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BRIEFLY

Over 4,100 pilgrim leave Jammu base camp to join Amarnath Yatra

JAMMU, Jul 16 (Agencies): Amid heightened security, over 4,100 pilgrims left Jammu city in the early hours of Tuesday for the twin base camps in Kashmir to join the Amarnath Yatra, officials said.

The security has been heightened in and around the base camps and the yatra route following ambush that left four soldiers, including an officer, dead in a gunbattle in Dessa area of Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district.

Comprehensive arrangements — three-tier security, area dominations, elaborate route deployment and checkpoints — have been put in place for a smooth yatra.

3 tourists killed, One Injured as Tata Sumo falls into Gorge at Zojila Pass

GANDERBAL, Jul 16 (Agencies): Three family members of a tourist group lost their lives, and one was seriously injured when a Tata sumo vehicle fell into a deep gorge at Zojila Pass on Tuesday.

Reports said that the tragic accident occurred on Tuesday morning when a Tata Sumo, bearing registration number JK13B 9919, was traveling from Sonamarg to Zero Point Zojila for site seen.

Reports said the driver of the vehicle had stopped to check on the vehicle at Panimatha Zojila pass apparently due to some technical issue. As he stepped out and moved to the back of the vehicle, the vehicle suddenly rolled down the slope and plummeted into the deep gorge.

Rescue teams, Police Locals and civil administration rushed to the scene, as the vehicle had already fallen into the deep gorge, making it challenging to reach the victims. Despite the efforts of the rescue teams, and locals three family members one male and two female were succumbed to their injuries and were pronounced dead at the spot. One family member, who was

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Army Officer among four soldiers Martyred in encounter with terrorists in Doda



JAMMU, Jul 16 (Agencies): Four army personnel, including an officer, who were critically injured in a gunfight with heavily-armed terrorists, succumbed to injuries in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir early Tuesday, official

sources said. The encounter took place when the troops of Rashtriya Rifles and Special Operations Group of J&K Police launched a joint cordon and search operation at Dhari Gote Urabagi in Desa forest belt, some

55 km from Doda town, late Monday evening, the officials said. After a brief exchange of fire, the terrorists tried to escape but were chased by the brave troops led by an officer, despite challenging terrain and thick foliage,

leading to another firefight in the woods around 9 pm, they said. Five soldiers were critically injured in the encounter and four of them, including the officer, later succumbed to injuries, the officials said.

Doda encounter: Policeman succumbs, death toll of security men rises to 5

JAMMU, Jul 16 (Agencies): The Jammu & Kashmir policeman injured in the encounter with terrorists in Jammu's Doda district succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday. The number of security personnel killed in this encounter is now five.

Earlier, four army soldiers including a Captain were injured critically in the nocturnal encounter with the terrorists in the densely forested area of Doda district, and succumbed.

Doda is one of the heavily forested hilly districts of Jammu division where terrorists are believed to be operating on a hit-and-run strategy.

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Indian Army Chief speaks to Defence Minister; Apprises him of ground situation in Doda



NEW DELHI, Jul 16 (Agencies): Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh spoke to Indian Army Chief General Upenra Dwivedi, who apprised him about the ground situation and ongoing operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda on Tuesday.

Earlier, four Indian Army soldiers, including an officer, were killed in action during an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district.

"Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh spoke to

COAS General Upenra Dwivedi this morning. RM was apprised of the ground situation and the ongoing Counter Terrorist Op in Doda by the Army Chief," Office of the Defence Ministry posted on X.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh also expressed deep concern over the armed encounter in the Dessa area of district Doda.

"Deeply disturbed by the reports of armed encounter in Dessa area of district #Doda in my Lok Sabha constituency. Words fall short of condoling and condemning the martyrdom of our Bravehearts. Let all of us join together to defeat the nefarious designs of the enemy and, maintain peace and harmony for which Doda has always been known for," Singh posted on X.

Doda encounter: J-K LG pays tributes to slain soldiers, vows to thwart designs of terrorists

SRINAGAR, Jul 16 (Agencies) : Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday vowed to avenge the death of the soldiers killed in an encounter with terrorists in Doda district.

Four army personnel, including an officer, died after being injured in a gunfight with heavily armed terrorists in Doda district, officials said on



Tuesday. In a post on X, Sinha said, "We will avenge death of our soldiers & thwart the evil designs of terrorists and their

associates. I call upon the people to unite in the fight against terrorism & provide us accurate information so that we can intensify anti-terror operations & neutralise the terror ecosystem". He also paid tributes to slain soldiers.

"I am deeply anguished to learn about the cowardly attack on our Army soldiers and JKP person

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Our soldiers, their families bearing brunt of BJP's 'wrong policies': Rahul on J-K attacks

NEW DELHI, Jul 16 (Agencies) : The Congress on Tuesday hit out at the Centre after four soldiers were killed in an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda, with Rahul Gandhi asserting that the government should take full responsibility for the repeated security lapses and take strict action against the culprits.

Four army personnel,



including an officer, died after being injured in a gunfight with heavily armed terrorists in Doda district, officials said on Tuesday.

The latest incident

comes a week after a terrorist ambush on an Army patrol in the remote Machedi forest belt in Kathua district claimed the lives of five soldiers and injured as many.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said he was deeply distressed by the martyrdom of the four brave soldiers, including an officer.

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Nine terrorist attacks within 38 days of PM Modi government: Congress after J&K encounter

NEW DELHI, Jul 16 (Agencies): After four Indian Army soldiers were killed in an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Tuesday, the Congress party criticised the central government by posting a graphic on 'X' which claimed that within 38 days of the third term of the Bharatiya Janata Party government, nine terrorist attacks have already taken place.

The post also mentions that during these recent terrorist attacks, 12 soldiers were killed, 13 injured, 10 civilians were killed and 44 were injured.

In its official post, the party also consoled the loss of lives of the brave hearts " Four of our soldiers have been martyred in the terrorist encounter in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir. Pray to God to give place to the virtuous souls in his feet and give strength to their families to bear this sorrow. Our condolences are with his family," the party posted on X.

Party President Mallikarjun Kharge also questioned the Central government alleging that the government was acting as if it were business as usual.

"Deeply distressed by the martyrdom of

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DEALS IN SALE, PURCHASE, REPAIRING AND SERVICING OF USED CARS AND ORIGINAL SPARE PARTS

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Sharda (Guddi)** W/o Vijay Kumar Sahani R/o Originally from Village Biyawa, Tangmarg (Baramulla) and presently at H.No. 189/C, Lane No. 4, Sec. 1, Durga Nagar who left for her heavenly abode on 11/7/2024 (Thursday).



Smt. Sharda (Guddi)

10th Day Kriya shall be performed at Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of School Education) on 20/7/2024 (Saturday) at 8.00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Vijay Kumar Sahani (Husband)
Sh. Mool Chand Sahani (Father-in-law)
Smt. Santosh & Mohan Lal Kohli (Mother & Father)
Smt. Dimpal & Deepal Sahani (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Smt. Monika & Manoj Khera (Daughter & Son-in-law)

DEEPLY REMEMBERED
Sahani's, Kohli's, Lamba's, Mehta's, Najawan's, Khera's & Sethi Parivar
Contact : 9596871942, 9149543430

TENTH DAY KRIYA

It is with immense sadness and heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our beloved father **Shri Hirdey Nath Kilam (Shabji)** S/o Late Sh. M. N. Kilam R/o H.No.13 Lane no. 7, Anand Nagar, Patta Bohri, Jammu on 08/07/2024. He was a pillar of strength, a source of wisdom and a beacon of love in our lives. His loss leaves a void that can never be filled. His strength will continue to guide us and we will forever cherish the fond memories of our dear father, our hero.



Sh. Hirdey Nath Kilam

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 17/07/2024 at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat at 8.30 AM.
IN GRIEF:
Wife- Smt. Kaushliya Peer (Veena Kilam)
Son & Daughter-in-Law Sh. Sunil Kilam and Smt. Meenu Nehru Kilam
Daughter and Son-in-Law Smt. Anju Kilam Trisal and Sh. Lalit Kumar
Sister and Brother-in-Law Late Smt. Usha Dhar & Late Sh. K.L.Dhar
Late Smt. Uma Thusoo & Late Sh. Rattan Lal Thusoo
Smt. Shanta Raina & Late Sh. C.L.Raina

Sister-in-Law and Brother-in-Law
Smt. Lalita Bhat and Sh. N. N. Bhat
Grand Children:
Paras, Ayush and Tushar
All Nears & Dear's - Raina's,
Nehru's, Peer's, Trisal's,
Thusoo's
9419201666, 9419185060,
7298507871, 9419208413

SHADMOS AND MASWAR

It has been 6 months since you left us to join the heavenly abode, but your essence has not left us for a second, you are being missed beyond belief.



Sh Sham Sunder Lal Bhat

The **SHADMOS AND MASWAR** of our beloved father **Sh Sham Sunder Lal Bhat** of Balhama Srinagar is being performed on 16th and 17th of July at House No. 7A China Enclave Gurha Keran Barnal Bantala b road Jammu.

Deeply missed and Remembered by
Pinkey and Kanaya Lal Razdan
Nimi and Sanjay Kumar Bhat
Lovely and Sanjay Kumar Raina and
SAMAST BHAT, HANDOO AND PANDITA FAMILY
9870403987, 9682107569, 8713018589

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/KASAM PAGRI & UTHALA

With deep grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you of the sad and untimely demise of **Smt. Susham Bala Sharma (Retd. AGM J&K Bank)**, wife of the Late Shri Rajeev Bhushan Sharma, on 7th July 2024.



Smt. Susham Bala Sharma (Retd. AGM J&K Bank)

Tenth Day Date: 16th July 2024 (Tuesday) Time: 10:00 AM Venue: Our Residence.

Kriya Date: 17th July 2024 (Wednesday) Time: 12:00 Noon Venue: Our Residence.

RASAM PAGRI & UTHALA Date: 17th July 2024 (Wednesday) Time: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM Venue: Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:
Shantanu & Shikha Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Swati Sharma & Vivek Bangar (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Ahsan Puri (Grandson)
RESIDENCE: H.NO. 50 PVT. SECTOR 4, CHANNI HIMMAT, JAMMU
Contact: 9419134011, 94669746770

10TH DAY/ KRIYA

With immense grief and sorrow, we mournfully inform the sad demise of **Smt. Prem Lata Sharma** W/o Sh. Govind Ram Sharma R/o H.No 176, Phase 2nd, Housing Colony, Udhampur (J&K), who left for her heavenly abode on Sunday, 07-07-2024.



Smt. Prem Lata Sharma

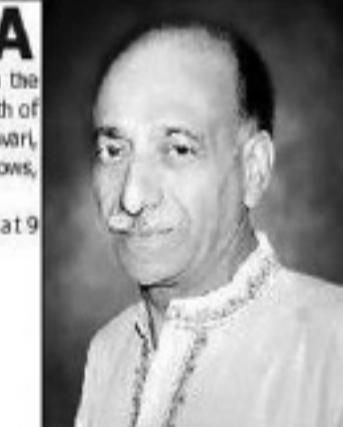
10TH DAY shall be performed in the premises of Shiv Mandir, Housing Colony on Tuesday, 16-07-2024 at 11:30 AM.

KRIYA (KARM) shall be performed on Wednesday, 17-07-2024 at Devika Ghat, Udhampur from 10:00 AM onwards.

GRIEF STRICKENS:-
Sh. Govind Ram Sharma (Husband)
Daughter in law and Son
Smt. Malika Goutam and Sh. Ambarish Pangotra (Pankaj)
Daughters and Sons in law
Smt. Sukanya Sharma and Sh. Rakesh Sharma
Smt. Pritha Sharma and Sh. Manmohan Sharma
Grand children
Varshney, Vidisha, Aryahi, Devarsh, Souhaard and Kushaagra
MOB. 9419698311, 9797477393

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and deep sorrow we regret to inform the untimely demise of **Sh. Mohan Krishen Kachroo**, on 10th of July, 2024 at Pune originally from (Bagadagi Kalyar Rainawari, Srinagar) presently resident of A2-702, Ganga Oslan Meadows, Thergon, Chichwad, Pune.



Sh. Mohan Krishen Kachroo

10TH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on 19th July, 2024 at 9 AM at Kriya Ghat, Moriya Gosai Mandir, Thergon, Pune.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Wife: Nimal Kachroo
Daughter and Son-in-Law : Neha & Drimil Kaul
Son: Kartikay Kachroo
Grandson: Harshwardhan Kaul
Sister-in-law and Brothers:
Vijaya Kachroo & Kanwal Nain Kachroo
Vijay Kachroo and Santosh Kumar Kachroo
Sisters-in-law and Brothers-in-law:
Shikha and Shoban Zutshi
Ritu and Rahul Kaul
Sujata and Subhash Kilam

CONTACT NO.: 7056497932,
7298228219, 9822660596

OBITUARY & TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved **Shri Puran Lal Bindroo**, S/o Late Shyam Lal Bindroo, originally from Ramgath Baramulla, left for heavenly abode at Pune, Maharashtra on 08/07/2024.



Shri Puran Lal Bindroo

Mourning will be observed at H.No. 88, Lane No. 1, Lakkar Mandi, Janipur, Jammu.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 17/07/2024 at 08:30 AM at Muthi Ghat (Near Office of Director Education).

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Vijay Bindroo (Wife)
Smt. Nisha B Naqalib & Rakesh Kumar Naqalib (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Sh. Naveen Bindroo & Shefali Pardeshi (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Sh. Virji Bindroo & Pinkey Bindroo (Brother & Bhabi)
Bua & Phuphas
Contact No: +91 9022765630, +91 60053 81646,
+91 9419383061, +91 7006 027 711

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **MISS PRIYANKA PURI** Daughter of Shri Raj Kumar Puri resident of House No. 132, Ward No. 4, Reasi on 08 July 2024.



MISS PRIYANKA PURI

TENTH DAY will be performed on 17 July 2024 (Wednesday) at 11 am at Sanatan Dharam Sabha Reasi.

KRIYA shall be performed on 20th July 2024 (Saturday) at 10:00 AM at our residence Ward No. 04, Ram gali, Reasi

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Smt. Rajni Puri & Sh. Raj Kumar Puri (Mother & Father)
Raghav Puri (Brother)
Tania Puri & Ankush Mengi (Sister & Brother-in-Law)
9796603074

CHOUBARSI

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRIG. VIKAS SAMYAL
Forever loved and deeply missed. Our hearts still can't accept that you are not with us anymore. You are and always be the Strength, Pride and Inspiration for us. Remembering you with heavy heart and silent tears. We pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to your noble soul. We miss you profoundly.



BRIG. VIKAS SAMYAL

CHOUBARSI of our beloved Brig. Vikas Samyial will be performed at 10am on 18th July 2024 at our residence 668-A, Gandhinagar, Jammu.

FONDLY REMEMBERED BY:
Mrs. Kamlesh & Comdt. Pritam S Samyial (Retd)
Mrs. Priya & Brig. Hardev S Jamwal (Retd),
Mokshita & Venkatesh, Sunaina & Mrigendra
Mrs. Sapna & Gp. Capt. Vivek Samyial (Retd), Aryaman, Ayushman
Mrs. Anu Samyial, Anusha, Ashlesha
Mr. Digvijay S Samyial
SAMYAL FAMILY, ALL RELATIVES & FRIENDS
Contact: 9882196978, 7042138668.

FIFTH DAY

With heavy hearts, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Jyoti Gupta (Bubble)** W/O Sh. Mukesh Gupta, resident of Talab Tillo who left for heavenly abode on 14/07/2024.



Smt. Jyoti Gupta (Bubble)

Fifth Day will be performed at Shiv Mandir, Maheshpura Chowk, Near Medical College Jammu on 17/07/2024 (Wednesday) between 11:00 AM- 12:30 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Raj Kumari (Mother)
Sister-in-law & Brother
Mrs Neelu & Neeraj Gupta
Sister & Brother in law
Mrs Nishi Gupta & Mr Satish Gupta
Mrs Pooja Gupta & Mr Ashish Gupta
Contact no :- +917889476573

OBITUARY

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.



Sh. Kunal Bhat/ Neepu

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

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **SH ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA** S/o Late Sh. Narsingh Dayal Gupta R/o H.No 21 Sector 6, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu



Sh. Ashok Kumar Gupta

UTHALA will be performed at Panch Mandir Channi Himmat on 17-07-24 (Wednesday) from 4 pm to 5 pm

Grief Stricken
Sh. Anil Gupta & Smt. Anshu Gupta (Son & Daughter-in-Law)
Sh. Sumit Gupta & Smt. Shweta Gupta (Son & Daughter-in-Law)
Sh. Sachin Gupta & Smt. Sonika Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-Law)
Sh. Tarak Gupta & Smt. Veena Gupta
Sh. Kamal Gupta & Smt. Amrakesh Gupta
Sh. Dimple Gupta & Smt. Nisham Gupta
Sh. Sanjay Gupta & Smt. Sanam Gupta
Sh. Mohinder Gupta & Smt. Arju Bala
Brother-in-Law & Sister-in-Law
Sh. Kishor Gupta & Smt. Rajni Gupta
Sh. Anil Gupta & Smt. Divya Gupta (Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-Law)
Grand Children - Ansh, Swati, Sahi, Sayan, Sya
94191-90030, 94191-17288, 96829-22211

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of **Smt. Usha Ganju**, W/o Satish Ganju, Dio Late Amarnath Kaul & Late Khemashori Kaul, resident of B-04, Kamal Pushpa, Bandra Reddamation (West), Mumbai. The revered soul left for her heavenly abode on 9th of July, 2024 at Mumbai.



