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BRIEFLY

Unauthorised absence from duties: Incharge **AEE RTIC** Jammu suspended

JAMMU, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Public Works (R&B) Department has placed S Punit Pal Singh, Incharge Assistant **Executive Engineer** (AEE) Mechanical, RTIC Jammu, under suspension for his alleged unauthorised absence from the duties.

Restore Statehood, hold Assembly elections at the earliest: Sajad Lone urges GoI



SRINAGAR, Jul 11 (Agencies): J&K **Peoples Conference**

PM Modi arrives in Delhi after concluding two-nation visit to Russia and Austria

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in New Delhi on Thursday morning after concluding his twonation visit to Russia and Austria.

After concluding his visit, PM Modi shared a post on X and thanked Austria's Chancellor, government, and people for their warm welcome and hospitality.

He also stated this visit was immensely productive and described it as 'historic. "My visit to Austria



immensely productive. New vigour has been added to the friendship between our nations. I am glad to have attended diverse programmes while in Vienna. Grati-

trian Government and people for their hospitality and affection," PM Modi said on X. PM Modi also attended

a community event in Vienna on Wednesday tude to Chancellor @ and stated that this wait

has ended on a historic occasion marking 75 vears of their friendship. Further, he also expressed his gratitude and delight at the enthusiastic welcome, acknowledging that it was a historic moment as an Indian Prime Minister visited Austria after a gap of 41 years.

As PM Modi arrived on the stage at a community event people welcomed him 'Modi, Modi' chant.

welcomed PM Modi, and

base camp to join Amarnath Yatra

JAMMU, Jul 11 (Agencies): Amid tight security arrangements, more than 4,800 pilgrims left Jammu city in the early hours of Thursday for the twin base camps in Kashmir to join the

attack and ongoing operations, security has been further intensified in and around Bhagwati Nagar base camp and along the yatra route.

The batch comprising 2,366 men, 1,086 women, 32 children and 163 'sadhus' and 'sadvis' left in a cavalcade of buses and light motor vehicles from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp, the officials said. While 2,991 pilgrims took the traditional 48-km Pahalgam route for their vatra, 1,894 others opted for the shorter but steep 14-km Turn to page 9

The community warmly annual Amarnath Yatra, Turn to page 9

Interstate security review meet: Senior BSF ED arrests another accused in JKSSB and Police officials meet in Kathua SI Exam paper leak case

JAMMU, Jul 11 (Agencies): Senior BSF and police officials gathered at a high-level interstate security review meeting in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua on Thursday, days after terrorists, who are believed to have infiltrated from across the International Border, ambushed an



army patrol. Five army person-

HC Judge recuses himself from hearing

were killed and as many injured when terrorists opened fire on two army vehicles on the Machedi-Kindli-Malhar mountain road near Badnota village, about 150 km from the district headquarters of Kathua, on Monday. The meeting was attended by Jammu and Turn to page 9

JAMMU, Jul 11 (Agencies): Nearly three weeks after arresting the alleged mastermind of the 2022 JKSSB Sub-Inspector recruitment exam paper leak, the Enforcement Directorate has nabbed another absconding accused and secured a five-day custody of him from a

special court here, officials said on Thursday. Follow the Daily Excelsior channel on WhatsApp

officials said.

The 14th batch of

4,885 pilgrims left in 191

vehicles for twin base

camps of Baltal and

Palagam at 3.06 am and

were escorted by CRPF

Following the terror

security, they said.

Anil Kumar, 31, a resident of Lahroda in Mahendragarh district of Haryana, was arrested by the ED-Jammu on Wednesday under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and was produced in the court of special judge, anti-corruption (CBI cases), in Jammu this morning, officials said. On June 24, the ED arrested 43-year-old Haryana native Yatin Yadav, the alleged Turn to page 9

Elections in J&K should be held to prove supremacy NIA seeking death penalty for Yasin Malik, of security forces over terrorists: Omar

NEW DELHI, Jul headed by Justice Prat- serving a life term in the 11 (Agencies): Delhi High Court judge Amit Sharma on Thursday recused himself from cases hearing a plea by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) seeking death penalty for separatist leader Yasin Malik in a terror funding case. The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front The matter was listed before a division bench chief, who is currently

case, was virtually present for the the court proceedings from the Tihar jail here. The court directed that he will appear virtually on the next date as well. On May 29 last year, the high court had issued a notice to Malik on the NIA's plea Turn to page 9

Commissioned Officer,

SRINAGAR, Jul 11 a party function here, (Agencies): National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Thursday said assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir should be held in time to prove the supremacy of security forces over terrorists, who have carried out a spate of attacks in

don't conduct the elec-

President Sajad Lone emphasized today the urgent need for the restoration of statehood and conducting timely assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Taking on the microblogging website 'X', Lone stated, "It is imperative that Assembly elections are held on time. I honestly believe that only an administration accountable to the people of J&K has the right to rule and administer." Lone expressed his preference for a locally elected government, even if led by his political rivals, asserting, "Let my worst electoral rival be elected. I would prefer that government a million times over an alien government which falsely claims to be stakeholders with political and social sanctity. They don't and never will. A non-resident government would be unacceptable here or in any part of India. Would those in charge accept non-resident governments in their own states?"

He further urged the Gol to stop acting as individuals and start acting as an institution,

"A humble appeal to the GOI: End this pain. First restore statehood. not out of charity but as a matter of right. Hold elections and transfer power to the new Turn to page 9

hiba M Singh after a change in the roster of judges dealing with such

"List before another bench, of which Justice Sharma is not a member, on August 9," Justice Singh said.



Jammu region recently. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of Abdullah said there is no normalcy in the union territory.

"There is no normalcy. But, is the situation worse than 1996? If yes, then let them not conduct the elections. If they want to bow down before these powers who are attacking, then tion. If you have to prove the supremacy of the militancy, rather than proving the supremacy of our armed forces and police, then don't conduct the elections," he said.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of J-K, said if the **Turn to page 9**

Doda **Encounter:** Search operation continues for 3rd consecutive day

SRINAGAR, Jul 11 (Agencies): The search operation in Doda forests continued for third consecutive day to track down the terrorists.

A senior police officer told Srinagar based news agency Kashmir Scroll that search operation is being temporarily suspended for the night and it resumes in morning to find the hiding terrorists.

He said that there was an exchange of fire terrorists and security forces for around two hours following on Tuesday afternoon following which searches were started.

He added that as of now there is no confirmation about

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TENTH DAY, KRIYA AND UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother Smt. SUDERSHAN SHARMA W/o Late SH. RIKHI KESH SHARMA (Ex. Deputy Registrar University of Jammu), R/o of House no 93-A Shastri Nagar Jammu, Ward no 22, Behind J&K Bank Shastri Nagar.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 10-07-2024 (Wednesday) at 10:30 AM at our residence. KRIYA will be performed on 11-07-2024 (Thursday) at 12:30 PM at our residence. UTHALA will be performed on 12-07-2024 on Friday from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM at RAM MANDIR SHASTRI NAGAR near Girls High Smt. SUDERSHAN SHARMA

Secondary School Shastri Nagar. GRIEF STRICKEN.

Son and Daughter in law -

Rajesh Sharma (Principal Education Dept.) and Smt. Jayoti Sasan (Education Dept.) Ravi Sharma (D.A.O Ramban Agriculture Dept.) and Smt. Meena Sharma (Education Dept.) Rakesh Sharma (Senior Pharmacist Health Dept.) and Smt. Neelam Sharma Daughter and Son in law -

Smt. Rajni Sharma and Rajesh Sharma

Grand Sons - Akhii Sharma, Nikhii Sharma, Anirudh Sharma, Sashiv Sharma, Grand Daughters- Aashima Sharma, Dhyasha Sharma, Rimihim Sharma. Mob- 9419287740, 9419111310, 7006315844

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Arjan Nath Raina originally resident of S.K. Colony Anantnag A/p H.No. 122/A Lane No. 2 Roop Nagar Enclave Jammu on 06-07-2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu on 15-07-2024 (Monday) at 8.30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Shanta Koul- Wife

Smt. Vijay Hangloo- Sister

Sh. Mohan Lal Raina (Mattan)- Brother

Smt. Sheela Ji & Sh. Makhan Lal Dasi- Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law Smt. Usha Kiran & Sh. Sundri Lal Koul- Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law Sh. Manoj Krishan Raina- Son

Smt. Anjali Kakroo & Sh. Sunil Ji Kakroo- Daughter & Son-in-Law Smt. Geeta Raina & Sh. Deep Ji Raina- Daughter & Son-in-Law Sushant Kakroo, Yashika Raina, Dhami Raina- Grand Children 9555027347, 9797580290, 9797555400

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform you that Sdn. Naresh Kour (Rozy) beloved wife of Sd. Parambir Singh R/o Mohalla Kohrinar, Poonch met an untimely demise in a car accident on 3-07-2024. Her family is deva stated by the sudden loss.

ANTIM ARDAS will be performed as per the given schedule

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB-10/07/2024, 9 AM (At our residence, Mohalla Kohrinar, Poonch)

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB -12/07/2024, 9 AM

KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDASS- 12/07/2024, 10-12:30 pm

(At Peepal vala Gurdwara, Mohalla Khorinar Poonch) followed by Guru ka Langar.

GRIEF STRICKEN-

Parambir Singh (Master) - Husband

Gurtejvir Singh (Son) and Gurasis Kour (Daughter) Sdn. Gurbachan Kour (W/o Lt. S. Harnam Singh (Mother in law) Sdn. Jagdish Kour (W/o Lt . S. Balwant Singh (Mother) Contact: 9622136177, 8899978812

MASWAR & VAHARVAR

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

Although you're no longer physically here with

OBITUARIES



Those we love don't go away, they walk besides us everyday ... unseen, unheard but always near still loved, still missed and very dear

We are deeply saddened to announce that our beloved mother Smt. Sudarshan Sharma W/o Late Shri Rikhikesh Sharma (Ex Deputy Registrar University Of Jammu) R/o Hno 93-A Shastri Nagar Jammu left for heavenly abode on 01-07-2024.

UTHALA will be held on 12-07-2024(Friday) from 5 PM to 6 PM at RAM MANDIR Shastri Nagar near Girls Higher Secondary School SMT. SUDARSHAN

Shastri Nagar. GRIEF STRICKEN

Son and Daughter in law Sh. Rajesh Sharma and Smt. Jayoti Sasan

Sh. Ravi Sharma and Smt. Meena Sharma Sh. Rakesh Sharma and Smt. Neelam Sharma Daughter and Son in law

Smt. Rajni Sharma and Sh. Rajesh Sharma Grandchildren: Akhil, Nikhil, Anirudh, Sashiv, Aashima, Divyasha, Rimjhim Mob: 9419287740, 9419111310, 7006315844

ENTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow, we regret

to inform the sad demise of our beloved father S. Mohinder Pal Singh (Retd. Headmaster) S/o Late Sh. Mandev Singh R/o Rajbagh (UJH) Tehsil and Distt. Kathua who left for heavenly abode on dated Friday 05-07-2024.

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH on Dated 10-07-2024 (Wednesday).

BHOG on dated 12-07-2024 (Friday) at Home

10TH DAY KRIYA & ANTIM ARDAS will be S. Mohinder Pal Singh held on dated 12-07-2024 at about 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Rajbagh

Dr. Harpreet Singh - Son Dr. Ravneet Singh - Son Sudan, Sasan, Isher Family



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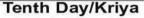
10TH DAY KRIYA

Jammu, Thursday, July 11, 2024

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret nform you that Smt. Krishna Dhar (Thathi) W/o Sh.Bansi Lal Raina originally resident of Kathsu, Pahalgam, Kashmir and A/P H.No.3, Lane No 1,Sector-5, Last Morh, Bagwati Nagar, Jammu left for her heavenly abode on 4th July 2024 TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu on 13th July 2024 (Saturday) at *8.30 AM.

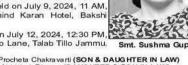




We are heartbroken by your departure,you played your role beautifully now its time to rest in your new heavenly abode. OM SHANTI

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





Nagar Jammu. Kriya will be held on July 12, 2024, 12:30 PM, House No. 26, Nitco Lane, Talab Tillo Jammu. Smt. Sushma Gupta GRIEF STRICKEN Dr. Rahl Gupta & Dr. Procheta Chakravarti (SON & DAUG HTER IN LAW) Dr. Rahl Gupta & Dr. Procheta Chakravarti (SON & DAUG HTER IN LAW) Dr. Rahla Gupta & Dr. Procheta Chakravarti (SON & DAUG HTER IN LAW) Devars & Devranis Mr. Radha Krishan Gupta & Mrs. Sushma Gupta Mr.Bubash Chander Gupta & Mrs.Shalini Gupta (BHAGWATI MEDICINE TRADERS JAMMU) Mr.Gridhari Lal Gupta & Mrs.Bhawana Gupta GRANDCHILDREN: Athere Contents

Mr.Gridhari Lal Gupta & Mrs.Bhawana Gupta GRANDCHILDREN: Athary Dhawan 9419157087 8860437660 9419197878



OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA



Sdn. Naresh Kour (Rozy)

Sh. Arjan Nath Raina **GRIEF STRICKEN**

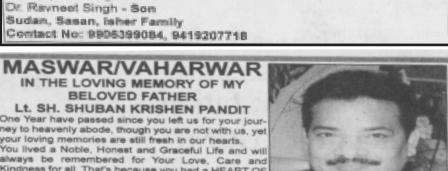
Sdn. Amarjit Kour- Wife (Retd. Teacher) Contact No: 9905399084, 9419207718

IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF MY

BELOVED FATHER

Lt. SH. SHUBAN KRISHEN PANDIT

DEEPLY REMEMBERED & MISSED BY:



(Retd. Headmaster)

One Year have passed since you left us for your jour-ney to heavenly abode, though you are not with us, yet your loving memories are still fresh in our hearts. You lived a Noble, Honest and Graceful Life and will always be remembered for Your Love, Care and Kindness for all. That's because you had a HEART OF GOLD. You were strong to the very end. Physically you are not with us, but we miss you and feel your presence in every moment of our life. We pray to God to grant eternal peace to your Noble Soul. MASWAR and VAHARVAR of our beloved Karamyogi Father Lt. Sh. Shuban Krishen Pandit S/o Lt. Sh. Radha Krishen Pandit Originally R/o Badiyar Balla, Srinagar will be performed on 11th & 12th July 2024 at

Srinagar will be performed on 11th & 12th July 2024 at our Residence H. No. 101, Sec- B, Tirath Nagar, Talab Lt. SH. SHUBAN

KRISHEN PANDIT

Smt. Vijsy Pandit (Wife) Preeti Pandit & Ashwani Raina (Daughter & Son-In-Iaw) Rahul Pandit & Ankita Sharma (Son & Daughter-In-law) Master Ahaan Pandit (Grand Son)



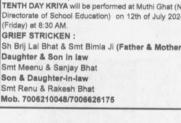












us, your love & memories still surround us and we hold you close in our thoughts and prayers.

Maswar & Vaharvar of our beloved father Lt Sh Vijay Raina S/o Lt Sudershan Raina (Sallar) will be performed on 12th & 13th of

July 2024 respectively at our residence House No. 117 Lane 3 Vikas Colony Muthi.

Lt Sh Vijay Raina

Deeply remembered by **RAINA PARIVAR** + 91 9549333678, + 91 7006198457

REMEMBRANCE





10TH DAY/KARAM/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Kamla Sharma (Retired Teacher) W/o Lt Sh. Darshan Kumar Sharma (Retd. Accounts Officer) H.No 111/1 Sanjay Nagar, Jammu on 02nd July 2024. 10th Day will be performed on 11th July (Thursday)

10.00 AM, Home to Shastri Nagar Cremation Ground.

Karam will be performed on 12th July (Friday), 9.00 AM onwards at 111/1 Sanjay Nagar, Jammu

Uthala/ Rasam Pagri will be performed on 12th July (Friday), 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm at Durga Mandir Smt Kamla Sharma Rampura.

