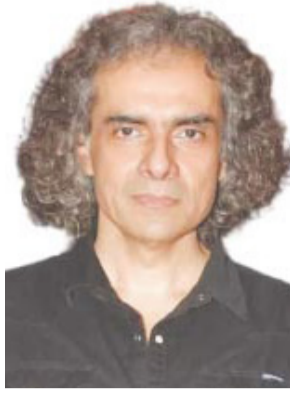


TOP NEWS OF J&K

JAMMU, TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

Daily Evening Newspaper



ENTERTAINMENT

| 6

Imtiaz Ali feels he 'could've done things differently' on Love Aaj Kal 2



NATIONAL

| 7

Nagpur violence seems pre-planned; mob targeted specific houses, says CM Fadnavis

INTERNATIONAL

| 8

Trump revokes secret service protection for Biden's children Hunter, Ashley



e-paper: www.topnewsjk.in

RNI No. JKENG/2010/39369

Regd. No. JK-435

Vol.-12 Issue-75 Pages-12 Rs.-2/-

BRIEFLY

Security Forces detect IED in hopian

SRINAGAR, Mar 18 (Agencies): Security forces on Tuesday averted a tragedy with the timely detection of an improvised explosive device (IED) in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district, officials said. Jammu tourism

A patrol party noticed a suspicious object by the roadside at Haddipora in Shopian district, which turned out to be an IED. A bomb disposal squad has been rushed to the spot to defuse the explosive, the officials said.

This was second instance where an IED has been detected by the security forces in as many days after security forces defused a similar device in Kulgam district on Monday.

Fire breaks out at hospital in Rajouri, 150 patients evacuated

RAJOURI/JAMMU, Mar 18 (Agencies): A fire broke out at the Government Medical College (GMC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Tuesday, prompting the evacuation of more than 150 patients from the hospital, officials said. Jammu tourism/Jammu tourism guide

The fire was noticed in the basement of the hospital in Rajouri town on Tuesday morning. It was controlled within one hour without reports of any casualty, assistant director of Fire and Emergency Services, Himanshu Gupta, said.

The patients and their attendants were taken out of the hospital building as smoke filled the wards, he said.

Three fire tenders were pressed into service to put off the blaze, the official said, adding that a probe is on to ascertain the exact cause of the fire

Deputy commissioner of Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, visited the hospital along with his team to assess the situation.

"Our priority is to restore normal operations, including OPD services, at the hospital," Sharma said.

On the alleged failure of the hospital's internal fire safety mechanism, the deputy commissioner said the matter will be inquired.

The hospital staff and several volunteers acted swiftly and tried to douse the flames before the firemen took over and restricted the fire to the basement area, officials

Turn to page 9

Major portion of JK House in Delhi went to Ladakh under asset distribution: Omar Abdullah

JAMMU, Mar 18 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said that a significant portion of JK House in Delhi was allocated to Ladakh following the distribution of assets between Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Responding to a question by NC legislator Tanveer Sadiq, the Chief Minister confirmed that a major part of JK House went to Ladakh under the Reorganization Act 2019. However, he added that land had been purchased in



Dwarka to construct a new facility.

When asked in a supplementary question about the availability of local cuisine in these

houses, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of preserving cultural identity. "Both local cuisine and architecture will be incor-

porated," he assured.

Participating in the discussion, another legislator, Nazir Ahmad Gurezi, asked whether the property in Chandigarh was also allocated to Ladakh. The Chief Minister replied in the affirmative.

He, however, clarified that the distribution of assets was carried out by mutual agreement. "There are still property disputes between Andhra and Telangana. We did not want to meet the same fate," said the Chief Minister.

Jammu & Kashmir High Court takes strong note of lack of security measures on its premises

SRINAGAR, Mar 18 (Agencies): The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has taken strong note of the lack of security measures on the court premises.

The observations were made by Justice Rahul Bharti while hearing a case of a petitioner being forced out of the corridors of court premises against her wishes. The Court said that the

incident exposed the lack of appropriate security measures including CCTV surveillance.

Justice Rahul Bharti expressed concern about the March 11 in which the petitioner was forced out of the corridors of the court premises.

"Yesterday's development exposes lack of appropriate security measures including deficient CCTV installation

on the court premises to ensure that each and every nook and corner gets under CCTV surveillance," the order issued by the Court read.

The High Court further directed the Registrar Judicial Srinagar to carry out the audit of the CCTV installation on the court premises and submit a report by the next date. The case has been listed again for

tomorrow.

The High Court has also shared its concern with the Jammu and Kashmir Police and asked it to "come up with better instructions to the subordinate police establishment of the District Police so as to avoid repeat of omission and commission which came to take place yesterday on the premises of this court."

Turn to page 9

"Don't teach me": Speaker Rather tells NC lawmaker

JAMMU, Mar 18 (Agencies): The Speaker of J&K Legislative Assembly Abdul Rahim Rather on Tuesday snubbed MLA Pahalgam Altaf Kaloo when he objected to raising of supplementary questions by a legislator.

As BJP's Balwant Mankotia tried to raise supplementary ques-

tions, Kaloo objected to it, evoking a sharp retort from Rather. "Don't teach me," the Speaker told the NC lawmaker.

The Speaker rebuked Kaloo when the minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Javaid Dar was responding to questions on behalf of Minister for Education Sakina Ittoo.

Rehbar-e-Khel policy already in place, regularization after 7 years service: Govt in assembly

SRINAGAR, Mar 18 (Agencies): The government has clarified that a policy is already in place for the regularization of Rehbar-e-Khel teachers after seven years of satisfactory service.

In a written reply to a question tabled by Choudhary Mohammad Akram in the Assembly, the government stated that the Rehbar-e-Khel policy, issued vide

Government Order No. 141-Edu(YSS) of 2017 dated 27.10.2017, provides for regularization in a staggered manner after seven years of continuous service against available posts of Physical Education Teachers.

The government further said that all vacancies arising in the department will be reserved for the regularization of Rehbar-e-Khel teachers and will not be filled otherwise.

Srinagar man arrested for posting, Sharing 'Extremist' content

SRINAGAR, Mar 18 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police has arrested a social media user for allegedly posting extremist content online, an official said on Tuesday. Jammu tourism

The accused, identified as Showkat Ahmad Dar (28), is a resident of Doodh Mohalla in Srinagar, said the Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) wing, which made the arrest.

Its spokesperson said that Dar had been operating a Facebook account, 'Shady Kashmir Dryfruits,' to post and share glorifying content about terrorism and militant commanders and "inciting" anti-national sentiments with the intention of disturbing peace.

He was caught after the special monitoring units of social media companies flagged his content.

"Upon receiving input

Turn to page 9

Woman pilgrim from Delhi held with loaded pistol at Vaishno Devi Shrine

JAMMU, Mar 18 (Agencies): A woman pilgrim from Delhi was arrested after a loaded pistol was recovered from her possession at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, officials said on Tuesday.

Jyoti Gupta, who claimed to be a retired

police constable, was intercepted with the weapon and six rounds at a checkpoint near the 'Bhawan' (sanctum sanctorum) on the intervening night of March 14-15, they said.

The licence for the gun found in the possession of Gupta was found to have expired a couple of years ago, the officials

said.

Police have launched a probe after registering an FIR, they said.

In a similar incident, Sanjay Singh, a pilgrim from Uttar Pradesh, was booked after two cartridges were found in his bag near the Bhawan on Monday, the officials said.

Demanding relocation, Nai Basti shopkeepers begin hunger strike

JAMMU, Mar 18 (Agencies): Demanding proper rehabilitation, around 30 shopkeepers of Jammu's Nai Basti, who got eviction notices from Highway Authorities for expansion of Satwari-Bikram-Chowk stretch of Jammu-Pathankot highway, on Tuesday began a hunger strike after series of futile meetings with administration.

The families of shopkeepers led by local BJP leaders, accused the administration of deliberately delaying the relocation despite the commitment by LG Manoj Sinha in July last year.

"LG's commitment has been ignored by the administration. In the last meeting three months ago, JMC commissioner

gave verbal assurance that all shopkeepers will be relocated at under construction Chandrabhaga Hall. Even documents of shopkeepers where sought but eviction notices were served without relocation," said BJP leader and former corporator Pawan.

He accused the authorities of failure to honour their commitments made

Turn to page 9

Slow construction of Chapel Nallah Bridge leaves residents struggling in Ramnagar

UDHAMPUR, Mar 18 (Agencies): The building of a vital bridge across Chapel Nallah in Ramnagar Tehsil, Udhampur district, is progressing slowly, causing immense hardship to about 70,000-80,000 people living in 15-20 villages.

The work on the proj-

ect, which started in December 2023, is still far from completion, compelling students to travel across the drain without a bridge and causing immense inconvenience to patients and regular commuters.

According to Parshotam Kumar Joshi, Executive Engineer at PWD

Ramnagar, the bridge's construction is not yet complete. Approaches were being made for the construction; however, due to the rains and landslides, the bridge had cracks. Also, the material used to construct the bridge was of poor quality, which

Turn to page 9

GupShup

RESTAURANT

Where Hunger Meets Happiness

Are you a true desi chicken connoisseur? Look no further than Gupshup Restaurant, the only restaurant in Jammu and Kashmir to serve 100% Desi chicken (Jatka) cooked to perfection on a traditional Chullah.

Visit us at:
Ban Bantalab, Old Nagrota Highway, Jammu (J&K)
+91-9086207123 | +91-9085072548

ORDER NOW

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you about the sad demise of our beloved **Late Sdn. Laj Kour W/o S. Punjab Singh*** R/o village Mallikote Chassana Reasi, who left for heavenly abode on *11 March, 2025*. The **Bhog and Antim Ardas** will be as per the following dates: **Arambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib** on 18th March, 2025 at 9:00 AM at our residence, Village Mallikote, Reasi.*



Late Sdn. Laj Kour

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 20th March, 2025 at 9:00 AM at our residence, Mallikote, Chassana Reasi.

Shabad Kirtan & Antim Ardas will be performed on 20th March, 2025 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at village Mallikote Chassana, Khalsa mohalla, Reasi.

Grief Stricken:

- S. Punjab Singh Budhwal (Husband)
- S. Surinder Singh (Son)
- S. Durjeet Singh (Son)
- Sdn. Mitranjan Kour (Daughter)
- S. Harinder Pal Singh (Son)

MASWAR AND VAHARWAR

ON 18TH AND 19TH MARCH, 2025

In the loving memory of **Hakim Sh. Arjan Nath Kaul** originally from (Kurigam) Qazigurd. Your life was a blessing and fond memories, a treasurer, Loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Each day we try to walk on the imprints left by you on the sands of time, guided by your values and Principles. May God give peace to your departed soul. "Om Shanti"



HAKIM SH. ARJAN NATH KAUL
17TH JULY, 1934 - 30TH MARCH, 2024

YOUR LOVING FAMILY:

- Smt. Rani Kaul - Wife
 - Sons & Daughters-in-law**
 - Sh. Tribki Kaul & Vimesh Kaul
 - Sh. Hari Kaul & Geeta Kaul
 - Daughters & Sons-in-law**
 - Smt. Kiran Kaul & Sh. Ramesh Kaul
 - Smt. Veena Raina & Sh. Shadi Lal Raina
 - Smt. Sonali Tickoo & Sh. Vijay Tickoo
 - Grand Children:** Jatin, Shivi, Manu, Shrivati, Sandeep, Monu, Sheetal, Sushil, Anku, Mohit, Sohil
- Maswar & Vaharwar will be performed at our residence Address: 107, Shubham Apartment, Sector-12, Pocket-4, Dwarka, New Delhi.
With love from the Kaul Family

OBITUARY

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and forever dear.
With profound grief we share the demise of our beloved father **Sh. Pushkar Nath Pandit** originally resident of Akingam Bopora, Anantnag, presently at Jawahar Nagar, Udhampur on 13 Mar 2025.
The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be held at Devika Ghat, Udhampur on Friday, 21 March 2025 at 08:00 AM. Residence: Jawahar Nagar, Ward No. 6, Near Trikalanah Temple, Railway Road Udhampur.
Mourning from 'Malyur' side will also be held at our residence as Papa always considered our Mama Ji (Vinod Koul) as his elder son.
WITH OUR DEEPEST LOVE.
Smt. Bita Devi- Wife
Mr. Omkar Nath Pandit- Son
Mrs. Lucy Pandit- Daughter-in-law
Mr. Sunil Hangoo- Son-in-law
Mrs. Youngta Hangoo- Daughter
Mrs. Anjali Pandita- Daughter-in-law
Mr. Pram Nath Pandita- Son
Mrs. Pooja Pandita- Daughter-in-law



Sh. Pushkar Nath Pandit
13 Apr 1950 - 13 Mar 2025

Children/Grandchildren
Amit, Rocky, Shriya, Sahil, Ayushi, Kamal, Sarika, Aryan, Prachin, Manish,
Contact: 989947751 (Son), 913032637 (Vinod Ji), 905515277 (wife), 914945451 (Daughter)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the untimely and sad demise of **Smt. Neha W/o Badal Kumar** on 10.3.2025 originally resident of Devi Angan (Hari Parbath), Srinagar. A/P H.no. 144-B-10 Vinayak Nagar Sector-1 Muthi, Jammu.



TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 19.03.2025 (Wednesday) at Akhnor Ghat. **MOURNING ASSEMBLY** will be held at Muthi ghat (Near Director Education Office) at 10 A.M. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Badal Kumar (Husband)
Samast Parivar
Mob: 9906029114

TENTH DAY/KIRYA/UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF **SMT. VEENA GUPTA W/O LATE RAJ KUMAR GUPTA (RAJ SHAH JI)** R/O GHAROTA TEHSIL BHALEAL DISTRICT JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 10-03-2025.
TENTH DAY: 19TH MARCH 2025 AT 11:00 AM.
KIRYA: 22ND MARCH 2025 AT 12:00 NOON AT OUR RESIDENCE VILLAGE GHAROTA UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI: 22ND MARCH 2025 AT SHAGUN PALACE FROM 4 TO 5 PM.
GRIEF STRICKENS
SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW:
VISHAL AND RUCHI GUPTA
VIKAS AND ANIMA GUPTA (POOJA)
ADVOCATE ROHIT AND SHIVALI GUPTA (LAW OFFICER DHS)
GRAND CHILDREN:
KAVISH, NIHARIKA, TALISH, SANNAH, SHWANSH, SHIVANYA
M/S TEJ BRAWAL RICE MILLS, MISHRIVARA, MS MAHAJAN TRADERS, NEHRU MARKET, JAMMU. M/S BADRI NATH RAJ KUMAR, GHAROTA, PH. 94191-91774, 849225641, 9469210314



SMT. VEENA GUPTA

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Karmayogni Smt. Shobawati Pandita W/o Lt. Sh. Jialal Pandita (Bhan)** originally from Sagam Dist. Anantnag A/p Lane No. 24, Block -152, Flat No. 09, Jagti Nagrota who left heavenly abode on 16-03-2025.
Mourning will be held at Community Hall back side block-152.
Tenth Day Kriya will be held at Devika Ghat Udhampur on 25-03-2025.
Mourning Assembly will be held at Community Hall back side Block-152, Lane No. 24 at 11.30 am.
Grief Stricken
Sh. Mahoraj Krishan Pandita and Smt. Indu Pandita - **Son & Daughter-in-Law**
Sh. Bushan Lal Pandita & Smt. Gija Pandit - **Son & Daughter-in-Law**
Smt. Shama Pandita W/o Lt. Sh. Brij Lal Pandita - **Daughter & Son-in-Law**
Smt. Raj Dulair W/o Sh. Omkar Nath Koul - **Daughter & Son-in-Law**
Smt. Vijay Koul W/o Sh. Trikali Nath Koul - **Daughter & Son-in-Law**
Smt. Neha Pandita & Sh. Sandeep Karhoo - **Grand Daughter & Son-in-Law**
Grand Children: Vicky, Mohit, Shrawan Kumar, Bal Krishan, Reena, Anil, Amit, Sunita, Princy
Contact No.: 9796649762, 7006859846



Kamayogni Smt. Shobawati Pandita

OBITUARY & TENTH DAY KRIYA

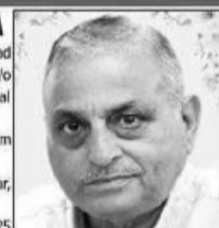
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt. Santosh Koul (Dida Ji)** W/o Shri Soom Nath Koul of Goshubh, Pattan, Baramulla, Kashmir, presently at H No. 464/A Sector 2nd Vinayak Nagar, Muthi Jammu on 15/03/2025.
Tenth Day will be performed on Monday the 24/03/2025 at Akhnor Ghat and Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat (near Directorate of School Education) Muthi Jammu at 11 AM.
Deeply Loved and Missed by
Sh Soom Nath Koul - **Husband (9622317416)**
Sh Akshay Koul and Harpreet Koul (**Son & Daughter in law**)
Puja and Sandeep Bhat (**Daughter & Son in law**)
Kanchan and Rohit Raina (**Daughter & Son in law**)
Sisters in law & Brothers in law
Smt & Sh Raj Nath Koul
Smt & Sh Vinod Koul
Grand Children :
(Tanishqa, Reeva, Abhiraj)
& ALL KOUL, BHAT AND RAINA PARIVAR
Ph. (9149488674, 6006223766, 8493035502)



Smt Santosh Koul (Dida Ji)

TENTH DAY/KIRYA /UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Shri Sudesh Kumar Abrol S/o Lt. Sh. Goverdhan Das Abrol R/o Ashok Nagar, Canal Road Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.**
TENTH DAY: will be performed on 19-03-2025 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at our Residence.
KIRYA on 22-03-2025 at our Residence Ashok Nagar, Canal Road Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.
UTHALA: Will be performed on Saturday, 22-03-2025 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Talli Sahab Gurdwara Talab Tillo Jammu, Opp. Rame Lane.
Your presence and prayers will provide strength to the bereaved family in this time of remembrance.
GRIEF-STRICKEN FAMILY:
Smt. Anjali Abrol (Wife)
Smt. Sonali Abrol W/o Sahil Abrol (Sunny) (**Daughter-in-Law & Son**)
Sidharth Abrol (**Son**)
Ms. Meenu Dewan & Mr. Vipin Dewan (**Daughter & Son-in-Law**)
Grandchildren: Panchul, Viva, Shrom, Shiny



Lt Sh. Sudesh Kumar Abrol

10TH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Ashok Khajuria S/o Sh. Chajju Ram Khajuria (Samba Wale)** R/o 89-P, Extn 1, Trikuta Nagar (Manyal Lane) Jammu left for heavenly abode on 9th March 2025.
TENTH DAY will be on 18th March Tuesday 10 AM to 11 AM at Shiv Temple Sector 3 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.
UTHALA will be held on 19th March Wednesday 4 PM to 5 PM to Shiv Temple Sector 3 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Padma Devi - **Wife**
Anuj and Radhika - **Son and Daughter-in-law**
Priyanka and Akhil - **Daughter and Son-in-law**
+918825094054, +919796808545



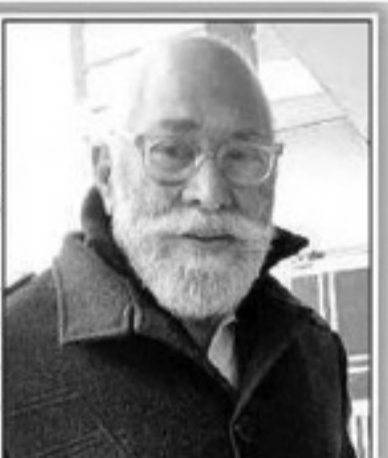
Sh Ashok Khajuria

DISCLAIMER

"Top News of J&K" does not take responsibility for the contents of the advertisements (Display/ Classified) carried in this newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own before acting there upon."