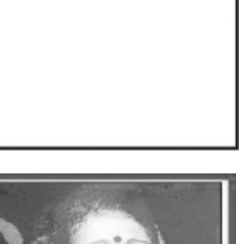
SMT. USHA GANJU

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on the 15th of July, 2024, Thursday at Shivaji Park, sea shore, starting at 8 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Mrs. Mahi Gaur (Mother-in-law)
Sh. Satish Ganju (Husband)
Robin Dhar & Rajat Dhar (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Gobind & Preeti Gaur (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Virend & Anju Gaur (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Gurpreet & Hardeep Gaur (Nephew & Daughter-in-law)
Sheela Gaur (Niece)
Rohini, Karanah, Nisha & Anish (Grandchildren)
Tejinder & Divya Kaur (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Veeno and Rajvir Kaul (Sister and Brother-in-law)
Deeply missed by: R. Dhar & family, V.K Kaul and family, J. Kaul & family, D.S Subramanian & family
Contact: 988889994, 988882217, 988244549, 704855008

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we deeply regret to inform the tragic demise of **Sardar Surinder Pal Singh S/O Late S. Roop Singh R/O Sector 5 Model Town, who left us on 10-07-2024.**



Sardar Surinder Pal Singh

Bhog Shri Akhand Path on 9:00 AM on 17-07-2024 at our residence Sector 5 Model Town.

Antim Ardas will be performed at Gurdwara Fateh Singh, Main Stop Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on 17-07-2024 from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon followed by **Guru Ka Langar**

GRIEF STRICKEN
Manmeet Kour (Wife)
Jarnail Singh (Son)

10TH DAY/ KRIYA

With immense grief and sorrow, we mournfully inform the sad demise of **Smt. Prem Lata Sharma** W/o Sh. Govind Ram Sharma R/o H.No 176, Phase 2nd, Housing Colony, Udhampur (J&K), who left for her heavenly abode on Sunday, 07-07-2024.



Smt. Prem Lata Sharma

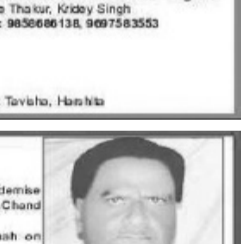
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GRIEF STRICKENS:-
Sh. Govind Ram Sharma (Husband)
Daughter in law and Son
Smt. Malika Goutam and Sh. Ambarish Pangotra (Pankaj)
Daughters and Sons in law
Smt. Sukanya Sharma and Sh. Rakesh Sharma
Smt. Pritha Sharma and Sh. Manmohan Sharma
Grand children
Varshney, Vidisha, Aryahi, Devarsh, Souhaard and Kushaagra
MOB. 9419698311, 9797477393

THIRTEENTH DAY

With heavy heart and profound grief, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Lekh Raj Thakur** S/o Late Sh. Ram Jee Thakur R/o Village Pathra (Chogon), Tehsil Chilo District-Doda, who left for heavenly abode on 04-07-2024 (Thursday) at around 0.35 pm.



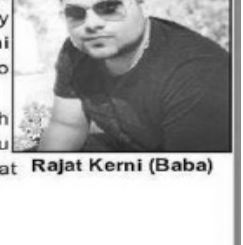
Sh. Lekh Raj Thakur

Thirteenth Day Kriya will be performed on 17-07-2024 (Wednesday) at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Raj Devi - Wife
Brother & Bhabhi
Adv. Sh. O.P. Thakur & Smt. Shankari Devi
Daughters-in-law & Sons
Smt. Sushma Thakur & Sh. Surinder Singh
Smt. Sapna Thakur & Mr. Nandor Singh
Nieces-in-law & Nephews
Smt. Garish Thakur W/o Lt. Sh. Dewender Singh
Smt. Veera Thakur & Advocate Sh. Kameshwar Singh Thakur
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Satya Charak & Sh. Jaswant Singh Charak
Smt. Sushma Chandel & Sh. Wilson Chandel
Smt. Arju Khajuria & Sh. Ashok Khajuria
Smt. Rachna & Sh. Naveen Manhas
Nieces & Nephews-in-law
Lt. Col. Harj R.L. Khandelwal
Smt. Simsha Khandelwal & Prof. Rajesh Khandelwal
Grand Sons & Grand Daughters
Sh. Dinesh Singh & Smt. Meenukshi Thakur
Sh. Manish Singh & Smt. Rishi Thakur
Vivek, Anish, Ashvish, Meena, Manvi, Monika, Rashika, Tarvika, Harika
Great Grand Son & Great Grand Daughter
Ishmeet Thakur, Kridy Singh
Mobile: 985060138, 9897563553

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Shiv Kumar Gupta** S/o Late Sh. Ratan Chand Gupta R/o H.No 101, Ward No 9 Baramulla.



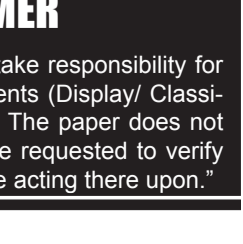
Sh. Shiv Kumar Gupta

UTHALA shall be performed at Mahajan Sabha Baramulla on Wednesday 17/07/24 from 4pm to 5pm.

Grief Stricken:-
Wife - Smt. Veena Gupta
Daughters in law and Sons
Smt. Divya Gupta & Rahul Gupta
Smt. Prema Gupta & Varun Gupta
Daughters and Sons in law :-
Smt. Shilpy Gupta & Rohan Gupta
Smt. Rupali Gupta & Deepak Gupta
Sister's and Brothers in law :-
Smt. Rani Poochika & Late. Sh. Ramnath Poochika
Smt. Sheelha Gupta & Kuldeep Mehta
Late Smt. Kancharan Gupta & Pandeep Gupta

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Rajat Kerni (Baba) H/o Aishna Mahajan R/o Katra.**



Rajat Kerni (Baba)

Fifth Day will be performed at Panch Mandir, Sec- 5, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu on 17th July (Wednesday) 2024 at 1:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Mother-in-law & Father-in-law
Smt. Jyoti Gupta & Lt. Sh. Ashok Gupta (Tita, Akhnoor Wale)
Surbhi Gupta - Sister-in-law
Harish Gupta - Brother-in-law
Ph.: 9419209738, 9797396165, 7889397662

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DFSS organizes protest against Pakistan

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: The recent violence in Doda district, Jammu and Kashmir, has resulted in the tragic loss of an army officer, four soldiers, and a policeman amidst ongoing security operations to apprehend militants responsible for a series of deadly attacks. Just

In response to these attacks, members of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS), led by President Ashok Gupta, organized a large protest rally in Jammu City.

The demonstration included the burning of an effigy depicting Pakistan's Prime Minister, Shahbaz Sharif, as a symbolic condemnation of the terrorist activities originating from across the border. The rally underscored widespread public outrage and concern over the mounting casualties among security forces and civilians. Since June 9, the



Jammu region has witnessed six terror attacks resulting in the deaths of 12 security personnel and 10 civilians, prompting heightened security measures and extensive search operations across the region's hilly terrain. Ashok Gupta emphasized the need to dismantle the Over Ground Worker (OGW) network, which provides essential support to terrorists, thereby disrupt-

ing their ability to operate and find refuge in local communities.

Expressing deep condolences to the families of the fallen soldiers, Ashok Gupta called for national unity in the face of terrorism, urging a united stance against those perpetrating violence.

He stressed the importance of international cooperation to eliminate the threat posed by ter-

rorist organizations, including the proxy wing of Jaish-e-Muhammad claimed responsibility for these attacks.

During the protest rally, attended by party members such as Satish, Bantu, Prem, Kalu, Raju, Ganesh, Vikram, Rampal, Vinay Abhishek, Raman, Sundar, and others, the sentiment of solidarity and determination to combat terrorism was palpable.

Army organizes interaction With Ex Servicemen at Keri & Chowkian, Rajouri

Top News Report

RAJOURI, July 16: Army organised an interaction with ex-servicemen at Keri & Chowkian, Rajouri District. The aim of the meet was to provide an avenue for redressal of grievances of not only Veterans, but also 'Veer Naris' and widows regarding issues pertaining to the pension benefits. Mobile canteen

facility was also provided to enable them to live their lives with dignity and pride. The rally was inaugurated by the senior most ex-servicemen. The Veterans were appreciated for their contribution to the nation. Welfare schemes and measures for improvement and upliftment of the ex-servicemen of the region were also impressed upon. A force of 64 locals

from a large segment of the population in Keri & Chowkian attended the event. The meet was an attempt by the Indian Army to enhance interaction amongst Ex-servicemen of the region and showcase the continuous commitment of the Armed Forces towards recognition of the valuable sacrifices and service rendered by the Ex-servicemen towards

the nation. The veterans extended their sincere gratitude towards the Army for organising the ESM meet and thanked the Armed Forces for maintaining peace and tranquillity in Jammu & Kashmir, while providing enormous job opportunities for youth and women through recruitment, various empowerment projects and Skill Development projects.

Fearless women bikers from Jammu embark on a Heroic Journey to Siachen

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Shakti Udgosh Foundation is organizing a women bike rally from Jammu to Siachen on 18th July. Twelve fearless women will ignite their engines and set off on an awe-inspiring adventure across the stunning landscapes of Jammu. They will navigate the majestic Shivaliks, traverse the breathtaking Kashmir Valley, conquer the formidable Zoji La Pass, and brave the stark beauty of Ladakh, culminating in their arrival at the legendary Siachen Base Camp-the world's highest battlefield.

Leading this bold expedition is the inspiring Dr. Preeti Chaudhary, a local adventure enthusiast, professional biker, and motivational force for countless young women and men of Jammu. SUF, a private not-for-profit organization established on November 8th last year in Jammu, is dedicated to empowering young women by providing training for employ-



ment in various sectors, especially the armed forces. The foundation's initiatives are aimed at fostering empowerment and self-reliance among women.

This extraordinary motorbike expedition, titled "Ride with Pride: Honoring Our Bravehearts," is far more than just a journey; it is a profound tribute to the valor and resilience of Indian soldiers and a celebration of the indomitable spirit of women. The event aims to shine a spotlight on the courage of our troops while showcasing the unwavering strength and determination of women riders, sending a power-

ful message of empowerment and unity.

The all-women motorbike expedition, organized under the banner of the Shakti Udgosh Foundation (SUF), will feature twelve remarkable participants. Notably, three riders hail from outside J&K: Indu Vallabhaneni (21) from Tamil Nadu, Jyoti Sharma (29) from Bihar, and Shivani Gauran (38) from Delhi.

The contingent from Jammu includes Dr. Preeti Chaudhary (37) as the Expedition Leader, Divya Sharma (23), Himani Sharma (24), Adv. Shiwani Pawar (30), Neha Choudhary (23), Aarti Malhotra (27), Rushali

Rajput (21), RJ Taniya Sharma (27), and Jhanvi Kapoor (27).

The expedition coincides with the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Kargil Vijay Diwas, observed annually on July 26th to honor the bravery and sacrifice of the soldiers who participated in Operation Vijay. This day commemorates the victory of Indian soldiers in reclaiming mountain heights on July 26, 1999, that had been occupied by the Pakistani Army.

As these brave women embark on their challenging and adventurous expedition, Jammu and the nation wish them all the best.

Director Agriculture launches New Honey Packaging to enhance quality of honey for consumers

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen launched new packaging of Honey produced at Departmental Farms/Apiaries, featuring upgraded packaging to maintain quality and meet consumer demands at revised rates at Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo Jammu.

Director Agriculture, Jammu addressing the launching event emphasized that the new packaging and revised rates demonstrate commitment of the Department to support the Apiculture industry and providing quality products to our consumers. He added that the new packaging include glass bottles replacing plastic bottles to ensure quality. He also disclosed that FSSAI registration of Apiculture Development Scheme, Jammu for Honey also been done to meet the quality parameters for sale of Honey.

He further expressed that newly designed stickers with FSSAI number and detailed information about the honey and facilities available at DCTC, Apiculture Development Scheme, Krishi Bhawan, Jammu such as Honey Processing Unit, Honey Bottling Unit, Honey



Testing Lab, Demonstration cum training center and Bee Flora Garden to make the packaging attractive & informative so that the concerned farmers/consumers can get the benefits. He said that half kg packaging is also introduced to make it customer friendly.

Appreciating the initiatives taken by the Apiculture Development Scheme, Jammu such as providing training, mentoring, and infrastructure support to the Beekeepers, Director Agriculture commended the efforts which have not only helped the beekeepers but also contributed significantly to the growth of the Apiculture Sector in the Jammu Region. A.S Reen enjoined upon to support the new Beekeepers under Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) for success of the Scheme a step towards "Sweet Revolution".

He assured that these initiatives aim to promote

high quality honey marketing and provide consumers with a premium product at reasonable rates. The revised rates will ensure fair pricing for both producers and consumers effective from 15th July.

Joint Director of Agriculture (Extension) Satish Sharma, Deputy Director (Central) Liaison Officer

Apiculture & Mushroom Development, Jammu Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Agronomist Vikas Padha, Subject Matter Specialist (RL) Darmesh Vaid, and Assistant Entomologist, Jammu Rajesh Verma graced the occasion with their presence. The programme was effectively conducted by Amit Sharma AEA Apiculture.

JKBS condemns attack on Army and JKP Personnel in Doda

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) on Tuesday expressed deep anguish over the attack on Army soldiers and Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) personnel in the Doda district.

Hony Captain Kamal Dass Kaith and JKBS' executive members said, We are deeply anguished to learn about the cowardly attack on our Army soldiers and JKP personnel in Doda district. Tributes to brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice protecting our nation. Our deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

They urged the security forces to avenge the death of our soldiers and thwart the evil designs of terrorists and their associates.

Earlier, they prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed souls of those martyred in the encounter.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 114 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/Sole Prop. for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in ₹)	Cost of document/ tender fee (in ₹)	Earnest money (in ₹)	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Replacement of control valves, strengthening of rising mains, manifolds and allied works from intakes to filtration plants at Sitlee under UT Capex Budget.	8,10,000/-	500/-	24,300/- in the shape of CDR / FDR	180 days	180 days

Position of AAA: Accorded
Position of TS: Sanctioned

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- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 13-07-2024 (02.00 pm).
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- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 27-07-2024 (02.00 pm) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
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- The bidder should make payment for cost of bidding document in shape of single window challan of JMC / online payment through the JMC website link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html> in the name of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu.
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1.	Strengthening of 500 mm dia Sitlee Lohar rising mains including replacement of worn out cast iron valves along with allied works under UT Capex Budget.	2,00,000/-	200/-	6,000/- in the shape of CDR / FDR	180 days	180 days

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EDITORIAL

TERROR
INCIDENTS

In the rugged terrain of Jammu and Kashmir, where beauty and conflict often coexist, a recent terror incident has once again shaken the region to its core. This incident, like many before it, unfolded with tragic consequences, leaving a trail of devastation and sorrow in its wake.

It was a crisp morning in a remote village nestled amidst the Himalayan foothills. The villagers, predominantly farmers and herders, were beginning their day's work under the watchful gaze of the surrounding mountains. Little did they know that their tranquility would soon be shattered by the harbingers of terror.

The day started with a routine patrol of security forces in the area, part of their ongoing efforts to maintain peace amidst simmering tensions. Reports of increased militant activity had put the region on edge, but the villagers had grown accustomed to living under such precarious conditions.

As the patrol moved through the village, suddenly, gunfire erupted from multiple directions. The militants, well-armed and well-prepared, had ambushed the security personnel with deadly precision. In the initial exchange of fire, several soldiers were wounded, and chaos ensued as villagers scrambled for cover, their once serene surroundings transformed into a battlefield.

Amidst the gunfire and confusion, the militants launched grenades indiscriminately, targeting both security forces and civilians alike. The cacophony of explosions reverberated through the valley, sending shockwaves of fear and panic among the villagers who had never experienced such intense violence up close.

The skirmish lasted for hours, with both sides locked in a deadly struggle for supremacy. Reinforcements were rushed in by helicopter, navigating the treacherous mountain terrain to reach the besieged patrol. Meanwhile, the villagers huddled in fear, unsure of when or if the violence would subside.

By the time the gunfire finally ceased, the toll of the terror incident became painfully clear. Several soldiers had made the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives in defense of the nation. Among them was a young officer, known for his bravery and dedication to his duty. His loss reverberated deeply not only within the military fraternity but also among the villagers who regarded him as a guardian against the looming specter of terror.

As the dust settled and the wounded were evacuated, a somber silence descended upon the village. Grief-stricken families mourned their loved ones, while the entire region grappled with the aftermath of yet another senseless act of violence. The scars left by the terror incident ran deep, leaving behind a community shattered by loss and disbelief.

In the days that followed, the incident sparked widespread condemnation and calls for justice. Political leaders vowed to intensify efforts to root out terrorism from the region, promising swift and decisive action against those responsible. Intelligence agencies launched investigations to unravel the network behind the attack, hoping to prevent future tragedies.

Amidst the anger and sorrow, stories of heroism emerged—tales of soldiers who fought valiantly against overwhelming odds, and villagers who risked their lives to aid the wounded and support the security forces. These acts of courage served as a reminder of the resilience and strength that define the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

As the region slowly recovered from the trauma, questions lingered about the underlying causes of the violence and the path to lasting peace. The incident underscored the complexities of the longstanding conflict in J&K, where deep-seated grievances, geopolitical rivalries, and ideological differences continue to fuel instability.