(Retired Teacher)

GRIEF STRICKEN

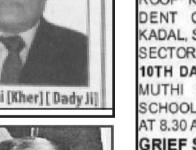
Daughters & Sons in Law

Smt. Neena Sharma & Sh. Arun Makhnotra (Retd. CAO, Agriculture Department) Smt Archana Sharma & Sh Anil Sharma (Branch Head J&K Bank, Gole Market, Jammu) Smt Anamika Sharma

Grand Daughter and Grand Sons

Sunandini Sharma, Anmol Sharma, Abhishek Sharma, Sumadhur Sharma, Ritish Gotam, Geetish Gautam

Contact: 9419134204, 9419208889, 9906045613, 9205328182



PERFORMED AT OUR RESIDENCE ON 12TH JULY 2024 FROM 11.00 AM ONWARDS. IN GRIEF JANKO DEVI - WIFE LT SH MOOL RAJ RAKHI & RAJESH GUPTA **GUPTA ROMA & RAKESH GUPTA** NEELAM & DEEPAK CHANDER ABHINANDHAN, SHIVANSH, KRITIKA, GOURANGI M/S MAHAMAYA AUTOMOBILES (TVS SHOWROOM) M/S S.R ELECTRIC WORLD 9469366807, 9419168578, 7051120578, 9419158546

10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT ANJALI MISRI W/O ROOP KRISHEN MISRI ORIGINALLY RESI-DENT OF ZAINDAR MOHALLA, HABBA KADAL, SRINAGAR A/P 728 VINAYAK NAGAR, SECTOR 3, MUTHI, JAMMU ON 7-7-2024. 10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT MUTHI GHAT NEAR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMU ON 16-7-2024 SMT ANJALI MISRI

AT 8.30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN MISRI PARIVAR, SAPROO PARIVAR, KOUL PARIVAR PH. NO. 9419164938, 7006808340

OBIIUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh.Kunal Bhat/ Neepu S/o Sh. Roop Krishan Bhat H.No. 9C Mohinder Nagar Extension opposite Canal Power House Canal road Jammu on 9/7/2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education Jammu on 18/07/2024 at 8.30am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Mrs Rani Bhat (Aunt) Sh. Ashok Kumar Bhat (Uncle) Sh Rakshit Bhat (Brother) SAMAST BHAT PARIVAR AND DHAR PARIVAR PHONE: 9906196206, 9469213692



Sh.Kunal Bhat/ Neepu





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Smt. Preetu & Sandep 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 -do-Smt. Aniu Dhar & Sh. Sunil Dhar -do-Sanvi, Elina & Demira Mob: 9149986988/ 7006862109

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regre to inform the sad demise of our belove Father Sh. Dwarika Nath Thusoo origi nally resident of Karihama Kupwara Kashmir A/p 120/13 Jagti Township Nagrota Jammu on 06-07-2024. 10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed a Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education Jammu on 15th of July 202at 8.30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters in Law Sh. Pran Nath Thusso & Smt Meenakshi Thusso

Sh. Banerji Thusoo & Smt Anita Thusoo Grand Children

Grand Children Mr Mohti Thusoo Miss Tejasvi Thusoo Daughter & Son in Law Smt Surja Bhat & Sh. Rattan Ial Bhat Brothers & Sisters in Iaw U Sh. Omkarnath Thusoo & Smt Pyari Ji Sh. Rattan Lai Thusso & Smt Rattni Thusoo



SH. DWARIKA NATH THUSOO

Sisters & Brother in Laws Smt Geurj & Late Sh. Sham Lai Pandta Smt Nancy Bhat & Li Sh. Jawahar Lai Bhat Smt Dhua Ji Dhar & Sh. Brij Nath Dhar CONTACT NO : 9622304576, 9469099604 Email Id: pnthusoo1964@gmail.com

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved SH MADAN LAL KHAJURIA S/o Lt Sh Amarnath Khajuria R/o H.no 329/B, Lane 11, Canal Road, Shakti Nagar, Jammu City, TENTH DAY will be perform on July 11, 2024 (Thursday) at 10 am at our residence. KRIYA will be perform on July 12, 2024 (Friday) at 1 pm at our residence.

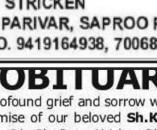
Sh. Madan Lal

Khajuria {Ex-Serviceman Army}

Grief Stricken: Smt Satya Khajuria (Wife) Daughter-in-law & Son Mrs Neeru (HelpAge India) & Deepak Khajuria (Senior Journalist) Daughter & Son-in-law Mrs Vandana & Mr Suresh Sharma Grand Children: Anirudh, Ridhima & Deetya Khajuria (M) 9419148403 9419148206 **Khajuria Family**

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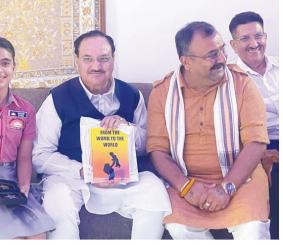
Jodhamal student's book released by JP Nadda

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 11: During their recent visit to J&K, J.P Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers & President, Bhartiya Janata Party and Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, Bhartiya Janata Party unveiled a book titled 'From the Womb to the World', authored by a young Jodhamal student Maanya Vikram Randhawa, under the guidance of her teachers Deepika Ibikunle and Bhawan Rometra

Maanya Vikram Randhawa is a multifaceted young student of Class VII at the most prestigious school of the city Jodhamal Public School, Jammu.

She is the daughter of Vikram Randhawa (former MLC, J&K) and Neetu Randhawa (Sr. Lecspirit. The book reflects her unique perspective and depth of thought at a young age. She hopes to encourage



turer in Economics). Her debut book 'From the Womb to the World' is a profound exploration of life's journey, capturing the essence of growth, challenges, and the inherent strength of the human School have already become the published authors as content creation and book writing picks up as the most coveted hobby with the students of Jodhamal.

Trustee of the School Nandan Kuthiala, Director, Aarti Kuthiala, Principal Girish Kumarand Vice Principal Amita Arora applauded her achievement, citing her love of literature and keen observation of life's nuances.

may face showcasing an

extreme balance between aca-

demic commitments with her

This is noteworthy that more

than 150 students of Jodhamal

passion for storytelling.

"This marks the beginning of what promises to be an exciting literary career for Maanyya" ,they added.

Irregularties at Ban Toll Plaza Hotel Association president calls on Divisional Commissioner

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 11: Hotel & Restaurant Association Katra (HRAK) President Rakesh Wazir called on Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and apprised him that Ban Toll Plaza has become the hub of irregularities and once again a free for all situation has arisen over there wherein keeping aside all the previous orders, letters, guidelines issued from time to time by Deputy Commissioners, Project Directors and other Authorities wherein clearly areas falling within 20 km distance for issuing of local passes is prescribed and which is there in records as well and on the basis of those, passes were being issued to the locals including areas of Katra and around, are stopped on regular occasions on one pretext or the other by Ban Toll Plaza contractor and similar type of illegal practice has started once again over there and local

passes are being denied to the people on one pretext or the other.

Wazir, while speaking on occasion, said that big question which arises over here is this that when NHAI initially asked Deputy Commissioners of concerned areas to give the names of areas falling within 20 km and the concerned Deputy Commissioners gave the list of those areas to NHAI and on the basis of that the passes were issued to the local people and this practice is going on from last more than 8 vears, now how the Toll contractor can deny issuing passes to these locals when neither the location of those areas nor the Toll Plaza has changed. He said that in whole India the department of Revenue remains the only Authority to describe the areas and that is why Deputy Commissioners were asked from time to time for doing that job by NHAI and few months

back also the Toll Con-

tractor stopped issuing those passes and were started with the intervention of the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu and again now he is creating problems for the locals of the areas and is over charging from the people merely on the basis of muscle power and said that if this is not stopped immediately it will lead to major law and order problem over there. Wazir also raised the issue of the Tarakot Marg with him and said that it would bypass Katra and said that though Railways too have raised concern with regard to its making through their land and now it should be ensured that it be not made by whatever alignment/way. Ramesh Kumar listened to Wazir patiently and assured that matter of local passes would be resolved shortly and as for as other matters are concerned, he promised giving of sympathetic consideration to each and every point.

Blast across LoC in Rajouri, search operation underway

JAMMU, Jul 11 (Agencies): A blast occurred across the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, said officials here on Thursday.

The blast occurred on Wednesday night across the LoC in the district.

"The suspicious movement was reported across the LoC in the Laam sector of Rajouri district late on Wednesday night. The blast occurred very close to the zero line during the movement," said officials.

A search operation has been launched in the area, the officials further said

bances. Massive search operations are already underway in some areas in the Jammu division. It would be matter of humiliation if assembly elections postponed due



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The blast most likely occurred during the movement of suspicious persons close to the LoC on the other side in the no man's land.

It is being ascer-tained whether the blast occurred accidentally or was triggered by suspicious movement in the no man's land which contains pressure-triggered landmines More details were

awaited. Pakistani agencies have been trying to push terrorists into the Indian territory to create distur-

bow to these forces car-

"I don't have any

apprehension (over

postponement of polls).

If our Home Minister

and Prime Minister are

not ready to bow before

these forces, then elec-

tions will be held on

For months, the antic-

ipation of assembly

elections had infused a

time," he said.

rying out attacks.

Ladakh's Sports Policy; A Vision for Excellence Dr Pawan Kotwal chairs meeting

Top News Report of Ladakh, to experience and benefit from a LEH, Jul 11: The Advistrong sporting culture, sor to the Lieutenant to facilitate the creation Governor, UT Ladakh, of a self-sustaining and Dr Pawan Kotwal participative sports chaired a meeting to ecosystem that makes discuss the draft of the sports affordable, enjoy-Ladakh Sports Policy. able, and sustainable At the outset of the for all those who wish to meeting, a comprehen-

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Congressprotests Govt failure to check rise in terror-ism in Jammu region **Top News Report** JAMMU, Jul 11: Congress on Thursday held a strong

Officer, Kargil and con-

cerned officials joined

the meeting virtually.

protest to denounce terrorism and the failure of the centre Government & UT administration to contain the rising terror attacks in Jammu region, guestioning the government for the spread of terrorism in entire Jammu region.

Leading the protest JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani expressed grave concern over the deteriorated security situation in Jammu region, and asked the government to make fool proof arrangements to ensure smooth conduct of ongoing Shri Amarnath Yatra and the ensuing assembly elections, on time

Expressing great shock over the loss of several precious lives in the series of terror attacks in the region . Vikar said that the situation has deteriorated to great extent, in the hitherto peaceful Jammu region while govt makes hollow claims at the cost of sacrifices of brave jawans. Accompanied by working

President Raman Bhalla. Senior Vice President



Dist President Urban Th Manmohan Singh, IYC General Secretary Uday Singh Chib & several senior leaders, Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress President Vikar Rasool Wani talking to media persons at the site of the protest demonstration at Shaheedi Chowk denounced terrorism & Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism & lashed out at the Modi government and UT administration for total failure to check spread of terrorism in entire Jammu region.

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Government should evolve effective strategy in consultation with security experts to control militancy and ensure smooth conduct of Amarnath Yatra and ensuing assembly elections, ,without delay. JKPCC leaders saluted the brave hearts who laid

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pathies with their family members and colleagues besides praying for early recovery of the injured.

Prominent who participated include Kanta Bhan. Kuldeep Raj Verma, DCC President Samba Sanjeev Sharma. Gurdarshan Singh, Dwarka Choudhary, President NSUL Aiav Lak hotra. Social media Jatin Raina, PCC Secretaries Sanjeev Sharma (panda), Sahil Sharma, Rajveer Singh, Th. Hoshyar Singh, Michael Wazir. Pankai Sharma, Jatinder Singh Chib, Vijay Tagotra, Vijay Shastri, Harvinder Singh Mehta, Vice Chairman Kissan Cell Dalip kumar, DCC Working Presidents Babbal gupta(Samba), Badri Nath Sharma(Jammu R) Sumit Magotra (Udhampur), Nasar Masih, Shamsher Chand, Varinder Manhas, Jugal Sharma, Latish Sharma, Pardeep Bhalla, Ram Magotra, Anirudh Sawhney, M.S Bedi, Parshotam Mehra, Depu Singh and others.

tary of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Rajesh Gupta said a spurt in terror attacks in Jammu region last week has cast a grim shadow over the much-anticipated assembly elections in the Union Territory (UT) with central government reaffirming that rooting out terror acts was its "highest priority".

Speaking to media here on Thursday. Gupta claimed that elections would be held on time only when the Prime Minister and Home Minister will not

sense of hope and opti mism among the people of J&K and the prospect of a democratically elected government was seen as a beacon of stability. However, this fragile optimism seems to be having shattered as a series of coordinated terror attacks struck key areas in Jammu region. The deadly attacks targeted multiple locations. Gupta said that it would a matter of humiliation if the assembly elections were postponed due to

a series of attacks by

the militants.

cers that the guidelines of the draft must encourage the sports culture in UT Ladakh while going through the procedures for availing any benefits of the policy. He further instructed that the draft must be put in the public domain for stakeholders' comments before finalizing it.

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tor of Youth Service, and Sports, UT Ladakh; the Director of School Education Department, UT Ladakh: Additional Secretary of GAD, UT Ladakh; Under Secretary of Information Technology/RDD UT Ladakh; OSD to the Secretary of PDD/Youth Services & Sports; District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Leh; and concerned officials, while the Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC, Kargil; District Youth Services and Sports

Ladakh; the Joint Direc-

Govt constitutes Sub-Committee to examine assured progression scheme ACP/TBP time-bound promotions President EJAC hails decision, calls for equal opportunities

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 11: The Government has constituted a sub-committee to examine the Assured Career Progression (ACP) and Time-Bound Promotion (TBP) schemes across various departments. This initiative aims to address the long-standing and much-debated issue of career progression for government employees. Wajahat Hussain Durrani, President of the J&K Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC), has hailed this move as a commendable gesture and a welcome step towards resolving this persistent issue. However, he has expressed concern over the exclusion of the JKAS (Jammu and

Kashmir Administrative Service) and JKP (gazetted) cadres from the scheme. Durrani emphasized that there should be no

preferential treatment for any particular cadre and stressed the importance of providing equal opportunities to all gazetted officers, following merit, while granting benefits. He called for the inclusion of the JKAS and JKP to ensure fairness

and uniformity in career progression opportunities for all government employees. While commending the decision, Durrani expressed profound gratitude to LG J&K UT Manoj Sinha, Advisor R.R. Bhatnagar, Chief

Secretary Atal Dulloo,

and others. He stated

the Government's unwavering commitment to enhancing the career prospects of its employees and addressing their concerns in a timely and equitable manner. Durrani also expressed

hope that the committee will submit its report in a time-bound manner and resolve this longpending demand of the gazetted cadre employees

"This has been a long standing demand of gazetted cadre members of the community and we have made several representations, including one recently with Chief Secretary Shri Atal Dulloo (IAS) who had assured us about its resolution, and finally today, a sub-com-

mittee has been constituted. We are optimistic that the committee will submit its report verv soon, and this issue will be settled," he added.

He further mentioned that J&K EJAC will constitute a committee to follow up on all demands, including the ACP scheme, in the near future. Durrani underscored the pivotal role of EJAC as a bridge between the government and its employees, striving tirelessly to ensure their voices are heard and their issues addressed.

He appealed to all employees to forge a strong EJAC bond and make a meaningful impact so that issues are taken up and resolved effectively.

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Smart City needs essential infrastructure

ammu, one of the oldest cities in India and the winter capital of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has embarked on a transformative journey towards becoming a "Smart City." This initiative under the Smart Cities Mission launched by the Government of India aims to enhance the quality of life for residents through sustainable and inclusive development, leveraging technology and innovation. Jammu, known for its rich cultural heritage and strategic importance, faces various urban challenges such as traffic congestion, inadequate infrastructure, environmental degradation, and lack of efficient public services. The Smart City Mission, launched in 2015, seeks to address these challenges by promoting smart solutions that improve urban governance, infrastructure, and overall quality of life.

The vision for Jammu Smart City is to create a vibrant and sustainable urban environment that provides economic opportunities, social inclusivity, and a high quality of life for its residents. The mission emphasizes the integration of technology and data-driven decision-making to enhance infrastructure, utilities, mobility, safety, and public services.

Jammu Smart City focuses on upgrading and expanding essential infrastructure such as roads, water supply, sanitation, and solid waste management. Projects include the development of smart roads, underground utility ducts, and efficient waste management systems to ensure a clean and sustainable environment.

Improving transportation infrastructure and promoting sustainable mobility solutions are crucial aspects of the Smart City initiative. Projects include the development of integrated multimodal transport systems, pedestrian-friendly streets, cycle tracks, and smart parking solutions to ease traffic congestion and enhance connectivity.

Leveraging technology to improve governance and service delivery is a key priority. Initiatives include the implementation of e-governance systems, citizen engagement platforms, smart city command and control centers, and digital infrastructure for efficient service delivery and public administration.

Jammu Smart City promotes environmental sustainability through initiatives like green spaces development, energy-efficient buildings, renewable energy adoption, and water conservation measures. These efforts aim to mitigate climate change impacts and enhance the city's resilience.

Preserving and promoting Jammu's rich cultural heritage is integral to the Smart City mission. Projects include heritage conservation, restoration of historical sites, development of cultural centers, and promoting tourism to showcase Jammu's cultural diversity and heritage. The implementation of Jammu Smart City projects is overseen by the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), which collaborates with various stakeholders including government agencies, private sector partners, civil society organizations, and residents. The projects are implemented in a phased manner with regular monitoring and evaluation to ensure timely completion and quality standards. Significant progress has been made across various fronts under the Smart City initiative in Jammu. Infrastructure projects such as smart road development, utility upgrades, and waste management systems have been initiated. The introduction of technology-driven solutions for governance and service delivery has enhanced efficiency and transparency. Despite the progress, Jammu Smart City faces challenges such as funding constraints, coordination among multiple agencies, and adapting to rapid urbanization while preserving its cultural heritage. Addressing these challenges requires sustained efforts, innovative approaches, and active participation from all stakeholders. Looking ahead, Jammu Smart City aims to accelerate the pace of implementation, expand project coverage, and improve the quality of life for all residents. Continued focus on sustainable development, technology integration, community engagement, and governance reforms will be critical to achieving the vision of a smart, inclusive, and resilient Jammu. In conclusion, Jammu Smart City represents a transformative initiative aimed at creating a model urban environment that prioritizes sustainability, inclusivity, and technological innovation. With concerted efforts and effective implementation of projects, Jammu is poised to emerge as a leading Smart City, setting an example for urban development in India.

