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BRIEFLY

Mughal Road closed for traffic after massive landslide

SRINAGAR, Jul 8 (Agencies): Traffic movement was suspended on Mughal Road in Jammu and Kashmir after a massive landslide along the historic road on Monday, officials said.

An official told Greater Kashmir that a big portion of a mountain came down at Panar on the road, blocking the road.

He said that men and machinery have been pressed into service to clear the debris from the road, which connects south Kashmir's Shopian with Pir Panjal.

Migrant worker died by alleged suicide in Baramulla

SRINAGAR, Jul 8 (Agencies): A non-local labourer hanged self to death in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Monday.

An official told News Agency Kashmir Scroll that one non local labourer (painter) from Jaynagra Surjapur Bihar at present Shalimar Lane Kanispora Baramulla hanged himself in a Bathroom at Shalimar Lane Kanis-

He said that the body was taken into custody for medico legal formalities.

He added that proceedings u/s 194 BNSS initiated and investigation is going

15-year-old boy stabbed to death in South Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Jul 8

(Agencies): A youth was stabbed to death by another youth in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Sunday late night, officials said. Quoting an official, Kashmir Scroll reported that a 15-year-old boy was found in drainage and was bleeding . He was immediately taken to near by hospital where from shifted to GMC Anantnag where doctors declared him

brought dead. He said that boy was stabbed by another boy over some minor scuffle and he died.

"To ascertain the facts of incident police **Turn to page 9**

Over 1.82 lakh perform Amarnath Yatra in nine days

JAMMU, Jul 8 (Agencies): Over 1.82 lakh pilgrims had 'darshan' inside the holy cave shrine of Amarnath during the last nine days as another batch of 5,803 yatris left for Kashmir on Monday.

Officials of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) said, "Another batch of 5803 yatris left Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu for the Valley in two escorted convoys today. The first escorted convoy of 88 vehicles carrying 1862



Yatris left at 3.10 a.m. for the North Kashmir

Baltal base camp while another batch of 3941

yatris left in the second ■Turn to page 9

Supreme Court on Monday said there cannot be a bail condi-

NEW DELHI, Jul

8 (Agencies):

tion which allows the police to peep into the private life of an accused in a criminal case.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan set aside a bail condition imposed by the Delhi High Court requiring a Nigerian national to share the Google Maps pin in his mobile device with the investigating officer in a drugs case. Click here to connect

on bail: Supreme Court

Police cannot be allowed to

peep into private life of accused

with us on WhatsApp Justice Oka, pronouncing the verdict said, "There cannot be a bail condition defeating the very objective of bail itself. We have said Google pin cannot be a bail condition. There can't be a bail condition enabling the police to constantly track the movement of the accused. Police cannot be allowed to peep into the private life of the

The court pronounced the verdict on a plea of Frank Vitus, a Nigerian national challenging the bail condition in a drugs

case. On April 29, the top court had reserved its verdict said it would examine whether one of the conditions imposed by the Delhi High Court asking an accused to "drop a Google pin" from his mobile phone to enable investigators to track his movement while on bail violated

Encounter underway in Kathua, Two Army personnel injured

JAMMU, Jul 8 (Agencies): An encounter broke out between militants and security forces in the Machhedi area of Kathua district on Monday.

Official said that a joint team of police and security forces came under



fire during searches in the Machhedi area. The

forces retaliated, triggering a gunfight.

They said that two army personnel have received injuries in an ongoing operation, and they have been hospitalised.

Meanwhile, more

NC Veteran, **Ex Mayor** among 57 whose security cover has been "Withdrawn"

SRINAGAR, Jul 8 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir government has withdrawn the security cover of 57 VIPs including prominent political leaders, former judges, police officers,

by the SSP Srinagar's office.

According to media reports, those whose security cover has been withdrawn include former IPS officer, Munir Ahmad Khan, presently member of Socially and **Educationally Backward** Classes commission;

Delhi High Court rejects plea against blocking of 'Briar' messaging App in **J&K** over terror suspicion

NEW DELHI, Jul 8 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court has dismissed a plea against the blocking of opensource messaging application "Briar" by the Union Government in Jammu and Kashmir over threat to national security and sover-

Justice Subramonium Prasad rejected the plea moved by Sublime Software Limited which developed the app challenging the Union Government's blocking order.

The plea also sought a direction on Central Government to produce and publish the blocking order passed under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act,

accused on bail."

It was the developer entity's case that the blocking order was passed without following the procedure given in the Blocking Rules and that it was unable to access the software throughout the country because of the blocking.

On the other hand, the Union Government contended that 14 mobile messaging applications, including Briar, were blocked in the region of Jammu Kashmir under Section 69A of the IT Act as they contained material that was prejudicial to the Sovereignty and Integrity of India, Defence of India, Security of the State and Public Order.

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Security forces discover terrorist bunker hidden behind cupboard in Kulgam

SRINAGAR, Jul 8 (Agencies): Security forces discovered a meticulously constructed terrorist hideout within a civilian residence in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The bunker, cleverly concealed inside an almirah, had been reportedly housing four terrorists who were killed in an encounter on Saturday night.

Authorities are now looking into the possibility of local involvement in providing shelter to the terrorists.

A video circulating online shows security officials inspecting the small, well-fortified concrete hideout hidden behind a wardrobe in the civilian home.

Priyanka Bhat appointed administrator J&K CUL Jammu

JAMMU, Jul 8 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government today appointed Priyanka Bhat, Joint Registrar (Audit), Cooperative Societies, Jammu, as the Administrator of J&K Cooperative Union Limited (CUL), Jammu, for a three-month period, in addition to her own duties.

Man involved in terror financing case through bitcoin trade in J&K: SIA

JAMMU, Jul 8 (Agencies): The SIA investigations into terror financing cases have found a man involved in funding the terrorist organisations

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Drug peddler with contraband held in Baramulla: Police

(Agencies): J&K Police on Monday arrested a drug peddler in Baramulla district and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

The police later released a statement which said, "Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police

have arrested a drug peddler in Baramulla and recovered contraband substance from his possession. A police party of Police Station Tangmarg headed by SHO PS Tangmarg at a checkpoint established at Hospital Crossing Tangmarg intercepted one person identified as Zahoor Ahmad Sheikh

dent of Nadirgund.

During his search, 35 grams of contraband Charas-like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Tangmarg where he remains in custody, said officials.

"Accordingly, a case Turn to page 9

and journalists. The decision was outlined in an order issued

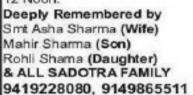
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BARKHI

One year has passed since you left us for heavenly abode, but your loving and sweet memories have never faded away and are still as fresh as ever. You will live in hearts and thoughts forever.

Barkhi of our beloved Lt Sh Neeraj Sharma S/o Lt Sh Prem Kumar & Lt Smt Santosh Kumari (Retd Teacher) will be performed on 9th of July (Tuesday) at our residence H No. 30 Street Shobha Ram Panjtirthi, Jammu at Lt Sh Neeraj Sharma 12 Noon.





17TH DAY KRIYA

Passed away on 24/06/24 A noble, charismatic, magnetic & dynamic man deeply loved by friends & family. He will be deeply missed. Please join us for "Satarvi / Prayer meeting "at our residence Lane 2, Poonch Lines, Udhaywala road (Nearby India Cake House, Muthi FLYOVER), Jammu on Tuesday 9 July, 2024 from 12pm to 3pm.

IN GRIEF & PRAYER Mr. Sita Ram (Father) Mrs. Neelam Bhat (Wife) Daughter & Son in law Mrs. Anika & Mr. Sahil Tandon Mr. Anik Ashok (Son) Ms. Avanika (Daughter) Brothers & Sisters-in-law

Mrs. Rama & Ramesh Lal Dogra Mrs. Rajni & Mr. Puran Kumar Mrs. Sunta & Mr. Chaman Lai Dogra Mrs. Neena & Mr. Rattan Lal



ASHOK KUMAR Former HOD Physics, DIET Rajouri 02-01-1964 -24-06-2024

Brothers In- Laws & Sisters in law Mrs. Veena & Mr. Bal Krishan Bhat Mrs. Anita & Mr. Ram Krishan Bhat Mrs. Rekha & Mr. Romesh Bhat CONTACTS: 9469190272. 9419267043

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Sdn Gurbachan Kour Ji W/o Master Khushminder Singh R/o Gamraj Tral, Kashmir who left for heavenly abode on 29th June 2024. For the peace of the departed noble soul.

Akhand Path Sahib shall be held at our residence as per the following schedule. 07/07/24- Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at 9 AM

09/07/24- Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib at 9 AM Antim Ardaas will be performed at her native village from 10:30 AM to 12.30 PM. Grief Stricken:

Master Khushminder Singh (Husband) Navjot Singh & Amarjot Singh (Sons) Parents

Principal Nirajnan Singh & Sidn Mohinder Kour

Brothers and Sisters in law Advocate RamjeetSingh and RanjeetSingh Dr Krishenieet Singh and Dr Amarieet Kour

Revinder Singh and Revinder Kour Contact: 84918-46756

Gurcharan Kour and Kanwarjeet Singh (Sister and Brother in law) Manieet Kour (Sister)

Master Popinder Singh and Divinder Kour (Brother in law and Sister in law)

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAAS

Sdn Gurbachan Kour Ji

Sisters in law & Brothers in law Beauty Kour and Amrik Singh Babits Kour and Dr Opinder Singh Kiranjeet Kour and Gurdyal Singh

TENTH DAY KRIYA

IT IS WITH PROFOUND GRIEF WE INFORM THE PASSING AWAY OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER, SMT. LAKSHMI SHORI (SHANTA JI). W/O LATE SH. MAKHAN LAL, ORIGINALLY FROM MOTIYAR, RAINAWARI, SRINAGAR HE PEACEFULLY LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE SURROUNDED BY HER LOVING FAMILY.

HER 10TH DAY KRYA PWA WILL BE PERFORMED AT 7:00 AM ON 11 JULY 2024 AT GHAT SAMAYPUR. BADLI BRIDGE (NEW TEMPLE), BAWANA ROAD, SECTOR 18, ROHINI, NEW DELHI. FOLLOWING KRIYA PWA, A PRAYER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 11:00 AM AT LPT - 331, P&T COLONY, SAROJINI NAGAR, NEW DELHI.

GRIEF STRICKEN: SONS & DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW SH. BRIJ BEHARI & SMT. NEMI RAINA SH. PRADEEP RAINA & SMT. GIRJA RAINA DR. RAVI RAINA & SMT. ARUNA RAINA



SMT. LAKSHMI SHORI (SHANTA JI)

DAUGHTER SMT. SUNITA KHAROO & SAMAST PARIVAR MOB: 8851749490, 9889432492

SHAHEED VEER

ANIL MANHAS

OBITUARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SH. KULDEEP KAUL S/O LT. SH. P. N. KAUL AND LT. SMT. PARMISHAWARI KAUL (KOULAS MOTOR STORE -SRINAGAR-KMR) WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 5TH JULY,2024 AT MUMBAI. HE WAS LIGHT AND INSPIRA-TION FOR ALL OF US.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-

RAJNI HUSTOO, NANCY KAUL & VEENA TICKOO (SISTERS)

KISHEN JI KAUL (BROTHER-IN-LAW)

NEPHEWS AND NIECE WHO FONDLY

SH. KULDEEP KAUL ENTIRE KAULA FAMILY CALLED HIM AS BAIYA AND KUKU JI MAMA 9819978974,7777078448,9886398586,9867508807

REMEMBRANCE ON 25TH SHAHEEDI DIWAS OF

"SHAHEED VEER ANIL MANHAS" ON 09-07-2024

Who made the supreme sacrifice in Kargil Sector during "Ops. Vijay" We miss and remember you every day silently with bleeding heart & tears in our eyes but pride on our face.

Hawan will be performed on 09-07-2024 at 9:00 AM at Memorial Place.

Preeti Bhoj 11 AM onwards. DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY

All Family Members & All Relatives M/s Anil Manhas Gas Service, Akhnoor,

M/s A.M Tiles (Nud Akhnoor).

M/s Maha Lakshmi Building Material, Chak Malal. Ph: 01924-253394, 01924-234141 (R). Mob: 9419100412, 7889930669, 8899133212

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 Contact Nos: 6005167807, 6005787407, 9469571203

"Noble soul of a yogi never dies but always remains in the heart of their loved ones". One year has passed since your noble soul departed to rest in peace in heavenly abode but your memories are still

aftesh in our hearts which shall remain forever. Barkhi of our beloved Late Sh. Ravinder Gupta Slo Late Sh. Dina Nath Gupta (Mirpuri) will be performed at our residence 77 Sarwal Jammu on 09.07.2024 Tuesday at 10:30

am onwards. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

Sons & Daughter-In-Laws: Sh. Chetan Gupta & Smt. Preeti Gupta Sh. Vikas Gupta & Smt. Priya Gupta

Brothers & Bhabhis Satish Chander Gupta & Smt. Suman Gupta Smt. Asha Rani W/o Late Sh. Vimal Gupta

Yougal Gupta & Smt. Neena Gupta Grand Children: Lovish, Shivarishi, Keyansh, Shivay BROTHER'S VEG FOODIES Mobile No.: 9086122948, 9086060391



SH. OMKAR NATH

TURKI

LATE SH. RAVIND **GUPTA**

KRIYA/UTHALA (17TH DAY)

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Late Sh. Ashok Kumar, former HoD, DIET Rajouri on 22-06-2024.

UTHALA/RASAM KRIYA will be performed on Tuesday 9th of July 2024 (10.AM to 12.30 Noon) at his residence at Lane No 2 Dharmat Colony, Near Goswami Cricket Academy Udheywallah Road Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

In Laws Side Bal Krishan Bhat 8493875362 Ram Krishan Bhat 9419160264 Romesh Ch. Bhat 8899631099

Brothers Romesh Dogra Chaman Lal Rattan Lal

Anik -Son Anika - Daughter Avanika - Daughter



ASHOK KUMAR FORMER HOD DIET RAJOURI

SMT. KARTARO DEVI

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Kartaro De vi (W/o Lt. Sh HANS Raj Gupta) R/o MIG-55 Housing Colony Udhampur who left for heavenly abode on 27/06/2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 06 July 2024 (Saturday) at 11:00 AM at SHIV MANDIR Housing Colony Udhampur

KRIYA will be performed on 09 July 2024 Tuesday) at Devika Ghat Udhampur.

Daughter-in-law and Son Smt Kavita and Sh Anoop Kumar Gupta (Rtd CAO) Smt Suman and Sh Anil Gupta (Rtd XEN PWD)

Daughter and Son-in-Law Smit Vijay and Sh Padam Dev Singh Smit Vasudha and Sh Satish Arora Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-Law & Grand Sons Aayushi and Tarun

Alshvarya and Akhil Aabyooh , Sushain Mahajan Mob: 9419296579, 9419161385

JAI GURUDEV

TENTH DAY KRIYA With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad & untimely demise of our beloved Smt Sudesh Kumari (Retd Tr) W/o Sh Sham Lal Gurgotra (Retd AO), R/o Lane No. 6, Chandan Vihar, Muthi, who left for heavenly abode on 30 June 2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 9th July 2024 at Gemini Palace, Lakshmi Nagar, Muthi, Jammu. Programme:

Smt Sudesh Kumari Satsang 1 PM to 2 PM (By Shri 108 Swami Gurdip Giri Jee Maharaj, Pathankot)

Langer... 2 PM to 4 PM Grief Stricken :-Sh Sham Lal Gurgotra- Husband

Daughter & Son in law Anju Bala (Assistant Professor) & Dr Sudesh Kumar (Assistant Professor) Salvia Lochan & Naman Lochan- Grand Daughter & Son

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY GURGOTRA FAMILY & LOCHAN FAMILY CONTACT: 9796662975, 9419261822, 9419246203

OBITUARY

With great sadness, we announce the loss of our beloved father Sh. Ramesh Kumar Tickoo

In loving memory of our founder, we are saddened to announce their passing on 2nd July 2024.

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY INTERIOR PARK JAMMU INTERIOR EXPERTS M&S 9906040077



(Retd Tr)

SH. RAMESH KUMAR TICKOO

TENTH DAY/UTHALA per over the bas of our belowed Smt. Ram Pyari Sharma. We Si Gian Chand Sharma, who peacefully tensationed from this world it her Elemal Home on 30th June 2024. Her love and warmth will be ever be chorished in our hearts. The Tenth Day ceremony will be held on 9th July 2024 (fluesday at 11:00 AM. at our residence Lare No. 16H-No. 146 Talab Tilk Jammu (Opposite Vikos Larre) Uthala will held on 10th July 2024 (Wednesday) from 5:00 PM to 000 PM at Sehyog Milan Banguet Hall, Udheywala, Jammu. IN MOURNING:

IN MOURNING:

Mr. Bindi Sharma & Son;

Mr. Bindi Sharma & Mr. Sanjsev Sharma

Daughter & Son-in-leav;

Ms. Arti Sharma & Mr. Vikram Dogsa

Bhab & Brother

Sint Sharma & Mr. Vikram Dogsa

Bhab & Brother

Sister-in-law & Brothers-In-law

Late Sant. Kanta Sharma Wio Late Sh. Oma Charan Sharma

Sister-in-law & Brothers-In-law

Late Sant. Kanta Sharma Wio Late Brig. Dea Raj Sharma

Sint Jam'a Sharma Wio Late Sh. Kharm Raj Sharma

Jate Sant. Sanji Sharma Wio Sh. Son Math Sharma

Sint Jancj Sharma Wio Dr. Kenhae Dut Sharma

Sint Jancj Sharma Wio Dr. Kenhae Dut Sharma

Grandchild ren: Ratike, Kapit, Nippun, Ria, Vallath, Himari, & Sanchilt

RSVP:

SVP: 19188489, 9419131914, 9419168963, 9086600818, 7006161506

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound orief and sorrow, we inform the sad lemise of Sh. Raj Kumar Gondi S/o Lt. Sh. Chet Ram & Krishna Devi R/o H.No. 248, Krishna Vihar, Janipur Colony, Jammu who expired on 2nd of June 2024. Tenth Day will be performed on Sunday, 7th of July 2024 at 10 AM at Shiv Mandir, Janipur. Kriya will be performed on Wednesday, 10th of July 2024 at 4:00 PM onwards at Shiv Mandir, Janipur. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

Smt. Nirmal Gondi - (Wife) Ayush Gondi - (Son) Daughter & Son-in-Law Mehak Gondi & Niketan Gupta GONDI FAMILY

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SH. ASHOK KUMAR BHAT

Tenth Day/Kriya We are heartbroken by your departure, you played your role beautifully now its time to rest in your new heavenly abode. OM SHANTI

Ph. No: 6006584776, 9419194740, 9858570555,

Smt. Sushma Gupta W/o Sh. Satpal Gupta

10th Day will be held on July 9, 2024, 11 AM, Geeta Mandir behind Karan Hotel, Bakshi Kriya will be held on July 12, 2024, 12:30 PM.