Yet, amidst the turmoil, there remained a glimmer of hope—a belief that through dialogue, cooperation, and mutual understanding, a sustainable peace could one day be achieved. The people of Jammu and Kashmir, resilient in the face of adversity, yearned for a future where such terror incidents would be consigned to history, and their homeland could flourish in peace and prosperity once more.

Constitution gives right to propagate religion... But laws make it an offence

By: Aakar Patel

Do Indians have freedom of religion? Meaning, do they have the right to invite others into their faith and the right to easily leave their faith? The Constitution says yes, but the laws say no. India is an unusual nation where propagation is both a fundamental right and a criminal offence. A fundamental right is defined as one that enjoys a high level of protection from encroachment by the State. But Article 25 (right to freely profess and propagate religion) doesn't enjoy such protection.

In effect, the Constitution tells us we are free to propagate but when we do so the police shows up and takes us away. On July 11 this year it was reported that the Allahabad High Court rejected the bail of a man named Shrinivas Rav Nayak with the observation that "the Constitution confers on each individual the fundamental right to profess, practice and propagate his religion. However, the individual right to freedom of conscience and religion cannot be extended to construe a collective right to proselytise".

On the subcontinent, Nepal doesn't allow conversions, while Pakistan has the same phrasing as India does, with the same restrictions. There is no real freedom of religion in Pakistan, just as the honest observer will conclude there isn't in India. But this is not what was intended by those who wrote the Constitution.

The Constituent Assembly debate on religious freedom

happened on December 6, 1948. It came after meetings of the Minorities Committee and the Committee on Fundamental Rights, which discussed the issue in detail and produced a text, which is today Article 25. It reads: "Right to freedom of religion: Subject to public order, morality and health and the other provisions of this Part, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise and propagate religion".

The key word here is "propagate", which the dictionary defines as to spread and promote, and to breed. The context in which the word was debated by India's Constituent Assembly was of conversions, specifically by Christians.

Gujarat's K.M. Munshi, the Hindu conservative, was part of a group that arrived at the text and he said of the word "propagate" that: "I know it was on this word that the Christian community laid the greatest emphasis, not because they wanted to convert people aggressively, but because the word 'propagate' was a fundamental part of their tenet." And "so long as religion is religion, conversion by free exercise of conscience had to be recognised". People must not fear the idea of a right to propagate, Munshi said, because "whatever conversions take place... are only the result of persuasion and not because of material advantages".

Note that conversion was always accepted as the reason for propagation.

In the Interim Report on

Fundamental Rights dated May 1, 1947, Frank Anthony had spoken to the committee and said: "My community (he was an Anglo-Indian) does not propagate. We do not convert, nor are we converted. But I do appreciate how deeply, how passionately millions of Christians feel on this right to propagate their religion." Anthony, the founder of a school network around India, congratulated the majority for retaining "in spite of its contentious character" the words "to propagate", "a right which is regarded as perhaps the most fundamental of Christian rights".

T.T. Krishnamachari said Dalits became Christian because of the status it gave them, that Hindu reform would deter such conversions, and that the right to propagate also applied to Hindus and Arya Samaj members who were free to carry out their conversion activities, which they called "Shuddhi".

The point here is that the meaning of the word "propagate" was understood by all as the right to, in Munshi's words, "persuade people to join their faith". That is, to convert. But what would happen instead in India, as we see around us, is that the State would step in to not only the right to propagate but also the individual's right to change his/her religion.

The only opposition in the Constituent Assembly came from a 26-year-old man from Odisha, who wanted the word "propagate" removed. This was Loknath Misra, brother of Ranganath Misra, who would later become Chief Justice of

India, and uncle of Dipak Misra, also to become Chief Justice. Loknath Misra said he didn't have any problem with propagation. "If people should propagate their religion, let them do so", he said, but "only I crave, let not the Constitution put it as a fundamental right and encourage it". His opposition also came from an understanding of the right to propagate as meaning the right to convert.

V.P. Bharatiya, writing in the Journal of Indian Law Institute in 1977, says the specificity in the debates gave the impression that the inclusion of the word propagate "creates a specific fundamental right to convert".

Dr B.R. Ambedkar was present in the debate but did not speak. He said he had nothing to add to what the others had said in defence of the right to propagate. It must be noted that Ambedkar's original draft submitted to the Constituent Assembly's committees bore the words: "right to profess, to preach and to convert, within limits compatible with public order and morality". He was satisfied that propagate meant the same thing. He would himself leave Hinduism and convert to Buddhism along with more than three lakh other Dalits in Nagpur on October 14, 1956.

Beginning in the 1970s, India's judiciary and police began instituting a series of practices that have resulted in where we are today: a nation whose Constitution gives citizens freedom of religion but whose establishment disallows it through indiscriminate use of criminal law.

Colors of Friendship

By: Vijay Garg

There is no fixed meaning of friend and if there was meaning then there would be no friendship. Friendship is such a relationship in this world which is not dependent on any formality, is not synonymous with any kind of bond. Having good friends is equivalent to attaining salvation. Relationships come together in times of trouble, but there are many ifs and buts in them. At the same time, friendship is above all ifs and buts. The one who doesn't think ahead or behind, who just comes to us be it happiness or sorrow, without being invited, without any frills, he is a friend and God. It is said that friendship is the bond of heart to heart and a true friend is present even before trouble arises. Some people are made for their friendly nature. The science of friendship is based on the heart, where there is no place for multiplication, division or subtraction, there is only addition. Friends, this is the only mathematics I know. They know how to make one and one eleven, two and two make five and sometimes they make eight, without even realizing it. Chemistry also knows that only those substances which are soluble

are remembered by friends. friends are like salt, If they are not there then the food has no taste. Their economics is different and it says, 'You keep it now, give it when it comes to you.' Friends don't just influence the surface, they go deep down and know things that even family members may not know. They immediately know what the friend's needs are at the moment. Such research says that if there is depression in the mind then it depends on the number of friends. Research published in the journal 'Proceedings of the Royal Society' reveals new things about friendship. Two thousand students who showed symptoms of depression were included in the research. It was revealed that students who had a large number of friends had reduced symptoms of depression. In these, the possibility of improvement was seen twice as fast. According to another research conducted in America, loneliness increases depression and also affects health. Actually, the circle of friends increases our lifespan and also keeps us happy. Friendship always inspires and pushes us beyond loneliness. Even if there is a friend where there is silence, he is still there. Reads no. They read all those feelings, belonging-

ness, happiness, sorrow and start helping in the same way. Our childhood friends are such that they know every inch of us and do not obey us without teasing us. British anthropologist and researcher Robin Dunbar's research says that a person cannot maintain friendship with more than one hundred and fifty friends. Among these, only a few friends are close to a person's heart. On how many best friends are there, Rabin says that a person may be able to maintain the circle of one hundred and fifty friends, but only there are only five friends with whom he can share everything. According to research published in the journal 'Psychological Science', boys who spend more time with their friends in childhood have lower blood pressure and body mass index when they are thirty years old. Jenny Cundiff of Texas Tech University in the US says, 'Research findings show that early life has an impact on our physical health in adulthood. Our childhood friends benefit our health even when we grow up. Are.' Some relationships in life are created for us by God above, but we come down to choose the relationship of friendship ourselves. It has been proved in many researches that the

stress hormone called cortisol is produced rapidly in the body of people living alone, due to which they start having stress related problems. Whereas people who have friends, who spend most of the time with friends, their stress hormones are reduced. They not only come in handy in bad times, but also make us sharper mentally. It is true that those Those people who have close friends are mentally younger and sharper than others. According to a research, the part of the brain that senses memories, emotions and motivations is clearly affected with age. Social relationships are preserved in this part of people's brain. Actually, the only rule of friendship is that it has no rules. The one who works without rules and adds to it is the dimension of friendship. Well, every friendship is an example in itself, because no friendship can be compared to another friend. Cannot be done by Mr. In every friendship you will find something new, something strange. Perhaps even nature has not created as many colors as there are in friendship.

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"Secrets of Success" book launched in Kashmir Model Academy School



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, July 16: The Kashmir Model Academy in Gazali Abad, Shalteng Srinagar hosted a significant event to inaugurate the book "Secrets of Success," authored by the esteemed Professor Masood Qamarwari. The ceremony drew notable figures from the educational sector, including G N Var, the President of the Private Schools Association Jammu & Kashmir (PSAJK), along with educators, students, and community members. "Secrets of Success," meticulously compiled by Shahbaz Hakbari, provides a deep dive into the

strategies and principles that have guided many individuals to achieve their educational and professional goals. Professor Masood Qamarwari, a respected academic from Srinagar and former principal of Aeshan Surfi College of Education, shared insights from his extensive experience in the field of education during the event.

G N Var, the Chief Guest, praised the efforts of educators like Professor Qamarwari. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of literary contributions in fostering a culture of excellence and ambition among students. "Books like

"Secrets of Success" provide invaluable guidance and inspiration to our young learners, encouraging them to strive for their best," said Var. He highlighted the role of such works in shaping the future of education in the region.

Professor Masood Qamarwari, in his address, expressed his gratitude for the support and appreciation received. He spoke about the motivation behind writing the book, sharing anecdotes from his career that underscored the importance of perseverance, dedication, and continuous learning. "Education is not just

about acquiring knowledge; it's about applying that knowledge to achieve success and make a positive impact," remarked Professor Qamarwari.

The event also featured remarks from Shabnum Masood, the Principal of Kashmir Model Academy. She expressed her gratitude for hosting the book launch at the academy and highlighted the institution's commitment to providing quality education and fostering a nurturing environment for students. "We are honored to host the launch of a book that promises to inspire and guide our students towards success," she said.

Central Govt should provide arms to Hindus of J&K for self-defense against terrorists: Chandel

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Senior BJP leader Guruji Raju Chandel expressed grave concern over the increasing terrorist activities in Jammu Kashmir, suggesting a heightened threat perception. He commended the vigilance of Jammu Kashmir security agencies and praised the efforts of the police and armed forces in neutralizing terrorists.

Chandel expressed deep concern about the rising incidents of terrorist activities in Jammu Kashmir, characterizing the situation as increasingly severe. He remarked that the terrorists seem to be intensifying their efforts, suggesting a heightened threat perception in the region.

Chandel praised the alertness and effectiveness of the security agencies in Jammu Kashmir, particularly highlighting the efforts of the Jammu Kashmir Police and security forces in eliminating terrorists. He mentioned that these operations have left terrorists bewil-



Chandel asserted that the Indian Army is fully prepared to act decisively if directed by the central government. He claimed that the army could liberate Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK) and integrate it into India within 24 hours if given the order, highlighting a strong stance on national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Chandel proposed that young children from Hindu families should receive training in handling weapons at local army camps. This, he argued, would enhance their ability to contribute to their own defense and security in the volatile environment of Jammu Kashmir.

He called upon the central government to take serious action in safeguarding Hindu families in Jammu Kashmir. This included ensuring their safety and addressing their concerns about security amidst the ongoing conflict and terrorist activities in the region.

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Chandel criticized Pakistan for what he termed as a prolonged proxy war against India. He expressed sorrow over the loss of Indian soldiers and Kashmiri youth, calling for retribution against Pakistan and advocating for decisive action to eliminate the threat posed by terrorism originating from across the border.

Sehyogdhara NGO convenes meeting to enhance community welfare initiatives in Kishtwar



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, July 16: Sehyogdhara, a distinguished Non-Government Organisation (NGO), on Tuesday convened a significant meeting of its members under the leadership of Dr. Daisy Parihar at the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) in Kishtwar.

Dr. Daisy Parihar's dreams to help underprivileged people and children are coming true with Sehyogdhara as the name itself means 'The Flow of Help', is renowned for her impactful social work and has been honoured as a National Award Icon.

Very soon, Sehyogdhara will educate children of very far-flung areas of Kishtwar district about scientific education through digital media.

The meeting witnessed participation from members hailing from various regions of Kishtwar district, including Kishtwar Town, Hidayal, Pochhal, Anjole, Thakraie, Nagse-ni, Drabshalla, Dool, SARTH al, Galigud, Trigam, Padyarna, Cherji, Kuntwara, Saroor, Joshana, Paddar, Chatroo, Passarkoot,

Mughalmaidan Matta, and Kuleed.

The diverse representation underscored the wide-reaching influence and commitment of Sehyogdhara in fostering community welfare.

The primary objective of the meeting was to engage in an insightful discussion on the numerous areas where Sehyogdhara's interventions are crucial for societal welfare.

Dr. Parihar emphasized the importance of NGOs working towards humanity, particularly focusing on the needs of underprivileged children in terms of food, health, and education. She reiterated the commitment of Sehyogdhara to community welfare and cultural preservation, highlighting these as core values of the organization.

Dr. Daisy Parihar stressed the necessity of establishing units of Sehyogdhara NGO in every corner of the district. This decentralization effort aims to extend the volunteer base, thereby ensuring the efficient fulfillment of the NGO's aims and objectives. She articulated a vision of

honesty and dedication, urging all members to prioritize national development through their contributions.

"Whatever we do, we should do it with honesty. Our contribution towards the development of the nation should be our priority," Dr. Parihar remarked, encapsulating the ethos of Sehyogdhara.

The meeting concluded with a unanimous agreement on the action plans and strategies to be adopted in the coming months. Members pledged to work collaboratively to address the pressing needs of the community, ensuring that Sehyogdhara's mission of uplifting the underprivileged and preserving cultural heritage is realized.

This meeting marks a significant step in Sehyogdhara's journey, as it continues to expand its reach and impact across Kishtwar district. With the unwavering support of its members and the visionary leadership of Dr. Daisy Parihar, Sehyogdhara is poised to make substantial contributions to societal welfare and national development.

Naresh Sudan appointed as BJYM Mandal President of Mathwar

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: In an effort to strengthen local leadership, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) District Jammu North President, Rajat Manhas has appointed Naresh Sudan as the BJYM Mandal President of Mathwar.

This decision was made with the approval of BJP District President Jammu North, Omi Khajuria, Mandal President Math-

war, B.D. Sharma.

Naresh Sudan has been recognized for his excellent work and strong connections with the local community. Senior leaders congratulated him on his new role and encouraged him to continue his hard work for the party.

With Naresh Sudan's leadership, the BJYM expects to see increased energy and enthusiasm in Mathwar, helping to further the party's mission.

KDP Wing of DPAP condemns terrorist attack in Doda

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: The Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) has strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack in Doda, which resulted in the martyrdom of a Captain and three soldiers.

In a statement issued by Sanjay Dhar, President of the KDP Wing of DPAP J&K, the attack was described as ghastly and inhuman. Dhar emphasized the need for the government to enhance its intelligence capabilities to prevent such unforeseen guerrilla attacks, which not only endanger the security grid but also inflict losses on the nation as a whole.

Dhar urged local border civil societies, Village Defence Committees,

and ordinary citizens to maintain vigilance and promptly report any suspicious activities of anti-national elements to the security forces.

He emphasized the importance of community cooperation in thwarting such attacks on civilians, security personnel, and the army.

The statement also included prayers for the peace of the martyred soldiers and expressed sympathy and solidarity with their families in coping with their loss.

Dhar called upon the Government of India to formulate a comprehensive policy aimed at preventing such nefarious designs of anti-national elements.

He proposed empowering the security forces further to ensure the safety of civilians and preempt such attacks in the future.

DPAP leaders join JD(U)



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, July 16: In a significant political development, several key leaders from the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) have joined the Janata Dal (United) in a ceremonial event held in Srinagar today. The event was graced by the presence of G M Shaheen, President of the JD(U) Jammu and Kashmir.

G M Shaheen warmly welcomed the new members into the JD(U) fold, highlighting the growing appeal of the party's vision and leadership. He emphasized that

the inclusion of these experienced leaders would strengthen the party's commitment to the development and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

"We are thrilled to have these dedicated leaders join us. Their experience and commitment will significantly bolster our efforts to bring positive change to the region," Shaheen stated during his address. He reiterated the party's focus on inclusive development, social justice, and economic progress for all sections of society.

The joining ceremony witnessed enthusiastic

participation from local supporters and party members, reflecting the increasing support for JD(U) in the region. The new members expressed their confidence in the leadership of G M Shaheen and the party's ability to address the pressing issues facing Jammu and Kashmir.

This event marks a pivotal moment in the political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, as the JD(U) continues to expand its reach and influence. The party remains dedicated to its mission of fostering unity and development across the region.

Ashtedu Mardani Akhada 2nd State Level Championship held



Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Ashtedu Mardani Akhada 2nd State Level Championship was held on Saturday at Kollam Railway Station Kalyanamandapam. more than 500 contestants from various districts of Kerala participated in the event.

The program was inaugurated by whom the Kollam District Olympic Association Secretary and also Kerala Olympic Association member Jayakrishnan R (sports council).

The event was led by other district

state officials whom the Ashtedu Mardani Akhada State Secretary Rajila Selvakumar (BA, NSNIS (wushu), Kerala President K Harikrishnan (Bootland), Selvakumar (BA NSNIS Boxing), technical director Sudeesh Kumar (National Coach).

Ashtedu Mardani Akhada is a modified form of Indian sports (Maharashtra). Generally, following the traditional parlance of different parts of Maharashtra state (Ashtedu), the word means a quick/shock/sudden attack on an opponent combining slow movement of mind and spirit.