Changes afoot as NSA Doval team expands with key posts

By: Dilip Cherian

he National Security Council Secretariat has undergone several notable changes recently, while also maintaining some continuity. Previously secretary (west) in the external affairs ministry, Pavan Kapoor has been appointed deputy national security adviser (NSA). This move is part of a series of appointments that include Rajinder Khanna, who has been promoted from deputy NSA to the newly established role of additional NSA. Mr Khanna, a former chief of India's external intelligence agency, Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW), is stepping into a pivotal role that didn't exist before.

Another key appointment is T.V. Ravichandran, an IPS officer currently serving as special director in the Intelligence Bureau. He replaces Mr Khanna as deputy NSA. Mr Ravichandran's initial tenure is set to last until his retirement on August 31, 2024, after which he may continue on a contractual basis. This reshuffle follows the recent appointment of Vikram Misri as the next foreign secretary, effective from July 15.

These changes mean that under NSA Ajit Doval, who is now in his third term, there will be one additional NSA and three deputy NSAs. The appointments committee of the Cabinet has played a crucial role in arranging these appointments, ensuring a blend of fresh perspectives and experienced leadership within the NSCS.

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these appointments might hint at potential future shifts within the NSA office itself. Delhi is currently abuzz with rumours of a major reshuffle of key secretaries and other significant positions, possibly in September. While these moves appear subtle, they could signal broader changes within India's national security framework.

WB Governor tussles with his top officials

West Bengal governor C.V. Ananda Bose has stirred up quite the controversy by writing to Union home minister Amit Shah, urging strict action against West Bengal's chief secretary Mr B.P. Gopalika and two senior police officers, Kolkata police commissioner Vineet Kumar Goyal and deputy police commissioner (central) Indira Mukherjee. These letters, sent last month, accuse the officers of serious misconduct, claiming they have blatantly violated All India Services (AIS) conduct rules and acted as "willing accomplices in the misdeeds of the ruling dispensation".

Sources have informed DKB that the Union home ministry has initiated disciplinary action against Mr Goyal and Mr Mukherjee for allegedly maligning the office of the state governor by "promoting and spreading canard".

Mr Ananda Bose's detailed
notes have created quite a
stir in the babu corridors of
North Block. Reportedly, in
his letters, Mr Ananda Bose's
outlined how the officers,
particularly Chief Secretary
Gopalika, have openly disrep
garded the Constitution and
conduct rules. He warned that
failure to take action could

further deteriorate the integrity of the Services and harm national interests. The governor accused Mr Gopalika of aiding and abetting corruption and highlighted issues like job recruitment scandals and alleged lawlessness in the state.

Mr Ananda Bose also added allegations against Mr Goyal and Mr Mukherjee, linking them to an investigation into sexual misconduct allegations against him. These accusations seem to be part of a broader effort by Mr Ananda Bose to clear his name, as he has previously dismissed the sexual harassment claims as a "sinister plot".

Interestingly, Mr Ananda Bose's letters come amidst speculation about his potential removal from his post in Bengal. Factors such as dissent among state BJP leaders and the common practice of reshuffling Raj Bhavan after a new regime takes office in Delhi, fuel these rumours. Despite this, sources indicate that the bureaucratic followup on Mr Ananda Bose's letters has already begun, making his tenure's continuity less critical.

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The drama continues to unfold, as it is expected that Ms Banerjee will retaliate strongly. Watch this space for updates.

Gujarat HC dismisses babu's cadre transfer plea

The Gujarat high court has just thrown out the petition of Hitesh Kumar Makwana (IAS: 1995: TN), who was seeking a transfer from Tamil Nadu to his home state of Gujarat. The court pointed out that such a change at the tail end of his career would cause a domino effect on other appointments within the cadre.

Mr Makwana has been battling this issue legally since 1996, almost right after his cadre was assigned. He argued that based on the 2:1 ratio for cadre allotment favouring outsiders and insiders, he should have been placed in Gujarat as an insider. After being denied by the Centre, he took his case to the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) and then escalated it to the high court.

However, the Centre stood firm, stating that Mr Makwana had no inherent right to be placed in his home state's cadre. They emphasised that cadre allocation is an administrative matter and can only be subject to judicial review in clear cases of discrimination. So, after years of legal wrangling, the court's decision brings this long-standing fight to a close. It's a reminder that cadre allocations, while seemingly bureaucratic, have broader implications and are not easily overturned.

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Education is Changing Rapidly

By: Vijay GarG

In today's fast-moving world, a model where we graduate in our youth prepared for a lifelong career is simply no longer valid.

Technology is reshaping the world into one where ongoing training, upskilling and reskilling are a necessity – and education is transforming to cater to this. Artificial intelligence (AI), online learning and breakthrough technologies like virtual and augmented reality (AR/VR) already play an increasingly important role. They will all become more integrated into the way we study and learn over the next decade.

Immersive Virtual Learning Environments

By 2035, the distinction between the physical and digital worlds will be increasingly blurred, and this is as true in education as anywhere. While I am sure many children and teenagers will still be attending brick-and-mortar school, alternatives will be well established for those who can't, as well as for adults and lifelong learners.

VR and AR technology will be far more accessible than it is today, with lightweight and affordable devices making it easy for anyone to interact with tutors and fellow learners as if they were in the same room. Highly immersive virtual classrooms and campuses will mean we can participate in sophisticated simulations, engage in complex scientific experiments or explore ancient civilizations first-hand.

The maturing of technologies that exist today will democratize access to education for those who aren't fortunate enough to live in areas with good schools and colleges. However educators will face the challenge of balancing this with concerns such as increased social isolation and the impact of extended screen-time on developing minds

AI-Driven Adaptive Learning

AI is going to change education (and everything else) in many ways, but over the next ten years, one of the most profound effects will be the rise of personalized learning. As the number of learners in both traditional classrooms (particularly in the developing world) and online environments climbs, teachers will have access to tools that accurately assess abilities and differentiate between learning styles to create hyper-personalized curriculums tailored to individuals' requirements.

Today's AI tutoring platforms will evolve into flexible AI mentors, able to understand psychological states and behavioral patterns to determine the best teaching strategies and even provide emotional support and encouragement. Students will have access to insights derived from biometric data to help them recognize the best time to learn and when they should rest. Adaptive gamification will challenge learners to improve themselves by dynamically engaging and assessing them throughout the education process, perhaps putting an end to the stress-inducing routine of cramming for end-of-term exams.

Personalization at this level has the potential to help us learn better and attain better educational outcomes. However, there will also be big challenges around privacy and questions over the role of human teachers as they find their role transitioning from information providers to learning facilitators. Biased data could lead to learners being inaccurately assessed, and care must be taken not to overlook the importance of human oversight and mentorship.

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Neurotechnology And Accelerated Learning – Hacking The Human Brain For Better Learning

Here's where things get very science fiction. So, brain-computer interfaces (BCIs) are in development today – the most famous example being Elon Musk's Neuralink experiments. Don't worry; we probably won't all have to have chips implanted in our heads to benefit, though, as non-invasive forms of BCI have also been in development for some time.

The first use cases in education are likely to involve assisting students with disabilities, enabling them to control devices with thoughts. This will enhance their ability to communicate and take part in learning activities.

Within ten years, they could also be used to understand the brain's learning processes better, potentially speeding up our ability to ingest, retain and recall information. By monitoring the electrical feedback generated by the brain, researchers believe it may be possible to optimize our ability to learn information and even develop skills such as playing a musical instrument.

Will this really be mainstream within ten years? Well, a lot depends on the outcome of research that's going on today. And just as importantly, it will come down to how society is able to answer questions around the ethical and security implications of developing technology that can literally read our thoughts!

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

LOCAL

Kavinder highlights profound impact of Sanatan **Dharma on Indian Culture and Values**

Meets Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Sadanand Saraswati

Top News Report

JAMMU / LONAVALA, Jul 11: In a grand event held at the Mahalakshmi Mata Shaktipeeth, former Deputy Chief Minister and senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta, emphasized the enduring importance of Sanatan Dharma in contemporary society.

He highlighted the role of Sanatan Dharma in fostering spiritual values, cultural unity, and ethical conduct among individuals.

The former Deputy Chief Minister was speaking during the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Shrimahalakshmi Shaktipeeth in Lonavala on Thursday.

The fifth day of ceremony was marked by Vedic rituals and cultural performances, drawing devotees from across the country and abroad. The day's proceedings began with Vedic chants and the recitation of the Panch Atharvashirsha by Vedic scholars, creating a spiritually charged atmosphere. Acharya



Rajendra Shukla conducted the Ganapatyadi Devata and Mandal Puja with the main hosts, Rajendra Sagarmal Ghuvalewala and Kusum Rajendra Ghuvalewala, overseeing the Annadhivas ceremony for the deities to be installed.

Addressing the gathering, Kavinder Gupta spoke about the profound impact of Sanatan Dharma on Indian culture and values. He lauded the efforts of the Ghuvalewala family for their dedication to preserving and promoting these timeless traditions. "Sanatan Dharma is not just a religion but a way of life that guides us towards righteousness and harmony," he remarked. He highlighted how such ceremonies reinforce communal unity and spiritual well-being.

Later, Kavinder Gupta also met with Jagadguru Shankaracharva Swami Sadanand Saraswati Ji and sought his blessings. He emphasized the importance of spiritual guidance

in governance and community development, reflecting on the Shankaracharya's wisdom as integral to his leadership approach in Jammu and Kashmir.

The event witnessed significant participation from notable personalities, including Rakhi Gaurav Ghuvalewala, Subhash Goel, and many other distinguished guests. The cultural evening on July 9, featuring a Mata ki Chowki by Rajesh Mishra and his troupe, added to the devotional fervor. The ceremony concluded with

a grand Aarti and Pushpaniali. attended by a large number of devotees.

The presence of Anant Shri Vibhushit Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Sadanand Saraswati Ji, along with other esteemed spiritual leaders like Mahamandaleshwar Agnitheerthadhipati Sri Ramakrishna Maharaj and Mahamandaleshwar Swami Samvidanand, further elevated the sanctity of the occasion.

Kisan Sabha condemns attack on army at Badnota

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 11: The Kisan Sabha, in a specially convened meeting, strongly condemned the attack on the Army Convoy at Badnota in Lohai-Malhar tehsil of Billawar area in which 5 brave soldiers of Indian Army were martyred and some others were injured. Rich tributes were paid to the martyred soldiers and solidarity expressed with those injured on the line of duty of providing security to the people and nation.

The upper reaches of Billawar, Ramnagar, Bani and Bhadarwah are touching and are the hubs for nomads and seasonal tourists. There have been consistent efforts by secessionist forces to spread terrorism in this belt.

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of the lack of road connectivity and jungles and hilly terrain. During the earlier phase of militancy also there have been many incidents in this belt resulting into loss of many lives. The authorities need to take review of the security in the area provide secure atmosphere to the people and tourists, observed Kisan Sabha. The Kisan Sabha expressed grave concern over the growing incidents of terrorism in various areas of Jammu Province in which security personnel and innocent civilians have lost lives.

This has also caused concern to the people living in rural areas close to forests and to the nomads who move to higher reaches with their cattle affecting their economy and life president Hari Chand Jalmeria, the meeting was participated by Dr Ghanisham Singh Charak vice president, Dewan Chand general secretary, Master Swaran Singh, Joginder Singh(president Billawar District), Chuni Lal Mistri, Punnu Ram Jamodia, Mohinder Singh, Ramankant Singh, Rashpal Singh, Kuldip Singh, Hari Chand Miyan, Makhan Jamodia, Balwant Singh, Tek Chand Spolia, Arvind Singh and Shanker Singh Chib.

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The Kisan Sabha has demanded strong action against terrorism, ensuring of safe environment in J&K. The Kisan Sabha also asked for peoples' unity to foil the evil designs of secessionist forces.

Illegal structures demolished in Kulgam

Top News Report

KULGAM, Jul 11: Illegal constructions unabated at Kilam and Akhran area in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, acting promptly upon a specific information regarding the illegal construction.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Athar Amir Khan a team of Revenue Department led by Tehsildar Devser, Raqib Ahmad Ganie along with Naib Tehsildar Kilam, Irshad Hussain, and police carried out a demolition drive in different areas in Devser Tehsil and demolished



cials were being forced various structures which were raised illegally. to act tough. "We demolished all

Tehsildar Devser said that nobody is allowed to raise any structure without permission from the competent authority. These violators were informed time to time not to raise structures illegally and now offi-

KDP Wing of DPAP demands rehabilitation of Kashmiri displaced Hindus in Valley

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 11: In a joint statement issued by the KDP Wing of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) through its leadership including President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku, and Youth President Naveen Gosani, several demands and concerns regarding the resettlement and rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Hindus have been highlighted.

The leaders have criticized successive governments for their failure to implement a concrete

policy for the resettlement of displaced Kashmiri Hindus back to their birthplaces in the Valley. They accuse political leaders of using the issue of displacement as a mere tool during elections without delivering on their promises. Expressing serious concerns, the leaders have emphasized that

the assurances made by political leaders since 2014, including those reiterated during the 2024 election campaigns, have been hollow and disappointing to the displaced community.

They have appealed to the present Government of India to understand

the deep frustration of the displaced Kashmiri Hindu community, who despite being the original inhabitants and stakeholders of Kashmiriyat, are forced to visit their birthplaces as tourists rather than

residents. The leaders have called for the formulation of a one-time return policy for Kashmiri displaced people to the Valley, to be discussed and implemented in the next Parliament session in consultation with the real sufferers and stakeholders languishing in camps.

Additionally, they demand the early restoration of statehood to Jammu & Kashmir, along with the conduct of long-awaited Assembly elections to establish a public government that can inspire confidence among the masses. The leaders have

rejected the reservation of two seats in the State Legislature on a nomination basis and instead propose that two political seats in the Valley be specifically reserved for Kashmiri displaced people through regular election processes, ensuring true representation for their community.

Furthermore, they have urged both the Government of India and the Union Territory government to focus on creating employment opportunities for displaced Kashmiri Hindu youth, including special recruitment into three police battalions with relaxed norms, aiming to attract youth back to serve their own community and revive their lost cultural connections.

The statement concludes with a hopeful expectation that the present government will consider these demands seriously, ensuring a dignified rehabilitation process that does not repeat the failures of past attempts.

Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School concludes **Orientation Programme**

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Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 11: Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School in Jeevan Nagar hosted an enriching Orientation Programme that brought together participants from various educational wings under its umbrella, including Pushp Vatika, Shiksha Niketan Gandhi Nagar, and different sections of Shiksha Niketan Jeevan Nagar ranging from Primary to Higher Secondary levels.

The Orientation Programme was structured into two distinct segments, each focusing on significant educational themes.

The first part centered on Artificial Intelligence (AI), while the second

focused on innovative teaching strategies.

The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana, a ceremony attended by dignitaries, guests, and wing in-charges. Each guest was welcomed

with bouquets by the respective wing incharges. The entire programme was skillfully anchored

by Rashmi and Naresh from the High Wing. Aasia Shaheen, Product Manager of Communication and Marketing at XLRI Jamshedpur and a Resource Person from KIPS Learning Pvt

Ltd, led the first segment on Artificial Intelligence. She highlighted Al as the intelligence exhibited by machines,

enabling them to understand, learn, and perform tasks that typically require human intelligence.

Aasia emphasized Al's potential in education to enhance learning experiences, improve instructional effectiveness, and offer personalized education to learners.

The interactive session engaged participants from various educational wings, fostering a deeper understanding of Al's applications in teaching and learning. The second session of the Orientation Programme kicked off energetically with Aasia Shaheen's insights on "Besides Teaching Strategies."

She engaged participants in group activities that underscored the importance of diverse teaching methods aimed at actively involving students in learning processes.

The session included a dynamic questionand-answer segment where teachers from all wings actively participated, exchanging ideas and strategies.

The workshop concluded with a plethora of innovative teaching ideas and strategies.

Rameshwer Mengi, the Principal of the School, emphasized the necessity of continuous teacher development in today's rapidly evolving educational landscape. He stressed that ongo-

lage level committees

should be constituted

ing training is essential not only for students but also for educators to stay updated with the latest pedagogical approaches.

Mengi highlighted that alobal educators regularly visit their campus to train teachers on contemporary educational practices, ensuring they remain at the forefront of educational excellence. Overall, the Orientation Programme at Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School was a resounding success, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing among educators dedicated to enhancing educational standards through modern methodologies and technological integration.

Miss Universe Jammu & Kashmir makes its debut on August 10

extraordinary woman

will earn the opportunity

to represent Jammu &

Kashmir at Miss Uni-

verse India. This year's

pageant is particularly

inclusive, allowing mar-

ried, single, divorced,

and separated women

over 18, with no upper

age limit, to participate.

Miss Universe India

Director, Nikhil Anand,

who joined the pre-

launch event, expressed

his enthusiasm for the

initiative. "The Miss Uni-

verse J&K pageant is a

significant step towards

inclusivity and repre-

sentation. I am thrilled

to see the talent and

potential that this region

Having trained over

10,000 women and

launched numerous

careers in the model-

ling and beauty pageant

has to offer."



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 11: The prestigious Miss Universe pageant is making its debut in Jammu & Kashmir, a landmark event that celebrates the legacy of iconic winners such as Sushmita Sen, Lara Dutta, and Harnaaz Sandhu. This historic event is organized by Sana Dua, former Miss India and the first and only Miss India from J&K.

Sana Dua, renowned for her extraordinary work through the years has taken up the mantle of State Director for Miss Universe Jammu & Kashmir.