House No. 26, Nitco Lane, Talab Tillo Jammu.

HOUSE NO. 26, NIICO Lane, Talab Tille Jammu. Smt. Sushma G. GRIEF STRICKEN
Dr. Rahil Gupta & Dr. Procheta Chakravarii (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)
Dr. Ankta Gupta & Dr. Abhishek Dhawan (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
Devars & Devranis
Mr. Radha Krishan Gupta & Mrs Sushma Gupta
Mr.Bishan Dutt Gupta & Mrs Gunta Gupta

Mr.Subash Chander Gupta & Mrs.Shalini Gupta (BHAGWATI MEDICINE TRADERS JAMMU) Mr.Gridhari Lal Gupta & Mrs.Bhawana Gupta GRANDCHILDREN: Atharv Dhawan 9419157087 8860437660 9419197878

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our belove. father Sh. Ashok Kumar Bhat, originall resident of Siwer (Lolab), Kashmir Presently at Lane-2 Extn, Saraswati Vihar Bohri, Jammu who left for his hea abode on 04-07-2024.

May his soul rest in peace. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Saturday 13-07-2024 at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education Jammu at 8:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SML Karta Bhat - Wife
Smt. Karta Bhat - Wife
Smt. Sunita & Amit Kumar Bhat - Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. Preetu & Sandeep Koul - Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Sudesh & M.L. Pandit - Brother & Bhabi
Smt. Veena Ji Peshion W/o Lt. B.L. Peshion - Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Bimla Bhat & Sh. GL. Bhat
Smt. Anju Dhar & Sh. Sunil Dhar -do-Smt. Anju Dhar & Sh. Sunil Dhar

Sanvi, Elina & Demira Mob: 9149986988/7006862109 TENTH DAY

TENTH DAY KRIYA OF OUR BELOVED SH ASHOK BHAN ISIO LATE PADAMSHREE PUSHKAR BHANI, RIC BABAPORA HABBA KADAL, SRINNGAR KASHMIR AI PRESENT RO ZOONDAB NIWAS, HAN, 24, SS, LANE DURGA NAGAR SECTOR-1, JAMMU WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 24 AT MUTHI CHAT, ASSEMBLY OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WILL BE HELD A

GRIEF STRICKEN

MRS RITA BHAN-WIFE
BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER
MR SUFINDER RAZDAN & MRS RITA RAZDAN
SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
LT COL DEEPAK BHAN & SAKSHI BHAN
BROTHERS-IN-LAW & SISTERS-IN-LAW
MR ASHOK RANA & MRS MANDRAMA RAINA
MR VINCO GANLOO & MRS RANJANA GANIOO
TVISHA BHAN & KRSSHIV BHAN -GRAND CHILD REN
NEARS AND DEARS
MR RAHUL RAINA & SHWETA RAINA
LIP BHAN AL RESHIVE RAINA
LIP BHAN BAZDAN & SHIPSIVA RAZDAN

BHAN'S, RAZDAN'S, GANJOO'S, RAINA'S & DASSI'S MOB. NO. 8149796992, 9810725400, 9682143077, 9419130831

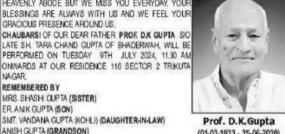
FOND REMEMBRANCE ON CHAUBARSI

FOUR YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE YOU LEFT US FOR EAVENLY ABODE BUT WE MISS YOU EVERYDAY, YOUR BLESSINGS ARE ALWAYS WITH US AND WE FEEL YOUR GRACIOUS PRESENCE AROUND US. CHAUBARSI OF OUR DEAR FATHER PROF. D.K. GUPTA SIG

ONWARDS AT OUR RESIDENCE 116 SECTOR 2 TRIKUTA NAGAR. REMEMBERED BY MRS. SHASHI CUPTA (SISTER) ER ANK GUPTA (SON)

SMT. VANDANA GUPTA (KOHLI) (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW) ANISH GLPTA (GRANDSON) NANDINI CLIPTA (CRAND DAUGHTER

MOBILE: 9419183235 / 9419210897



Ashok Bhan

(01-03-1933 - 25-06-2020)

10TH DAY KRIYA

to inform the sad demise of our belove ather Sh. Dwarika Nath Thusoo originally resident of Karihama Kupwar Kashmir A/p 120/13 Jagti Township Nagrota Jammu on 06-07-2024. 10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education Jammu on 15th of July 202 at 8.30 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN Sons & Daughters in Law Sh. Pran Nath Thusso & Smt Meenakshi Thusso Sh. Bane gi Thusso & Smt Anita Thusso SH. DWARIKA NATH Grand Children Mr Mohti Thusoo

Sisters & Brother in Laws Smt Gaurji & Late Sh. Sham Lei Pandita Smt Nancy Bhat & Lt Sh. Jawahar Lai Bhat Smt Dhura Ji Dhar & Sh. Brij Nath Dhar CONTACT NO: 9622304576, 946909960 Email Id: pnthusoo1964@gmail.com

THUSOO

10TH DAY KRIYA

rnath Thusoo & Smt Pyari Ji

. Rattan Lal Thusso & Sint Rattni Thusoo

Miss Tejasvi Thusoo Daughter & Son in Law

others & Sisters in law

Smt Surja Bhat & Sh. Rattan lal Bhat

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our father Sh. Ramesh Kumar Tickoo S/o Lt. Manohar Lal Tickoo originally resident of Mattan at present H.No. 20 Lane No. 1 Vinayak Vihar, Paloura Jammu.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 11th of July 2024 (Thursday) at 8:00 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-law Saniay Tickoo & Pooia Tickoo Daughter & Son-in-law Jyoti Pandit & Ravi ji Pandit

Binny Bhat & Vikas Bhat M.Nos.: 9419987777, 8899217489, 9469549493

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Former BDC Chairman Dalip Kumar visits Suchatgarh, addresses public meeting

Top News Report

R S PURA, July 8: Former BDC Chairman and Congress Party leader, Dalip Kumar, on Monday embarked on a significant journey across village Phinder in the Suchatgarh constituency. He held discussions with people regarding Congress party policies for the upcoming Assembly elections, and addressed several critical rural issues.

His visit was not merely a routine political engagement but a concerted effort to connect with the grassroots level, understand their concerns, and articulate the party's vision and policies in anticipation of the upcoming Assembly elections.

During this visit, he was accompanied by Panchayat Raj President Sandeep Singh Resham, former Sarpanch Harjinder Singh Natthu, Dis-



trict Rural Working President Charanjit Bhakti, and other village leaders.

During his interactions, Dalip Kumar engaged in extensive discussions with villagers, listening attentively to their concerns, aspirations, and grievances.

The issues discussed ranged from agricultural

Martyr Hardeep Singh

as healthcare and education, infrastructural development needs, to employment opportunities for the youth.

He elucidated on the party's plans to empower rural communities through targeted policies that promote agricultural growth, enhance healthcare facilities improve

able livelihood opportu-

He emphasized that the Congress party is fully geared up for the imminent assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. expressing confidence in the party's readiness to contest and serve the interests of the region's residents

Dalip Kumar highlight-

ing the pressing concerns and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir through dedicated efforts and inclusive policies.

He assured that the party would prioritize issues such as development, infrastructure enhancement, healthcare, education, and employment opportunities across the region.

Dalip Kumar underscored the Congress party's proactive stance in engaging with the electorate, promising to listen to their voices and work tirelessly towards their welfare.

As the election approaches, he reiterated the party's resolve to present a robust vision for the future of Jammu and Kashmir, aiming to bring about positive change and sustainable development in collaboration with the people.

challenges, access to educational infrastrucbasic amenities such ture, and create sustained the Congress party's **Tribute paid to Kargil**

Top News Report

SUNDERBANI, July 8: In Rajpur Bhatta, Sunderbani, heartfelt tributes were paid today to Kargil martyr Hardeep Singh of the 8 Sikh Regiment, who sacrificed his life for the nation on this day in 1999.

Alongside family members, a team of Army officers from his unit and a large gathering of villagers gathered to honor the martyr at his memorial in Nowshera sector.

A three-day religious Samagam commenced with an 'Akhand Path' on July 5, culminating today. During the ceremony, speakers solemnly recounted the sacrifices of local heroes in the Kargil War, including Gurdeep Singh from Kanara village (martyred on July 6, 1999), Hardeep Singh from Rajpur Bhatta (martyred on July 7, 1999), and Joginder Singh from Qila Darhal (martyred on July 25, 1999).

Inder Singh, the father of martyr Hardeep Singh, became emotional when Army officers and

media personnel asked him about his son. He expressed pride in his brave son who laid down his life for the motherland during the Kargil conflict.

Recounting the family's hardships, he mentioned losing two sons within months of each other in 1999. Despite these tragedies, he shared how they arranged the marriage of his widow daughter-in-law, Balbir Kour, to his youngest son, Harjeet Singh, the following year. In a poignant gesture,

the government allocated a gas agency in Rajouri, named Shaheed Hardeep Singh Gas Agency in 2003-04 in honor of Hardeep Singh. However, Sardar Inder Singh lamented that the agency has since been taken over and renamed without consideration for the martyr's legacy. He appealed to the Central Government, including LG Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to conduct an inquiry into the removal of his son's name from the gas agency and to reinstate its original name, Shaheed Hardeep Singh Gas Agency.

The absence of any politicians or civil administration officials at the ceremony was regrettable to the family. However, the community, including Sarpanch Jasbir Singh, Ex-Havaldar Daljeet Singh, Granthi Swarn Singh, Captain Gurdev Singh, Harjeet Singh, Gurdev Singh, social activist Zorawar Singh Khalsa, Harbaksh Singh, and others, came together in solidarity. The event concluded with resounding chants of "Indian Army Jindabad" and "Hindustan Zindabad," underscoring the community's gratitude towards the

Indian Army. This tribute not only honored the sacrifice of Hardeep Singh but also highlighted the family's plea for justice and recognition of their son's sacrifice in preserving the nation's honor and

DC Ramban inspects facilities for Yatris,

RAMBAN, July 8: Amid the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024, which has been proceeding smoothly through district Ramban since its commencement on June 28. Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Anuj Kumar, inspected various facilities provided to the pilgrims at Lamber, Banihal, by the District Administration and Sevadars (Volunteers).

The DC directed the

ing the Shri Amarnath

sioner inspected the health, sanitation, and boarding and lodging arrangements made by the District Administration. He emphasized the need for vigilance and instructed concerned officers to monitor all tasks related to their respective departments closely.

Additionally, the Deputy their Langer sites.

PMAY-G, a reason for joy & relief for

homeless destitute

Top News Report

RAMBAN, July 8: The Rural Development Department (RDD), Ramban District, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, is diligently working to ensure that the benefits of all RDD sector schemes reach eligible beneficiaries across the district.

One such beneficiary, Wazir Ahmed, son of Abdul Latief, from the Panchayat Pernote in Block Ramban, was living in a vulnerable mud and kutcha wall house. His family suffered greatly during the rainy season due to the poor condition of the roof, the mud floor, and multiple cracks in the walls. The house was in depilated condition, posing a significant risk of potential mishappen-

Recognizing the dire situation, the RDD sanctioned a house for Wazir Ahmed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) during

the fiscal year 2023-24. In accordance with the eligibility list, an amount of Rs 1.30.000 was transferred to his bank account in three installments at different levels. Additionally, Wazir Ahmed was provided with an Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) unit under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and 90 days of employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural **Employment Guarantee** Act (MGNREGA).

With comprehensive support from the RDD Block Ramban, Wazir Ahmed has successfully built a sturdy Pacca House. He and his family now live in a home that offers safety from natural calamities and has brought them immense

joy and relief. The RDD is working to improve the living conditions of the people in Ramban District, ensuring that every eligible citizen can benefit from the various welfare schemes, especially PMAY.

ecological benefits such as carbon sequestration, soil conservation, and biodiversity enhancement," said SBI Manager

Kuldip Singh. During the event, SBI Manager Kuldip Singh emphasized the bank's commitment to sustainability and community

He highlighted the importance of such initiatives in not only beautifying public spaces but also in creating a healthier environment for residents and visitors alike.

The presence of Dr. Opinder Singh, BMO of Batote, underscored the collaborative effort between the banking sector and the healthcare community, recognizing the intertwined nature of environmental health and

Assistant Manager Tinu Kumar played a pivotal role in organizing the logistics of the plantation drive, ensuring that the event ran smoothly and that all participants were actively engaged in the

The community response to the initiative was overwhelmingly positive, with local residents and stakeholders expressing appreciadiscounts in helicopter

Sahni has demanded from the Shrine Board to build an Saraay for the devotees to stay in Katra and to arrange for 24-hour langar facility.

Bansi Lal Sharma of Mazdoor Dastkar Union demanded free medical facilities to the horse and porter services. After the meeting, all the guests expressed deep anger over the incident of vandalism done by miscreants in the ancient Hanuman temple in Narayan-Khu village of Nagarota late Saturday evening and openly warned that such incidents will not be tolerated.

On this occasion, Women Wing President Meenakshi Chhibber, Vikas Bakshi, Ashu Kumar, spokesperson Ram Vohra, Rahul, Vice President of Mazdoor Dastkar Union Bansi Lal Sharma and many intellectuals of Shri Rajmata Ji Temple Group were

reviews security scenario

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concerned officers to ensure the availability of essential amenities and to maintain close coordination with security agencies to guarantee a safe and hassle-free Yatra experience for the pilgrims. The inspection vide a comfortable and secure environment for the devotees undertakYatra. The Deputy Commis-

Commissioner advised the Langer organizations to ensure the quality of food being served to the Yatris. He stressed the importance of adhering to all instructions issued by the government and administration, and maintaining sanitation and hygiene in and around

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SDM Banihal, Rizwan Asgar, along with senior officers from the security

Community Health Center Batote

Do not forget Sanatan culture,

mythological traditions in race

knowingly or unknowingly,

in the race for facilities,

Sanatan culture and tra-

ditions are being ignored.

Maharaj has demanded to

implement the dress code

according to Sanatani tra-

ditions on Vaishno Devi

Yatra. Along with this,

the heads of the visitors

should be covered during

Darshan in Vaishno Devi

cave/Bhavan premises.

After the darshan of the

goddess, the facility of

Kanya Pujan should be

available for the devotees

in the Bhawan premises

At the same time, Shiv

Sena (UBT) chief Manish

Sahni said that in the race

for facilities today, there

is no difference between

religious and Holy Shakti-

peeths and tourist places.

Sahni demanded to limit

the Panchhi helicopter

service from Jammu to

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi

Darbar to the needy only.

Along with this, they

demanded to give priority

to senior citizens for Dar-

shan and to give special

SBI organizes plantation drive at

Rajeshwaranand Ji

Top News Report

KATRA, July 8: Shiv

Sena (UBT) and Swami

Rajeshwaranand Maharaj

of Sant Samaj have jointly

appreciated the continu-

ous increase in modern

facilities for pilgrims

by Shri Mata Vaishno

Devi Shrine Board and

appealed to take special

care of Sanatan culture

and mythological tradi-

A special seminar was

organized on Monday

under the leadership of

Swami Rajeshwaranand

Maharaj at Shri Raj-

mata Ji Ashram in Shani

temple of Katra. In which

State Chief of Shiv Sena

(UBT) Manish Sahni and

Kathavvas Acharva Manoi

Krishna Ji Maharaj of

Vrindavan were present

Swami Rajeshwa-

ranand Ji Maharaj said in

his address that there is

no doubt that Shri Mata

Vaishno Devi Shrine

Board is engaged in pro-

viding every possible facil-

ity to the devotees. But

as special guests.

tions on religious tours.

of modernity: Shiv Sena



Top News Report

BATOTE, July 8: State Bank of India (SBI) on Monday initiated a significant plantation drive at the Community Health Center in Batote, marking a collaborative effort towards environmental sustainability and community engagement.

The event was graced by the presence of key figures including SBI Manager Kuldip Singh, Block Medical Officer (BMO) Dr. Opinder Singh, and Assistant Manager Tinu Kumar, reflecting a joint commitment to fostering a greener environment and promoting social responsibility.

The initiative underscores SBI's proactive approach in contributing to environmental conservation efforts while also strengthening ties with the local community.

"The plantation drive itself was meticulously planned to enhance the green cover around the Community Health Center, aligning with broader environmental goals to combat climate change and improve air quality. Trees and plants were carefully selected to complement the local ecosystem and provide

welfare.

public health.

process.

tion for SBI's proactive stance in promoting environmental stewardship.

Many attendees, including staff members from the Community Health Center and nearby residents, actively participated in planting trees and nurturing the newly planted saplings, symbolizing a shared commitment to sustainable living and environmental conservation.

Beyond the immediate benefits of enhancing green spaces, the plantation drive at Batote Community Health Center serves as a model for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives that prioritize environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Looking ahead, SBI plans to expand its environmental initiatives across other regions, leveraging its nationwide network and resources to support local communities in similar endeavors. The bank remains committed to integrating environmental considerations into its business operations and corporate strategy, aiming to mitigate climate risks and promote eco-friendly practices

Maitree 2024 gets underway

India-Thailand Joint Military Exercise



Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: The joint military exercise Maitree 2024, between the Indian Army and the Royal Thailand Army, is currently underway at Tak Province in Thailand.

This exercise marks a significant milestone in fostering military cooperation and enhancing operational capabilities of the two nations under the United Nations charter.

Troops from both contingents have been actively engaged in rigorous training sessions, focusing on counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations in jungle and urban environments. The exercise emphasises the exchange of best practices, with soldiers from India and Thailand sharing and imbibing each other's expertise.