Shiv Sena honours Vaishali Mangotra



Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit honoured Vaishali Mangotra of Jammu who recently

returned as winner of Super Global International Beauty Contest for Children held in Goa.

In this programme organised at Jammu Press Club, Shiv Sena

(UBT) State Chief Manish Sahni was present as the Chief Guest. Sahni praised 12-year-old Vaishali Mangotra who brought laurels to Jammu-Kashmir by winning

the said competition and honoured her by presenting her a memento and assured her of all possible help for participating in such completions in future.

This special programme was organised with the support of JD Events Production Company in which Arun Tak (Actor/Model), Prince Ponty (Founder/Director), JD Events Production, Naveen Pal, Ranja and Shiv Sena President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi were present.

Address rising unemployment among displaced educated KP youth: Pandita

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Vinod Pandita, a notable representative of the Kashmiri Pandit community, has highlighted the pressing issue of rising unemployment among educated Kashmiri Pandit youth who have been forcibly displaced and living in camps and non-camps in Jammu and other parts of the country for over thirty-four years.

Pandita expressed deep concern over the escalating frustration, despair, and desperation among these youth due to the lack of employment opportunities or stipend provisions since 2008.

Pandita appealed to the Prime Minister of India and the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir to urgently implement a special employment package tailored specifically for

Kashmiri Pandit youth.

He proposed the creation of at least ten thousand job positions aimed at addressing the unemployment crisis within the community.

Acknowledging the Government of India's efforts in developmental initiatives across the country and particularly in Jammu and Kashmir over the past decade, Pandita emphasized the community's high expectations from the

current regime. He urged for tangible and concrete steps to be taken swiftly to tackle the unemployment issue among the displaced Kashmiri Pandit youth.

Pandita stressed the importance of utilizing the potential of these educated youth in nation-building endeavors and providing them with opportunities to sustain themselves honorably despite their harsh exile conditions.

Not so politically correct!

Singer-turned politician Hans Raj Hans, who was in Chandigarh to launch the poster of his upcoming single *Kithe Tur Geyan Yaara*, says jaat, paisa and nasha decide the polls in Punjab

Kithe Tur Geyan Yaara... Punjabi words that translate into 'where have you vanished friend' is the title of a heartfelt tribute to singer Surinder Shinda and quite apt too, as it is in the inimitable voice of Hans Raj Hans, who has crooned many a melodious composition. So, when Hans comes calling to the Chandigarh Press Club on a sultry Monday morning, to launch the poster of his upcoming single, it's an occasion to savour. "Surinder Shinda was like a shining light of Punjabi music industry; there have been very few like him. Although he passed away last year, he will forever live in our hearts. His tunes will continue to regale audiences in the times to come. He was much senior to me, and I have learnt a lot from him," says Hans.

Known for songs like Jatt Jeona Morh, Putt Jattan De and Truck Balleye, Shinda stood as a name that was widely respected; little wonder then, a tribute in his honour made the entire team emotional, as they recollected moments from filming at the Perfect Picture Location in Fatehgarh Sahib. "You all must have heard of metaphysics, so Surinder Shinda's body might not be present with us, but his soul is very much around. It will keep guiding us in our onward journey. Interestingly, he used to crack jokes at will too. But he kept Punjab's virasit alive in his songs and also in the characters he essayed as an actor on screen," shares Hans.



As a question veers towards the political scenario of Punjab, Hans, being a political figure himself, shakes his head, "The very politicians who make tall

claims about tackling the drug menace in the state are the ones who are involved in such nefarious activities during polls. We need leaders who will take

these challenges head-on," he says.

"Unfortunately, jaat (caste), paisa (money) and nasha (drugs) are the factors that decide the polls in Punjab. Until and unless these three malaises are handled, nothing can improve," he predicts.

Having said that, Hans also claimed, "Albeit in the political arena too, I will always be a Sufi singer at heart. It is destiny that is taking its own course and I am following what is written for me. As for the future, my political career may or may not continue, but I will forever remain a singer." Notably, Hans lost the 2024 Lok Sabha elections as the BJP candidate from Faridkot in Punjab. In 2019, he had won from the North West Delhi constituency.

Written by Harpreet Singh Sekhon, *Kithe Tur Geyan Yaara* has received the blessings of famous lyricist Babu Singh Maan. The song will be globally released on July 26 under Vital Records.

Meanwhile, known for songs like Dil Tote Tote Ho Gaya, Sili Sii Aundi Hai Hawa and Dil Chori Sada Ho Gaya, among others, Hans, who is a recipient of the Padma Shri, shares that his son's son is also a budding singer now — genetics sure seems to be at work! As for the philosophy he lives by, "I remain in the moment. I don't think too much ahead, just do my deeds... baaki malik jaane' (rest in in the hands of God)."

Hina Khan resumes working after cancer diagnosis: First work assignment after diagnosis



Popular television actor Hina Khan has returned to work after being diagnosed with stage three breast cancer for which she is currently undergoing treatment.

Khan, 36, who became a popular name in the television industry after playing the lead role in "Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai", had shared the

news about her diagnosis last month via an Instagram post.

The actor has kept her followers updated on her treatment and chemotherapy. In a new video on Monday, the actor is seen getting ready for her first work assignment post the diagnosis for which she wore a wig. "My first work assign-

ment after my diagnosis.. Walking the talk is challenging, especially when facing life's biggest challenges. So, give yourself a break on bad days; it's okay... you deserve it.

However, don't forget to live your life on the good days, no matter how few they are. These days still hold importance.

Accept the change, embrace the difference, and NORMALISE it," she wrote in the caption.

The actor said it was important to normalise working if one had the strength and energy.

"And to all you beautiful people who are battling this disease. Remember, it's your story; it's your life. You decide what to make of it. Don't give up and find what you love doing. Your work, your passion—if you don't know what it is, invent it.

But remember to give yourself the healing you deserve. Coz doing what you love is also Healing."

Khan has also starred in films including "Hacked" and "Shinda Shinda No Papa".

Jaideep Ahlawat says Irrfan Khan is his all-time favourite actor

Actor Jaideep Ahlawat, who has garnered critical response for his work in the recently released film *Maharaj*, has shared that his all-time favourite actor is Irrfan Khan. He spoke about his inspiration in Indian cinema, more specifically Hindi cinema, and shared that the perspectives of actors change when they sign up for training in acting, and it further changes when they start working on stage or for the screen.

He said, "In Hindi cinema, I'm very much inspired by Naseeruddin Shah and Om Puri. But, my all time-favourite is Irrfan. If we talk about his journey, he was doing something amazing 30 years ago, and nobody could really understand what he was doing and assess the quality of his work."

He then shared an anecdote saying Irrfan was heavily judged



during his time in the National School of Drama and was considered a bad actor. He further mentioned, "I heard from his classmate in NSD, that whenever he used to be on stage, he was told, 'Why don't you do anything? Why don't you act?'. He was considered to be the worst actor of his batch. But, he was doing something

amazing that all of us later realised. He was making his own niche and creating magic with his craft."

With regards to *Maharaj*, the film, produced by YRF, continues to garner positive response from the audience. It is in the Top 10 of Netflix in 16 countries. It clocked 3.2 million views on Netflix in a week.

Actor Rakul Preet Singh's brother among ten arrested by Hyderabad police in drug case

Actor Rakul Preet Singh's brother, Aman Preet Singh, was among ten people arrested in a major drug case busted in Hyderabad on Monday, as authorities seized 199 grams of cocaine worth Rs 35 lakh, Cyberabad police said.

According to officials, Aman Preet Singh is among five people arrested as customers after a joint raid by the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB) and Narsingi Police, Cyberabad, and the subsequent arrest of five drug peddlers. The joint raid was conducted based on credible information at a flat in Vishal Nagar and seized 199 grams of cocaine worth Rs 35 lakh from their possession.

In addition to the five drug peddlers, officials identified 13 customers of the contraband, including Aman Preet Singh. "Till now, five persons have been brought and tested. The results turned posi-



tive for cocaine. They are being sent to the hospital. The accused have been identified as Aniketh Reddy, Prasad, Aman Preet Singh, Madhusudhan and Nikhil Daman. All of them have been taken into custody by the Police SOT team and will be produced before the court after medical tests," DCP Rajendra Nagar Srivas said.

Detailing about the raid, officials said that TGANB and Narsingi Police conducted the operation at Flat No 202 of Janab Fort View Apartments in Vishal Nagar, Hydershakote, and apprehended five persons including two foreign nationals, along with 199 grams of cocaine worth Rs 35 lakh from their possession.

The arrested accused have been identified as Onuoha Blessing alias Joana Gomes (31), a resident of Bangalore with a Nigerian passport, Azeez Noheem Adeshola (29), a native of Lagos, Nigeria, Allam Satya Venkata Gowtham (31), a native of Vishakapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, Sanaboina Varun Kumar (42), a native of Amalapuram, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, and Mohd Mahaboob Shareef (36), a resident of Rangareddy district.

"They were trying to distribute to drug peddlers in the limits of Narsingi PS, Cyberabad. Two passports, two motorcycles, ten mobile phones, and other incriminating material were also seized," they said.

Two more Nigerian nationals, identified as Divine Ebuka Suzzee alias Ebuka alias Emmanuel alias Level (35) and Ezeonyili Franklin Uchenna alias Kaleshi (22), are wanted in the case and are on

the run, they added.

Officials said that the kingpin of the gang, Divine Ebuka Suzzee, may have fled to Nigeria.

He runs a significant drug syndicate in association with the arrested drug dealers. He sends his main associate, Onuoha Blessing, to Delhi to transport drugs to Hyderabad and other cities in India. She travels by both flights and trains to supply the dealers. In Hyderabad, these dealers supply the drugs to consumers.

"Onuoha Blessing, originally from Nigeria, concealed her identity and obtained a passport from the Republic of Guinea-Bissau under the fake name Joana Gomes. She came to India in 2018 for the drug trade," they pointed out.

"Onuoha used a fake passport to avoid legal issues and escape back to her country when needed. She employed international SIM cards for communication," they added.

Shraddha Kapoor shares new poster of 'Stree 2' featuring Stree's braid

Actress Shraddha Kapoor, who is eagerly awaiting the release of her upcoming horror-comedy movie *'Stree 2'*, shared a new poster of the film on Tuesday.

The poster features a hand holding a braid in a firm grip, a significant element in the film's narrative.

In the first part of the film, which was released in 2018, Shraddha's character dropped hints about her identity by using the braid of Stree (the ghost) on herself, intriguing viewers and leaving them wondering if she was a ghost.

The actress also shared that the trailer of the film will be released in two days.

Shraddha wrote in the caption, "Ek badi suchna - O Stree aa rahi hai in just 2 din. #Stree2 Trailer in 2 days! The legend returns this Independence Day, August 15, 2024."

'Aatank jab Chanderi par chhaya, tab sabko ek hi nara yaad aaya, O Stree Raksha Karnal!'



'Stree', which was directed by debutant Amar Kaushik, also starred Rajkumar Rao, Flora Saini, Pankaj Tripathi, Aparshakti Khurana and Abhishek Banerjee.

The plot is based on the urban legend Nale Ba ('Come Tomorrow') of Karnataka.

Rajkumar, who played a tailor in 'Stree', learned to sew as part of the preparation for his role.

'Stree' is considered one of the best horror-comedy films in Hindi cinema and laid the foundation for a supernatural universe.

Other films in this universe include 'Roohi', 'Bhediya' and 'Munjya'.

The universe is set to expand further with 'Stree 2'.

The film's release was changed to August 15 after the makers of the upcoming box-office hit 'Pushpa: The Rule' decided to move its release to December 6.

No 'good news', for now enjoy 'Bad Newz': Vicky Kaushal on Katrina Kaif's pregnancy rumours

Actor Vicky Kaushal on Monday dismissed media reports about wife Katrina Kaif's pregnancy as "speculation", saying they will happily announce whenever they have "good news".

Kaushal, who is currently promoting his upcoming comedy "Bad Newz", was in the city to promote the movie ahead of its Friday release. The film also stars Triptii Dimri and Amy Virk.

"As far as the good news that you spoke about is concerned, we will be very happy to share it with you when we have it. But till then, there is no truth to that, there is only speculation which is coming from the media. So please, enjoy 'Bad Newz' for now, we will share with you when there is time for good news," Kaushal said at a promotional event here.

When the host requested the media to not ask personal questions, the actor quipped, "There is a very good

line in the picture, which is 'Don't get personal.'" Pregnancy rumours gained prominence when a picture of the couple walking on the streets of London became viral on social media with many fans speculating that Kaif was sporting a baby bump.

Kaushal later shared plans for Kaif's 41st birthday tomorrow.

"Thanks for mentioning her birthday, it's a very special day and the plan is to just spend some quality time together. I'm rushing back to her birthday now... I've been busy with the promotions and she has also been travelling," he said.

"Bad Newz" revolves around a woman (Dimri) who is carrying twins, but with different fathers, played by Kaushal and Virk. Directed by Anand Tiwari, "Bad Newz" has been produced by Amritpal Singh Bindra, Apoorva Mehta and Karan Johar. The film is slated to release on July 19.

Congress Has Always Been Anti-Backward Classes: Amit Shah

Amit Shah asserted that the BJP will form the government in Haryana with a complete majority.

MAHENDRAGARH, Jul 16 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday targeted the Congress, saying the opposition party has always been anti-backward classes.

Addressing a 'Backward Classes Samman Sammelan' in Mahendragarh, Haryana, Amit Shah referred to the Kaka Kalekar Commission formed in the 1950s to provide reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and said the Congress did not implement its recommendations for years. "In 1980, (the then prime minister) Indira Gandhi put the Mandal Commission in cold



storage. In 1990, when it was accepted, Rajiv Gandhi gave a two-and-a-half-hour speech and opposed OBC reserva-

tion," the Union minister said. "In Karnataka, the Congress snatched reservation from backward classes and gave it to

Muslims. The same will happen here if they come (to power) here," Amit Shah said.

"I want to assure you that we will not allow Muslim reservation in Haryana," he said.

He asserted that the BJP will form the government in Haryana with a complete majority.

The Haryana Assembly elections are scheduled to be held later this year.

This is Shah's second visit to Haryana in over the last fortnight. On June 29, he had addressed BJP leaders and workers during a meeting of the party's extended state executive in Panchkula.

INDIA bloc's partner Mukesh Sahani's father found murdered at Bihar home



DARBHANGA, Jul 16 (Agencies): Jitan Sahani, father of Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) chief

Mukesh Sahani, was allegedly found murdered at his ancestral home in Bihar's Darbhanga district, police

said on Tuesday.

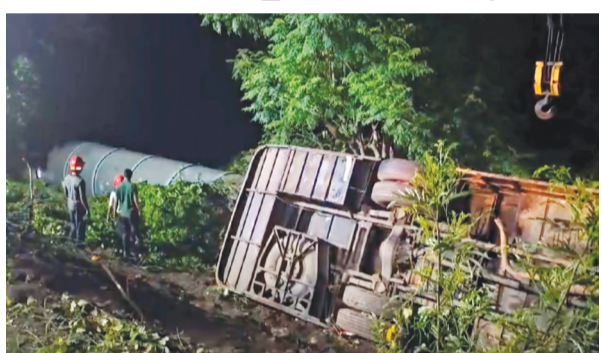
Jitan Sahani's body, with several stab injuries and cut marks on his chest and stomach, was found inside his room at his house in Biraul area this morning.

Darbhangha Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jagunath Reddy said a team of senior officers have reached the spot and are investigating the matter.

A former minister in the Bihar government, Mukesh Sahani heads the VIP, which is an alliance partner of the INDIA bloc.

5 killed, 42 injured as bus ferrying pilgrims hits tractor on Mumbai-Pune Expressway

MUMBAI, Jul 16 (Agencies): At least five persons were killed and 42 others injured when a bus carrying pilgrims hit a tractor on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, police said on Tuesday.



The bus was ferrying 54 'warkaris' (devotees of Lord Vitthal) who were on their way to Pandharpur for the Ashadhi Ekadashi celebrations from their hometown Dombivli in Thane district near Mumbai, they said.

The accident took place at around midnight near Panvel in Navi Mumbai, an official said.

While on the expressway, the speeding bus hit the tractor.

Three passengers from the bus and two from the tractor were killed, DCP Vivek Pansare said, adding that a woman was among the deceased.

After hitting the tractor, the bus rammmed into a barricade of the expressway and fell into a 20-foot-deep gorge, the official said.

The injured pilgrims

were rushed to a private hospital for treatment. The condition of seven of them was serious, he said.

Ashadhi Ekadashi will be celebrated on Wednesday. Lakhs of warkaris undertake the pilgrimage every year to Pandharpur, where they converge on the Ashadhi Ekadashi from all parts of Maharashtra.

Delhi High Court sets July 25 as deadline for Centre to decide on allotment of office space to AAP

NEW DELHI, Jul 16 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Tuesday granted the Centre time till July 25 to decide on allotment of office space to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) here on account of it being recognised as a national party.

On June 5, the high court granted six weeks to the Centre to decide the AAP's request in this matter.

The Directorate of Estates, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, on Tuesday, sought four more weeks to comply with the court's direction, stating it was occupied with the "mammoth task" of allotting accommodation to parliamentarians.

The senior counsel appearing for AAP opposed the Centre's request and emphasised that keeping in view the six-week deadline, which is expiring on Wednesday, the Supreme Court has granted the party time till August 10 as the last opportunity to vacate its present office in Rouse Avenue.