The grand event will take place on August 10th, 2024, at Vivanta Jammu City Centre. Participants from across the region will gather a pivotal figure in bringing this transformative event to the state. Her students have joined talent agencies both nationally and internationally, with many representing India on global stages. Image and Beyond by Sana Dua, one of the top grooming platforms for women in Northern India, is the official grooming partner for the pageant.

industries. Sana Dua is

Vivanta Jammu City Centre, the official venue partner, hosted the pre-launch event where Nikhil Anand and Sana Dua kicked off registrations and announced the final event date. The hotel is proud to support this initiative that aims to uplift and showcase the incredible talent of Jammu & Kashmir's women.

This groundbreaking event promises to be a significant milestone for Jammu and Kashmir, providing a platform for women to express themselves, gain recognition, and pursue their dreams. The Miss Universe Jammu & Kashmir pageant is set to inspire and empower, bringing the region into the spotlight for its talent and potential.

Yasar Choudhary demands enhancement of security in Bani, Lohai Malhar

Says people ready to fight against terror alongside the SFs

Top News Report

KATHUA, Jul 11: Seeking enhancement of security in the district and its hilly areas, the Apni Party District President Kandi (Bani-Basohli), and Spokes-

person, Yasar Choudhary has said that the people in Bani, Lohai Malhar, and Basohli are living under constant fear because of recent terrorists attacked on Indian Army in Kathua. Issuing a press release, Yasar said that

the people are in touch with him, and they have safety concerns, and the people are demanding adequate security forces and JKP deployment in their respective areas. "The fear has

engrossed the people

in Bani, Lohai Malhar, and strengthened by and Basohli after the the security forces terror attacks that needs to ensure a safe and secure environment in to be addressed by the authorities by providing Kathua's hilly areas. adequate security in the "The people are ready terror hit areas," he said. He said that the vil-

to fight against the terrorism alongside the security forces," he added.

ENTERTAINMENT

BOX OFFICE BUZZ

The success of Kalki 2898 AD and failure of Bade Miyan Chote Miyan underscore that mediocrity won't work at the box-office

Currently Kalki 2898 AD's success at the box-office is ringing cash registers, which forces us to look at the past six month's records of Hindi films. While many films like Fighter, Shaitaan, Crew, Muniya and Article 370 were able to pull above Rs 100-crore in worldwide gross collections, none made an impact like Kalki 2898 AD, which collected over Rs 219 crore in India alone in just 13 days since its release on June 27. We bring the box-office halfyearly report of Hindi films. Getting it right

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January opened with the release of Katrina Kaif and Vijay Sethupathi-starrer Merry Christmas, but it barely surpassed Rs 18 crore at the boxoffice. To recover its budget of Rs 60 crore, makers sold its streaming rights to Netflix at the same amount. There were big expectations from Pathaan director Siddharth Anand, as he brought a new onscreen pair, Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone, with his film Fighter. A Republic Day release, the film collected Rs 337.20 crore worldwide, but the amount did not match Pathaan's success. Although a hit, much more was expected of Fighter, considering it was made at a whopping budget of Rs 250 crore.

February's major hit was Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya, starring Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon, another pair seen together for the first time on screen. The first rom-com of the year, made at a budget of Rs 75 crore collected Rs 133.64 crore worldwide. Kriti Sanon has seen a successful year as her two films, the other one being Crew, are listed among top 10 grossers of 2024 so far. If Teri Baaton Mein... is placed at the fourth position, female-centric Crew is just one rank above with Rs 157.08 crore collection



worldwide. A heist comedy with catchy songs, Crew was made at a budget of Rs 75 crore.

Shaitaan, a supernatural horror thriller with a talented star cast, including Ajay Devgn, R Madhavan and Jyothika, made a profit of Rs 146 crore only in theatres. With Rs 211.06 crore worldwide collections, the film is at the number two position in highest grossers' list till June end.

Flop show

The much-anticipated Bade Miyan Chote Miyan, starring Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff, was an action film made at a cost of Rs 350 crore. Guess how much the makers could recover? Barely Rs 102 crore, making it the biggest multi-starrer failure of the year. Ajay Devgn-starrer Maidaan (Rs 250 crores budget) released on the same day as Bade Miyan Chote Miyan only recovered Rs 68 crores at boxoffice.

Even biopics didn't make much impact. Films like Maidaan, Main Atal Hoon and Chandu Champion drew much traction online, but looked like people were willing to wait for them to release on OTT rather than visit the theatres. Chandu Champion, starring Kartik Aaryan (Rs 100-140 crore budget), has grossed Rs 85.64 crores so far. Much like Chandu Champion, Srikanth also was based on a differently abled-man. Starring Rajkummar Rao in the titular role and made at a cost of Rs 45 crore, the film managed to collect Rs 62.92 crore. In other words, medium-budget films like Munjya (Rs 30 crore), Article 370 (Rs 20 crore), Madgaon Express (Rs 30 crore) and Srikanth (Rs 45 crore) turned out to be hits.

If some of the most-anticipated projects failed at the BO, then there were also a few films that performed beyond expectations. Munjya, from the makers of Stree and Bhediya, made at a cost of Rs 30 crore, earned over Rs 128.36 crore worldwide. Another sleeper hit was Kiran Rao's Laapataa Ladies, which was just made at a budget of Rs 3 crore. The film won critical acclaim and went on to mint Rs 25.26 crore in theatres worldwide!

Hear it from the expert

There wasn't any pronounced trend as such during the first half of the year. The only trend that I saw, and which one sees year after year, was that good content succeeded while weak one failed.

Films which deserved to do well, like Kalki, Article 370, Srikanth and Munjya, did well. I think our writers need to understand that mediocrity won't work. It is mediocre stuff that is failing. I have been saying from the beginning that this year, probably, the South Indian and Hollywood film industries will come to the rescue of the Hindi film world, and Kalki has proven that.

With the collections being what they are, it's going to cross Rs 250 crore, which is a huge figure for a dubbed film. Some Hollywood films are doing well, have done well, like Inside Out 2 etc. So, Hindi writers and directors need to pull up their socks. — Komal Nahta, Film Trade Analyst.

Urvashi suffers 'terrible' fracture while shooting for film, hospitalised

added that she suffered

the fracture while filming

a high-octane scene and

has been in pain since

then. She reportedly

recently flew to Hyder-

abad for the shoot of the

Urvashi is in Hyder-

The Telugu film also

stars Nandamuri Bal-

akrishna, Dulqueer

Salman and Bobby

Deol. Tentatively titled

NBK 109, the film went

on floors in Novem-

ber 2023. Directed by

abad for film's shooting

film's third schedule.



Actor Urvashi Rautela has reportedly suffered a fracture in Hyderabad while shooting for her upcoming film NBK 109 in Hyderabad. As per a Free Press Journal report, Urvashi was admitted to the hospital in the city after she had the injury.

Urvashi hospitalised post fracture The report cited a press statement by

Urvashi's team and said she suffered a 'terrible' fracture. Her team Bobby Kolli, the music in the film is by Thaman S. The release date of the film hasn't been released yet.

Urvashi spoke with HT recently

Recently in an interview with news agency, Urvashi spoke about working with Balakrishna. "Balakrishna is such a living legend and a cult personality, especially down south. My equation with him is one of good faith and mutual respect because we bonded well as coactors. He was also kind enough to be a part of my birthday celebrations earlier this year on sets. I have immense respect for him," she said.

Urvashi's work in Telugu industry

Urvashi worked in Hindi films since 2013. She made her debut in Telugu cinema last year. She has featured in special numbers such as Wild Saala from Akhil Akkineni-starrer Agent, Boss Party from Chiranjeevi-starrer Waltair Veerayya, and My Dear Markendeya from Sai Dharam Tej, Pawan Kalyan-starrer Bro.

Kalyan-starrer Bro. Urvashi's recent film

Urvashi was last seen in JNU: Jahangir National University. She played the role of a college politician in the film. The political drama has been directed by Vinay Sharma and produced by Pratima Datta. The film also stars Siddharth Bodke, Rashami Desai, Ravi Kishan, Vijay Raaz, Piyush Mishra and Sonnalli Seygall. The film released in theatres on June 21.

After the hectic shoot schedule of Maharaj, Shalini Pandey has some time to unwind before she begins working on Prime Video's Bandwale and Netflix's Dabba Cartel

Anurag Kashyap's daughter reveals why she isn't attending Ambani wedding



people for PR. Anant Ambani is the younger son of Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani and his wife Nita Ambani The scion of the Ambani influencers, friends, family, fellow industrialists and businessmen, Aaliyah Kashyap said she chose not to attend the events she was invited to

Shalini Pandey's journey through the cinematic universe has been about some highs and much happiness. From her breakout role in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Arjun Reddy to her transition into Bollywood with Jayeshbhai Jordaar and the recently released Maharaj, Shalini knew she belonged to this world even when she didn't know how she had travelled the distance from Jabalpur to Mumbai.

For Shalini, it all began with a mix of uncertainty and unwavering determination. "Leaving home to pursue acting was a leap of faith," she recalls. And this initial leap led her to a role that shaped her career. It set the stage for her breakout role in Arjun Reddy. "It was a defining moment for me," she reflects. "The movie changed everything for me and for so many of us who were newcomers. Arjun Reddy worked as a miracle for all of us. Sandeep was new, so was I... Vijay was also a relatively new face. Every technician and crew member, we all got a chance and then a validation for our efforts." After a few Telugu films, Shalini touched another significant milestone when she got signed by Yash Raj banner. Even though Jayeshbhai Jordaar didn't do well, it was a matter of gratitude for her. "Working with



I can safely say we are

good friends now." About

Jaideep, Shalini says,

"Everybody knows he

is a brilliant performer.

So, when you work with

such a good actor, then

your own effort elevates.

At the same time, you

don't worry about the

scene because there is

this sense of confidence

that everything is going

Challenges and growth

If all sounds fun, Shali-

ni says she has had her

fair share of challenges,

which she has faced

head-on. "I am an engi-

neer from a small town,

who knew from that

in the right direction."

Yash Raj Films was a dream come true," she confesses. Bonding with co-stars

Her memory of Maharaj is about hectic times, where deadlines meant serious business and being safe was a priority. And when it comes to her co-actors, if she found a friend in Junaid Khan, being with Jaideep Ahlawat was a learning experience. "Junaid and I clicked instantly," she shares. "There was a natural rapport that made working together effortless. This bond has extended beyond the screen and

start that she wanted to be a heroine. From being a part of audition groups to finally landing my first role in a Telugu film, may look like an easy start but I really struggled with the language. I cried because I wanted to say that same thing in my language. I prepared over and over again to make it look natural. When I did get my first Hindi film, it felt so liberating to perform. When you can express in your mother tongue, it becomes so much more natural."

As the conversation draws to a close, Shalini says, "I had dreams, but I also knew the road ahead wouldn't be easy." Even though her family didn't agree to her choice back then, today, when they see their daughter has made a life for herself, she says, "They are only too happy. My mother is my pillar of strength and my father has also come around." For Shalini, it's all about looking ahead and following her passion

Looking ahead Set to feature in Amazon Prime Video's Bandwale and Netflix's Dabba Cartel with

lix's Dabba Cartel with Shabana Azmi, Shalini looks at the future with optimism and is driven by new opportunities. "I'm excited about these projects. While I can't reveal much, I just want to tell you that these are very close to my heart." Director Anurag Kashyap's daughter, Aaliyah Kashyap, has claimed that she was invited to some events of Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's wedding but chose not to attend out of "self respect."

In a series of Instagram broadcast messages, Aaliyah Kashyap, 23, equated the wedding with a "circus" and claimed that the Ambani family had invited some family will marry Radhika Merchant, daughter of Encore Healthcare CEO Viren Merchant, on July 12 in Mumbai. The Ambani family has already hosted two pre-wedding events, both spanning multiple days of festivities. The first was a three-day bash in Jamnagar attended by the likes of Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg, while the second was a luxury cruise with stops across the Mediterranean.

With the wedding approaching, the Ambani family has already hosted several parties in Mumbai last week, including a garba night, a haldi ceremony and a sangeet where many Bollywood stars performed.

While the guest list for Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's wedding has been extensive, comprising film industry stalwarts,

"The Ambani wedding is not a wedding at this point it's become a circus," the 23-year-old wrote.

"I was invited to some events because apparently they're doing PR (???? don't ask me why) but I said no because I would like to believe I have a little more self respect than to sell myself out for someone's WEDDING," she added.

Screenshots of her broadcast messages have been widely shared online.

In other messages, Aaliyah said she was fascinated by the lives of "rich people" and had been stalking everything wedding-related on social media.

She also pointed out how the Ambani family had shut down parts of Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) for the wedding.

Alia Bhatt trained for four months for her role in Alpha

Alia Bhatt and Sharvari have teamed up for the first female-led film in the YRF spy universe. While the news was out in reports for a while, recently the makers made it all official as they announced the film with the title reveal. The film is titled Alpha and it went on floors earlier this month.

Now, we have learnt details about Alia's training for the film as she plays a secret agent. A source close to the development reveals to us, "Alia has started shooting for Alpha on July 5th. The film presents her in a never-seen-before avatar. She has trained for about four months to prepare herself to play a super agent. She has five to six major action sequences in the



film and she needs to be at her fittest best. Alia has pushed her body to a breaking point because she has to look ruthless on screen."

Apart from Alia and Sharvari, Bobby Deol is rumoured to be a part of the cast of the Shiv Rawail directorial as well. The actor will apparently play the antagonist opposite the ladies. Alpha adds a new link in the YRF spy universe which already has Salman Khan's Tiger, Hrithik Roshan's Kabir and Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan. Till date, five films in the universe have been released, with the next two films in the pipeline being War 2 and Alpha. There are two more rumoured projects in the pipeline-Pathaan 2 and Tiger Vs Pathaan.

NATIONAL

Supreme Court defers hearing on petitions seeking scrapping of NEET-UG to July 18

In order to enable the parties to peruse the replies, the Bench posts the matter for next Thursday.

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Thursday deferred hearing on the petitions seeking scrapping of NEET-UG 2024 for alleged paper leak and other malpractices to July 18.

A three-judge Bench led by CJI DY Chandrachud said the Union of India and the National Testing Agency (NTA) had filed their replies but some of the advocates had not got the e-copies of the replies.

In order to enable the parties to peruse the replies, the Bench posted the matter for next Thursday.

The Centre has asserted that there was no indication of mass malpractice or local set of candidates being benefited.

The NTA has also said that Telegram videos allegedly showing photos of leaked question papers were fake and manipulated.

Citing a technical analysis of NEET-2024 data carried out by experts from IIT Madras, the Centre has told the Supreme Court that there was no indication of mass malpractice or



It said "There is an overall

increase in the marks obtained

by students, specifically in

the range of 550 to 720. This

increase is seen across the

cities and centres. This is

attributed to 25% reduction in

syllabus. In addition, candidates

obtaining such high marks are

spread across multiple cities

and multiple centres, indicating

verv less likelihood of mass mal-

Both the Centre and the NTA

-- which conducts the NEET-

UG test - have opposed scrap-

ping the examination. In an

affidavit filed in the top court,

practice."

local set of candidates being benefited.

In an affidavit filed in response to petitions seeking scrapping of NEET-UG 2024 for alleged paper leak and other malpractices, the Union Ministry of Education asserted that there was "very less likelihood of mass malpractice".

Citing the results of the analysis done by experts of IIT Madras, the Centre said, "The analysis shows that there is neither any indication of mass malpractice nor a localised set of candidates being benefited leading to abnormal scores." the Centre said scrapping the entire examination would seriously jeopardise lakhs of honest candidates who didn't adopt any unfair means.

In a separate affidavit, the NTA also opposed cancellation of the exam, saying it "would be hugely counterproductive and significantly harmful to the larger public interest, especially to the career prospects of the qualified candidates".

Around 24 lakh students appeared for NEET-UG 2024 Examination conducted on May 5 by the NTA across 4,750 centres in 511 cities and 14 centres abroad for admission to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in more than 700 government and private institutions to fill 1.08 lakh seats.

Highlighting several 'red flags' in the examination, the top court had on Monday made it clear that it would order a re-test, if it's found that the irregularities were widespread.

The Bench had also directed the CBI to submit a status report on the probe into the alleged paper leak.

Supreme Court judge recuses from hearing Manish Sisodia's plea for revival of bail petitions in excise policy cases

Kumar said another

bench in which Justice

Kumar is not a member

will take up Sisodia's

two separate pleas for

reviving his bail peti-

tions in cases filed by

the Enforcement Direc-

torate (ED) and Central

Bureau of Investiga-

tion (CBI) in the excise

As soon as the matter

was taken up for hear-

ing, Justice Khanna

said, "Our brother has

policy 'scam' case.



NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): Supreme Court judge Justice Sanjay Kumar on Thursday recused from hearing pleas of AAP leader and former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia by which his bail petitions have been sought to be revived in the excise policy scam cases.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna, Sanjay Karol and Sanjay some difficulty. He will not like to hear this matter for personal reasons."

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Sisodia, requested the bench to list the matter urgently, saying time is of essence.

He said the trial has not yet commenced in both the cases.

The bench said another bench will take it up on July 15.

On June 4, the top court had refused to entertain the bail pleas of Sisodia in cases lodged by the CBI and the ED in connection with the alleged Delhi liquor policy scam.

Sisodia had earlier moved the apex court challenging the Delhi High Court's May 21 verdict which dismissed his bail pleas in the cases probed by the two central agencies.