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Master Lekh Raj Khajuria (Ex President, All J and K Employees Federation)** R/o Ajit Nagar Jammu on 10-03-2025.



Master Lekh Raj Khajuria

Fourth Day will be performed on 13-03-2025 at Shastri Nagar Cremation Ground
Eighth Day will be performed on 17-03-2025 and **Thirteen Day** will be performed on 22-03-2025 at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN

- Smt. Urmal Khajuria (Wife)
- Son and Daughter-in-law**
- Sh. Manav Khajuria and Smt Anjali Sharma
- Daughters and Sons-in-law**
- Smt. Rakhee Khajuria and Sh. Ashok Sharma
- Smt. Shilpi Khajuria and Sh. Rakesh Sharma
- Mob. 9149713847**

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound sorrow, we inform the sudden demise of our beloved **Smt. Mohani Karihaloo Saraf, W/o Late Shri Chaman Lal Saraf** resident of Baner, Pune formerly a resident of Nishat and Habba Kadal, Srinagar.



SMT. MOHANI KARIHALOO SARAF

Known as Mummy to her progeny, she was Bengashee and Bhabhjee to the Karihaloo and Saraf families. She retired as a headmistress at Nishat High School. She breathed her last at home on March 12, aged 87. **10TH DAY KRIYA** will be at Pimpri-Chinchwad on March 21.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

- Manju and Anil Bakaya
- Reeta and Ranjan Nehru
- Suresh and Ruby Saraf
- The families of Late Dr DN Saraf, Late Rupa Kaul, Raj Dulair Koul, Late Roshanlal Saraf, Late Roshanlal Karihaloo Bhushan Karihaloo, Tej Karihaloo.
- Grandchildren:** Dhiraj, Priyanka, Amaranta, Amol, Kartik, Sneha, and Maegha.
- Great grandchildren:** Ayan, Siona, Adhira, Prazlaan, Saica, and Amaira.
- Contact: Ranjan Nehru 9816 64171, Amol Nehru 98590 85877

10TH DAY KRIYA

REST IN PEACE

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Darshan Lal (S/o Late Sh. Jattu Ram)** who left for his heavenly abode on Monday, 10th March 2025.



SH. DARSHAN LAL

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 19th March, 2025 at Shri Guru Ravidas ji Gurudwara, Krishna Nagar Jammu at 12:00 hrs.

GRIEF STRICKEN

- Smt. Asha Devi (Wife)
- Nidhi Thapa (Daughter)
- Brothers and Sisters in law**
- Late Sh. Sham Lal and Smt. Darshana Devi
- Sh. Raj Kumar and Smt. Anju Devi
- Daughters and Sons in law**
- Mrs. Shipu and Mr. Bodh Raj
- Mrs. Deepika and Mr. Rohit Kumar
- DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY**
- THAPA FAMILY**
- MOB: 7298001125, 8825037153**

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Lt. Smt. Savita Sharma W/o Lt. Sh. Raj Kumar Sharma** R/o, Near Mahajan Nursery, Tail Mohr, New Plots, Jammu.



Lt. Smt. Savita Sharma

10th Day will be performed on 19-03-2025 at 10 AM at our residence.
Kriya will be performed on 20-03-2025 at 12 Noon at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN

- Mr. Ashish Sharma - **Son**
- Daughters & Sons-in-law**
- Mrs. Nitu Sharma & Mr. Rajeev Sharma
- Mrs. Sheeta Sharma & Mr. Sunny Devgon
- Mrs. Rakhi Mangi & Mr. Rahul Mengi
- Brothers-in-law & Sisters-in-law**
- Mr. Dev Raj Sharma & Mrs. Raj Kumari
- Mr. Kewal Krishen & Mrs. Neelam Sharma
- Mr. Ram Sharma & Mrs. Santosh Sharma
- Sisters-in-law & Brothers-in-law**
- Mrs. Sudesh Sharma & Mr. Jatinder Sharma
- Mrs. Vijay Sharma & Mr. Anil Sharma
- Mrs. Neelam Sharma & Mr. Sumesh Sharma
- Contact Number :** 9797662914, 9410116978

10TH DAY/KIRYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved **Mrs. Sneh Lata Gupta W/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Gupta** R/o Nanak Nagar, Sector 8, Jammu left for her heavenly abode on 9th March 2025.



Mrs. Sneh Lata Gupta

Tenth Day at our residence from 11 AM onwards on 18th March 2025 (Tuesday).
Kriya at our residence at 12 Noon on 21st March 2025 (Friday).

Rasam Pagri at Ram Mandir, Sector 8, Nanak Nagar, Jammu from 4 PM to 5 PM on 21st March 2025 (Friday).

DEEPLY LOVED AND MISSED BY:

- Sh. Ashok Kumar Gupta - **Husband (Retd. AE PDD)**
- Rakesh Kumar Gupta and Rasika Gupta - **Son & Daughter-in-law**
- Monika Gupta and Bharat B. Gupta - **Daughter & Son-in-law**
- Sarika Gupta and Srikanth Regula - **Daughter & Son-in-law**
- Shravya, Raavi, Anvi and Krish - **Grand Children**
- Ashwini Kumar Gupta and Neelam Gupta - **Brother & Bhabhi**
- Sanjeev Kumar Gupta and Pinky Gupta - **Brother Bhabhi**
- Gupta Family**
- Mobile: 9469211119, 8899580141**

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Father Sh. Shyam Lal Pandita S/o Late Vishnu Jee Pandita** originally resident of Raghunath Mandir / Channapora, Sgr, Kashmir A/P residing at C-24/C, BG, Raj Heights Shalimar Garden Extension-II, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad on 11/3/2025.



Sh. Shyam Lal Pandita

Tenth Day will be performed on 20/3/2025. (Tuesday) at Muradnagar Ghaziabad at 9.30 am.
Assembly will be held at our residence Shalimar Gardens Extension-II, Sahibabad at 11.30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

- Son & Daughter-in-law**
- Kuldeep Pandita & Dr. Saroj Pandita (7006481903, 7006728326)
- Daughter & Son-in-law**
- Meena Raina, Dr. A.K. Raina (7042153091, 9410320517)
- Sushma Pandita (9818244576) - **Daughter**
- Grand Children :** Shibu, Vivek, Richa, Vikas, Ankit, Kanav Mozas, Haks, Rainas & Kouls

TENTH DAY/ KIRYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Girdhari Lal S/o Late Sh. Pulta Ram** R/o Village Badgal Kalan Post Office Sohail Akhnor.



SH. GIRDHARI LAL

10th Day will be performed on 18.03.2025 from 11-12 at Residence R/o Village Badgal Kalan Post Office Sohail Akhnor.

Kriya and Uthala will be performed on 19.03.2025 from 11-12 at at Residence R/o Village Badgal Kalan Post Office Sohail Akhnor.

Son and Daughter-in-law

- Vijay Amrit Lal and Anta Sharma
- Son and Daughter-in-law**
- Premjoti Sharma and Late Babita Sharma
- Daughter and Son-in-law**
- Sunita Sharma and Sweet Sharma
- Kids: Payal, Ritika, Kanav, Parul, Harsh, Priyanka Sharma
- And All Sharma Family**
- Mob: 9906316196, 7006493243**

Mankotia raises issues of teacher shortage, tourism development in Assembly

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia from Chenani-Ghordi on Tuesday highlighted two major concerns in the Jammu & Kashmir Assembly—the severe shortage of teachers in government schools and the need for focused tourism development in the region.

Mankotia expressed deep concern over the lack of teachers in government schools across Chenani-Ghordi and the entire Udhampur district, which is severely affecting the quality of education for students.

He urged the government to immediately initiate the recruitment process to ensure that children receive proper education and have a secure future. The MLA also raised the issue



of Patnitop, one of the most renowned tourist destinations in Jammu & Kashmir and across India.

He criticized the government for failing to take concrete steps toward its development, despite its immense tourism potential.

Furthermore, Mankotia pointed out the rigid policies of the Patnitop Development Authority (PDA), which have made it extremely difficult for local residents to undertake even minor construction projects.

He stated that people are forced to go through extensive bureaucratic procedures, causing unnecessary delays and frustration.

Mankotia urged the government to introduce special initiatives for the development of Patnitop and provide relief to locals from unnecessary administrative hurdles.

He warned that if immediate action is not taken, the tourism industry in the region will suffer, and local residents will face severe economic hardships.

Yudhvir starts deep drain work in Bawa Lal Gali

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: Senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi on Tuesday inaugurated the development work of a deep drain at Bawa Lal Gali, Ward No. 3, in the East Constituency in presence of enthusiastic party workers, local residents, and prominent dignitaries.

The project, which aims to enhance the drainage infrastructure in the area, will be completed with an estimated cost of Rs 16.5 lakhs.

Yudhvir Sethi reiterated the BJP's commitment to ensuring all-round development in Jammu East. He stated that addressing civic issues such as sanitation, drainage, and road connectivity remains a top priority for the government.

He highlighted that the new deep drain system would significantly reduce waterlogging problems in the area, particularly during the monsoon season, thereby preventing inconvenience to residents.

The senior BJP leader further added that the BJP government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been working tirelessly to

uplift the living standards of the people. He emphasized that infrastructural development is an essential pillar in transforming Jammu into a modern, well-planned city. He urged the residents to support the administration in maintaining public infrastructure by keeping their surroundings clean and ensuring proper disposal of waste.

Expressing gratitude towards the people for their unwavering trust in the BJP, Sethi assured that every pending developmental project in the constituency would be completed in a time-bound manner.

He also encouraged local representatives to remain proactive in identifying and addressing public concerns.

Among the prominent personalities present at the event were AEE Rajesh, Arun Sethi, Pawan Sharma, Adarsh Mandal President, Sanjeev Verma, Vikrant Sharma, Sanjay Abrol, Ajay Sharma, Parveen Kher, Anuradha Sharma, Preeti Sharma, Bindu Kumari, and Sushma Kumari.

The event concluded with a pledge to continue working towards the betterment of the constituency, with Yudhvir Sethi reaffirming his dedication to serving the people of Jammu East with sincerity.

CS UT Ladakh Reviews ongoing IT, digitalization projects

Top News Report

LEH, Mar 18: Continuing its breaking initiatives in Information Technology and Digitization projects, The Chief Secretary of UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal chaired a meeting to review of the ongoing Information Technology (IT) and digitalization projects in the region. The meeting was held at the Civil Secretariat Leh.

The Administrative Secretary of Information and Technology Department, Shashanka Ala provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation covering key projects and their progress such as Ladakh's Statewide Area Network project (SWAN); 4G Saturation Project; scope and progress of e-seva services in UT Ladakh; Bharat Net phase second and Amended Bharat Net, were discussed.

The meeting was aimed to assess the current status and progress of these projects and



to address their challenges for future plans for implementing digital solutions to enhance the quality of public services and foster growth in the region.

The Chief Secretary Dr. Pawan Kotwal reviewed the status of these projects thoroughly and urged the concerned officials to expand internet connectivity, digitizing government services, and promoting IT-driven solutions for education, healthcare, and admin

istrative departments.

The Secretary of Information and Technology highlighted key milestones achieved, including the installation of high-speed internet infrastructure, under 4G Saturation Project, 241 4G BTS/Tower sites have been sanctioned under this project to provide voice/data connectivity to uncovered villages & hamlets of UT Ladakh.

The Chief Secretary instructed the concerned officials to achieve 100%

saturation in digitalization projects. He emphasized the importance of collaboration between local authorities, stakeholders, and technology experts to ensure the successful implementation of these projects.

During the meeting, discussions focused on overcoming the unique challenges faced by Ladakh due to its remote geography and the need for sustainable, long-term digital solutions.

The Chief Secretary Dr. Pawan Kotwal

called for an accelerated efforts to address any bottlenecks and enhance digital infrastructure, with a focus on ensuring equitable access to technology across all sectors of the population.

The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretary, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Yetindara Maralkar; Administrative Secretary, PWD, Micheal D'Souza; Administrative Secretary IT Shashanka Ala; Secretary School Education Department Bhanu Prabha; Deputy Commissioner Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; Deputy Commissioner Kargil, Shrikant Suse; and representatives from Department of Telecommunication, J&K; Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL); Army 14 Corps (Signals); ITBP; NHIDCL; Airtel; Jio and Inspira; and other concerned officers. Officers stationed outside joined the meeting virtually.

JKNC constitutes 12 members committee to review workings of JMC wards

Ankush, Dr Vikas, Rakesh nominated as members

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: J&K National Conference (JKNC) announced a 12-member committee to review the working of party units falling under Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) in view of the forthcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

The committee, which included former MLA Bimla Luthra, Jugal Mahajan, Ankush Abrol, Vijay Lochan, Rakesh Singh Raka, Dr Vikas Sharma, Abdul Gani teli, D.S.Chouhan, S.Tejinder Singh, Dil-

shad Malik, S.Jatinder Singh Lucky was constituted by National Conference provincial president, Jammu and Kashmir Assembly earlier on March 3, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said the government is committed to strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) by ensuring timely elections at all levels.

Earlier on February 27, the Jammu and Kashmir local bodies dedicated backward classes commission established on June 11, 2023 for the purpose of conduct-

ing empirical studies on OBC representation submitted its final recommendations to the government, brightening the chances of holding local bodies polls.

Currently, the municipal bodies, panchayats and block development councils in Jammu and Kashmir are without elected representatives for a period of more than a year.

The term of municipalities ended in October-November 2023, while the panchayats and block development councils completed their five-year term on January 9, 2024.

576 passengers airlifted to Ladakh

Top News Report

KARGIL, Mar 18: 576 passengers were airlifted today in Indian Air Force Planes. IL-76 airlifted 455 passengers from Srinagar and Jammu to Leh in two sorties. AN-32 Kargil Courier airlifted 71 passengers, which includes 53 passengers from Srinagar to Kargil and 18 passengers from Kargil to Srinagar.

The passengers who availed the service, expressed their gratitude to CEC LAHDC Kargil, Member of Par-



liament Ladakh, Deputy Commissioner Kargil, Ministry of Defence, Airports Authority of India, Indian

Air Force, Air India, AIASL, CISF, CRPF, Ladakh Police and other agencies associated, including the Chief Coordinator, Liaison

Officers, Deputy Coordinator, Assistant Coordinators, Assistant Liaison Officers, and staff of Deputy Commissioner Kargil.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE – R.S. PURA, JAMMU
(NAAC Accredited, 'B' Grade) Estd. 2005

Prof. (Dr.) Preetpalkour Land Line: 01923-252958 (O) & 9419211446 (Mob.)
(Principal) E-Mail: gdcspura@gmail.com & www.gdcspurajammu.com
No: GDC/RSP/25/475
Dated: 15.03.2025

NOTICE

Subject: Sealed Quotations

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from the authorized Firms/agencies/Nurseries/Service providers for the following works, addressed to the office of the undersigned, quoting the service charges on per day/consolidated basis. The details of the works are as under:

| S. No. | Details of Work | Specifications |
|--------|--------------------|--|
| 1. | Gardening Services | Service/Labour charges on per day/consolidated basis |
| 2. | Carpentry Services | |

Terms and Conditions:

- The quantum of the said work may be ascertained by surveying the college before quoting the said charges during the college working hours.
- The quotations should be sealed and complete in all respects bearing valid GSTIN No., if available.
- The quotations should reach the office of the undersigned within 04 working days from the issuance of the notice within working hours (9.00 am to 3.00 pm) through registered post or by hand.
- The service charges should be inclusive of all taxes.
- Mere submission of Quotation shall not confer any right to the firm/agency for providing the service.
- The undersigned reserves all the right to accept or reject any quotation without assigning any reason and notice thereof.
- The detailed terms and conditions for the above cited works can be collected from the office of the undersigned during the college working hours.