In March, the Supreme Court first granted the AAP time till June 15 to vacate its Rouse Avenue office after noting that the land was allotted to the Delhi High Court for expanding judicial infrastructure.

The senior counsel said the extension of time was being sought to leave the party without any remedy and the Centre did not express before the top court its inability to comply with the Delhi High Court's direction regarding the allotment of office space.

"Tomorrow is the last date when the order completes six weeks... You chose not to come before this court. What is the purpose to come at the fag end? If you don't want to give, what is stopping them from giving a reasoned order that you don't want to give," the senior counsel said.

Justice Sanjeev Narula said "substantial time" has been granted to the authority to take a decision on the office space

allotment issue and a further extension of four weeks cannot be given.

"However, considering the overall facts and circumstances, the time period is extended till July 25, 2024. This court expects that no further applications will be presented by the applicant for seeking extension," the court said.

On June 5, the high court said the AAP was entitled to a space for a party office here like other national political parties and asked the Centre to decide on the issue within six weeks.

It had observed that national political parties have the right to secure allotment of one housing unit from the general pool in Delhi for office use on payment of licence fee until land is acquired by them for constructing its own accommodation.

"Pressure" or non-availability of a house in the general pool cannot be a reason for rejection of the request, the high court

had said.

If the AAP's representation is rejected by the Centre, the party can take appropriate steps under law, the high court had said in its June order.

The party had moved the high court last year by filing two separate petitions seeking a piece of land in the national capital for the construction of its offices in view of its status as a recognised national party or allotment of a housing unit on a licence basis for the time being.

The petition seeking allotment of land to the AAP is still pending in the high court.

The Arvind Kejriwal-led party had said in court that since land has been allotted by the authorities to all other national parties for building offices in central locations of New Delhi, it is incumbent upon them to ensure that a similar allotment is also made to the AAP in accordance with its entitlement as per the Centre's policy.

Removal of barricades at Shambhu Border: Supreme Court to hear Haryana government's plea on July 22

NEW DELHI, Jul 16 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to take up on July 22 the Haryana Government's petition challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court's order to remove within a week the barricades at the Shambhu border near Ambala where farmers have been camping since February.

A Bench led by Justice Surya Kant said it will hear the matter next Monday after Haryana's Senior Additional Advocate General Lokesh Sinhal submitted the issue needed urgent consideration.

Meanwhile, farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal on Tuesday announced in Chandigarh that farmers will march towards Delhi whenever the national highway -- barricaded at Shambhu border near Ambala in Haryana -- was opened.

The Haryana Police set up barricades at the Ambala-New Delhi national highway in February when Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha

(KMM) announced to march towards Delhi to press for their demands, including a legal guarantee to minimum support price (MSP) for crops.

Citing the law and order situation as the reason for the blockade, the state government said, "It is humbly submitted that though the petitioner is most concerned about any inconvenience of any kind caused to the general public, the present SLP has been filed on an urgent basis..."

"Despite the categorical submission regarding law and order issue that may arise, the threat to life and property and despite a plea to shift the agitators out of the National Highway, the high court has on an 'experimental basis' directed for opening of the Shambhu Border without passing any directions against the agitators," it said.

The Haryana Government said law and order is a state subject under the Constitution and it is entirely the state's responsibility to assess ground realities, threat perception, likelihood of

breach of peace and violation of law. It said the high court order recorded that 400-500 trolleys and 50-60 other vehicles with a gathering of around 500 agitators are still at site at Shambhu Border but no directions had been issued to these "illegally agitating groups" to vacate the highway, to stop causing inconvenience and to stop creating law and order issues.

More than five months after the "unlawful sealing of the border between Haryana and Punjab" to prevent farmers from "protesting peacefully", the Punjab and Haryana High Court had on Wednesday directed the state of Haryana to open the Shambhu border on an experimental basis to prevent inconvenience to the general public.

An HC Bench of Justice Gurmeeet Singh Sandhwalia and Justice Vikas Bahl had said it was apparent that the "lifelines of the state of Punjab" were blocked on mere apprehensions, while "the cause has dwindled". As such, it would be in the general public's interest

that "the state of Haryana now does not continue to block the highways for all time to come," the HC had said.

The Supreme Court had on July 12 asked the Haryana Government to remove the barricades set up at the Shambhu border as it wondered how it could block a highway.

"How can a state block a highway? It has a duty to regulate traffic. We are saying open it but regulate," an SC Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan had said after the Haryana Government counsel said the state was in the process of filing an appeal against the July 10 order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court directing it to open the highway in seven days. The Bench was hearing the Haryana Government's petition challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court's order to constitute a committee headed by a former high court judge to investigate the death of Shubhakaran Singh -- a farmer -- during a clash with Haryana security personnel in February.

Tamil Nadu party worker hacked to death in Madurai days after BSP leader murder

MADURAI, Jul 16 (Agencies): A worker of the Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK) was murdered by a group of people in Tamil Nadu's Madurai on Tuesday morning.

The incident happened on Vallabai Road, while C Balasubramanian was out on a morning walk.

Four unidentified men surrounded him and chased him before murdering him brutally.

The police reached the spot as soon as they received information about the incident.

Balasubramanian was found in a pool of blood on the street.

He was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead.

Meanwhile, the police



retrieved the CCTV video of the murder and were investigating the case.

The incident happened close to the house of a state minister, where adequate security was deployed.

Balasubramanian is believed to have pending cases against him.

Hours after the incident, one of the party leaders, Seeman, demanded the immediate arrest of the

accused.

He also claimed a delay in justice would lead to statewide protests.

In a statement, Seeman said, "Balasubramanian's death shows the deteriorated condition of law and order in Tamil Nadu."

"If anyone can be killed using a contract killer, the law and order is completely missing from the state. How many more lives would be lost? Are the police only there to garland the dead?", questioned Seeman.

"When there is no safety for political party leaders and office bearers, what protection will be available for the common man?" he asked.

Bihar: Six killed, several injured as speeding jeep rams into parked truck

PATNA, Jul 16 (Agencies): Six people were killed and several others were injured when the jeep they were travelling in rammmed into a parked truck in Barh area on the outskirts of Patna on Tuesday, police said.

The identity of the deceased is yet to be ascertained.

Speaking to reporters, Barh II Sub-divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Abhisek Singh said, "The incident took place on National Highway 31 (Bakhtiyarpur-Nalanda) in Barh early on Tuesday."

"According to eyewitnesses, the jeep in which victims were travelling hit a

truck parked on the roadside from behind.

Four people died on the spot, while two others succumbed to their injuries during treatment," he said.

The other injured persons have been admitted to a hospital and their condition is stated to be stable, Singh said, adding further investigation is underway.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar condoled the deaths in the road accident.

The CMO, in a statement, said that Nitish Kumar expressed his deep anguish on the accident and offered his condolences to the bereaved families.

11-Year-Old Raped In Maharashtra's Thane, Girl Among 4 Minor Accused

MUMBAI, Jul 16 (Agencies): An 11-year-old girl was raped at Ambernath in Maharashtra's Thane district, police have said.

The main accused, a minor, has been detained along with five others. Four of the accused are minor and one is a girl, according to police.

Police said the 11-year-old was in Ambernath town when the accused girl talked



her into accompanying her to a nearby locality, where the other accused were waiting.

There, the main accused raped her in an auto-rickshaw, the girl has said in her complaint.

News agency reported that the accused threatened the girl against talking about the assault to anyone.

But she managed to flee and reach home, and told her parents

about the assault.

A rape case has been registered under the new criminal code, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and the stringent Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act has also been invoked.

Inspector Jagannath Kalaskar of Ambernath police station said two adult accused have been remanded in police custody and the minor accused have been sent to a reform home.

Forty dead in heavy rains in eastern Afghanistan; 17 killed in bus accident

Taliban officials say heavy rains in eastern Afghanistan have killed at least 40 people and injured nearly 350 others

KABUL, Jul 16 (Agencies): Heavy rains in eastern Afghanistan have killed at least 40 people and injured nearly 350 others, Taliban officials said Tuesday. Separately, at least 17 died when a bus overturned on a main highway, official media said.

Sharafat Zaman Amar, a spokesperson for the Public Health Ministry, confirmed that 40 people had died in Monday's storm and that 347 injured people had been brought for treatment to the regional hospital in Nangarhar from Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar province, and nearby districts. Among the dead were five members of the same family who were killed when the roof of their house collapsed in Surkh Rod district, according



to provincial spokesperson Sediqullah Quraishi. Four other family members were injured. About 400 houses and 60 electricity poles were destroyed across Nangarhar province, Quraishi said. Power was cut in many areas and there were limited communica-

tions in Jalalabad city, he said. The damage was still being assessed, Quraishi said.

Abdul Wali, 43, said much of the damage occurred within an hour. "The winds were so strong that they blew everything into the air. That was followed by heavy rain," he

said. His 4-year-old daughter received minor injuries, he said.

In May, exceptionally heavy rains killed more than 300 people and destroyed thousands of houses, mostly in the northern province of Baghlan, according to the World Food Program.

Separately, the official Taliban news agency Bakhtar reported that at least 17 people were killed and 34 others injured when a bus overturned Tuesday morning on the main highway linking Kabul and Balkh in northern Baghlan province.

The cause of the accident wasn't immediately clear, but poor road conditions and careless driving are often blamed for such incidents in the country.

Pakistani troops kill 10 militants responsible for attack on military base that left 8 soldiers dead

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Jul 16 (Agencies): All 10 militants who rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into a Pakistani military facility were killed in an 18-hour operation, officials said Tuesday.

In its statement, the Pakistani military said eight soldiers were killed when a suicide bomber early Monday rammed his explosive-laden vehicle into the outer wall of an army housing complex in Bannu, a city in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

A splinter group of Pakistani Taliban, led by a militant commander Gul Bahadur, claimed the attack, which has been denounced by the country's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and other officials.

The military said the suicide attack collapsed a portion of the wall and damaged nearby infrastructure, resulting in the killing of the eight soldiers.

Responding to the attack, security forces killed all ten attackers, it said.

The military said a "timely and effective response by the security forces prevented major catastrophe."

Pakistan has consistently raised its

concerns with the Taliban government in Afghanistan, the military adds, "asking them to deny persistent use of Afghan soil by the terrorists and to take effective action against such elements."

The military said Pakistan's armed forces "will keep defending the motherland and its people against this menace of terrorism and will take all necessary measures as deemed appropriate against these threats emanating from Afghanistan."

There was no immediate comment from Kabul.

Pakistan has witnessed a surge in militant attacks, mostly in the north-west which borders Afghanistan, in recent years.

Most such previous attacks have been blamed on Pakistani Taliban, who are known as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan or TTP. They are a separate group but also an ally of the Afghan Taliban. TTP has stepped up its attacks on security forces across the country since the Afghan Taliban seized power in Afghanistan in 2021.

Israeli police shoot, kill a Palestinian who stabbed an officer in the West Bank

GAZA, Jul 16 (Agencies): Israeli police said officers shot and killed a Palestinian after he stabbed a police officer Tuesday in the occupied West Bank. Police said the officer was lightly wounded in the attack and identified the Palestinian as a 19-year-old from the Gaza Strip. It wasn't immediately clear what he was doing in the West Bank.

The bloodshed is part of a wave of violence surging in the West Bank since the start of the war in Gaza. More than 500 Palestinians have been killed in the territory during that time, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry, most of them in fighting with Israeli forces. Others were killed while throwing stones, or in protests against the military. Some of those killed were not involved in confrontations with Israeli forces. Palestinian attacks against Israelis in the West Bank have also been on the rise since the war broke out.

Hamas' Oct. 7 attack sparked the war with militants storming into southern Israel, killing some 1,200 people — mostly civilians — and abducting about 250. Since then, Israeli ground offensives and bombardments have killed more than 38,400 people in Gaza, according to the territory's Health Ministry. It does not distinguish between combatants and civilians in its count.

Most of Gaza's 2.3 million people are crammed into squalid tent camps in central and southern Gaza. Israeli restrictions, fighting and the breakdown of law and order have limited humanitarian aid efforts, causing widespread hunger and sparking fears of famine.

Under American pressure, Israel has pledged to deliver large quantities of humanitarian aid into the war-ravaged Gaza Strip. But at the same time, the U.S. and Israel have allowed tax-deductible donations to far-right groups that have blocked that aid from being delivered.

Violent clashes over quota system in government jobs leave scores injured in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Jul 16 (Agencies): Police fired tear gas and charged with batons during violent clashes between a pro-government student body and student protesters overnight, leaving dozens injured at a public university outside Bangladesh's capital, police and students said Tuesday.

The violence spread early Tuesday at Jahangir Nagar University in Savar, outside Dhaka, where the protesters were demanding an end to a government job quota for family members of heroes who fought in Bangladesh's war of independence in 1971.

The quota system also reserves government jobs for women, disabled people and ethnic minority groups. The system was suspended in 2018, which brought similar protests to a halt at the time.

But in a decision last month, Bangladesh's High Court asked for the 30% quota for veterans' descendants to be restored.

That triggered fresh protests, with demonstrators supporting the



6% quota for disabled people and ethnic groups but not for the descendants of the independence war heroes.

The Supreme Court last week halted the High Court's order for four weeks and the chief justice asked the protesters to return to their classes.

The Supreme Court said it would decide on the issue after four weeks, and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the issue is in the hands of the Supreme Court now.

But the protests have continued daily, halting traffic in Dhaka.

More than 50 people were treated overnight at Enam Medical College Hospital near Jah-

angir Nagar University as the violence continued for hours, said Ali Bin Solaiman, a medical officer of the hospital. He said at least 30 of them suffered pellet wounds.

The protesters accused the Bangladesh Chhatra League, a student wing of the ruling Awami League party of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, of attacking their peaceful protests early Tuesday.

The protesters had taken position in front of the official residence of the vice chancellor of the university early Tuesday, and media reports said later violence spread while police and the ruling party-backed

student wing attacked them.

Abdullahil Kafi, a senior police official, told the country's leading English-language newspaper Daily Star that they fired tear gas and "blank rounds" as the protesters attacked the police. He said up to 15 police officers were injured.

The overnight violence followed Monday's violence in Dhaka University, the country's leading public university, as clashes gripped the campus in Dhaka. More than 100 students were injured in the clashes in Dhaka on Monday, police said.

The protesters in Dhaka said they would

demonstrate on Tuesday too.

Hasina maintained power in an election in January that was again boycotted by the country's main opposition party and its allies due to Hasina's refusal to step down and hand over power to a caretaker government to oversee the election.

Her party favors keeping the quota for the families of the 1971 war heroes after her Awami League party, under the leadership of her father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, led the independence war with the help of India.

In 1971, the Jamaat-e-Islami party, which shared power with the Bangladesh Nationalist Party led by Hasina's archrival, former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, openly opposed the independence war and formed groups that helped the Pakistani military fight pro-independence forces. All the major political parties in Bangladesh have student wings that are active across the South Asian nation.

4 killed in shooting near mosque in Oman, several injured

WADI AL-KABIR, Jul 16 (Agencies): At least four people were killed and several others wounded in a shooting incident near a mosque in Oman's Wadi al-Kabir, the Omani Police said on Tuesday.

"The Royal Oman Police dealt with a shooting incident in the

vicinity of a mosque in the Wadi Al Kabir region, which resulted in the death of four people and the injury of a number of others, according to preliminary information", Royal Oman Police's post on X said.

The police further said that all security mea-

sures have been taken to deal with the situation, and procedures for collecting evidence and investigation are being completed. "The Royal Oman Police expresses its deepest condolences. Sincere condolences to the families of the deceased, and you wish", the post added.

"What An Honor": JD Vance After Being Declared Trump's Vice President Pick

WASHINGTON, Jul 16 (Agencies): JD Vance, a Republican US Senator from Ohio, expressed gratitude on Tuesday for being picked as the running mate of US presidential candidate Donald Trump and called it an "honour" to run alongside him. He said that Trump has delivered it once and will do it again.

In a post on X, JD Vance stated, "Just overwhelmed with gratitude. What an honor it is to run alongside President Donald J. Trump. He delivered peace and prosperity once, and with your help, he'll do it again. Onward to victory!"

His statement comes after former US President Donald Trump made his pick for Vice President, selecting JD Vance as his running mate on Monday. Trump confirmed Vance's candidature through a post on Truth Social.

"After lengthy deliberation and thought, and considering the tremendous talents of many others, I have decided that the person best suited to assume the position of Vice President of the United States is Senator JD Vance of the Great State of Ohio," Trump posted on Truth Social.

After years of criticising Trump, Vance has embraced the populist ideology of the former president; this choice further elevates him.

After getting support from Trump in a fierce Republican primary, Vance—a venture entrepreneur and the author of the best-selling memoir "Hillbilly Elegy"—was elected to the US Senate in 2022, according to CNN.

"JD honorably served our Country in the Marine Corps, graduated from Ohio State



University in two years, Summa Cum Laude, and is a Yale Law School Graduate, where he was Editor of The Yale Law Journal and President of the Yale Law Veterans Association. J.D.'s book, "Hillbilly Elegy," became a Major Best Seller and Movie, as it championed the hardworking men and women of our Country. JD has had a very successful business career in Technology and Finance, and now, during the Campaign, will be strongly focused on the people he fought so brilliantly for, the American Workers and Farmers in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, and far beyond...." Trump further said in his post.