Sniffer dog led police to 3 schoolboys who killed Andhra girl, 8, after 'molesting' her

NANDYALA, Jul 11 (Agencies): A man had filed a missing complaint with the police after his eight-year-old daughter, who was playing in a park in Andhra Pradesh's Nandyala district, did not return home.

Police launched a search and questioned locals, but could not find her.

The girl was allegedly molested and pushed into a canal by three minor boys, said a police official on Thursday. According to the SP, a National Disaster Response Force team arrived on Thursday to search for the body.

He said it cannot ascertained whether the girl was raped until her body is found.

It was a sniffer dog that led police to the three boys, her seniors in school, who had allegedly molested her and then pushed her into the canal, reports. The boys, in the age group of 12 to 13, have admitted to the crime. The three

minors have been detained. They told the police that they disposed of the body in the canal. Two of them are Class 6 students, aged 12, and one is in Class 7 and is 13.

They told police that they saw the girl playing in the park and joined her.

They then took her to a secluded area near the Muchumarri dam and took turns in molesting her. Worried that the girl may tell her parents, they threw her into the canal, the boys told police.

Sub-Inspector Jayshekhar of the Muchumarri police station said they are still looking at it as a missing case because the body of the girl has not been found.

Delhi High Court lists for September 9 Arvind Kejriwal's plea against ED summons in excise case

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Thursday listed for hearing on September 9 Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's petition challenging the summonses issued to him by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with its probe into an excise policy-linked money-laundering case. A bench headed by Justice Prathiba M Singh granted four more weeks to the AAP leader to file a rejoinder to the reply submitted by

to the reply submitted by the ED. The senior counsel,

appearing for Kejriwal, sought more time



to file the rejoinder saying there are certain changes in the circumstances and they have not been given a proper legal interview, a plea for which is pending in the high court.

"Let the rejoinder be filed in four weeks," the bench, also comprising Justice Amit Sharma, said.

The counsel for the ED had earlier said the petition against the summonses was infructuous after Kejriwal's arrest by the agency on March 21 in the money-laundering case following the high court's refusal to grant him interim protection from coercive action. On April 22, the court had given two weeks' time to Kejriwal to file his rejoinder. On the next date of hearing in May, the court allowed him four weeks more to place his stand on record

The AAP national convenor had approached the high court in the wake of the ninth summons issued by the ED asking him to appear before it on March 21. The high court bench had on March 20 asked the ED to file its reply with respect to the maintainability of the petition. The next day, it asked the ED to also respond to Kejriwal's plea seeking protection from arrest, saying "at this stage" it was not inclined to grant him any interim relief. Kejriwal was arrested by the ED later that evening.

On June 20, the trial court granted bail to Kejriwal in the moneylaundering case but on June 25, the high court stayed the bail order following a challenge mounted by the ED. On June 26, the CBI

On June 26, the CBI arrested the Delhi chief minister in the excise policy-related corruption case.

Can expect rapid implementation of AP reorganisation act now: Congress jab Modi

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Congress on Thursday claimed that the Modi government implemented the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014 at a "lackadaisical pace" but with Prime Minister Narendra Modi having "lost majority" on his own, a rapid implementation of the legislation can be expected. Congress general secretary, in-charge communications, Jairam Ramesh's assertion came over a media report which claimed that the Centre has acceded to a major demand of setting up an oil refinery and petrochemical hub in Andhra Pradesh with an investment of over Rs 60,000 crore.

"An oil refinery and petrochemical complex in Andhra Pradesh was originally a commitment made by Dr.Manmohan Singh's Government in the Thirteenth Schedule of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014," Ramesh said.

"In fact, the 'one-third' Pradhan Mantri's government was legally obliged to deliver the project within the last ten years, and IOC/HPCL was obliged to examine the feasibility of the project within six months " he said.



The "one-third Pradhan Mantri's government", after failing to move for 10 years, has only initiated the feasibility study now, Ramesh said. Ramesh further said that this lackadaisical pace of implementation of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act was one of the reasons why Chandrababu Naidu garu famously withdrew from the NDA in 2018. "Perhaps now that the 'one-third' Pradhan Mantri has lost his majority and his ego, we can expect rapid implementation of the Act," Ramesh said. In the Lok Sabha polls,

the BJP with 240 seats fell short of a majority but the NDA secured the mandate with 293 seats. Whereas the Congress bagged 99 seats while the INDIA bloc got 234 seats. Following the polls, two Independents who

two Independents who won have also pledged support to the Congress, taking the INDIA bloc tally to 236. MP man claims wife left him as he is dark-skinned; cops call couple for counselling

GWALIOR, Jul 11 (Agencies): A 24-yearold man in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior has claimed that his wife left him because of his dark complexion and also filed a harassment complaint against him. The man has also filed a police complaint

filed a police complaint against his wife over the issue, an official said on Thursday.

The police have called both for counselling on Saturday before initiating any action.

Talking to reporters on Wednesday, the man, a resident of Vicky Factory area in the city, said he got married about 14 months back. Soon after the marriage, his wife started troubling him and kept taunting him because of his dark complexion, he claimed.

claimed. His wife gave birth to a girl about a month back, he said. "But after 10 days,

she left the child (at the man's home) and went to stay with her parents," the man said. "When I went to her house to bring her back,

she again raised the o issue of my dark complexion and refused to th come back with me," he lii claimed. a Later, she also filed a

house, leaving the child at her in-laws' place. The woman's husband and his mother also filed a complaint over the issue during a public

a complaint of harass-

ment against him at the

women's police station,

Deputy Superinten-

dent of Police Kiran

Ahirwar said the woman

had gone to her parent's

he said.

hearing with the local police on Tuesday, the official said. "We have called both the parties for counsel-

ling on July 13 and only after that we will take action," she added.

Two workers crushed to death as heavy boiler falls on them in Thane factory

THANE, Jul 11 (Agencies): Two workers at a factory in Maharashtra's Thane district were killed when a heavy boiler being lifted with the help of a crane fell on them, police said on Thursday.

The incident took place on Wednesday evening at the dyeing unit located in Saravli MIDC (Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation) in Bhiwandi town, an official from Kongaon police station said.

The boiler was being lifted with the

help of a crane when it slipped and fell on the workers standing below it, he said.

The two workers, Balaram Chowdhari (55) and Pandurang Patil (65), were crushed to death, the official said.

The bodies were later sent to a government hospital for postmortem, he said.

A case of accidental death has been registered as of now and a probe is on into the incident, the police added.

24-year-old beaten to death over affair with minor in Haryana's Rewari district

REWARI, Jul 11 (Agencies): A 24-year-old man from Rajasthan was allegedly beaten to death in Rewari by the family of a girl who suspected he was having an affair with her, police said on Thursday.

The incident happened Monday night in Chitradurga village of Rewari, they said.

Two uncles of the girl have been arrested in connection with the man's death, police said. They have been identified as Dinesh and Ravinder.

"We have taken them on two-day police remand on a city court order and are questioning them," Inspector Prahlad Singh, SHO Khol police station, said.



According to police, Mohit, a native of Alwar district's Giglana village, had gone to meet the 17-year-old girl at her house in Rewari on Monday night.

When the girl's grandparents saw him they raised an alarm and woke up the rest of the family that beat Mohit.

The victim was rushed to a hospital in Rewari by his family members who had come to the village after hearing about the incident. Mohit succumbed at the hospital.

"We found Mohit severely injured when we reached there. We took him to a local doctor, who referred him to Rewari, but he died. We did not know Mohit had an affair," said Rajesh Kumar, an uncle of Mohit.

Inspector Prahlad Singh said police are conducting raids to nab other suspects.

INTERNATIONAL

'Cold War mentality': China responds to NATO accusations saying Beijing is 'enabler' of Russian war

NATO members said a China-Russia alliance was cause for "profound concern."

BEIJING, Jul 11 (Agencies): A Chinese official rejected on Thursday an accusation from NATO members, who said that Beijing has become a "decisive enabler" of Russia's war in Ukraine. A spokesperson for China's Mission to the European Union said a declaration issued on Wednesday by NATO members was "filled with Cold War mentality and belligerent rhetoric."

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"We never provide lethal weapons to either party of the conflict, and exercise strict export control on dual-use goods including civilian drones," the spokesperson said in published remarks.

NATO members, who are in Washington for a summit, had included



which NATO said was

"mutually reinforcing

attempts to undercut

and reshape the rules-

based international

order," was a cause

"for profound concern,"

the 32-member alliance

wrote in the declaration

"The PRC has become

a decisive enabler of

Russia's war against

Ukraine through its so-

called 'no limits' partner-

ship and its large-scale

published Wednesday.

the accusations against China as part of a wideranging declaration. The document said China's international ambitions and efforts "continue to challenge our interests, security and values."

The declaration also included direct references to what NATO members described as China's "deepening strategic partnership" with Russia.

That relationship,

support for Russia's defence industrial base," the declaration said, using an acronym for the People's Republic of China. "This increases the threat Russia poses to its neighbours and to Euro-Atlantic security." NATO members said China supplied Russia with dual-use materials, including components used for building weapons. China also supplied equipment and

raw materials that "serve as inputs for Russia's defence sector," the declaration said.

"The PRC cannot enable the largest war in Europe in recent history without this negatively impacting its interests and reputation," the declaration said

China, using language similar to its previous statements, characterized its trade with Russia as "normal." The spokesperson said the NATO declaration included "obvious lies and smears," which China was "firmly" rejecting. "The normal trade

flows between China and Russia does not target any third party, nor should it be subject to disruption or coercion," the Chinese spokesperson said.

Australian Father Charged With Triple Murder After **House Fire Kills Three**



SYDNEY, Jul 11 (Agencies): An Australian father faced triple murder charges Thursday, accused of setting his home ablaze and locking the door with his seven children and their mother inside.

Three of the children -- two boys aged two and six and a five-monthold baby girl -- died in the weekend blaze in western Sydney's Lalor Park, police said.

The four other young children are in a stable condition in hospital and their 29-year-old mother has been released after treatment, police added.

The 28-year-old father, who is in hospital under police guard after emerging from an induced coma, was refused bail in a Sydney court on three counts of murder and five of attempted murder, court documents showed.

"Police will allege this man is solely

responsible for setting fires inside the premises," New South Wales detective superintendent Daniel Doherty told a news conference after the court hearing

An accelerant had whipped up "a large amount of fire and smoke" in the home and the doors "had been locked" to prevent the family escaping, he said.

A neighbour "very courageously" forced his way inside, rescuing two boys aged four and seven and a nineyear-old girl, as well as the mother, Doherty said.

But the father allegedly prevented the neighbour from saving an 11-year-old boy.

Police then arrived, however, and "had to wrestle with this man and wrestle the boy from his grasp because he was holding on to him, allegedly, and the boy was then rescued", the detective said. A domestic dispute may have led to the "horrendous murderous act", Doherty said.

Most of the children were the accused man's biological children but in any case "they are his family, they are his kids", he said.

"It's not something that I will forget about very quickly."

11 killed as passenger bus collides with pickup truck in northern Philippines

TUGUEGARAO, Jul 11 (Agencies): A bus collided with a pickup truck killing 11 people and injuring six others in a northern Philippine town on Thursday. Those who died were riding the small truck as it was rammed on the side by the bus, causing it to lose control and smash into a roadside food stall in Abulug town, about 600 km (373 miles) north of Manila, said police chief Maj Antonio Palattao

The drivers of both vehicles were

injured, along with the owner of the food stall that was hit by the truck. An investigation is underway to determine who was responsible for the accident, he said.

Deadly road accidents are common in the Philippines because of weak enforcement of traffic laws, dilapidated vehicles and dangerous road conditions, including inadequate safety signs and barriers in mountain roads and farflung provinces.

Three people fatally shot in California home, suspect in police custody

ALAMEDA, Jul 11 (Agencies): Three people were fatally shot in California Wednesday night and a person of interest is in custody, according to the Alameda Police Department.

The APD said in a statement on Facebook that it received a call from an individual who reported that their neighbor had been shot in the 400 block of Kitty Hawk Road in the City of Alameda.

Upon arrival, Alameda police officers located the victim.

located multiple family members suffering from apparent gunshot wounds, including juveniles. A person of interest is in custody. Police did not immediately

give a motive for the shooting. "We are deeply saddened to report that three victims did not survive, and additional family members are being treated at local hospitals," police said. There is no information to suggest there is any threat to members of the public, police said. An investigation is

The UK mulls tighter crossbow laws after 3 women were slain in an attack, the suspect is in hospital

LONDON, Jul 11 (Agencies): A man suspected of killing the wife and daughters of a BBC radio sports commentator with a crossbow was being treated in a hospital Thursday after being found injured in a cemetery some 15 miles (22 kilometers) from the scene of the crimes.

Police had spent almost a day hunting for Kyle Clifford after the attack on Carol Hunt, 61, and her daughters Hannah, 28 and Louise, 25 at their home in Bushey, northwest of London. Police and ambulance crews called to the suburban cul-desac on Tuesday evening tried to save them, but they were pronounced

dead at the scene. After a frantic search

don's northern fringe, Clifford, 26, was found Wednesday in the Enfield area of north London, near his home. Footage from Sky News showed the suspect being carried on a stretcher out of Lavender Hill Cemetery. Armed police officers, forensic personnel and ambulance staff had massed around the cemetery through the

day. Police did not say how he was injured, but stressed that they had not fired any shots. They said Clifford has not yet been arrested.

"Following extensive inquiries, the suspect has been located and nobody else is being sought in connection with the investigation at Inspector Justine Jenkins from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Major

Crime Unit. Police did not say how or whether Clifford was connected to the women, but said they believed the attack was targeted. British media reported that Clifford was an ex-boyfriend of one of the victims.

Jenkins said the investigation was moving "at pace" and that formal identification of the victims had vet to take place.

The BBC confirmed the victims were the family of its sports commentator John Hunt. Hunt is the main racing commentator for BBC 5 Live, the corporation's main news and sports is known to millions whether controls on owning crossbows should be tightened.

Security Minister Dan Jarvis said Home Secretary Yvette Cooper would "look clearly, very carefully at what happened yesterday - devastating events - and she will take a view in the near future."

The weapon has been used in several highprofile crimes in recent years. In December 2021 a would-be assailant carrying a loaded crossbow broke into Windsor Castle after being encouraged by an AI chatbot to kill Queen Elizabeth II. Jaswant Singh Chail pleaded guilty to a treason charge and was sentenced to nine years in

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Jul 11 (Agencies):

launched review into prison.

Former Indonesian agriculture minister jailed for corruption

Indonesia's anti-graft court has sentenced a former agriculture minister to 10 years in prison for extortion, abuse of power and bribery involving ministry contracts with private vendors

JAKARTA, Jul 11 (Agencies): Indonesia's anti-graft court sentenced a former agriculture minister to 10 years in prison Thursday after finding him guilty of corruption-related extortion, abuse of power and bribery involving ministry contracts with private vendors.

The case has tarnished President Joko Widodo's credibility in fighting corruption. Five other members of Widodo's Cabinet have been sentenced to prison terms in corruption cases, casting a shadow over his efforts to clean up government while his term will end in October

The court in the capital, Jakarta, ruled that the former Cabinet minister, Syahrul Yasin Limpo, was guilty of abusing his power by enriching himself and other officials. It also ordered him to pay a 300 million rupiah (\$18,500) fine, and said he would be subject to another four months' imprisonment if he fails to pay

"The defendant has legally and convincingly been proven guilty of corruption." presiding Judge Rianto Adam Pontoh said. "He wasn't a good example as a public official, what he has done is counter the government's efforts to fight corruption and enriched himself by corruption."

Limpo had been arrested last October by the Corruption Eradication Commission, known as the KPK. He has denied wrongdoing. Several ministry officials testified during the trial that secretariats, directorates general and agencies within the ministry was required to give up 20% of their budgets to Limpo, as though they were indebted to him, and he threated their jobs if they rejected his demands. Vendors and suppliers were also asked to set aside money to fulfill the thenminister's demands, the trial revealed. Limpo used the money

on luxurious cars, gifts and apartments, char-



ter private jets, family parties and gatherings, and for religious observances and pilgrimages. Limpo also used the bribes to disburse humanitarian aid for disaster victims and to his Nasdem political party.

Prosecutors, who sought 12 years imprisonment for Limpo, said the politician accepted a total of 44.7 billion rupiah (\$2.7 million) between January 2020 and October 2023.

In their indictment, prosecutors accused Limpo of ordering his two subordinates, Kasdi Subagyono and Muhammad Hatta, to collect the illicit money.

They were each sentenced to four years in prison in separate cases.

During the trial, Limpo said he was the victim of political persecution and felt that he had been slandered by his subordinates in his ministry who fears of being replaced or removed from their position. "I never received any

information about their objection to any of my orders," Limpo said, "If they think it's wrong, they should consult and discuss with me first."

Widodo campaigned in part on a pledge to run a clean government in a country that ranked 115th out of 180 nations

in the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index compiled by Transparency International.