Sd/- DIP/J-11124/24

Principal
Govt. Degree College, R. S. Pura

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu
e-mail: xennorth@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. JSMDNJ/199 of 2024-25 Dated: 13-03-2025 Due on 02-04-2025

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, e-tenders are invited from the reputed and resourceful Bidders / Firms / Companies registered in DIC / MSME or any other state Government. The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. **Cover 1st** consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions, Scope of work and Technical Specifications and **Cover 2nd** consisting of Financial Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

| Name of the Work | Estimated Cost (Rs. in lacs) | Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee (In Rs) | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Bid Validity |
|---|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Improvement of water supply by way of execution of Components of works (Mech. North) under revised Action Plan for Jammu City under AMRUT 2.0 (Part-II) (Electromechanical works of Jal Shakti Mech. Pumping Sub Division No.-I Dhounthly Jammu). | 75.75 | Rs. 2,000.00 | 02% of the estimated cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/TDR pledged on the name of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu. | Bid shall be valid for 180 days from the date of opening of Financial Bid |

Position of Technical Sanction: Accorded
Position of funds: Approved Under AMRUT 2.0

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- The Pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Division North, Jammu / through online mode (if required) as per the schedule mentioned in the SBD.
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on e-tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal upto due date.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Division North, Jammu. Bids must be accompanied by EMD and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table and shall be payable at Jammu. **No. JSMDNJ/5104-09**

Dated: 13-03-2025 DIP/J-11084/24

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Mech. Division North
Jammu

EDITORIAL

Save Water for Sustainable Future

Water is the essence of life, sustaining ecosystems, agriculture, industries, and human survival. Despite covering about 71% of the Earth's surface, freshwater availability remains limited, with only about 2.5% of it being fresh and usable. As populations grow and climate change exacerbates water scarcity, it has become more crucial than ever to conserve water and ensure its sustainable use.

Water conservation is not just about saving water for the future; it directly impacts our health, economy, and environment.

Preserving ecosystems is one of the major benefits of water conservation. Aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems depend on a stable water supply. Over-extraction of water from rivers, lakes, and underground reserves leads to habitat destruction and biodiversity loss.

Another crucial factor is mitigating water scarcity. Many regions worldwide suffer from water shortages. By conserving water, we can ensure that future generations have access to clean and sufficient water resources.

Additionally, reducing energy consumption is a key aspect of water conservation. Water treatment and distribution require energy. By using less water, we decrease the demand for energy-intensive processes like pumping, purification, and sewage treatment, thereby reducing our carbon footprint.

Ensuring food security is also tied to water conservation. Agriculture is the largest consumer of water globally. Efficient irrigation and water conservation methods can enhance food production while minimizing waste.

Water conservation also has economic benefits. Reducing water wastage leads to lower water bills, decreases the financial burden on municipalities, and reduces infrastructure maintenance costs.

Several factors contribute to the increasing depletion of water resources. Climate change is one of the leading causes, as rising temperatures and unpredictable weather patterns lead to droughts and water shortages.

Population growth also puts pressure on existing water supplies, making conservation critical. As the demand for water increases, efficient management becomes necessary.

Industrial waste and pollution exacerbate water scarcity by contaminating water bodies, making them unfit for consumption and agricultural use. Stricter waste management policies are needed to address this issue.

Deforestation plays a significant role in disrupting the natural water cycle. The loss of forests affects rainfall patterns and reduces groundwater recharge, further straining water resources.

Wastage in households and agriculture is another major issue. Excessive water use, leakages, and inefficient irrigation methods contribute to unnecessary water loss, making conservation efforts essential.

Water conservation begins with small, everyday actions at the individual, community, and governmental levels.

Fixing leaks is one of the simplest ways to conserve water. A dripping faucet can waste gallons of water per day, so regularly checking and repairing leaks is essential.

Using water-efficient appliances such as low-flow showerheads, faucets, and dual-flush toilets can significantly reduce consumption; Turning off taps while brushing teeth, shaving, or washing dishes can prevent unnecessary water wastage; Running full loads in dishwashers and washing machines minimizes water use compared to handwashing; Harvesting rainwater for gardening and household chores helps conserve water for essential needs; Reusing water, such as using rinsed vegetable water for watering plants, is another effective method; Limiting outdoor watering by watering gardens during cooler parts of the day reduces evaporation. Drip irrigation systems can further minimize water waste.

Adopting drip irrigation ensures that water is delivered directly to plant roots, minimizing waste.

Practicing crop rotation reduces excessive water dependency and enhances soil health; Using mulching helps retain soil moisture, reducing the need for frequent watering; Harvesting and storing rainwater for irrigation ensures a sustainable water supply; Improving soil health allows better moisture retention, reducing the need for additional watering.

Regulating industrial wastewater disposal prevents water contamination and ensures sustainable water management.

Promoting water recycling allows industries to treat and reuse wastewater, reducing reliance on freshwater sources; Implementing smart infrastructure upgrades old water supply systems, reducing leakages and inefficiencies; Encouraging public awareness through campaigns and education programs promotes water conservation at the community level; Setting sustainable water policies ensures that governments enforce responsible water use through regulations and incentives.

While large-scale policies and technological advancements play a role, individuals can make a significant difference. Simple habits such as turning off taps, repairing leaks, and using water-efficient appliances can save thousands of gallons annually.

Schools, workplaces, and communities should foster awareness and encourage collective action to conserve water. Every small effort contributes to the bigger picture of sustainability.

Innovations in water conservation include advancements in desalination, wastewater treatment, and smart water management systems. Scientists and engineers are developing new technologies to optimize water usage in industries and households.

Governments and global organizations are working towards sustainable water management through improved policies, awareness campaigns, and investment in conservation projects.

Important Role of Science Child stories in the development of children's scientific approach

By: Vijay Garg

Science literature should be included in child literature compulsorily. The present age is the age of science. Children are the future of the country. Science stories and science literature develop scientific attitudes in children to help them adjust to changing circumstances and develop their personality. Vijay Garg says that "How fair it is to include science literature in child literature." Science literature is being written in which of these disciplines. Small interesting science articles, travel stories, scientists' memoirs, science poetry and science fiction." Did Garg ji say on the question of science literature science theories could help to understand the principles of science, did this good question, no doubt. Sometimes the principles of science seem difficult and monotonous. Do not understand in the class, but when we explain these through science fiction, it becomes easy to understand them. Reading science literature helps the knowledge of scientific vocabulary also to be easily." Many superstitions and misconceptions still prevail in rural areas today. On the question of whether science literature is helpful to overcome them, he explained, "Science literature is developed by the pausinga scientific approach. The lad identifies the problem and finds its root cause. Resorts facts to verify your point. The child develops exploration trend and logic power." Science stories in science literature are very tempting to children. In reply to what science fiction can contribute to the development of a child, says, "Science stories can give new dimensions to the imagination of a child. These make the education process interesting. Reading science stories will reinforce the child's thought process and also develop distant vision." Tell me something more about science fiction on asking they say science fiction is also a literary genre that includes stories

based on science facts, which often present a future scenario. The existence of the universe and the world can be understood by these. As the name itself is evident, science fiction involves the development of potential scientific successes and human knowledge. Science stories never relate to divine intervention or other similar perceptions openly related to religious topics. Child science stories kaisi honi chahiye In response to the question, it says that there are fictional stories written in child science stories, interesting style. These include setting and plot technology, time travel, external space or live around scientific theories. First books and short stories were the basic means of expressing science fiction stories. Television and cinema have become the major medium for science fiction in the 21st century, on the strength of advanced technical and special effects today. Children are thrilled to see the science fiction on the screen today. Science fiction also criticises the present society in addition to providing literature entertainment and can discover options. It can inspire the 'sense of wonder'. The plot of child science fiction should also be children attracting what is your opinion on it tell on asking that Science fiction exists a wide range of storytelling. Space, adventure trips, diverse scientific theories, imagination of scientific inventions in the future, applications of biotechnological, environment, etc. are the major topics of child stories. Their potential conflicts with robots, artificial humans, human clones, intelligent computers and human society have been the major topics of all science fiction. Science fiction is also called fiction fiction, does it really matter miracles In answer to the question they say that science fiction in literature is a sensitive subject to time. Generally prophesied, science stories estimate about the alternative ways of life made possible by technological change, and so sometimes it is called 'fiction fiction'. A great advantage of science fiction is that it can express small portions, signs and phrases of unknown or unattainable knowledge to the reader... Miracles that are occurring in it often become true in the future. The facts described in many science fiction written earlier have proved to be true today. Asimov has written stories of intelligent robots in the 50s. Artificial intelligence items in Ray Bradbury's science fiction are true today. The attraction of science fiction lies in the combination of rational, reliable and miraculous. What other benefits can the lad from science fiction ask, they tell that science fiction introduces children from the future world. What will be the environment in the future, how advanced the technical will become and what will be the

nature of the society in this perspective. What challenges can come to us, this is what science stories tell. You do science fiction, poetry and other types of writing Tell me how science literature should be, on this she says science literature should be saras and interesting language. Don't be too big a story or an article, with attractive pictures as well. The basis of science fiction is not blank fiction or fantasy, be scientific facts. The last question is how your experience on science literature. Do you put it in the category of literature in the literature world. You did a very important question, so is science literature, like common literature, but ironically, in the literature world, it is more likely to see it from literature. When many science magazines are also published to promote science literature writing. Being a science literature writer would like to be considered to be the only important part of literature by not seeing it apart even in Amjan. Newspapers also give very useful information about science to children continuous, they will also place science fiction, poetry and articles in their publications then there will be more encouragement. My writing experience is good, science magazines urging many times to compose on the topic special order. Finally would like to say again that science literature is seen with due respect, get encouragement and children are motivated to read science literature.

Science fiction is also called fiction fiction, does it really matter miracles In answer to the question they say that science fiction in literature is a sensitive subject to time. Generally prophesied, science stories estimate about the alternative ways of life made possible by technological change, and so sometimes it is called 'fiction fiction'. A great advantage of science fiction is that it can express small portions, signs and phrases of unknown or unattainable knowledge to the reader... Miracles that are occurring in it often become true in the future. The facts described in many science fiction written earlier have proved to be true today. Asimov has written stories of intelligent robots in the 50s. Artificial intelligence items in Ray Bradbury's science fiction are true today. The attraction of science fiction lies in the combination of rational, reliable and miraculous. What other benefits can the lad from science fiction ask, they tell that science fiction introduces children from the future world. What will be the environment in the future, how advanced the technical will become and what will be the

nature of the society in this perspective. What challenges can come to us, this is what science stories tell. You do science fiction, poetry and other types of writing Tell me how science literature should be, on this she says science literature should be saras and interesting language. Don't be too big a story or an article, with attractive pictures as well. The basis of science fiction is not blank fiction or fantasy, be scientific facts. The last question is how your experience on science literature. Do you put it in the category of literature in the literature world. You did a very important question, so is science literature, like common literature, but ironically, in the literature world, it is more likely to see it from literature. When many science magazines are also published to promote science literature writing. Being a science literature writer would like to be considered to be the only important part of literature by not seeing it apart even in Amjan. Newspapers also give very useful information about science to children continuous, they will also place science fiction, poetry and articles in their publications then there will be more encouragement. My writing experience is good, science magazines urging many times to compose on the topic special order. Finally would like to say again that science literature is seen with due respect, get encouragement and children are motivated to read science literature.

**(Vijay Garg Retired
Principal Educational
Columnist Street kour
Chand MHR Malout
Punjab)**

What is worrying is the misuse of government officials

By: Priyanka Saurabh

The growing mistreatment of government officials is becoming a significant issue as they strive to perform their duties impartially and without bias. Many civil servants often face threats, harassment, and undue pressure from individuals or groups dissatisfied with their choices. This disturbing trend can erode the integrity of governance, impede ethical behavior, and undermine public institutions. To tackle this problem, it is necessary to maintain ethical standards and provide legal protection and institutional support to ensure that officials can carry out their roles without fear of retribution. Governments should promote a culture of transparency, accountability, and respect for the rule of law, as well as educate the public about the important role civil servants play in maintaining democracy and justice.

Public officials responsible for law enforcement, industry regulation, and election oversight are increasingly facing threats, harassment, and various forms of abuse. This trend is worrying because it can prevent public servants from performing their roles effectively and undermine trust in democratic institutions. Officials, particularly those involved in elections, the judiciary, and regulatory bodies, often face intimidation aimed at influencing their decisions. Additionally, false allegations and smear campaigns can tarnish their

reputation and undermine their authority. Although some countries have laws to protect public servants, enforcement of these laws can be inconsistent or weak. The stress and fear generated by such abuse can result in burnout, resignations, and challenges in attracting qualified candidates.

Misbehavior with public officials is a growing concern as they attempt to discharge their responsibilities impartially. The growing incidence of misbehavior and hostility towards these officials has become a significant challenge to administrative ethics and the rule of law. Such incidents not only demoralize public servants but also undermine public confidence in governance, necessitating a strong ethical framework to help officials cope with these difficulties. Government officials—including election workers, judges, regulators, and law enforcement personnel—are facing increasing intimidation, harassment, and even physical threats. This is fueled by a variety of factors such as political divisions, misinformation, and the influence of social media, which amplifies aggressive rhetoric. In some cases, officials have been doxxed, having their personal information released online and being the target of organized harassment campaigns or physical attacks.

Creating clear and open channels for complaints can help reduce hostility. The "Centralized Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System" portal is an effective tool for managing citi-

zen complaints online. Providing training to officers in conflict resolution and public relations improves their ability to deal with hostility. The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration training framework includes components focused on crisis management. Protection of officers who expose corruption is important in discouraging unethical practices. The Whistleblower Protection Act of 2014 provides protection for public servants who report wrongdoings. Actively engaging with citizens builds trust and reduces hostility. The Jan Sunwai (public hearing) initiative in Rajasthan has promoted accountability and built confidence within the community. Senior officers should model ethical behavior to inspire their junior colleagues. Former Chief Election Commissioner T.N. Seshan set a strong example by enforcing strict electoral standards. By adopting honesty, flexibility, and transparency, civil servants can effectively deal with hostility as well as increase public confidence.

It is essential to uphold constitutional principles and implement proactive measures to maintain ethical governance in difficult situations. When government officials face misbehavior for discharging their duties impartially, it can erode public confidence in institutions and the justice system. This trend can hinder effective governance, as officials may hesitate to act in a just and fair manner for fear of retribution, resulting in corrup-

tion and injustice. When facing such hostile behavior, it is important to analyze the ethical standards that guide civil servants and examine ways to maintain accountability and public trust. Strong accountability systems are important to ensure that government officials are accountable for their actions and that those who abuse their authority face appropriate consequences. Promoting transparency and monitoring of government activities can help prevent misconduct and increase public trust. It is important to build public confidence in the integrity of government institutions, which can be achieved by adhering to ethical standards and ensuring that officials are accountable for their actions.

Harassment of public officials attempting to carry out their duties impartially is a significant threat to democracy and effective governance. Without strong protections, legal accountability, and social resistance to harassment, the integrity of public institutions is at risk. It is essential for governments, law enforcement, social media platforms, and citizens to work together to ensure that officials can fulfill their responsibilities without fear of retaliation.

Research Scholar in Political Science,

Poet, freelance journalist, and columnist,

**Ubba Bhawan,
Aryanagar, Hisar
(Haryana) 127045
(Mob.) 7015375570 (Talk
+ WhatsApp)**

Movement Kalki delegation submits memorandum to DC Jammu for Navratra arrangements at Bawe Temple

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: A delegation from Movement Kalki led by Dr. Sudesh Kumar, met with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jammu today and submitted a memorandum requesting comprehensive arrangements at Bawe Wali Mata Temple during the upcoming Navratras. The delegation, which included Organization Secretary Karnail Chand, Legal Advisor Advocate Sumeshwar Kohli, Sapna Hindu, Neha Malhotra, Sanjeev Dubey, Pawan Manhas, and Anuradha Yogi, emphasized the urgent need for security, sanitation, and essential facilities to accommodate the large number of devotees expected to visit the temple during the holy festival.

The memorandum presented a series of key demands to ensure the safety and convenience of devotees. These included the deployment of CRPF personnel around the temple premises and along the pilgrimage route to



maintain security. The delegation also urged the administration to implement traffic management measures, including coordination with local volunteer groups to prevent congestion and ensure smooth vehicular movement.

In addition to security, the delegation stressed the importance of cleanliness and sanitation in and around the temple premises.

They requested regular cleaning, mosquito control measures, and the placement of adequate dustbins to maintain hygiene. Another

crucial demand was the repair and installation of drinking water facilities and ATMs, ensuring that devotees have access to clean water and financial services throughout their visit.

Proper lighting arrangements were also highlighted as a necessity, with requests to repair non-functional streetlights and install floodlights in key areas for better visibility, especially at night. To maintain order and prevent unauthorized shortcuts, the delegation recommended closing shop backdoors and install

ing barbed wire fencing around the temple premises. Furthermore, the memorandum sought better facilities along the walking route including street lighting, drinking water stations, and sanitation measures to assist devotees on their journey. The delegation also proposed temporary lodging arrangements for pilgrims traveling from far-off places. Additionally, they called for the deployment of mobile toilet vans by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) at five designated locations along the pilgrimage path.

Apart from temple arrangements, the delegation also informed the DC about Movement Kalki's ongoing protest, which has now entered its 150th consecutive day, demanding the official recognition of the cow as the National Mother. Their demands include the official declaration of the cow as the National Mother, the implementation of strict laws for cow protection, the construction of cow shelters (Gaushalas) across the country, and the formation of a Sanatan Board for the welfare of Hindu society and the preservation of cultural heritage.

The delegation reiterated that their protest continues day and night, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to the cause. Alongside their advocacy for cow protection, Movement Kalki remains actively engaged in addressing significant social issues, including religious and cultural matters. They have urged the district administration to take immediate and positive action on all the points mentioned in their memorandum.

GDC Marh inaugurates Community Mobilisation, Awareness and Participation Workshop on Solid Waste Management

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: To promote behavioural change in waste management, Ecoclub Govt. Degree College (GDC), Marh in collaboration with Regional Urban Development Agency (RUDA), Centre for Environment Education (CEE) New Delhi organized maiden two days' workshop on Solid Waste Management under the supervision of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Koul.

Principal in his address stressed that the importance of this programme in Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U) 2.0. and making this project a historic landmark for the years to come.

He emphasized that the aim of this event is to educate residents about waste segregation and proper disposal. This project focuses on reducing plastic waste generation and this collaboration will help in enhancing collection, segregation, recovery, recycling of non-biodegradable waste while promoting integrated plastic waste management practices.

Sanjeev Arora, CEO, Regional Urban Development Agency (RUDA) focussed his presentation on Rural and Urban Landscapes free of Plastic and Dry Waste.

He made the local community aware how the segregation of hazardous waste will help in generating revenue for adopted Panchayat Dhateryal by selectively selling dry waste and production of manure by composting wet

waste (using earthen pots), thereby creating new sources of employment for the unemployed in the village.