"...As Vice President, J.D. will continue to fight for our Constitution, stand with our Troops, and will do everything he can to help me MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN. Congratulations to Senator J.D. Vance, his wife, Usha, who also graduated from Yale Law School, and their three beautiful children. MAGA2024!" the post added.

Marco Rubio of Florida and Governor Doug

Burgum of North Dakota, who were considered to be the frontrunners in the race, are now out of it. Vance has been a supporter of Trump in the Senate and frequently casts votes in the former president's favour.

He echoed Trump's criticism of increasing aid by opposing a bill aimed at assisting Ukraine earlier this year. He is also close with Donald Trump Jr., according to CNN report. According to the report, Vance—a veteran, author, and former venture capitalist—was one of the contenders who obtained vice-presidential vetting materials from the Trump campaign.

Vance was born James David Bowman in Middletown, Ohio, to a mother who struggled with addiction and a father who left the family when JD was a toddler. He was raised by his grandparents.

In 2017, Vance returned to Ohio and continued to work in venture capital. He and his wife, Usha Chilukuri Vance, whom he met at Yale, have three children. Usha Vance, born Usha Chilukuri, is an attorney who has carved out a successful career in the legal field.

Born to Indian immigrant parents, she grew up with a strong emphasis on education and hard work in a San Diego, California, suburb. Usha attended Yale University and also graduated from Yale Law School.

While at Yale, Usha served as managing editor of the Yale Journal of Law & Technology and executive development editor of The Yale Law Journal, according to a biography from the Munger, Tolles & Olson law firm.

Germany's top security official bans a far-right magazine, accusing it of spreading hatred

BERLIN, Jul 16 (Agencies): Germany's top security official on Tuesday banned a far-right magazine, accusing it of stirring up hatred against Jews, people with immigrant roots and parliamentary democracy.

Interior Minister Nancy Faeser banned Compact magazine and the company that publishes it, Compact-Magazin GmbH, as well as a film production company, Consect Film. Police raided properties and apartments in four German regions linked to the organizations, their management and shareholders, her ministry said.

Faeser described Compact as "a central mouthpiece of the right-wing extremist scene." She said in a statement that "this magazine agitates in an unspeakable way against Jews,

against people with a history of migration and against our parliamentary democracy."

"Our signal is clear: We will not allow who belongs in Germany and who doesn't to be defined by ethnicity," Faeser added.

Compact is run by far-right figure Jürgen Elsässer and produces the monthly magazine of the same name, which has a circulation of about 40,000, as well as an online video channel, Compact TV. It also runs an online shop selling books, CDs, DVDs and other merchandise.

Compact has been published since 2010. In its annual report for 2023, Germany's domestic intelligence agency said that it "regularly disseminates ... antisemitic, anti-minority, historically revisionist and conspiracy theory content."

It said a main feature is agitation against parliamentary democracy in general and the German government in particular, and quoted Elsässer as saying on Compact's home page last year that "we want to topple this regime."

The strength of the far right has caused increasing concern in Germany in recent months.

Last month, the far-right Alternative for Germany party took 15.9% of the vote to finish second in the European Parliament election, despite recent scandals and setbacks.

The co-leaders of the party, Alice Weidel and Tino Chrupalla, decried the ban on Compact as "a serious blow to press freedom." They alleged that Faeser "is abusing her authority in order to suppress critical reporting."

IRCS J&K conducts several humanitarian activities

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: The Indian Red Cross Society Jammu and Kashmir (IRCS J&K), under the leadership of Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha, and supervised by Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary of IRCS, conducted several impactful humanitarian activities across different areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The IRCS organized a Medical Check-up camp using a Mobile Testing Van at Balgran, Channi Rama, Jammu. This initiative aimed to provide healthcare services to underprivileged children residing in Balgran. The camp spanned two days and included comprehensive medical exami-



nations conducted by a dedicated team from the Red Cross.

The team included Dr. Kavita Nijhon (Medical Officer), Joginder Kumar (Pharmacist), Mushtaq Ahmed (Sup. Lab Technician), Kuldeep Bhat (Sr. Ophthalmologist Technician), and Vironica Marwah (Field Officer).

The check-ups covered general health assessments, vision tests, blood grouping, and nutritional evaluations. The Mobile Testing Van, equipped with necessary medical equipment, will continue to travel to various locations to provide similar services, particularly benefiting those in

remote and rural areas with limited access to healthcare.

Rohit Khajuria highlighted the importance of regular medical check-ups, especially for children, in early detection and prevention of health issues. V.K. Raina, President of SOS Home Balgran, expressed gratitude for the support, emphasizing the camp's impact on the children's well-being.

IRCS, J&K organized a First-Aid Awareness program at Rich Harvest School, Bari Brahmna, Samba, aimed at equipping the faculty with essential first aid skills.

The program focused on educating teachers on CPR, handling fractures, burns, choking, and other

common injuries.

Led by Dr. Manpreet Kaur (Medical Officer) and Vironica Marwah (Field Officer), the program included interactive sessions and practical demonstrations to ensure that participants gained hands-on experience in applying first aid techniques. Anita Bhatia, Principal of Rich Harvest School, expressed appreciation for the program, highlighting its role in enhancing the school's preparedness to manage emergencies effectively.

These initiatives by IRCS, J&K underscore its commitment to public health and safety, providing crucial support and education to communities and institutions across the region.

Apni Party leaders condole the demise of Mohd Ashraf Mir's cousin

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, July 16: Apni Party leaders have extended condolences to the party's Provincial President Kashmir, Mohammad Ashraf Mir, over the passing of his cousin Mushtaq Ahmad Mir, a resident of Athwajan Srinagar.

The leaders have expressed solidarity with the bereaved in this hour of grief. They prayed for eternal peace for the deceased and for patience for the bereaved to bear the pain of this irreparable loss.

In his condolence message, the party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "My heartfelt condolences to my colleague

and the party's Provincial President, Mohammad Ashraf Mir, on the passing of his cousin, Mushtaq Ahmad Mir. In this hour of grief, I extend my sympathies to the bereaved family. May Allah grant them strength to endure this profound loss and may He rest the departed soul in eternal peace."

Besides Bukhari, the prominent party leaders who extended their condolences to Mohammad Ashraf Mir and the other members of the family included party's Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir, Chairperson of the party's Parliamentary Affairs Committee Mohammad Dilawar Mir, Vice President Zaffar Manhas, Vice President Usman

Majid, General Secretary Rafi Ahmad Mir, State Secretary and Chief Spokesperson Muntazir Mohiuddin, Media Advisor Farooq Andrabi, Provincial Vice President Syed Muzaffar Rizvi, Additional General Secretary Hilal Ahmad Shah, Senior Leader and Former Legislator Yawar Dilawar Mir, District President Srinagar Noor Mohammad Sheikh, District President Kupwara Raja Manzoor, District President Anantnag Abdul Rahim Rather, District President Pulwama Ghulam Mohammad Mir, District President Bandipora Shafat Kazmi, Senior Leader Dilshada Shaheen, and others.

SMVDIME, SMVDNSH organise plantation drive and workshop on Biomedical Equipment

Top News Report

KATRA, July 16: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME) and its associated Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspecialty Hospital (SMVDNSH) organised two significant events today. These included plantation drive aimed to promote environmental sustainability and a workshop on biomedical equipment maintenance and handling to enhance the technical skills of healthcare professionals.

The plantation drive saw active participation of officers and staff from various units of NSSH and SMVDIME besides, a large number of students from SMVD College of Nursing (SMVD-CoN), delegates from various government and private medical colleges and hospitals of the Jammu region. The participants planted numerous saplings around the hospital premises, contributing to a greener and healthier environment.

The plantation drive was followed by commencement of a two days well crafted workshop on Biomedical Equipment in association with Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) providing attendees in-depth knowledge and practical training on the maintenance and use



of medical devices. This initiative is expected to significantly improve the efficiency and reliability of the medical services to the participating delegates include Bio-medical Engineers, anesthesia technicians, OT technicians, ICU technicians, nursing professionals, staff from government / private hospitals and nursing homes of the Jammu region.

Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Anshul Garg observed that these activities at allied institutes of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board is a testimony to our commitment to excellence in community service and healthcare sector under the chairmanship of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, JK-UT. He also complimented the experts for organising such capacity building workshops in association with SMVDIME for fostering a culture of continuous learning and enhancement of the skills

of the medical professionals.

Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director, SMVDIME welcomed the dignitaries and participating delegates, highlighting the merits of the workshop and the importance of public-private partnerships in public health facilities through AMTZ. He encouraged all delegates to actively participate in the workshop led by national experts.

Among those graced the occasions were Alok Kumar Mourya, Addl. CEO, SMVDSB; Dr. M. M. Mathavan, Facility Director, SMVDNSH; Prof. Dr. A. S. Bhatia, Principal, GMC Rajouri; Vinay Khajuria, ACF, SMVDSB; Dr. Dilip Chakuri, MD & CEO, Medivalley of AMTZ, Deepthi and Mohan from the AMTZ faculty; Dr. Sandeep Singh, Registrar of J&K Paramedical & Nursing Council; officers and officials of SMVDIME & SMVDNSH; delegates and students.

Health Deptt initiates comprehensive health programs in Ladakh

Top News Report

LEH, July 16: The Department of Health continues its extensive, ongoing health initiative includes the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), targeting 32 diseases, and the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), providing adolescent health counselling at Mahabodhi Residential School.

The program integrates the National Mental Health Program and the National Tobacco Control Programme. Dr. Stanzin Jamiyang, District Consultant for the National Tobacco Control Programme, addressed issues related to tobacco use, cancer risks, and harmful chemicals.

RKSK AFHC Counsellor, Stanzin Edzes, emphasized the importance of mental and physical health, discussing common mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. Counsellor Diskit Angmo provided comprehensive group counseling on menstrual hygiene, sexual abuse, and body image.

Individual counseling sessions were conducted by Dr. Stanzin Jamiyang, RBSK Clinical Psychologist Mariyah Samreen, Psychologist Phunchok Diskit, and RKSK AFHC Counsellors Diskit Angmo and Stanzin Edzes.

This initiative underscores the Department of Health's commitment to community well-being through comprehensive health services and awareness programs.

JKBS congrat PM Modi on receiving Russia's highest civilian award

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha on Tuesday sent a congratulatory letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi wherein it strongly hailed and cordially congratulated the Prime Minister Modi for receiving the Order of St Andrew the Apostle the First-Called, Russia's most prestigious civilian honour, from President Vladimir Putin for his

outstanding efforts to promote partnership and friendship between India and Russia.

JKBS' General Secretary R.L. Kaith and its other executive members said, this is a glorious honour to the nation comprising one hundred and forty crore people, which stands as a testament to the formidable stature attained by India in the global arena under the leadership of PM Modi.

Khatana affirms Modi Govt's commitment to Gurez-Bandipora Tunnel Project

Top News Report

BANDIPORA, July 16: On the third day of his visit to Bandipora district, senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, made surprised visit to Gurez Hospital and chaired a meeting with senior officers.

The MP, accompanied by former MLA and senior BJP leader, Faqir Mohammad Khan, ST Morcha President, Arshad Khan, and other party leaders, also addressed a public gathering of over 700 people at the Dak Bungalow.

During his surprise visit to the hospital, Khatana interacted with patients and staff, asking the medical personnel to provide the best possible healthcare facilities to the local population. The MP's hands-on approach highlighted the government's commitment to improving healthcare services in remote areas.

Addressing the gathering at the Dak Bungalow, Khatana emphasized the Modi government's priority of developing every corner of the country, regardless of geographical barriers and without discrimination. He stated, "The proposed tunnel between Gurez and Bandipora is a top priority for Prime Minis-

ter Shri Narendra Modi Ji's government. This project aims to provide all-weather road connectivity to locals, as Gurez remains cut off from the rest of the world for six months due to heavy snowfall."

In a meeting with local officers, the MP directed them to disseminate information about centrally sponsored schemes in local languages and conduct regular awareness camps. This initiative is aimed at ensuring that the masses can fully avail themselves of various welfare and developmental schemes.

Former MLA and BJP leader Faqir Mohammad Khan brought attention to alleged embezzlement in the Grameen Bank, urging that the hard-earned money of the people be returned respectfully. Khan also called for an audit of all centrally sponsored schemes in the area, signalling pilferage of public money. Additionally, he requested an increase in the rice quota provided by the CAPD from 5 to 10 kg per person.

Addressing the unique challenges faced by the region, Khan proposed, "Tenders for development works in the area should be called in offline mode. Due to snow, we have only six months to

complete works in Gurez, and the online process is very time-consuming. The government should consider our demand."

District President, ST Morcha BJP, Irshad Ahmed Khan raised the issue of over 400 refugee families who sought asylum in Gurez in 1947, calling for a special package for their settlement. He also highlighted the need for a permanent principal at GDC Gurez, stating that the current arrangement of an additional charge by another principal is affecting the college's functioning.

The local leaders also demanded the launch of new projects in the area and a special recruitment drive to address unemployment concerns. The visit of MP Gulam Ali Khatana underscores the BJP's efforts to connect with remote areas and address long-standing issues. The focus on healthcare, infrastructure development, and welfare schemes reflects the party's commitment to inclusive growth. However, the demands raised by local leaders, including concerns about financial irregularities and the need for tailored administrative processes, highlight the complex challenges facing this geographically isolated region.

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Doda encounter: Police-man succumbs, death toll of security men rises to 5

To deal with this modus operandi of the terrorists, the Ministries of Defence and Home Affairs recently decided at a high-level security review meeting that the densely forested mountainous areas of Jammu division will be manned by the army and CRPF.

Doda encounter: J-K LG pays tributes to slain soldiers, vows to thwart designs of terrorists

nel in Doda district. Tributes to brave soldiers who made supreme sacrifice protecting our nation. My deepest condolences to members of the bereaved families," he added.

Troops of the Rashtriya Rifles and Special Operations Group of Jammu and Kashmir Police launched a joint cordon and search operation at Dhari Gote Urabagi in the Desa forest belt, some 55 km from Doda town, late on Monday evening when the encounter took place, the officials said.

After a brief exchange of fire, the terrorists tried to escape but were chased by the troops led by an officer despite the challenging terrain and thick foliage, they said, adding this led to another firefight around 9 pm on Monday.

Five soldiers were critically injured in the

encounter. Four of them, including the officer, later succumbed to injuries, the officials said.

Our soldiers, their families bearing brunt of BJP's 'wrong policies': Rahul on J-K attacks

"Our heart goes out to the families of our bravehearts, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of Bharat Mata. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured, and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery," he said.

No words of strong and unequivocal condemnation will suffice for these acts of violence being perpetrated by cowardly terrorists," he said.

"The spate of terror attacks that has gripped Jammu and Kashmir in the past 36 days, needs careful recalibration in our security strategy. The Modi government is acting as if everything is 'business as usual' and nothing has changed. They must know that increasingly the Jammu region is bearing the brunt of these attacks," Kharge said. "We cannot endanger our national security by indulging in false bravado, fake narratives and high-decibel whitewashing. As a nation, we have to collectively fight the scourge of cross-border terrorism," he said. "The Indian National Congress stands strongly with our valiant Armed Forces," Kharge said.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi paid tributes to the martyrs and expressed his deepest condolences to the bereaved families. Such horrific incidents one after the other

are extremely sad and worrying, he said.

"These continuous terrorist attacks are reflecting the deteriorated condition of Jammu and Kashmir. Our soldiers and their families are bearing the brunt of BJP's wrong policies," Gandhi said in a post in Hindi on X.

"It is the demand of every patriotic Indian that the government should take full responsibility for the repeated security lapses and take strict action against the culprits of the country and the soldiers," he said.

"In this hour of grief, the entire country stands united against terrorism," Gandhi said.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said there have been 11 terror attacks in the last 78 days in Jammu alone.

"This is a wholly new development. While we must demonstrate an effective collective response cutting across political parties, the question must also be asked: what happened to all those grand claims made by the self-anointed non-biological PM and the self-styled Chanakya?" Ramesh said on X.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said the news of martyrdom of four soldiers, including an army officer, in an encounter with terrorists in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir is extremely saddening.

"My deepest condolences to the bereaved families. We will all remain forever indebted to the brave soldiers and their families who made the supreme sacrifice," she said.

Congress' media and publicity department head Pawan Khara also lashed out at the government over the latest attack and said the country wants answers.

"Countries are not run on just slogans,"

Khara said in Hindi on X.

The latest gunfight was the third major encounter between security forces and terrorists in the forests of Doda district in the past three weeks.

The Jammu region, which remained relatively peaceful between 2005 and 2021 after security forces wiped out decades-long terrorism, witnessed a spike in terror attacks over the past month. It included an attack on a pilgrim bus that left nine persons dead and 40 injured.

Nine terrorist attacks within 38 days of PM Modi government: Congress after J&K encounter

4 brave Army soldiers, including an officer, in a terror encounter in Jammu & Kashmir's Doda. Our heart goes out to the families of our bravehearts, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of Bharat Mata. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured, and we wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

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Four Indian Army soldiers, including an officer, have been killed in action during the encounter that took place on Tuesday. "Four Indian Army soldiers, including an officer, have been killed in action during an encounter with terrorists in the Doda area of Jammu and Kashmir. The operations are still going on," Defence officials said.

According to officials, a joint operation was launched by the Army and Jammu and Kashmir police on Monday evening following an exchange of fire with terrorists in the Dossa area of the district. They said that additional troops have been called in to tighten the cordon.