Limpo, a former South Sulawesi governor, is the second politician from the Nasdem Party to face recent prosecution. Johnny G. Plate, a former communication minister, was sentenced to 15 years in prison over \$533 million in graft of the construction of mobile phone transmission towers in remote parts of the country. Corruption is endemic in Indonesia and the anti-graft commission,

one of the few effective institutions in the country of nearly 270 million people, is frequently under attack by lawmakers who want to reduce its powers. The KPK has arrested around 250 members

founded in late 2003.

of the local parliament, as many as 133 regents and mayors as well as 18 governors, 83 members of the national parliament and 12 ministers since the institution was

President Joe Biden's administration will resume shipping 500pound bombs to Israel but will continue to hold back on supplying 2,000-pound bombs over concerns about their use in densely populated Gaza, a US official said.

The US in May paused a shipment of 2,000pound and 500-pound bombs due to concern over the impact they could have in Gaza during the war that began with Hamas's deadly October 7, 2023 cross-border raid.

The administration's particular concern had been the use of such large bombs in Rafah, where over one million Palestinians had taken refuge.

"We have been clear that our concern has been about the end-use of the 2,000-lb bombs, particularly for Israel's Rafah campaign, which they have announced they are concluding," a US official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

One 2,000-pound bomb can rip through thick concrete and metal, creating a wide blast radius. The US official said the 500-pound bombs were put together in the same shipment with the larger ones that were paused and therefore got held up.

bombs to Israel for Gaza war: Official

through his coverage of

the world famous Grand

National and The Derby.

Shocked neighbors

came late Wednesday

to lay flowers near the

"They were the loveli-

est, gentlest family," said

Su Kehinde, who lives

nearby. "They were the

meekest human beings.

They did not deserve

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People in Britain do

not need a license to

own a crossbow, but it

is illegal to carry one in

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The new Labour Party

government, which took

office last week, said it

would "swiftly consider"

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"Our main concern had been and remains the potential use of 2,000 Ib bombs in Rafah and elsewhere in Gaza. Because our concern was not about the 500 Ib bombs, those are moving forward as part of the usual process," the official added.

The US has notified Israel that it is releasing the 500-pound bombs but keeping the hold on the larger ones, a person familiar with the matter said.

In June, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claimed Washington was withholding weapons, and pleaded with US officials to remedy the situation. Biden's aides expressed disappointment and confusion over the Israeli leader's remarks. During his visit to Washington, Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said there had been significant progress on the issue of US munitions supply to Israel, adding "obsta-

cles were removed and bottlenecks were addressed".

Despite the pause on one shipment, Israel has continued to receive a steady flow of US weaponry.

Agency reported last month that between the start of the Gaza war last October and end-June, the US has transferred at least 14,000 of the MK-84 2,000pound bombs, 6,500 500-pound bombs, 3,000 Hellfire precisionguided air-to-ground missiles, 1,000 bunkerbuster bombs, 2,600 airdropped small-diameter bombs, and other munitions.

International scrutiny of Israel's military operations in Gaza has intensified as the Palestinian death toll from the war has exceeded 38,000, according to the Gaza health ministry, and has left the coastal enclave in ruins.

The latest bloodshed in the decadesold Israeli-Palestinian conflict began on October 7 when Palestinian Hamas terrorists attacked southern Israel, killing 1,200 people and taking 250 others hostage, according to Israeli tallies.

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Counter strategy against militancy must be revisited to eliminate existing threat: SSP

Top News Report

JAMMU. Jul 11: Col S.S Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP), J&K UT expressed his pain and anguish on the martyrdom of five bravehearts and offered deep condolences to the bereaved family members.

Pakistan, in pursuit of its proxy war, fully supported by China has succeeded in shifting the epicenter of militancy from Kashmir to Jammu region, Col S.S Pathania said adding that starting from twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri about 3 years back Pakistan has extended its influence and operations in Reasi, Udhampur, Doda, Kishtwar and Kathua districts and constantly attack the Indian army and Police forces. Frequencies of mili-

tant's clearly indicates various chinks in the armourer of of our counter strategy, which must be revisited both at UT



and centre level with the sole aim of wiping out militancy from both the region, Col S.S Pathania said.

So far, he said, our approach has been only reactive and we must change it to a proactive stance, giving a stern message, followed by actions to OGWs, sleeper cells and sympathisers with in and outside government LOC and IB has to be strengthened by wire

obstacle and surveillance equipment, giving special emphasis on various rivers and nallahs, which have been traditional routes of infiltration, he said. Considering the sensitivity of JKUT and increasing militants

appointment of an army general with two military advisors i.e one each in Jammu and Kashmir, will pay great dividends to tackle the double whammy of narco as well normal terrorism. Pathania further stated that DCs and SSPs of each district must be

activities, he said

dovetailed in our fight against the militancy with a fair degree of accountability at SHO and Police Post level.

Additional intelligence agencies and security forces must be inducted, if any audit suggests that. Battle of militancy can't be won if people don't support security forces, as they serve as eyes and ears for security forces as human intelligence.

VDCs too needs to be equipped and trained properly and can serve as a great force multiplier, to thwart the evil design of ISI and Pakistan, said Col S.S Pathania.

Muslim brothers should participate in national schemes like Agniveer: Chandel



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 11: Speaking to journalists on Thursday, Hinduist Sanatani leader Raju Chandel emphasized the longstanding harmony among Sanatani Muslim brothers in India, urging against divisive influences. He expressed concern over certain elements glorifying Pakistan and misquiding Muslim youth, stressing the need for Maulanas and Maulvis to foster patriotism and love for

the country among edu-

Chandel highlighted

the contentment and

cated Muslim youth.

progress of Muslims in India, attributing their happiness to education and business opportunities. He criticized political exploitation of Muslim youth for elec-

toral gains over the past 70 years. Calling for unity and progress, Chandel called upon Sanatan Muslim brothers to resist political manipulation, join efforts to strengthen the country, and participate in national schemes like Agniveer for youth empowerment. He condemned Pakistan's efforts to destabilize India through terrorism and underscored the importance of national unity. Chandel invoked the principle of 'Vasudev Kutumbaka' from Sanatan Dharma, advocating for global harmony and welfare through non-violence and mutual respect among all faiths.

Tony urges LG Sinha to waive electricity bills for Zero Line farmers

Top News Report

SUCHETGARH, Jul 11: Tarnjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of J&K Pradesh Congress Committee and DDC Suchetgarh, has urged the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to waive the electricity bills of zero line farmers. He said that the farmers residing in the sensitive border areas playing a crucial role in bolstering the morale and operational capabilities of the armed forces and BSF during challenging border situations.

During this visit to BOP Chhawani at Zero Line area along the India-Pakistan border in Sae Khurd Panchayat, Tony emphasized the invaluable contribution of zero line farmers, highlighting their steadfast support to the security forces deployed in these critical zones. He under-

scored that waiving their electricity bills would not only alleviate their financial strain but also enhance their ability to sustain agricultural activities vital to the region's economy and security. "Zero line farmers are the

backbone of our border defense strategy, providing essential support to our brave soldiers and security personnel. It is imperative that we recognize and support their sacrifices by ensuring they are not burdened with unnecessary financial obligations," he added.

The senior Congress leader further stressed that easing the financial burden on these farmers would reinforce the government's commitment to enhancing border security efforts and ensuring the well-being of those living in sensitive border

countries.

regions. He urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to consider this proposal earnestly, emphasizing that it would not only benefit the farmers directly but also contribute significantly to the overall security infrastructure of the region.

Earlier, Taranjit Singh Tony, along with officials from the Power Development Department (PDD) including XEn Ashok Chibber, AEE Rajiv Kaul, and AE Pawan Kumar, conducted a visit to the sensitive Zero Line areas along the India-Pakistan border at BOP Chhawani in Sae Khurd Panchayat and Sae Kalan in Suchetgarh constituency and took stock of damaged poles. Due to recent severe weather conditions, nearly 150 power poles in Suchetgarh were damaged, affecting crucial electricity infrastructure in the region.

Recognizing the importance of restoring power supply swiftly, Tony emphasized that uninterrupted electricity is essential, especially during the paddy season for irrigation, given the constraints faced with water supply from the Ranbir canal. XEn Ashok Chibber assured

the DDC member Tony of expediting the restoration work, which is set to commence tomorrow, underscoring its priority status.

Among those who were present include former Sarpanch Sarabjit Singh, former Sarpanch Sham Lal Bhagat, Ch. Bihari Lal, former Panch Madan Lal, former Panch Joginder Singh, former Panch Rajinder Kumar, Bawa Choudhary, Ramesh Choudhary, and several other farmers.

CUJ announces commencement of admission process for DBT supported M.Sc Program in Biotechnology

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 11: The Centre for Molecular Biology at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) is pleased to announce the commencement of the admission process for its prestigious M.Sc program in Biotechnology for the academic session 2024-26. This program, supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, offers a unique opportunity for aspiring biotechnologists. There are only ten seats available and admission is based on GAT-B 2024 score. Each

year's admission process for academic session 2024-26 has commenced and the first merit list for admission shall be released on 15 July 2024. This year the Centre has received an overwhelming response with approximately 270 applications from GAT-B qualified aspiring candidates for the ten available seats for admission to the prestigious program.

Rekha meets JMC Commissioner, demands relief for general public

student admitted for the

program will receive a

monthly fellowship of

Rs 5000 for the entire

duration of the two years

degree program. This



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equate waste manage-

ment in Jammu South,

poor road conditions,

insufficient public ame-

nities, healthcare infra-

structure, street lights,

and other related issues.

She demanded prompt

action to address these

grievances, ensuring

the effective delivery

Mahajan

discussed in detail.

Rekha

Top News Report

JAMMU, Jul 11: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan led a delegation to meet Rahul Yadav, Commissioner of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), in town hall Jammu to highlight the pressing issues faced by the general public in Jammu South. She urged the commissioner to take immediate action to provide relief to the citizens. Rekha Mahajan, accompanied by State Secretary and Prabhari Jammu South Ayodhya Gupta, District Secretary Rohin Chandan, Neeraj Dewan, Treasurer Rajesh Gupta, Mandal Presidents Vijay Sharma, Bharat Bhushan, Neeraj Puri, and Ranjit Singh, Sharma, Pardeep

of municipal services. JMC Commissioner patiently listened to the grievances and assured Rekha Mahajan that the JMC would prioritize these issues and work towards finding solutions. Rekha Mahajan emphasized the need for swift action. stressing that the public has been suffering for far too long.

Rachit Khosla, and Ajay Ayodhya Gupta reiter-Partap, were present on ated the BJP's commitment to advocating for During the meetthe welfare of the people ing, various issues, and ensuring their welldemands, and problems being. Notably, the being faced by inhabitmeeting demonstrates ants of the Jammu the BJP's commit-South related to sanitament to engaging with tion, ongoing constructhe administration and tion, desilting of lanes advocating for the weland nallahs, proper fare of the people. He functioning of street

reiterated the party's dedication to ensuring the well-being of the citizens and resolving their grievances. Mandal Presidents of

Jammu South raised different issues in their areas concerning the common masses.

JMC Commissioner Rahul Yadav was kind enough to hear the different demands raised during the meeting and assured that all issues would be addressed in a phased manner.

interaction with business leaders from both

"Met business leaders from India and Austria. Our nations are confident of lever-

FROM PAGE 1 believed to have successfully infiltrated through the International Border and managed to reach the dense forests of Machedi that connects Basantgarh in Udhampur

Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code.

Malik had pleaded guilty to the charges, including those under the UAPA, and was in either countries for many years now. It is the BCCI's own decision whether to send the team to play a tournament," he said.

The NC leader said it is not the respon-

nation visit to kussia and Austria

PM Modi arrives in Delhi

after concluding two-

the event showcased the strong connection between India and its diaspora.

Following this, Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer extended his appreciation to the teams involved in organizing the successful state visit of PM Modi to Austria.

Further in a post on X, Chancellor Nehammer acknowledged the dedication and hard work of numerous individuals and teams, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Federal Army, the police, protocol officers, and many others behind the scenes. He thanked them for their professional planning, organization, and execution of the visit.

"In order for a state visit as big as that of @narendramodi to Austria to work, dozens of employees are intensively busy for weeks. Hundreds more are involved on the day of the visit," Nehammer said.

"Many thanks to the teams of @MFA Austria, @bkagvat as well as the Federal Army, the police, the protocol and the many helping hands in the background for the professional planning, the careful organization and the perfect execution. Thank you!" he added. Appreciating the tradition of cultural exchanges, Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer and PM Modi also noted the growing interest among Austrians in yoga as well as Ayurveda.

Both leaders also recognised the importance of skill development along with the mobility of skilled personnel to support an expanded engagement in high-tech sectors.

In this regard, both the leaders welcomed the operationalisation of the bilateral Migration and Mobility Agreement, which provides an institutional framework to facilitate such exchanges, while at the same time combating irregular migration, the PMO said. Notably, PM Modi held significant meetings with Austrian leaders, including Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen and Chancellor Nehammer, to bolster bilateral cooperation and explore new avenues for collaboration between India and Austria

Prime Minister Modi also highlighted his

aging the many opportunities ahead to boost commercial and trade linkages," he said, underlining the mutual confidence in enhancing economic ties.

PM Modi arrived in Vienna on June 9 evening for a day-long State visit. Prior to this, he was on a two-day official visit to Moscow, where he met Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Over 4,800 pilgrims leave Jammu base camp to join Amarnath Yatra

Baltal route, they said.

With this, a total of 77,210 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 28 when Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch.

The 52-day yatra began from June 29 and will conclude on August 19.

More than 4.5 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine last year.

The security has been intensified at the basecamp in Jammu, lodging centres, arrival centre at Lakhanpur and highway in wake of the threat perception, the officials said

Area dominations has been strengthened along highway and checking of vehicles and frisking of people intensified around the places of yatra, they added.

Interstate security review meet: Senior BSF and Police officials meet in Kathua

Kashmir Director General of Police R R Swain, his Punjab counterpart Gaurav Yadav and Special Director General of BSF, Western Command, Y B Khurania, among others, to review the security grid along the International Border and plug any loopholes, officials said.

Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order), J-K, Vijay Kumar, ADG (Law and Order), Punjab, Arpit Shukla and Inspector General-rank BSF officers of Punjab and Jammu were also present at the meeting, they said.

The officials said the terrorists are

and Bhaderwah in Doda district.

The terrorists have also used the route in the past when militancy was at its peak in the area over two decades ago. The area was cleared of terrorist presence but the revival of terror activities has led to serious security concerns.

More than 50 people have so far been detained for questioning as a massive manhunt for the terrorists entered the fourth day on Thursday.

ED arrests another accused in JKSSB SI Exam paper leak case

kingpin of the leak.

The Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB) sub-inspector recruitment exam was held on March 27, 2022 but the selected list of 1,200 candidates, along with 1,300 junior engineers and 1,000 finance account assistants. Was cancelled by the administration in July following allegations of paper leak and malpractice.

The CBI, which was handed over the case, had filed a charge sheet against 33 accused, including Yadav, on November 12, 2022. The ED case stems from the CBI FIR.

NIA seeking death penalty for Yasin Malik. **HC Judge recuses him**self from hearing

seeking death penalty for him in the terror funding case and had sought his presence before it on the next date.

Subsequently, jail authorities had filed an application seeking permission for his virtual appearance on the grounds that he was a "very high-risk prisoner" and it was imperative to not physically produce him in court to maintain public order and safety. The request was allowed by the high court.

In the present matter, on May 24, 2022, a trial court here had sentenced Malik to life imprisonment after holding him guilty for offences under the stringent Unlawful

convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Appealing against the sentence, the NIA has emphasised that a terrorist cannot be sentenced life term only because he has pleaded guilty and chosen not to go through trial.

While seeking enhancement of the sentence to death penalty, the NIA has said if such dreaded terrorists are not given capital punishment on account of pleading guilty, there would be complete erosion of the sentencing policy, and terrorists would have a way out to avoid capital punishment

A life sentence, the NIA has asserted, is not commensurate with the crime committed by terrorists when the nation and families of soldiers have suffered loss of lives, and that the trial court's conclusion that Malik's crimes did not fall within the category of the "rarest of the rare cases" for grant of death penalty is "ex-facie legally flawed and completely unsustainable".

The trial court, which had rejected the NIA's plea for death penalty, had said the crimes committed by Malik struck at the "heart of the idea of India" and were intended to forcefully secede Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India.

It had, however, noted that the case was not the "rarest of rare", warranting death penalty.

Elections in J&K should be held to prove supremacy of security forces over terrorists: Omar

government has courage, then elections should be conducted.

"If you don't have the courage, and are afraid, then don't. But, if you have to show the supremacy of our police and forces, if our rulers have some courage, then why should they bow down before these powers. Then elections should be conducted on time, and the people of J-K should chose their own government," he added.

Asked about the BCCI's decision not to sent cricket team to Pakistan to play there, Abdullah said this is not something new. "We have not witnessed a bilateral series

sibility of our country alone to improve the relations between the two countries.

"The responsibility of Pakistan on improving the relations is much more, it should stop the attacks, the prevalent atmosphere should improve. Pakistan has to play its role in improving the relations between the two countries," he added.

The Jammu region has been shaken by a series of ambushes and terror attacks, particularly in the border districts of Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, and Reasi To a question on NEET examination, Abdullah said there should be a decision on the exam sooner.

"It is a grave injustice with the future of the youth. We hope a decision is taken soon whether it is by way of an inquiry, or court or the government," he said.

The NC vice president said the party would bring out a comprehensive package for women in its manifesto for the elections. A lot has to be done to give them a status in the society, and a share in the development of J-K. We are formulating a scheme, a package for women in our manifesto, he said.