Physical fitness and combat readiness are at the forefront of the training agenda. with joint activities including martial arts. games and specialised physical training sessions. The Indian Army contingent conducted Yoga sessions for their

Thai counterparts, highlighting cultural exchange alongside military cooperation. Various joint training activities conduct-

ed so far include weapon training, rappelling, jungle survival techniques, navigation training, communication exercises. combat first aid, and casualty evacuation drills. These activities are designed to enhance interoperability and mutual understanding between the two armies.

The joint exercise is witnessing enthusiastic participation and growing camaraderie between the Indian and Thai troops. This exercise not only strengthens operational capabilities of troops from both the armies but also deepens the longstanding friendship between the two armed

Exercise MAITREE 2024 will continue till 15th July with additional training activities aimed at further enhancing the operational synergy between the Indian Army and the Royal Thailand Army. The exercise underscores the commitment of both nations to collaborate closely in addressing regional security challenges and promoting peace

EDITORIAL

Space Exploration C pace exploration has entered a transformative phase, driven by advancements

mative phase, driven by advancements in technology and renewed global interest in unlocking the mysteries of the universe. With private companies like SpaceX and Blue Origin joining traditional space agencies in pioneering new missions, humanity stands on the brink of a new era in space exploration. Key developments include plans to return humans to the Moon under NASA's Artemis program, with ambitions to establish a sustainable lunar presence by the end of the decade. Simultaneously, SpaceX has unveiled ambitious plans for Mars colonization, aiming to transport the first humans to the Red Planet in the coming years. Advances in spacecraft propulsion, robotics, and artificial intelligence are revolutionizing our capabilities in space. Innovations such as reusable rockets and autonomous rovers are reducing costs and expanding our reach, enabling deeper exploration of celestial bodies like asteroids and distant moons. Moreover, international collaboration continues to play a crucial role. The International Space Station (ISS) serves as a testament to cooperation among nations, fostering scientific research and technological innovation in microgravity environments. Looking ahead, the future of space exploration promises breakthroughs in astrobiology, planetary science, and space mining. These endeavors hold the potential to unlock new resources, expand humanity's understanding of the cosmos, and inspire the next generation of scientists and explorers. As humanity pushes the boundaries of space exploration, ethical considerations and sustainable practices will be paramount. Balancing scientific discovery with environmental stewardship and responsible exploration practices will be essential in ensuring a prosperous and enduring future in space. The trajectory of space exploration is poised for unprecedented growth and discovery. By harnessing technological advancements, fostering global partnerships, and embracing innovative approaches, humanity is poised to achieve new milestones and unravel the mysteries of the universe in the decades to come. Furthermore, the democratization of space exploration is underway, driven by the proliferation of private space companies. SpaceX, founded by Elon Musk, has made significant strides with its reusable Falcon rockets and Crew Dragon spacecraft, reducing the cost of access to space and catalyzing a new era of commercial space travel. Similarly, Blue Origin, led by Jeff Bezos, aims to lower launch costs and facilitate access to space tourism and scientific research through its New Shepard and New Glenn rockets. These private enterprises are not only expanding opportunities for space tourism but also accelerating the development of cutting-edge technologies. Advances in materials science, propulsion systems, and life support technologies are crucial for sustaining long-duration missions to Mars and beyond. NASA's partnerships with these companies under the Commercial Crew and Cargo Program have further bolstered collaboration and innovation in space exploration. Moreover, the potential for resource utilization in space holds promise for future sustainability and economic growth. Asteroid mining, for instance, could yield valuable metals and water, supporting future deep-space missions and enabling in-space manufacturing. This burgeoning industry has the potential to revolutionize our approach to resource management and energy production both on Earth and in space. Ethical considerations also loom large as humanity ventures further into the cosmos. Preservation of celestial environments and the prevention of space debris are critical to ensuring the long-term viability of space exploration. International cooperation and the establishment of norms and regulations will be essential in mitigating potential conflicts and safeguarding the shared interests of all nations involved in space activities. As humanity embarks on this unprecedented journey of space exploration, the convergence of technological innovation, international collaboration, and ethical stewardship will shape the future of our cosmic endeavors. By pushing the boundaries of knowledge and expanding our presence beyond Earth, we are poised to unlock new frontiers, inspire future generations, and forge a sustainable path towards humanity's continued exploration and eventual habitation of the cosmos.

A 'serious' leader in charge at No. 10... After some time, can Sunak bounce back?

By: Kishwar Desai

oris Johnson called Bit "Starmergeddon"

– and tried to warn people against it!

But it appeared to be inevitable and it was. The exit polls from BBC handled by the psephology guru and political scientist Sir John Curtice were absolutely correct with just a tiny variation of the numbers. And Sir Keir Starmer was inside Number 10, as predicted, by the afternoon of July 5.

It has been a remarkable journey for the PM, who started life as the son of a toolmaker and a nurse, in an unremarkable British middle class household. He is a "real" person you can connect with -which is a relief after the past few years of Tory rule where it was assumed everyone was born entitled and born to rule. Humility has been in scarce supply – even if you were not born rich.

In Sir Keir we have a serious politician, without slick mannerisms and designer suits. His main strength is his unwavering belief that change for the greater good is possible. In fact, in four and half years, after moving from law into full time politics – he has managed to convert a shambolic party

under Jeremy Corbyn into a winning machine. This is no mean achievement.

He has also reposed his faith in diversity — and in women, and for the first time Britain will have a female chancellor of the exchequer - Rachel Reeves. And the deputy PM is a woman - Angela Rayner. Altogether there will be more women MPs in the House of Commons, and even in the Labour Party.

Yes, he is charisma challenged — but today it is clear that the world needs leaders who are dedicated to social service and enter politics not because they want to become glib talking Prime Ministers but because they have a dream to make the lives of others better.

And the fact that Mr Starmer won because he is sincere, thoughtful and hardworking and believes in sharing those values - makes one almost believe in politics once again! Apart from the striking result — it was the slow and steady pace of vote counting which stood out last week without EVMs. But given that the electorate is just about 50 million, a fraction of the Indian electorate, it can all be done in a day. It is old fashioned paper ballots to be stuffed inside boxes which are opened after 10 pm and counted all night. You don't get the result till late the next day. But BBC gives its exit poll results once the polling booths are shut at 10 pm.

In every election there are symbolic images. There was the Mondeo Man (Mondeo was a new model of a car modelled on the 'Mini'). The person driving such a car was supposed to have voted for Tony Blair in hundreds. This time the pollsters have discovered the Whitby Woman who is between 55 and 64. Pre-poll she was undecided as were 38 per cent of voters , But I suspect that she must have voted for Sir Keir, as he is the kind of steady old fashioned bloke you want looking after the country.

But yes, there was disillusionment with politics - and many expressed their anger by not voting at all, or by voting for parties other than Labour or Conservative.

So were we sorry to see Rishi Sunak, our very own "son-inlaw" of India leave Number 10? Of course, his reaching there is a great achievement and he has already made his place in history as the first Asian Prime Minister of the UK. He is young enough to try again for the top post at a later time, so nothing has been lost and experience has been gained. Of course, the Conservatives are in complete disarray and they will have choose a new leader let's hope, as in India, the Opposition gets its act together! Though right now it appears to be riven with infighting over the election results and the struggle to choose the next leader.

Rishi's tenure may have temporarily closed the door for other Asian aspirants for the top job such as Priti Patel, or Suella Braverman — as the Tories may want a fresh face to battle the "Starmergeddon". So will it be Kemi Badenoch or Tom Tugendhat?

But I have always maintained that the best part of his brief tenure was that the world got to see Akshata Murty, who has been low key and supportive as the No. 10 wife - and her own personality has also blossomed. She showed up wearing a very bold striped dress while Rishi gave his farewell speech. It was a defiant move (I thought it was meant to be the colours of the British flag, though others disagreed) — and it sent a message: Defeated but not down . And she carried a very big umbrella to ensure that her husband would not be look overwhelmed and drowned (like last time) in case it rained. That also sent a signal that she is prepared — come what may.

Balancing School Studies with IIT JEE and NEET UG Preparation

By: Vijay GarG

alancing school or college studies with preparation for competitive exams like IIT JEE (Joint Entrance Examination) and NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) can be a daunting task for many students. With the pressure to perform well academically in both realms, finding the right balance becomes essential to ensure success. In this comprehensive guide, we'll explore effective tips and strategies for balancing school or college studies with IIT JEE/NEET preparation. Additionally, we'll discuss how Inspire Institute, a renowned coaching institute specializing in IIT-JEE/NEET coaching in Pune & Chandrapur, supports students in achieving this balance and excelling in their academic pursuits.

Time Management:

Effective time management is the cornerstone of balancing school or college studies with exam preparation. Allocate specific time slots for studying, attending classes, completing assignments, and revising for exams. Use a planner or digital calendar to organize your schedule and prioritize tasks based on deadlines and importance. Set realistic goals for each study session and track your progress regularly to ensure you stay on track. Inspire Institute offers time management workshops and personalized study plans to help students optimize their schedules and make the most of their time.

Prioritize Tasks:

Identify the most critical tasks that require immediate attention and prioritize them accordingly. Determine which subjects or

topics require more focus based on their weightage in exams and your proficiency level. Allocate more time and effort to challenging subjects while maintaining a balance with other subjects. Prioritizing tasks allows you to stay focused and productive, ensuring that you cover all essential topics effectively. Inspire Institute provides guidance on prioritization techniques, helping students identify their strengths and weaknesses and allocate resources accordingly.

Create a Study Schedule:

Develop a structured study schedule that accommodates both school or college studies and exam preparation. Divide your study time into manageable chunks, dedicating specific time slots to different subjects or topics. Incorporate regular breaks to avoid burnout and maintain concentration levels. Stick to your study schedule consistently, but be flexible enough to adapt to unexpected changes or commitments. Inspire Institute offers personalized study plans tailored to individual needs, ensuring that students can balance their academic responsibilities effectively.

Utilize Free Time Wisely:

Make the most of your free time between classes, during lunch breaks, or in the evenings to study or revise for exams. Carry study materials with you wherever you go, so you can utilize spare moments for productive studying. Use technology to your advantage by accessing study materials and resources on your smartphone or tablet. Review lecture notes, solve practice questions, or watch educational videos during downtime to reinforce learning and stay ahead in your studies. Inspire Institute provides students with access to digital resources and online study materials, allowing them to study anytime, anywhere. Stay Organized:

Maintaining an organized study environment is essential for effective learning and productivity. Keep your study space clutterfree and well-organized, with all necessary materials and resources within reach. Use folders, binders, or digital tools to organize notes, textbooks, and study materials for each subject. Create a study schedule or checklist to track your progress and upcoming deadlines. By staying organized, you can minimize distractions, streamline your study sessions, and maximize your efficiency. Inspire Institute offers study tips and organization strategies to help students create an optimal study environment conducive to learning.

Seek Support and Guidance: Don't hesitate to seek support and guidance from teachers, mentors, or peers when needed. Reach out to your school or college teachers for clarification on difficult concepts or additional study resources. Join study groups or online forums where you can collaborate with fellow students, share notes, and discuss study strategies. Consider enrolling in a reputable coaching institute like Inspire Institute, where experienced faculty members provide personalized guidance, mentorship, and academic support. Surrounding yourself with a supportive network can help alleviate stress, boost motivation, and enhance your learning experience.

Practice Self-Care: Balancing school or college stud-

ies with exam preparation can be mentally and physically taxing, so it's essential to prioritize self-care. Make time for relaxation, hobbies, exercise, and social activities to recharge your batteries and maintain overall well-being. Get an adequate amount of sleep each night to ensure optimal cognitive function and productivity. Eat a balanced diet, stay hydrated, and avoid excessive caffeine or junk food intake. Practice stressrelief techniques such as deep breathing, meditation, or yoga to manage exam-related anxiety and stay mentally resilient. Inspire Institute promotes holistic well-being and self-care practices among students, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

Conclusion:

Balancing school or college studies with IIT JEE/NEET preparation requires careful planning, discipline, and resilience. By implementing effective time management strategies, prioritizing tasks, and maintaining an organized study routine, students can successfully navigate the demands of both academic realms. Seeking support from teachers, peers, and reputable coaching institutes can provide invaluable guidance and resources to help students achieve their academic goals. With dedication, perseverance, and a balanced approach, students can excel in both school or college studies and competitive exams like IIT JEE and NEET.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational *columnist Malout)*

IIM Jammu inaugurates sixth batch of CBP on Small Business Development Units

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu in collaboration with the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICCI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, commenced the sixth batch of the Capacity **Building Program on Small Business Development** Units (SBDUs)

The inauguration took place at the Prahalad Classroom, IIM Jammu state-of-art Jagti Campus on Monday, heralding a new chapter in entrepreneurial empowerment.



The sixth batch comprised of 39 participants from various parts of the country ranging including individuals from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Among the notable attendees were Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson, Centre for Small Business Development, IIM Jammu, Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer (CIO), Centre for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Skill Development, IIM Jammu; and Naren Karunakaran, Con-

sultant, Centre for Small

enable a thorough

assessment of strengths

and weaknesses ahead

of upcoming elections,

aiming to rectify past

electoral setbacks and

strengthen the Con-

gress's electoral strategy.

His call for account-

ability and efficiency

within the party structure

reflects his deep-root-

ed belief in grassroots

engagement and effec-

Gurmeet Singh's lead-

ership role within JKPCC

and his dedication to the

principles of the Con-

gress party, inherited

from his father, further

underscore his commit-

ment to serving the com-

munity and advancing the

party's agenda in Jammu

State President Shashi

Sval. General Secretary

Mohd Ashraf, Vice Presi-

dent Hardavinder Singh,

Satpal Spolia, Sunil

Sehgal, Sunil Verma,

Gulam Hushain, Bilal

Ahmed, Aftaf, Haaris,

Vikas Abrol, Jyoti Khoja,

Amarpreet Singh and

others were present.

and Kashmir.

tive governance.

Business Development,

The ceremony commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the enlightenment and empowerment that the program seeks to

Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson, Centre for Small Business Development, IIM Jammu, gave an overview of the program, setting the stage for an enriching journey of learning and growth.

The ceremony also included the Campus Audio Visual of IIM Jammu followed by brief introductions from the participants, offering insights into their backgrounds and aspirations, further enriching the diverse tapestry of the

Dr. Shahid Jibran, Project Manager, SBDU, IIM Jammu, proposed the vote of thanks. The inaugural ceremony culminated with the rendition of the national anthem, symbolizing unity and collective aspirations. The event was coordinated by the Small **Business Development** Unit Team (SBDU), IIM The Capacity Building

Program on Small Business Development Units by IIM Jammu sets the stage for transformative growth, empowering aspiring and existing entrepreneurs to realize their dreams and contribute meaningfully to the socioeconomic development of the nation

People voluntarily contributing in Langar Sewa of JCMS: Romesh

Top News Report

JAMMU July 8: With each passing day, the number of pilgrims reaching Mahajan Hall in the premises of Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) is going up and many prominent people from the society are voluntarily coming forward to contribute for the Langar Sewa here.

This was stated by Romesh Chander Gupta, President, Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS), while serving Langar to the pilgrims.

President further said that Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS), continuing with its decades old tradition of serving the pilgrims of the holy Yatra of Amarnath, started Langar Sewa few days ago on its own and now people are also contributing for the noble cause.

Dr. Neelam Gandotra and Dr Jagdish Gandotra had contributed for Sunday's Langar Sewa (Anna Daan) and on Monday, Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Physician Specialist, son of Sabha's Patron Jagdish Gupta, contributed for the same, he shared.

Shiv Partap Gupta (Sr Vice President) said that the administration is also utilising the premises of the Sabha by setting up registration counter and till date 7570 AHAVE enrolled themselves for the annual vatra of Baba Amarnath.

ing, Tehsildar, R S Pura, Chander Shekhar, the officer on duty, in the premises of JCMS, inaugurated the Langar Sewa alongwith office bearers of the Sabha.

Sanjay Mahajan (General Secretary) and Subash Gupta (Vice-President) on this occasion, informed that the Langar Sewa is running smoothy for the last ten days and hundreds of pilgrims are enjoying the Dogra dishes, especially Rajmah and Ambal.

He also appreciated the role of the administration, staff deployed for registration in the sabha's center at Mahajan Hall and the JMC staff for maintaining cleanliness.

Gurmeet Singh's 620-day fast to support Rahul Gandhi appreciated



Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: Gurmeet Singh, General Secretary of JKPCC and President of Beopar Mandal in Jammu East Constituency, on Monday received recognition from Swaminath Jaiswal, National President of INTUC Congress, for his remarkable feat of fasting for 620 days with the oath to see Rahul Gandhi become the next Prime Minister of India

This dedication to his idol, Rahul Gandhi, was acknowledged during a gathering at the Press Club, Jammu, attended by various Congress leaders and INTUC members including Haushila Prasad Sharma from Delhi, Chetan Singh Solanki from Rajasthan. and Vikram Thakur from Himachal Pradesh.

During the event, Swaminath Jaiswal appreciated Gurmeet Singh's unwavering commitment and sacrifice, noting the impact on his health due to prolonged

He advised Gurmeet Singh to prioritize his health while continuing his steadfast support for Rahul Gandhi's leader-

The gathering served as a platform for Gurmeet Singh to share his routine activities and initiatives within the Jammu East Constituency, highlighting projects like "Bharat Jodo Yatra" and "Hath Se Hath Jodo Abhiyan" aimed at community development and engagement.

Gurmeet Singh also emphasized the visionary leadership of late Indira Gandhi and late Rajiv Gandhi, citing their enduring influence on his commitment to the Congress party.

He underscored the importance of consolidating efforts within the party, urging all members from various roles including District Presidents Block Presidents and Ward Presidents to submit comprehensive work reports

This, he argued, would

ICICI Pru iProtect Smart offers 'Life Continuity' option

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: Every earning individual has financial goals, such as buying a house, funding children's education, or saving for retirement. But life is unpredictable and the untimely demise of the earning member can disturb the financial goals and put the family in financial distress.

As a thumb rule, individuals must follow the 'first Protect then Save' approach. The starting point for building a financial savings plan is purchasing a term insurance plan. The reason is simple, what if the earning member passes away how will the family continue with the savings plan. Ideally the life cover amount should cover all outstanding liabilities and be sufficient for the family to continue with their lives.