Meanwhile, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday spoke with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to brief him on the encounter in Doda.

3 tourists killed, One Injured as Tata Sumo falls into Gorge at Zojila Pass

seriously injured, was rushed to the Baital Base camp hospital where doctor's referred her to SKIMS soura hospital for advance treatment and is reported to be in critical condition.

The identification of the deceased has not been identified yet.

Sonamarg Police registered a case under relevant sections and started further investigation into the accident.

JKCA welcomes BCCI's decision of implementing pay equity policy

Asso has already put in place the measures for gender equality: Brig Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: The Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has welcomed the announcement of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) with regard to the implementation of pay equity policy for the contracted women cricketers.

In a statement issued by JKCA today, Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration said the Association wholeheartedly appreciates this well-timed gesture of the BCCI when the Indian cricket is at its peak. "The Board of Control for

Cricket in India's (BCCI's) announcement of providing the same match fee to contracted women cricketers as given to the men cricketers is a great step towards gender equality. It was simply the need of the hour. BCCI deserves salutations for the same," stated Brig Gupta.

Earlier, Secretary BCCI Jay Shah had tweeted, "I'm pleased to announce @BCCI's first step towards tackling discrimination. We are implementing a pay equity policy for our contracted @BCCI women cricketers. The match fee for both men and women cricketers

will be the same as we move into a new era of gender equality in cricket".

Responding to Jay Shah's announcement, Brig Anil Gupta further said that the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has already put in place the measures to promote gender equality, adding that the Association has provided all those facilities to the women cricketers which are provided to the men cricketers.

"The facilities provided to the women cricketers analogous to men include the big number of selection and preparatory

matches being played at home before the national matches, the quality of balls being used and the quality of pitches and grounds being provided to them, which otherwise was not the custom earlier in JKCA," maintained Brig Gupta.

It is pertinent to mention here that along with the men, the women cricketers have been engaged with different Camps by the JKCA from the last two and a half months, that means the filtration of players through different processes have started around four months before the season in a

fantastic cricketing atmosphere.

"Such facilities and the selection process have earned J&K women cricket name and fame at the national scene. A few seasons back, the JKCA Senior Women's One-Day team had qualified for the knockout stage for the first time in cricketing history. Moreover, JKCA U-15 Women's team also scripted history by making it to the quarter-finals. J&K women cricket is unquestionably on the upswing. So, BCCI's recent announcement is simply icing on the cake," added Brig Gupta.

Vice President GGF Dr. S P Varma meets LG Sinha

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: During a recent meeting at Raj Bhavan in Srinagar, Dr. S P Varma, Vice President of Gandhi Global Family (GGF), extended warm greetings to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha by presenting a bouquet of flowers.

This gesture marked the occasion where Dr. Varma highlighted the upcoming activities on GGF's calendar and discussed future initiatives with the LG.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for Dr. Varma to express appreciation for the contributions of all GGF members, underscoring their collective role in the



organization's endeavours.

The interaction emphasized collaboration and shared goals in advancing

the principles and missions championed by GGF in promoting peace, harmony, and community welfare.

GDC Sidhra organizes plantation drive under campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: In order to pay obeisance to Mother Earth NSS Unit of GDC Sidhra organised plantation drive under the campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" recently launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Mann Ki Baat.

Under this campaign he has urged all to contribute in making our planet better and called upon everyone in India and around the world, to plant a tree in the coming days as a tribute to their mother.

Speaking about the Plantation Drive under this campaign Principal Dr. G S Rakwal stated, "The initiative aimed to bring together students, faculty, local communities and environment enthusiasts in a collective endeavour to foster eco-



logical sustainability. The Plantation Drive at GDC Sidhra is a testament to our hearty commitment to protect our environment and build a greener, healthier and more resilient future".

Teaching and non-teaching staff of the college along with NSS vol-

unteers also participated in this drive. The entire campaign was executed by Dr. Purvaiya Hans, NSS Programme Officer of the college with the active support of entire NSS Unit under the able guidance of Principal of the college Dr. G S Rakwal.

Khatana condemns terrorist attack in Doda, calls for unity against terror

Top News Report

GUREZ, July 16: Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, has strongly condemned terrorist attack on security forces in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, in which four security personnel attained martyrdom fighting enemies.

In a statement released on Tuesday, Khatana expressed his deep anguish over the incident. "I am deeply anguished to learn about the cowardly attack on our Army soldiers and JKP personnel in Doda district," he said.

The MP paid tribute to the fallen soldiers, stating, "Tributes to brave soldiers who made supreme sacrifice protecting our nation. My deepest condolences to members of the bereaved families."

Khatana's statement took a resolute tone as he vowed retribution for the attack.



"We will avenge death of our soldiers & thwart the evil designs of terrorists and their associates," he declared. This strong message underscores the government's commitment to maintaining security and stability in the region.

The MP also made a passionate appeal to the public, emphasizing the crucial role of community cooperation in combating terrorism.

"I call upon the people to unite in the fight against terrorism & provide us accurate information so that we can intensify anti-terror operations & neutralise the terror ecosystem," Khatana urged.

Anhad Community Centre organises certificate distribution program

Top News Report

KUPWARA, July 16: Anhad Community Centre organised a program Celebrating Community Work on Tuesday at the Town Hall, Kupwara. The program was attended by over 200 girls, boys and women who have been associated with the centre for the past one and a half year since its inception.

The programme was attended by many dignitaries including Shri Shobhit Saxena, SSP Kupwara (Chief Guest), Guest of Honour at the program included Shabnam Arif Mir, Assistant Director Employment Kupwara & Baramulla, Amina Majid DDC Member Drugmulla and Azad Naqshbandi, social activist. Gauhar Raza, retired Chief Scientists, CSIR and a well known Urdu poet also attended the program. Students welcomed them by gifting them with plants in beautiful clay pots.

The program included cultural programs- songs, dances- by Anhad Community Centre students. Certificates were awarded to over 100 students who

have completed six month diploma in any of the three courses - Computer Applications, Tailoring & Cutting and Machine Knitting

Handmade table covers of crewel embroidery were presented to the Chief Guests and Guests of honour. The Chief Guest Shri Shobhit Saxena was also gifted a framed Preamble of the Constitution with its border with sozni embroidery done by women from the centre. Arun Kumar, Coordinator Anhad Community Centre and Shabnam Hashmi, founder Anhad presented the preamble to him.

The program was conducted by Shahid Farooq and Kausar Nazir. Asiya Gul presented the Activity Report. Iqra Farooq, Shagufa, Morifat, Aarzu, Ulfat, Kulsuma, Anab, Muskan and Sana Latif performed Kashmiri Dance Ruff. Kulsum Khanam, Rabia Rasul and Ulfat shared their experiences at the centre. Zubaida Faiyaz and Sana Latif sang songs for women empowerment. Children of Khumriyal village sang and performed. The children included Mudasar

Bashir, Sahil Nazir, Anzar Naseer, Irfan Hasan, Sadiya Waheed Sadiya Nazir, Marifat Sajad, Salma Khaliq, Tasleema Hasan, Sadiya Zubair & Adnan Bhat.

Anhad Community Centre has been working in Khumriyal since November 2022. The centre actively engages with the youth, women and children of Khumriyal and surrounding villages. The Community Centre runs a library with over 800 books. The library is open to the public and functions 24x7. The library has a collection of books for competitive exams like UPSC, JKPCS and NEET as well as books for primary, secondary class students. It has a good collection of fiction, reference books, literature for children etc.

So far 77 students have completed 6 months diploma from the centre and 30 have done basic computer literacy. First batch was taught by Nafisa Akhtar. Next batches have been taught by Ishfaq Ahmad Mir. 67 girls and women have completed 6 months Diploma in Cutting and Tailoring.

Emergency a blatant attack on democratic fabric of our nation: Purnima

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP, Jammu and Kashmir, and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, has expressed strong support for the government's decision to observe "Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas" (Constitutional Murder Day) on June 25 annually. This day marks the anniversary of the imposition of the Emergency by the Congress government in 1975, a dark chapter in Indian history when democratic rights and civil liberties were trampled upon.

In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader said, "The decision to observe 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas' is a significant step towards ensuring that the younger generations are aware of the grave injustice done to our democracy during the Emergency. It is a reminder of how the Congress party undermined the very essence of our Constitution, violating fundamental rights and



caused immense suffering and set a dangerous precedent," she asserted. "Observing 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas' will serve as a stern reminder of the consequences of unchecked power and the importance of upholding democratic principles."

The senior BJP leader criticized the Congress party for its continued attempts to rewrite history and downplay the severity of the Emergency. "It is shameful that the Congress party, instead of apologizing for its actions, often tries to justify the Emergency. This shows their lack of respect for democratic values and the Indian Constitution," she said.

Purnima reiterated the BJP's commitment to preserving and promoting democratic values, ensuring that the sacrifices of those who fought against the Emergency are never forgotten. She urged all citizens to join in observing 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas' and pledge to protect the Constitution and uphold the principles of democracy.

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Dimple leads anti-Pakistan protest

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led an anti-Pakistan protest in response to the tragic martyrdom of one captain and five jawans in Doda encounters.

The protest, held at Janipur High Court Chowk Road, witnessed a significant turnout where participants vehemently expressed their condemnation.

During his address to the protesters, Sunil Dimple vowed that the sacrifices of the brave security personnel in Doda would not go unanswered. He asserted, "The brave martyrs of Doda will be avenged."

Dimple accused the BJP of being negligent, asserting that Pakistan has initiated a proxy war, thereby transforming the Jammu region into a battleground.

He urgently appealed to the Director General



of Jammu and Kashmir Police and the security forces to launch a comprehensive operation aimed at completely eliminating ISI modules operating in sleeper cells across Jammu and Kashmir.

Additionally, he called for stringent actions against Pakistani operatives operating within the region.

He urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to

convene a special parliamentary session specifically addressing terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Dimple emphasized the need for both the Prime Minister and Home Minister Amit Shah to provide detailed explanations regarding the infiltration of foreign-trained militants into the region.

Dimple highlighted the deteriorating security situation in peaceful regions of Jammu, attributing it to

the weakness of the BJP-led NDA government at the center.

He enumerated numerous incidents of targeted killings and encounters in Kathua, Samba, Doda, Kishtwar, Bhandarwah, Basoli, Poonch, Rajouri, Arnia, and along the borders, underscoring the vulnerabilities in current security measures.

Questioning the origins of foreign-trained militants infiltrating Jammu

and Kashmir, Dimple called for India to initiate a surgical strike and declare war on Pakistan, advocating for the liberation of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK) and Gilgit-Baltistan, with their subsequent integration into the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dimple issued a stern warning to ISI, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Pakistan, asserting that Jammu and Kashmir has always been and will remain an integral part of India.

He extended full support from Mission Statehood to the Indian Army, pledging solidarity from the people of Jammu and Kashmir in efforts to integrate the people of POK into the state.

The protest was attended by several senior leaders including Dev Raj, Mukesh Gupta, Vipin Mahajan, Bishan Das, Rehmat Ali, Shenaz, Mukhtyar Chowdhry, Ram Kumar Das, and many others.

International Cricketer Parvez Rasool calls on Lt Governor

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, July 16: Parvez Rasool, an International Cricketer from J&K, today called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

He briefed the Lt Governor on his endeavours to promote sports in the region.



Rissam meets members of civil society in Gadigarh

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Chairman J&K Congress Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Sangathan (RGPRS) Sandeep Singh Rissam continuing the ongoing outreach program of RGPRS convened a meeting with members of civil society in Gadigarh area regarding the prevailing problems and getting suggestions for betterment of the area.

People from social, religious, transport & business organiza-

tions were present in the meeting who spoke and highlighted various issues of the different panchayats of the area and around.

The people gave valuable suggestions for upliftment of the area and for getting better facilities from different departments and assistance required for general public.

In the meeting prevailing issues like increasing drug problem in Jammu, pending refugees compensation, absence of an elected government in J&K and

many burning issues concerning the people of the area were discussed.

Chairman J&K RGPRS Sandeep Singh Rissam while interacting with members of civil society appreciated the feedback provided and appealed to the participants to play a greater role in betterment of society in the area.

He said that members of RGPRS will reach each and every panchayat and assured that he will continue to work for betterment of the area and also get in

touch with various departments to get better facilities for the area like regular supply of drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, repair of potholes in road and other problems with which people of the area are aggrieved.

Sandeep also said that in absence of an elected government the people are suffering a lot and soon the Panchayat and state elections should be held so that an elected representative can solve the problems of the people.

Hardik Pandya to lead India in 3-match T20Is against Sri Lanka

For ODI series, Pandya has asked for leave and communicated this to skipper Rohit Sharma, who is also taking a break from this series

NEW DELHI, Jul 16 (Agencies): Star all-rounder Hardik Pandya is all set to lead India in the three-match T20 International series against Sri Lanka starting July 27.

However, one of the heroes of India's T20 World Cup victory last month will take a break during the three-match ODI series, which is scheduled in August, due to "personal reasons".

"Hardik Pandya was India's T20 vice-captain under Rohit Sharma. He is completely fit and available for the three-match T20I series and will lead the side," a senior BCCI source told agency on conditions of anonymity.

Rohit retired from T20 Internationals at the end of the World Cup.

The T20Is against Sri Lanka will run from July 27 to 30 in Pallekele, followed by the ODIs from August 2 to 7 in Colombo. The squad for the series is expected to be announced in the next couple of days.



While there is still no clarity on who would be Pandya's deputy, the toss-up is between Shubman Gill, who recently captained India to a 4-1 series win over Zimbabwe, and Suryakumar Yadav, who led the side during the T20Is against South Africa last year.

About the ODIs, the official confirmed that Pandya has

asked for leave and has already communicated this to regular skipper Rohit Sharma, who is also taking a break from this series.

"The break from ODIs is for very personal reasons. Hardik doesn't have any fitness issue as is being floated in the media," the official said.

For the ODIs, KL Rahul, who

led in the last ODI series in South Africa, and Gill are in contention for the leadership role.

Thrust on domestic availability BCCI secretary Jay Shah has made it clear that even star cricketers must make themselves available for domestic engagements when they are free from national duty. But exceptions will be made for the likes of Rohit, Virat Kohli and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah.

The BCCI would, however, want all the other Test specialists to play at least one if not a couple of Duleep Trophy games in August as a precursor to the Tests against Bangladesh and New Zealand.

"This time there is no zonal selection committee for Duleep Trophy. Only national selection committee will pick Duleep teams.

"All Test team contenders will be picked. For Rohit, Virat and Bumrah, it will be their choice if they want to play or not," the source added.

It is a good thing that everyone is performing: Shubman Gill on competition for openers' slots

HARARE, Jul 16 (Agencies): The competition for the openers' slots has intensified following India's T20I series win in Zimbabwe and for contender Shubman Gill that can only be a "good thing".

Gill, who is expected to open alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal in the three T20Is in Sri Lanka later this month, was the leading run getter in the five-match series in Harare. He was not part of the T20 World Cup squad in the USA and the Caribbean.

India played as many as three openers in the playing XI and all of them did well.

Gill captained India's second-string team and played as an opener in all the five matches with Jaiswal joining him at the top from the third game onwards.

For the first two games, he opened with Punjab

teammate Abhishek Sharma who scored a hundred and a fifty in his debut series. Among the four openers, Gill had the lowest strike rate, 125.92, compared to Jaiswal's 165.88 and Abhishek's 174.64.

"It's a good thing that everyone's performing. It shows that everyone is hungry and nobody is ready to take it easy. For any country or board, that's always a good thing," said Gill.

Following the retirement of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli from T20Is, the selectors will have a problem of plenty when it comes to picking the openers for the Sri Lanka series.

"Anyone who got the opportunity grabbed it with both hands.

The openers to all-rounders to spinners, everyone made a mark and I think the selectors have now

seen everything and it's up to them to name the squad for the next series," he said.

On captaining the team through the series, Gill said he enjoyed every bit of the challenge. "One thing about captaincy I feel is how much confidence you can show in your players. I try to do that and make them believe that if you try and execute the plans, the results will always follow," Gill said.

"After losing the first match, we were under a bit of pressure. It's not easy to play back-to-back games and the series was planned in a way that there were two back-to-back games, a couple of days rest and then again back-to-back games. It's never easy playing a series like that but I think the way we came back after losing the first T20I was really remarkable."

PCB wants 'in writing' that India will not play in Pakistan

KARACHI, Jul 16 (Agencies): The Pakistan Cricket Board wants the BCCI to provide written proof of the Indian government's denial of permission in case the team refuses to come here for next year's Champions Trophy citing a travel ban on security grounds, a PCB source has said.

The host board also wants the matter to be sorted as soon as possible, given that the tournament is scheduled for February-March.

While a discussion on the 'hybrid model' about India playing their games in the UAE is not on the agenda at the ICC annual conference, to be held in Colombo on July 19, the global body as usual has earmarked additional funds in case it becomes a two-country tournament.

"If the India govern-

ment declines permission, it has to be in writing and it is mandatory for the BCCI to provide that letter to the ICC now," said the PCB source working closely with the organising committee.

"It is a fact that we are insistent that the BCCI must inform the ICC about its travel plans to Pakistan at least five-six months before the tournament and in writing," the top PCB source added.

The BCCI has always steadfastly maintained that playing cricket in Pakistan is completely a government call and even the 2023 ODI Asia Cup, which was hosted by PCB, witnessed India playing all their games in Sri Lanka.