Parshotam Lal (Ex- Sarpanch) assured and agreed to work in collaboration with the college and RUDA by making this project will be a successful endeavour and Dhateryal a Green Clean Panchayat.

More than 200 local community members along with students of the college participated in this event.

Prof. Anjana Chib. (HOD EVS) conducted the proceedings of the programme.

Formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shakun Sharma (HOD, Sociology).

All the faculty members were present in this event. Alumini President, Atul Narayan Singh along with Presidium members (Eshaan, Sushain, Rohit, Ketan, Atinder, Sangeeta, Richa, Sneha) did all the seating arrangements. Technical support was provided by Mohit Kalotra.

The feedback of community members was very encouraging as it had modified their behaviour concerning management.

The event was captured by the team of CEE, New Delhi using Drone Technology which was appreciated by all. It is pertinent to mention that college is already working with RUDA for the past 3 years and has received Carbon credits appreciation from RUDA by giving them 4140 kgs of solid waste, which is an achievement and inspiration for all.

GDC Nagrota organizes lecture on 'National and State level Career Opportunities in J&K'

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: Under the aegis of IQAC, Career Counseling and Placement Cell of GDC Nagrota in collaboration with Department of Chemistry organized an awareness lecture on "Career Opportunities in J&K and at National level".

The lecture was delivered by Shoaib Farid ,

MD and CEO of Wings-Ek Uddan Ed Tech. and Shubham Sardhalia, a noted counselor of career opportunities for graduates. The lecture focused on emerging job opportunities, entrepreneurial potential and skill development for the youth of J&K.

He also stressed upon growing start up ecosystem s, government

initiatives to boost sectors like tourism, IT and education. They also educated the students about various competitive examinations at national and State level, and made them aware about the procedure to fill forms online, the timelines, as well as the preparation strategy.

Principal of the College, Prof. Anjali Maha-

jan appreciated the efforts of the Career Counseling Cell for organizing the event and hoped it will be beneficial for the students of Semester VI. Welcome address was given by Prof. Aanchal Sharma and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Vandana Ghai (Convenor Career Counselling and Placement Cell).

JKBOSE organizes essay writing competition on Adolescence Education and School Health and Wellness Programme

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) organized Essay Writing Competition on various themes of Adolescence Education Program (AEP) and School Health and Wellness Program (SHWP) under Ayushman Bharat Scheme of Govt. of India in the UT of J&K.

In this Essay Writing Competition, students from Class 6th to 12th of Govt. as well as Private Schools (affiliated to JKBOSE) participated in two categories i.e. Middle Stage (6th to 8th) and Secondary Stage (9th to 12th) through digital mode.

The detailed guidelines along with the different themes were shared with both the Directorates of School Education, Jammu & Kashmir, Chief Education Offi-

cers of all 20 Districts and Hols of concerned schools and were made available to the students through different online modes for the maximum participation of the students.

This Essay Writing Competition provided platform to the students and gave them opportunity to win prizes and consolation prizes under these two categories.

A large number of entries i.e. 399 shared by Govt. as well as Private Schools (affiliated to JKBOSE) were received by JKAEP Cell, JKBOSE which were evaluated by the panel of experts.

In Middle Stage Category, 1st Prize of Rs. 2000 was bagged by Ibaad-ul-Islam of Molvi Mohiuddin Khan Memorial Public School, Nehalpora, Baramulla; 2nd Prize of Rs. 1500 by Roonak Rasool of Govt.

Girls Middle School Choker, Baramulla and 3rd Prize of Rs. 1000 by Labika Batool of Islamia Faridiya Higher Secondary School, Kishtwar. Besides this, three consolation prizes of Rs. 500 each were awarded to Kanika Sharma of Pine Land Public High School, Katra, Reasi, Gurleen Kour of Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu and Huda Yaseen of Ismi Azam Public High School, Srinagar.

In Secondary Stage Category, 1st Prize of Rs. 2000 was bagged by Hiteshdev Singh of Naveen Shiksha Kendra HSS Nagbani, Jammu; 2nd Prize of Rs. 1500 by Hafidah Hina of Public School English Medium Bijbehara, Anantnag, and 3rd Prize of Rs. 1000 by Gayatri Singh Charak of Humanity Public School Vijaypur, Samba.

Besides this, three consolation prizes of Rs. 500 each were awarded to Mahi Sharma of GGHSS Sunderbani, Rajouri, Areeb Jaffar Mir of S P HSS, M. A. Road, Srinagar and Ritesh Rana of HSS (Boys) Nowabad, Jammu.

This Essay writing competition was organized by Academic Division, JKBOSE which aimed at creating awareness among children and keeping them abreast with the knowledge of such programs/ themes.

This initiative encourages young minds to express their thoughts, enhance their writing skills, and engage in critical thinking on important topics. Such competitions not only promote academic excellence but also foster a spirit of healthy competition and intellectual growth.

Symposium on 'Ill-Effects of Tobacco' organized by N-CORD Committee

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: The N-CORD Committee of the Government College of Education, Jammu, organized a symposium on the topic "Tobacco and Its Ill Effects". The event aimed to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of tobacco on health and

society.

The program was graced by Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal of the college, who encouraged students to stay away from tobacco and lead a healthy lifestyle.

The event was convened by Prof. Sunanda Rani, and organized under the guidance of

Dr. Shubhra Jamwal and Dr. Ambica Kumari.

The symposium witnessed active participation by students. Sayushi secured the 1st position, Shiwali stood 2nd, and Meenali secured the 3rd position in the competition.

The cultural segment featured a poem recita-

tion by Nandani Sharma and an impressive Shayari presentation by Shivani Thakur, both adding creative expression to the message against tobacco use.

In the end, Pledge was taken by Amit Bhau, and all the staff members and students participated.

JAMMU POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, ELECTRIC Division-I JPDCL Parade JAMMU
CIN No:U40300JK2013SGC003898
e-mail: xened1power@gmail.com Tel/Fax - ,0191-2562593

e- NIT No: ED-I/e-NIT/16 of 2025-26 Dated: -13.03.2025

1. INVITATION:-
For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL, ED-I, Parade, Jammu, hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered contractors for "Fixing of Rate Contract for Creation of 25 KVA, 63 KVA, 100 KVA, 250 KVA, 400 KVA and 630 KVA Sub Stations on 9mtr ST Poles under the jurisdiction of JPDCL Electric Division-I, Parade, Jammu for the financial year 2025-26 On Partial Turn Key Basis"

- Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.
- The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

| A | Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date | 13.03.2025; 12:00 PM |
|---|--|--|
| B | Tender Document Sale/Download End Date | 03.04.2025; 02:00 PM |
| C | e-Bid submission (start) date & time | 13.03.2025; 12:00 PM |
| D | e-Bid submission (end) date & time | 03.04.2025; 02:00 PM |
| E | Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee | 03.04.2025; up to 04:00 PM |
| F | Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time | 04.04.2025; 02:00 PM |
| G | Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders) | Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders. |
| H | Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids | Soft Copy Electronically & Hard copy in the Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division-I JPDCL Parade Jammu. |
| I | Tender Value | |
| J | Cost of e-Bid document | Rs. 1000.00 (One thousand only) (Non-Refundable) |
| K | Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Rs 15000.00 |

- The Bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division-I JPDCL Parade Jammu, payable at Jammu. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division-I JPDCL Parade Jammu and should reach at the opening of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must with the e-Bids.
- Bidders must quote for all the particulars of the item in the Technical Bid and in the price financial bid. The bids of Bidders who will not quote for all the particulars for any item in the bids shall be liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Employer keeping in view the interest.

No. ED-I/8105-08 Dated: - 13.03.2025
DIP/J-4305-P/24

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
JPDCL, Electric Division-I
Parade Jammu

Honey Trehan, who is making a biopic on poet Shiv Kumar Batalvi, says his film will be a gift from 'one Shiv fan to all Shiv fans'

"I love everything about Punjab," says noted filmmaker Honey Trehan. For someone who has grown up on the literary might of Kartar Singh Dugal, Sardar Panchhi, Shiv Kumar Batalvi and iconic singers like Gurdas Maan and Amar Singh Chamkila, Trehan swears by the rich content Punjab has to offer to the world. Quintessential storyteller, who thrills to telling stories with refreshing takes on life and history, he quips, "The cherry on the cake is when the story is from Punjab." Take his latest film project on Kargil war veteran Major (ret'd) DP Singh, who learnt to transcend disability and became India's first blade-runner.

As the project is part of the Cinevesture International Film Festival market, he shares what makes a good biopic and why certain global subjects like DP Singh's need to be pitched at international festivals like CIFF. He also lets us into his film on the Bard of Punjab, legendary poet Shiv Kumar Batalvi. If his film on Batalvi, still at the writing stage, will bring out many 'real sachai' of the man whose poetry has enthralled generations, the story on Major DP Singh is no less inspirational.

Director of Punjab 95 and Raat Akeli Hai, Trehan professes, "With every new story, every filmmaker is a first time maker for that particu-

lar story. There isn't a person, howsoever, acclaimed who isn't nervous before he starts a new project. We all go on the sets of a new film as if we know nothing and the dilemma starts from simple things like where to put the camera."

However, make no mistake, mentored by celebrated filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj, Trehan is as professional as it gets. If for his 'true guru' he has worked in many capacities (from associate director to creative producer), Trehan has a huge body of work as a producer himself. The film on DP Singh, he assures, will not be a regular template of chronological events. If the story of Jaswant Singh Khaira (Punjab 95), had been on his mind since school days, for the film on DP Singh he spoke to the brave soldier for nearly 14 hours for four days at a stretch, cocooned in hotel in Chandigarh, not even stepping out for a minute.

He observes, "A biopic is not just four or six highpoints of a person's life. What is important to me is the character arc, the journey which made him who he is."

For Batalvi's biopic, well, he has been in touch with his family ever since he took the rights of the song Ikk Kudi for Udda Punjab from Meharban Batalvi, Batalvi's son. But when the family comes on board, isn't there a



danger of undue interference and the film turning out to be more of a hagiography? Trehan begs to differ and shares, "Aruna auntie (Batalvi's wife) is such a mature person with profound thoughts. All the family wants is there should be no exploitation or manipulation of his name. Today's generation should know what all he wrote."

Incidentally, Trehan can't recall when it was that, he fell in love with Batalvi's poetic genius. Today, as he is etching him out, we wonder if he has an actor in mind. He says, "As I am writing the film, I only have Shiv's image in mind." Could it be Diljit

Dosanjh again, his actor of Punjab 95, he won't commit either way. On his directorial signature that brings to life the martyrdom of Jaswant Singh Khaira, a Sikh activist who stood up against extra-judicial killing of Sikhs, he has much to say and observe.

As the release date of Punjab 95 is postponed time and again, he says, "It's not a propaganda film, hence it troubles the system." What irks him is how the CBFC, "a puppet and government's backdoor entry into cinema" is demanding unnecessary cuts and extraneous pressure is being put on the producers to toe the line.

Beyond making a statement, he does admit film is business too. Each time he and his production partner at MacGuffin Pictures, the acclaimed director Abhishek Chaubey, set out to make a film, Trehan ensures his financial backers at least recover their money. Interestingly, they turned producers to safeguard their films. He laughs, "So, we are not forced to put songs in the end credits."

On the recent trend of clutch of producers coming together for the same film, he reasons, "For our different projects we have different partnerships. Like for Killer Soup and Raat Akeli Hai, it was Netflix, for Punjab 95 it had to be Ronnie Screwvala's RSVP and for Sharmaji Namkeen Excel was a natural ally." Interestingly, he managed to convince Ronnie who claimed to not even know the M of Malayalam to back the Malayalam film Ullozhukku. The film has since been winning plaudits. Any wonder his advice to Punjabi filmmakers is, "Go for it, with your belief. Turn the tables."

He himself is racing to complete the sequel to the Netflix film Raat Akeli Hai. One on Batalvi too will be out soon, if not too soon. "I have put it out in the universe." Yet another promise he makes is how it will be a gift from "one Shiv fan to all Shiv fans."

Lady Gaga's 'Mayhem' tops album chart



Lady Gaga's seventh studio album, 'Mayhem' debuted at No.1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart. The highest-charting single of the album is 'Abracadabra', which she premiered in a commercial break during the Grammys in February.

The collection of dance floor songs includes the previously released singles 'Disease', 'Abracadabra' and 'Die With A

Smile' with Bruno Mars, reported Variety.

Her seventh studio album, 'Mayhem', earned her the biggest opening week for an album by a woman this year with 219,000 units earned, per Luminate, as per the outlet.

Gaga has debuted at Number One previously with 2020's Chromatica, the 2018 soundtrack to A Star Is Born with Bradley Cooper, 2016's

Joanne, 2014's Cheek to Cheek with Tony Bennett, 2013's Artpop, and 2011's Born This Way.

Blackpink member Jennie debuts at No. 7 for the first time as a solo artist with her debut LP, 'Ruby' logging 56,000 units earned. It tallied nearly 40 million streams and 26,500 sales. A collection of pop and R&B, 'Ruby' includes features from Childish Gambino, Doechii, Dominic Fike, FKJ, Dua Lipa and Kali Uchis. 'Ruby' is the third record by a Blackpink member to place in the top 10 of the albums chart, following 'Rosie' by Rose, which debuted at No. 3, and Lisa's 'Alter Ego', which arrived at No. 7, as per the outlet.

Mayhem also earned the biggest week of 2025 for an album by a woman. It's also the largest debut album by a woman in more than six months.

The remainder of the top ten this week is led by Kendrick Lamar's 'GNX' at No. 2 with 81,000 album units earned. PartyNextDoor and Drake's "Some \$exy Songs 4 U" is at No. 3; SZA's "SOS" continues at No. 4; Tate McRae's "So Close To What" is at No. 5; Sabrina Carpenter's "Short n' Sweet" is at No. 6; Bad Bunny's "Debi Tirar Mas Fotos" is at No. 8; Morgan Wallen's "One Thing at a Time" is at No. 9, and Chappell Roan's "The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess" rounds out the peak at No. 10, reported Variety.

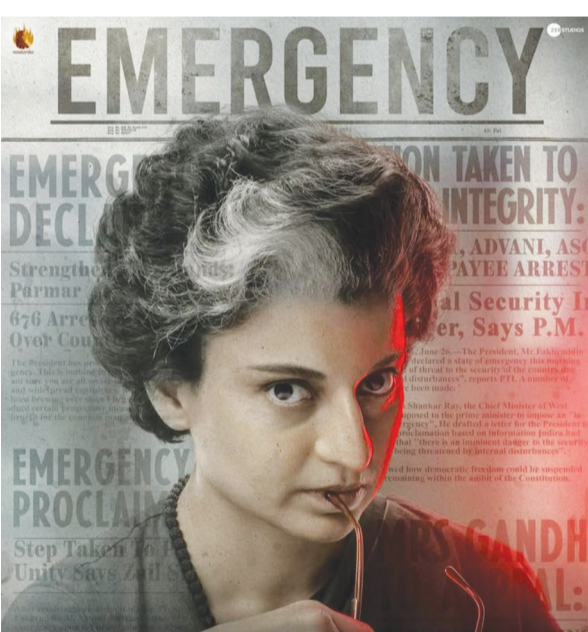
'They can keep their silly Oscar': Kangana Ranaud confident that 'Emergency' will win National Award

'Emergency' directed and produced by Kangana Ranaud, is a historical drama based on 1975 Emergency imposed by then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The film features Ranaud in the lead role, portraying Gandhi's controversial tenure and the socio-political turmoil of that era.

The movie is trending on top since its release on Netflix.

Ranaud's 'Emergency' has been receiving polarising reactions, and Kangana has been sharing the positive reviews on her Instagram and X handles.

A fan, impressed by the movie, expressed in her X post, "#EmergencyOnNetflix should go for the Oscars from #india @KanganaTeam what a film!"



Reposting the X post on her Instagram stories, she said, "But America wouldn't like to acknowledge it's real face, how they bully, suppress and arm twist developing nations, it's

been exposed in #emergency They can keep their silly Oscar we have National Awards."

Kangana Ranaud has expressed confidence that 'Emergency' will win a National award.

Imtiaz Ali feels he 'could've done things differently' on Love Aaj Kal 2

Ace filmmaker Imtiaz Ali recently reflected on the lacklustre performance of his last theatrical release, Love Aaj Kal 2. He admitted that the film's complexity and lack of ease contributed to its failure at the box office. He expressed that the movie seemed disconnected from the heart and lacked freshness. During an interview with Komal Nahata on the YouTube channel Game Changers, Imtiaz Ali said, "I could have done 2-3 things differently. I tried to put too much into it, and that's why it became heavy. The ease of the film was compromised. It became thick, and people didn't understand what happened. Aisa lag raha tha woh dil se nahi ho rahi hai (It seemed like it wasn't



coming from the heart). Secondly, I feel the film lacked freshness."

Imtiaz also discussed his reluctance to make sequels following the film's failure. He clarified that while casting was not the issue, the absence of a compelling reason for a sequel affected its reception. "Not because of casting, but whenever you are making a sequel, you should have a proper reason for it. I had that reason, but I wasn't able to express it. At least, it didn't get expressed in the publicity of the film", he said.

He remarked that despite having a new story, Love Aaj Kal 2 did not resonate with audiences, and he was cautious about making sequels unless necessary. However, he hinted

at the possibility of a sequel to Rockstar.

He concluded, "Though I had a new story in Love Aaj Kal 2, the film didn't work. So, unless it is really necessary, I am not interested in making sequels. But never say never Rockstar 2 may be nice."

Love Aaj Kal 2, a romantic comedy-drama, featured Kartik Aaryan and Sara Ali Khan in lead roles, with Randeep Hooda and Arushi Sharma in supporting roles. It was the sequel to the successful 2009 film Love Aaj Kal, which starred Saif Ali Khan and Deepika Padukone. Despite high expectations, the film was criticised for its performances and earned only 56.9 crore worldwide, tanking at the box office.

'Nazi billionaire': Internet call out Kim Kardashian's bad timing for sharing Tesla photoshoot amid protests against Musk

Backlash against Kardashian's photoshoot comes just days after US President Donald Trump shops for a new Tesla on the White House driveway

Kim Kardashian has sparked controversy on social media with her latest magazine photoshoot, where she poses alongside a Tesla Cybertruck and cuddles an Optimus robot. The images, featured on the cover of Perfect Magazine, come at a time when Tesla CEO Elon Musk is facing protests over his leadership and business decisions.