ICICI Prudential Life offers the 'Life Continuity' option in its best-selling term insurance product, ICICI Pru iProtect Smart. This feature enables the family to receive the claim amount as monthly income which is very useful for families who may not know how to manage the lumpsum claim amount.

Another valuable add-on benefit is the critical illness benefit that should be taken. Studies suggest that approx. 10 crore Indian families are pushed into poverty every year due to healthcare expenses. For a nominal additional premium, iProtect Smart provides the critical illness benefit which covers 34 ailments such as cancer, kidney failure, leukemia, parkinson's etc. The critical illness benefit pays out the claim upon diagnosis, ensuring individuals have the finances for medical treatment.

Checking the claim settlement ratio and the average claim settlement time are two important points which individuals should consider before buying a term insurance plan. In FY2024, ICICI Prudential Life had a claim settlement ratio (non-investigated) of 99.17% and the average settlement time of just 1.27 days.

Fulfilling the responsibility towards the family is making a commitment to secure and safeguard their future. Many financial experts agree that term insurance is the foundation of responsible financial planning.

Samsung unveils 'Bespoke AI Days' offers on AI-Powered Digital Appliances

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced exciting promotions on its range of Bespoke Al-powered digital appliances.

With these offers, Samsung aims to democratize Al and make its digital appliances more accessible for consumers. Samsung's new range of Bespoke appliances enable smart living by seamlessly integrating Al to streamline tasks, allowing users to reclaim time for more meaningful pursuits in life, perfectly aligning with the ethos of "Do Less, Live More.

"For the next 10 days

beginning July 5, customers can seize exclusive offers to explore the advantages of Al-driven living. These Bespoke Al-powered appliances empower users to personalize settings, offer user-friendly controls for all ages, and deliver prompt diagnostics for optimal functionality. "With Bespoke AI, Samsung has made premium global technology accessible to Indian consumers. These home appliances offer customization of choices, ease of control, unparalleled convenience, energy efficiency, and cuttingedge technology to all consumers. Through 'Bespoke Al Days' offers, we aim to provide attractive cashbacks and zero down payment to customers who seek to upgrade to a premium segment of home appliances. This limited-period offer makes AI more accessible, enabling our customers to "do less and live more," said Saurabh Baishakhia, Senior Director, Digital Appliances, Samsung India.

Giving modern Indian households access to creating smart homes, the exciting offers on Samsung's range of Bespoke AI-powered digital appliances are applicable from July 5 to July 14, 2024. The 'Bespoke Al Days' offers will be applicable on Samsung.com, leading retail stores, and other online platforms, ensuring convenience for consumers nationwide

Customers purchasing Samsung's Al-powered digital appliances during 'Bespoke Al Days' can enjoy significant benefits such as cashback up to Rs 20000 and zero down payment. Consumers can get Rs 9000 cashback on the Al-powered EcoBubble washing machine models while the Bespoke Al Microwave Oven comes with a generous cashback of Rs 12,000.

The 'Bespoke Al Days' offers are also available on:Al-powered refrigerators - 4 Door Bespoke Al Family Hub+, 4 Door Bespoke Al Convertible French Door, 4 Door Al Convertible French Door Al-powered washing machines - Al Ecobubble Front load and Ecobubble Top load AI-powered Windfree Air conditioners Select Bespoke Al microwave ovens Samsung's Al-powered refrigerators come with AI vision camera that helps in automatic food recognition of up to 33 food items initially. The refrigerator, through its screens, suggests what to cook for lunch, or dinner, based on the food items stored. Furthermore, with a smart food management system, users can know when a specific food item in the refrigerator is about to expire.

The Al-powered EcoBubble washing machine models come with AI Control, which learns and adapts to users' laundry routines, optimizing wash cycles for maximum efficiency and convenience.

In addition, the AI Wash feature senses the weight of the load, the kind of fabrics involved and their softness, water level, soiling level, and detergent level to create a custom wash recipe. Additionally, the washing machines also feature 45% Care Fabric Technology, providing gentle yet effective cleaning to extend the lifespan of delicate fabrics.

Samsung's latest Alpowered air conditioners also come with a welcome cooling function, through which users can cool their home even from a distant location. Furthermore, Al Geo fencing allows users to set commands and the SmartThings application will send you a notification to start or turn off your appliances when you are within a specified range or moving away from the range (The specified range is between 150 meters to 30 kilometers).

NDS pays homage to Padma Shri **Late Nilamber Dev Sharma**

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS) held a Special Executive Meeting to pay homage and rich tributes to Padma Shri Late Nilamber Dev Sharma, a distinguished scholar and son of the soil, on his 4th Death Anniversary.

The meeting was attended by prominent figures including Capt. Lalit Sharma, Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila, Yash Pal Yash, and Prof. Anupama Sharma.

They honoured his contributions to the Dogri

Language and Duggar Culture, as well as his pivotal role in getting Dogri Language included in the 8th schedule of the Indian Constitution. Additionally, NDS

expressed deep sorrow at the passing of veteran actress Susham Sharma, who began her journey with the legendary theatre personality, late Kavi Rattan Ji, and left an indelible mark on the world of theatre with her exceptional talent and

dedication.

Not only did she earn acclaim as an actress par excellence, but she also had a distinguished career as a bank officer, showcasing her multifaceted abilities both on and off the stage.

Her legacy will undoubtedly live on through her unforgettable performances and the profound impact she had on the theatre fraternity of Jammu. NDS extended heartfelt

condolences to her family and loved ones during this

Sajad Reshi urges LG Administration to ensure essential civic amenities during Muharram

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: Er. Sajad Reshi, the IT Head of BJP Minority Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir, has called upon the Lieutenant Governor's administration to ensure the provision of essential civic amenities across the region, particularly in Shia-dominated areas, in view of the upcoming month of Muharram.

Recognizing the significance of Muharram for the Shia community, Er. Reshi emphasized the need for uninterrupted electricity, adequate water supply, and accessible healthcare services during this period. He highlighted that the

smooth functioning of these basic services is crucial to facilitate the observance of religious rituals and ceremonies. Er. Reshi stated,

"Muharram is a sacred month for the Shia community, and it is imperative that we provide all necessary support to ensure their religious observances are carried out without any hindrances. I urge the LG admin-



istration to take immediate measures to address any potential shortages or disruptions in essential services.

He further added that a proactive approach by the administration would not only demonstrate respect for the religious sentiments of the Shia community but also foster a sense of unity and inclusiveness within the region.

The BJP Minority Morcha is committed to working closely with the administration to monitor the situation and address any issues that may arise.

Er. Reshi assured the community that their concerns are being taken seriously and that every effort will be made to ensure a peaceful and smooth Muharram.

INSPIRE internship camp concludes at Shoolini University

Top News Report

SOLAN, July 8: The 37th INSPIRE Science Camp, conducted at Shoolini University and sponsored by the Government of India's Department of Science and Technology (DST), ignited a passion for science in over 150 young students from various schools across the state.

During the camp, which concluded on Saturday, a physics quiz and lectures on computational approaches in biological sciences were presented by Prof. RC Sobti. Prof. Savita Bhatnagar also led a workshop on "Magic Squares." Dr. Parveen Kumar lead practical classes in chemical sciences, as well as a cultural night at the Open Air Theatre (OAT) with student performances of poetry,

singing, and traditional

A critical thinking exer-

cise was conducted by Dr. Ashoo Khosla and included talks from Dr. Mahavir Singh on "Magnetic Nanoparticles for Technological Applications" and Prof. KK Bhasin on advanced chemistry topics. An educational trip to Jatoli Temple, a competitive chemistry quiz, artificial intelligence seminars, and a documentary provided a balance of intellectual and enjoyable

activities The last day saw participants provide feedback, and participate in an oral quiz on Shoolini University's achievements led by Dr. Ritesh Banerjee, and connect with DST INSPIRE mentors. Dr. Anand Narain Singh's presentation on "Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Services" was the academic highlight.

The camp concluded with the valedictory ceremony, which included Prof. Prem Kumar Khosla's concluding talk. Merit students were awarded scholarships and diplomas for participation and achievements. The 37th INSPIRE Sci-

ence Camp at Shoolini University improved students' scientific knowledge and skills while also instilling a spirit of community and collaboration. Prof Khosla stated that the camp's diverse activities, which included academic lectures and practical sessions as well as cultural events and recreational activities, provided all participants with an engaging and motivating experience, inspiring them to pursue their scientific dreams and shaping the future of Indian science and innovation.

Bukhari expresses grief over the fire incident in Adijan **Top News Report** Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "I am saddened to Meanwhile party in-SRINAGAR, July 8: hear that a massive fire charge for the Zena-

Apni Party President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Monday, expressed profound grief over a devastating fire that gutted several residential houses in the Adijan area of Zainapora constituency in south Kashmir's Shopian today. In a statement, Syed

has caused extensive damage to several residential houses in Adijan, Shopian. This unfortunate incident has rendered many families homeless. I urge the administration to provide immediate relief and adequate compensation to these families so

that they can rebuild their

pora constituency Advocate Gowhar also has expressed grief and sorrow over this unfortunate fire incident. While expressing sympathy with the victims he said, "In this hour of grief, Apni Party stands in unwavering solidarity with the affected families.

Khurrana's bahu presents Sharmajee Ki Beti

Actor-writer Tahira Kashyap Khurrana's debut feature film as director, Sharmajee Ki Beti, is making waves in the digital domain. She believes like the many faces of feminism in her film, she unlocks her potential in myriad ways

If Tahira Kashyap Khurrana still reads the other half of superstar Ayushmann Khurrana, take a break. Once more, this Chandigarh ki beti is basking in the glory very much of her own making. As her debut feature film Sharmajee Ki Beti streams on Amazon Prime Video and opens to favourable responses, she shares her best/worst critic is her family, also her biggest cheerleaders. When Ayushmann, who has been part of the process and despite having read all of her drafts, saw the first edit of the film, smiled, laughed and had tears in his eyes too, she knew, "I am in safe zone."

But if you think being a star wife has made her journey any less arduous, you couldn't be more wrong. For one she doesn't know, what are the qualifications for being a member of the star wives club? Had she taken a piggyback ride on her husband's stardom or opted for the short-cut to success, the film, which she wrote seven years ago, would have been made long ago. And by now, she would have had several feature films to her credit.

Going back in time when she pitched her film, she was inundated by several suggestions; throw in a romantic track, have A-list actors, song sequence and much more. But she stuck to her guns and when Applause Entertainment came on board, they



rat and human being can coexist

in the same place! Today, she

is very much in sync with this

city of dreams. As a dialogue

in the film goes.. there is a thin

line between dreams and real-

ity, isn't that a rose-tinted view

of life? She says, "We all come

from our own perspectives,

shaped by our experiences. Life

is as complex as you make it."

And she would rather take a

light-hearted approach to life

and cinema too. Thus, while

addressing the taboo subject of

menstrual cycle, she turns the

whole issue around in a humor-

ous fashion. One of her young

teenage characters, Swati,

yearns for her periods to begin.

Through this piquant obsession

of Swati, the writer-director in

Tahira wanted to break down

the hush-hush around men-

struation. She shares how there

was a huge debate between

didn't change a thing. Precisely why her characters remain all so relatable in this slice-of-life film. Indeed, as is with all first-time directors, her story came from a personal experiential space. Not that the film is biographical or a memoir. Rather there are bits and pieces of both herself and her family.

When Sakshi Tanwar as Jyoti talks about how women need not be apologetic about their ambitions, it's not just Tahira talking. Rather it's her observations, especially what she saw in her nuclear family where both her parents worked and divided roles and responsibilities equally. Look at Divya Dutta's character, a woman from Patiala, adjusting to the fast pace of Mumbai. Tahira recalls how she too was blown away by the frantic tempo of Mumbai, where not even one square foot of space is empty and even a dog, cat, a the stakeholders of the film — whether they should show the blood stain or not. Tahira prevailed.

Whether women directors have

Whether women directors have a more organic understanding of women's issues, she hopes the day would arrive soon when classifications such as womencentric films et al cease to exist. She, who has made several delectable short films like Toffee and Pinni, would not follow any categorisation and feels all formats are equally important. A woman of many shades, author of books, writer director, Instagrammer there is no way you can box her either... Like the many faces of feminism in her film, she 'unlocks her potential' in myriad ways.

No limiting her vision

While writing her film, Tahira Kashyap Khurrana does not have actors in her mind for their physicality would limit her vision of the characters. But, ves, if she were to ever direct her man Ayushmann, she would certainly have to come up with a humdinger of a script, which would justify his immense talent. Born and raised in a progressive household of City Beautiful, as Tahira looked around she realised her normal wasn't so for others. She adds, "That is when the questioning began and the storyteller in me was born out

of that inquisitive mind."

Embracing her best version: Shailja Madhok makes Chandigarh proud by winning the second runner up at the Diva Pageant Mrs India



Chandigarh-based Shailja Madhok brings laurels to the city by grabbing the second runner up in the 'Elite Category of Diva Pageant Mrs India'. As many as 55 women from India as well as Qatar and Africa made it to this dazzling event. Madhok's journey is all about embracing her best version, and confidence. In the 21-70 years age category, women showcased their talent in multiple rounds. "Sharing stories and learning from each other is what makes you grow as a person,"

shares Madhok.

Her connection with Chandigarh is not from birth, but marriage. She informs, "Around 28 years ago, I got married to this Chandigarh munda and instantly fell in love with the City Beautiful. Meticulously

planned city, beautiful trees on both ends of roads and parks; there are innumerable reasons to embrace it whole-heartedly as my home."

The three basic divisions — Gold, Silver and Elite — pertaining to different age-groups were made to keep the competition fair. Undergoing different rounds, contestants were judged on the basis of punctuality, confidence, task performances and how one embraces fellow participants.

Madhok, who won the second runner-up title, says she entered the competition only to challenge herself. "I wanted to push the invisible boundaries that we often set for ourselves. With this, I wished to serve as inspiration to many other women, especially my age, to break the stereotypes and explore their full potential. Getting recognised beyond the age of 50 has definitely boosted my confidence and further pushed me to learn new things. Life is all that matters, so why not do what you like? I have embraced my best version, have you?"

Ananya Panday's cousin Alanna Panday welcomes her first child, actress congratulates



Ananya Panday's cousin Alanna Panday welcomed her first child with husband Ivor McCray, the couple announced on Monday.

The duo shared a joint Instagram post which featured them holding their baby boy. The post was captioned, 'Our little angel is here.'

Ananya, 25, congratulated the couple as she re-shared the video on her Instagram story with a caption, 'My beautiful baby boy nephew is here.'

They announced the pregnancy in

February this year.
Alanna, 28, and McCray, 32, dated for several years before tying the knot in a grand wedding in March 2023 which was attended by several Bollywood celebrities including superstar Shah Rukh Khan, wife Gauri Khan and singer

Kanika Kapoor to name a few.

Alanna is the daughter of Chikki Panday, who is the brother of Ananya's father Chunky Panday. Her mother Deanne Pandey is a coach and an author.

Alanna also has a younger brother Ahaan Panday, who is set to make his acting debut with filmmaker Mohit Suri's upcoming young love story. The film will be produced by Aditya Chopra's Yash Raj Films.

Alanna, who has over 1.6 million followers on Instagram, will make her screen debut in Prime Video India's reality show 'The Tribe'. To be produced by Karan Johar's Dharmatic Entertainment, the show will revolve around the lives of India's top social media influencers.

Harleen Sethi shares how late detection of PCOD affected her health, confidence

Actor Harleen Sethi has confidently led popular series Broken But Beautiful and been part of memorable projects such as Kohhra, The Gone Game and The Test Case. While being a public figure keeps her aware of being surrounded by cameras most of the time, she shares how her confidence was broken during her teenage years after she faced intense spell of face acne, a result of Polycystis Ovarian Disease (PCOD).

Sharing her struggle with the hormonal disorder, the 32-year-old actor, reveals that since the age of 15, she visited several dermatologists but it wasn't until the age of 21 that she got the correct diagnosis. It was her mother, who suggested that they go for a hormonal test. For a teenager Sethi, seeing others' flawless skin brought immense emotional turmoil



"Since the age of 15, every time I have gone to a new derma, I have broken down. More than body issues, emotionally I have been quite broken. Skin has become such a sensitive topic for me. Every time I would look at women on screen, it wasn't so much about beauty, it was about their flawless skin. I was like 'Wow! what a skin. Next life mein mujhe ye chahiye'. I had started living in lack. 100 percent aapki self esteem ko hit hota hai. You start thinking of yourself of not good enough, not worthy."

It wasn't just acne, PCOD also brought other symptoms, which are often over looked by the society.

"I think, acne was definitely most visible symptom but because of insulin resistance, you also develop pockets of fat on your body, which don't go easily. So that was another visible symptom and another

invisible symptom was emotional irregularity. Very severe PMS and when it starts, you don't realise for first two-three days why you are so irritable but when you start crying, it hits you. Those 2-3 days causes a lot of damage," she says.

However, it was her will to never give up, which helped her understand her body and balance it with a profession like acting, which is very erratic in nature.

"Emotionally it has been a very tough journey. These many underlying issues start. What also saved me was generally my attitude towards life. I just never stopped," says the actor.

She adds, "I read a quote by Robin Sharma that there are no limitations to success. I know a lot of women with PCOD and issues with pimples who wouldn't step out of the house. Just because of my skin, I never let that bring me down."

Javed Akhtar schools social media user who called him 'son of gaddar'

Veteran screenwriter and lyricist Javed Akhtar hit out at a social media user who branded him 'son of gaddar (traitor)', and said his family has been part of the Indian freedom movement since the Revolt of 1857.

Akhtar's retort came in response to the social media user's swipe at him over a post in which he commented on US President Joe Biden's chances of being reelected.

'I am a proud Indian citizen and till my last breath I will remain so but I have one common fact with Joe Biden. Both of us have exactly equal chance of becoming the

next president of USA (sic), Akhtar wrote on X.

The social media user had commented on the industry veteran's post and called him 'a son of Gaddar who divided our nation' on religious lines.

Akhtar, known for his vocal views on a range of topics, clapped back at the user on Saturday and replied, 'It is difficult to decide whether you are totally ignorant or a complete idiot.