The PCB has already submitted its draft schedule to the ICC where all of India's games including a pos-

sible semifinal and final has been scheduled in Lahore. The India vs Pakistan marquee match has been scheduled for March 1.

The tournament will start in Karachi on February 19 and conclude with the final in Lahore on March 9. The final will have a reserve day — March 10 — in case of inclement weather. A few matches will be held in Rawalpindi too.

If the BCCI sources are to be believed, at this point there is no chance of the Indian team travelling to Pakistan, and knowing fully well, the ICC has allocated additional budget for any exigency plan.

"The ICC management is recommending additional costs just in case it is necessary to play some matches outside Pakistan if such a situation arises later on," the source confirmed.

"Always Finds A Way": Brett Lee's Blockbuster Statement On India Head Coach Gautam Gambhir

After replacing Rahul Dravid at the helm of Indian cricket, Gautam Gambhir will make his much-awaited debut as head coach of the team during the upcoming white-ball tour of Sri Lanka.

NEW DELHI, Jul 16 (Agencies): After replacing Rahul Dravid at the helm of Indian cricket, Gautam Gambhir will make his much-awaited debut as head coach of the team during the upcoming white-ball tour of Sri Lanka. BCCI announced Gambhir as head coach earlier this month after Dravid's tenure came to an end, following Team India's T20 World Cup triumph in Barbados. Ahead of Gambhir's debut tour, former Australia pacer Brett Lee shared his views on the appointment of the former India opener as head coach. Lee pointed out that just like his playing days, Gambhir will bring an aggressive and winning mindset to the Indian team.

The legendary pacer also congratulated Dravid on a successful stint as head coach.

"He's (Gautam Gambhir) done



a terrific job every time he's had an opportunity. The Indian Premier League title with KKR is the best example. He's always been there, always at the top of his game. He finds a way to unite his players and graft his team together. He builds a solid structure. He has been a terrific player, and his aggression and

winning attitude will help India. He has shone internationally as a player. India is in safe hands with Gautam Gambhir as coach. Congratulations to Rahul for finishing on a high," Lee told agency.

On being asked to rate India captain Rohit Sharma's leadership during the T20 World Cup,

Lee said: "Big, big congratulations to India. Firstly, it was really good to see them and the emotion on the faces of those cricketers. Virat and Rohit have moved on from the game. There were players from the Australian cricket team who also hung up their boots. So, it was a swansong for a number of players from different countries around the world. One thing I will say is that India played the perfect style of cricket in the T20 World Cup. They looked like a strong side, to be very honest. Massive congratulations to Rohit Sharma and the Indian team. He led from the front in the tournament."

India will play three T20Is and as many ODIs against Sri Lanka, starting July 26. Both Rohit and Virat Kohli are likely to be rested for the tour.

Paris 2024: Lakshya Sen is underdog in reasonable Olympics draw, says coach Vimal

NEW DELHI, Jul 16 (Agencies): Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen has received a "fair" draw for his debut at the Paris Olympics, according to his coach Vimal Kumar. Vimal believes Sen, currently World No. 19, can play freely thanks to his "underdog" status and recent technical improvements. Sen's path to an Olympic medal is challenging, featuring familiar adversaries like Indonesian Jonatan Christie, Guatemala's Kevin Cordón (the surprise semifinalist from the last Olympics), and Belgium's Julian Carraggi in Group L. "I think it (the draw) is very fair, I feel it is a very reasonable draw for him," Vimal, a former India coach, told PTI from Marseille, France, where Sen is currently training ahead of the Paris Olympics. "A couple of times, he has lost to Jonatan Christie in close matches. It's a 50-50 match. You have to convert (chances) if

you have to get to the second stage. In my opinion, Lakshya has nothing to lose. He will be the underdog and he can play a lot more freely," he asserted.

Vimal described Sen as a big-match player, expressing confidence in his ability to overcome Christie, a former Asian Games champion and member of Indonesia's 2022 Thomas Cup-winning team. Sen worked on his front-court alertness and composure in the closing stages. At 22, he aims to become the first Indian male shuttler to reach the Olympic podium. India's previous badminton Olympic medals have been won by Saina Nehwal (bronze in 2012, London) and P V Sindhu (silver in 2016, Rio de Janeiro and bronze in 2020, Tokyo). "Jonatan will be the last match of the group and Lakshya should pull through. So I see a lot of positives. Not going to the

Canada Open was a dampener, but he has overcome that. Being away here in similar conditions will help him," Vimal noted, referring to Sen's absence from the Canada Open due to visa issues.

To prepare Sen, Korea's Yoo Yong-Sung, a two-time men's doubles Olympic silver-medalist, was brought back to refine his net game, improve his on-court pace, and enhance his focus in critical moments. Yoo Yong-Sung had previously worked with Sen in 2022. "We have brought in a lot of speed work into closing stages, we introduced a lot of double drills in finishing, pushing the pace towards certain points. In the last three weeks, Yoo Yong-Sung has been helping us with those drills," Vimal said. Sen has also been practicing various service techniques. "(The idea is) basically to bring in some sort of

intensity in the routines. Certain sets of routines that we follow are mostly singles-oriented. He (Sen) worked on those flat exchanges, retrieving and things like approaching the net and being a little more alert at the net," Vimal explained.

Sen has been training at the Halles des Sports Parsemain in Fos-sur-Mer, about 45 minutes from Marseille city center. He is training with the Olympic-bound Popov brothers, Christo and Toma Junior, until July 21, alongside Indian shuttlers Kiran George and Ayush Shetty for sparring. "Next week, we will be doing one set of tournament practice because he needs that little bit of match practice. It would have been good to see him in Canada. So next week, I want to see how he is implementing what he learned. Against both the Popov brothers, it will be a good test. So

I'll be able to assess him. Once he gets into the village in Paris, we won't get to play much. We will have limited time for practice in the main arena," Vimal said.

Sen struggled through much of 2023 and early 2024, lagging in the qualification race, but managed to turn things around with two semifinal finishes at the All England Championship and the French Open, securing his Olympic spot. "From all that he has survived, he got an opportunity to qualify. He has been practicing and has worked on his game. Lakshya has acclimatized to the conditions; he plays well there. We have also got some of that tournament shuttlecock (F-90) because the conditions are a little on the slower side in Paris. So we have been practicing with those shuttles," said Vimal, who guided Saina Nehwal to world No. 1 in 2015.

Remember their faces: Kohli says good luck to India's Olympic-bound athletes



NEW DELHI, Jul 16 (Agencies): Cricket's reigning superstar Virat Kohli has urged the nation to get behind its Olympic-bound contingent, asking the fans to join him in supporting the athletes as "they inch closer to the podium with dogged determination" in the quadrennial showpiece starting July 26 in Paris. In a little over a minute long video post on social media, featuring some Paris-bound athletes like javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and boxing hope Nisshant Dev, Kohli said it is time for India to be recognised as a global sporting powerhouse.

"There was a time when the world could only think of India as a land of snake charmers and elephants. Over time, that has changed. Today we are known to the world as the largest democracy, a global tech hub," he said. "We are known for cricket and Bollywood, for start-up unicorns and as the

fastest-growing economy in the world. So, what is the next big thing for this great nation? Well, that will be more gold, more silver and more bronze," he added.

He then went on to address Indian sports fans, asking them to support the 118-strong group of athletes, who would be aiming to better the country's best ever performance of seven medals achieved in the previous Games in Tokyo.

"Our brothers and sisters are headed to Paris, hungry for medals. A billion of us will be watching them nervous and excited as our athletes set foot in the tracks and fields and courts and rings," the veteran batsman said.

"Every neighbourhood, every corner of India will hear a chorus of voices chanting 'India, India, India'. Join me in remembering their faces as they inch closer to the podium with the dogged determination to wave the Tiranga with pride. Jai Hind and good luck India," Kohli, who is currently in London on a break after India's T20 World Cup triumph in the West Indies last month, said in his monologue.

Most of the Indian competitors are currently training abroad and will head to the French capital from their respective bases.

India's medal hopes will rest on shooting, badminton, wrestling, and boxing aside from the expectations of a second successive podium finish from Chopra, who scripted history with his javelin throw gold in Tokyo.

CEC reviews progress of Khorlo Scheme

Top News Report

LEH, July 16: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson convened a review meeting to assess the progress of the Khorlo Scheme in the chamber hall of the CEC.

Under this initiative, Ladakh's first electronic and application-based public transport system known as "Khorlo" is set to launch soon.

Highlighting Ladakh's commitment to becoming carbon neutral, CEC Gyalson noted that the Khorlo is designed to offer eco-friendly and convenient transport options for commuters in the Leh Town. He further stated that this initiative will not only enhance



the Town public transportation system, but is also expected to generate employment opportunities for the Local people. CEC underscored the importance of setting up charging points at various localities with all necessary facilities to support the new system. During the meeting, Dy. Director, NIELIT, Phuntsog Toldan, informed the CEC that the Khorlo

software application is nearly complete and recommended that decisions need to be made regarding geo-fencing, fair rates and payment options. He also suggested conducting trial runs of Khorlo cabs before the official launch date. In light of the upcoming launch of Khorlo cabs, CEC instructed the vehicle company to confirm

the arrivals of the e-vehicles in Leh and ensure that the homologation is completed before the launch date. He further directed that the customisation of the e-vehicles to be handled by the company itself.

Additionally, the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Sh Inzar Ahmad, Leh was directed to establish the cost of Khorlo ride.

Deputy Director, District Motor Garages, Leh, Dr. Tundup Namgail was instructed to come up with the logo and tagline of Khorlo. Dr Namgail was further directed to frame beneficiary guidelines for the sale of e-vehicles/ Khorlo cabs. Dy. Director Niellit Toldan was directed

to assess manpower needs, salary structures, maintenance costs and software upgradation requirements.

The meeting was attended by Dy Chairman, Tsering Anchuk; Executive Councilor (Culture), Stanzin Chosphe; Deputy Commissioner, Santosh Sukhadeve; Dy. Director, District Motor Garages, Leh, Dr. Tundup Namgail; Dy Director, Nielit, Phuntsog Toldan; Chief Controller of Finance, LAHDC, Leh, Dr Zulfikar Ali; Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Leh, Inzar Ahmad; Accounts Officer, to DC, Leh; Owner of Mahindra Mentoking Motors, Mr Jigmet Lundup; and other concerned officials

GCoE Jammu hosts 5 days Internship Programme

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JAMMU, July 16: Govt College of Education (GCoE) Jammu hosts 5 days Internship Programme for 20 students of Govt. Degree College Marh, studying in B.A 5th semester, having Education as major subject (NEP 2020) as per University of Jammu Statutes.

The Internship Programme started on 10th July 2024. The Programme has been successfully completed under the leadership of Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul (Principal GDC, Marh) & Dr. Jyoti Parihar (Principal GCOE, Jammu).



Dr. Jyoti Parihar welcomed the students and deliberated that this Internship program will provide a huge platform to all students for practicing Micro Teaching skills. The coordinator for the 5 days Internship was Dr. Rajinder Kour who delivered interactive session on Micro-Teaching and its various skills whole heartedly.

The other resource persons for the Internship session were Dr. Rakesh Bharti Assistant Professor in Education and Kiran Thapa Assistant Professor in Education who delivered wonderful presentation on skill of stimulus variation & skill of Questioning respectively. The certificates of participation were awarded to all the students during the valedictory function which was held on Tuesday. The Coordinator who supervised the whole programme was Dr. Ashu Jolly (HOD Education from GDC Marh).

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Sahni gives important tips to students



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JAMMU, July 16: Continuing the campaign of providing exposure to students through summer internship programme, today, the Institute of Mass Communication and Skill Development (IMCSD) organized a special interaction programme with Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K, organized at Jammu Press Club, Manish Sahni gave important tips to the students.

Sahni described media as the fourth pillar of democracy and said that the role of media is important in strengthening democracy and ensuring accountability of political parties, especially the ruling parties. Along with this, it is very important to remain up-to-date in this field, to keep yourself updated with the latest events happening in the

world. Keep yourself curious, keep asking questions like "Why did this happen?" or "How did this happen?" Along with this, keep adopting the basic mantra of "5Ws" journalism "Who, what, where, when and why".

Sahni also gave detailed information to the students about his party's "Vacha Nama/Sankalp Patra" and said that his vision is to provide better education, health facilities, unemployment allowance to the educated youth and women empowerment along with free electricity and water to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Along with this, we believe that the local people should have the first right on the resources of the state including jobs and admission in educational institutions.

Encouraging the students, Sahni told that the scope of the field they

have chosen for their future has increased a lot, if we talk about every section of newspaper, electronic channel, reporting, editor, graphic section, field, 24-hour tally cast news, entertainment channels, there is a lot of scope in the programs of every field, even cinema, OTT, PR, communication officer posts in government and private sector are eagerly waiting for you. Present in this special conversation were Janvi Sharma, Monica Bangotra, Palak Rajput, Ridhima Sharma, Chandni, Raghuvi Sharma, Anandita Gupta, Mansha Sharma, Marish Akhtar, Rudraksh Vaidya, Gayatri Kapoor, Riya Chalotra, Niharika Sharma, Chahat Dabgotra, Shalu Devi, Sneha Sharma, Sneha, Baljeet Kaur and senior journalist Naveen Kaul, Shiv Sena Women's Wing President Meenakshi Chhibber, Vice President Balwant.

Needs careful recalibration in our security strategy: Rajesh Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Jammu and Kashmir Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) general secretary and media head Rajesh Gupta on Tuesday hit out at the Centre after four soldiers were killed in an encounter in Doda, and asked what happened to all those "grand claims" made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Jammu and Kashmir.

Gupta in his X message asked PM Modi why don't you attack on Pakistan and remove it from world map once for all and where is your "56" chest?

During these recent 9 terrorist attacks in a row, 12 soldiers were killed, 13 injured, 10 civilians were killed and 44 were injured. It needs careful recalibration in our security strategy.

BSP leader said he was deeply distressed by the martyrdom of the four brave soldiers, including a Army Captain.

"Our heart goes out to the families of our bravehearts, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of our great Nation. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured, and we wish them a speedy and complete recovery," he said.

Bukhari grieved over martyrdom of 4 army personnel in Doda encounter

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Apni Party President, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari has expressed profound grief over the martyrdom of four Army personnel including an officer at Dessa forests in Doda District in an encounter.

"I extend my sympathies with the bereaved family members of the brave hearts who have

given supreme sacrifice while fighting against the terrorists in Doda," said Altaf Bukhari in his condolence message.

He prayed for the eternal peace of the martyred soldiers, and strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

He however expressed concern over the growing terror related incidents in Jammu Region for the last several weeks.

Infiltration bid foiled three terrorists eliminated while crossing LC

Top News Report

KUPWARA, July 16: In a significant operation, the Indian Army successfully eliminated three hardcore foreign terrorists attempting to infiltrate across the Line of Control (LoC) in Keran Sector of Kupwara District of Jammu & Kashmir. On the intervening night of July 13- 14 2024, acting on credible inputs, multiple ambushes were laid along the appreciated route of Infiltration.

On July 14, the ambush teams observed movement of three terrorists through thick foliage, on their own side of LoC. The infiltrating terrorist was challenged resulting in intense firefight. The intense firefight led

to elimination of three hard core foreign terrorists along with recovery of war like stores.

This successful intelligence based operation is yet another example of the close synergy between Indian Army, BSF & JKP.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu inks MoU with SKUAST-J

Top News Report

JAMMU, July 16: Center for Invention Innovation Incubation and Training (CIIT), Government Polytechnic College Bikram Chowk Jammu on Tuesday inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu for upskilling and enhancing employability of students by providing training in latest technologies at CIIT Jammu established at Government Polytechnic Jammu.

The MoU was signed in presence of Sudershan Kumar, Director Skill Development Department, J&K Government between Er Arun Bangotra Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu and Dr. Sushil Sharma Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering, SKUAST-J.

The Director, Skill Development, J&K congratulated both the institutes for collaborating with each other to drive academic and research endeavors

to new heights and to provide high-end, practical oriented training to the students so as to enhance their employability skills.

Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal informed that Government Polytechnic Jammu has established a Center for Invention, Innovation, incubation & Training to impart training in latest trends of Manufacturing Technology, Automobile Engineering conforming to Industry 4.0 with the help of Tata Technologies Ltd Pune to promote the idea of innovation, incubation and entrepreneurship amongst students so as to develop new products and technologies.

Dr. Sushil Sharma Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering said that purpose of this MoU between two institutes is to enhance the competency of the students of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology of Jammu to bring around qualitative improvements through up-skilling in the areas of Internet of things, robotics and advanced

manufacturing in agricultural domain.

Dr. Jasvinder Singh Soodan Dean, Faculty of Dairy Technology said that Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu shall conduct the seminars, conferences and workshops at Government Polytechnic Jammu to promote the start-ups and entrepreneurship ecosystem in J&K and shall develop and adopt state of the art training curriculum to meet modern agricultural trends and promote technology start-ups.

Other present on the occasion were Dr R K Srivastava Professor & Head Soil and Water Conservation Engineering, Dr. Pawan Kumar Assistant Professor Faculty Mechanical Engineering, Jatinder Kesar OSD SDD, Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engineering, Ajay Thapa, OIC T P cell, Sanam Gupta Lecturer-I Mechanical Engineering, Rishabh Gupta Lecturer-I Mechanical Engineering, Amit Kapoor, W/I.

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