Musk has been criti-

cised for his attempts to increase efficiency within the US government through his department DOGE during the Donald Trump administration. His recent push for sudden job cuts has further fueled public outrage. Over the past few weeks, Tesla owners have faced pressure to sell their cars as part of ongoing protests against Musk, even as Tesla's stock prices continue to



decline.

Kardashian's photoshoot quickly gained traction on social media, with her post amassing over 10 million views on X. However, users called out her bad timing for sharing the photos.

"Girl, I promise you no one is buying the Cybertruck because of these pics. Let it go," one user commented.

Another questioned, "Kim Kardashian must

have stock in Tesla, so she is trying to drum up business for it? Can't figure it out."

Meanwhile, a third user criticised the post, saying, "Fascism isn't cute or trendy, Kim. Do you even know what is happening in this world?"

Former adult star Mia Khalifa also weighed in on the controversy. In a post on X, she wrote, "Kim Kardashian is a

Nazi bird-brained billionaire, and if she ever read this, she's probably smile at being called billionaire and ignore the rest cause she's a bird."

The backlash against Kardashian's photoshoot comes just days after US President Donald Trump shopped for a new Tesla on the White House driveway to show his support for Musk.

Mahakumbh symbol of unity in diversity: PM Modi in Lok Sabha

Says when a society takes pride in its culture and civilisation, it witnesses displays of unity on a grand scale, such as those seen in Prayagraj

NEW DELHI, Mar 18 (Agencies): At the time of a raging war over languages, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the recently concluded Mahakumbh in Prayagraj presented a fine example of India's unity in diversity as people speaking varied languages gathered at the Triveni Sangam to chant 'Har Har Gange'.

"The strength of Indian unity is such that it shatters all attempts to undermine this unity," said the PM, describing the Mahakumbh as a celebration that showcased India to the world.

Lauding the successful conduct of the Mahakumbh that attracted over 66 crore pilgrims from India and abroad, the PM said when a society begins to take pride in its culture and civilisation, we see magnificent



pictures of unity of the scale seen in Prayagraj.

"This raises the sense of fraternity and the confidence in national capacities to achieve great goals. Mahakumbh was a celebration which united everyone. People sacrificed aham for vayam, they came to Sangam

with the feeling of 'main nahi hum'," PM Modi said, congratulating all those who participated in the festival.

He also compared it to other landmark civilisational events, such as Swami Vivekananda's efforts to elevate collective Hindu consciousness.

PM Modi emphasised that unity in diversity is India's greatest strength.

"We have always said it is our responsibility to constantly power this feeling of unity. Mahakumbh has inspired us on multiple fronts," said Modi, proposing a new tradition of river festivals in India to raise awareness and appreciation for water conservation.

In his remarks, PM Modi also said that youth of India had participated in large numbers in Mahakumbh and had signalled a pride in their heritage and civilisation.

He also referred to the recent Mauritius visit and recounted the festive spirit he saw when he immersed Sangam waters in the Ganga Talao.

PM Modi sends wishes to 'illustrious daughter' Sunita Williams as she returns to Earth after 9 months in space



NEW DELHI, Mar 18 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday extended greetings to NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, who is returning to Earth from the International Space Station (ISS) after over nine months.

Calling Williams India's "most illustrious daughter," Modi said India is looking forward to hosting her soon. Williams' ancestors, including her parents and grandparents, hail from India.

Williams' family has roots in Jhulasan village in Gujarat.

After being stranded in space, Williams and another NASA astronaut, Butch Wilmore, undocked from the ISS on Tuesday and are returning to Earth.

Both had gone to the ISS in June 2024 on an eight-day mission but their stay was extended due to technical issues with Boeing's Starliner spacecraft.

Now, a SpaceX Crew Dragon spacecraft is bringing them back, along with an American astronaut, Williams, and a Russian cosmonaut, Wilmore.

In a letter addressed to Williams, Modi said, "I convey to you greetings from the people of India. At a program today, I met the noted astronaut, Mr. Mike Massimino. During the course of our conversation, your name came up and we discussed how proud we are of you and your work."

He said 1.4 billion Indians have always taken great pride in Williams' achievements.

"Even though you are thousands of miles away, you continue to remain close to our hearts. The people of India are praying for your good health and success in your mission," the PM wrote in his letter.

Mentioning Williams' parents, Modi said, "Ms. Bonnie Pandya must be keenly awaiting your return, and I am sure that the late Deepakbhai's blessings are with you as well. I fondly remember meeting him along with you during my visit to the United States in 2016."

The Prime Minister also invited Williams to India.

"After your return, we are looking forward to seeing you in India. It will be a pleasure for India to host one of its most illustrious daughters," he said. On the occasion, Modi also extended his wishes to Williams' husband, Michael Williams, and her fellow astronaut, Wilmore.

Committed to bring normalcy in Manipur: Nirmala Sitharaman in Rajya Sabha

NEW DELHI, Mar 18 (Agencies): Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the central government is committed to bringing normalcy to Manipur and assured all support for the economic growth of the state.

Replying to a discussion on the passage of the Manipur Budget for the current fiscal and vote of account for the six months of 2025-26 in the Rajya Sabha, the minister also sought the support of the Opposition parties for peace in Manipur instead of engaging in the blame game.

The senior minister also hit back at the Opposition for its criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi not visiting the violence-affected state, saying none of the prime ministers in the past visited Manipur when the violence took place there.

She cited the names of former prime ministers PV Narasimha Rao and I.K. Gujral.

She said violence in Manipur has adversely impacted economic activities in the state but expressed confidence that it will recover swiftly.

Responding to the Opposition criticism of not paying the required focus to Manipur, she said the Union Home Minister and Minister of State for Home visited the state as part of the Centre's efforts to bring normalcy.

"We extend the fullest support to the state. So that the recovery of Manipur will be sooner than later. We are, all of us here, committed to getting that state back to some normalcy and we want that state to grow and prosper as much as any other state," Sitharaman asserted.

Observing that the unrest in Manipur led to a reduction in economic activities, she said, "With improvement in law and order and consequent improvement in economic activity, I

expect GSDP to show some recovery this year onwards".

The Opposition has been repeatedly questioning the Centre's stance on Manipur, and taunting BJP's slogan of 'double engine government' (government at the Centre and the state).

"Double engine, of course, double engine. That is why the Home Minister was there (for 4 days), and that is why MoS Home was there for more than 23 days.

"So, please don't compare how you (Congress) handled Manipur and how this government is handling Manipur. We have greater sensitivity, we care for Manipur and every state of this country," the minister said.

Sitharaman informed the House that Rs 913 crore have been given under Special Assistance for State Capital Investment for 2024-25.

"We have also created a Contingency Fund for Manipur with Rs 500 crore allocated to them," she said.

The state is currently under the President's rule. Consequent to the Proclamation issued under Article 356 of the Constitution on February 13, 2025, the powers of the Legislature of the State of Manipur are exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament.

The total receipts have been pegged at Rs 35,368.19 crore, up from Rs 32,471.90 crore in 2024-25.

According to documents, the capital outlay has been increased by 19 per cent to Rs 7,773 crore over the current financial year ending March 2025.

The Manipur's budget provides over Rs 2,000 crore under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) and Rs 9,520 crore for social sector outlay.



For relief and rehabilitation of internally displaced persons, Rs 15 crore has been provided for temporary shelter to them; Rs 35 crore towards housing for displaced people, Rs 100 crore for relief operation, and Rs 7 crore for compensation.

A budgetary allocation of Rs 2,866 crore for 2025-26 has been made towards incentives for police personnel posted in sensitive areas.

The fiscal deficit is estimated at 3.42 per cent of the GSDP. For 2025-26, the total outstanding debt as a percentage of GSDP is projected at 37 per cent.

In the Budget Estimate (BE) 2024-25, the total expenditure was estimated at Rs 34,899 crore. This has been revised to Rs 32,657 crore in 2024-25 Revised Estimates (RE).

Revenue and capital receipts were estimated at Rs 27,716 crore and Rs 7,099 crore, respectively, in BE 2024-25. This has now been revised to Rs 24,374 crore and Rs 8,098 crore, respectively, in RE 2024-25.

The fiscal deficit for RE 2024-25 is projected at 4 per cent of the GSDP.

Nagpur violence seems pre-planned; mob targeted specific houses, says CM Fadnavis

MUMBAI, Mar 18 (Agencies): Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday said the violence in Nagpur appears to be a pre-meditated conspiracy and the mob had targeted specific houses and establishments.

Curfew has been imposed in several areas of Nagpur city after a protest against Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's tomb on Monday triggered violence during which several houses and vehicles were vandalised.

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly, Fadnavis said 33 police per-



sonnel, including three deputy commissioners of police, were injured in the violence, and one of the senior officials was attacked with an axe.

The chief minister, who also holds the Home portfolio, said those who attacked police personnel will not be spared.

He said, "The mob targeted specific houses and establishments. It (the attack) appears to be a premeditated conspiracy."

Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde claimed that there was a conspiracy to target a specific community.

LoP should be allowed to speak but not given permission in 'new India': Rahul Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Mar 18 (Agencies): As the Lok Sabha was briefly adjourned amid opposition protests after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement on the Mahakumbh, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the LoP should be allowed to speak according to the democratic structure but is not given permission in "new India".

Gandhi also said the prime minister should have paid homage to those who lost their lives in the January 29 stampede at the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj. The Lok Sabha was briefly adjourned till 1 pm on Tuesday following protests by opposition members over Modi's remarks on the success of the Mahakumbh, which was held from January 13 to February 26.

Many opposition members rose from their seats in protest after the prime minister spoke.



"I wanted to support what he was saying. Kumbh is our tradition, history and culture. There was also a complaint that he did not pay homage to those who lost their lives (in the stampede in the Mahakumbh)," Gandhi told reporters outside Parliament.

"The other thing I wanted to say is that the youth that went to the Kumbh need another thing from the PM, they need employment. The prime minister should speak on employment," the Congress leader said.

Asked if he was not allowed to speak,

Gandhi said, "We are not allowed to speak. According to the democratic structure, the LoP should be permitted to speak, but is not given permission, but this is new India."

Describing the Mahakumbh as an important milestone, Modi told the Lok Sabha that the event was a befitting response to those who questioned India's capability to organise such a large congregation. He said the entire world witnessed the grandeur of India during the Mahakumbh and the religious gathering reflected the spirit of rising India.

Sonia Gandhi demands Rs 400 minimum wage, 150 workdays under MGNREGA

NEW DELHI, Mar 18 (Agencies): Congress leader Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday accused the BJP-led Centre of systematically undermining of the rural employment guarantee scheme MGNREGA, and demanded raising of minimum wage under it to Rs 400 per day and the number of guaranteed workdays to 150 a year.

Raising the issue through a Zero Hour mention in the Rajya Sabha, Sonia Gandhi said the UPA Government under then prime minister Manmohan Singh enacted the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in 2005.

"This landmark legislation has been a crucial safety net for millions of rural poor. However, it is deeply concerning that the present BJP Government has systematically undermined the scheme," Sonia Gandhi said.

The budget allocation (for the scheme) remains stagnant at Rs 86,000 crore, a 10-year low as a percentage of GDP, she alleged.

When adjusted for inflation, the effective budget declines by Rs 4,000 crore, she said, adding that estimates suggest nearly 20 per



cent of the allocated funds will be used to clear pending dues from previous years.

"Additionally, the scheme faces multiple challenges, including the exclusionary Aadhaar-based payment and the National Mobile Monitoring System, persistent delays in wage payment and wage rates not adequate to compensate for inflation," she claimed.

The National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) app permits taking real-time attendance of workers at MGNREGA worksites along with geotagged photographs.

The Congress leader demanded that ade-

quate financial provisions be made to sustain and expand the scheme.

Also, the minimum wage should be increased to Rs 400 per day along with their timely disbursement, she said, adding that the number of guaranteed workdays should be raised from 100 to 150 per year.

The Central Government had increased MGNREGA wages by 3-10 per cent in nominal terms for the financial year 2024-25 just before general elections were announced last year.

The wages vary from state to state and are in the range of Rs 237 (Uttarakhand) to Rs 300 (Andhra Pradesh) a day.

Demanding the removal of the Aadhaar Payments Bridge System (APBS) and NMMS, Sonia said, "These measures are essential to ensure that MGNREGA provides dignified employment and financial security."

This was only the second time that Sonia Gandhi raised an issue during the Zero Hour — an hour where matters are raised with the permission of the Chair — since she was elected to the Rajya Sabha in February last year.

Labourer killed, two seriously injured as overhead water tank collapses in Ayodhya

AYODHYA, Mar 18 (Agencies): A labourer was killed and two seriously injured when an overhead water tank at the KM Sugar Mill in the Purakalandar area of this Uttar Pradesh district collapsed on Tuesday, officials said.

Additional Superintendent of Police Madhuvan Singh said the 40,000-litre water tank collapsed suddenly, trapping three labourers working there.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Vikas Dubey said

a labourer identified as Pravesh Rawat (40) died on the spot. Two others -- Nand Kumar Pandey (46) and Vinod Kumar (30) -- were seriously injured and admitted to the district hospital, he said.

At least 326 killed as Israel launches heaviest airstrikes across Gaza since ceasefire

Hamas warned that Israel's new airstrikes breached their ceasefire and put the fate of hostages in jeopardy.

DEIR AL-BALAH, Mar 18 (Agencies): Israel launched a wave of airstrikes across the Gaza Strip early Tuesday. Hospitals said the strikes killed at least 326 people, including women and children.

Khalil Degran, a spokesman for Gaza's Health Ministry based at the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in central Gaza, provided the updated figure on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had ordered the strikes because of a lack of progress in ongoing talks to extend the ceasefire.

It was not immediately clear if the operation was a one-time pressure tactic or if the 17-month-old war was being resumed altogether.

"Israel will, from now on, act against Hamas with increasing military strength," Netanyahu's office said.

The surprise attack shattered a period of relative calm during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and raised the prospect of a full return to fighting in a 17-month war that has killed tens of thousands of Palestinians and caused widespread destruction across Gaza.

It also raised questions about the fate of the roughly two dozen Israeli hostages held by Hamas who are believed to still be alive.

A senior Hamas official said Netanyahu's decision to resume the war amounts to a "death sentence" for the remaining hostages.

Izzat al-Risheq accused Netanyahu of launching the strikes to try and save his far-right governing coalition and called on mediators to "reveal facts" on who broke the truce.

There were no reports of any attacks by Hamas several hours after the bombardment, indicating it still hoped to restore the truce.

The strikes came as Netanyahu comes under mounting domestic pressure, with mass protests planned over his handling of the hostage crisis and his decision to fire the head of Israel's internal security agency. His latest testimony in a long-running corruption trial was canceled after the strikes.

The main group representing families of the captives accused the government of backing out of the ceasefire, saying it "chose to give up on the hostages."

"We are shocked, angry and terrified by the deliberate dismantling of the process to return our loved ones from the terrible captivity of Hamas," the Hostages and Missing Families Forum said in a statement.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said the "Trump administration and the White House were consulted by the Israelis on their attacks in Gaza tonight."

"As President Trump has made it clear, Hamas, the Houthis, Iran - all those who seek to terrorize not just Israel, but also the United States of America - will see a price to pay: All hell will break loose," Leavitt continued, speaking to Fox News on Monday evening.

Wounded stream into Gaza hospitals

A strike on a home in the southern city of Rafah killed 17 members of one family, including at least 12 women and children, according to the European Hospital, which received the bodies.

The dead included five children, their parents, and another father and his three children, according to hospital records.

In the southern city of Khan Younis, Associated Press reporters saw explosions and plumes of smoke.

Ambulances brought wounded people to Nasser Hospital, where patients lay on the floor, some



screaming. A young girl cried as her bloody arm was bandaged.

Many Palestinians said they had expected a return to war when talks over the second phase of the ceasefire did not begin as scheduled in early February. Israel instead embraced an alternative proposal and cut off all shipments of food, fuel and other aid to the territory's 2 million Palestinians to try to pressure Hamas to accept it.

"Nobody wants to fight," Palestinian resident Nidal Alzaanin told the AP by phone from Gaza City. "Everyone is still suffering from the previous months," he said.

U.S. backs Israel and blames Hamas

The White House sought to blame Hamas for the renewed fighting. National Security Council spokesman Brian Hughes said the militant group "could have released hostages to extend the ceasefire but instead chose refusal and war."

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the unfolding operation, said Israel was striking Hamas' military, leaders and infrastructure and planned to expand the operation beyond

air attacks.

The official accused Hamas of attempting to rebuild and plan new attacks. Hamas militants and security forces quickly returned to the streets in recent weeks after the ceasefire went into effect.

Israel's defense minister, Israel Katz, said the "gates of hell will open in Gaza" if the hostages aren't released. "We will not stop fighting until all of our hostages are home and we have achieved all of the war goals," he said.

Talks on a second phase of the ceasefire had stalled

The strikes came two months after a ceasefire was reached to pause the war. Over six weeks, Hamas released 25 Israeli hostages and the bodies of eight more in exchange for nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners in a first phase of the ceasefire.

But since that ceasefire ended two weeks ago, the sides have not been able to agree on a way forward with a second phase aimed at releasing the 59 remaining hostages, 35 of whom are believed to be dead, and ending the war altogether.

Hamas has demanded an end to the war and full withdrawal of Israeli troops in exchange for the release of the remaining hostages. Israel says it will not end the war until it destroys Hamas' governing and military capabilities and frees all hostages — two goals that could be incompatible.

Netanyahu's office on Tuesday said Hamas had "repeatedly refused to release our hostages and rejected all offers it received from the U.S. presidential envoy, Steve Witkoff, and from the mediators."

Taher Nunu, a Hamas official, criticized the Israeli attacks. "The international community faces a moral test: either it allows the return of the crimes committed by the occupation army or it enforces a commitment to ending the aggression and war against innocent people in Gaza," he said.

Gaza already was in a humanitarian crisis

The war erupted when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on Oct 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking 251 hostages. Most have been released in ceasefires or other deals, with Israeli forces rescuing only eight and recovering dozens of bodies.