'From 1857 my family has been involved with freedom movement n has gone to jails and Kala paani when most probably your baap dadas were licking the boots of Angrez sarkar



(sic).'
The 79-year-old writer is the son of lyricist and poet Jan Nisar Akhtar, who was an active part of the Progressive Writers' Movement in pre-

Partition British India,

and writer Safiya Sirajul Haq.

His great great grandfather Fazl-e-Haq Khairabadi was a freedom fighter who participated in the 1857 rebellion against the rule of the British East India Company. Khairabadi was sentenced to life in prison in the Cellular Jail, also known as Kala Paani, on the Andaman Islands where he also died in 1864.

On the same X thread, Akhtar further wrote that former US first lady Michelle Obama can 'save USA' from ex-president Donald Trump, Biden's Republican opponent in the upcoming elections.

"I have expressed my opinion quite a few times in the past and still stand by it that the only one who can save USA from Trump is Michelle Obama (sic)," he said.

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Debut role: Poster of Punjabi film Shahkot, starring Guru Randhawa, unveiled



The poster of upcoming Guru Randhawastarrer Punjabi film Shahkot was unveiled on Sunday. It shows two images of Guru, one

holding a passport and the other walking on the tarmac with his luggage. The film, which marks Guru's debut in Punjabi cinema, also stars Isha Talwar, Raj Babbar, Seema Kaushal, Hardip Gill and Gurshabad in pivotal roles.

Shahkot has been written and directed by Rajiv Dhingra, who is very well known for Comedy Nights with Kapil', and for films like Love Punjab and Firangi.

About the film, Rajiv said, "As a director, my only aim is to bring stories, with mass and class appeal for the global audiences. With Shahkot, I can say that this is not a regular love story." Shahkot is set to release on October 4.

Modi said.

We seek to play supportive role for peaceful, stable region: PM Modi ahead of Russia visit

It is Modi's first trip to Russia since 2019 and the first since the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022

NEW DELHI, Jul 8 (Agencies): India seeks to play a supportive role for a peaceful and stable region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday as he embarked on a high-profile visit to Russia to hold summit talks with President Vladimir Putin amid the conflict in Ukraine.

It is Modi's first trip to Russia since 2019 and the first since the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February

After concluding his engagements in Russia on July 9, Modi will leave for Austria in the first visit by an Indian prime minister to that country in over 40 years.

Modi and Putin are set to explore ways to further expand bilateral relations in diverse areas, including trade, energy and defence, at the 22nd India-Russia annual summit on Tues-

"The special and privileged strategic partnership between India and Russia has advanced



over the past 10 years, including in areas of energy, security, trade, investment, health, education, culture, tourism and people-to-people exchanges," Modi said in his departure statement.

"I look forward to reviewing all aspects of bilateral cooperation with my friend President Vladimir Putin and sharing perspectives on various regional and global issues," he said.

"We seek to play a supportive role for a peaceful and stable region," he said without making any specific references.

The prime minister said the visit would also provide him an opportunity to meet the vibrant Indian community in Russia.

In a post on 'X', Modi said: "Over the next three days, will be in Russia and Austria. These visits will be a wonderful opportunity to deepen ties with these nations, with whom India has time tested friendship."

On his trip to Austria on July 9 to 10, the prime minister described the country as India's

"steadfast and reliable partner". "In Austria, I will have the opportunity to meet President Alexander Van der Bellen and Chancellor Karl Nehammer,"

"Austria is our steadfast and reliable partner and we share the ideals of democracy and pluralism.

"This is the first visit of an Indian prime minister in over 40 years. I look forward to my discussions to take our partnership to even greater heights in new and emerging areas of innovation, technology and sustainable development among others," he

Modi said he was looking forward to exchanging views with business leaders from both sides to explore mutually beneficial trade and investment opportunities.

"I will also be interacting with the Indian community in Austria which is well regarded for their professionalism and conduct,"

Supreme Court commences hearing on pleas related to controversy-ridden **NEET-UG exam**

NEW DELHI, Jul 8 (Agencies): The Supreme Court commenced hearing on Monday more than 30 pleas related to the controversy-ridden medical entrance exam NEET-UG 2024, including those alleging irregularities and malpractices in the May 5 test and seeking a direction to conduct it afresh.

A bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra is also hearing a separate plea by over 50 successful Gujarat-based **NEET-UG** candidates seeking a direction to restrain the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) from cancelling the exam.

The lawyers representing a petitioner started

the submissions, saying they were seeking the cancellation of the exam on grounds such as paper leak, OMR sheet manipulation, impersonation and cheating.

The Centre and the NTA, which conducts NEET-UG, recently told the apex court through their affidavits that scrapping the exam would be "counterproductive" and "seriously jeopardise" lakhs of honest candidates in the absence of any proof of large-scale breach of confidentiality.

The NTA and the Union education ministry have been at the centre of media debates and protests by students and political parties over alleged large-scale malpractices ranging from question paper leaks to impersonation in the test held on May 5.

The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) is conducted by the NTA for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in government and private institutions across the country. Allegations of irregularities, including paper leaks, have led to protests in several cities and sparring between rival political parties.

The Centre and the NTA on June 13 told the court that they had cancelled the grace marks awarded to 1,563 candidates

They were given the option to either take a re-test or forgo the compensatory marks awarded for loss of time.

Madhya Pradesh MLA sworn in twice after 'misreading' oath

BHOPAL, Jul 8 (Agencies): BJP leader Ramniwas Rawat on Monday took oath as a cabinet minister in Madhya Pradesh, as Chief Minister Mohan Yadav expanded his ministry nearly seven months after assuming office.

However, Rawat had to be sworn in twice as he misread from his oath paper as "Rajya Mantri" (state minister) instead of "Rajya Ke Mantri", which means cabinet minister, an official said.

This led to confusion among mediapersons whether he took oath as a minister of state or

cabinet minister. When the authorities concerned came to know of the matter, it was decided that Rawat should take oath again,

While the initial function was held at the San-

he said.



dipani auditorium in the Raj Bhawan, the same programme was later held in the Darbar Hall of the Governor House.

Governor Mangubhai Patel again administered the oath of office and secrecy to Rawat in the Darbar Hall in the presence of CM Yadav and other dignitaries. Rawat then took oath as "Raiva Ke Mantri". the official said.

Later, the chief minister later told reporters outside Raj Bhawan, "Ramniwas Rawat today took oath as cabinet minister.

Rawat, the Congressman-turned-BJP politician, also clarified to

mediapersons that he took oath as "cabinet minister".

CM Yadav assumed office on December 13, 2023 following the state assembly elections.

Rawat, a six-time MLA from Vijaypur in Sheopur district, joined the ruling BJP during the Lok Sabha campaign on April 30.

Although Rawat joined the BJP, he has not yet resigned from the state assembly as Congress MLA.

Since joining the BJP at an election rally, Rawat had hesitated to confirm his switch over to the ruling side. With the induction of Rawat, the strength of the Yadav cabinet rose to 32, including the chief minister, the official said.

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Zero tolerance, says Chief Minister Eknath Shinde day after Mumbai BMW crash with any party, will have

MUMBAI, Jul 8 (Agencies): A day after a woman was killed in Mumbai when a BMW car rammed her in Mumbai allegedly by Shiv Sena leader Rajesh Shah's son Mihir Shah, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Monday said there would be zero tolerance against hitand-run offenders. He also said that anyone being rich or politicians and their children, irrespective of their party affiliation, will not have immunity as long as he was the Chief Minister.

Shinde's reaction also came after an on-duty Pune Police constable died in a hit-and-run incident after a speeding car rammed his scooter in the early hours of Monday. The incident came close to the heels of a similar incident in Pune, where a 17-year-



old boy rammed his Porsche into two people on a scooter, killing them on the spot, which sparked outrage.

In a tweet, Shinde said he was "deeply alarmed" by the rise in hit-and-run incidents in Maharashtra and said the state government were implementing stricter laws and harsher penalties for hit-and-run offend-

"I am deeply alarmed by the rise in hit-andrun incidents in Maharashtra. It is intolerable that the powerful and influential misuse their

status to manipulate the system. Such miscarriages of justice will not be tolerated by my government," he said.

"The lives of ordinary citizens are precious to us. I have directed the state police department to handle these cases with the utmost seriousness and ensure justice is served. In addition, we are implementing stricter laws and harsher penalties for hit-and-run offenders," he said.

"No one, whether rich, influential, or the offspring of bureaucrats or ministers, affiliated

immunity as long as I am the Chief Minister of the state. I have zero tolerance for injustice." he said

Shinde said his government was committed to creating a safe environment for the people of the state.

"Let it be clear: my administration stands firmly with the victims and their families. We are committed to creating a safer Maharashtra for all its citizens," he further said.

MUMBAI BMWCRASH

Kaveri Nakhwa (45), resident of Worli Koliwada, was going with her husband Pradeep on the arterial Dr Annie Besant Road when the luxury car, allegedly driven by Mihir Shah, crashed into the couple's two-wheeler around 5:30 am on Sunday, according to

The car dragged the woman for more than 2 km, a police official said. She was rushed to a hospital where doctors declared her dead on arrival.

After the accident, the accused fled towards the Bandra-Worli Sea Link. He left the car and his driver Rajrishi Bidawat, who was sitting next to him, near Kala Nagar in the Bandra area and ran away, the official said.

Mihir's father Rajesh Shah, a deputy leader of the Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde faction) from Palghar, and Bidawat were later arrested by the Worli police on Sunday for allegedly helping Mihir escape after the accident, the official said.

The Mumbai Police have issued a Look Out Circular (LOC) against Mihir.

Hemant Soren wins trust vote in Jharkhand Assembly

RANCHI, Jul 8 (Agencies): Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren won the trust vote on Monday in the state Assembly after he secured the support of 45 legislators.

Hemant Soren moved a confidence motion after he took office earlier this week when he got bail from the Jharkhand High Court in an alleged land scam.

The ruling alliance, led by Hemant Soren's Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), has 45

MLAs -- JMM-27, Congress-17, and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) 1 in the 81-member Assembly.

The BJP-led Opposition has 30 members. The total strength of the House came down to 76 after some members were elected to the Lok Sabha, reducing the halfway mark to 38.

Jharkhand Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto allotted one hour for debate on the confidence motion.

Hemant Soren is



expected to expand his Cabinet after passing

The bus was also filled

the trust vote. The JMM leader was sworn in as the Chief Minister on July 4, a day after his predecessor Champai Soren stepped down from the post.

Hemant Soren was released from jail on June 28 after the Jharkhand High Court granted bail to him in a money laundering case linked to the land 'scam'.

He had resigned as the Chief Minister, shortly before his arrest on January 31 by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection to the case.

4 shot dead in Punjab over rivalry, BJP slams AAP over 'failing' law and order

CHANDIGARH, Jul 8 (Agencies): Four people were shot dead and eight injured in Punjab's Gurdaspur district after two groups of villagers opened fire at each other apparently over an old rivalry, police said on Monday.

The incident occurred in Batala's Vithwan village on Sunday night, with the police saying that there were 13 people involved in the two groups.

Police said two people each from both groups died in the firing.

Police registered an FIR and said further investigation into the incident

BJP leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa hit out at the AAP government in Punjab

over law and order.

"Four people shot dead in Batala's Vithwan village due to ongoing feud between rival groups. This brutal incident exposes yet another failure of the @AapPunjab government in maintaining law and order. Punjab looks like no man's land since AAP came to power. How many more lives will be lost before CM @BhagwantMannji finally takes action?" Sirsa tweeted.

Haryana State Transport bus overturns in Panchkula, over 40 school children injured

CHANDIGARH, Jul 8 (Agencies): More than 40 schoolchildren sustained injuries injured after a Haryana Roadways bus overturned near Pinjore in Panchkula district on Monday.

The injured were admitted to Pinjore Hospital and Sector 6 Civil Hospital in Panchkula. A woman, who sustained critical injuries was referred to PGI Chan-



digarh. due to overspeeding by As per the police, the the bus driver. accident was caused

beyond its capacity with passengers.

Hence, overloading and poor road condition have been attributed as additional reasons for the accident.

Congress MLAPradeep Choudhary of Kalka assembly constituency in Panchkula said an investigation into the accident has been initiated. Further details in the matter are awaited.

Rahul Gandhi reaches Manipur, visits relief camps IMPHAL, Jul 8 (Agen-

cies): Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday visited a relief camp in Manipur's Churachandpur district and interacted with inmates there.

People displaced by the ethnic violence in the northeastern state are staying in those relief camps.

Gandhi who is accompanied by senior Congress leaders talked to the people staying in



the relief camps and listened to their problems. "Rahul Gandhi's visit

aims at providing support to people and to assess the situation on the ground.

His visit reflects the party's commitment to address the concerns of those affected by the recent violence," state Congres president Keisham Meghachan-

dra told reporters.

The former Congress president visited another relief camp in Jiribam district earlier in the day.

"His third visit to Manipur post-violence shows his unwavering commitment to the people's cause," the Congress said in a post on X.

Ethnic violence between Meitei and Kuki communities since May last year claimed more than 200 lives in Manipur.

The six most urgent problems facing the UK that Starmer's new government needs to fix

cies): Keir Starmer's Labour party has won the UK general election in a landslide. Its huge majority should, in theory, give Starmer the clout to see through most of his political agenda. But in reality, the victory celebrations might prove short-lived, given the size of the challenges in front of him.

When Tony Blair came to power in 1997, he inherited a strong economy and a tide of booming national optimism. Starmer, by contrast, inherits an economy in the doldrums and a mandate seemingly more motivated by a desire to remove the Conservatives than by enthusiasm for Labour's manifesto.

The new cabinet will be faced with an array of problems demanding immediate attention. What one senior Labour official has reportedly dubbed Sue Grey's "shit list" spans multiple government departments, from education to justice to infrastructure. Looking at these problems in turn, we might ask: is the party over before it's even begun?

1. Thames Water

The UK's largest water company is in a deep financial hole, with more than £18 billion of debt, evaporating investment, and a long-running standoff between shareholders and the industry regulator, Ofwat, over the paying of dividends. This, combined with the considerable investment required to overhaul Thames Water's creaking infrastructure, has put the company on the brink of collapse.

Ofwat is expected to publish its plan for the water industry on July 15, less than two weeks into the new government's first term. The regulator is expected to rule out allowing Thames Water to raise bills as it had planned to. If so, or if Ofwat insists that infrastructure pledges be met, then Starmer might well have to consider an expensive nationalisation of this water company.

2. Overcrowding in prisons According to the Prison Governors' Association (PGA), prisons in England and Wales are 99% full. With knock-on effects for the court system's ability to hear



dicted to fall by late summer,

some will argue that the case for

pay rises is dissipating. Yet for

others, lack of action on pay will

be an admission that Britain's

standard of living has slipped

4. Universities going under

The financial crisis in Eng-

land's universities has long been

brewing. Many are faced with

a precipitous collapse in over-

seas student numbers and an

accompanying loss of income -

a problem compounded by their

overall operating loss when pro-

Home tuition fees have barely

risen since the £9,000 fee was

introduced in 2012 - while in

real terms they have dropped

by a third. The £9,250 universi-

ties now receive for each home

student compares badly with

the actual cost for teaching a

student, which is calculated at

Many universities are wres-

tling with high interest rates

and a slowdown in the property

market, making loans taken out

on capital investments increas-

ingly difficult to pay. Some politi-

cians have called for domestic

tuition fees to be raised. How-

ever, as Nick Clegg and the Lib

Dems can attest, tuition fees are

one of the "third rails" of British

Starmer is left with only two

realistic options: get rid of the

limits on international student

numbers, or significantly revisit

the way universities are funded

- but again, this would require

throwing money at the problem.

As with other aspects of its man-

ifesto, Labour has been vague

on its proposals for higher edu-

politics – touch it and you die.

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viding for home students.

permanently.

cases and pass sentencing, the PGA warns that "the entire criminal justice system stands on the precipice of failure".

Labour has promised to reform the planning system so prisons are designated as sites of national importance, meaning it can build more of them. However, it will still take years to yield the 20,000 extra jail places Labour has pledged. And even if this does happen, there is no clear consensus that simply increasing capacity will solve all the problems, without similarly resourcing the rehabilitative arm of the Prison Service.

The obvious solution to creating more capacity in the short term is early releases. This can include prisoners nearing the end of their sentences and those who are deemed of low risk to the public. Currently, judges are also being asked to consider their sentencing options.

3. Public sector pay negotiations

Given Labour's historical links with the major public sector trade unions, including Unite and Unison, public sector workers may be hoping that the new government will counter 14 years of pay stagnation under the Conservatives.

However, early on in the election cycle, it became clear that some unions were not happy with Labour's manifesto. Unite refused to endorse it and the new chancellor, Rachel Reeves, has made no effort to suggest money will flow more freely while she heads up the Trea-

With inflationary pressures easing and interest rates preleave all options on the table. 5. NHS funding shortfall

The health service currently has a budget shortfall of £12 billion. This reflects multiple challenges – from treatments getting more expensive and crumbling infrastructure to ballooning waiting times and disputes over pay.

Although Labour has seemingly recognised that funding is important, its manifesto refused to put a number on how much it would commit. Instead, the pledges were accompanied by promises of modernisation and reform to improve the service. The Institute for Fiscal Studies estimates Labour's pledges to be worth £1.8 billion – way short of the required amount.

The state of the NHS is a constant litmus test for any government, so addressing this will always be a top priority. However, with meagre public finances, it might be easier said than done.

6. Failing local councils Local authorities in England have been among the worst affected by the Conservative programme of austerity. Eight have declared effective bankruptcy since 2018, and one in five say they could follow suit without intervention from central

government. So far Labour, like the other parties, has not said how it plans to address this, but Starmer cannot afford not to. The more councils go bankrupt, the more people will struggle to access the basic everyday systems they rely on, which are funded by local government.

As with universities, there is a strong case here for reform. English local government is among the most centralised in the western world, with tight restrictions on financing and budgets.

Ultimately, the UK is in an economic rut and many of the things that might get the country out of it require one thing: money. Starmer has pledged fiscal discipline while also eschewing a return to austerity. There are clear contradictions to this approach which mean that at the minute, the sums don't add

Kim Jong-un's sister slams South Korea's resumption of live-fire drills as 'suicidal hysteria'



SEOUL, Jul 8 (Agencies): North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's sister Kim Yo-jong on Monday denounced South Korea's resumption of live-fire artillery drills near the border as "suicidal hysteria" and warned of possible military actions against such acts.

