin Tendulkar. Not only this, the richest Indian business house Adani Group has also tweeted and appreciated the hard work & dedication of Amir for Cricket.

Er. Rayees Ahmed; Er. Mudasir Sheikh; Er Shahid Lone, Aryans Admission Coordinator, Jammu & Kashmir Region said that Aryans Group was established in colleges situated behind Chitkara University, Near Rajpura on Chandigarh patiala highway Since last 17 years group is delivering education in Chandigarh region and offering various courses including Engineering, Law, Nursing, Pharmacy, Paramedical. Physiotherapy, Management, Education etc.

It is to be mentioned God of Cricket, Sachin Tendulkar has invited Amir Hussain to play first ball of Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) & also introduced him with many bollywood stars. Sachin went to Kashmir to meet Amir and shared his feeling with him.

Not only this, recently richest group of India i.e. Adani Group has invited him in Ahmedabad and honored him. Virat Kohli, Harbhajan Singh, Navjot Sidhu, Ashish Chopra, Ajay Jadeja have also appreciated his passion for cricket on their social media platforms. The cricketer has a unique playing style. He bowls using his legs and bats using his shoulder and

Rahul Gandhi should apologize to Hindu Sanatanis: Chandel



Top News Report

JAMMU/NEW DELHI, July 3: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a protest today at the Congress headquarters, gathering a multitude of leaders and dignitaries to express their vehement opposition to what they deemed as anti-Hindu statements made by Rahul Gandhi, the opposition leader from the Congress party.

Among those present were BJP MPs Manoj Tiwari and Bansuri Swaraj, MP Yogendra Chandolia Scheduled Caste Front Scheduled Caste Front President Scheduled Caste Front State President Mohanlal Gehra Front District President Chandrapal Chandel BJP Senior Leader Raju Chandel BJP Leader Sonam Parcha Mahila Morcha State President Richa Pandey Moti Lal Sardar Arvind Singh Lovely Rupesh Mehra Advocate Lajpat Rai and other dignitaries were present. The protest was marked by strong condemnations of Rahul Gandhi's remarks, which were perceived as derogatory

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Jammu, and with the sup-

port of Director Research,

Dean FoA, Dean FoH&F,

Prof. Mukesh Pandey

and expert advice of Prof.

R.K. Pandey, a plantation

drive was initiated today

at the Centre for Organic

and Natural Farming,

Skuast Jammu Chatha.

The event marked the

beginning of an effort to

towards Sanatan Dharma

Mohanlal Gehra, State President of the Scheduled Caste Front, expressed deep dissatisfaction with the Congress party's purported policy of undermining India and its Hindu population.

He emphasized that such attitudes are fundamentally anti-Hindu and called upon Rahul Gandhi to issue a formal apology for his comments.

Chandrapal Chandel, District President, echoed these sentiments, highlighting the widespread dismay among the Hindu community regarding Rahul Gandhi's alleged disparaging remarks.

Chandel demanded that Rahul Gandhi publicly retract his statements and seek forgiveness from the followers of Sanatan Dharma.

Addressing the gathered supporters, BJP senior leader Raju Chandel passionately reiterated the demand for an apology from Rahul Gandhi.

He criticized the Congress leader for ridiculing Sanatan Dharma, a religion widely revered for its peaceful principles both

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Choudhary, Garu Ram,

Deepak Kumar, Sunil

Kumar, and other staff

members, who all active-

ly participated by planting

various ornamental spe-

Centre for Organic and Natural

nationally and globally.

Chandel stressed that Rahul Gandhi's remarks were deeply offensive and called upon him to acknowledge his mistake publicly.

The protest underscored a broader sentiment among BJP leaders and supporters that disrespect towards Sanatan Dharma, especially by influential political figures like Rahul Gandhi, must not go unchallenged.

In conclusion, the BJP protest at the Congress headquarters was a strong show of dissent against what they perceived as an affront to Hindu sentiments by Rahul Gandhi.

The demand for a public apology underscored the seriousness with which B.IP leaders viewed the issue, emphasizing their commitment to defending the beliefs and dignity of Sanatan Dharma against perceived attacks.

The event highlighted ongoing tensions and polarizations within Indian politics concerning religious sensitivities and underscored the BJP's stance as a quardian of Hindu interests in the political arena.

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KDP Wing of DPAP appeals Govt not to harass exiled people through notifications

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 3: In a statement issued by the Kashmiri Displaced People Wing of DPAP through it's President Sanjay Dhar have appealed the Govt. of India and Govt. of J&K UT not to use its Bureaucracy with issuance of unforseen, unexpected, unjustified orders to harass the Displaced Kashmiri People, and as per the routine applied harassment exercises, just to keep the exiled People engaged, to avoid their becoming united, for seeking their Constitutional rights.

Dhar have categorically appealed the new elected Govt of India to now shun the step motherly behaviour adopted during their last two time ruling tenure with the Kashmiri Exiled people and have demanded to know prepare a comprehensive resettlement and Rehabilitation policy after 34 years of exilement for dignified return of this peace loving community, for the sake of humanity, as now the exiled term has gone beyond the tolerance of displaced

Dhar have demanded that the displaced people have been let to loss their

culture, future of our future generations, and the brotherhood of harmony, which is the need of the hour to be restored and have expected that this present re-elected Ruling party of India will beat the record of history by making a concrete resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy of exiled people for return to Valley.

Dhar have requested the President of India, the Chief Justice of India, the Human Rights Commission of India to come to the rescue of the Kashmiri Displaced People Community of J&K and to advise the Govt.of India for initiating a return and Rehabilitation policy of the Community back in Valley, as the Lord Bagwan Ram in the Satya Yug had remained in exile only for 14 years and thus community has been let to remain in exile for 34 years being true patriot Indians, that too by the human Bakhets of Bagwan Ram.

Dhar has sought to do justice with the Community having thousands years of history as Brahmins of Kashyep Reshis Land in Kashmir, so that the ignored Constitutional rights are restored munity.

GDC Neeli Nallah organizes

Top News Report

plantation drive to

celebrate Van Mahotsav

UDHAMPUR, July 3: To celebrate Van Mahotsav, on Wednesday, Government Degree College (GDC) Neeli Nallah, Udhampur organized Plantation Drive under the theme "Ek Podha

and non-teaching staff of the college took part in the plantation drive with great zeal and enthusi-

Principal shared her valuable words with the students as well as the staff and said that an institution should organize such drives to aware the students regarding beautification, cleanliness, safe environment, hygiene, plantation drives, and health in par-

ticular to restore clean environment to save our Mother Earth.

She also motivated the students to plant more and more trees and fight the menace of plastic pollution.

The Convenor of the programme was Dr.

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