Israel responded with a military offensive that killed over 48,000 Palestinians, according to local health officials, and displaced an estimated 90% of Gaza's population. The territory's Health Ministry doesn't differentiate between civilians and militants, but says over half of the dead have been women and children.

The ceasefire had brought some relief to Gaza and allowed hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians to resume to what remained of their homes.

A renewed Israeli ground offensive could also be especially deadly now that so many Palestin-

ian civilians have returned home. Before the ceasefire, civilians were largely concentrated in tent camps meant to provide relative safety from the fighting.

Netanyahu faces mounting criticism

The return to fighting could also worsen deep internal fissures inside Israel over the fate of the remaining hostages.

The released hostages, some of whom were emaciated, have repeatedly implored the government to press ahead with the ceasefire to return all remaining captives. Tens of thousands of Israelis have taken part in mass demonstrations calling for a ceasefire and return of all hostages.

Mass demonstrations are planned later Tuesday and Wednesday following Netanyahu's announcement this week that he wants to fire the head of Israel's Shin Bet internal security agency. Critics have lambasted the move as an attempt by Netanyahu to divert blame for his government's failures in the Oct. 7 attack and handling of the war.

Since the ceasefire in Gaza began in mid-January, Israeli forces have killed dozens of Palestinians who the military says approached its troops or entered unauthorized areas.

Still, the deal has tenuously held without an outbreak of wide violence. Egypt, Qatar and the United States have been trying to mediate the next steps in the ceasefire.

Israel wants Hamas to release half of the remaining hostages in return for a promise to negotiate a lasting truce. Hamas instead wants to follow the ceasefire deal reached by the two sides, which calls for negotiations to begin on the ceasefire's more difficult second phase, in which the remaining hostages would be released and Israeli forces would withdraw from Gaza.

NASA's stuck astronauts finally on their way back to Earth after 9 months in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Mar 18 (Agencies): NASA's two stuck astronauts headed back to Earth with SpaceX on Tuesday to close out a dramatic marathon mission that began with a bungled Boeing test flight more than nine months ago.

Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams bid farewell to the International Space Station — their home since last spring — departing aboard a SpaceX capsule alongside two other astronauts.

The capsule undocked in the wee hours and aimed for a splashdown off the Florida coast by early evening, weather permitting.

The two expected to be gone just a week or so after launching on Boeing's new Starliner crew capsule on June 5. So many problems cropped up on the way to the space station that NASA eventually sent Starliner back empty and transferred the test pilots to SpaceX, pushing their homecoming into February. Then SpaceX capsule issues



added another month's delay.

Sunday's arrival of their relief crew meant Wilmore and Williams could finally leave. NASA cut them loose a little early, given the iffy weather forecast later this week.

They checked out with NASA's Nick Hague and Russia's Alexander Gorbunov, who arrived in their own SpaceX capsule last fall with two empty seats reserved for the Starliner duo.

"We'll miss you, but have a great journey home," NASA's Anne McClain called out from the space station as the capsule pulled away 260 miles (418 kilometers) above the Pacific.

Their plight captured

the world's attention, giving new meaning to the phrase "stuck at work".

While other astronauts had logged longer spaceflights over the decades, none had to deal with so much uncertainty or see the length of their mission expand by so much.

Wilmore and Williams quickly transitioned from guests to full-fledged station crew members, conducting experiments, fixing equipment and even spacewalking together.

With 62 hours over nine spacewalks, Williams set a new record: the most time spent spacewalking over a career among female astronauts.

Both had lived on the orbiting lab before and knew the ropes, and brushed up on their station training before rocketing away. Williams became the station's commander three months into their stay and held the post until earlier this month.

Their mission took an unexpected twist in late January when President Donald Trump asked SpaceX founder Elon Musk to accelerate the astronauts' return and blamed the delay on the Biden administration.

The replacement crew's brand new SpaceX capsule still wasn't ready to fly, so SpaceX subbed it with a used one, hurrying things along by at least a few weeks.

Even in the middle of the political storm, Wilmore and Williams continued to maintain an even keel at public appearances from orbit, casting no blame and insisting they supported NASA's decisions from the start.

NASA hired SpaceX and Boeing after the shuttle program ended, in order to have two

competing US companies for transporting astronauts to and from the space station until it's abandoned in 2030 and steered to a fiery reentry.

By then, it will have been up there more than three decades; the plan is to replace it with privately run stations so NASA can focus on moon and Mars expeditions.

Both retired Navy captains, Wilmore and Williams stressed they didn't mind spending more time in space — a prolonged deployment reminiscent of their military days. But they acknowledged it was tough on their families.

Wilmore, 62, missed most of his younger daughter's senior year of high school; his older daughter is in college. Williams, 59, had to settle for internet calls from space to her mother. They'll have to wait until they're off the SpaceX recovery ship and flown to Houston before the long-awaited reunion with their loved ones.

Trump revokes secret service protection for Biden's children Hunter, Ashley



WASHINGTON, Mar 18 (Agencies): US President Donald Trump has revoked the secret service protection for former US President Joe Biden's children Hunter Biden and Ashley Biden. Trump noted that Hunter Biden had secret service protection for an extended period, which he said was paid by the American taxpayer.

In a post on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump mentioned that Hunter Biden is currently vacationing in South Africa, where according to him, the human rights of people have been "strenuously questioned."

"Hunter Biden has had Secret Service protection for an extended period of time, all paid for by the United States Taxpayer. There are as many as 18 people on this Detail, which is ridiculous! He is currently vacationing in, of all places, South Africa, where the Human Rights of people has been strenuously questioned. Because of this, South Africa has been taken off our list of Countries receiving Economic and Financial Assistance. Please be advised that, effective immediately, Hunter Biden no longer receive Secret Service protection. Likewise, Ashley Biden who has 13 agents will be taken off the list," Trump posted on Truth Social.

Earlier in December, then-US President Joe Biden signed a pardon for his son, Robert Hunter Biden, who had been convicted on charges related to gun crimes and tax violations. The pardon ensures that Hunter Biden will not face sentencing for these offences and removes the possibility of prison time.

In a statement, Biden addressed the charges against his son, arguing that individuals in similar situations—such

as those with tax payment issues due to addiction—typically receive non-criminal resolutions. He contended that Hunter's case was treated differently, leading to felony charges despite the absence of aggravating factors.

Biden also stressed his commitment to not interfere with the Justice Department's decision-making, despite his belief that his son had been "selectively and unfairly prosecuted."

"Today, I signed a pardon for my son Hunter. From the day I took office, I said I would not interfere with the Justice Department's decision-making, and I kept my word even as I have watched my son being selectively and unfairly prosecuted. Without aggravating factors like use in a crime, multiple purchases, or buying a weapon as a straw purchaser, people are almost never brought to trial on felony charges solely for how they filled out a gun form. Those who were late paying their taxes because of serious addictions but paid them back subsequently with interest and penalties are typically given non-criminal resolutions. It is clear that Hunter was treated differently," the statement read.

Biden explained that the charges against his son were initiated after political opponents in Congress pushed for the case to be brought forward. He added that a plea deal, which had been negotiated with the Department of Justice, unravelled in court due to political pressure.

Joe Biden maintained that the charges were politically motivated, asserting that Hunter was targeted because of his relationship with him. Biden concluded his statement by expressing his belief that, while he had faith in the justice system, the legal process had been influenced by politics, leading to a "miscarriage of justice."

In June last year, Hunter Biden was found guilty of illegally purchasing and possessing a firearm, following a trial that examined his drug addiction and family issues, agency reported. He also pleaded guilty in September to nine tax-related charges for failing to pay USD 1.4 million in taxes while spending lavishly on escorts, strippers, cars, and drugs.

6 killed in Russia apartment fire

MOSCOW, Mar 18 (Agencies): Six people, including five children, were killed after a fire broke out in a two-story apartment building in a village in Russia's Bashkortostan Republic,

local emergency services said Tuesday on its Telegram channel.

The fire reportedly originated from a suspended ceiling on the second floor of the building early

Tuesday morning. By the time emergency responders arrived, the flames had already been extinguished, and the fire was confined to 2.5 square meters.

Despite the small size of the

fire, rescuers discovered the bodies of three girls, two boys and a 33-year-old man inside the apartment. Bashkortostan is a Russian federal subject about 1,200 km east of Moscow.

BJP magazine strengthens contact with party cadre: Sat

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: Jammu and Kashmir BJP President, Sat Sharma along with party General Secretary (organisation) Ashok Koul, former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, Editor Rajnish Jain, editorial team members Pawan Sharma and S. Varinderjeet Singh, released the first edition of the year 2025 internal magazine of the party titled "Kamal Paigam".

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma, highlighted the importance of an internal publication in a dynamic political party like the BJP.

He said that it serves as a vital mean to com-



municate the party's vision, policies, and organizational activities directly to the party activists. It acts as a bridge between the leadership and the grassroots activists, ensuring that every karyakarta remains informed, inspired, and aligned with the party's programmes and policies.

Sat Sharma said that the magazine carries

articles, interviews with senior leaders, and reports on key events. It also serves to counter misinformation and present the party's perspectives on crucial national and regional issues.

Through this initiative, BJP creates a well-informed and motivated cadre that can effectively communicate the party's message at the grassroots level.

Ashok Koul said that the magazine empowers party workers with knowledge and clarity. It helps them stay connected with the party's evolving strategies and contribute more effectively to our collective goals. It also underscores BJP's commitment to internal democracy and effective communication, ensuring that every member, from the national lead-

ership to the booth-level worker, remains an integral part of the party's journey.

Rajnish Jain said that "Kamal Paigam" is published after every two months and is circulated to the party cadre across the UT.

It serves to provide accurate and authentic information to party activists on important issues.

Party leaders Tilak Raj Gupta, Balbir Ram Rattan, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Praduman Singh, Gurdeep Singh Khalsa, Bharat Bhushan, Ishant Mahajan, Sanjay Bakshi, Ravi Kumar, were prominent among those present on the occasion.

JKTF announces Shabir Ahmed Bhat as Zonal Chairman for Gool

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: The Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF) announced the nomination of trade union leader, Shabir Ahmed Bhat as the Zonal Chairman for Gool.

This strategic decision, made by District President Ramban Mohd Nasir ul Haq Bhat with the consent of Zonal President Gool Mohd Amen Dev, aims to reinforce JKTF's presence and address the evolving challenges faced by employees in the region.

Shabir Ahmed Bhat, a senior leader with vast experience as a trade union leader and a



renowned academicians, will assume the responsibilities of Zonal Chairman for Gool, effective immediately.

According to Forum Spokesperson, State President JKTF Mohd Ashraf Sheikh, State Secretary Mehmoode Ryaz Bhat, State Press & Publicity Secretary Jalil Ahmed, and Provincial President Jammu Sanjeet Sharma, Shabir Ahmed Bhat's leadership will

significantly strengthen JKTF's stance in Gool.

"In order to strengthen JKTF in Gool and make it more robust in dealing with emerging challenges confronting teachers, Senior Trade Union Leader Shabir Ahmed Bhat is appointed as the Zonal Chairman Gool with immediate effect," stated the official order.

This nomination reflects JKTF's commitment to enhancing its capabilities and effectiveness in serving the employees' community.

Shabir Ahmed Bhat's extensive experience and leadership qualities are expected to contribute significantly to the Forum's objectives in Gool.

Shiv Sena demands arrest of Orry, his associates

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: Leaders of Shiv Sena UBT Jammu-Kashmir unit held a strong protest in Jammu today demanding the immediate arrest of Bollywood and social media influencer Orry and his associates who hurt religious faith by consuming alcohol in a hotel in the religious place of divine Shri Mata Vaishnodevi (where alcohol is completely banned), which is associated with the faith of crores of Hindus in the Holy city of Katra.

The Shiv Sainiks gathered under the leadership of the party's state chief Manish Sahni protested strongly holding placards "Arrest Orry who insulted religious faith", "Implement liquor ban in Jammu", "Religious faith of crores of



Hindus hurt".

Sahni said that Orhan Avtramani alias Orry, during the pilgrimage to Shri Mata Vaishnodevi, along with his 8 companions, consumed alcohol in a hotel in the Holy city of Katra (where alcohol consumption is completely prohibited), thus insulting the religious faith of crores of Hindus.

Sahni said that he has been continuously demanding the implementation of alcohol

prohibition in Jammu and Kashmir, the Holy land of sages, saints and prophets.

Even the city of temples, Jammu, has been turned into a city of liquor by opening liquor shops at many places. The incident of consumption of alcohol in a hotel in the Holy Divya Santhal of the holy city of Katra, where Shri Mata Vaishnodevi is worshipped, is an open challenge to the religious faith of Hindus.

Sahni has demanded the immediate arrest of Orry, accused of consuming alcohol in Katra.

Sahni has demanded that the Hindu organizations raising hue and cry over Aurangzeb should advocate strict legal action against the evildoer Aurangzeb who insulted the religious faith by consuming alcohol at a Holy pilgrimage site like Shri Mata Vaishnodevi.

Sahni has demanded that the Jammu and Kashmir Police should take strict legal action without any pressure.

On this occasion Meenakshi Chhibber, Vikas Bakshi, Sanjeev Kohli, Raj Singh, Rohin Malwal, Ashish, Rashpal, Yograj, Chetan, Om Prakash and many others were present.

Pakistan's Fall—an eye-opener for separatists, a call for national vigilance: Gaurav



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: In 1947, two nations were born out of the same partition. Today, one is emerging as a global superpower, while the other is on the brink of further disintegration. As India moves towards becoming a \$5 trillion economy, Pakistan is collapsing under the weight of its own failures—politically unstable, economically bankrupt, and globally isolated.

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Gupta accompanied by spokesperson Balbir Ram Rattan, and Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, was addressing a Press Conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Gupta, in a hard-hitting press conference, strongly backed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent remarks exposing Pakistan's deep-rooted role in terrorism, particularly in Jammu & Kashmir. He emphasized that for decades, Pakistan has waged a proxy war against India, using terrorism as a tool to destabilize the region. Despite multiple peace

overtures by India, Pakistan has only responded with deceit and betrayal, proving its unwillingness for any constructive dialogue.

Gupta stated that Pakistan systematically misled the people of Jammu & Kashmir through false propaganda, separatist funding, and radicalization of the youth, all in an attempt to push its nefarious agenda. However, today, the truth is in front of the world—those who once acted as Pakistan's agents and glorified its so-called "dream nation" must now ask themselves: where is Pakistan today? The very country that fueled separatism in J&K is itself on the verge of collapse.

Pakistan's economic mismanagement, political instability, and military dictatorship have brought it to a state of internal rebellion. From Balochistan to Sindh, from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to Gilgit-Baltistan, armed resistance against Pakistan's oppressive regime is growing. These regions, once forcibly controlled, are now demanding freedom. Pakistan is crumbling under its own weight—the world

must recognize that this failed state is no longer capable of standing on its own, let alone interfering in India's affairs.

Gaurav Gupta highlighted that what is happening in Pakistan today is an eye-opener for separatist groups in Jammu & Kashmir. Those who once blindly followed Pakistan's agenda must now see the reality—Pakistan, which they once looked up to, is in ruins, struggling for its survival. The people of J&K have seen through the lies, and youth who were once misled by Pakistan's propaganda are now choosing careers, education, and success over violence and destruction. "This is New Kashmir—a Kashmir that believes in peace, prosperity, and progress under Prime Minister Modi's visionary leadership. Pakistan's terror ecosystem is being dismantled, its false narratives have been defeated, and its puppets have been exposed," Gupta asserted. Under PM Modi's decisive leadership, India has given a clear message—terrorism will not be tolerated. From surgical strikes to the Balakot airstrike, from the crackdown on separatist funding through agencies like NIA and ED, India has shown zero tolerance for terrorism. Gupta urged the global community to recognize Pakistan's long-standing role as a hub of ter-

rorism. He stated, "The world must act—until Pakistan dismantles its terror infrastructure, diplomatic and financial support to Pakistan must be reconsidered."

He further emphasized that PoJK was never meant to be a part of Pakistan. Unlike Balochistan, Sindh, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which seek independence, PoJK is an integral part of India. As Pakistan collapses, the people of PoJK will naturally gravitate toward India, inspired by the unprecedented development seen in Jammu & Kashmir after Article 370's abrogation. "The day is not far when PoJK returns to its rightful homeland," he declared.

As Pakistan stands at the edge of collapse, its last-ditch attempts to create unrest in India—especially in Jammu & Kashmir—will intensify. Gaurav Gupta cautioned that a drowning nation always tries to drag others down with it. "In these crucial times, we must be more vigilant than ever before."

He called upon every citizen to stand united and cooperate fully with India's security forces to thwart any malicious attempts by Pakistan to disrupt peace. Gupta reaffirmed BJP's commitment to PM Modi's vision of a terror-free and developed India. He concluded India wants peace, but we will never compromise on our sovereignty.

DAC PCPNDT Act meeting held at Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Mar 18: District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting on the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act was on Tuesday held under the Chairmanship of CMO Kishtwar Dr. Rajinder Kumar. The meeting focused on reviewing the Act's implementation across the district, with detailed discussions on the registration of ultrasound centres, as well as the provisions for offences, penalties, and the overall monitoring mechanism.

Dr. Rajinder Kumar provided an update on the district's eight ultrasound clinics, comprising six private centres and two government-run facilities. He also gave a detailed account of the block-wise latest Child Sex Ratio data, which stands at 968 girls per 1000 male children.

The CMO Kishtwar emphasized the crucial role of the PCPNDT Act in promoting a healthy girl-child sex ratio and directed strict enforcement through random inspections of ultrasound clinics.

He called for adopting innovative means to further improve

the Child Sex Ratio to match the National Average. He also advocated for the use of decoy operations to curb illegal sex determination practices. The PCPNDT Act, passed by Parliament in 1994, aims to prevent female feticide and halt the declining sex ratio by banning prenatal sex determination. The meeting was attended by DAC members including DIO Kishtwar Dr Kuldeep Kumar, Dr Shabnam Laila, Dr. Javed Iqbal Giri other senior doctors, various representatives of NGOs, owners of private ultrasound clinics, and other officials.