South Korea has conducted live-fire artillery exercises near the land and sea borders in recent weeks after fully suspending an inter-Korean 2018 military tension reduction agreement that bans such manoeuvres and other acts deemed hostile against each other.

"Clear to everyone is the riskiness of the above-said reckless live ammunition firing drills of the ROK army coming nearer to the border of the DPRK under such situation. the North Korean leader's sister said in a statement carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

The ROK is the acronym of South Korea's official name, the Republic of Korea, and the DPRK is the acronym of the North's full name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Kim claimed that South Korea has been destabilizing the regional security situation, as President Yoon Suk Yeol is attempting an "emergency escape" out of a

political crisis by raising tensions on the Korean Peninsula with provocative acts in border areas, Yonhap news agency reported.

In what would be an attempt to drive a wedge in South Korea, she pointed out that the number of South Koreans demanding the National Assembly to propose a bill on the impeachment of Yoon has surpassed the 1 million mark on the parliament's petition website. Calling the South Korean military's resumption of the live-

fire drills "suicidal hysteria", Kim warned of potential military actions against an act that North Korea will regard as provocative.

"In case it is judged according to our criteria that they violated the sovereignty of the DPRK and committed an act tantamount to a declaration of war, our armed forces will immediately carry out its mission and duty assigned by the DPRK Constitution," she said.

Xi calls on world powers to help Russia, Ukraine 'resume direct dialogue': CCTV

BEIJING, Jul 8 (Agencies): Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday told visiting Hungarian leader Viktor Orban that world powers should help Russia and Ukraine re-start direct peace talks, state broadcaster CCTV reported.

"The international community should create conditions and provide assistance for the two sides to resume direct dialogue and negotiations," Xi told Orban, adding: "Only when all major powers exert positive energy rather than negative energy can the dawn of a ceasefire in this conflict appear as soon as possible." Orban, who has recently visited Moscow and Kyiv, said earlier his unannounced trip to the Chinese capital was a "Peace mission 3.0".

The visit comes a day before NATO is due to hold a summit to mark its 75th anniversary, with setbacks in Ukraine

set to dominate discussions, and follows Orban's surprise trips to Russia and Ukraine in the past week.

CCTV said Xi and Orban's talks "focused on in-depth communication on the Ukrainian crisis".

"Xi Jinping appreciated Orban's efforts to promote a political solution to the Ukrainian crisis and elaborated on China's views and propositions," the broadcaster reported.

"Xi Jinping stressed that it is in the interests of all parties to cease fire and seek a political solution as soon as possible," CCTV said in a readout.

"The current focus is to abide by the three principles of 'no spillover of the battlefield, no escalation of the war, and no fueling of the flames by all parties' to cool down the situation as soon as possible," it added.

Russian missiles kill 20 in Ukraine, gut Kyiv children's hospital

KYIV, Jul 8 (Agencies): Russia launched dozens of missiles at cities across Ukraine on Monday in an attack that killed at least 20 people people and smashed into a children's hospital in Kyiv, officials said.

The rare day-time Russian barrage came as President Volodymyr Zelensky was due in Warsaw, the Polish government said, before he flies to the NATO summit in Washington.

Explosions rang out and black smoke could be seen rising from the centre of Kyiv, agency journalists reported.

Pictures distributed by officials from the children's medical facility in Kyiv showed people digging through mounds of rubble, black smoke billowing over a gutted building and medical staff wearing blood-stained scrubs.

"Russian terrorists once again massively attacked Ukraine with missiles. Different cities: Kyiv, Dnipro, Kryvyi Rig, Sloviansk, Kramatorsk," Zelensky said, listing major civilians hubs in the south and east of the country.

"More than 40 missiles of various types. Residential buildings, infrastructure and a children's hospital were damaged," he wrote on social

Zelensky said that there were an unknown number of people trapped under the rubble of the Okhmatdyt children's hospital and it was not immediately clear how many had been

Municipal officials said earlier that at least seven people had been killed in the barrage that hit Kyiv.

Russian forces have repeatedly targeted the capital with massive barrages since Moscow invaded Ukraine in February 2022, and the last major attack on Kyiv with drones and missiles was

Must respond 'with force'

In Zelensky's hometown Kryvyi Rig, which has been repeatedly targed by



Russian bombardments, the strikes killed at least 10 and wounded over 30, the mayor said.

"In Dnipro, a high-rise building and an enterprise were damaged. A service station was damaged. There are wounded," the Dnipropetrovsk governor Sergiy Lysak added.

In the eastern Donetsk region, where Russian forces have taken a string of villages in recent weeks, the regional governor said three people were killed in Pokrovsk -- a town that had a pre-war population of around 60,000 people.

There was no immedate comment on the strikes from the Kremlin but it insists its forces do not target civilian

"This shelling targeted civilians, hit infrastructure, and the whole world should see today the consequences of terror, which can only be responded to by force," the head of the presidential administration in Kyiv, Andriy Yermak, wrote on social media, following the

Zelensky and other officials in Kyiv have been urging Ukraine's allies to send more air defence systems, including Patriots, to the war-battered country to help fend off fatal Russian aerial bombardments

"Russia cannot claim ignorance of where its missiles are flying and must be held fully accountable for all its crimes," Zelensky said in another post on social media.

With no majority, political paralysis threatens PARIS, Jul 8 (Agencies): French voters

divided their legislature among left, center and far right, with no single political faction getting even close to the majority needed for form a government. The risk of paralysis loomed Monday for the European Union's secondlargest economy. President Emmanuel

Macron gambled that his decision to call snap elections would give France a "moment of clarification," but the outcome showed the opposite, less than three weeks before the start of the Paris Olympics thrusts the country on the international stage. France's main share index opened with a dip in response to the vote.

According to the second-round results tallied early Monday, a leftist coalition surged to take the most seats in parliament. Macron's centrists have the second-largest faction and the unpopular president will have to form alliances to run the government. Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally, which led in the first round of voting, came in third after political maneuvering to keep its candidates from power.

Prime Minister Gabriel Attal said he would present his resignation

Monday, but could stay on through the Olympics or longer if needed. Newly elected and returning lawmakers were expected to arrive at the National Assembly to begin negotiations in earnest.

Macron himself will leave later in the week for a NATO summit in Washington.

Political deadlock could rattle markets and have far-ranging implications for the war in Ukraine, global diplomacy and Europe's economic stability.

According to official results released early Monday, all three main blocs fell far short of the 289 seats needed to control the 577-seat National Assembly, the more powerful of France's two legislative chambers.

The results showed just over 180 seats for the New Popular Front leftist coalition, which placed first, ahead of Macron's centrist alliance, with more than 160 seats. Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally and its allies were restricted to third place, although their more than 140 seats were still way ahead of the party's previous best showing of 89 seats in 2022.

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Macron has three years remaining on his

In announcing his resignation, Attal made clearer than ever his disapproval of Macron's shock decision to call the election, saying "I didn't choose this dissolution" of the outgoing National Assembly, where the president's centrist alliance used to be single biggest group, albeit without an abso-

French vote splits among left, center and far-right;

Rather than rallying behind Macron as he'd hoped, millions took the vote as an opportunity to vent anger about inflation, crime, immigration and other grievances — including his style of government. The New Popular

Front's leaders immediately pushed Macron to give them the first chance to form a government and propose a prime minister. The faction pledges to roll back many of Macron's headline reforms, embark on a costly program of public spending, and take a tougher line against Israel because of its war with Hamas. But it's not clear, even among the left, who could lead the government without alienating

"We need someone who offers consensus," said Olivier Faure, head of the Socialist Party, which joined the leftist

coalition and was still sorting out how many seats it won on Monday.

Macron warns that the left's economic program of many tens of billions of euros in public spending, partly financed by taxes on wealth and hikes for high earners, could be ruinous for France, already criticized by EU watchdogs for its debt.

A hung parliament is unknown territory for modern France.

Despite the uncertainty, supporters on the left cheered in Republique plaza in eastern Paris when the first results came in, with people spontaneously hugging strangers and several minutes of nonstop applause.

Marielle Castry, a medical secretary, was on the Metro in Paris when projected results were first announced.

"Everybody had their smartphones and were waiting for the results and then everybody was overjoyed," said the 55-vear-old. "I had been stressed out since June 9 and the European elections. ... And now, I feel good. Relieved."

The political agreement between the left and center to block the National Rally was largely successful. Many voters decided

that keeping the far right from power was more important to them than anything else, backing its opponents in the runoff, even if they weren't from the political camp they usually support.

"Disappointed, disappointed," said far-right supporter Luc Doumont, 66. "Well, happy to see our progression, because for the past few years we've been doing better."

National Rally leader Le Pen, who was expected to make a fourth run for the French presidency in 2027, said the elections laid the groundwork for "the victory of tomorrow."

Racism and antisemitism marred the electoral campaign, along with Russian disinformation campaigns, and more than 50 candidates reported being physically attacked — highly unusual for France.

Unlike other countries in Europe that are more accustomed to coalition governments, France doesn't have a tradition of lawmakers from rival political camps coming together to form a majority. France is also more centralized than many other European countries, with many more decisions made in Paris.

GDC Khour, Social Forestry Deptt of organize plantation drive

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: In a significant effort to contribute to environmental conservation and promote a greener tomorrow, the Social Forestry Division Jammu organized a Plantation Drive at Government Degree College Khour under the aegis of Ek Podha Maa Kay Naam.

The initiative aimed to bring together students, faculty, local communities and environmental enthusiasts in a collective endeavour to foster ecological sustainability. Teaching and Non-



Teaching staff of the College along with NCC cadets and NSS volunteers also participated in

this drive Speaking about the Plantation Drive, Dr. T. K. Sharma Principal GDC Khour stated, "We are thrilled to partner with the Social Forestry Division Jammu for this noble cause. The Plantation Drive at GDC Khour is a testament to our commitment to safeguarding the environment and leaving a positive impact. Together, we can build a greener, healthier, and more resilient future".

This event was organised in collaboration with Department of Social Forestry under the able guidance of Principal of the College Dr T K Sharma

Dr Nirmal Singh holds a public darbar at BJP headquarter



Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister, accompanied by Baldev Singh Billawaria, former Deputy Mayor, and Ricky Gupta listened to the public grievances at its headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

People from various parts of Jammu & Kashmir visited the party headquarters to present their issues related to revenue, Pension, electricity, and also other

matters of a similar nature before the senior leaders of the BJP.

Dr. Nirmal Singh, while

listening to the problems of people, said that the BJP cadre works on the principle of 'nation first, party second and selflast', which makes BJP a party with a difference. He said that the party leaders and former Ministers, sitting in the party office on daily basis, are having direct interaction with the public and helping them in resolving their day-to-day problems. He said that the public grievances camps initiated by the party bridge the gap between the public and the administration and enable them to find prompt solutions to their

> issues. Baldev Singh Billawaria said that BJP leaders sincerely try to provide the solution to every issue presented by the visiting persons and deputations. He said that the issues presented by the people were immediately taken up with the concerned department officials.

Heritage School Jammu hosts positive discipline workshop for educators

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: Heritage School dedicated to provide a supportive and inclusive learning environment, hosted a Positive Discipline Workshop for educators on Monday.

The workshop, led by seasoned humanitarian and child protection specialist, Rahul Raja Sharma, aimed to equip teachers and staff with effective strategies and techniques to promote

Topics covered included 'Understanding the principles of positive discipline', 'Creating a supportive learning environment', 'Encouraging student self-regulation and responsibility' and 'Effective communication and conflict resolution techniques'.

The workshop was a valuable opportunity for our educators to learn and grow and we look forward in implementing these positive discipline



positive discipline in the classroom and beyond.

The session focused on creating a culture of mutual respect, empathy and understanding, encouraging educators to adopt a student-centred approach to discipline.

strategies in our daily practices.

By conducting such workshops, Heritage School reaffirms its dedication in providing a world-class education and fostering a positive school culture.

Social activists join JD(U)



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, July 8: JD(U) State President G M Shaheen said a group of social activists have officially joined the JD(U) Party, marking a notable expansion of the party's commitment to social justice and community

The prominent figures who have aligned themselves with the party include Manzoor Ahmad, Sameer Bhat, Abdul Ahad Dar, Bashir Ahmad, and Mohmad Razan Ganaie. The induction ceremony was graced by the presence of several high-ranking party officials.

Present on the occasion were Party General Secretary Vivek Bali, Party General Secretary Dr Ayoub, Riyaz Ahmad, Party Adviser Raj Kumar Lalotra, Party General Secretary Sayed Amjad Razvi, State Youth President Hayat Mohmad Aijaz, District President Pulwama G.M. Ashraf, State Secretary The

inclusion of these distinguished social activists is a testament to the growing influence and appeal of the JDU Party.

Their dedication to societal upliftment aligns perfectly with the party's vision and mission. The party leadership extended a warm welcome to the new members and expressed confidence that their collective efforts will contribute significantly to the party's objectives and the welfare of the community.

Lecture on Women Empowerment at Khanetar, Poonch



Top News Report

POONCH, July 8: Women empowerment is a multifaceted concept that encompasses various dimensions of life including social, economic, political and personal aspects. Indian Army strives to empower women by equipping them with knowledge, resources and opportunities to enable them to make informed choices. exercise their rights and fully participate in all spheres of society. Indian Army organized an awareness talk on Women Specific Govern-

ment schemes like 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana', 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' etc.

The aim of the whole session was to spread awareness among students about various women empowerment schemes initiated by Central/State Government which include Financial Assistance for Women (Integrated Social Security Scheme). Professional Training for Women ('Mahila Samridhi Yojana'), Support to Women with Disability (National Handicapped

Financial and Development Corporation), 'Pradhan Mantri SURAJ Scheme', 'J&K Ladli Beti Scheme', 'Financial Assistance for Marriage' (State Marriage Assistance Scheme), and some of the important employment opportunities that are initiated by Government Sector for the residents of remote areas of J&K.

These endeavors by the Indian Army will not only facilitate the women in achieving economic independence but also ensure preservation of hard earned peace and tranquility in the region.

Army holds lecture on Nari Sashaktikaran Yojana at Kalal

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Julu 8: Indian Army carried out a lecture on 'Nari Sashaktikaran Yojana' to spread awareness of the flagship initiative by the Govt of India dedicated to the empowerment of women.

The villagers were acquainted by the hope and progress spread by the Nari Sashaktikaran Yojana. The villagers were informed about the numerous initia-



tives under the Yojana including 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao', 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' and 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana'.

The community was also informed about the 'Mahila Shakti Kendra'

which aims to empower rural women by providing them training and resources to become self-reliant.

They were also made aware of the 'Sukanya Samridhi Yojana' to encourage saving for the girl child's future. The villagers displayed sense of responsibility towards women and promised to support and strengthen the initiatives under 'Nari Sashaktikaran Yojana' to create a society where women

will are empowered to achieve their dreams and contribute to the progress of the community.

The event was attended by 34 local women and six girls from the villages.

Over 1.82 lakh perform Amarnath Yatra in nine days

convoy of 130 vehicles at 4 a.m. for South Kashmir Nunwan (Pahalgam) base camp." The Meteorological (MeT) Department has forecast partially cloudy weather on both the Yatra routes with the possibility of intermittent light rain and thundershowers during the day.

Yatris take either the 48 km long traditional Pahalgam route or the shorter 14 km long Baltal route to perform the Yatra.

Those using the Pahalgam route take four days to reach the cave shrine while those taking the Baltal route return to the base camp the same day after having 'darshan'.

The cave shrine situated 3888 metres above sea level houses an ice stalagmite structure that wanes and waxes with the phases of the moon.

Devotees believe that the ice stalagmite structure symbolises the mythical powers of Lord Shiva.

Extensive arrangements for security have been made this year all along the nearly 300 km long Jammu-Srinagar highway, at the twin Yatra routes, the two base camps and the cave shrine to ensure a smooth, incident-free Yatra

Over 124 'langars' (community kitchens) have been set up along both the routes and also at the transit camps and the cave shrine. Over 7,000 'Sevadars' (Volunteers) are serving the vatris during this year's

Yatra.

Helicopter services are also available for the Yatris on both routes.

Police cannot be allowed to neep into private life of accused on bail: **Supreme Court**

the fundamental right to privacy. In a landmark decision, a nine-judge Constitution bench had on August 24, 2017 unanimously declared that the right to privacy was a fundamental right under the Constitution.

The top court took note of the condition and said prima facie it was violative of the right to privacy of the accused enlarged on bail.

Similar bail conditions of sharing Google pin have been imposed by the high court on other accused in different cases as well. The top court has taken note of such bail conditions of other accused as well.

On February 8, this year, the Delhi High Court granted bail to one Raman Bhuraria. He was arrested in connection with a money laundering probe arising from an alleged Rs 3,269 crore financial irregularity case against Shakti Bhog Foods Ltd.

The high court had imposed several bail conditions and one of them read that "The applicant shall drop a Google pin location from his mobile phone to the IO concerned which shall be kept operational throughout his bail.'

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under relevant sections of the law has been registered at Police Station Tangmarg and an investigation has been initiated .: said the officials.

The police also made an appeal to people cautioning about the menace. "We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact the nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with the police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law," the police statement

NC Veteran. Ex Mayor among 57 whose security cover has been "Withdrawn"

Junaid Mattoo, former Mayor Srinagar; former Justice, Mohammad Yaqoob Mir; Rtd. Chief Justice, Mansoor Ahmad Mir; Farooq Ahmad Shah, Retd. IAS officer, presently NC leader; Former MP, Sharif Din Shariq; Former MLA, Mohammad Shafi Uri; former ministers, Javed Mustafa Mir, M Ashraf Mir and Imran Raza Ansari.

Delhi High Court rejects plea against blocking of 'Briar' messaging App in **J&K over terror suspicion**

It was also submitted that since the petitioner entity does not have any representative in India, it could not be informed about the blocking and that the blocking order cannot be shared as strict confidentiality has to be maintained regarding all the requests and complaints received and actions taken concerning blocking.

While rejecting the plea, the court took judicial notice of the fact that decisions taken at the highest level and for the benefit of the security & sovereignty of the country can be kept confidential.