Doda Encounter: Search operation continues for **3rd consecutive day**

the killing of any terrorist while searches continue in the area since Tuesday evenina

Restore Statehood, hold Assembly elections at the earliest: Sajad Lone urges Gol

government. Good or bad, people will elect, and the elected will govern, just like in the rest of the country. No government is perfect, and none will ever be. Despite imperfections, like in other states, let the newly elected government take office," he added.

Lone concluded with an appeal, saying, "Stop giving the impression that you are at war with your own people in J&K."

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NC pays rich tributes to Madr-e-Meharban on her 24th Death Anniversary

LG Admin utterly failed to empower J&K women: Sadhotra, Rattan Lal

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JAMMU, Jul 11: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Thursday paid glowing tributes to Madr-e-Meharban Begum Akbar Jehan Abdullah on her 24th death anniversary during a programme held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, Jammu.

On the occasion, Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary and former minister J&K National Conference, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, and Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary Jammu, Babu Rampaul Central Zone President and former minister along with party leaders and workers, paid glowing tributes to Madr-e-Meharban.

Today's programme was organized by Bimla Luthra, State Vice President of the JKNC Women Wing and former MLA, to commemorate the death anniversary of Madr-e-Meharban. Earlier Mr G.H Malik organized Quran Khawani on this occasion.

A two-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the memory of Madr-e-Meharban.

Speaking on the occasion, Ajay Sadhotra criticized the current government for its failure to empower women in Jammu and Kashmir. He accused the BJP government at the Centre and the Union **Territory Administration** of providing nothing but lip service, leaving the women of J&K neglected and underserved.

Sadhotra emphasized that despite promises and rhetoric, the present regime has not implemented any substantial



measures to improve the status or welfare of women in the region. He called for immediate and effective action to address the issues faced by women, highlighting their continued struggles and the need for genuine support and empowerment.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President in his address, recalled the role of Madr-e-Meharban as a conscience-keeper of the party during the political struggle of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly after the arrest of Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah. He said she led the National Conference at a very crucial juncture of the political evolution of Jammu and Kashmir when Baba-e-Quom was in prison. He emphasized that Madre-Meharban proved to be an affectionate mother, a dynamic leader, and a great human being who had a deep concern for the welfare and well-being of the people. He stated that Begum Sahiba will always remain an inspiration for the women of the state who want to play an equal role in socio-economic transformation. Rattan Lal Gupta also

highlighted that during the regime of the NC government, 50 percent of MBBS seats in J&K were reserved for

women students. contrasting this with the current administration's empty promises. He asserted that NC is the sole guarantor of the welfare of the masses and that if given the opportunity to return to power, the party would resolve the people's problems effectively.

Gupta strongly condemned the high hindrances of the JP company's employees who attacked Chairperson Kishtwar Pooja Thakur while she was heading the population of land losers to resolve their issues with the company.

Gupta said that such high hindrances is unacceptable and demanded stern action should be taken those who have attacked the Chairperson Pooja Thakur and such employees terminated from the company and FIR should be launched against them immediately.

Babu Rampal, senior NC leader urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to support the National Conference leadership in the upcoming polls, stating that it is time to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah to form a government that is people-centric and considerate towards

Bimla Luthra recalled the contribution of Begum Sahiba to women's emancipation and empowerment and said the best tribute to her would be to concentrate on improving the status of women and ensuring their dignity at all costs. The former MLA called for the implementation of political reservation for women in the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. By doing so, she believed it would further the cause of women's rights and participation in governance, paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable society where women's voices are heard and respected.

NC leaders Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu and Dr. Shamshad Shan DDC Chairperson Ramban strongly criticized the incumbent Govt for its failure on all fronts. They said that benefits of Government schemes are not reaching the deserving poor womenfolk due to corruption and nepotism prevalent at all levels and the government is wholly and solely responsible for this sordid state of affairs in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Among others who were present include: Master Noor Hussain former MLC, Pardeep

Bali Provincial Secretary Jammu, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu Province, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women wing Jammu,Vijay Laxami Datta Central working member, Shamim Begum DDC Dansal, Chander Mohan Sharma District President Jammu Urban, Raghbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Sudagar Gupta District President Samba, Rakesh Singh Raka, Mohinder Singh, Ashok Kumar Attri Vice Presidents Central Zone, Vikram Puri Chairman Trade and Industry, Master Aslam Secretary Central Zone, Dr. Vikas Secretary Central Zone Nar Singh President Labor Wing, Randir Singh Vice President Jammu Rural A, Nissar Hussain Shah, Waris Gill President Christian Cell, Balwant Singh Block President Bhalwal, Rakesh Sharma (Phalwan) District President Jammu Rural A YNC, S. Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC, Showket, M.K Rana, Tarshem Khullar, D.D Mehra District President Jammu Urban OBC Cell, Joginder Kour District Vice President Jammu Urban Women wing, Jatin Bhat, S. Nirmal Singh, Ashok Koul, Hameed Choudhary, Jaseen Malik, Bilal Malik, Nitish Gowsami, Devi Dayal Jogi, Sachin Bhatti, Kuldeep Sharma, Ch. Reyaz Ahmed, Jatinder Singh Lucky, S. Prithpal Singh, Karan Singh, Arunpal Singh, Pooja Jaggi and others.

BVP Shivshakti Branch celebrates 62ND Foundation Day



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JAMMU, July 11: The Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), Shivshakti Branch, Greater Kailash Jammu, celebrated its 62nd Foundation Day at Mintleaf near Chajal Banquet Hall. The event was marked by a warm welcome to all attendees. Pratibha Dutta, acting as the Stage Secretary, commenced the proceedings by inviting esteemed guests including Devraj Sharma (National Chairman for Environment), Bharat Bhushan Sharma (President BVP JK Prant), Ashok Gupta (National Member Sampark), and other office bearers and members of the Mahila wing to light the ceremonial lamp and offer prayers (Vandana). The BVP Song "Desh Hame Deta Hai Sab Kutch" was melodiously sung by the women members of the BVP Mahila wing. Subash Ditta, Anchal Sharma (Sampark Parmukh), Ravinder Sharma (Vice President), Lalit Verma (Treasurer), spoke at length about the Bharat Vikas Parishad, focusing on its principles of Seva (service), Sans-

kar (culture), Sehyog (cooperation), Sampark (contact), and Sehyog (help).

They also highlighted The event was attendthe significance of the ed by notable personfoundation day of the alities including Arun organization. Kumar Sharma (Nation-Rakesh Sharma, al Project NGSC), Shiv

President of the Greater Kailash Branch, elaborated on the activities of their specific branch and shared insights into the history of BVP, including the life story of Suraj Parkash Gupta, a founding member. The celebration included a Parivar Milan Dinner at Mintleaf. A special segment

of the event involved honoring 7-8 dedicated members of the Greater Kailash Branch, facilitated by national, regional, and state office bearers, who presented them with gifts as tokens of appreciation. Bharat Bhushan

Shama, State President, spoke about the various activities of BVP in Jammu & Kashmir and invited all present to join in their efforts for societal service. Dev Raj Sharma, National Chairman for Environment, reflected on the 62nd foundation day of BVP since its inception in 1963 and spoke passionately about the

Member Sampark), Prof. Bharat Sharma (Regional Secretary Seva), Prabhat Singh (Secretary Branch Greater Kailash), Lalit Verma (Treasurer Branch Greater Kailash), and all SEVA, Sanskar, Sampark, Sehyog Parmukhs, along with other executive body members and nearly all members (both male and female). The evening concluded with a soulful song sung again by the Mahila Wing, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Shashi Bala, Sanskar Parmukh, ending the program with the National Anthem, symbolizing unity and patriotism.

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The celebration of the foundation day underscored the commitment of BVP members to their organizational values and their dedication to community service.

ABDPS Samiti's Amarnath Yatra Bhandara enters 12th Day



vour, the Langar serves pure, healthy meals day and night to pilgrims from across India and abroad.

Police organises 'Thana Diwas' at Nowshera

the problems of the

common man.

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NOWSHERA, Jul 11: As part of public outreach programme. Thana Diwas an initiative of Government of J&K, was organised on Thursday at Police Station Nowshera under the aegis of Rajouri Poonch Range Police Headquarters and District Police Office Rajouri.

The programme was chaired by Additional SP Nowshera Mohd Rafi Giri along with SDPO Jaswant Singh, SHO Rakesh Sharma and other police officers.

Beopar Mandal Pradhan Bharat Bushan Gupta, Ex. Beopar Mandal President Subash Kapoor, Jagdish Saini Sanathan Dharam Pradhan, Prithvi Raj Khokhar Chairman New National

Public School, Davinder Kumar, Dharamveer Gupta, Sukhdev Raj, Gopal Krishan, Suresh Raina, Afzal Hussain Ward Member, social activists, former Sarpanches, Panches, retired police personnel, civil society members and respectable persons of the area were also present on the occasion. SDPO Nowshera wel-

comed all participants for sparing their time to participate in the meeting to further reach to each other in pursuit of social and national good.

He thanked public for having faith in policing and for corporation whenever need of the same has been felt. He finally requested public for one by one speaking on issues pertaining to them and

general public. During the Programme, participants highlighted various issues of Nowshera Town like black topping of link road from Police Station to main market, bovine smuggling, traffic regulation and enforcement. issue of outsid-

ers/ outside hawkers in market, installation of CCTV camera at Nakas, drugs menace and other issues of public importance in response to which Addl SP assured that their genuine grievances pertaining to Police will be resolved on priority and that of administration will be taken with the concerned departments. Addl SP requested public that because

they are eyes and ear of Police and must keep watch on the movement of suspicious persons in the area and on antinational and anti-social elements. He said that anyone who informs Police about antinational and anti-social elements shall be suitably rewarded and their names shall be kept secret.

He said that already awareness programmes on new criminal laws have been organised in different colleges and schools and that in coming days more such programmes shall be organised.

He requested public to not venture near rivers as because of monsoon rains water level of rivers and streams has increased considerably which is dangerous. He also requested

parents to keep watch on the activities of their kiths and kins to prevent them from drug indul-

gence and other crimes especially when everyone is using electronic digital devices.

Addl. SP said that 'Thana Diwas' is an initiative started by the Government of J&K to bridge the gap between Police and Public and also to listen and redress the grievances of common masses. He assured to public that Police will make every effort to ensure that public lives in peace and that their problems are addressed/ resolved. He on spot issued

directions to SHO and other Police officers present to remain available to the public '24 × 7' and to see to it that public of the area does not face any inconvenience. SHO thanked public for attending the Thana Diwas.



RAMBAN, Jul 11: Assistant Labour Commissioner Ramban, Amit Kumar on Thurs-

day disbursed the

tion amount of Rs. 17.05 lakh in favour of injured labourer namely Pinku Kimar in case titled as Pinku Kumar Vs GM

Compensation to the tune of Rs. 7.23 lakh was also disbursed among the dependents of the deceased namely Gammon Engineer and Ghulam Nabi in the case

titled as Abida Banoo and Ors. v/s CPPPL. Assistant Labour Commissioner Ramban said that we are trying hard to make settlement of

compensation cases on a fast track basis so that immediate relief to their dependents and applicants are given without wasting much time.



Bhartiya Dharam Praenters its 12th day. Organized with ferchar Sewa (ABDPS)

Today, Bhagwat Kathakar Purshotam Shastri Maharaj inaugurated the Bhandara, commended by National Coordinator Sunil Shamra.

The Samiti ensures hygienic 'sattvic' bhojan, even for fasting pilgrims, with dedicated volunteers including Vishal Sharma and Raman Kumar.

ADM Ramban imposes Rs. 30,000 penalty on Health **Supplement Company**

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The company was given

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This enforcement

action targeted mul-

tiple manufacturers,

wholesale dealers, and

retailers found to be

will be taken

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RAMBAN, Jul 11: Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Ramban, Varunjeet Singh Charak, who also serves as the Adjudicating Officer, has imposed a substantial penalty of Rs. 30, 000 on a Pharma company also operating in the district. This action is part of a robust enforcement drive aimed at ensuring compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Act of 2006 (FSS Act-2006).

The case was resolved with penalties levied against the traders, including a Health Supplement Company

violating the provisions of the FSS Act-2006. The ADM, acting as the Adjudicating Officer, underscored the critical importance of adhering to the legal standards governing the food and pharmaceutical industries. He cautioned that any future violations would result in even more severe penalties. The ADM also instructed the Enforcement Agency to take decisive actions against the violators, reinforcing the administration's commitment to upholding public health and safety standards as

per the directives of the

FSS Act-2006.

SPORTS

India unlikely to travel to Pakistan for Champions Trophy, will ask ICC to hold matches in UAE or Sri Lanka

The ICC Champions Trophy will be held next year from February to March 2025 in Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The Indian team will not travel to Pakistan for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 and will ask the International Cricket Council to hold its matches in Sri Lanka or Dubai, a BCCI source told agency.

The ICC Champions Trophy will be held next year from February to March 2025 in Pakistan. Since 2008's Asia Cup, India has not played any cricket tournaments in Pakistan due to tense relationships between both nations.

A bilateral series from December 2012 to January 2013 in India also marked the final bilateral series between the



two nations. Since then, both nations have only clashed at ICC tournaments and the Asia Cup. Uncertainty has been looming over India's participation in the upcoming event due to the

the two countries. The Pakistan Cricket Board had proposed to India to play all their matches in one city. ESPNcricinfo had reported that Lahore was chosen as the locarelationship between tion where India would

play all of their matches. However, the Indian board is not interested in the prospect of travelling to Pakistan. Talking about India's

participation in the Champions Trophy, a BCCI source told agency, "India will not travel to Pakistan for the Champions Trophy 2025. Will tell ICC to hold its matches in Dubai or Sri Lanka.' **BCCI Vice President** Rajeev Shukla, in May, said the Indian team would be sent to Pakistan for the tournament only if the central government permitted it. Speaking to the agency, Shukla said, "In

case of the Champion Trophy, we will do whatever the Government of India will tell us to do. We send our team only when the Government of India permits us. So we will go according to the decision of the Indian government."

All eyes on Gambhir's supporting cast



NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The financial nitty-gritties of Gautam Gambhir's appointment as India's head coach are vet to be worked out but that's the "last of his concerns" right now as he appointment, which was on cards for a long time. However, it is learnt that his salary is yet to be finalised although it is expected to be in the same bracket as that of his predecessors Rahul Dravid and Ravi Shastri.

"For Gautam, it was important that he took charge and salary and other stuff can be worked out as it's not going anywhere. It is similar to the case of Ravi Shastri in 2014 when he was first made Director of Cricket over head coach Duncan Fletcher," a BCCI source said. "The salary will be in the same range of Rahul Dravid," he added.

Pakistan's Shaheen Afridi 'misbehaved' with coaches during T20 WC 2024: Report

ISLAMABAD, Jul 11 (Agencies): Pakistan seamer Shaheen Shah Afridi 'misbehaved' with the coaches of the Men in Green during their run in the T20 World Cup 2024, reported agency.

The report stated that Afridi was found misbehaving with the coaches and management staff of the Pakistan Cricket Team.

News agency further stated that a probe is underway over why the management staff did not take any action against the 24-year-old after his inappropriate behaviour.

The news of Afridi's misbehaviour with the coaches came to the light when former Pakistan cricketer Wahab Riaz broke his silence on being removed from the national selection committee set up by the Pakistan Cricket Board



from the recently concluded ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 where they exited after the Group Stage, including losses against USA and Following his removal

from the committee, Riaz took to X and wrote, "There is a lot I can say but I don't want to be part of the blame games." Along with his post on X, he also shared a letter, which read, "My time serving as a member of selection committee for PCB

an honour to support the head coach Gary Kirsten and the rest of the coaching group in their vision for the team. "I am confident that the team plans the coaches

have put together will ensure this team continues to grow into a dominant force as we move forward and I wish them the best of luck on that journey. I am thankful to the people who have prayed for me. I wish nothing but success for the future of the Pakistan cricket team," he

Shubman Gill hails 'remarkable' team effort as India snatch 2-1 lead in T20I series vs Zimbabwe

HARARE, Jul 11 (Agencies): India captain Shubman Gill hailed their "remarkable" team effort on a two-paced wicket as they defeated Zimbabwe by 23 runs in third T20I to take a 2-1 lead in the five-match series here.

The elegant Indian opener returned to form with a 49-ball 66 to power them to 182 for four before the bowlers restricted the hosts to 159 for six.

This was India's second successive win as they bounced back from the first match reversal to snatch the lead.

"It was a crucial match for us and the way we started with batting and bowling, it was remarkable," Gill said during the post-match presentation.



India made a resounding comeback in the second T20I where they posted a mammoth 234 for 2.

Asked if he was a little disappointed that the team couldn't reach 200 in the third T20, Gill said: "...the wicket was a bit double paced, the odd ball was gripping and it was not easy to hit the length ball.

"We just wanted to keep hitting the length with the ball as well. We know if there is something in the wicket, it will be there for the bowlers. Everyone has contributed, right from openers, to bowlers.'

Washington Sundar, who was adjudged the Player of the Match, was happy with his execution of plan as he returned with a figures of three for 15 in four overs.

"Feels amazing, honestly. Every time I play for the country, it seems amazing. It was a better wicket. There was something more for the bowlers in the first two

is focussed on getting a

support staff of choice

to prepare for the enor-

mous challenges that

await him during the

Jay Shah officially

announced Gambhir's

secretary

three-year stint.