FromPage No:1

Srinagar man arrested for posting, Sharing 'Extremist' content

about the online activity, a swift investigation was launched, and the social media handle was resolved, leading to the identification of the suspect," he said.

Efforts to track Dar were initially hindered due to his constant movement and change of location, the official added.

A preliminary inspection of the digital devices gave access to his Facebook account and some incriminating materials, including a video of slain terrorist commander Zakir Musa and other extremist propaganda, the spokesperson said.

Musa was killed in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama in May 2019.

Dar has a history of radical activities.

"He was previously arrested in 2019 for being involved in stone-pelting incidents. In 2022, he was

detained by the cyber police station in Srinagar for engaging in the online dissemination of radical content," he added.

Mentioning the role of online content monitoring units, the CIK said that at the request of intelligence agencies in J&K, all the social media platforms have established special teams to monitor the radical propaganda, especially in the state.

The moment any such radical activity is witnessed by their monitoring unit, it is reported to the security agencies immediately, the CIK said.

Such joint actions by security and intelligence agencies and social media companies have been responsible for busting many radical modules and identifying potential terrorists, the spokesperson said.

Dar's role and other associates are under probe, and further legal action will follow accordingly, he added.

Jammu & Kashmir High Court takes

strong note of lack of security measures on its premises

"This court has registered its serious anguish and concern about the developments which came to take place yesterday i.e., on 11th of March, 2025 in the manner in which the petitioner no 1, in particular came to be forced out of the corridors of this court premises against her wishes that too not by the investigating police of the Police Station Parimpora but by a civilian person who is said to be the brother of the petitioner," said Justice Bharti in the order.

Demanding relocation, Nai Basti shopkeepers begin hunger strike

with the people from time to time,

forcing them to come on roads.

Earlier, BJP MLAs Sham Lal Sharma, Surjit Singh Salathia, Vikaram Randhwa and Dr Narinder Singh met Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and raised the issue of shopkeepers relocation.

The BJP also raised the issue in the Assembly and sought proper rehabilitation of 39 shopkeepers, who are set to lose their business premises due to the ongoing construction of a flyover from Kunjwani to Satwari.

Congress working president Raman Bhalla also extended support to agitating shopkeepers and said that the LG administration made commitment with shopkeepers and sweets were distributed by BJP leaders but that commitment was not honoured and shopkeepers were served notices.

Slow construction of Chapel Nallah Bridge leaves residents struggling in

Ramnagar

caused some of the construction work to be demolished. As per engineer Joshi, the project comes under NABARD and has to be completed in 18 months.

"The bridge which is going viral in the media is complete now; its abutments are made, and the approach is in progress. The approach work which was going on was demolished due to rain. Even at the time of our visit, we had said not to process it further because the material was not good. During this time, the rain started, due to which cracks appeared in the wall and the wall also fell in a landslide. We have demolished all the poor-quality material, and further instructions are that we will not allow any poor-quality material. This project was under NABARD, and it was to be completed in 18 months. We have issued a notice on this and have said to complete the bridge work on time", Parshotam Kumar Joshi said.

The 40-meter-long steel girder bridge, costing Rs. 2.32 crores under NABARD, would link Surmi Panchayat through Neeli Jandrore

to block headquarters Ghordi in District Udhampur. To date, only abutment work has been done, and approach construction work is ongoing.

Heavy rains in recent times triggered a landslide that destroyed the half-finished approach work and developed cracks in the breast walls. After an official inspection, the contractor was directed to demolish the affected structures and begin again.

Locals have accused the contractor of using low-quality materials in the current construction, and department officials issued a warning to the contractor to follow quality standards. As construction delays persist, thousands of residents from neighbouring villages struggle daily to reach vital services, with students, patients, and workers suffering the most from having to cross the perilous path.

Fire breaks out at hospital in Rajouri, 150 patients evacuated

said.

ADGP Armed J&K visits IRP-5th Bn Doda, conducts inspection

Top News Report

DODA, Mar 18: Anand Jain, ADGP Armed J&K, on his maiden visit to IR 5th Battalion at Beoli, Doda assessed the battalion working. He was accompanied by Rajinder Singh SSP APCR Jammu.

Upon his arrival, the ADGP was received by Afroz Ahmad, Commandant, IRP-5th Battalion and Sandeep Mehta, SSP Doda.

Anand Jain was presented a ceremonial Guard of Honour at the Unit Quarter Guard by a contingent of the unit personnel. Besides participating in the plantation drive which was

also launched on the occasion, the ADGP laid Wreath at Martyrs Memorial IRP 5th Bn to pay tribute to valiant Martyrs of the unit who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

He interacted with the GOs/NGOs and later inspected the entire Battalion establishments and allied infrastructure of the complex.

A Special Darbar was also held on the occasion, during which the ADGP Armed stressed upon the personnel to maintain punctuality and highest degree of discipline.

Elaborating on the importance of well being, the ADGP



emphasised that physical activities should be enhanced and the personnel should be directed to avoid sedentary life style to protect themselves from diseases.

The ADGP directed the Officers to restart PT, Refresher Course & outdoor trainings of personnel to make them physically fit in order to improve their physical strength to deal with the

challenging situations.

The ADGP Armed also impressed upon the officers to get the medical tests of the unit personnel done at the earliest and added that more innovations should be incorporated for disposal of routine office procedures and to introduce E-Office mode, for establishing digital workplace and minimise paper work.

The ADGP Armed also visited B-Coy of the unit stationed at DPL Doda, where he interacted with officers and officials and also took stock of security measures put in place.

Army organizes Veterinary Aid Camp at Village Shahpur



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: A Veterinary aid camp was organised at village Shahpur Gutreyan jointly by Mobile Field Veterinary Hospital and Field Regiment under the aegis of Indian Army on Tuesday.

The camp saw huge participation of local livestock owners with

distribution of free veterinary medicines, dewormer, vaccination and feed supplements. Approximately 927 animals were treated or rendered free advice during the camp.

Col SK Mishra along with Nursing Assistant Veterinary staff of the Army veterinary hospital and government veterinary officer &

para veterinary advised the rural farmers on common ailments affecting livestock and their management.

Besides this, the farmers were educated on various government schemes on rural backyard farming etc. The camp received overwhelming response and accolades from local populace.

Civil Veterinary Aid Camp organised under Op Sadhbhavana

Top News Report

JHULLAS, Mar 18: A Veterinary Aid Camp was conducted on 17 Mar 2025 at Village Jhullas under the aegis of White Knight Corps. Army Veterinary Officer along with Nursing Assistants from 27 Mobile Field Veterinary Hospital in collaboration with Veterinary Doctors from Civil Veterinary Dept conducted the Camp.

A total of 897 animals were provided treatment and advices on Veterinary matters was also



rendered to the farmers available on site to help them in ensuring better

care and management of their livestock and increase production.

KCCI asks Govt to resolve challenges faced by local tour and travel operators

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Mar 18: The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has requested the Jammu and Kashmir government to intervene in resolving critical challenges faced by local tour and travel operators due to the current online booking system for Gondola tickets.

In a detailed communication addressed to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, KCCI highlighted several pressing concerns that are

adversely affecting local tourism stakeholders. The difficulty in securing Gondola tickets has resulted in substantial business losses for local operators who rely on these tickets to complete their travel packages and enhance tourist experiences in Kashmir.

Reports indicate that while 3,500 to 4,000 tickets are issued daily, local travel agents are unable to secure allocations even when requested days in advance. Meanwhile, non-local agencies

allegedly appear to have preferential access to these tickets, creating a significant competitive disadvantage for local businesses.

The current online booking system is demonstrating serious operational flaws. The portal frequently crashes and becomes unresponsive during peak booking times, making it virtually impossible for local agents to secure necessary tickets for their clients.

The Chamber has expressed concerns regarding limited ticket

availability that restricts access for local tourism operators, inefficient management of the Tatkal quota which sells out within minutes, and potential collusion between Gondola personnel and certain online ticketing platforms.

KCCI has requested the Cyber Police to investigate IP addresses involved in mass ticket bookings to identify potentially unfair practices. The Chamber has also called for a comprehensive review of the entire online

booking system to ensure equitable access for all travel agencies, with particular emphasis on supporting local businesses.

The intervention of the J&K government is essential to maintaining the integrity of Kashmir's tourism industry and supporting local businesses that are vital contributors to the regional economy. A more equitable ticketing process will not only benefit local operators but also enhance the overall tourist experience in Kashmir.

GDC Ghagwal collaborates with SDRF Samba to organize fire rescue drill

Top News Report

GHAGWAL, Mar 18: Under the patronage of Dr. Sujata Slathia, Principal, Government Degree College (GDC) Ghagwal, the NSS Unit, led by Dr. Vani Awasthi (NSS Program Officer), collaborated with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) Samba division to conduct a One-Day Awareness Workshop on Fire Rescue Drill.

Today's event marked Day Five of the Seven-Day Special Winter NSS Camp. The workshop was held under the supervision of Incharge Deputy Controller Civil Defence Samba, DySP Satvir Singh, with ASI Piara Singh leading the SDRF team.

Instructor Jyoti Prakash delivered an insightful lecture and



live demonstration on Fire Rope Rescue, equipping students and faculty with essential life-saving skills.

The SDRF team also conducted a Fire Rescue demonstration

with the active participation of NSS volunteers, making the session highly interactive and practical.

Additionally, the NSS Unit of GDC Ghagwal organized a

Road Safety Awareness Rally, emphasizing the importance of safe driving and pedestrian rules in the community.

The event received strong support from Meenakshi and Madhu, lecturers in Sociology, who assisted Dr. Vani Awasthi in organizing the program successfully.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sujata Slathia highlighted the importance of disaster preparedness and commended the NSS Unit for its commitment to social awareness and community service.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members, making it a successful initiative toward community safety and preparedness.

Army strengthens transport fleet with procurement of 500 pre-fabricated short chassis buses



Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Mar 18: In a bid to enhance the transportation capability of the Indian Army, the Ministry of Defence has signed a contract worth Rs 197.35 Crores with M/s Ashok Leyland Defence Systems Ltd for 500 Pre-fabricated Short Chassis Buses.

The Short Chassis Buses with reinforced structure are equipped with advanced technology and safety fea-

tures, capable of operating in extreme rugged mountainous terrain. These buses will greatly enhance the operational reach of Indian Army.

The procurement being a Buy (Indian-IDDMM) case will not only boost the indigenous defence manufacturing capability but also lead to sustained employment generation.

The present case will play a pivotal role as the flag bearer of our endeavour for an 'Aatm Nirbhar Bharat'.

GDC Marheen organizes Yoga under Fit India Moment



Top News Report

MARHEEN, Mar 18: The Department of Physical Education of GDC Marheen organized different Yoga asana under the banner of Fit India Moment. The programme was organized under the able guidance of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta.

In her address she highlighted the benefits of physical activities in

daily life as it improves physical health, mental health, and cognitive abilities. It also benefits reducing stress levels and improving academic performance.

Regular physical exercise promotes increased energy levels, improves socialization, and develops leadership skills.

In addition, physical exercise helps improve the overall school climate, fosters a sense of community, and pro-

motes healthy habits that last a lifetime.

The event was organized under the supervision of Dr. Balbinder Singh (Physical Director) and he briefed about the objectives behind organizing these programmes in the college.

The event was managed by Prof. Sandeep Chaudhary, Prof. Anoop Sharma, Dr. Munisha, Dr. Shallu, and Prof. Manu.

Satish Sharma delivers lecture at Mega Awareness camp for PM Surya Ghar Yojana organized by JPDCL

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: Cabinet Minister Satish Sharma attended a Mega Awareness Camp organized by JPDCL at Bahu Plaza on Tuesday to discuss the benefits and objectives of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.

The scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to promote rooftop solar installations across India, providing up to 300 units of free electricity every month to one crore households.

Minister Sharma emphasized the importance of renewable energy and the role that PM Surya Ghar will play in reducing electricity bills and promoting sustainable energy practices.

He also highlighted the Government's efforts to provide subsidies and incentives to encourage households to adopt solar energy.

He appreciated the efforts of JPDCL to create awareness about the scheme and said that since the UT of J&K is reeling under huge AT&C Losses, the future of the UT shall depend on such schemes.

He encouraged the youth to participate in huge numbers and avail the benefits of the scheme.



The event was attended by MD JPDCL, Chief Engineer, Superintendent Engineers, Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Engineers, local residents, vendors, and stakeholders, who showed keen interest in the scheme.

MD JPDCL M Yasin Choudhary answered questions and addressed concerns, providing clarity on the application process, eligibility criteria, and benefits of the scheme.

MD JPDCL Yasin Choudhary urged for more installations of solar rooftop systems in the coming weeks, emphasizing the importance of availing maximum subsidies for consumers. This push is part of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which aims

to provide up to 300 units of free electricity every month to one crore households across Jammu.

To achieve this goal, the Government is offering subsidies of 60% of the solar unit cost for systems up to 2kW capacity and 40% of additional system cost for systems between 2 to 3kW capacity. This initiative not only benefits consumers by reducing their electricity bills but also promotes sustainable energy practices and contributes to the national Green Energy Mission.

With MD JPDCL Yasin Choudhary's emphasized on increasing installations, as it is likely that the region will see significant progress in adopting solar energy solutions. The event was hosted by Vanshika Salathia (anchor) and marked by nukad natak, Songs, and certificate distribution to vendors, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers.

The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has already achieved significant milestones, with over 1500 mark installations with approx 5 MW within nine months of its launch. The Government aims to reach 39500 rooftop solar installations in the residential sector by 2027.

JioStar gets ready for season of infinite possibilities with its IPL 2025 Campaign, 'Yahaan Sab Possible Hai'

MUMBAI, Mar 18 (Agencies): As the 18th season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) beckons, JioStar, the official broadcast and digital partner for the world's ultimate T20 franchise competition, is gearing up for the biggest edition yet.

With the upcoming season debuting revamped squads and half the franchises featuring new captains, IPL 2025 promises excitement of unmatched proportions. To celebrate the season, JioStar has unveiled its 2025 season campaign, titled, 'Yahaan Sab Possible Hai'. The campaign packs multiple films, each one depicting epic possibilities arising out of the way that the IPL transcends relationships, major life moments, cultures, ethnicities, and age, driving home the thought that anything is possible at the magnum opus, as per a press release from JioHotstar.

The all-encompassing campaign films will feature a slew of IPL champions and icons including Chennai Super Kings legend MS Dhoni, Mumbai Indians' most loved Rohit Sharma, Mumbai Indians skipper Hardik Pandya, the dynamic Suryakumar Yadav, Royal Challengers Bengaluru icon Virat Kohli, Rajasthan Royals' skipper Sanju Samson, Delhi Capitals' big-ticket buy KL Rahul, and Lucknow Super Giants' captain Rishabh Pant. Select films in the campaign have also been helmed by famed directors, such as Nitesh



Tiwari, popular for directing Bollywood blockbuster Danga.

Sharing the core thought behind the campaign, Vikram Passi, Head of Marketing, JioStar - Sports, said, "At JioStar, we believe in limitless possibilities, and the TATA IPL 2025 is the perfect stage to showcase them. 'Yahaan Sab Possible Hai' is not just a campaign -- it is a tribute to the passion, energy, and dreams that define this tournament. For 18 years, it has been more than just cricket; it's been a cultural force, uniting millions and bringing the nation to a standstill. This season, our campaign reflects this reality, ensuring every viewer -- wherever they are -- feels the power of what is possible."

Sharing his thoughts on JioStar's campaign, MS Dhoni said, "The IPL has consistently been a springboard for talent over the years where we have seen many emerge on the big scene by helping their respective teams to the title. Winning

this league is no mean feat but the fact that a teen like Vaibhav can also stake a claim to fame based on sheer talent is the charm of the IPL. I thought the film beautifully captured this."

Dhoni's counterpart in the film Sanju Samson said, "While winning the IPL is a dream, but what I truly cherish is how the league gives us a chance to showcase our skills, shine and make a name for ourselves, no matter where we come from. The film encapsulates this truth about the league where a young and exciting talent can share the field, frame and fame with a legend like Mahi Bhai."

Rohit Sharma said, "Being a part of Mumbai Indians has always been an honour, and this new campaign film is a take on the belief that exists between us in the team and it's that very spirit that's helped us become one of the most successful teams in the IPL. It is all in good fun, but the focus always is on contributing to the team's suc-

cess."

Hardik Pandya said, "We wear the Mumbai Indians badge with immense pride, and our achievements reflect the essence of this incredible franchise. The campaign film reflects this spirit, the respect and camaraderie among our team, highlighting our achievements and contributions that have enabled Mumbai Indians to become one of the most celebrated teams in the league."

The network launched the three films from its campaign, featuring MS Dhoni, Sanju Samson, Rohit Sharma, Hardik Pandya, Suryakumar Yadav, and Virat Kohli across them. The first film called GOAT vs YOAT features Dhoni and Samson. The star of the film, however, is the debate between the two franchisee stalwarts around the youngest player ever in the IPL, Vaibhav Suryavanshi, and celebration of a never-seen-before unseen contest.

Given a tongue-in-cheek treatment, another film, MI6 Possible, celebrates the achievements of Mumbai Indians and its heroes in making them one of the League's most-decorated teams. The film is a light-hearted sketch on the friendship that drives them to add to the glory.

In a quirky film, Virat and his manager, at a cafe, experience multiple coincidences with the number 18. They interpret these as cosmic signs indicating that the 18th edition could be a successful one for Kohli and RCB.

Ish Sodhi joins elite group becomes 10th highest wicket taker for New Zealand across all formats



DUNEDIN, Mar 18 (Agencies): New Zealand secured a five-wicket win over Pakistan in the second T20I of the five-match series at Dunedin on Tuesday. Post this match Ish Sodhi joined the elite group of the highest wicket-takers list for New Zealand across all formats. Sodhi took two wickets in the match making his total 264 wickets in his career, he surpassed former Kiwi fast bowler Ewen John Chatfield who has 263 wickets to his name, as per ESPNcricinfo.