"The blocking orders have been passed for 14 applications/softwares, including the software/application of the Petitioner herein as it was being used by the Terrorists and their supporters to disturb the security and sovereignty of the country," the court said.

It added that Briar application was blocked only in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and the same can be used in all other parts of the country.

"In view of the above, this Court is not inclined to entertain the present Writ Petition. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is dismissed along with the pending applications, if any," the court said.

Encounter underway in Kathua, Two Army personnel injured

reinforcements have been sent to the encounter spot, they said. More details

15-year-old boy stabbed to death in **South Kashmir**

Srigufwara reached the spot at GMC Anantnag for necessary medico legal formalities and took possession of the dead body .The dead body has been handed over to the family while further investigation has been taken up," he added.

Man involved in terror financing case through bitcoin trade in J&K: SIA

through Bitcoin trade for fueling mass violence and terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir, officials on Monday said. The State Investigating Agency (SIA) has issued a public police request for identification of the man behind terror financing in the region. During investigation, the SIA found the involvement of a man in routing money and funds via Bitcoin trade to the conduits of terrorist organisations for fueling mass violence and terrorist activities, an officer of the SIA said.

Demand for consumer goods likely to pick up gradually; rural markets also recovering on hopes of good monsoon

NEW DELHI, July 8 (Agencies): The one thing that has been worrying fast-moving consumer goods companies over the last few quarters is the sluggish rural demand. A below normal monsoon rain in 2023, in turn depleting water levels in reservoirs and affecting agriculture activity all had an adverse impact. High food inflation also hurt. As monsoon picks up after an intense heat wave this year, are things looking up for consumer goods companies?

Commentary from some companies indicates a modest recovery in the April-June quarter, although the mood is upbeat and expectation is that things will only pickup pace from here

"The quarter saw sequential improvement in demand trends with rural growth picking up. With forecast of a normal monsoon and continued focus by the government on macro-economic growth, we expect the improvement to accelerate in the coming months," Dabur said.

Parachute hair oil maker Marico echoed similar sentiments stating that demand trends have continued to exhibit gradual improvement.

"During the (April-June) quarter, the domestic business posted a modest uptick in underlying volume growth on a sequential basis," the company said.

Volume growth essen-

tially indicates the number of units or packs sold. Parachute hair oil saw low-single digit volume growth in the first quarter of the financial year, but Marico expects it to pick up through the rest of the year. As as been the trend over the last few quarters across the industry, premium products continue to grow faster, even at Marico.

"Value added hair oils had a soft start to the year due to competitive headwinds persisting in the bottom of the pyramid segment, while the mid and premium segments fared relatively better," it

Marico's Saffola oils portfolio saw mid-single digit volume growth, amid marked stability in input costs and consumer pricing

Dabur expects home and personal care as well as healthcare segment to grow in high single digits.

"Travel and out of home consumption got impacted due to scorching summers, which had an impact on our beverage segment although the food (culinary) category showed good momentum," it said.

Overall, Dabur expects the consolidated revenue to grow in mid to high single digits in the first quarter of the current financial year. Marico is also expecting its consolidated revenue to grow in high single digits.

According to analysts tracking the sector, a

better monsoon this year should aid rural recovery, while there is also an expectation of a proconsumer Union budget.

"Rural demand recovery green shoots are in place and expected to see moderate improvement in the first quarter. Full effects of tailwinds are to be felt in the second half of financial year 2025, when growth is likely to see recovery," said Nitin Gupta, research analyst at Emkay Global Financial Services.

According to Gupta, a harsh summer is likely to have benefited summercentric portfolios, while select on-the-go consumption food categories are likely to take a beating. Lack of cooling infrastructure may limit growth for select companies, he added.

Following a 5-7 per cent growth in financial year 2024, credit ratings agency CRISIL expects the FMCG sector to see a 7-9 per cent growth in the current financial year.

on the back of higher volume growth, supported by expected revival in rural demand and steady urban demand.

"We expect volume growth of 6-7 per cent in fiscal 2025 from the rural consumers (40 per cent of overall revenue), supported by expectation of better monsoon benefiting agricultural production, and hike in minimum support price supporting farm incomes," said Aditya Jhaver, director, CRISIL Ratings.

He feels higher gov-

ernment spending on

rural infrastructure, primarily through affordable housing scheme, will aid higher savings in rural India, supporting their ability to spend more. Volume growth from urban consumers is expected to remain steady at 7-8 per cent through the financial year, aided by rising disposable incomes and continued focus on premium offerings by com-

Rupee falls 1 paisa to 83.50 against US dollar

NEW DELHI, July 8 (Agencies): The rupee pared initial gains to settle 1 paisa lower at 83.50 against the US dollar on Monday, as muted domestic equities weighed on investor sentiments.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.45 and hit the intraday high of 83.44 and a low of 83.50 against the American currency during the session.

It finally settled at 83.50 against the dollar, registering a loss of one paisa over the previous close.

On Friday, the rupee

the US dollar.

Forex traders said the rupee gained on a weak dollar and decline in crude oil prices. However, weak domestic markets put pressure on the

settled at 83.49 against

"The US Dollar declined on disappointing non-farm payrolls report on Friday, which raised expectations that US Federal Reserve may cut interest rates in

domestic unit.

its September Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting," said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Pari-

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 104.90, higher by 0.03 per cent.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined 0.88 per cent to USD 85.78 per barrel. "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight positive bias on the weak tone in the US Dollar and FII inflows. However, a correction in the domes-

tic markets and political uncertainty in France as the election results indicate a hung parliament may cap the sharp upside," Choudhary added.

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended the day 36.22 points, or 0.05 per cent, lower at 79,960.38 points. The broader NSE Nifty settled 3.30 points, or 0.01 per cent, up at 24,320.55 points.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Friday, as they purchased shares worth Rs 1,241.33 crore, according to exchange data.

Crop insurance coverage declines in FY24 as four top insurers cut exposure



NEW DELHI, July 8 (Agencies): General insurance companies reduced their exposure to crop insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during FY24 despite the government's push to expand the insurance coverage in the farm sector.

Gross direct premium underwritten by insurers declined by 4.17 per cent to Rs 30,677 crore during the fiscal as against Rs 32,011 crore in the previous year even as farmers faced crop losses due to floods, unseasonal rains and heatwaves.

Crop insurance premium underwritten had risen by 8.66 per cent to Rs 29,465 crore in the previous fiscal (FY23).

The decline is mainly due to the 32 per cent fall in premium income underwritten by stateowned Agriculture Insurance Company (AIC) to Rs 9,890 crore during FY24 from Rs 14,619 crore a year ago, according to data released by the General Insurance Council. AIC is the leading crop insurer in the country. Four government-controlled insurers - AIC, New India Assurance, Oriental Insurance and SBI General reduced their exposure to crop insurance in FY24.

What's interesting is that AIC paid claims to the tune of Rs 12,353 crore under PMFBY during the year.

State-owned Oriental Insurance Company also reduced its exposure to just Rs 8.94 crore in FY24 from Rs 1,752 crore a year ago. SBI General Insurance also reduced its exposure. New India Assurance Company, the largest insurer in the country, reported a negative premium underwritten at Rs 34.41 crore as against Rs 11.38 crore last year.

"Four insurers controlled by the government directly or indirectly reported a decline in crop insurance coverage. The farm sector is a vital sector of the economy. Public sector entities should have been in the forefront of providing cover to the farmers who are facing the risk of losses due to floods, heatwaves and unseasonal rains," said an official of an insurance firm

cial of an insurance firm.
FY24 was a nightmare for farmers as they faced crop losses due to a host of factors, leading to a rise in inflation levels.
However, general insur-

ers overall reported a 19.5 per cent rise in premium income underwritten from Rs 17,391 crore a year ago to Rs 20,786 crore. As many as eight general insurers kept away from crop insurance during the year.

The PMFBY scheme, which is currently integrated with multiple stakeholders on a single platform, has covered nearly 4 crore farmers with more than 50 different crops in FY24 under the insurance coverage. More than 55 per cent of the insured farmers in the year are under nonloanee farmer category and are majorly enrolled through CSCs (common service centres) as a channel partner wherein the channel has registered an impressive 4 crore farmer applications, with 2.5 crore and 1.5 crore enrolments in Kharif and Rabi seasons, respectively.

PMFBY provides a comprehensive insurance cover against failure of the crop, thus helping in stabilising the income of the farmers and encourage them for adoption of innovative practices.

The scheme is compulsory for loanee farmer obtaining crop loan or kisan credit card (KCC) account for notified crops. However, it's voluntary for other/ non loanee farmers who have insurable interest in the insured crop. The maxi-

mum premium payable by the farmers will be 2 per cent for all Kharif food and oilseeds crops, 1.5 per cent for rabi food and oilseeds crops and 5 per cent for annual commercial or horticultural crops.

To expand coverage of PMFBY, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare launched AIDE Enrolment), which allows intermediaries to enrol non-loanee farmers from Kharif 2023 onwards. This initiative successfully engaged insurance brokers and resulted in 71 per cent of farmer enrolments through Point of Salespersons (PoSPs), totalling 6.88 lakh farmer applications with more than 4.15 lakh hectares of area under insurance across 11 States and 12 insurers, the Ministry said in a note to the CEOs of insurance companies and broking firms, it said.

"Utilising such extensive network of over 12 lakh PoSPs via insurance brokers offers a substantial opportunity to increase non-loanee farmer enrolments. This strategy significantly enhances the enrolment of non-loanee farmers while simultaneously expanding their access to a diverse range of retail insurance products," the Ministry said.

As per the service level agreement (SLA), insurance intermediaries should provide enrolment services to non-loanee farmer through the AIDE (mobile and web platform) developed by Ministry of Agriculture. Following the successful submission of the application on AIDE and the issuance of an acknowledgment to the non-loanee farmer, the premium will be collected and remitted to the insurance companies in accordance with the timeline specified in the applicable operational guidelines of PMFBY and RWBCIS, as amended from time to time.

Jobs, rural India likely to be focus of new Modi government's first budget, says Goldman Sachs

panies, he added.

NEW DELHI, July 8 (Agencies): The first budget by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new government may tilt towards, but not pivot to welfare spending, with a focus on rural economy and job creation, economists at Goldman Sachs said in a note on Monday.

The budget proposal for the financial year ending March 2025 will be presented on July 23, the government said over the weekend.

Goldman economists expect the government to stick to its fiscal deficit target of 5.1% of GDP set in the interim budget but said it will likely make an "overarching statement" about long-term economic policy.

"We see an emphasis on job creation through labor-intensive manufacturing, credit for micro, small and medium enterprises, continued focus



on services exports by expanding global capability centres, and a thrust on domestic food supply chain," Santanu Sengupta, chief India economist at the Wall Street bank wrote.

Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party failed to win a majority on its own in national elections this year and returned to power with the help of allies. Post-poll surveys showed that unemployment and inflation were key concerns among voters, particularly outside of urban areas.

While the Indian economy is seen growing a fast clip of 7.2% this year, job creation has lagged.

"Even 7% GDP growth might not be able to fulfill the job requirement over the next decade," Citi's

chief India economist Samiran Chakraborty said in a note last week, adding that growth of close to 7% will generate 8 million to 9 million jobs per year, short of the 11 million to 12 million needed.

Goldman expects the budget to push labour intensive manufacturing through fiscal incentives across sectors like toys, textiles and apparel manufacturing, along with commercial aircraft manufacturing.

Citi, in a report, said the government could consider extending its flagship production linked incentive scheme with a focus on "more domestic value addition and explicit employment targets."

Almost two-third manufacturing jobs are in lowskilled labor-intensive sectors, Citi said, without specifying whether these announcements would be made in the budget.

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Goldman also expects a focus on agricultural infrastructure and incentives to increase domestic production of key crops as a way to target high food inflation, which has been running close to 8% for many months.

Welding Course concludes at Gundna

Top News Report

DODA, July 8: Indian Army conducted closing ceremony of Welding Course at Gundna, Doda district on 07 July 2024. The course was conducted from 24 June 2024 to 07 July 2024 at Gundna.

The burgeoning number of youth have to be empowered through skill enhancement and there is a stark need of adequate avenues for

Members of various Civil administration, Government departments and entrepreneurs of the Gundna graced the event. During the closing ceremony, Indian Army felicitated the participants with welding equipment.

Indian Army is working relentlessly for development of the region with primary focus in facilitating employment in the area. The



engagement to channelise their energy in a positive direction. The area had no learning centre for skill based training and the keenness displayed by local youth for learning the welding skills, led to the conduct of the course. A total of 20 youth attended the course.

event drew overwhelming response from the public which lauded the efforts of Indian Army for promoting selfemployment in the area.

The project will generate societal enthusiasm, healthy discourse on skill development and goodwill towards the Armed Forces.

Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi, War Wounded Foundation felicitate injured soldier



Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: The Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi, in collaboration with the War Wounded Foundation (WWF), proudly honoured Havildar Subhash, a brave soldier who sustained injuries in the line of duty, during a special ceremony held at Asia Hotel Jammu.

This event marked the appointment of Paramjit Kaur as the President of Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi for the year 2024–25.

Havildar Subhash, whose leg was amputated following a mine blast, was presented with a modified scooter generously donated by WWF.

This gesture not only acknowledged his valor and sacrifice but also highlighted the ongoing efforts of WWF to support wounded soldiers across North India. WWF, under the leadership of Brigadier Harcharan Singh, Director North Zone, has been instrumental in providing not just physical aids like modified scooters and electric wheelchairs, but also crucial psychological support to enable these soldiers to reintegrate into society and start their own businesses.

The ceremony, presided over by Manmohan Suri, District 307 Chairman, witnessed heartfelt expressions of gratitude from the members of Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi towards Havildar Subhash for his service and sacrifice. Outgoing President Gurvinder Kaur delivered the welcome speech, while Paramjit Kaur, in her acceptance

speech, thanked the dig-

nitaries and members present for their support and vowed to continue the club's commitment to serving the community.

Brigadier Harcharan Singh expressed appreciation to Manmohan Suri for her role in organizing the event and reiterated WWF's dedication to supporting injured soldiers and their families. He highlighted WWF's recent contributions, including the donation of around 20 modified scooters and three auto-rickshaws to disabled soldiers from various regions including Jammu, Rajouri, Akhnoor, Srinagar, and Ladakh.

Moving forward, Inner Wheel Club Jammu Tawi reaffirms its commitment to honoring the sacrifices of soldiers and their families, with upcoming initiatives planned to support Veer Naris.

Mentor Yuvraj Singh was very happy when I got out for duck, he must be proud now: Abhishek Sharma

The 23-year-old thanks Shubman Gill with whose bat he scored a century

HARARE, Jul 8 (Agencies): India opener Abhishek Sharma has revealed that his mentor Yuvraj Singh was delighted when he got out for a duck on his T20I debut against Zimbabwe here as the swashbuckling former all-rounder, for reasons best known to him, felt it was a "good start".

Making his India debut, Abhishek was out on duck as the Men in Blue lost the first T20I against hosts Zimbabwe by 13 runs on Saturday. But the 23-year-old came back strongly to set the stage ablaze with a blistering maiden century (a 47-ball 100) to fashion India's 100-run win in the second game a day later.

"I spoke to him Saturday also, and I don't know why he was very happy when I got out on zero. He said that's a good start but he must be very happy and proud just like my family," Abhishek said in a video posted by the BCCI.

He credited the hero of India's 2011 World Cup triumph for not



innings) to come, this is just the

Since there was no rest day

in between the first two games,

the visitors didn't get a lot of time

to think about the opening loss

and that worked in India's favour

as they levelled the five-match

"We lost yesterday, but I felt,

today is my day and I should

take the match to the end, the

positive was that we didn't have

start," Yuvraj said.

series 1-1.

only helping him hone his skills on the cricket field but also supporting him in his life away from

"It's all because of him, the hard work he has put in (shaping) me. (For) two-three years, he has worked really hard not only on my cricket but off the field (life) as well."

After Sunday's game, Abhishek called Yuvraj, who couldn't be happier for the youth.

"Well done, very proud, you

much time to think about the next game," he pointed out.

Abhishek combined with Ruturaj Gaikwad (77 not out off 47 ball) for a match-winning 137-run stand for the second

"I was in a flow, and just wanted to express myself. I spoke to Rutu as well, he said the same thing that 'don't think much about the balls and hit what you think you can'," he said.

He once again thanked India skipper on the tour and his Punjab teammate Shubman Gill for lending him his bat.

"Special thanks to Shubman who gave me his bat, this was a much-needed innings for me and the team.

"This has been going on from U-14 times. Whenever I play with his bat I have done well, today also, the same happened.

"I played with his bat only, which I got after a lot of difficulty, he doesn't give it easily. That is like my last option when I feel I have to play with his bat for a comeback," he said.

Have been living a dream past few days, filled with gratitude: Bumrah

the last few days. I've

been living a dream and

it has filled me with hap-

piness and gratitude,"

Bumrah posted on X.

along with a video of

him enjoying the raptur-

ous homecoming that

included a breakfast

meet with Prime Minis-

ter Narendra Modi and

a victory parade attend-

ed by lakhs of fans in

The 42-second clip

featured the audio of

Virat Kohli's speech

during the felicita-

tion function after the

parade last Thursday

where the champion

batter had lauded Bum-

The fast bowler had

combined with all-

rounder Hardik Pandya

to turn it around won-

rah's contribution.

Mumbai.



NEW DELHI, Jul 8 (Agencies): India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah on Monday said he has been "living a dream" for the past few days as he expressed gratitude for the stupendous reception that he and the rest of his teammates got for winning the T20 World Cup in the Caribbean.

The 30-year-old, who picked up 15 wickets in the mega-event that concluded on June 29 in Barbados, was a key figure in India's second overall and first in 17 years world trophy in the shortest format.

He was adjudged Player of the Tournament for his performance.

"I am so thankful for

in for their second spell in the match at a time when South Africa needed 30 off 30 balls.

final.

They wreaked havoc to ensure that the Proteas eventually fell short

derfully for India in the

The two were brought

by seven runs. Kohli had called

Bumrah a "once in a generation" player during the speech at the Wankhede Stadium, prompting the assembled crowd to chant the bowler's name in appreciation "What I would like everyone to do is to applaud a guy who brought us back into games again, and again, and again. It was phenomenal. He is a once-in-a-generation bowler. I am so glad he plays for us," Kohli, who retired from T20 Internationals at the end of the World Cup, had said.