BCCI

dames. "The way Zimbabwe batters played, did put pressure on us. They (Myers and Madande) did put a lot of pressure on us. We wanted to execute everything in our plans. We want to finish the series on Saturday."

Zimbabwe captain Sikandar Raza rued the fielding lapses.

"I think it's the fielding again, we are proud of our fielding but the wheels came off today, we gave away 20 extra

runs and we lost by 23 runs," he said. The hosts were 19 for 3 in 4th over but Dion Myers produced an unbeaten 65 from 49 deliveries to give them hope.

"We still have problems at the top but I have utmost faith in them that they will come good some time. We have tried 15 different partners in the last year or so, club has revived, it's time that our players including myself take up the responsibility.

"You cannot fix a problem by creating another problem, we have picked 3 openers for a reason. The openers that have been picked up should be given a run."

On Blessing Muzarabani, who claimed 2/25. Raza said: "We have to stop talking about him because he has been outstanding, sometimes the rewards don't come but in the long run the rewards do come." India will play Zimbabwe in the fourth T20I on Saturday.

Mitchell Starc criticises Super 8 stage scheduling of T20

(PCB)

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) confirmed on Wednesday that they notified Abdul Razzag and Wahab Riaz that their services will no longer be required in the national selection committee set-up. Abdul Razzaq was a part of the men's and women's selection committees. while Wahab was a selector of the men's team.

The statement from PCB comes after Pakistan's early departure

comes to an end, I just want my people to know that I have served the game I love with faith and sincerity and have given 100 per cent for the betterment of Paki-

India.

stan cricket. "Everyone's vote carried equal weight, we made selection decisions as a team & shared the responsibility of that process equally. It was an honour to contribute my part to that," he added.

concluded. Pakistan have further confirmed the restructuring of the selection committee with details

on its composition to be soon announced. Wahab earlier served as the Chief Selector before being reinstated as one of the seven members of the men's selection committee. The former fast bowler had also travelled with the Pakistan side to the T20 World Cup as senior team manager. He also said that it was

World Cup 2024

SYDNEY, Jul 11 (Agencies): Star Australia fast bowler Mitchell Starc has opened up on his exclusion from the super 8 fixture against Afghanistan in the T20 World Cup 2024. Notably, Starc was benched to make way for Ashton Agar in Australia's second Super 8 game. The left-arm spinner did a good job of containing the batters in the middle overs giving away just 17 runs in four overs.

However, Australia ended up losing the match by 21 runs which became one of the major reasons behind their early ouster from the tournament. It was the second consecutive time that Starc was left out of the playing XI against Afghanistan. Earlier, the 34-yearold was also benched in the group fixture against the same team in the 2022 T20 World

Cup

Speaking on his exclusion, the 2021 World Cup winner recently revealed that the team management went ahead with the spinner with the conditions favouring him.

"No -- two World Cups in a row. They saw previous games on that ground with spin playing a part and obviously Ash and the left-armer enticing them to make a change,' Starc said on the WillowTalk podcast.

Further speaking ahead, Starc criticized the pre-tournament seedings and the scheduling of the super 8 stages for the event.

Starc criticises Australia's scheduling "We finished ahead of England and end up where we were pre-seeded as the second side. All of a sudden, you're in a different group. We had the two night games and the third was a day game, so it wasn't the best preparation. We had a delayed flight out of St Vincent, a 90-minute drive from the airport to the hotel in St Lucia, our players got in late by night and then a 10 o'clock toss," he added. Starc didn't have a memorable tournament with the ball as he picked five wickets from as many games at an average of 30.80 and an economy of 8.55. The left-arm seamer was also smacked for 28 runs in a single over by India captain Rohit Sharma in their last Super 8 fixture.

Australia ended up losing the game 24 runs and Afghanistan's win in their last game against Bangladesh sent them out of the tournament.

Promised coach's job by Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, Paramjeet working as groundsman

CHANDIGARH, Jul 11 (Agencies): Paramjeet Kumar's life had changed completely when he received an appointment letter from Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann early last year. Or so he thought!

After stories went viral that former international hockey player Kumar, who had played for the junior India team, was working as a labourer at the Faridkot mandi, he was invited by the CM to his house and promised a job as a coach with the state's sports department. A month later, the CM handed Kumar the appointment letter and asked him to join as coach in Bathinda.

For Kumar, it was the stuff of dreams. But reality hit soon when the department officials objected, saying that Kumar did not fulfil the educational requirements.

"They said that since I was not a graduate, my appointment could be challenged in court," said Kumar.

As he did not qualify for the coach's position, Kumar was hired as a contractual groundsman in Faridkot. "I get a salary of Rs 8,000. It is not much, but they also hired my wife so we get around Rs 20,000 every month," he said.



But Kumar is not willing to give up on his once-in-a-lifetime opportunity - the 31-yearold has taken up the endeavour to complete his graduation. "Working hard" towards his goal, Kumar hopes the government comes good on its word when he completes his graduation. "I hope they fulfil their promise or the government doesn't change by then," Kumar said

Till then, Kumar is also trying out for better opportunities. He was in Mohali on Wednesday for the trials to recruit contractual coaches for the state government's planned nurserv centres.

Lesson for young athletes

Kumar's plight is a lesson for young athletes, said a senior hockey coach with the sports department. "Most athletes don't pay attention to their studies during their playing days. They think that their sports achievements will be enough," the coach said. "But they don't factor in the possibility of injuries. They don't realise that graduation is a basic necessity. I don't blame them, most athletes do not get proper guidance," he added. Kumar, who trained at the NIS Patiala for five years, has won multiple national medals. In 2007, he was selected to play at the Junior Asia Cup alongside current India team star Manpreet Singh but the tournament was cancelled. After playing on contract for many departmental teams, Kumar suffered an injury in 2012, and could never return to his highest level.

The coach said that rather than waiting on the government's promise Kumar should try for jobs under the sports quota. "He has the accomplishments. He should get his certificates graded. He will get a government job through the sports quota. There are many openings in various departments," the coach said.

Indian athletics team to train at 3 overseas sites for final **Olympics** prep

NEW DELHI, Jul 11 (Agencies): The 30-member Indian athletics team for the Olympics will train at three different venues abroad in their last leg of preparations before assembling in Paris on July 28, four days before the start of track and field competitions. The Olympic Sports Center in Spala, Poland; Antalya in Turkey; and St Moritz in Switzerland are the three foreign destinations where Indian athletes will train in their last leg of preparations.

"The members of the national athletics team will be training at different venues to prepare for the Olympic Games, but will have to assemble in Paris on July 28," chief coach Radhakrishnan Nair said. Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will be based in Antalya in Turkey." He (Chopra) has already reached Turkey and will reach Paris on July 28," Nair said.

The Indian athletics team grew to 30 members with the addition of long jumper Jeswin Aldrin and 500m runner

Ankita Dhyani, based on their rankings in the World Athletics Road to Paris system. Four race walkers -- Akshdeep Singh, Paramjeet Singh Bisht, Vikash Singh, Suraj Panwar -- and triple jumper Abdulla Aboobacker are currently based at Sports Authority of India center in Bengaluru, while Avinash Sable and Parul Chaudhary will train in St Moritz in Switzerland.

"Sable and Parul will join the group of athletes in Poland on July 24 and then go to Paris," Nair said. "Ankita (5,000m) is currently based out of Bengaluru."All the members of the 4x400m relay team (men and women) will leave for Poland on Thursday.

Four athletes -- Kishore Kumar Jena (javelin), Jyothi Yarraji (100m hurdles), Jeswin Aldrin (long jump) and Praveen Chithravel (triple jump) -- reached Poland earlier this week."Annu Rani (javelin), Tajinderpal Singh Toor (shot put) and Abha Khatua (shot put) will also leave for Poland on Thursday," the chief coach added.

LOCAL/ ADVT

Residents of Jammu North protest against Kathua terrorist attack, demand befitting reply to Pak

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JAMMU, Jul 11: Residents of the Jammu North Assembly segment on Thursday staged a protest against the recent terrorist attack on an army convoy in the Machedi area of district Kathua, which resulted in the martyrdom of five soldiers and injuries to five others.

The protestors, filled with anguish and patriotism, raised anti-Pakistan slogans, expressing their outrage over the incident. The streets echoed with their demands for stringent actions against terrorism and measures to safeguard the nation's

security. Speaking to reporters, Uday Chib, General Secretary of the Indian armed forces.³ Youth Congress, said, "This barbaric attack is a stark reminder of the

challenges our brave

soldiers face daily to pro-

tect us. We demand that

the government should take decisive steps to counter terrorism and ensure the safety of our Arjun Singh, President of Shri Rastriya Rajput Kerni Sena, said, "The

loss of our soldiers is

a grave tragedy that

affects the entire nation. We stand in solidarity with their families and call for immediate and strong retaliatory actions against the perpetrators. It is time for Pakistan to be held accountable for harboring terrorists. protesters The

demanded justice for the martyred soldiers, urging the authorities to reinforce security measures. They pledged to continue their support for the armed forces and the fight against terrorism.

The protest saw the participation of various community members and leaders, including Surinder Kumar, Hoshiyar Singh, Anirudh Sawhney, Pummy Manhas, Joginder Sangam, Digvijay Singh, Madan Singh Chib, and Kaka Ram. Their unified presence underscored the collective grief and anger of the local populace.

He expressed interest

Delegations from EDII Ahmedabad, Sainik

in establishing a centre

in Ladakh. Shukla

informed the LG that

courses will be offered

to students who enrol

The LG inquired about

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Welfare Department call on LG Mishra

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LEH, Jul 11: A delegation from Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) Ahmedabad led by its Director General, Sunil Shukla, called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat. Advisor to the LG, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Commissioner/ Secretary to the LG, L Franklin, IAS; Under Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Sumera Shafi, and, Executive Manager, JKEDI, Dorjay Wangchuk, were pres-

Shukla informed the LG that EDII is an autonomous body institute which was established in 1983 and offers master's degree programmes in Entrepreneurship, a fellowship programme and several entrepreneurship training programmes. He also informed that EDII has seven regional offices in India and around seven existing and upcoming centres outside India.

Secretary to the LG, L Franklin, IAS, were present in the meeting. Col Nima apprised the LG of the progress of the ongoing works taken up the Sainik Welfare Department, viz. extension of the lease period of the houses of Veer Naris; construction of the community hall for ex-servicemen/Veer Naris and the construction of the Old Age Park, etc.

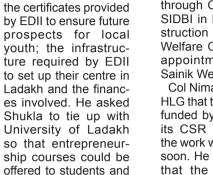
The LG inquired about the progress of the construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) through CSR funds by SIDBI in Leh; the construction of the Sainik Welfare Office and the appointment of Zila Sainik Welfare Officer. Col Nima informed the HLG that the STP will be funded by SIDBI under its CSR initiative and the work will commence soon. He also informed that the construction of the Sainik Welfare Department office is currently sub-judice and the final decision from the Court is still awaited. He further informed that the appointment of the Zila Sainik Welfare Officer will be done on the basis of the guidelines laid down by Government of India at the earliest. The LG asked Col Nima to follow up the construction of STP with SIDBI. He also directed him to appoint the Zila Sainik Welfare Officer in

a timeframe manner.

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IAS and Commissioner/

told him to meet with the Vice-Chancellor, UoL, The LG inquired about the possibility of revival of JKEDI in Ladakh for the benefit of Ladakhi youth along with steps taken in this regard. Director, Sainik Welfare Department, Col Lobzang Nima (Retd) called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at the LG Secretariat. Advisor to the LG, Dr Pawan Kotwal,



Samvedna Society distributes Ayushman **Bharat Health, ABHA Cards**



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JAMMU, Jul 11: Keshav Chopra, Chairman of Samvedna Society, on Thursday organized a programme to distribute Ayushman Bharat Health Cards and ABHA Cards to beneficiaries.

Ayushman Bharat Health Cards, providing free health insurance up to five lakhs, were distributed alongside ABHA Cards, which serve as a digital health account enabling individuals to manage their medical information conveniently.

During the event, Keshav Chopra emphasized the positive impact ATM that consistently provides the benefit of free treatment annually. Similarly, the ABHA ID card was described as a comprehensive tool for managing healthcare needs efficiently.

Samvedna Society, under Keshav Chopra's leadership, has been actively involved in distributing Ayushman Bharat and ABHA Cards since the inception of the scheme. Beneficiaries at the event expressed their gratitude towards Samvedna Society for bringing these essential healthcare benefits directly to them. Among those present

at the event were Anju,

Dr Pawan Kotwal leads discussion on **Cloudburst, GLOF Risk Mitigation**

and enhance prepared-

ness. He emphasized

the need for the latest

equipment, including

solar charging panels

and satellite phones, to

be made available to the

He urged the UTDRF

to provide training to

the Aapda Mitr (Volun-

teers) and residents

to ensure the safety of

human lives during nat-

ural disasters. He high-

lighted the importance

of community involve-

ment and advanced pre-

concerned officers.

Top News Report

LEH, Jul 11: The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor & the Chairman of the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), UT Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal chaired a significant meeting regarding the preparedness for dealing with possible Glacial Lake Outburst Flow (GLOF) and Floods due to Cloudburst hazards in the Union Territory of Ladakh, at the Civil Secretariat, Leh.

The meeting focused on comprehensive deliberations and discussions regarding vulnerable areas prone to floods due to cloud bursts affecting lakes (Tso) in Ladakh.

The Advisor reviewed detailed reports on vulnerable lakes in the Leh, Kargil, and Zanskar regions. He instructed the District Magistrates and Senior Superintendents of Police of Leh and Kargil to identify suitable locations in their respective districts to accommodate the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team. The Additional Director General of Police, Ladakh assured the NDRF team that they would be provided accommodation in existing District Police Lines. Dr Pawan Kotwal directed the Union Territory Disaster Response Force (UTDRF) to visit identified vulnerable points to assess the risk

Forest Department, UT Ladakh; the Commissioner/Secretary of Planning Department, UT Ladakh; the Administrative Secretary of Department of **Disaster Management** Relief Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, UT Ladakh; the Administrative Secretary, RDD&PR Department, UT Ladakh; the Administrative Secretary of Power Development Department, UT Ladakh; the District Magistrate, Leh, UT Ladakh; the Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh, UT Ladakh; the Lieutenant Colonel Prateek Gupta GSO-1(OPS), HQRS Leh Sb Area; the Super-

paredness in mitigating intendent of Police, the impact of GLOFs in UTDRF, UT Ladakh; Ladakh. He emphasized the Director of Indian the importance of proac-Meteorological Departtive planning, coordinament, UT Ladakh; the tion, and preparedness Dean Research Studto mitigate the impact of ies, Ladakh University, such natural disasters. UT Ladakh; Under Sec-The meeting focused on preparedness and retary of Department of response measures for Disaster Management potential Glacial Lake Relief Rehabilitation Outburst Flow (GLOF) and Reconstruction, and flood risks due to Ladakh; and concerned cloudburst hazards in officials, while the Commandant-13 NDRF, Ludhiana Punjab; the District Magistrate, Kargil, UT Ladakh; the Senior Superintendent of Police, Kargil: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kargil and concerned officials joined the meeting virtually.

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tional Director General of Police (ADGP). Ladakh Police, UT ent in the meeting. Ladakh; the Commissioner/Secretary of the

of these initiatives on improving healthcare accessibility for the needy. He highlighted that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir UT is continuously enhancing healthcare facilities, making quality treatment more accessible across the country.

He likened the Ayushman Bharat card to an Vikas Kumar, Varun Nishant, General Manager Gourav Kumar, Ritesh Peer, Sourav Gupta, Manoj Tandon, Sushil Gupta, Abhishek Gupta, Harish Gosain, Parshotam Lal, and others, who participated in and supported this initiative to enhance healthcare accessibility in the

region.

the UT of Ladakh. The meeting resulted in strategic deliberations & discussions, and decisions aimed at enhancing Ladakh's resilience and disaster management capabilities.

The meeting was attended by the Addi-

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Attempt to affect party growing popularity: Sahni

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JAMMU, Jul 11: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has expressed concern over the security of party state leaders in the highly sensitive Jammu-Kashmir and has accused the police department of treating them step-motherly and waiting for something untoward to happen.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that the countdown for the assembly elections in Jammu-Kashmir has begun. To affect this, the puppet terrorist organizations active in Jammu-Kashmir at the behest of Pakistan have intensified their activities.

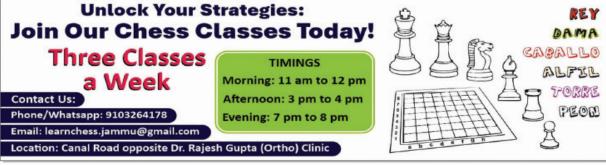


Sahni said that being a party with a Hindu ideology, our leaders always fear something untoward during party promotion and meetings. Many applications have been made to all the high officials including the DGP of Jammu-Kashmir Police Depart-

ment regarding the security of the party state leaders. He said that the leaders of some political parties formed overnight are given Z plus security, but no party leader including the state head of the 6 decade old Shiv Sena (UBT) has even a single PSO. Sahni said that this

kind of working of the police towards the opposition parties forces one to think that efforts are being made to influence the publicity of the party under a well-planned strategy.

Sahni said that our voice against terrorism, narco terror and Rohingya and restorastay away from politics, Sahni has demanded adequate security to the political parties active in the terrorism affected Jammu and Kashmir. **CHESS LEARNING CENTRE**



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