Sodhi is now the tenth-highest wicket-taker for New Zealand, in a career of 12 years Sodhi has played 196 and has picked up 264 wickets, with best figures of 6/39,

he also has two fifers to his name. He has an average of 30.71 and an economy of 5.37, Indian-origin legspinner Ish Sodhi moved to Auckland with his parents, and Sodhi made his international debut back in 2013 against Bangladesh in the test. He has been associated with the New Zealand team for 12 years but has been in and out of the team, Sodhi has been the only constant in the T-20 side where he is the second-highest wicket-taker for NZ behind Tim Southee. Sodhi has 142 wickets in T-20i with an average of 22.94 and an economy of 7.97.

NZ won the toss and opted to bowl, Pakistan's top order

struggled again facing the Kiwi bowlers only Salman Agha managed to score 46 runs all the other batters failed to score again.

Shadab Khan (26 in 14 balls, with two fours and two sixes) and Shaheen Afridi (22* in 14 balls, with two fours and a six) contributed some useful runs down the order, bringing Pakistan to 135/9 in 15 overs during the rain-curtailed match. Ben Sears was the pick of the bowlers for NZ he picked with two wickets giving away just 23 runs in his three overs.

During the run-chase of 136 runs, Seifert and Finn started by unleashing carnage, with Allen striking Mohammed Ali for three sixes in the second over and Seifert belting Shaheen Shah Afridi for four sixes in the next over. Both the opener played well but after Seifert and Finn NZ lost wickets quickly until Mitchell Hay scored a vital 21 runs and took NZ to a win with 11 balls and five wickets in hand. Haris Rauf (3/20) was the top bowler for Pakistan.

Seifert was given the 'Player of the Tournament' award for his knock.

Patidar will lead RCB for long time: Kohli

BENGALURU, Mar 18 (Agencies): Virat Kohli has backed newly-appointed Royal Challengers Bengaluru captain Rajat Patidar to lead the side for a long time. Kohli, who has been with RCB since IPL's inception in 2008, led the franchise for more than a decade and remains its face.

Patidar has succeeded Faf du Plessis as captain with the South African moving to Delhi Capitals this season. "This guy is going to lead you for a long time. He is going to do a great job. He has got everything that is required to succeed," Kohli said.

RCB have never won the IPL but Kohli remains hopeful. "It feels amazing to be back.

The excitement and happiness is like every other season. I have been here for 18 years and absolutely love RCB. We have an amazing squad this time



around. Lot of talent in the team. I am personally very excited about this season," Kohli said.

This will be Kohli's first IPL after retiring from T20 Internationals. Patidar said it was an honour to lead RCB. "Legends like Virat

Kohli, Ab de Villiers and Chris Gayle have played for RCB. I grew up watching them. From the start I have loved the franchise a lot. I am happier that I got a new role to lead one of the biggest teams in T20 cricket," said Patidar.

"My first initiation of bowling with new ball...": Ashwin recalls Dhoni's mastermind tactic in IPL 2010

CHENNAI, Mar 18 (Agencies): Former Indian cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin expressed his gratitude to former Chennai Super Kings (CSK) captain MS Dhoni for bringing him back to the five-time Indian Premier League (IPL) winning franchise again and talked about how well the Captain Cool utilised him with new ball during his early days in the cash-rich league.

Ashwin was speaking at the launch event of a book titled Leo -- The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings, written by senior advocate and former Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) vice-president PS Raman. The book launch on Sunday, was attended by CSK star MS Dhoni and two vital parts of the coaching set-up, its ex-stars Stephen Fleming and Mike Hussey.

Ashwin was also felicitated at the event by



Kris Srikanth, the ex-Indian batter.

Speaking at the event, Ashwin recalled that after playing two games in IPL 2009 in South Africa, Dhoni, then CSK skipper, told him on Facebook that he will be utilised well in the coming season.

"I went in and bizarre, Dhoni got injured and I lost my form for 2-3 games too. When we both made our comebacks, I got my first ini-

tiation of bowling with the new ball against Mumbai Indians (MI) in front of Sachin Tendulkar. Dhoni gave me the new ball, shrugged his shoulders and left. He does not give you many words, but he asked me if I could get Kieron Pollard out (while defending 166 for CSK). As luck would have it, Pollard skied one in the air on one of my deliveries and Thilan Thushara, Murali Vijay were involved in one of

the most bizarre catches ever," recalled Ashwin.

Ashwin acknowledged the role of luck in his cricketing career and people's lives. He also revealed that he wanted Dhoni to present him a memento during his 100th Test against England at Dharamsala last year, which he wanted to be his last.

"MS could not make it. He gave a much better gift of having me come back here. So thank you to Dhoni," he added.

Former Indian cricketer Srikanth also hailed Dhoni for identifying Ashwin's talents and turning him into a bowler who would do well in all formats of the game. He hailed Ashwin's journey from being a young cricketer in Tamil Nadu to playing over 100 Tests and picking up over 500 Test scalps for India.

"The man who identified him is Dhoni. Ashwin has evolved from T20 to ODIs to Test in an amazing manner. He is not

only a good bowler, but also a great batter. Also Chris Gayle, who used to hit everyone for sixes, his legs started shaking while facing Ashwin," he added.

Srikanth welcomed Ashwin, the "prodigal son" home to CSK ahead of the 2025 season.

CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan also recalled about Ashwin, "When we first met Ashwin, he was playing Ranji for Tamil Nadu in the early 2000s (he made his first-class debut in 2006). I was involved in TNCA administration back then. We formed a great bond of friendship during the 2009 IPL in South Africa".

Chennai Super Kings, the five-time IPL champions, will kickstart their campaign against arch-rivals and five-time champions Mumbai Indians (MI) at the home arena of Chepauk Stadium on March 23.

S8UL to represent India at Esports World Cup 2025 among 40 top global teams

NEW DELHI, Mar 18 (Agencies): In a landmark development, S8UL has been selected as a Club Partner by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF) for the upcoming EWC season, 2025, making history as the first and only Indian team to earn this honour.

Handpicked as one of just 40 best esports organizations worldwide, S8UL stands alongside the biggest names in global esports--a testament to the team's dominance, fan power, and sheer impact in gaming and esports. With this, S8UL continues to elevate Indian esports on the global stage, as per a press release from S8UL.

A dominant force in Battlegrounds Mobile India (BGMI) and Pokemon UNITE, S8UL has now expanded into VALORANT and Call of Duty: Mobile (COD:M). The organisation has also set its

sights on Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Europe, growing its presence in international esports markets. Already established as a top esports org in India, its selection into the EWCF Club Partner Program further anchors S8UL's position as a key player in the global esports space.

Blending esports dominance with mainstream entertainment, S8UL is home to over 25 of the country's leading gaming creators, as it continues to play a key role in shaping India's gaming culture. The organization's impact has been recognized globally, earning back-to-back Esports Awards for Esports Content Group of the Year and recognition at the MOBIES Awards.

"Being selected as an EWCF Club Partner for the Esports World Cup 2025 is not just a monumental achievement for S8UL-- it's a defin-



ing moment for Indian esports on the global stage. I am personally proud of this because it speaks to the years of hard work put in by everyone here at S8UL and the support of the incredible community that we have built. It's indeed a great opportunity-- it gives our players, creators, and the entire org a chance to bring our content,

talent, and passion to a worldwide audience" said Animesh 'Thug' Agarwal, Co-Founder and CEO of S8UL.

"Being part of this group of the world's 40 leading esports orgs comes with a sense of responsibility. We are here to showcase India's exceptional gaming talent, elevate our fans' experience, and

push the boundaries of what's possible for Indian esports," he added.

"India is home to one of the world's most passionate and rapidly growing gaming communities, and S8UL joining the EWCF Club Partner Program as a member is a significant moment for Indian esports," said Hans Jagnow, Director of Club & Player Relations, from the Esports World Cup Foundation.

"Over the last years, S8UL has built a globally recognised powerhouse --not just in esports, but in gaming culture across the region--and we're excited to see them bring their energy and talent as one of the leading esports content groups to the Road to EWC25 and tell exciting stories around and beyond the 2025 Esports World Cup to the Indian esports community," he added.

Set to take place in Riyadh later

this year, the Esports World Cup 2025 is shaping up to be the biggest esports event in history. With an unprecedented prize pool and a stacked lineup of global teams, the tournament promises to be nothing short of legendary. Last year's edition saw over 1,500 players from 200 teams competing for a jaw-dropping 60 million USD (Rs 500 crore) prize pool, attracting a global audience of 500 million viewers--including 10.5 million viewers from India.

The Esports World Cup 2025 will feature a diverse lineup of top-tier competitive titles across multiple genres. A total of 23 popular titles have been confirmed so far including Chess, VALORANT, Counter Strike 2, Honor of Kings, DOTA 2, EAFC 25, League of Legends, PUBG: Battlegrounds and many more.

Army pays tribute to 2nd Lt Ashok Prahladrao Mutgikar

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: The Indian Army on Tuesday solemnly paid tribute to Second Lieutenant Ashok Prahladrao Mutgikar, 7 Grenadiers (now 9 Mechanised Infantry), who made the supreme sacrifice during the 1971 Indo-Pak War, displaying exceptional bravery and leadership in the face of adversity.

The 1971 Indo-Pak War remains one of the most defining conflicts in modern South Asian history, leading to India's decisive victory and the creation of Bangladesh.

As a gesture of goodwill and patriotism, a war memorial was constructed at the border area of Gajansoo in the Marh District of Jammu by the locals at that time. Among the many key battles of the Western front was the fierce engagement in Chenab Enclave where the Indian Army's Chenab Brigade successfully captured Pakistan's Phuklian Enclave.

It was during this intense operation that Second Lieutenant Ashok Mutgikar displayed exemplary leadership, fearlessly leading his troops in combat,



ultimately laying down his life in the line of duty.

A commemoration ceremony was organized at the Shaheed Ashok Smarak in Village Gajansoo, Jammu, attended by family members of the war hero, senior Indian Army officials, and local dignitaries.

The solemn occasion featured a wreath-laying ceremony, a memorial service, and a visit to the border areas, retracing the route that Second Lieutenant Mutgikar and his men traversed in the battle.

The event served as a poignant reminder of the courage and sacrifices made by India's brave sons in defense of the nation. His sac-

rifice and unwavering determination remain a beacon of inspiration for generations of soldiers who continue to defend the nation with the same courage and conviction.

During the ceremony, senior officers of the Indian Army, alongside veterans, local representatives including civil administration and school children, paid heartfelt tributes to Second Lieutenant Mutgikar, recognizing his unparalleled courage and devotion to duty.

The wreath-laying ceremony was followed by a moment of silence as attendees reflected on the supreme sacrifice made by the young officer in service to the

motherland.

As part of the event, the officer's family was also given a guided tour of the border areas, retracing the battlefield where he fought gallantly.

This symbolic journey provided a powerful connection between history and the present, allowing the family to witness firsthand the terrain and challenges that their

loved one faced.

The Indian Army remains steadfast in its commitment to honouring the legacy of its fallen heroes, ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

The courage displayed by Second Lieutenant Mutgikar and countless other brave hearts during the 1971 Indo-Pak War stands as a testament to India's unwavering resolve to protect its sovereignty.

The event concluded with a renewed pledge by the attendees to uphold the ideals of service, sacrifice, and patriotism that these brave hearts stood for.

The Indian Army salutes its brave heroes and their families, expressing deep gratitude for their sacrifices in defending the nation. Their legacy will forever remain etched in the annals of history.

End exploitation of daily wagers, their families: SSP

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: Col S S Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP) J&K UT expressed his concern and anguish on the exploitation of 66,000 daily wagers and their families by successive governments over a period of more than 16 years or so.

He said concept of a welfare state does not permit exploitation of its own people by the government and give them peanuts for services rendered by them.

A daily wagers earning per month is approximately Rs 9500 only and is grossly inadequate for a person to fulfill social, family obligations and give average education to his children, he said adding that numerous protests and Dharnas



have been held by daily wagers but no justice has been provided to them.

Their peaceful agitation has been resorted to by the brutality and lathicharges by police forces.

When the issue was raised in the assembly session, NC led government has ordered a bureaucratic committee, which will give its report within 6 months.

"This is the sixth committee which has been formed since 2009 and likely to face the same fate, which last 5 com-

mittees have met. This attitude of government amply demonstrates non seriousness of the government towards resolving of a sensitive and important issue related with empowerment and welfare of daily wagers and their families," he said.

There is a huge difference between the monthly wages of Delhi and Ladakh UTs when compared with JKUT daily wagers and needs to bring at par to ensure justice.

Pathania urged LG and CM to show compassion and empathy and regularise daily wagers at the earliest. Availability of funds with government is not an issue as colossal amount of money is being wasted in doling out freebies for the game of power.

Samvedna Society organizes Eye, General Health Check-up Camp

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra organized 95th Free Eye Screening and General Health Check Up camp for the devotees, Pujaris and Sewadars of Mata Bawe Wali Temple Bahu Fort.

The Camp was inaugurated by Superintendent of Police Jammu South Ajay Sharma accompanying Shagun Manchanda District Incharge Mission Shakti (SWD), Sandhya Gupta State President RPI J&K, Station House Officer Bahu Fort Inspec-



tor Vijay Verma, Nidhi Gupta Abrol Founder of Gracious Givers Trust Jammu, Incharge Police Post Bahu Fort Mandir S.I Lekh Raj and others. The camp was organized with the collaboration of K D Multispeciality Hospital headed by Dr J.P Singh & Dr Sumit

Sharma. A total of 105 Patients were provided free of cost treatment including Refraction, NCT, AR Check Up, Vision Check Up and General Health Check Up by a team of experts. Free medicines were also given to the patients.

Ajay Sharma emphasized on the need of regular check-ups, preventive tests and compliance to medicines prescribed by doctors. He asked the Samvedna team to make the people aware about "Eye Donation".

Ajay Sharma also lauded the efforts of the Samvedna team and assured full support and cooperation to the Society.

Keshav Chopra said that our primary goal is to bridge gaps in healthcare accessibility and ensure that Best Medical facilities should reach to every indi-

vidual no matter where they are from. Keshav also said that his team is committed to organize such camps in the coming future also so that maximum people can take benefits of it.

Dr Bhavuk Kapoor, Dr Palak Kundal, Dr Neha Sharma, Dr Adil, Harsh Bindra, Deepak Kumar, Rohit Gupta, Rajeev Salotra, Manohar Lal, Rahul Dutta, Dr Rohit Koul, Sunil Sharma, Anju Chopra, Rahul Nargotra, Abhishek Sharma, Vikas Kumar, Ashish Kumar, Manoj Tandon, Karan Banotra, Sushil Gupta, Sourav Gupta and others were also present.

Appointment of Gender Champions at GGM Science College for Session 2024-25



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: GGM Science College has taken a significant step toward promoting gender equality by appointing Gender Champions for the academic session 2024-25.

This initiative, in line with Article 15 of the Indian Constitution and the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines, aims to create a safe and inclusive environment for all students irrespective of their gender.

The appointed Gender Champions for this session are Mohd Ayoub

Jan, Harleen Kour, Sarbjyot Singh, and Aakriti Sharma, all from the 6th semester.

They will be responsible for implementing various awareness programs and policies to ensure gender sensitivity on campus.

This initiative is being led under the guidance of Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, with committee comprising Prof. Mona Sethi, Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. Preeti Gupta, Dr. Neha Sharma, Prof. Reetika Rani, Prof. Nisha, and Prof. Vishal Sharma. Together, they will work toward foster-

ing a gender-inclusive learning environment. In the coming months, the Gender Champions will actively engage in promoting gender sensitization through awareness programs, addressing gender-based issues, ensuring equal opportunities for all students, supporting policy implementation on gender equality and harassment prevention, and providing mentorship and peer support.

They will also collaborate with the college administration, grievance cells, and student councils to create a gender-friendly campus. Additionally, the team will organize special events and campaigns, including celebrations of International Women's Day and Gender Equality Week, to further promote awareness.

GGM Science College encourages active participation from students and faculty in supporting this initiative to build an inclusive and equitable campus.

Rising unemployment, drug abuse a growing concern: Vishal Langeh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 18: Vishal Singh Langeh, Spokesperson and Media coordinator of Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS), expressed deep concern over the challenges facing Jammu and Kashmir.

While efforts since 2019 have led to a decline in terrorism and the launch of various development projects, new issues have emerged.

In Kashmir, tourism has seen growth, smart city projects have been introduced, and sports activities are being encouraged. However, other pressing problems demand attention.

Vishal highlighted that Jammu, known as the City of Temples, is now struggling with rising unemployment, drug abuse, and criminal



activities. He warned that if urgent action is not taken, the city may lose its sacred identity and instead be known for illegal and anti-social activities.

He pointed out that unemployment, drug abuse, and crime are deeply interconnected. Jammu and Kashmir currently has the highest unemployment rate in India, leading many young people toward drug addiction.

Shockingly, the region now has the highest drug abuse rate in North India, making it clear


that lack of jobs is pushing youth toward crime. This alarming trend poses a serious threat to the region's future.

To address these issues, Vishal urged the government to promote tourism, industries, and private sector growth in Jammu and Kashmir.

He stressed that creating jobs for the youth will steer them away from crime and help them contribute to the region's progress.

Additionally, he called on the administration to enforce strict laws and take firm action against those involved in drug abuse and criminal activities.

He emphasized that only strong legal measures and strict enforcement can curb drug-related crimes and restore Jammu's identity as a peaceful and prosperous region.



Government Of India Certified Course

MASTER MATHEMATICS

with the Power of Vedic Maths

Enhance Your Child's Interest in Maths!

20+ years Experienced Trainer

100% LIVE

249 Days Course

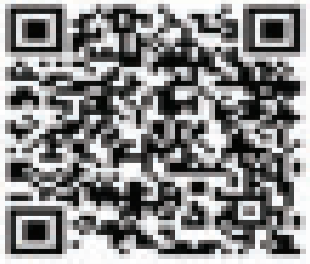
Rs. 249/- Only

249 Days of Learning
79 LIVE Classes
3 Sessions Per Week

• Speedy Calculations
• Mental Maths for class 5th onwards
• Creative Problem-Solving
• Helpful for all entrance exams (UPSC/PCS/CLAT/Banking/JEE/Army etc.)

Book Your Spot:
7087312888, 7087313888, 7087871871

Link in Description



SCAN QR CODE TO PAY