Bumrah was welcomed with flower petals after arriving at his Ahmedabad home recently.

Jayasuriya to replace Silverwood as Sri Lanka coach

COLOMBO, Jul 8 (Agencies): Former Sri Lanka skipper and one-time chief selector Sanath Jayasuriya said Monday he will be the new head coach, after Chris Silverwood quit following the country's early exit from the T20 World Cup.

Jayasuriya, 55, said he had been asked by Sri Lanka Cricket to coach the national squad ahead of a white ball series against India this month, and Sri Lanka's tour of England in August.

"I have been asked to take over coaching and I am happy to do it," Jayasuriya told agency.

Jayasuriya, a former Test and ODI captain. had also been a nation-

He is to take over the team after the end of the ongoing T20 Lanka Premier League on July 21.

times across the three

Jayasuriya represented Sri Lanka 586



formats of the game, hitting 42 centuries and taking 440 wickets. He played his last international in 2011.

Former England coach Silverwood, 49, quit for "personal reasons", according to Sri Lanka Cricket, which thanked him for his "valuable contributions during his tenure".

Sri Lanka won only one match at the T20 World Cup tournament. against the Netherlands, and finished third behind South Africa and Bangladesh in their

Silverwood took over in April 2022 and enjoyed immediate success, as Sri Lanka won the T20 Asia Cup later that year.

They reached the final of the 50-over Asia Cup in 2023.

But they failed to make it to the knockout stages of the T20 World Cup in 2022 and last year's 50-over World Cup.

Former skipper Mahela Jayawardena also stepped down as "consultant coach" last month.

India Women On Mercy Of Weather Gods, Hope To Draw South Africa T20I Series

CHENNAI, Jul 8 (Agencies): Desperate to level the three-match series after the second game was washed out, India would hope weather doesn't play spoilsport, besides eyeing a much-improved bowling effort in the final women's T20I against South Africa here on Tuesday. India are trailing the three-match series 0-1 after losing the opener by 12 runs. Their problems compounded after the second game here on Sunday was washed out midway due to persistent drizzle. And with 30 to 40 per cent of rain forecast for Tuesday, the Indians are left on the mercy of weather gods.

In both the matches, the Indian bowlers cut a sorry figure as South Africa amassed 189 for 9 and 177 for 6 respectively.

Barring Pooja Vastrakar, who picked up two wickets each in both the games, and spinner



Deepti Sharma, most of the Indian bowlers failed to shine against the Proteas women.

Renuka Singh leaked runs in the first game and was subsequently replaced by Sajeevan Sajana in the second T20I but the latter also didn't her cause.

Shreyanka Patil and Radha Yadav picked up a wicket each on Sunday but continued to leak runs.

India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur would want her bowlers to pull up their socks with the

series at stake. On the batting front, it

has been a decent show by the Indians in the first game. The likes of Jemimah Rodrigues (53 not out), Smriti Mandhana (46), Harmanpreet (35), Shafali Verma (18) and Daylan Hemalatha (14) all making double digit

Uma Chetry, who made her T20I debut on Sunday, is likely to persisted with as Harmanpreet and the team management would like to see her exploits with the bat

South Africa, on the other hand, has been rock solid with the bat with Tazmin Brits, who hit consecutive halfcenturies, leading the charge.

Besides Brits, skipper Laura Wolvaardt, Marizanne Kapp and Anneke Bosch have contributed with the bat as well for the visitors. South Africa's only concern is Chloe Tryon,

who has scored identical 12 runs in the two games.

And with the upcoming T20 World Cup in

"Love You Dada": Wishes Pour In For

Bangladesh in mind, Tryon will be desperate to prove her detractors wrong.

Teams:

India Women: Harmanpreet Kaur(c), Smriti Mandhana(vc), Uma Chetry(wk), Richa Ghosh(wk), Dayalan Hemalatha, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Amanjot Kaur, Shreyanka Patil, Sajeevan Sajana, Deepti Sharma, Asha Sobhana, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh, Shabnam Shakil, Pooja Vastrakar and Radha Yadav.

South Africa Women: Laura Wolvaardt(c), Tazmin Brits, Mieke de Ridder(wk), Sinalo Jafta(wk). Anneke Bosch, Nadine de Klerk, Annerie Dercksen, Marizanne Kapp, Sune Luus, Chloe Tryon, Ayabonga Khaka, Masabata Klaas, Eliz-Mari Marx, Nonkululeko Mlaba and Tumi Sekhukhune.

Match starts: 7.00 pm (IST).

Jemimah Rodrigues, Shikha Pandey signed by Trinbago Knight Riders in Women's CPL 2024

NEW DELHI, Jul 8 (Agencies): Trinbago Knight Riders have secured the services of two of the star women cricketers, Jemimah Rodrigues and Shikha Pandey for the Women's Caribbean Premier League 2024. Australia batter Meg Lanning and left-arm spinner Jess Jonasen were among the other two overseas players who were named in the TKR squad. The winners of the first-ever Women's CPL also retained five of their Caribbean players. The Women's CPL will kick off from August 21 and will go on till the 29th of August

Trinbago Knight Riders bolstered their squad with more international talents as they look to secure another title win. Shikha and Jemimah are currently on national duties for India for the all-format series against South Africa. Jemimah had scored a blazing fifty against South Africa women in the first



T20I match. However, her unbeaten knock of 53 runs went in vain as India suffered a narrow defeat by 12 runs in this first T20I. The 2nd T20I match resulted in a washout due to rain in Chennai as South Africa lead the 3-match series 1-1.

Jemimah and Shikha to feature in WCPL 2024 Jemimah showcased her excitement about playing in the Women's Caribbean Premier League. She mentioned that the tournament will be a good preparation in the lead up to the Women's World T20 that will begin in October.

"This is the first time I'll be coming to the WCPL. I've played for India in the Caribbean quite a bit, but I'm really excited that I'll be representing the Knight Riders in WCPL," Jemimah said.

"We all know the legacy that they have across the globe. Even the TKR Women's team, champions of 2022, are a very proud side. I believe this tournament is also going to serve as a very good preparation

for us leading up to the Women's World T20 in October, with some of the best players in the world taking part in the competition.'

"Jemimah and Shikha will add volumes to WCPL's quality' KKR group CEO Venky

Mysore said in a statement that Rodrigues and Shikha will add up to the quality of the tournament. He also thanked the BCCI for allowing their maiden appearance in the WCPL.

"We are very excited to be able to retain the core of our local Caribbean players and sign up four world-renowned overseas players for this vear's Women's CPL." Venky Mysore, CEO of Knight Riders Group, said in a statement.

"Great to have Deandra Dottin captaining the team once again. She has been a fantastic leader of the side since the inaugural year, having played a crucial role both as captain and player since our title victory in 2022.

and black this August."

"Jemimah Rodrigues and Shikha Pandey will add volumes to the quality of the tournament, and we are very thankful to the BCCI for facilitating their firstever appearance in the WCPL. The addition of these two big Indian names, along with superstars Meg Lanning and Jess Jonassen should excite cricket enthusiasts around the world, as we look forward to welcoming them all in TKR's red

Sourav Ganguly On 52nd Birthday Ganguly.'



(Agencies): Former cricketers Manoj Tiwary and Munaf Patel extended wishes to former India captain Sourav Ganguly on his 52nd birthday. Ganguly, who was regarded as the 'God of Off-side' by former teammate Rahul Dravid, made many spectacular contributions in the field of cricket and continues to do so as Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Delhi Capitals' Director of Cricket. "You are, you were and you will always be an inspiration. Love you Dada and wishing you a very happy birthday," Tiwary wrote on X.

While extending his wishes, Patel heaped praise on Ganguly for his role in the development of Indian cricket.

"A big hand of this guy in development of #IndianCricketTeam where we are today. A very #HAPPYBIRTHDAY legend @SGanguly99. Wishing you healthy life ahead #Dada," Patel wrote on X.

During his illustrious career, Ganguly led Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) during his time in the Indian Premier League (IPL). The IPL franchise wished their former captain and captioned their post on X, "Maharaja. Dada. The Prince of Kolkata.

Happy Birthday, Souray

Even though he was a batter who could play with both grace and surgical accuracy, his career had come to a grinding halt until he struck a brilliant hundred on his debut at Lord's in 1996. He was elevated to the top of the ODI order later that year, and he and Sachin Tendulkar together constituted one of the most potent opening combinations in history. Ganguly was noted

for his distinct leadership style throughout his time on the pitch. In the summer of 1996, he made his Test debut against England, earning the nickname 'Dada'. He quickly made headlines after scoring a century in his first Test at Lord's and the 'Prince of Kolkata' then went on to smash a ton in the second Test, becoming the third batter in history to make a hundred in each of his first two innings

GDC R S Pura felicitates Gursimar Kour for her achievement

Top News Report

R S PURA, July 8: An International Conference on Monitoring Biodiversity for Action (ICMBA-2024) was organised by Department of Zoology, University of Kashmir from June 25-27, 2024 under College on Wheels Program (a special initiative by Higher Education) 2023, in which Gursimar Kour, student of the College gave an oral presentation on her work on Ethnomedicine under the guidance of Dr Ruchika Sharma, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Biotechnol-

ogy, GDC (Boys), Kathua. The work highlighted the importance of biodiversity for sustainable living and



the urgent need for documentation of rare species of plants before they gets wiped away. For which she got Special Appreciation Award at the conference hosted by Department of Zoology. Prof.(Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal of the college applauded the student and the mentor on getting recognition in an International Conference

enhancing road safety

Lastly, the meeting

addressed recent power

supply issues experi-

enced by residents. There

were reports of prolonged

power cuts attributed to

damaged 11 Kv network

cables at various loca-

Residents urged the

concerned authorities

to replace these dam-

aged cables with over-

head lines to improve the

reliability of the power

The meeting was

attended by prominent

community members

including Ashok Kumar

Arora, Sandeep Sharma,

Madam Rubal Mahajan,

Krishan Lal Gupta, V.

K. Suri, Harshvardhan

Gupta, S. N. Kaul, and Dr.

T. R. Gupta, along with a

significant number of Tri-

The outcome of the

meeting emphasized

the urgent need to com-

municate these issues to

Chief Secretary Sh. Atal

Dullu for swift action and

the allocation of suffi-

cient funds to address

these critical infrastruc-

ture and service deliv-

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Nagar, Jammu.

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tions in the colony.

measures.

and emphasized that this achievement can draw attention to the research orientation of students and also put forth the need for more platforms like College on Wheels to

researchers out of mere Undergraduate Student. She further added that

churn out observers and

as a Principal, I believe that it is important to recognize and celebrate the achievements of our students. Celebrating achievements not only boosts the confidence of the student but also motivates them to work harder. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the students and appreciate their hard work. Other faculty members present on the occasion were Dr. Neena Gupta, Dr. Savtanter Kour, Prof. Jugal Kishore, Prof. Sankait Gupta and Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch

EV industry expects bold reforms & strategic allocations in Budget 2024 for sustainable growth: Devndra Chawla through PLI Schemes

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: "In

anticipation for Budget 2024, we have focused on essential imperatives that are critical to the long-term development of India's dynamic electric vehicle (EV) market. One significant recommendation is to secure permanent viability gap funding for financially pressured State Transport Units (STUs) and to develop payment security mechanism to reduce lending risks and improve credit offtake. We emphasise the importance of an infrastructure sector tag for financing to electric mobility projects and propose a capital expenditure subsidy for private bus operators that deploy e-buses on intercity routes. Categorising electric mobility loans as **Priority Sector Lending** and introducing incentives for battery recycling are critical steps towards lowering interest rates and promoting sustainability," said Devndra Chawla, MD and CEO,

GreenCell Mobility. "Standardising Green energy open access rules, toll exemptions for electric buses, optimising charging costs through regulatory



measures and opening government electric bus depots to private players are important to creating a suitable ecosystem. Initiatives such as wayside charging infrastructure on national highways, specialised facilities at transport hubs and strategic highway adoption plans for pure electric bus operations will also help sustainable mobility," Devndra Chawla said and added. "We endorse the ongoing success of FAME subsidy, especially FAME 2, with a Rs 10,000 crore budget and recommend FAME-III scheme to further enhance adoption of electric vehicles. Providing capital subsidy to private electric bus operators on inter-city routes will increase adoption on a large scale. The government's commitment to boosting manufacturfor Automobiles, Auto Components, Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC), and Battery Storage."

"To improve cost and sustainability, we strongly propose for a 5% GST on lithium-ion batteries, EV spare parts, components and correcting inverted duty structure in EV production. Standardising battery switching and tackling low-cost finance difficulties are critical for long-term growth.

The government's achievements in alternate fuels, renewable energy, and manufacturing through PLI programmes such as Biofuel Policy & National Green Hydrogen Policy, highlights the importance of these projects," he said.

"As the demand for electric vehicle grows, significant coordination efforts are required to build electric mobility infrastructure, particularly charging stations. A strong infrastructure is essential for supporting the industry's growth. GreenCell Mobility seeks continued support and bold initiatives to take the Indian EV industry to unprecedented heights of success," Devndra Chawla said.

Install new borewell in ward 54 to improve water availability: TNWS

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: The Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society (TNWS), under the leadership of R.P. Kakkar, President of TNWS Jammu, convened to address several pressing issues affecting the residents of Trikuta Nagar colony in Jammu. One of the foremost concerns discussed was the inadequate drinking water supply

Residents expressed dissatisfaction and called for the installation of a new borewell in ward 54 to improve water availability

Additionally, the society proposed a significant infrastructure project the Chenab River water lift filtration project which aims to permanently solve the drinking water problem not only for Trikuta Nagar but also for Jammu City as a whole.

The meeting also scrutinized the inefficiencies in garbage collection services provided by the Jammu Municipal Corpo-

Residents complained of irregularities in doorto-door garbage colection and pointed out that sanitation workers lacked essential tools and machinery necessary for effective waste manage-

Despite acknowledging the dedication of the existing staff, there was a strong plea for better resources to ensure satisfactory sanitation services in the colony.

Regarding infrastructure maintenance, the society highlighted issues with street lights. It was noted that the repair and replacement of street lights often faced delays due to inadequate stock and resources.

A solution proposed was the establishment of a command control room to oversee street light operations, aiming to automate the on/off cycles based on davlight conditions to conserve energy.

This initiative also aims to address the problem of street lights being unnecessarily left on during daylight hours, thereby reducing energy wastage.

Concerns were also raised about the effectiveness of recently constructed speed breakers on main roads within the

colony. Residents reported that these speed breakers were not sufficiently reducing vehicle speeds or preventing accidents. A recommendation was made to reconstruct the speed breakers using

as Zonal President more durable concrete materials and to ensure they cover drainage systems effectively, thereby

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Ali Akbar nominated

JAMMU, July 8: The Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF) Affiliated with All India Secondary Teachers federation(AISTF) is pleased to nominate senior trade union leader Ali Akbar as Zonal President Zone Bhalwal.

This decision, made by Sanjeet Sharma Provincial President Jammu with the Consent of Chairman JKTF/National vice President AISTF M. Amin Khan &UT President Mohammad Ashraf comes as a strategic move to reinforce JKTF's presence and address the evolving challenges faced by teachers in the Zone.

In addition to his existing role as Senior leader Jammu Ali Akbar will now assume the responsibilities of Zonal President Bhalwal for Jammu. This decision aims to strengthen the Teachers Forum at all levels, Ali Akbar is having vast experience as trade union leader as well as a good academi-

The official announcement was made through a press release issued today by Sanjeet Sharma Provincial President of



JKTF Jammu. Chairman Mohammad Amin Khan and President Mohd Ashraf emphasized the importance of Ali Akbar leadership in strengthening the JKTF's stance in Jammu.

"In order to strengthen JKTF in Jammu and make it more robust in dealing with the emerging challenges confronting teachers, Ali Akbar is appointed as the Zonal President Zone Bhalwal District Jammu with immediate effect," the official order stated.

This strategic move reflects the commitment of JKTF to enhance its capabilities and effectiveness in serving the educational community.

Ali Akbar extensive experience and leadership qualities are expected to contribute significantly to the Forum's objectives in the Jammu.

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sion, 80 vibrant medicinal

saplings were planted,

including Arjun, Amla,

Jamun, Guava, and

Eucalyptus (Safeeda).

These plants not only

enhance the greenery

environment.



Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, July 8: In a dedicated effort towards a greener future, Live For Others-Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF), in collaboration with Talla Jewellers, organized a plantation drive at Village Kehranwali, Tehsil Ramgarh, Vijaypur.

Under the guidance of Director/CEO, Vivek Parihar, and with the invaluable support of Chief Guest, Sat Pal

but also contribute to the medicinal resources of the area

Samar, the Environment Domain Incharge, delivered an inspiring message to the locals, emphasizing the importance of nurturing the planted trees.

"Many of us plant trees. but few care for them. This time, let's bring a change in that. Reduce waste, save energy, plant trees, and nurture saplings. Let's make a real difference together!" he said

In the spirit of Van Mahotsav, we echo the sentiment. "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." Together, we are

committed to nurturing nature and creating a sustainable environment for future generations.

The event was graced by the presence of dedicated members of the foundation, including Sahil, Navya, Sachin, Kashish, and Muskan.

ASCOMS organizes Mega Health Camp

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 8: A Mega Health Camp was organized by Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences (ASCOMS) & Hospital, Sidhra, Jammu under the aegis of J&K Chapter of Association of Surgeons of India (JAKASI) at border area of Akhnoor (Mera Mandrian) on Monday. The ASCOMS team

was lead by Dr Harbinder Singh Bali, Senior Laparoscopic Surgeon, Dr R S Ghai, Urologist, Dr Anitipal Singh, Orthopaedician, Dr Supreet, Dermatologist and Resident Doctors from the departments of Medicine, Surgery, Gynaecology and supported by paramedical and other staff from ASCOMS.

Around 250 patients from different specialties were treated by the doctors and the special

emphasis was given on the preventive part.

In addition to free consultation, free medicines were given to patients. Uroflowmetry test was done in 31 patients and Blood Glucose testing was done in around 145 patients and they were treated accordingly.

Local administration and the people of the area fully cooperated for smooth conduct of the camp.

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